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## Alumni Notes

### Alumni Day 1996

Held on a warm and beautiful May 17, 1996, the School of Veterinary Medicine's Alumni Day 1996 drew a crowd of over 300 alumni, family and friends to New Bolton Center. The day began with a continental breakfast with Dean Alan M. Kelly and was followed by a meeting of the General Alumni Society. Alumni Awards of Merit were presented to Wilbur Amand, V'66, Jack Bregman, V'66, and Harriet Doolittle, V'61. Afterwards there was an afternoon of food and fun with a picnic barbecue lunch, dancing and special entertainment for children. Additionally Dr. Martin Fettman, D.V.M., the first veterinarian in space spoke to a full house about his travels.

Alumni Day 1997 begins with the Dean's Cocktail Reception on the evening of Saturday, May 17 and continues on Sunday, May 18 with the Alumni Barbeque Picnic. All events will be held at New Bolton Center. Look for more information in your upcoming Class Agent letters. *Alumni from all years are welcome!*



Class of 1966



Class of 1946

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## President's Message

Every September a new class enters veterinary school and the Alumni Society gets a new President. I graduated in 1984 when tuition was only \$8,000 per year. This year's class will face a tuition bill of almost \$22,000 per year. The fact that the School receives so many applications reflects on the quality of the education that is provided. As alumni, we can mitigate the issue of high tuition through contributions to the Veterinary Annual Giving Fund.

In January '96, the Executive Board of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society voted to utilize the entire proceeds of the Alumni Annual Giving 1995-96 for student scholarships, unless otherwise designated by the donor. For the current school year over 120 students, including the entire senior class, received financial assistance from this fund.

On behalf of the Executive Board, I wish to thank the donors to Alumni Annual

Giving 1995-96. Below are a few of the letters received by the Board from scholarship recipients. It is my hope for the 1996-97 campaign that donor generosity will allow the Alumni Society to financially assist an even larger percentage of the student body.

I look forward to meeting many of you on Alumni Day, Sunday May 18, 1997 at New Bolton Center.

Carol Swandby, V'84  
*President*  
*Veterinary Medical Alumni Society*

Dear Dr. Swandby,

Thank you very much and thanks to all those alumni who have given to the Annual Giving Fund, which has made these scholarships possible. I know that when I am an alumnus I will enjoy seeing my contributions used in this way.

Sincerely,  
John Lewis, V'97

Dear Dr. Swandby,

I wanted to write and thank you and the entire Veterinary Medical Alumni Society for your generous contribution(s) towards student financial aid. Every bit of support makes a difference to help defeat the huge cost of attending veterinary school.

Four years ago, when I was considering whether or not to make the financial commitment to go to veterinary school, I realized that there was nothing else in the world that I wanted to do with my life more than be a vet. Regardless of the cost, I decided to make the plunge. The past three years have been strenuous but rewarding. I am really excited for each day of continued learning, and for my future in this profession.

I hope the alumni are able to continue to contribute, and through this giving, tuition may some day be more affordable. I am sure there are some great students out there who would make terrific vets, but due to the high cost, choose to pursue something else. Thanks again.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie Shope, V'97