

Governor's School Of Ag

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them how things are really done in agriculture.

Ragan said the curriculum developed for the group showed that agriculture is no longer just a tractor and a plow. "It was not just traditional agriculture."

Students who attended the first-

ever agricultural school were a diverse mixture of some of the brightest students in the Commonwealth. Ragan noted, "It was a select group of pretty intelligent kids." Findeis added, "It was a nice mix. Some wanted to be geneticists, some wanted to be surgeons, some wanted to be

veterinarians and some wanted to be environmental engineers. They were very self-directed learners."

Part of the fun of attending the school turned out to be meeting new friends who shared common interests. Rovner says, "I met some of the most exceptional people. They were open and we became amazingly close." Risser notes that he didn't know anybody else who was attending, but

quickly made friends.

Ragan added, "They had a ball, and became a cohesive, tight knit, social group. They were very expressive of their appreciation for the course."

Areas of study varied from robotics, wildlife management, silviculture, biotechnology and genetic engineering to photosynthesis.

Applications to the school are now being accepted by the Department of Education, and can be acquired from high school guidance counselors. To be con-

sidered students must be high school sophomores or juniors, have parents who are Pennsylvania taxpayers and show outstanding ability in science, with a high interest in food, agriculture or natural resources.

Full scholarships are provided to the five-week course by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the state's intermediate units and covers housing, books, meals, lab and computer fees.

Deadline for applications is February 27, 1987.

Delaware Offers Emergency Trailing

NEWARK, Del. — Farm families will be instructed in emergency responses to farm equipment accidents at a special training session, Feb. 10, sponsored by the Delaware Cooperative Extension System.

The meeting will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Demonstration Farm (Kohl farm) on Route 301 west of Middletown. In cooperation with the Hooper

Equipment Company, extension safety specialist Ron Jester and extension agricultural agent Dean Belt will instruct farm family members on how to shut off tractors, lift front end loaders and handle various other pieces of equipment.

Persons interested in attending the meeting should contact Belt at 451-8934.

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