

# Class Notes

## 1961

**Richard A. McFeely** was featured in "Former Marines Meet to Celebrate '56 Detail" in the September 4, 2003 edition of the *Kent County News* of Chestertown, Md. He hosted a reunion with former Marines he served with in 1956.

## 1964

**G. Frederick Fregin** retired on June 30, 2003 as the founding director of the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, Va. The Center is one of three campuses operated by the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. According to VMRCVM Dean Peter Eyre, "The name Fred Fregin is almost synonymous with the name Equine Medical Center. It would be impossible to overstate the role that Fred has played in building the Center and the College into what they are today."

## 1967

Dean Alan M. Kelly received a letter of appreciation from a client of **Michael A. Kapolka, Jr.**, who practices at Bywood Animal Hospital in Upper Darby, Pa. According to the letter writer, "He has taken each [of my pets] under his wing ... and treated [them] with kindness, love, and compassion. He works so hard for all of them."

## 1969

**Peter H. Herman** married Marie Gombar on October 18, 2003.

## 1972

**Jerry M. Geffen** answers pet-related health questions during "Ask the Vet" on "Eyewitness News" on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. on CBS 3 in Philadelphia. Dr. Geffen practices with his son, **Brett, V'96**, at Boulevard Animal Hospital in Philadelphia.

## 1973

**Ronald Veenema** was honored with the Dave Walker Award from the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association at its annual meeting in June 2003. The

award is given to a member of the Vermont VMA who best exemplifies the qualities exhibited by Dr. Dave Walker, who served as Vermont state veterinarian for many years and was an advocate for animal and public health. Dr. Veenema owns Vermont-New Hampshire Veterinary Clinic, a mixed animal practice, in East Dummerston, Vt. He is the secretary-treasurer of the Vermont VMA and has held all the association's officer positions.

## 1977

**Judith K. Gwathmey** was honored with a Distinguished Alumni Award from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, where she received her doctorate in veterinary physiology, pharmacology, and toxicology in 1983. Dr. Gwathmey is the founder, CEO/President, and chief scientific officer of Gwathmey, Inc., a preclinical research company in Cambridge, Mass., which offers animal studies and in vitro assays for drug development.

## 1978

**Linda E. Aiken** is a new member of the Trustees' Council of Penn Women, a national network of Penn alumnae that supports, fosters, and promotes the advancement of women's issues within the University, thus enriching the University community as a whole.

## 1979

**Margaret Landi** visited Penn Veterinary Medicine in November 2003 and spoke to students as part of the Dean's Alumni Career Speaker Series. Since graduating from Penn, Dr. Landi has worked at Glaxo-SmithKline, one of the world's leading research-based pharmaceutical and healthcare companies. As worldwide vice president of Laboratory Animal Science for Research and Development, she provides guidance to more than 400 professional staff members in six countries who work and care for animals.

## 1982

**Scott A. Brown**, professor of physiology and pharmacology at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, was honored earlier this year with four major teaching awards: the national Norden Award for Excellence in Teaching, the College's Norden Award for Excellence in Teaching, the University's Meigs Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the David Tyler Award for Innovation in Teaching.

During the 2003 annual meeting of the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association, **Suzanne J. Smith** was named New Jersey Association of Equine Practitioners Veterinarian of the Year. She owns Spring Mills Veterinary Hospital in Milford, N.J., and

serves as secretary of the NJVMA. Dr. Smith is immediate past president of the NJVMA, and established its Animal Hall of Fame.

## 1983

**Kevin C. Skinner** visited Penn Veterinary Medicine in October 2003 and spoke to students as part of the Dean's Alumni Career Speaker Series. For the last 14 years, Dr. Skinner has worked at the Genzyme Corporation, one of the world's foremost biotechnology companies. Based in Cambridge, Mass., Genzyme focuses on rare genetic disorders, renal disease, immune-mediated diseases, and osteoarthritis. As a senior vice president, Dr. Skinner manages the Biosurgery Division's Research and Development Department, which is developing gene therapy and tissue engineered products for cardiovascular indications.

## 1984

**Alice S. Weiss** joined the Center for Veterinary Medicine of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as a veterinary medical officer in February 2003. The Center regulates the manufacture and distribution of food additives and drugs that will be given to animals. A member of the Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation's Generic Animal Drug Team, Dr. Weiss reviews new animal drug applications.

## 1985

**Major Kathleen M. Kral** visited Penn Veterinary Medicine in November 2003 and spoke to students about the career opportunities available in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, which provides veterinary services to all the U.S. Armed Forces.

## 1990

**Major Joseph G. Williamson** is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine.

## 1991

**Leslie Ziemer Marci** and her husband, Peter, are proud to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Claire Elyce and Lauren Sophia, in May 2003. They join their older brothers, Jack, age 6, and Joseph, age 3. Dr. Marci practices part-time at MetroWest Veterinary Associates in Milford, Mass.

## 1994

**Stephanie J. Murphy** has recently joined the Oregon Health & Science University Department of Anesthesiology and Peri-Operative Medicine as an assistant professor. Dr. Murphy's research interests are in the areas of gender biology, ischemic brain

### Five Alumni Join Banfield

Banfield, The Pet Hospital, has announced the recent hiring of five alumni at their veterinary hospitals: **Ilan G. Cohen, V'96**, practicing in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.; **Susan D. Katila, V'96**, practicing in Sterling, Va.; **Amy E. Matthews, V'01**, practicing in Darien, Ill.; **Michele A. Trammell, V'93**, practicing in Savannah, Ga.; and **Timothy D. Wright, V'76**, practicing in Wilmington, Del.

injury, and comparative medicine. She has published more than two dozen articles related to her research and clinical interests, and serves as an ad-hoc reviewer for the journal *Stroke*.

