

Penn State Extension presents awards

Jay Irwin's service lauded

UNIVERSITY PARK — Jay W. Irwin, Lancaster County Extension director, received a Distinguished Service Award from the Pennsylvania chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, national honorary extension fraternity, Oct. 31 in State College.

Irwin was cited for his educational programming and leadership in helping eradicate the avian influenza virus which caused the death of more than 11 million chickens and turkeys in southeastern Pennsylvania during the fall and winter of 1983-84.

Elk County Agent gets award



Gregory Burns, assistant Elk County Extension agent, was recipient of the New Worker Achievement Award presented by the Pennsylvania chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, national honorary extension fraternity. Presenting plaque at the chapter's annual meeting in State College Oct. 31 is Bette Walters, Forest County Extension home economist, awards committee chairperson. The award is presented to a member of The Pennsylvania State University's Extension staff with two or less years of service and who has developed outstanding educational programs. Burns, a Penn State employee for six months, was cited for his educational work with Elk County farmers and industry representatives.

Secretarial honor bestowed

UNIVERSITY PARK — Mrs. Dawn Stitely, secretary and office manager for the Juniata County Cooperative Extension Service Office, has been named recipient of the Secretarial Award presented by the Pennsylvania chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, national honorary extension fraternity.

Mrs. Stitely received the award, a plaque, at the chapter's annual meeting Oct. 31 in State College. She was selected from among secretaries in the 67 county Extension Service Offices and Extension departments in The Pennsylvania State University's

College of Agriculture.

Mrs. Jane Marhefka, interim state Extension family living program leader and awards committee chairperson, pointed out that the award winner developed a card file system for entries at the county 4-H fair. The same entry card system has been adopted by the livestock departments at the Juniata County Fair.

Mrs. Stitely served as office supervisor for CETA and now JTPA employees for more than 10 years and received a letter of commendation from the regional supervisor for her work. One of her

former employees is completing a master's degree and another is working on a bachelor's degree.

A 13-year employee, she oversees bookkeeping procedures including county Extension appropriations, Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education funds, and 4-H Development Fund accounts.

Mrs. Stitely served on the planning committee for State Extension Secretaries Conference and has participated in several computer training sessions sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Extension fraternity elects officers



1985 officers of the state chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, national honorary extension fraternity, elected at the organization's annual meeting Oct. 31 at The Pennsylvania State University, are from left: Blaine Schlosser, Crawford County Extension director, president; Patricia Huff, Dauphin County Extension home economist, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Homer Mazer, regional assistant director for the Western Extension Region, vice president.

Extension Friend honored

UNIVERSITY PARK — Dr. Murry C. McJunkin, of R2, Bellefonte, a Centre County farmer and retired marketing development manager for U.S. Steel Corporation's agricultural division, received the 1984 Friend of Extension Award presented by the Pennsylvania chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, national extension honorary fraternity.

The award, a plaque, is

presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to The Pennsylvania State University's Cooperative Extension Service programs.

McJunkin was cited for his leadership in the development of the crop management association concept, efficient use of fertilizer as part of Extension's unit

demonstration farm program, and early promotion of no-till farming practices.

He helped develop the state hay show program and served as advisor to Penn State's "Agronomy Guide," a College of Agriculture handbook used extensively by Pennsylvania farmers.



Dr. Murry C. McJunkin, right, receives Friend of Extension Award from Marion R. Deppen, agricultural and community development program leader for the Southeast Extension Region and awards committee chairman.

Ace cited for service



Donald L. Ace, left, retired Extension dairy specialist at The Pennsylvania State University, was recipient of a Distinguished Service Award presented by the Pennsylvania chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, national honorary extension fraternity. He was cited for his outstanding educational programming in the areas of dairy housing and nutrition. Presenting plaque to Professor Ace is Charles D. Gale, Columbia County Extension agent and awards committee chairman. The award winner, who retired last February, was honored at the chapter's annual meeting held October 31 in State College.



Mrs. Dawn Stitely, center, receives Extension Secretarial Award from Mrs. Jane Marhefka. At left is Mrs. Stitely's husband, Clifford.