



TUFTS VETERINARY ALUMNI NEWS

WINTER/SPRING 2003

TUFTS EVENTS

March 29

**PARENT & FAMILY DAY
SCAVMA Auction
Grafton Campus**

March 30

**ANNELISA M.
KILBOURN, V96
MEMORIAL LECTURE
Grafton Campus**

May 3

**STUDENT VETERINARY
OLYMPICS
Grafton Campus**

May 18

**COMMENCEMENT
Grafton Campus**

July 20

**AVMA ALUMNI
RECEPTION
Denver, Colorado**

September 6

**OPEN HOUSE
REUNION & COMEBACK
Grafton Campus**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A quarter of a century. Half of a generation. Twenty-five years - that's how long this "dandy little veterinary school" of the Northeast has been around. Many things have changed over those years - from senior small animal rotations at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital and South Shore Veterinary Associates to the expanding Henry and Lois Foster Hospital for Small Animals; from a split campus between Boston and Grafton to one campus for all classes; from anatomy labs in a Boston basement to Kumar's pride and joy - the David McGrath Veterinary Teaching Lab; from a small library in the administration building to the

state of the art Franklin M. Loew Veterinary Medical Education Center and from a wildlife clinic in a small house to the Bernice Barbour Wildlife Medicine Building. All of these things have allowed the school to change from an upstart "new kid on the block" to an established leader in the field of academic veterinary medicine. Currently, your veterinary school plans a number of events to recognize this twenty-five year milestone beginning with the 2003 Commencement and



Scott Handler, V88

continued on page 5

V92 GRAD GOES HIGH TECH WITH X-RAYS ON HER LAPTOP

New digital x-ray technology is helping Tufts alumna Elizabeth Maloney, V92, provide on-the-spot diagnosis for her equine clients, plus x-rays they can see on her laptop computer screen and prints they can keep. The Franklin, Mass. veterinarian is

the first in Massachusetts to use the unit manufactured by Idexx Laboratories of Westbrook, Maine. Maloney, who's on the road most of the time visiting barns in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island uses the new, portable, digital computed radiography unit to transmit x-rays directly to her laptop computer where she can view and print them without leaving the site.

"It's totally suited to my generation's demand for instant gratification," Maloney joked.

"In the past, it was so frustrating to travel to a client's barn, shoot film of a horse's injury, then drive back to the clinic, develop the film, and sometimes find I didn't get the shot I needed," she explained.

continued on page 5



Please visit the new Alumni Relations web site at www.tufts.edu/vet/alumni.

This site is a work in progress.

E-mail nicole.tateosian@tufts.edu with suggestions and feedback.

*This newsletter is now 100% recyclable!
Printed with soy ink on recycled paper and bound without staples.*

Tufts University Veterinary Alumni Association

Officers

Scott Handler, V88, President
 Thamus Morgan, V94, Vice President
 Gail Hartman, V84, Treasurer
 Karen Pastor, V92, Secretary

Class Representatives

Steven Rowell, V83
 Fredric Cantor, V84 & Past President
 John Turco, V85
 Katrina Altmaier, V86
 Jessica Baron, V87 & Past President
 Lori Bergel Kreidberg, V88 & Past Secretary
 Tara-lyn Temple, V91
 Leslie Boerner, V93
 Emilia Wood, V94
 William Rosenblad, V95
 Stephen De Vincent, V95
 Diane Quisenberry, V96
 Sherry Holt Speer, V97
 John Pollock, V97
 Martha Smith, V97
 Carolyn Fletcher, V98
 Edward Dimmick, V99
 Anne Downes, V00
 Daniel Hebert, V01
 Linda Siperstein, V02

Committee Members

Mary Labato, V83
 Dana MacNamee, V84
 Kathy Reiner, V84 & Past President
 John de Jong, V85 & Alumni Fund Chair
 Wendy Emerson, V85 & Past President
 Ilene Segal, V87
 Karl Andrutis, V88

