

Alumni President Reports

Beta Boasts 75 Active Members

Greetings, Beta alumni. I am pleased to report two positive happenings at OTS. First, you should know that the current active chapter is as strong as you remember your class and possibly more active than ever. We have 75 active members from all four classes (nearly 25 percent of the student population). No other Cornell vet college student organization (except SCAVMA) can claim this level of participation.

We not only have the numbers, but we also have the strong participation of the group and great leadership. This issue of the *Ruminator* outlines some of the events and projects that current members have organized. One goal is to involve more college faculty OTS alumni. Actives are individually contacting OTS-Cornell faculty and
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Beta Chapter's representatives to Grand Council are ready to hit the road in their home-made tie-dye T-shirts.



Chapter Shines At Grand Council

Hello, alumni! I hope that this newsletter finds you all happy and healthy. This last year has brought many new activities and events for the Beta Chapter. Our trip to Guelph, Ontario, for Grand Council gave us the opportunity to show everyone just how much we have accomplished and grown in the past year!

Eleven brave souls made the trek to Ontario

and enjoyed the fine hospitality of the Delta Chapter. As always, there was music and song and plenty of refreshments. While our members were hard at work cheating their way through gonzo olympics, the worthy master and I were presenting our chapter to the Grand Council. Our presentation highlighted all of the activities that occur during the year and emphasized our numerous areas of improvement. As difficult as it was to fit that all into 10 minutes, we did, and even managed to add things here and there during the discussion period.

As a result of our members' dedication and hard work to improve the chapter, we received placings in all three awards that the Grand Council offers. We received second place for the T.C. Fitzgerald Award for the most improved chapter, third place for the R.W. Vesper Award for community service, and second place for the J.P. Donahoe Award for sustained excellence. This was a wonderful

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At the Grand Council awards banquet. No firsts, but we placed in all of the categories. Go, Beta!



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inviting them to participate in house events.

We also invite any Beta members to join in chapter activities. If you're inclined to socialize, mentor, meet, or otherwise participate in OTS events, just let me know, and I'll have a schedule of events sent to you. Your OTS membership doesn't end with graduation, and your experiences and advice can really help our actives. It's a great way to meet young, aspiring veterinarians for your practice. You can reach me at the college by phone (607/253-3241) or e-mail (nld2@cornell.edu). Our current active house officers and committee chairs have a full calendar of social, service, and philanthropic

events planned.

My second announcement is to give a progress report on our capital drive to raise funds for renovation of the basement bar as the "Bill Rebhun Room." As of January 15, 2001, 104 alums have contributed \$6,046 to the "Boomer Fund." I'm pleased that so many of you have been generous in Bill's memory. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 so we can "do it right." I hope that this spring will see a surge of giving for this project so we might proceed this summer with construction. If you've already given, thanks for helping. If you haven't sent in a check or pledge, please consider giving this spring.

There will be a presentation and discussion of the project at the alumni banquet on March 24 and then a push to secure enough contributions and pledges to get construction started during summer break. I hope to see many of you in March. The actives have planned a catered meal, and legal beverages will be available all evening! Stay for the party and show 'em how it used to be.

Ned Dykes '74
Alumni President
OTS Beta Chapter

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showing for the Beta Chapter, which was the only chapter to place in all three awards. As a result of our performance this year at Grand Council, the chapter has decided to put in a bid to hold Grand Council in the year 2003!

We are looking forward to seeing you all here for the alumni dinner in March. If you can't make it back for the conference, then please visit us on our updated Web site (<http://web.vet.cornell.edu/public/ots/>)!



*Gonzo games:
Men dress as women,
and women dress
crazy.*



We have a brand new virtual house tour as well as an externship submission form (<http://web.vet.cornell.edu/public/ots/submitexternship.html>) where you can post your opportunities on the Web for all OTS members to see.

I leave the seat of most worthy



master with tremendous pride and gratitude to be part of such a wonderful organization as Omega Tau Sigma.

Sincerely,
Ericka Mendez
Most Worthy Master



Left: Making an appearance at Oscar Night were some of our favorite movie stars, including Tom Cruise, Jennifer Lopez, and Pochahontas. Right: On the way home, the travelers stopped at Niagara Falls.

