

V.M.D. Announcements

A major milestone in women's rights and progress will be observed this fall when the University of Pennsylvania celebrates 125 years of educating women. This represented a break with the tradition of attendance restricted only to males, which had been in existence for 136 years. It also was an extension of Penn founder Benjamin Franklin's feeling that education needed to be encouraged without regard to gender.

To commemorate this historic event, a celebration will be held November 1-2 and will include a ceremony honoring women "firsts" at the University; a talk by NBC Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent and Penn trustee Andrea Mitchell; panel discussions, and a book signing and party for Penn women authors.

In addition, the existing Class of 1949 Bridge across 38th Street and its approach has received a major refurbishing to create a Women's Walkway and Generational Bridge recognizing Penn families. More information on the event, including a complete schedule, is available online at <www.alumni.upenn.edu/celebratwomen>.



Philadelphia-area veterinarians are asked to be alert to a rash of armed robberies at veterinarian offices this summer. The offices are being targeted for Ketamine, an animal anesthetic that, when mixed with sugar, becomes the designer drug Special K and is often sold at "rave" parties. As of late July, two of the three robbery suspects have been arrested by the Philadelphia Police Department.

According to the National Crime Prevention Council, if a robber confronts you, cooperate. Merchandise and cash can always be replaced—people can't! For crime prevention tips for small businesses, visit the NCPC web site at <www.ncpc.org/1smbus.htm>.



Recent Penn graduates working in the Empire State are encouraged to participate in the **New York State Veterinary Medical Society's (NYSVMS) Mentor Program**, which helps to ease the transition from student life to professional life by providing new veterinarians with a mentor. Mentors act as sounding boards and offer practical advice about handling the challenges that face new veterinarians.

Mentors can also help to integrate young

veterinarians into the larger veterinary community by joining them at regional meetings, introducing them to colleagues, answering questions, helping them to access information, etc. The mentoring may take whatever form works best for the pair — meetings, telephone conversations, e-mail, etc.

The Mentor Program has a circle of members excited about being a mentor. If you're interested in talking with a colleague or would just like to meet an area colleague at a regional meeting, please contact the NYSVMS at (518) 437-0787, toll-free at (800) 876-9867, or via e-mail at <NYSVMS@albany.net>.

Alumni Connections

To find a former classmate and to sign-up for a permanent e-mail forwarding service:

Join the University of Pennsylvania Alumni On-Line Community for free at <www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UPN>. After you register, you can search the On-Line Directory, which is a great resource for personal and professional networking and an easy way to keep up-to-date on fellow alumni. You can also sign-up for a permanent e-mail forwarding service, which will forward messages received at your permanent Penn address to the e-mail address of your choice.

To update your alumni record:

You can update your record via the University of Pennsylvania Alumni On-Line Community On-Line Directory. You may also contact Elizabeth McNamara at (215) 898-1481 or via e-mail at <emcnamar@vet.upenn.edu>.

To make a gift or for information on supporting the School of Veterinary Medicine:

Make a gift with your credit card through a secure online transaction at <www.upenn.edu/gifts>. For information on supporting the School, visit the Alumni & Friends web site at <<http://alumni.vet.upenn.edu>> or contact Joshua E. Liss at (215) 898-1481 or via e-mail at <lissj@vet.upenn.edu>.

To request a transcript and/or proof of graduation:

For information on requesting a transcript, visit the Office of the University Registrar's web site at <www.upenn.edu/registrar/trans.html> or call (215) 898-7511. For information on requesting a certification of graduation, which does not require a transcript, contact the School's Office of Student & Curricular Affairs at (215) 898-3525 or via e-mail at <student-affairs@vet.upenn.edu>.

To obtain a Penn Alumni Card:

The Penn Alumni Card offers a myriad of benefits, including access to the Penn Libraries. The charge for the card, which is valid for 10 years, is only \$20. Alumni Cards are issued at the PennCard Center, which is located in the Franklin Building at 3451 Walnut Street. In order to receive the card, alumni are asked to show a form of photo identification (a valid driver's license, passport, etc.) and complete an Alumni Card Request Form. It then takes only a few minutes to take a photo of the alumnus/alumna and for them to receive their Alumni Card. As an added convenience, alumni can also obtain an Alumni Card by mail. For more information or to download a request form, visit the "Obtaining a PennCard" web page at <www.upenn.edu/penncard/obtaining.html>.

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