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FROM THE DESK OF DR. BASSERT

It is with pleasure that I write the first article for the Manor College Veterinary Technician Newsletter. During the many years since the Program began, I have been interested in having a newsletter that would help to keep alumni and friends of the Program in the loop about what is happening on campus. Now, with the help of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the first newsletter is underway!

As many of you know, the Program was first accredited in 1992, when it included 25 students, and when all of the classes were held in a single classroom (Room 15). Today, the Program includes 114 students, and 15 faculty members.* Classes are held throughout the campus, including the newly renovated anatomy laboratory,

radiology suite and Mother-house barn. As I consider the many changes that have transpired in the past 14 years, I am impressed not only by the Program's growth, but also by the success of its graduates, faculty and students.

Manor has become a leading force in the education of veterinary technicians and in the advancement of the profession as a whole.

Its strength resides in the successes of the people who are apart of it, who have graduated from it, who have taught in it, and who have created it. This newsletter is an important beginning in the celebration of this wonderful community.



*For a history of the program:

<http://www.manorvettech.com/history1.htm>

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.

IT'S A SMALL, SMALL WORLD!!

Or The Importance of Networking, by Dr. Sara Busch

While attending the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators meeting in Detroit Michigan this past summer I arranged to tour Costa Rica and Panama with the faculty of the University of Nebraska's Veterinary Technology Program. Every other year the University of Nebraska offers a 2 credit elective course on marine and



Quetzal

exotic animals for students who want more exposure to the exotic and wild side of veterinary technology. In order to complete this 2 credit course the class takes a trip to Central America. This year there were 9 chaperones for one brave student (talk about student faculty ratios!). We spent nearly two weeks on a veterinary-ecological tour

CONTINUING EDUCATION VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS



Recombinant Vaccine Technology	Abdominal Surgical Procedures:
Thursday, February 21, 2006	Elective vs. Emergency
7:00 PM, 9:00 PM	Tuesday, March 21, 2006
Fee: \$35	7:00PM, 9:00 PM, Fee:\$35

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of Costa Rica and Panama. Highlights of our trip included an earthquake that measured 5.9 on the Richter Scale upon our arrival; a tour of a sloth and monkey rescue center on the Caribbean coast; horseback riding along a rainbow decorated beach in Panama; river-rafting and spotting caiman (freshwater alligators); and hiking into the

cloud forest to catch a glimpse of the elusive and rare resplendent Quetzal. Needless to say I highly recommend a trip to Costa Rica to anyone who is the least bit interested in a thrilling and rejuvenating animal adventure!



Caiman "freshwater alligator"

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

This Fall, Brandy Terry, CVT was recognized in Harrisburg by both the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association and the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine for her unprecedented contribution toward the development of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Technicians Association (PVTA) Brandy's leadership brought renewed communication between the Pennsylvania Veterinary

Medical Association and the veterinary technicians in Pennsylvania, which has led to the revitalization of the old "VTAAP" into the new "PVTA". Brandy was honored On October 25, 2005 in a special luncheon-ceremony in Harrisburg. Congratulations, Brandy!!!

Other Faculty Notes:

Dr. Bassert will be speaking on behalf of the National

Commission for Veterinary Economic Issues (NCVEI) at the Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas this February. The topic of her presentation will be "Decoding the Mysteries of Staff Management." Dr. Bassert has served as the Chair of the Staff Management Committee for NCVEI since the Fall of 2002.

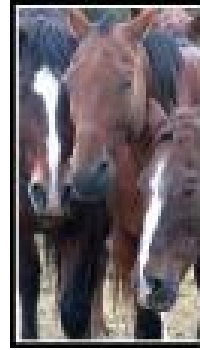


Unidentified Costa Rican Lizard

REPORT FROM THE BARN

The beloved teaching horses that are owned by the Program assist technician students to learn important husbandry and clinical techniques. Presently, the Program owns four geldings, "Donovan", "Frosty", "Redds" and "Leroy." Having lived at Manor for many years, the horses are now older than 20 and are therefore well into their "senior" years. As such, they suffer from several old age conditions, which require treatment with medications. "The horses have moved from

requiring a retirement facility to needing assisted living," muses Dr. Bassert. Fortunately for them, they receive excellent nursing care twice a day, 365 days a year, which is provided by the student Horse Care Team. This year, the team is composed of eight dedicated students, who manage the horses' care on a rotational basis.



Interest in Spring reunion?

Just say where and when!

Email the office of
Alumni Relations

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VIRTUAL CURRICULUM

During the past 8 years, with the support from State and Federal appropriations, Dr. Bassert has been slowly building a virtual curriculum with the intent to offer an entire on-line veterinary technology program for distance education students. "There is now a website for each of the courses in veterinary technology" says Dr. Bassert. "Each course website includes all of the course materials including syllabus, lecture outlines, lecture notes, laboratory handouts and information about field trips. In addition, some of the sites include video taped lectures. Students who miss class can

watch the missed lecture online and distance students can watch and hear the same instruction that is given to on-campus students. What is particularly exciting are the recently developed videos demonstrating large animal clinical techniques. These were skillfully arranged by Dr. Elaine Hammel and Dr. Barbara Forney for use in VT105 Large Animal Clinical and Emergency Procedures. The films cover all of the AVMA-required and recommended tasks concerning large animal species and provide the on-campus students with excellent study materials.

"There really is little in the way of large animal teaching videos," says Dr. Bassert. "Unlike companion animal fields, where the ACT Video Series provides professionally produced videos to the profession, there is nothing comparable for education in the equine or food animal fields. The videos will be used to train new members of the Horse Care Team as well as students in VT105. In addition, Dr. Bassert is working with the Academic Dean to copyright the videos for future use in other teaching institutions.

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VET TEST 8008 FROM IDEXX, QBC MACHINE FROM IDEXX

The Veterinary Technology Program would like to improve our Hematology and Clinical Chemistry classes by including equipment that is commonly used in general practice. The

first two pieces of equipment that are on our "Want List" are the IDEXX Vet Test 8008 and the QBC machines. We appreciate any support that you can offer toward the

acquisition of these important units. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Marialice Stanzeski at (215) 885-2360 ext. 216. Thank you!