Rush Yields Great Results

Rush 2000 provided the Beta Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma with one of its most successful membership drives in the chapter's history. The three spring pledges were joined by 31 initiates in the fall, for a total of 34 new OTS members—a 261.5 percent increase over last year's new member numbers and a 45 percent increase in total chapter membership. Alumni and members who were worried about declining rush numbers can certainly rest assured that the Beta Chapter is stronger than ever.

Yearly membership figures appear to follow a cyclic pattern, with the irregular rise and fall of initiates reflecting class demographics. This year's substantial rise in membership can be attributed to multiple factors, including an intensive, structured, well-advertised rush

Rooms party 2000: "The decades." Shown here is the '20s room.



schedule and favorable first-year age demographics. The class of 2004 is one of the youngest classes ever to attend Cornell vet school—in contrast to the class of 2003, which had a significantly older age distribution—and younger students seem more drawn to fraternal organizations, since they usually lack the built-in social structure possessed by older students who are married with families. Taking advantage of this skewed age demographic, the social, academic, and fraternal benefits of OTS were demonstrated through numerous rush events, attracting a diverse group of interested students.

Beta Chapter membership began its growth in the spring, when prospective students learned about OTS at their information sessions; a party hosted at the house during one such session introduced prospectives to the house and its members. These spring activities, in addition to chapter barbecues and the annual rooms party, had the added bonus of enticing three students from the class of 2003 to join the Beta Chapter and eliciting promises from several more to rush in the fall.

Fall rush began with an orientation week barbecue at the house, attended by nearly the entire first-year class. Over 200 burgers were consumed, and students were still enjoying themselves at the house four hours after the barbecue started. Later during orientation week, the Beta Chapter of OTS manned a booth at the annual Cornell vet school information fair. A brand-new three-dimensional posterboard display, designed by Most Worthy Master Ericka Mendez, presented the chapter's various activities in written and pictorial form; additionally, brochures detailing the chapter's history, events, and rush schedule were passed out to interested persons. Every first-year student, as well as non-member upperclassmen, received a flyer enumerat-

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LIST OF NEW MEMBERS BY CLASS:

Class of 2002
Andrew Wester

Class of 2003
John DeBasio
Jodie Gerdin
Janis Kohler
Paula Ospina
Ed Reiller
Jamey Smoliga
Mariko Soto

Class of 2004
Nick Barryessa
Ben Benander
Valerie Carver
Dan Fischer
Sarah Gold
Kristen Grau
Dana Hatfield
Jocelyn Hawkins
Ricardo Irrizarry
Jen Jones
Amy Leach
Tricia Mackey
LaShonn McNair
Scott Miner
Terri Ollivett
Meredith Re
Elisa Salas
Lauren Schnabel
Corey Shagensky
Ashley Shelton
Carl Soffler
Stacy Sonnenshein
Anita Taylor
Mitzi Zarfoss

Residents/Interns
Dr. Todd Deppe
Dr. Cameron Knight

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Coming to the annual conference?

All OTS alumni, their family, and friends are invited to join us at the house (200 Willard Way) on **Saturday, March 24.**

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
(followed by dancing and more socializing)

RSVP to Christopher Byers at cgb6@cornell.edu. Also, look for us in the Cornell conference registration packet!

...and don't forget the ALUMNI BREAKFAST

from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
on Sunday, June 10,

during Reunion 2001 (June 7-10)

For information, contact Ned Dykes at 607/253-3241 or at nld2@cornell.edu.

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ing the fall rush schedule; additional posters were plastered all over the school to advertise each event.

Following the highly successful barbecue, the second-year OTS members performed an original rush skit reenacting the infamous Block I for the first-year class (as well as any upperclassmen who had the time to attend). Due to the large turnover of Block I faculty members, the actors were hard-pressed to generate amusing emulations of new professors, but the 30-minute spectacle poking fun at tutor groups, gross lab, administrators, and, of course, concept maps was extremely well-received by everyone in attendance, including those who were mocked in the skit (hey, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, right?). Following the skit, all OTS members were assigned one or two rushees to contact via phone, e-mail, or in person to discuss OTS membership and rush, as well as first-year life in general.

