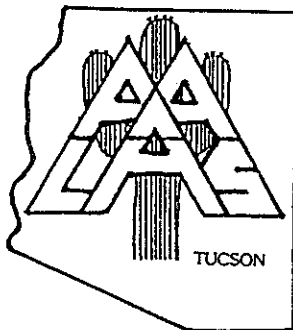


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GENERAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next general meeting of the Arizona Branch of AALAS will be October 27, 1993. We will be meeting at the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Room 1119BC. The meeting will begin at noon with a special guest speaker. Refreshments will be available or you can bring you lunch.

FIFTH ANNUAL FALL SYMPOSIUM

The Fifth Annual Fall Symposium was held on September 17, 1993. Ninety-one attended this year and quite a few new faces. As usual, we received many complementary remarks from those attending on how much they learned from the scientific sessions and enjoyed the Annual Dinner. Special attractions were our Keynote Speaker Dr Stuart Williams and Banquet Speaker Dr James Jarchow. The presentation of certificates and pins along with the announcement of Technician of the Year, Cheryl Johnson and the Member of the Year, Grace Aranda took place at the Banquet. Nominees for both awards were recognized with ribbons. Certificates were also presented to Grace Aranda, Louise Brooks, Jane Criswell, Donald DeYoung, Cheryl Johnson, Tim Martin, Karmen Munson, Mallory Spring, Kathy Stollberg, who all worked so hard to make sure this year's meeting went well.

FALL SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS

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Stuart K. Williams, PhD, Chief, Surgical Research, Surgery Department, University of Arizona

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The Arizona Branch of AALAS is grateful to those who worked so hard to ensure the smooth progression from planning through conclusion of our Fifth Annual Fall Symposium and Seventh Annual Dinner including the following:

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Congratulations

The Arizona Branch would like to congratulate those members who have successfully completed their exams within 1993:

Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician

Kristin Magnuson
Bryan Wood

Laboratory Animal Technician

Jacie Gregus

Laboratory Animal Technologist

Peg Campbell
Elizabeth Nelsen
Rebekah Reinke
Kim Webster

REQUEST FOR NEW MEMBERS - 1993

Arizona has had a branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science since July of 1985. For those of you not familiar with this organization, AALAS serves as a clearing house for the collection and exchange of information on all aspects of the care and management of laboratory animals. Membership in the local chapter is only \$5/year.

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TECHNICIAN CONTINUING EDUCATION REGISTRY APPLICATION

The American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) is a nonprofit, educational association of people and institutions professionally concerned with the production, care, and study of laboratory animals. The organization provides a medium for the exchange of scientific information on all phases of laboratory animal care.

AALAS's Animal Technician Certification Program was an important step toward improving the overall care of animals used in research. However, the field of laboratory animal science is changing rapidly, with a new knowledge, techniques and concepts being introduced almost daily. So it is essential that animal care workers periodically update their skills and knowledge to remain on the cutting edge of their profession. The AALAS Continuing Education Program, authorized by the Board of Trustees in 1989, was designed to encourage such professional growth.

The AALAS Continuing Education Program is a voluntary program for documenting continuing education for all certified Assistant Laboratory Animal Technicians, Laboratory Animal Technicians, and Laboratory Animal Technologists. The term "technician," when used in this program, refers to persons certified at all three levels.

The purpose of the AALAS Continuing Education Program is two-fold:

- 1) to record the technician's continuing education, and
- 2) to encourage a standard for the minimum level of continuing education required to remain current in the field. The program gives technicians a way to indicate their continuing education efforts to present and prospective employers. The program provides managers of laboratory animal facilities with a ready reference of those technicians who are making an effort to keep their knowledge and skills up-to-date.

I. CONTINUING EDUCATION REGISTRY

A continuing education registry will be published in the AALAS Membership Directory each year as a service to technicians who are members of AALAS. The AALAS office will keep records of

all continuing education hours submitted by technicians; however, only those meeting the minimum number of hours will be listed in registry. The continuing education program operates on the honor system. Neither the programs nor the number of hours will be evaluated. Technicians must meet the following requirements to be listed in the registry:

- A be a member of National AALAS and hold AALAS Certification at one of three levels
- B earn a minimum of hours of continuing education during the previous calendar year, (ALAT - 4 hours annually, LAT - 6 hours annually, LATG - 10 hours annually)
- C Complete the Technician Continuing Education Registry Application (available through Cheryl Johnson). Applications for the registry must be received no later than January 31st of each year.

