### Helping people help themselves

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Advanced Study at the University of Wisconsin. He received a Ph.D. from there in 1958 and the following year was named assistant director of the Cooperative Extension Service. He was promoted to associate director in 1961, and became director a year later. In that capacity he has guided extension agricultural, home economics, 4-H and rural development programs for more than two decades.

Over the years Gwinn has served on many local, regional and national committees, including the Governor's Emergency Planning Committee, State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, State Forestry Advisory Committee, and Agriculture and Food Council of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He also served two terms on the national Extension Committee on

Organization Policy (ECOP) representing the Northeast directors, and has been a member of many university committees including the Commission on Lifelong Learning.

He is a member of Alpha Zeta, the agricultural honorary fraternity, and Epsilon Sigma Phi, the national honorary extension fraternity. In 1978 he received the state distinguished service award from the Delaware Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi.

Looking back, Gwinn pointed with pride to the achievements of extension agents and specialists who, during his tenure as director, have assisted individuals, agribusinesses and rural communities throughout Delaware.

To Sam Gwinn the strength of the Cooperative Extension Service lies in its organizational setup, with the land grant college as its main knowledge base, and a staff of dedicated, well-trained professionals to communicate this knowledge to those who need it.

"Our job is education," he said. 
"It's all summed up in helping people help themselves. My varied experiences in Delaware have made me appreciate more fully the real benefits of extension education as it takes place at the grassroots level. I'm totally convinced that extension's informal educational system will continue to be the most successful system in the world for providing helpful and practical information on subjects related to agriculture, 4-H youth and home economics—and encouraging people to apply it."





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