With the rush skit setting the stage for the following week's rush dinner, the chapter was looking for a stellar turnout. Indeed, about two dozen rushees attended the Mexican-themed feast, which featured hard and soft tacos, nachos, rice, and various homemade desserts. Most Worthy Master Ericka designed and presented a wonderful slide show featuring the chapter's social, philanthropic, academic, and unity events. Thanks to Rush Co-Chair Cathy's announcement, "I don't care what you do or don't end up in at the end of the night, as long as you come in something," the rush pajama party two days later was a raging success. Initially open only to members and rushees, the party later opened up to include the entire vet school, decked out in their bedroom finest. Attendance exceeded everybody's expectations.

With the diverse, organized, heavily advertised round of rush events under their belts, the rush chairs set about writing up bids for all interested students. A nearly empty box of bid cards and several hand cramps later, 34 bids to join Omega Tau Sigma were distributed; by the end of the week all but three had been returned. Bid acceptance provided pledges and current OTS members with the opportunity to get to know each other a bit better, as new members underwent the pledging ceremony and participated in a game designed to introduce them to the rest of the chapter's members. Every pledge received a copy of the original OTS pledge manual, as well as a pledge quiz, featuring questions about OTS history, chapter history, the house, current members, and alumni. Pledges were to pair up over the next two weeks and find out as many of the answers to the 50 questions as they could; whichever group had the most correct answers would receive a (somewhat dubious) prize on initiation night.

Initiation occurred on Saturday, September 30; 28 of the 34 new members were able to attend, dressed in the ritual coveralls and big rubber boots. The oath, bonds of union, and secrets of the fraternity were presented early in the evening at the house, then initiates were divided into groups and taken on tours of the bars of Ithaca by second-year drivers. At each bar, upperclassmen engaged the initiates in

Beta Rebuilds Test Bank

Several new developments this year in the Beta Chapter included a huge makeover of our long-forgotten test bank, delightfully humorous yet informative minutes of general meetings by yours truly, and a member phone list, which (believe it or not) we lacked until this time.

I first realized how much I wanted a test bank after one particularly difficult exam last year. Everyone seemed to be finished after 20 minutes, and I just couldn't figure out why. Only later did I realize it was an exact replica of the previous year's exam. As I began to look into the existing test bank at OTS, I realized to my chagrin that the newest exam was written (painted) in the Paleolithic era on the walls of the cave of Lascaux (now those Neanderthals really knew how to treat a colic...).

Well, the test was actually from 1980, but with Cornell's new curriculum and all, it might as well have been from the dark ages. Anyway, a frantic search for exams began, made all the more challenging by the unnatural attachment Cornell students seem to have to their exams. Many photocopies and a depleted treasury later (okay, about \$10), we now have a cabinet of recent exams (last three years) that have come in very handy for many of us, as well as providing an extra incentive for our large incoming pledge class to join OTS.

Sandra Marshall, Secretary

games of trivia, skill, and hilarity; additionally, each group had a scavenger hunt to complete during the course of the evening. After the bar hop, all groups met up again at Cornell's legendary suspension bridge for a blindfolded group traversing of the gorge below (as well as the scaring off all the couples attempting to have a romantic moment). The next stop for the evening was the traditional bonfire and marshmallow roast, held at the house of one of the rush chairs. Each new member was required to answer one final question and demonstrate the secret handshake before becoming a full member of Omega Tau Sigma.

The evening ended back at the OTS house with the performance of the pledge skit. Inspired and organized, this year's pledge class actually wrote and practiced a Jerry Springer-style spoof of first-year life that was quite probably the most original pledge skit in the chapter's recent history! Enthusiasm was definitely the word of the evening, for both initiates and members. As everyone there can attest, the night was a resounding success: "The best night of Block 1!" "The most fun EVER!" "Two thumbs up! Four paws up if you're a dog!" All in all, it provided a satisfying end to a remarkable rush period, infusing the Beta Chapter with an unforeseen strength of membership that should hold the chapter in good stead in the years to come, no matter what sort of class demographics the future has in store.

Cathy Emery '03 and Chris Byers '03
Rush Co-Chairs

Number of bids passed out, spring 2000: 4
Number of bids accepted, spring 2000: 3
Number of bids passed out, fall 2000: 34
Number of bids accepted, fall 2000: 31
Total number of outstanding bids: 4
Total number of new members: 34

Many OTS Alums Serve On Faculty

This year, in preparation for Grand Council and for improving our rush tactics, we made an effort to identify all of the OTS alumni on the faculty of Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine. Through mass e-mails and the cross-checking of faculty lists against the national OTS alumni database, we found 20 OTS alumni from all different chapters employed at our own veterinary institution. Each alumnus was personally welcomed with a letter introducing the Beta Chapter and given a calendar of events for the semester. We are really hoping to see our alumni get more involved. Omega Tau Sigma doesn't have to end with graduation, and we are here to prove it.