II EVALUATING CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Technicians can earn continuing education hours through a wide range of activities. These activities may be in conjunction with national, state, or local seminars, programs, scientific sessions, or short courses. However, any activity should be relevant to animal or health science, technology, or related management topics.

CATEGORY	HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION EARNED
1. Lectures or other nonparticipative programs	One hour of continuing education earned for each hour of attendance
2. "Wet labs" or other programs with active participation	Two hours of continuing education earned for each hour of attendance
3. Instructors of nonparticipative programs	Two hours of continuing education earned for each hour of attendance
4. Instructors of "wet labs" and other participative programs	Four hours of continuing education earned for each hour of attendance
5. Autotutorial programs	One hour of continuing education for every two hours of work
6. First author or a published article, chapter, book, poster sessions, etc.	Five hours of continuing education earned for each work published
7. Other than first author of the above work	Three hours of continuing education earned for each work published

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Certification Fees to Increase

As reported in the July 1993 issue of *Contemporary Topics*, the examination fees for the AALAS certification at all three levels will increase as of January 1, 1994.

The changes in examination administration and availability have made the increases necessary.

With the employment of a professional testing service (Professional Examining Service), examinations will be offered five days a week, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at over 200 testing centers around the country. Application forms will be available in Fall 1993 and can be obtained by calling the AALAS office.

Look in the September issue of *Contemporary Topics* for more details of the change in the exam process.

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Nominations are now being accepted for this years' officers including, President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and Board Member. Nominees must be a member in good standing of the Arizona Branch of AALAS. Outgoing President, Vice-President and Board member are not eligible for these same offices, but can be nominated for other offices. Terms for these offices begin January 1, 1994 and end December 31, 1994.

