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Program Mission

Statement

The Program of Veterinary Technology at Manor College strives to:

Create an environment that supports the development of strong student-teacher relationships.

Generate critical thinkers whose knowledge base prepares them for a successful career of life long learning in veterinary technology.

Instill in its students respect and compassion for animals and a commitment to providing excellent patient care and dedication to animal welfare.

FROM THE DESK OF DR. BASSERT

A Message from the Program Director

Last Friday, 28 enthusiastic veterinary technology students received Manor pins during the Annual Pinning Ceremony, which was held in the gymnasium of the Academic Building. It was an exciting time for me personally, because I well remember the days, in the early 1990s, when there were only eight veterinary technology students in attendance. This year, the veterinary technology contingent far exceeded the other two programs, Dental Hygiene and EFDA, combined. At one point, I was concerned that not everyone would be able to fit on the left side of the stage where the professional oaths are customarily recited.

In addition to receiving pins, certificates recognizing academic excellence were awarded to students with cumulative grade point averages of 3.5 or greater, and certificates of merit were given to those students with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or greater. It was indeed a proud moment for me.

As I sat on stage and looked out over the rows of seated veterinary technology students, I considered each of them. I was well aware of the personal and financial challenges that many shouldered while simultaneously attending classes and bearing the academic rigors of a science-based curriculum. There was no doubt that for many, the Pinning Ceremony represented the culmination of substantial

hard work and sacrifice. Work, long commutes, illness, births, car accidents, marriages, children, partners, even laundry and dirty dishes, which are part of life, continue. Nothing is put on hold for the student; life and all of its joys and challenges continue unabated.

There were over 400 proud family members and friends in attendance, and all were caught up by the joviality and celebratory nature of this wonderful group of students. For me, it was truly a magical evening.



Thank You!!

Within weeks of sending out the first Veterinary Technology Newsletter in February, Julie Hirsch-Banyacski '98 was on the phone with the Program's Education Coordinator, Brandy Terry' 99, about acquiring an Idexx Vet Test 8008. Brandy contacted the Idexx representative whom Julie recommended, and days later a unit was delivered to the College. "I left for a conference and when I came back, we had a new Vet Test!" reported Dr. Bassert, who was delighted by the fancy footwork of the two Manor grads. Thank you, Julie and

Teaching Positions Available at Manor College

The following teaching positions are available in the forthcoming 2006-2007 academic year.

Fall: Large Animal Clinical Procedures VT105
Hematology Laboratory VT208

Spring: Anesthesia and Pharmacology Lecture VT218

Qualified applicants may contact
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Up-date from the Barn: Donovan Grew a New Hoof! By Dr. Bassert

Some of you may be following the condition of our irrepressible, teaching horse, "Donovan," a 20 year old, Morgan gelding who has a big heart. Last August, "Donovan" foundered severely due to hyperadrenocorticalism. The rotation of the coffin bone in his right front foot was progressive, reaching 18 degrees by December. Despite treatment with phenylbutazone and isoxsuprine, "Donovan" remained severely lame. His condition was exacerbated by intermittent foot abscesses, which caused frustrating set backs for him. Jon Weiler, the resident farrier, performed a daring hoof wall resection in the late fall, which removed necrotic tissue and opened the foot. Afterwards, Jon created

an artificial wall, which protected the sensitive inner layers and, at the same time, allowed normal hoof growth. In addition, "Donovan" was fitted with an experimental boot, designed by orthopedists at the New Bolton Center. Rob Sigafosse, New Bolton's farrier examined "Donovan" and recommended that "Donovan" undergo a deep digital tenotomy, which would eliminate the tendon's pull on the coffin bone and would reduce the rate of rotation. Dr. Jen Buchholz performed the procedure and the results were wonderful and instantaneous!

Since the wall resection, "Donovan" has grown a new

hoof wall and four weeks ago was fitted with corrective shoes that further support his feet. In addition, "Donovan" is being turned out twice a day, which as you can imagine, is VERY exciting for him. He is quite attracted to the green grass and wide open spaces.

He has been a very good patient, and a very good sport about being stabled since last August. It has been such a long haul for him. We are all so pleased.

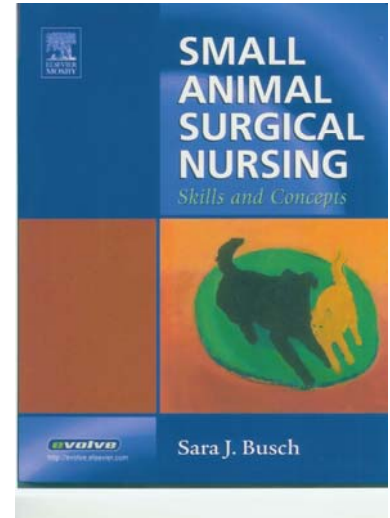


New Surgical Nursing Textbook by Manor Vet Tech Faculty

Dr. Sara Busch recently finished writing and editing a new veterinary surgical nursing textbook and it came out in print just in time for this semester's Animal Surgery class. The text is titled *Small Animal Surgical Nursing: Skills and Concepts* and is published by Mosby. The textbook is intended to be a learning aid for current students and a practical reference for veterinary nurses involved with surgery. The

book is organized by perioperative times and emphasizes the care and concern of the patient throughout every stage of the surgical process. Surgical prep, gowning, gloving, surgical asepsis, instrumentation, assisting with specific soft tissue, orthopedic and ocular surgeries and non-invasive (e.g. endoscopy and laser surgery) are all covered. There are two unique sections in the book that make it stand out as a handy reference for vet-

erinary technicians. One is the appendix that includes how to set up constant rate infusions (CRTs) for delivering analgesics continuously from start to finish with each step described in detail and the other is a section dedicated to high volume spay/neuter clinics. The book is available in the Manor College Bookstore (come in and say hi to Mary!!) and on-line at Amazon.com



Equipment of the Year #2!, By Brandy Terry

The VetSpecs-VSM7C is a state-of-the-art monitoring device, which has the capabilities to monitor the animal's EKG, pulse ox, respiration rate, temperature and end tidal CO₂, all at the same time. This monitor would be used during small animal surgery - spay and neuter procedures, and would be an invaluable learning tool for students, as well as an important monitoring device to ensure patient safety. Contact the Development and Alumni Relations Office,

development@manor.edu if you would like to help the Program of Veterinary Technology purchase this equipment or if you know of someone who could help us acquire it.



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Contact Dr. Bassert if you would like to volunteer your time:

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