Student Members

Ashley Calvin-Lang, V03
 Ruth Lambert, V03
 Belinda Marcordes, V03
 Susan Neville, V04
 Joshua Portner, V04
 Sarah Wiseley, V05
 Sebastian Gordon, V05
 Danielle Babski, V06
 Jasmine Amini, V06

Veterinary Alumni Relations

Betsy Stearns
 Director, Tufts Veterinary Fund
 (508) 839-7902
 Nicole Tateosian
 Alumni Relations Officer
 (508) 839-7976
 Jeanne Cunningham
 Staff Assistant
 (508) 839-7909
 Margaret LeRoux
 Public Affairs
 vetalumni@tufts.edu
 200 Westboro Road
 North Grafton, MA 01536

OPEN HEART SURGERY PROGRAM AT TUSVM

TUSVM is pleased to announce that the Henry and Lois Foster Hospital for Small Animals now offers an open heart surgery program for dogs with chronic mitral valvular disease and certain congenital cardiac defects. Dogs are placed on cardiopulmonary bypass while the open heart surgery is performed. A human cardi thoracic surgeon and a human anesthesiologist are assisting us in the early phases of the program. TUSVM is actively soliciting patients for the program, and will appreciate your referrals and inquiries. The most likely candidates seen in your practice will be small breed dogs with acquired mitral regurgitation. The diseased valve will be replaced with a porcine prosthetic valve. Candidates should weigh over approximately 5kg; should have

congestive heart failure inadequately controlled with medications; and should have adequate cardiac contractility. TUSVM is happy to assess any patient that you feel is a potential candidate for the procedure, and explain the advantages and risks to your client. The approximate total cost of the procedure will be between \$9,000-\$12,000.

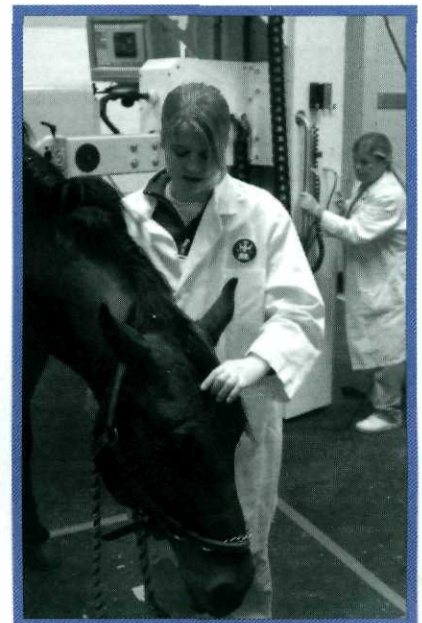
Other conditions for which open heart surgery may be appropriate include tricuspid regurgitation, aortic stenosis, and ventricular septal defect.

Interested clients may make an appointment with our cardiology service, or you or your clients may contact Drs. John Rush, John Berg, Don Brown, or Jim Ross to discuss the procedure. The hospital phone number is (508) 839-5395. ✦

NEW GAMMA CAMERA AT TUFTS

Tufts has installed a new gamma camera for use in the nuclear medicine program. The exciting addition to our imaging capabilities provides us with state of the art abilities to scan virtually all species. The instrument is located in the large animal imaging suite, but we can easily accommodate small animals, too. The new unit consists of two independent cameras. One for general use for imaging standing animals or those on a table. We have installed a second gamma camera in the floor of the suite to allow vertical imaging through the feet of standing animals. The combination of two cameras gives us an easy way to provide complete imaging capabilities without the complexity of moving cameras below grade. The combination provides us with the

latest digital technology in nuclear medicine and places us among the few facilities with this combination of cameras and technology. ✦