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
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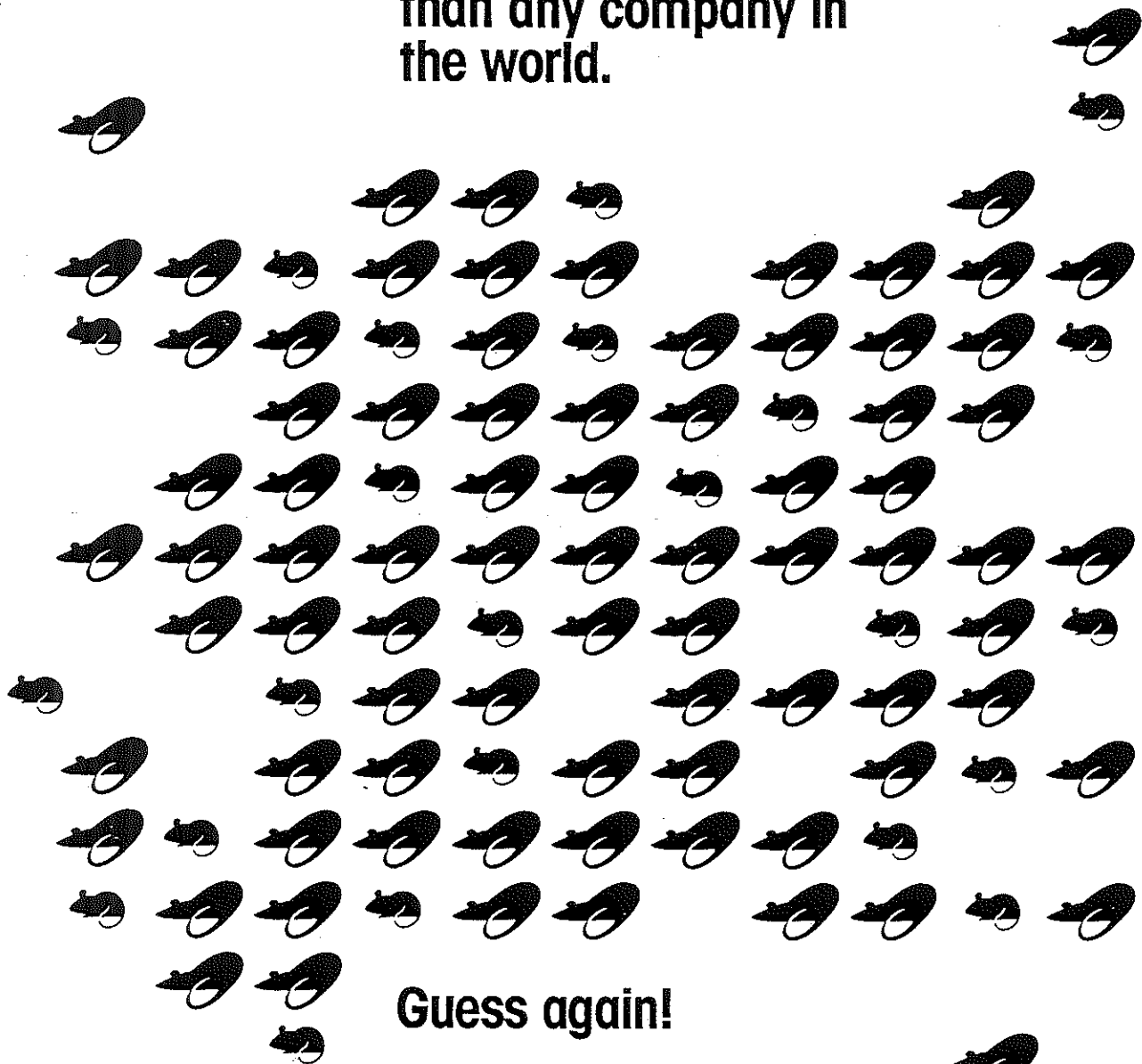
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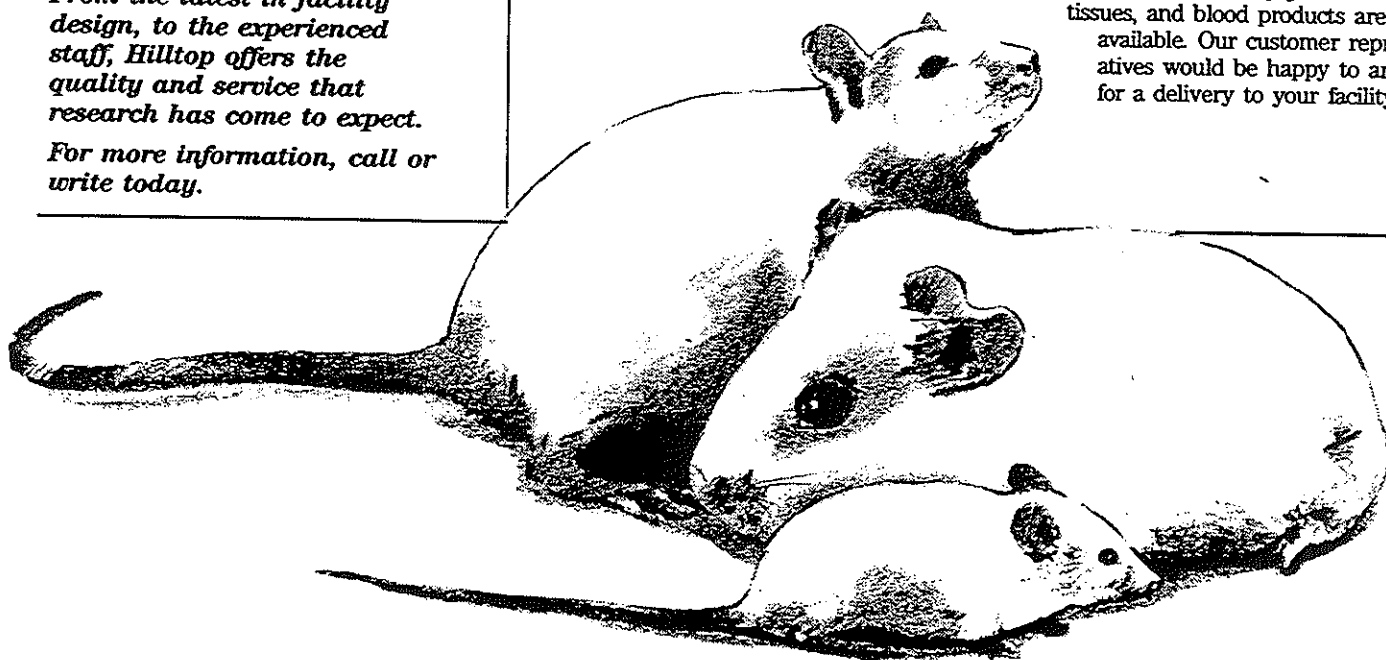
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