One of the largest OTS functions of the winter is our annual holiday dinner. Cocktails, dinner, dessert, dancing, and a visit from Santa were enjoyed by all. However, this year was made a little more special with the addition of nine alumni and a handful of residents and interns attending the festivities. Our hard work has begun to pay off.

In addition to renewing our faculty alumni ties, we have also recruited a few of our own faculty as 2000 initiates. Dr. Todd Deppe and Dr. Cameron Knight were initiated at our fall 2000 rush. Dr. Deppe, a 1995 graduate from UC Davis College of Veterinary Medicine, is working in the oncology services at Cornell University's hospital for animals. Dr. Knight, a 1991 graduate from Massey University in New Zealand, is a new addition to the faculty as a lecturer in anatomy for the department of biomedical sciences.

The annual veterinary conference will take place at Cornell on the weekend of March 23-25, and the Beta Chapter will be opening its doors to alumni, friends, and family for our annual alumni banquet on Saturday, March 24 (see page three). When registration packets arrive for the veterinary conference, please note the addition of the OTS alumni banquet in the calendar of events. Also, recognize this opportunity to RSVP early, which will help us make this upcoming dinner a great social event. We are hoping for a large turnout of alumni and students alike.

Candice M. Flynn '02
Vice President



Holiday Dinner 2000

Clockwise from top: Our graduating seniors; new initiate John DiBasio '03 and his date; resident Dr. Dan Mertens (honorary Beta) and Jardayna Werlin '02; new initiates Dr. Cameron Knight and Ricardo Irrizarry '04; Tracy (Misner) Kroll '97 and her husband, David.



OTS Alumni at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
Beta: Todd Deppe, Cameron Knight, Eric Christensen, Susan Ettinger, Leslie Appel, Karen Kearns, Christine Schweizer, Nathan Dykes, Francis Kallfelz, Donald H. Lein, Robert Hillman, John Wootton, Francis Fox, Epsilon: Kathy Earnest-Koons. Gamma: Kevin Haussler. Iota: William Hornbuckle. Chapter unknown: Eric Trotter.

Residents and Interns

Beta: Tracy (Misner) Kroll, Dan Mertens. Epsilon: Jeanine Peters.

Alumni Write From Far And Near

"I have been retired from practice since 1995," writes LARRY L. LARROW '56, who lives at 92 High St., Saint Albans, VT 05478. Several years ago Larry had angioplasty, and these days he's feeling pretty well; he works out at the gym daily and rides his Harley Davidson whenever weather permits. He adds that he hears quite often from BRAD BROWN '56 and STILLMAN CLARK '56, "and we compare ailments and reminisce."

PAUL J. CORWIN '57 makes his home at 14 Clayton Ave., East Atlantic Beach, NY 11561.

Following his retirement in 1999, ELMORE L. ANDREWS '61 and his wife, Joan, decided to leave Maine and do volunteer work for the Christian Appalachian Project for a year. Writes Al, "We leased the veterinary practice, rented our house in Searsport, and struck out for Kentucky in our camper. I am doing carpentry work in housing, and Joan was a camp nurse and is now teaching life skills at some of the area schools. It has been a rewarding experience. We have met many interesting people and experienced a different way of life." Al and Joan occasionally hear from Pat and JIM HUDSON '60 from Newcastle, Maine, and about a year ago they enjoyed a visit from DONALD NEEDHAM '61 and his wife. Drop a line to Al at P.O. Box 482, Searsport, ME 04974, or at elmand@mint.net.

Please note this new address for ROBERT O. BIXBY '62: P.O. Box 491, South Colton, NY 1387-0491.

After 35 years in a mixed practice (mostly bovine), W. ROBERT BASTIAN '63 retired in 1998. He is now serving as a state representative in Pennsylvania and finds politics "interesting, strange, challenging." Write to Bob at 347 Blackburn Rd., Friedens, PA 15541 (thebastians@juno.com).