NAVAC CONFERENCE IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA



Sixty-eight alumni, faculty and friends gathered together at the NAVAC Alumni Reception on January 19, 2003.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Angeline Warner recently joined TUSVM as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Dr. Warner has served for the past ten years as Associate Director for Research and Clinical Services for Animal Resources and Comparative Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She has been very active for many years at TUSVM. She started teaching here in 1983 in both the Physiology and Respiratory Pathophysiology courses. Dr. Warner has been Course Director of Respiratory Pathophysiology since 1990. Dr. Warner received her DVM degree from the University of Florida and she received her clinical training in large animal internal medicine at UPenn, becoming an ACVIM Diplomate. She earned her doctorate (D.Sc.) in Respiratory Biology at the Harvard School of Public Health; joined the faculty at Harvard and was continuously funded as PI on four NIH grants and a grant from the American Lung Association; and assumed administrative leadership positions at the HSPH and HMS.

Dr. Mary Labato, V83, a clinical associate professor in small animal medicine, has assumed the responsibility as Head of TUSVM's Section of Small Animal Medicine. Dr. Labato spent a year in private practice after graduation, completed her medicine residency at TUSVM in 1986, and has been a member of the clinical faculty since then. Dr. Labato is an outstanding clinician and has been very active in teaching and in various administrative duties throughout her time at TUSVM. She was also the 2001 recipient of the prestigious TUVAA Outstanding Alumnus Award.

On January 18, **Dr. Susan Cotter** from the Department of Clinical

Sciences received the Mark L. Morris Senior Lifetime Achievement Award. Hill's Pet Nutrition awards this honor to a veterinarian who has made significant contributions to the health and well being of companion animals. Dr. Cotter received this award for her research on feline leukemia. Through her research project, Dr. Cotter discovered that the FeLV virus not only causes leukemia, but also causes anemia and bone marrow failure and suppresses the immune system in cats.

Dr. Cynthia Marshall has joined the Ambulatory Service Team in Woodstock, CT. Dr. Marshall is board certified in Internal Medicine, Large Animal Specialty, completed a Residency in Ruminant Medicine at North Carolina State University, and received her DVM from Iowa State University. Additionally, she holds both a Master of Philosophy degree and a PhD in Vertebrate Paleontology from Yale University. Most recently she has been a practicing veterinarian in Bozeman, Montana as well as a Research Associate at the Museum of the Rockies, Department of Paleontology.

In July, **Dr. Louise Maranda** will be joining the International Programs Section and Conservation Medicine program. Dr. Maranda obtained her veterinary degree from Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, her MSc in Tropical Veterinary Medicine from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and is currently finishing up her PhD in Epidemiology, Economics of Animal Diseases, at the University of California, Davis.

Dr. Dave Matsas will be working half time and will no longer be working in our fee-for-service Ambulatory Section. TUSVM students

will be assisting him in advanced reproductive techniques as well as herd and flock health in our rare breeds of livestock preservation project in Rhode Island. He also will continue to provide top-quality teaching in the classroom and laboratory.

Unfortunately, Tufts University will be losing a few dedicated employees.

Dr. Jim Else left Tufts at the end of January to join the faculty at Emory University where he will run a new international program within the School of Public Health as well as serve as an Assistant Director of the Yerkes Primate Center. Dr. Else spent the past 3 years at TUSVM leading our efforts to build the internationally recognized Tufts Center for Conservation Medicine (TCCM). **Dr. Mark Pokras, V84**, will take over as the new Director of TCCM.

Drs. Tony Moore and Angela Frimberger will be moving back to Dr. Moore's native Australia. Dr. Moore has played the leading role in developing our oncology program into one of the best in the country. Dr. Moore is also a creative and rigorous clinical researcher who has made numerous key contributions to the knowledge base in veterinary clinical oncology; most recently he demonstrated an increased risk for certain cancers among cats experiencing significant exposure to second hand smoke.

Dr. Frimberger completed her training in our residency program in 1995. During the past several years, she has held a part time appointment in the school while heading the ACVIM's research foundation. ✱



Celebrating their 10th Reunion, the Class of 1992.



