

Students say chug-a-lug, on with show at PSU Dairy Expo



Terry Miller, Lynnport, Lehigh Co. braids his entry's tail to get just the right look. Miller, a senior, is a biology major hoping to get into vet school. Showing dairy cows is practical experience, he said.



Lynn Tilton, of Pennsylvania Farmer magazine, and Kathleen Schiever, the 1980 Ms. College of Agriculture, teamed up in the celebrity milking contest.



Bovine Derek, with braids of binder twine, made a brief appearance at Saturday's Expo.

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UNIVERSITY PARK — Lloyd Pease, of Susquehanna County, competed his way to the top of the heap on Saturday at the 55th Dairy Exposition at Penn State.

Pease was selected as the best dairy showman and fitter at this year's show, defeating 114 other students on his climb to the top.

His first championship came in the Holstein class, where Lloyd and his bovine partner strolled their way to a purple ribbon.

Later in the afternoon, Pease walked into the show ring again. This time he was competing against the best showmen in all breeds—Ayrshire, Guernsey, Jersey, and Brown Swiss—in both the professional and amateur divisions. He walked away with the professional showman championship, stepping up one more rung on the success ladder.

The crowd cheered their approval when the loud speaker announced Pease as the winning Penn State student.

Pease got his toughest competition from Lori Sollenberger, from Everett, Bedford County. Lori took second in the overall contest with her Brown Swiss partner.

Sollenberger was the champion fitter in the Brown Swiss competition, and went on to be selected as the champion fitter in the professional division.

For winners and losers alike, it was a long day for most of the students. They were up with the chickens putting the last minute touches on their entries in their effort to be the best.

The cows and the students found the time between classes to be a test of patience. A number of the contestants walked away with sunburns, along with their ribbons.

But, there was fun along with the air of competition in the show ring. A milk chugging contest left several teams with the distinct smell of curdled milk on their shirts, and a quart of the Creameries best in their stomachs.

Six teams competed in the calf dressing contest. Spectators got a real show while two students tackled the fine art of 'fitting' a dairy calf into an elaborate costume. The winner, Super Swiss, in her cape and leotards, was given a run for the money from a provocative Jersey heifer, Boyine Derek sporting braids and an ankle bracelet.

The winning fraternity team was from Delta Theta Sigma. In a time of 47½ seconds, Dan Greggs, Monte DeFrancis, Ron Hoffman, and Brian Campbell downed four quarts of milk each and raced for the finish line with their empty cartons. This marks the third straight year the team from DTS chugged the fastest.

Of the independent chuggers, the four man team known as Bruce's Roost took home the blue ribbon for the fourth year in a row.

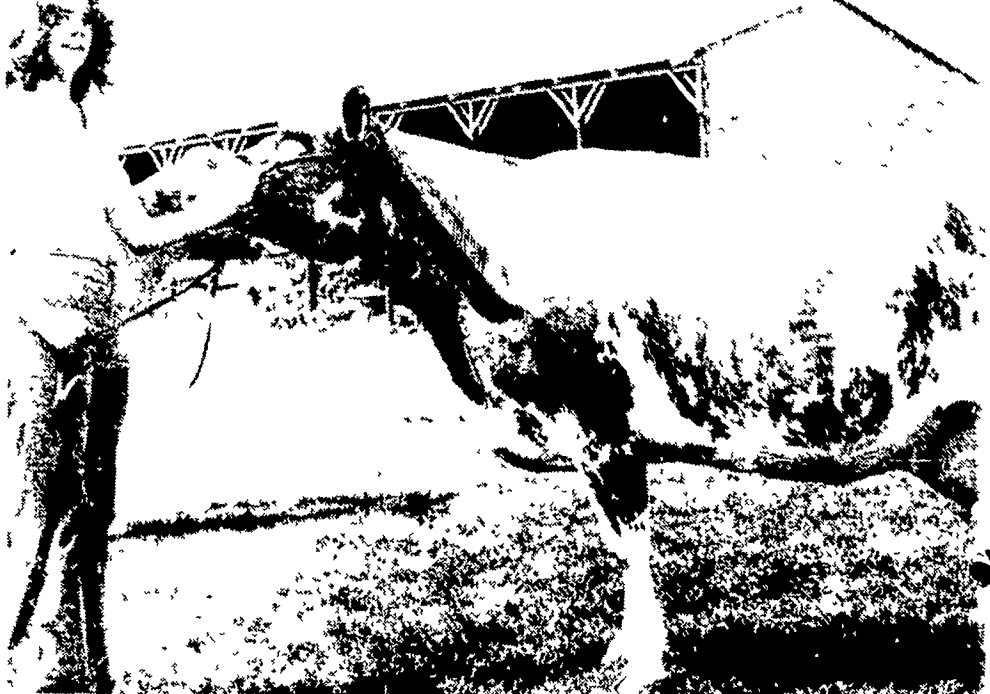
In the celebrity milking contest, Dieter Krieg of



Champion Holstein fitter was Dorene Weaver, Shamokin, Northumberland Co.



Eileen Fabian was champion Jersey showman at the 55th PSU Dairy Expo.



Amy Worrell, Media, took home the champion Guernsey showman honors.



Lloyd Pease, right, was grand champion of this year's Expo. Reserve grand champion honors went to Lori Sollenberger.

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