"Being able to do what we want any time is great," writes retiree ALAN M. CHRISMAN '63 (3 Brambletye Lane, Setauket, NY 11733; vetspet@aol.com). Alan's kids are doing well, and he was looking for-

ward to the birth of a fourth grandchild, a girl, this past fall.

ROGER G. ELLIS '77 joined the staff of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Marketing, Division of Animal Industry, as a field veterinarian in November 1999. He also serves on the board of directors of Heifer Project International. Roger's wife, Claudia, is a speech pathologist, and they have two children—Lisa, a May 2000 graduate of Cornell's school of human ecology, and Tim, a high school junior. "Doc" says that visitors are welcome at 285 Beecher Rd., Granville, NY 12832: "We have lots of room, a pool, and a hot tub." E-mail reaches him at rge6@cornell.edu.

Drop a line to GHISLAINE DUHAMEL '80 at 3085 Nelson Rd., Perryville, NY 13032.

While back at Cornell for the conference last March, GORDON ELLMERS '80 ran into JOHN MAY '80, RONNIE SCHENKEIN '80, PEGGY DUHAMEL '80, and PRISCILLA IRWIN '80. "Everybody looked great," reports Gordie, who lives at 12 Prospect St., Fort Edward, NY 12828. Gordie works at the Fort Edward Animal Hospital and can be reached by e-mail at twocatpop@aol.com.

Life is good for MARGURETTE STRALEY '80, who has a booming practice in Charlotte, North Carolina, and a daughter, "the light of my life," who was born in 1998 ("after thinking I was never going to have one"). Margurette also continues to play ice hockey as a member of a women's team in Charlotte. She resides at 125 Queensgate Lane, Charlotte, NC 28214.

REGINA TOBIN '90 makes her home at 3108 SE 66th Ave., Portland, OR 97206.

KIM WADSWORTH '90 works at the Anchor Animal Hospital and lives at 66 Tucker Rd., North Dartmouth, MA 02747. Her e-mail address is kcvta@aol.com.

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Community Service Report

In the year 2000, the Beta Chapter undertook a number of successful and rewarding philanthropy projects, both traditional and new. Over the course of this year, we held three blood drives benefiting the American Red Cross. In response to the continuing blood shortage in central New York, members of the veterinary school community were generous with both their time and bodily fluids, allowing us to raise approximately 60 pints of blood at each drive. Members not only donated, but they also staffed the registration table and the canteen.

We were also involved in smaller projects throughout the year. We donated 20 hours of yard work to the SCAVMA auction, which raises money to send students to the annual SCAVMA symposium. We also held an Easter egg hunt in April. Members boiled and decorated eggs the night before the event, and children of veterinary students, faculty, and staff were invited to search for the treats.

Perhaps our most popular event was the annual semiformal charity ball. This past year we raised \$1,600 for the Chemung County SPCA, which had recently lost its funding and was in dire straits. Everyone had a wonderful time, especially knowing what a good cause we were supporting.

We revived the tradition of a Halloween party for the children at the Greater Ithaca Activity Center, and before Thanksgiving we coordinated a food drive to benefit Loaves and Fishes and the Salvation Army food pantries. Another new addition to our community service efforts is a recycling program at the Lakeside Rehabilitation Center to benefit the animals that reside there.

All in all, our members have proved to be caring members of both the veterinary school and the greater Ithaca community. We applaud them and wish them good luck for next year!

Katherine Garrett '03

Members Show Talent, Originality In Social Events

We held our first party of the year in February, welcoming prospective students who were visiting Cornell for information sessions. Despite an impending blizzard, there was a great turnout, and several of those prospectives decided not only to come to Cornell but to join OTS as well.

In early April we held our annual rooms party. We celebrated the past century by dressing in clothing from our favorite decade. Art deco, green army men, hula hoops, peace signs, lava lamps, and New Kids on the Block posters added to the ambiance of our members' rooms. Flapper dresses, bellbottoms, and big hair presided. There was even an appearance by the material girl herself.

