

ROSLITLS AND RIBBONS

Dr. Carl E. Aronson, associate professor of pharmacology and toxicology, and head, Laboratories of Pharmacology and Toxicology, was recently installed as president of the American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics. The Academy is an international organization of veterinary pharmacologists from academia, industry, and governmental regulatory agencies.

Dr. Adrian R. Morrison, professor of anatomy, serves as a member of the National Research Review Board of the Medical College of Pennsylvania. The College is a leading research center in mental health and the neurosciences. The National Research Review Board is comprised of internationally recognized researchers.

Dr. Vincent J. Cristofalo, professor of biochemistry, and director, Center for Aging, is the recipient of the 1983 Brookdale Award. The award, which includes a grant of \$25,000, is funded by the Brookdale Foundation of New York City, and recipients are selected annually by the Gerontological Society of America. Dr. Cristofalo is a pioneer in biological gerontology and his research on age-associated changes in cell growth has been recognized internationally as providing one of the major advances in the study of aging in the last fifteen years. Most recently he has studied the effects of growth factors and hormones on cell replication and on the life span of cells. This research has established that hydrocortisone, a naturally occurring hormone, modifies the aging of cells, and indicates, in principle, that the aging of cells is not irrevocably fixed, but can be delayed. Dr. Cristofalo is the author of more than 160 publications, and he has authored eight books on cellular aging.

Dr. Kenneth C. Bovee, Corinne R. and Henry Bower Professor of Medicine (Nephrology), and chairman, Department of Clinical Studies, Philadelphia, has been appointed visiting professor in the Department of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Queensland, Australia. In this appointment Dr. Bovee will give lectures and participate in seminars for a one-month period in the Spring of 1984. He will also conduct some research in his field of nephrology. Dr. Bovee is editor of a recently published textbook, *Canine Nephrology* (Harwall Publishing Co., Media, PA, 1983). The book provides a comprehensive coverage of diseases of the kidney, and also contains excellent sections on physiology and pharmacology.

VHUP recently received accreditation, with full accreditation privileges, from the American Animal Hospital Association.

Dr. David F. Kowalczyk, assistant professor of pharmacology and toxicology, spoke at the annual meeting of the American Society for Pharmacology and Therapeutics in August 1983. His talk was titled "Use of Animals to Monitor the Environment."

Dr. Syed Kashmiri, assistant professor of viral oncology, was awarded a travel grant from the Genetic Society of America to attend the International Congress of Genetics in December 1983, in New Delhi, India. Dr. Kashmiri works in the Comparative Leukemia Research Unit, New Bolton Center.

Dr. Lawrence R. Soma, professor of anesthesia, was appointed to the Pennsylvania State Board of Drugs, Cosmetics and Devices, and to the National Association of State Racing Commissioners, Veterinary Chemists Advisory Board.

Dr. Lin V. Klein, associate professor of anesthesia, was an invited speaker at the International Symposium of Neuromuscular Blocking Agents held in Boston, Massachusetts in August 1983.

Dr. Sherbyn W. Ostrich, (V '63) will be installed as president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association in January 1984.

Dr. James W. Buchanan, professor of medicine, in addition to his heavy schedule in teaching, research and clinical work, finds time to supervise a very worthwhile outreach activity. He sponsors an Explorer Scout Post at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (VHUP). The program provides in-depth career information about the veterinary profession for students in the ninth to twelfth grades. Meetings are held monthly in the hospital, and include guest speakers, films, panel discussions, and tours of the Hospital. The program is coeducational, and interested students may contact Dr. Buchanan at 898-8860.

Dr. Fred R. Rude, (V '58), contributes in many ways to activities in the Veterinary School. Among other activities, he annually hosts the interns and residents of VHUP with a picnic at his home. This is a part of the liaison program between local practitioners and the Hospital staff. Thanks Fred!

Dr. Darryl N. Biery will speak on the subject of Veterinary Radiology during the Continuing Education Course sponsored by the Veterinary Ski Association. The meeting will be held in Stowe, Vermont, on February 26-29, 1984. For further information and/or registration contact Dr. Joe Donovan, 5129 University Avenue, Madison, WI, 53705, or Dr. Tom Maddux, Academy Veterinary Hospital, 245 East Cleveland Avenue, Newark, DE, 19711 (telephone 302-737-8100).

Drs. Alan M. Beck and Aaron Katcher have recently published two books concerned with the rapidly developing field of animal-human relationships, *New Perspectives on Our Lives with Animals*, University Press, Philadelphia, 1983, and *Between Pets and People*, Putnam, New York, 1983. Dr. Beck is associate professor of clinical medicine and is director, Center for Interactions of Animals and Society, and Dr. Katcher holds an appointment as adjunct associate professor of psychiatry and has an appointment in the Medical School and the Dental School.

On October 27-28, 1983, Drs. Beck and Katcher attended an International Symposium on the Human-Pet Relationship at the Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna, Austria. The symposium, attended by about 300 people, was held on the occasion of the eightieth birthday of Professor Dr. Dr. Konrad Lorenz, internationally known authority in the field of ethology. They presented a paper titled "Safety and Intimacy: Physiological and Behavioural Responses to Interaction with Companion Animals."