Class members from 1997 celebrating their 5th Reunion



REUNION & COMEBACK 2002



Class of 1987 Celebrating their 15th Reunion

Front Row (L-R)

Karen Ceragioli
Sheryl Swankin
Cynthia Fiore-Brooks
Jessica Baron
Rebecca Remillard
Back Row (L-R)
Dean Kosch
Christopher Baker
Bryan Parrott
Timothy Foster
Katherine Wolfgang



Timothy Foster, V87, Brenda Smith
Stowe, V89, David Stowe, V88



Jessica Baron, V87
Cynthia Fiore-Brooks, V87



Steve Rowell, V83
Michael McGuill, V91



Wendy Emerson, V85, Dr. Jim Ross,
Nancy Crowley, V92



Karen Ceragioli, V87, Scott Handler,
V88, Cynthia Fiore-Brooks, V87



Past recipients of TUVAA Outstanding Alumnus
Award, Mary Labato, V83, Michael McGuill,
V91, Wendy Emerson, V85, Steve Rowell, V83

REUNION & COMEBACK 2003 *back in Grafton!*

Saturday, September 6, 2003!

CELEBRATING REUNION CLASSES 1983 • 1988 • 1993 • 1998

Alumni from all classes are encouraged to attend!

Don't miss this fun filled celebration and remember to bring the family!

A sampling of events include: Continuing education • Events for the kids • Alumni Dinner & Dance!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT*continued from page 1*

continuing until Commencement in 2004 so stay tuned for some exciting activities.

During the same twenty-five year period, your alumni association has also experienced many changes. Of course, the most obvious is that we now number over 1300 strong but other changes are less obvious. We have worked to involve the student leaders of current classes to provide them support during their four years at Tufts. We have successfully expanded the number of alumni attending board meetings so that more than just a "core group" is making important decisions. As an organization, we have adapted our focus in order to provide opportunities for all of our alumni to become involved whether it's attending a Comeback, mentoring a student, visiting during Open House, participating in a panel discussion or referring a case.

Along the way, we have had to balance the needs of new graduates with the needs of busy veterinarians caring for new families and the needs of established alumni. Unfortunately, the challenge of attempting to balance the needs of our diverse alumni will only become more difficult as the number of alumni increases. However, that doesn't mean that we will stop trying. As the school and the alumni organization embark on a journey toward the next twenty-five years, we will continue to "evolve" as an organization. Over the next 2 decades, our challenge is to grow into more than just a "social organization." We must become a group that can truly meet the goals of our by-laws to "work...for the welfare of the school and its betterment" and "to promote good spirit towards the school." With your help, enthusiasm and participation, I am sure that we can meet this goal. ✨

**GREETINGS FROM NICOLE TATEOSIAN,
ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICER**

Coming from a family with four generations of veterinarians, I had aspirations as a child of becoming a vet as well. However, once I arrived at Trinity College in the fall of 1992, I found a niche there and ended up staying for the next ten years. After two degrees and ten years of memories, I wanted a new challenge. I knew I would only leave for the right position and when I saw the Alumni Relations Officer position posted for Tufts Veterinary School, I knew that the match would be a good one.

As the Associate Director of Alumni Relations at Trinity, I built and enhanced alumni programs

during my tenure. I am looking forward to working with alumni, faculty, and students, to build and strengthen the alumni programs and services to reflect the needs and wishes of the Tufts community. I am still getting myself settled here in Massachusetts but I hope to get a chance to meet many of you in the next few months. In the meantime, if you have any questions or ideas that you would like to share, please contact me at (508) 839-7976 or nicole.tateosian@tufts.edu ✨

**V92 GRAD GOES HIGH TECH WITH X-RAYS ON HER LAPTOP***continued from page 1*

"Then it would be back to the barn and do it all over again."