At the end of April we hosted a talent show open to the entire veterinary community. We discovered there is a lot of hidden talent in our vet school. There were instrumental and vocal acts that represented a wide range of musical categories from classical to alternative, jazz to country. Many of the songs were originals. There were also a few great dance numbers and one freaky human trick. A celebrity panel (a.k.a. faculty and interns) determined winners. Coming in third was a talented trio of singers who performed "Galileo" by the Indigo Girls. In second place was another trio singing about the struggles of neuroanatomy in an original piece entitled "The Sounds of Neuro." And in first place, one of OTS's own blew the judges away with a riveting Tahitian dance routine (that's right, grass skirt, coconut bra, and all). The huge turnout left many audience members standing, but no one seemed to mind.

We held an "alternate route" party in November, which posed the question, "What would you have been if you hadn't come to vet school?" It seems if we hadn't all gotten in here, there might be a few more homeless, suicidal drug addicts around. On the more positive side, there would also be more painters, yoga instructors, and psychic friends.

And that's what's happening with the social scene at OTS.

Kitchen And Front Door Repainted, Dog Fence Put Up In Back Yard

We've been busy at 200 Willard Way! The fall house cleanup took place on November 19, 2000, and many members showed up to help give the house a thorough cleaning. Fueled by homemade waffles provided by our president, Ericka, we scrubbed, washed, organized, and painted. The kitchen walls as well as the front door were given a fresh coat of paint. In the back yard, house dogs Yosemite, Boo-boo, Tykita, and Ollie have a sturdy new fence to keep them from escaping! The fence project was initiated and planned by house resident John Sykes. House dog owners funded the project, which involved lots of cement, digging, and hard work. We are optimistic that the six-foot fence will be an asset to the house for years to come!

In other news, we've had quite a full house this fall, with 11 of the 12

bedrooms filled with permanent residents. We've even welcomed one faculty member into our abode, Cameron Knight from New Zealand. We've enjoyed a new tradition this fall of house dinners, which we were happy to have Dr. and Mrs. Lowe join us for during October. The monthly potluck events have helped build house camaraderie.

We again thank all alumni for their donations and support. The new meeting room windows are very much appreciated! Dr. Lowe's help has also really been appreciated. He's helped with yard projects and picking up loads of junk, not to mention an old freezer! With that said, our current house "wish list" includes a new freezer, as our old one is finally beyond repair.

Jennifer Whitney '03

...And Some Events Are For Members Only

As unity co-chairs, we are involved in planning member-only events to further the cohesiveness of the chapter. We had a number of successful events last spring to ring in the new millennium properly. For the sport enthusiasts (and other cheerleading types) we held Final Four and Superbowl parties at the house, which were laden with the requisite 20/20 hindsight and the talking of trash. Our next event was the pre-charity ball 'tails party—which has nothing to do with mice and carving knives, nor hanky-panky of any type!

In preparation for our Easter egg hunt, we all met at the house the night before to color eggs, eat homemade popcorn (thanks to Mike and Erica), and watch the ever-inspirational *American Pie*. We also held a movie night barbecue to watch *Fight Club*, after which we built further bonds of unity by knocking each other out!

We kicked off this semester with a wine tour around the Finger Lakes. After the tour, we held a skit-planning

barbecue at the house in conjunction with our wonderful rush chairs. We had a Monday night football party three times this semester. Inspired by the wine tour, we also had a wine and cheese party at the house.

As broomball is one of our most popular events, we decided to have two nights of great fun followed by two mornings of much pain! The upperclassmen soundly walloped the young'uns in the first match. However, after many nights of wearing butter patties on their shoes and practicing in the vet school atrium (at least, that's what I heard), the underclassmen did manage to beat the upperclassmen in the rematch.

Our events culminated with the annual holiday dinner, which was a great success, with nearly 95 people attending. We would like to thank everyone who helped to cook, clean, set up, pick up, and do all the little things that made this night possible.

John Sykes '02 and Bob Nichols '03
Unity Co-chairs

Alumni Write From Far And Near

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Stay in touch with FRANCES K. WILLIS '90 at P.O. Box 1551, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

"John and I had a beautiful baby girl, Alexandra Rowan, in April 2000," writes MARY C. DENVER '92 (2146 Jacob Tome Memorial Highway, Port Deposit, MD 21904). "I never would have guessed that parenthood would be so much fun. We recently saw KURT SCHULZ '89 and his wife, Marielle. Marielle was my roommate during my residency at Davis, before she met Kurt. I also saw LARRY TYCZKA '90 in September. They are all doing well. Come visit me at the zoo if you are in Baltimore."

