

President's Message

I am privileged to have the honor to work on behalf of the School of Veterinary Medicine's alumni as the 2001-03 president of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society (VMAS). I am a small animal practitioner in the New York City area, and the son of Jack Bregman, V'66.



Eric M. Bregman, V'95, President, Veterinary Medical Alumni Society

We have a wonderful group of alumni who serve on the VMAS Executive Board, including several new members who are recent graduates from the 1990s. This year's new members are **Kimberly Dawn Ashford, V'97**; **Stephen P. Butler, V'84**; **St. George Hunt, V'86**, who serves as the alumni representative on the School's Admissions Committee; **Anita Impellizzeri, V'97**; **Lori Spencer Mann, V'95**, who serves as the alumni representative on the School's Long Range Planning Committee; **Shannon D. Shank, V'99**; and **James V. Stewart, V'68**, who is president-elect of the VMAS and is the chairperson of the Alumni Liaison Committee.

A new development for the upcoming year is a change in location for Alumni Weekend. The Executive Board is excited to announce that **Alumni Weekend 2002** will be held in Philadelphia exclusively for the first

time in more than six years. A fun-filled day is planned that will include a continuing education course, VMAS Annual Meeting, Alumni Day Picnic, participating in the Parade of Classes, tours of VHUP, and an all-alumni dinner honoring the 2002 reunion classes (years ending in "2" or "7") at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. We hope that all of you will appreciate this change of scenery, and will make plans to join us on Friday, May 10-Saturday, May 11. For more information, see page 21.

The School is experiencing a wonderful period of growth. There are several projects underway, including the renovation of the VHUP wards and the construction of the new **Scott Equine Sports Medicine Building** at New Bolton Center. All of this work, along with the planned new **Teaching and Research Building**, will greatly benefit the education of today's students.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am very pleased and proud to be working on your behalf for the next two years. We appreciate any input that you may have. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail at <ebvmd@aol.com> with your comments and suggestions. For more information on the VMAS, please visit the School's Alumni & Friends web site at <<http://alumni.vet.upenn.edu>>.

I hope to see many of you at the Penn Annual Conference in January. Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year.

Class Notes

1939

Martin H. Ravitch and his wife, Reba, were recently profiled in a San Antonio Community Hospital publication as contributors to the hospital in Upland, Calif., where they have lived since 1976. According to the article, the Ravitches traveled on more than 100 cruises during the 1980s.

1945

Jack K. Robbins, his wife, and their four sons, who are all active in the horse racing industry, received the Commissioner's Cup from the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) in November 2001. The Commissioner's Cup is presented annually to honor an individual or group for extraordinary contributions to the NTRA and the Thoroughbred industry. According to NTRA Commissioner Tim Smith, "Jack Robbins has been a key supporter during the NTRA's creation and development, and his family's contributions—whether on the racetrack, in executive offices or in the legal realm—offer further evidence of why this extraordinary family was chosen for this award." Dr. Robbins is a longtime equine practitioner at California racetracks. He is a member of the The Jockey Club and a director of the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. Dr. Robbins is a past president and a Distinguished Life Member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners.

1956

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Class of 1981 20th Year Reunion

On September 29, 2001, members of the Class of 1981 celebrated their 20th year reunion at the home of **Michael J. Herman, V'81**, and his wife, Janice, in Worcester, Pa. Those in attendance included, from left to right, **Paul V. Marino, V'81**, and his wife, Anna-Ghilaine Schless; **David K. Lukof, V'81**; **Dolores M. Holle, V'81**, **Pamela J. McKelvie-Smith, CW'75, V'81**; **Richard M. Levine, V'81**, **Michael J. Herman, V'81**, **Mark D. Newkirk, V'81**; and **Judith A. Durkee, V'81**.



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presentation, "The History of Livestock Projects in Developing Countries," during the annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical History Society at the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Annual Convention in July 2001.

1957

M. Phyllis Lose, who has practiced equine medicine for the last 45-years in Bensalem, Pa., and who has authored several equine books, is the owner of Oscar, a small white mixed terrier, who will be starring in a new motion picture, "Crimebusters," to be filmed at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla.

1958

The Florida Veterinary Medical Association (FVMA) honored **Russell J. Snyder** with a Lifetime Achievement Award at its annual convention in September 2001. The award is given to senior members who have made outstanding contributions to the FVMA and veterinary medicine. Dr. Snyder has been an active member of the FVMA since he joined in 1960, and

has served as president of the Jacksonville Veterinary Medical Society twice.

1960

Walter M. Woolf was also recognized by the FVMA with a Lifetime Achievement Award at its annual convention in September 2001. Dr. Woolf has served as president of the Hillsborough County Veterinary Medical Society and the Pinellas County Veterinary Medical Society. He and his wife, Millie, also own Air Animal, Inc., an animal transportation company. Dr. Woolf has been active in this industry, serving as president of the Independent Pet and Animal Transportation Association, and currently as president of the Animal Transportation Association.

1966

Suzanne Ruch Jenkins received the 2001 Helwig-Jennings Award from the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine during its annual meeting at the AVMA Annual Convention in July 2001. The award is given in

recognition of outstanding and prolonged service to the College.