The new equipment is also a great teaching tool for clients, Maloney said. "They can see exactly what I'm talking about, and I can leave them a print of the x-ray." The digital x-rays help improve consultations with other veterinarians, such as those on the staff of Tufts Hospital for Large Animals. "I can send an e-mail with the x-ray attached, and while we talk on the phone, we can both be looking at the image on the computer screen," Maloney said. The new technology is also a benefit for farriers, helping improve shoeing on horses that are recovering from an injury.

"Having the image right there, we can fine tune the shoeing process," Maloney said. "We can line up the horse's bony column, x-ray it, then

put on the shoe with a couple of nails, and do another x-ray to see if we have things lined up perfectly before nailing the shoe into place." Not only clients but also young riders benefit from Maloney's hands-on approach. Betsy Stearns, Director, Tufts Veterinary Fund, described a typical encounter: "For the past several years I've watched Liz work with the horses at the farm nearby where I ride with my son," she said. "It's obvious how dedicated she is. What's more impressive is how she engages the kids at the barn to work with her when she's evaluating a horse or performing a procedure. 'Richard,' she'll say. 'If I numb Blackie's left front hoof and jog him up the driveway, what do you think will happen?' All the kids buzz with possible answers," Stearns continued. "Liz will then explain what she's doing and why. The kids love her and more importantly, they learn from her. The combination of her humanity and professionalism is what makes Liz a superb veterinarian." ✨

IN THE NEWS

Drs. Mark Reilly, V91, and Tim Ober, V90, were featured in the *Vineyard Gazette* on December 20, 2002 for their role in assessing an 18-year old chestnut gelding who together traveled to Tufts for treatment.

Jennifer Mateleska, V01, was photographed in the *Telegram & Gazette* with a Chilean flamingo who was receiving radiation treatments.

On November 8, 2002, **Heidi Parker O'Brien, VG98,** was on NBC's *The John Walsh Show* to discuss child safety and dog biting. She expects to return to the show to talk about the subject of "introducing your baby to your pet."

DVM NewsMagazine featured **Dr. Rebecca Campbell, V88,** (October 2002) for her use of e-mail in corresponding with clients.

Judges from Veterinary Economics 2001 Hospital Design Competition praised **Dr. Elizabeth J. Colleran, V90,** for the design of her Chico Hospital for Cats (*Veterinary Economics*, Jan. 2002).

Steve Rowell, V83, was interviewed for an article on pets receiving MRIs and undergoing brain surgery in *The Boston Globe* this past December.

Jessica Baron, V87, was highlighted in *The Boston Globe* as one of the students learning to do tricks on the trapeze bar from the Flying Fantasy Circus at Cedar Hills Camp.

This past August, the *Milford Daily News* spotlighted **Dr. Peter Brewer, V98,** and his work on a family owned zoo in Mendon, specifically focusing on his specialty of exotic animals.

Tom Crosson, V86, was featured in the *Bozeman Chronicle* for being mauled at Yellowstone National Park while he was hiking with a friend this past November. After being mauled by a mother grizzly, Crosson had to hike back three miles through water, deadfall, and rocky terrain. Crosson commented after the incident, "I have no bad feelings for the bear...Two things you don't want to do are approach a bear on meat or with cubs. I think we probably did both." (*Bozeman Chronicle*, 11/15/02) ✧

IN MEMORIAM

With sadness, the Alumni Relations Office reports the passing of three alumni.

Annelisa M. Kilbourn, V96,



was killed in a plane crash on November 2, 2002 in Gabon, Africa. Dr. Kilbourn was born in 1967 in Switzerland and received her undergraduate degree from the

University of Connecticut. She was most recently employed by SOS Rhino and was a field veterinarian for the Bronx Zoo-based Wildlife Conservation Society. Dr. Kilbourn dedicated her work to saving endangered species, such as, the Sumatran rhinoceros. Her work also included developing computerized navigational equipment for field researchers and genetic identification methods. During the past year, Dr. Kilbourn worked in the Congo and Gabon researching the effects of the Ebola virus on wildlife. Dr. Kilbourn is survived by her parents, Hans and Barry Kilbourn, and her sister, Kirsten Kilbourn.

