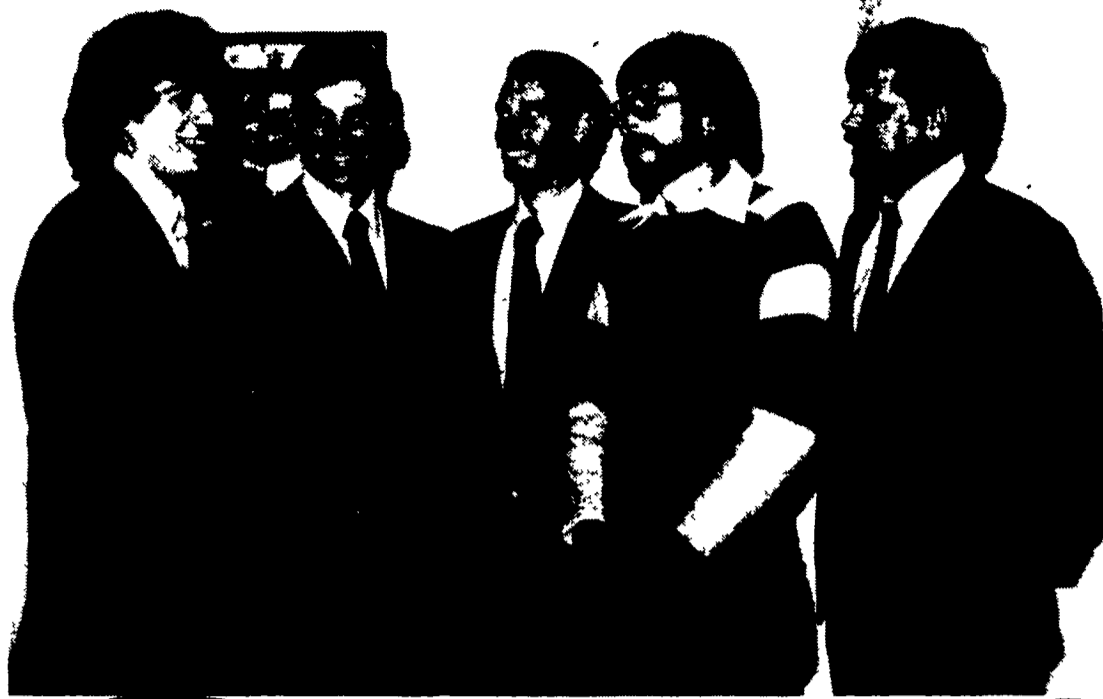


Alfred College holds Dairy Day



Some of the participants in the second annual "Alfred Dairy Day" hosted by Alfred State Agricultural and Technical College gather here to discuss the program. From left are William Edington of Gainesville, student moderator for a panel discussion on the topic "Feeding and Managing Over 20,000-Pound Herd"; panelist Dennis Smoker of Genesee, Pa; Russell Giesy, Alfred faculty member and program coordinator; panelist Ronald Button of Jasper R1; and Gary Snyder of Randolph, representing Farm Credit Service of Olean, who spoke on "Maximizing Income Over Feed Cost." College officials said 92 persons attended the program, a substantial increase over last year when attendance was 60.

Alfred team gets 'late' title

ALFRED N.Y. — The good news came a bit late, but it still was welcomed by the dairy judging team at Alfred State Agricultural and Technical College.

The team competed at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Ma., this fall and went home with the second-place trophy.

They returned the prize a few days ago, however—in exchange for the championship award.

Expo officials discovered a scoring error long after the terms had departed and subsequently notified Alfred coach Russ Giesy that the new tools gave Alfred the judging title.

The figures showed Alfred with 2,117 points, compared to 2,092 for

runner-up Morrisville State College. Prior to discovering the error, judges had awarded Morrisville first place and Alfred second.

"I can't say I was too surprised to learn of the error," said Giesy. "I know the scores were extremely close and in fact I had some doubts that the original totals were accurate."

The coach also said he was "extremely pleased" to win the first-place prize because "the team did such a superb job during the contest."

There was also good news from the judges for two of Alfred's team members—Dale Covert of Freedom and Elizabeth Harkenrider of Rexville RD 2.

Covert exchanges his third-place award for the first-place prize as the highest scoring individual in the contest (736 points).

Harkenrider, instead of fourth, finished third with her 695 total.

The third member of the "newly crowned" championship team was Ann M. Luno of Springville who was seventh overall. Tyler J. Hill of Cattaraugus RD 2 was the alternate.

Rural Caucus organized

YORK — State Rep. John H. Broujos, of parts of Cumberland, York, and Adams counties, is a charter member of the newly formed House Democratic Rural Caucus. The caucus was formed to be a source of information and forum for issues affecting the growing number of Democrats representing rural districts.

"I want to insure that rural Pennsylvania get its fair share of revenues and legislation," Broujos said. "Farmers' legislative interests include the environment, education, economic development, tax reform and the delivery of services."

The caucus was formed Nov. 28 and elected Rep. Ken Cole of Adams County the chairman.

A member of the House Agriculture Committee, Broujos has been active in farm legislation. He sponsored the prompt payment for poultry bill, which got all the way through the House and the Senate Agriculture Committee, missing a final vote in the Senate and in the rush of year end legislation.

At the formation of the Caucus, Representative Cole said,

"Although many of the rural members have worked together on various legislative initiatives, we felt it was time to formalize the process. By creating this caucus, we will be better able to explore areas of common concern and bring in experts in these areas to help us develop effective solutions to our problems."

Cole said the rural members have more in common than agricultural concerns. He said the participants at the first meeting expressed interest in a wide range of issues including the environment, education, economic development, tax reform and the delivery of services.

"Agriculture plays an important role in most of our districts," Cole said, "but we also share concerns in the full spectrum of state government issues. Although many problems are of statewide importance, rural areas have a unique outlook on many of these issues."

Cole added that rural viewpoints on local tax reform and issues affecting local governments must be considered in any statewide plan for action.

Silver Lake Farms honored

TUNKHANNOCK — Silver Lake Farms of Shickshinny, Luzerne County, has received an Award of Merit for Superior Achievement from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, according to Regional Director Russell Gunton.

"The farm and egg packing plant owned and operated by Stanley Ftorkowski and Sons are a shining example of Pennsylvania agriculture at its finest," said Gunton. He praised the firm's consistency in maintaining high standards at its egg packing facilities.

Silver Lake Farms is the only one of 62 participants in the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's PA Certified Egg

Program to be honored this year. Under the PA Certified Egg Program, operators agree to pack eggs that meet higher standards than those specified by state law.

The Luzerne County firm produces all the eggs they market to consumers, restaurants and institutions in the Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and lower New York State area.

In making the presentation, Gunton said, "Silver Lake Farms deserves this honor. As a progressive member of the state's number one industry, the company has assumed a leadership role in the production, packing and marketing of a quality product."

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