Opening Ceremony

"Welcome to the Magic of Orlando"
Wednesday, September 18, 1991

Browsing through the exhibits, meeting old friends, and many new ones including Mickey and Minnie Mouse! — Such was the scene at the sumptuous reception before the opening ceremony on Wednesday evening.

AABP President David McClary presided at the opening ceremony in the Empire Ballroom, England-Scotland Rooms of the magnificent Buena Vista Palace Hotel which housed all the convention meetings.

Dr. Gatz Riddell, Jr., local arrangements coordinator, introduced our honorary host and hostess, Mickey and Minnie, and invited everyone for a meeting of fun as well as academic enrichment. Dr. Gordon Atkins, President-Elect and program chairman, reviewed the program and introduced the program committee on stage. Dr. J. W. Fawcett, Miami, President, brought greetings from the Florida Veterinary Medical Association which was also represented by the Executive Director, Larry Lynch.

A highlight of each year's event is the presentation of the 1991 AABP Research Assistantship. This year's recipient of the $10,000 award is Dr. Linda Baker, University of Pennsylvania for her project "Milk urea nitrogen as a metabolic indicator of protein feeding efficiency in lactating dairy cattle". The award was presented by Dr. Stephen Wadsworth, chairman of the selection committee.

A memorable evening concluded in fine style with humorist Charley Willey. He has been a professional speaker for thirty years with experience as a minister, broadcaster, counselor, world traveler and skydiver. He believes people can laugh and learn at the same time.
"Channel 6 Wants to Talk to You"

A seminar for practitioner and/or spouse was co-sponsored by The Monsanto Company and the AABP in collaboration with Hill and Knowlton Public Relations Company directed by Dr. Ashby Green, AABP Public Relations Chairman, and Dr. Wm. Kearley, committee member and Jamie Kester, NCA representative. The seminar followed a "get-acquainted" lunch. Role playing opportunities were provided to simulate a media event involving one-on-one interviews.