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Message From the Dean

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Message from the Dean

I was honored a few days ago to receive a letter from President Judith Rodin and Provost Robert Barchi announcing their intention to recommend my re-appointment as Dean of the School to the Trustees. I



am flattered by their confidence and recognize that this would not have happened without the help of

many truly wonderful people. It has been a privilege being Dean these past 7½ years and I thank every one of you for your generous support, encouragement and wise counsel.

In their letter, the President and Provost note that “the School is considered one of the top schools in the world in basic scientific research in veterinary medicine, and it leads all U.S. schools and colleges in the impact of its basic science publications. It is also world-renowned in a number of clinical areas: postgraduate and clinical specialty education, equine sports medicine, and companion animal clinical programs, such as critical care and emergency medicine.” This is a wonderful compliment to the School and is the standard that must be maintained in the future.

What must be accomplished to uphold this standard? First and foremost, we must raise the funds for a new **Teaching and Research Building** in Philadelphia. Without this, the School will be unable to excel, provide a proper learning environment for our students and attract the very best

faculty. We can not allow this to happen for, in an era of new and re-emerging infectious diseases, food safety, genomics, stem cell biology, cancer therapy, and gene therapy, there is an enormous amount that the School and veterinary medicine has to offer for improving animal health and the well being of society.

The new building will cost \$48 million in 2003 dollars. I am happy to share that we already have \$26 million in cash and pledges towards this goal. Twenty-two million remains to be raised and this must be accomplished as rapidly as possible since inflation increases the cost of the building by \$2.5 million per year. Raising this amount will require a great deal of ingenuity and hard work but with outstanding leadership on the Board of Overseers and the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society, and an excellent

Development Office in the School, I fully anticipate the goal will be accomplished.

The new Teaching and Research Building is just one of a series of goals that must be addressed in the next five years. Funds for student scholarships must be raised, construction of the new Scott Building for Equine Sports Medicine accomplished, a linear accelerator installed in VHUP, research labs and clinical space renovated, programs in Aquatic Animal Medicine, and Swine Medicine advanced and the heating and air conditioning system in the Widener Hospital for Large Animals completely replaced.

I thank all of you for your precious support during my first term in office. The second term will be even busier and although I relish the challenges, I will need your support more than ever.

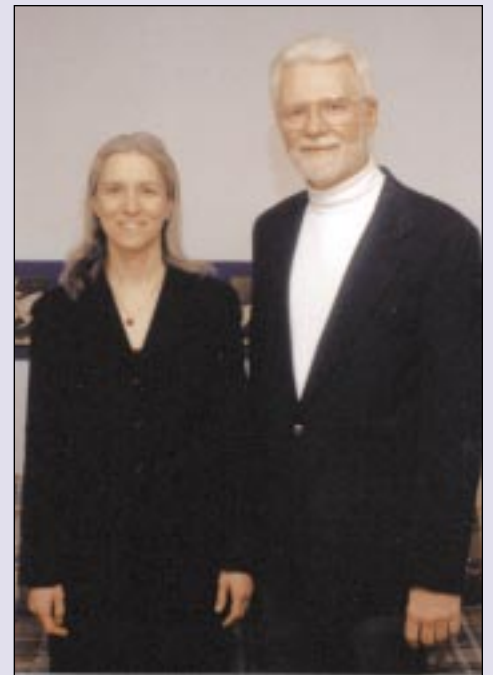
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The Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine

New Bower Professor

Joan Hendricks, V.M.D., Ph.D. is the first woman to be named to an endowed professorship at the School of Veterinary Medicine. In January she was appointed the Henry and Corinne R. Bower Professor of Medicine at the School. The Bower Professorship, established in 1981 by Henry Bower in memory of his wife Corinne, was held by Dr. Kenneth Bovee until his retirement in 1998.

Dr. Hendricks' research centers on sleep and sleep disorders. She has studied bulldogs extensively and recently has published pioneering studies on sleep patterns of fruit flies. Dr. Hendricks, together with colleagues at VHUP, developed and implemented the concept of the Center for Veterinary Critical Care which united the Emergency Service, Intensive Care Unit and VHUP's Anesthesia Service into a single unit to enhance teaching and patient care. Dr. Hendricks serves as the section chief of critical care medicine at VHUP and as head of the CVCC.



Dr. Joan Hendricks, the new Henry and Corinne R. Bower Professor of Medicine and Dr. Kenneth Bovee, who held the professorship until retirement in 1998.