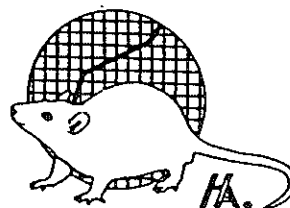
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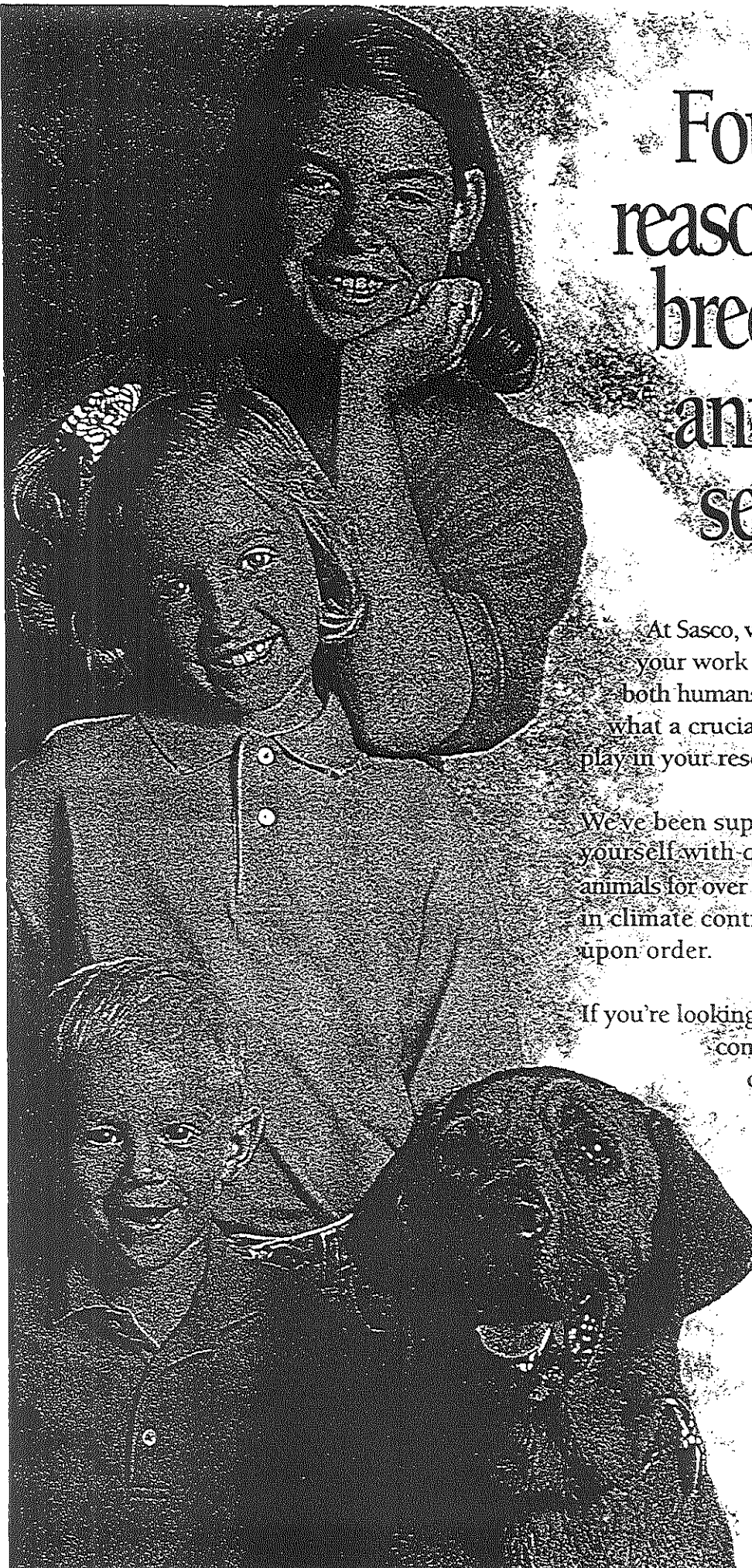
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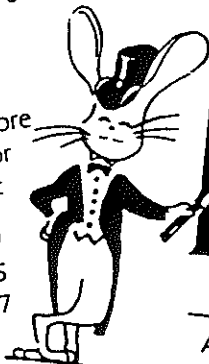
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