Dr. Joseph Appleby and Dr. Seymour Glasofer, graduates of Middlesex University of Veterinary Medicine and honorary alumni of Tufts University Veterinary School of Medicine, passed away this past fall. ✧

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Lisa D. Wojan, V85, founded the Animal Behavior Consultants for large animal species. Consultants specifically focus on equine, mare/jenny & stallion/jack breeding behavioral problems and bovine, small ruminant, camelid, swine behavioral problems.

Robert Monaco, V90, writes "I run a busy exotic & small animal practice. I am one of only two Avian Diplomates on Long Island."

Antonietta Mancini-Orlandi, V95, has a new addition to her family. Giancarlo G. Orlandi was born on February 3, 2002 and joins his big sister, Alexandra who is 5 years old.

William Rosenblad, V95, recently informed the Development Office that he is now engaged to **Maria Vandis, V95.** Both Drs. Rosenblad and Vandis work at Angell Memorial and they plan to wed in October.

Aimee Eggleston, V00, reports "I am recently engaged to Timothy Ahearn and hope to be married either spring or fall of 2003! I am still working as an equine veterinarian in north western Connecticut." ✧

DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES NEWS

Dr. Steve McOrist is the national judge for the American Association of Swine Veterinarians research studentship prize.

Dr. Arthur Donohue-Rolfe has been appointed as Director of the Graduate Program in Comparative Biomedical Sciences.

Dr. Sam Telford traveled to the Taiwan Center for Disease Control to do collaborative work and to the Armed Forces Institute of Medical

Sciences, Bangkok, Thailand to speak at a seminar.

The department is looking for one or two faculty members at the Assistant/Associate Professor level. The primary responsibilities will include research in Infectious Diseases and teaching.

The renovation of Building 20 continues, and the remaining Biomedical Sciences faculty and labs in Building 21 will be moved to Building 20 in the near future. ✧

Tufts University Veterinary Alumni Association
Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine
200 Westboro Road
North Grafton, MA 01536-1895

Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
N. Grafton, MA
Permit No. 9

SCAVMA AUCTION

Saturday, March 29, 2003

7 p.m. at the Polish National Home

(on Rt. 122, located just off the intersection of Rt. 122A & 122)

Auction items have just started rolling in, but already include:

Weekend getaways on Cape Cod and Newport, RI • Dinners & gift certificates • A few one-of-a-kind items like a stained glass lamp

We'll keep you posted as more items arrive, but there promises to be something for everyone this year.

Come and bring a friend for some good food, good drink, and spirited bidding all to benefit SCAVMA and the Henry O. Travis Fund, which assists in covering medical expenses for animals who do not have an owner that can afford treatment, and for animals that do not have an owner at all.

Please consider contributing an item to the cause! The success of the event depends on what we have to offer and we want this year's

auction to be brimming with great items! To contribute, please contact one of the co-chairs and they will be happy to give you more details. Most importantly, we hope to see you at the auction in March! Tickets are \$10 but are free for TUSVM students.

Auction committee co-chairs:

Seth Ganz, V05

29 Main St. #3, Upton, MA 01568
(508) 320-0832, seth.ganz@tufts.edu

Dan Foy, V05

60 Nottingham Road, Grafton, MA 01519
(774) 364-0159, daniel.foy@tufts.edu

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

Inquiring minds want to know!

Name _____ Year _____

Home Address _____ Work Address _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Fax _____

News _____

Yes, I would like to help with Reunion 2003.

Send this form by fax to (508) 839-7232 or by mail to Veterinary Alumni Association, TUSVM, 200 Westboro Rd., North Grafton, MA 01536-1895, or write to us by email at vetalumni@tufts.edu.