1970

During the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's (PVMA) Annual Meeting in August 2001, **John I. Enck, Jr.**, was elected President-Elect. He is the Director, Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services, and Executive Director, Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. He also serves as the State Veterinarian.

1974

During the PVMA's Annual Meeting in August 2001, **Theodore B. Robinson** was honored with the 2001 Veterinarian of the Year Award. He was recognized for his dedication and service to the veterinary profession through his work with the Bucks-Montgomery Veterinary Medical Association, PVMA Winter Seminar, and the Crown Point Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico.

1977

Sydney Evans was appointed an associate professor of radiation oncology by the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in December 1999. She was selected to serve on Penn's Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Medical School Executive Committee in 2001.

1978

Richard S. Freedman is one of 14 new veterinarians to be inducted into Morris Animal Foundation's Veterinary Honor Roll. Honorees are nominated by donors who contribute \$500 or more to the Foundation on behalf of the veterinarian. "These veterinarians were recognized by their clients for providing service over and above what they would typically expect in veterinary care," said Dr. Robert Hilsenroth, executive director of Morris Animal Foundation. Dr. Freedman practices in Charlottesville, Va.

1980

Carol Zoltowski has been recently appointed Vice President, Regulatory Affairs at VIVUS, Inc., a pharmaceutical company engaged in the development of innovative therapies for the

AAEP Annual Convention Alumni Reception

More than 60 School of Veterinary Medicine alumni and their guests attended an alumni reception during the American Association of Equine Practitioners' 47th Annual Convention in San Diego on November 25, 2001. Penn alumni enjoyed the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones at the largest equine veterinary meeting in the world. Dean Alan M. Kelly gave alumni an update on recent activities at their alma mater.



From left to right, Dr. Virginia Reef, professor of medicine and chief, Section of Sports Medicine and Imaging, at New Bolton Center, J. Clyde Johnson, V'62, and his wife, Ruth.



From left to right, Dr. Alexandra Konegger; Jack M. Leonard, V'79; and Dr. John Lee, Jr.



From left to right, Dean Kelly, Florence Brennan, and Bernard F. Brennan, V'46.

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treatment of quality-of-life disorders in men and women, with a focus on sexual dysfunction. In addition, she continues relief work as a clinical veterinarian in San Francisco.

1985

James A. Thomson, a University of Wisconsin-Madison developmental biologist, was presented with the Wilson S. Stone Memorial Award in October 2001 at the 54th Annual Symposium on Fundamental Cancer Research sponsored by The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. The award recognizes young researchers who have made outstanding contributions to biomedical sciences in the United States. Dr. Thomson was honored for his pioneering work in the isolation and culture of nonhuman primate and human embryonic stem cells—undifferentiated cells that have the ability to become any of the cells that make up the tissues of the body.

1990

During the PVMA's Annual Meeting in August 2001, **Michael R. Moyer** was elected Vice-President. He owns Bridgewater Veterinary Hospital, a companion animal practice, in Cornwells Heights, Pa.

Share news with your classmates

about a new position or accomplishment, wedding or birth announcement, by sending your class note today! We accept pictures, too, featuring alumni gatherings, whether it's from a wedding or mini-reunion. Be sure to identify everyone in the picture. Pictures will be returned only upon request. Send all your submissions to:

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1993

Alexandra L. Chisolm-Chait has become board-certified in Internal Medicine-Small Animal by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. Dr. Chisolm-Chait practices at the Pet Emergency & Specialty Center in La Mesa, Calif.

1995

Mary A. Bryant was elected to a three-year term to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) Board of Directors at the AVMA Annual Convention in July 2001. To advance the care and value of animals in society, the AVMF distributes nearly \$1 million annually in support of student financial aid, scholarships, disaster relief, animal studies and other initiatives. Dr. Bryant is an associate veterinarian at the Wilmington Animal Hospital in Wilmington, Del. She also serves as staff veterinarian and veterinary advisor to Eden Alternative, a program that incorporates pets, children, and plants into nursing home facilities.

1997

Jennifer Chaitman has become board-certified in Internal Medicine-Small Animal by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. Dr. Chaitman practices at Veterinary Internal Medicine and Allergy Specialists in New York City.

1998

Heather Peikes has become board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Dermatology. Dr. Peikes practices at Veterinary Internal Medicine and Allergy Specialists in New York City.

Births

1994

Elizabeth Boucher Miquel, a daughter, Lucienne, on July 26, 2001.

1999

Jennifer A. Morris, a son, Charles John, on July 19, 2001.

Deaths

1935

Elwood G. Foder on April 14, 1999.
Arnold M. Snyder on September 19, 2001.

1937

James G. Eagelman on August 12, 2001.

1940

Roy S. Harry on October 30, 2001.

1941

Bertrand B. Dionne on October 11, 2001.

1946

Marvin Alexander on July 24, 2001.

1950

Edward D. Bubser on June 16, 2001.

1951

William V. Gallery on October 8, 2001.

1952

Edward P. Newman in October 2000.

2002 Penn Annual Conference

The 102nd annual continuing education conference for veterinarians and veterinary technicians will be held on January 30 and 31 in Philadelphia.

Visit the web site and print the conference brochure:
 <<http://alumni.vet.upenn.edu/pennannualconference.htm>>