## 1995

**John H. Tegzes** has become board-certified by the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology. After completing a residency at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Tegzes has been appointed associate professor of toxicology at the Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine in Pomona, Calif. Welcoming its first class in August 2003, this is the first college of veterinary medicine to open in southern California and the first in the country in more than 20 years.

## 1996

**David E. Bentzel, Jr.** is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine.

**Sallie Hyman** is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Internal Medicine—Large Animal). Dr. Hyman practices at Carolina Equine Clinic in Aiken, S.C.

## 1997

**Bonnie S. Barr** is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Internal Medicine—Large Animal). Dr. Barr practices at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

**Michelle G. Hawkins** has joined the faculty of the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine as an assistant professor of companion avian and exotic animal medicine and surgery in the Department of Medicine and Epidemiology.

**Lisa A. Murphy** visited Penn Veterinary Medicine in September 2003 and spoke to students as part of the Dean's Alumni Career Speaker Series. She is a veterinarian with the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, the premier animal poison control center in North America, in Urbana, Ill. Dr. Murphy also serves on Veterinary Medical Assistance Team 2, which is based in Maryland. Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams, composed of veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and support personnel, function as part of the National Disaster Medical System of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and provide support to communities in the event of a federally declared disaster, emergency, or foreign animal disease outbreak.

**Scott Weber**, head veterinarian at the New England Aquarium in Boston, traveled to Barcelos, Brazil in December 2002 with two associates to examine the Amazon freshwater ornamental fish trade. While

ornamental fish account for only \$8 million of Brazil's \$350 million in annual exports, the harvest and export of ornamental fish is the major economic force in Barcelos and neighboring Santa Isabel do Rio Negro, accounting for 60 percent of the region's income. Dr. Weber and his team investigated ways to increase the quality of fish being exported so they arrive in the U.S. in the best possible health. They also trained Brazilian government veterinarians in fish necropsy (the first fish dissections they ever witnessed), histology, and blood sample preparation and analysis.

## 1998

**Kathy J. Kazmierski** is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Oncology).

## 1999

**Julie A. Ekedahl** is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Radiology.

**Matthew S. Johnston**, who recently left the Ryan Veterinary Hospital at Penn where he served as a staff veterinarian in the Special Species Medicine Clinic, is an assistant professor of exotics medicine at Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Johnston's wife, Vicki Campbell, who completed a residency in emergency and critical care medicine at the Ryan Veterinary Hospital in 2003, is an assistant professor of emergency and critical care medicine at Colorado State.

## 2000

**Janna Makovoz** married Dimitri Schnieberg, WG'05, on September 13, 2003. Their wedding was profiled in the November 9, 2003 edition of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

## Intern

### 2003

**Gabriella Sfiligol**, who was an intern at the Ryan Veterinary Hospital, is a resident in medical oncology at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine.

## Resident

### 2003

**Justine A. Lee**, who was a resident in emergency and critical care at the Ryan Veterinary Hospital, is an assistant clinical professor of emergency services at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine.

## Births

### 1989

**Regina O. Turner**, a daughter, Katie Ann, on August 31, 2003.

### 1995

**Susan W. Volk**, a son, Julian Porter, on July 5, 2003.

### 1996

**Cynthia M. Buchanan**, a daughter, Maggie, on July 21, 2003.

## Deaths

### 1950

**T. Richard Houpt** on October 7, 2003. Husband of Katherine A. Houpt, V'63.

### 1952

**Lars S. Nilsson** on October 15, 2003.

### 1956

**Karl L. Gabriel** on July 21, 2003.

**Elizabeth A. Lawrence** on November 12, 2003.

### 1961

**Joseph S. Hansen, Jr.** on October 9, 2003.

### 1983

**Cynthia A. Berardi** on September 29, 2003.

### 1984

**Stephen P. Butler** on October 20, 2003.

**Sharon E. Murray** on September 25, 2003.

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## 2004 Alumni Award of Merit Nominations Sought

Nominations are being sought for three recipients of the 2004 Alumni Award of Merit, which will be presented at the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society (VMAS) Annual Meeting during Alumni Weekend 2004.

The VMAS honors alumni who have made outstanding contributions to their profession and the School with the Alumni Award of Merit. The award is given annually to recognize distinguished graduates for their contributions that advance knowledge in biomedicine, promote the welfare of animals through public education of animal owners, and benefit society through civic activities which foster the advancement of the profession and the School's good name.

Eligible 2004 recipients are members of the classes that end in "4" or "9," and who will be celebrating a five-year reunion during Alumni Weekend 2004. Members of the VMAS Executive Board will select the recipients from the pool of nominees. Nominations are due **no later than December 31, 2003**.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Joshua E. Liss, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, at (215) 898-1481 or via e-mail at <lissj@vet.upenn.edu>. For a list of previous Alumni Award of Merit recipients, please visit <<http://alumni.vet.upenn.edu/alumniawardofmerit.html>>.

To make a nomination, please send a letter explaining your reasons to:

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### Take a Video Tour of New Bolton Center

"On Any Given Day," the video made last year to mark New Bolton Center's 50th anniversary, is now available to view online at <<http://alumni.vet.upenn.edu/onanygiveday.html>>.

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### Conference Announcement

## Animal-Assisted Interventions in Adolescent Mental Health

March 28, 2004 - Jon M. Huntsman Hall

With the support of the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, the **Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society** at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine is hosting a one-day conference on animal-assisted interventions in adolescent mental health. The conference is scheduled to take place at Jon M. Huntsman Hall on Penn's campus on Sunday, March 28, 2004. Registration for the conference will be open to the public. The program will include presentations from practitioners and scholars utilizing animal-assisted interventions in the treatment of adolescents with a variety of mental health diagnoses.

For further details or to register for the conference please visit:  
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