DEATHS

Dr. James H. Mark, a former associate professor of veterinary medicine, died April 7 two days before his seventy-first birthday. Dr. Mark, a 1938 graduate of Penn's Veterinary School, was an intern and later chief resident of the Veterinary Hospital of the University. In 1945 he became an assistant professor of veterinary medicine and an associate professor in 1955. Dr. Mark left Penn in 1955 for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration where he spent 20 years, retiring in 1976 as director of its Bureau of Veterinary Medicine. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughter, Suzanne, and a sister, Martha Quinlin.

Dr. Tadeusz Jan Wiktor, an associate professor of epidemiology and public health and a research scientist at Wistar, died April 20 at the age of 65. Known as one of the world's leading authorities on rabies, Dr. Wiktor—a native of Poland—came to the Wistar Institute in 1961, and in 1974 he was promoted by Wistar's Board of Managers to the position of professor, which he held at his death. He was appointed associate professor in the department of clinical studies at the School of Veterinary Medicine in 1967 and became a naturalized citizen the same year.

During his 25 year association with Wistar, Dr. Wiktor devoted his efforts to the eradication of rabies. He is credited with a major role in developing vaccines that are expected to control rabies in animals as well as in humans. Working under the direction of virologist Hilary Koprowski, who has headed Wistar since 1957, Dr. Wiktor and his group developed a vaccine against human rabies which replaced the painful, dangerous and not always effective treatment devised a century before by Louis Pasteur. Dr. Wiktor took pride in being the first person ever to receive the Wistar vaccine. During the past decade approximately one million people have been inoculated with it.

His most recent efforts centered on developing a "large-batch-production" vaccine whose cost would be significantly less making it affordable to impoverished developing nations, where rabies remains a serious threat. His other major goal, the control of rabies in wildlife, is also nearing reality. An oral vaccine against raccoon rabies is currently being developed at Wistar. Racoon rabies is now at a historically high level in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Dr. Wiktor is survived by his wife, Hanka, and sons, George, Peter and Stefan. Funeral services will be held at noon, April 29 at the Chapel in West Laurel Hill Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at the Wistar Institute today. Contributions may be made to the Tadeusz Wiktor Memorial Fellowship Fund at Wistar.

Morris Arboretum Goes to China

A three week tour of China's gardens and natural landscapes will be sponsored by the Morris Arboretum from October 9-31, 1986. Leading the tour will be Paul Meyer, curator and director of Herbarium at the Arboretum and William Wu, a prominent art historian and native of Shanghai.

Participants in the tour will visit Guilin with its magnificent mountains; the Yunnan Province, site of the richest concentration of temperate plants in the world and of the fantastic rock formations of the Stone Forest; and Xian, the capital of nine Chinese dynasties. Also on the itinerary are the cities of Suzhou, Hangzhou, Hong Kong and Shanghai. Cost for the tour, including Arboretum membership, transportation, meals and double-occupancy accommodations in China is $4895. For more information call Sally Grech at 247-5777.

Spring Plant Sale

Order forms are available now for the Parent Infant Center's fourth annual Spring Plant Sale. The sale, which features annuals, perennials, herbs, and some vegetables, is held each year to support the day care center's program for children ages 3 months-5 years. Proceeds from this year's sale will be used to construct outdoor climbing structures which will be used by the center and will be available to community youngsters for weekend play. To request an order form, please call Ext. 3417 or 4180.

Need Summer Help?

Departments in need of temporary help during the summer are asked to call Human Resources/Employment (Ext. 7285).

Some current University employees who normally work September through May will be available to work this June, July and August. The Employment Office is coordinating efforts toward matching these employees with summer openings at Penn.

Employment Office staff will concentrate on matching department needs with the skills of these Penn employees.

—Linda Frank, Manager, Human Resources/Employment

Corrections: In the list of Research Fund Awards published last week, under the School of Arts and Sciences, one professor's name was misspelled and another's affiliation was incorrect. The entry should have read: Arjun Appadurai, Department of Anthropology, and Carol A. Breckenridge, Asian Section, University Museum—Public Culture in Late Twentieth Century India.

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