Write to JANINE DiSTEPHAN '92 at 64B Theodore Fremd Ave., Rye, NY 10580 (jdistephan@msn.com).

ERIC EVANS '92 lives at 23 Mecca Dr., Salisbury Mills, NY 12577.

BILL and DEANNA (Greer) SCHOENBORN ('94 and '96) have a new home at 614 Waxwing Place, Davis, CA 95616, where they were recently visited by SUE KIMMEL '96. Bill is in his second year of a radiology residency. Dee can be reached by e-mail at deevm232@aol.com.

Drop a line to LESLIE APPEL '94 at 260 Renwick Place, Ithaca, NY 14850.

JOE IMPELLIZERI '94 reports that he's an oncology resident at the University of Illinois (College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Oncology, 1008 W. Hazelwood Dr., Urbana, IL 61802; jimpellizeri@cvm.uiuc.edu).

When we last heard from BART and KARYN (Moody) FORLANO ('95 and '96, respectively), they were looking forward to the birth of their first child in September 2000. Send congratulations to bkforlano@aol.com or to 90 Saint Stephen's Lane W., Scotia, NY 12302.

"GLEN ('96) and I finally did it," writes TERESA (Conway) STOCK-

ETT '95. "We were married on October 7, 2000. RENEE (Nail) WILCOX '95 was a bridesmaid, and KEITH ROBBINS '96 was an usher. SUE KIMMEL '96 and JEN BOYER '96 were also able to come to New Jersey to celebrate with us. It was a great day followed by a wonderful honeymoon in Hawaii." Teresa and Glen are now back to "the old grind," she at the Brick Town Veterinary Hospital and he at a VCA hospital. In addition, Teresa is "doing the adjunct professor thing" at night. Write to them at 1755 Raleigh Court W., Apt. 115B, Ocean, NJ 07712 or at gestac@aol.com.



Glen and Teresa (Conway) Stockett on the beach.

KAREN LOVE '96 writes that she and John have been enjoying being parents to Nathan Benjamin Romig. Karen works part time at the Village Veterinary Hospital in Canastota and hopes to make it down to one of the conferences in the near future. Until then, stay in touch with her at 3420 Cobb Hill Rd., Cazenovia, NY 13035.

ERIN CORRIGAN-PARROTTE '98 lives at 8225 Dampier Circle, Liverepool, NY 13090.

Write to WENDY M. BRECKENRIDGE '99 at 4729 Highland Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515.

"The recent wedding of ALISON KAUFMAN '99 to Joe Heggenstaller was a wonderful reunion for old friends," pens TARA (Sparks) HALEY '99 (1006 Johnson Ave., San Diego, CA 92103; schaley@aol.com).

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"The event was held in July in Westchester County, New York. CLARE FAHY '99, who lives nearby in Connecticut, entertained me and SARAH WILSON '99, KARIN WILSON '99, NATACHA SIMPKINS '99, ERIC CHRISTENSEN '99, WENDY BRECKENRIDGE '99, and SUE BOYADJIAN '99. We had a blast catching up and celebrating."

JEANNETTE McCRACKEN '99, who makes her home at 2821 Gateway Park Lane, Lexington, KY 40511, is an associated veterinarian at Hagyard-Davidson-McGee. She has news of several of her classmates, including SUE HUNTER '99, who's in a small animal surgery residency at Ohio State; BHARATHI RANJITHAN '99, who's doing a small animal internship at UPenn; MARK HUBER '99, who's "happy as an ambulatory vet in Penn Yan"; and CHRIS REETZ '99, who's in a small animal practice in Rochester, New York.

CHRISTINE M. WELKER '00 lives at 910-1/2 Conewango Ave., Warren, PA 16365.

REBECCA YOUNG '00 writes, "DIANE SIDOLI '00 has been globe-trotting with husband Rich this summer. Back together again! Congrats." Rebecca works at the Claremont Animal Hospital in Claremont, New Hampshire, and lives at 61 Mount Vernon St., Springfield, VT 05156 (e-mail: rdy17@hotmail.com).

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of MENDELL P. BARTLETT '56 (January 10, 1999), PETER N. CASADEI '68 (July 12, 2000) and ROGER A. LAUNDY '59 (October 6, 1998).