

Associate Dean Of Agriculture Retires

UNIVERSITY PARK — Dr. W. Wayne Hinish, associate dean of Penn State's College of Agriculture and associate director of Penn State Cooperative Extension, has retired after more than 30 years at the university.

He served as associate dean and associate director since 1982, and also served as interim dean of the College of Agriculture in 1985 and 1986. He has provided leadership in assisting the dean and director of Cooperative Extension in the development and administration of policies, programs, personnel and budgets.

"I've always felt a professional career depends on people, not just your expertise in your program area, and extension is a very people-oriented career," Dr. Hinish said. "I like to believe mine was a successful career, and I attribute that, not to my abilities, but to teamwork. Ever since I started as an extension agronomist, it's been teamwork. Also, if you don't have the support of your family, your professional career will suffer.

"Cooperative Extension in Pennsylvania has made its mark, not only on the college but on the university and, more importantly, on the people of the state. Its programs have been good, its people have been effective, and it has responded to what the people said they needed," he said. "Our sensitivity to the needs of our clientele and professional staff and faculty has been unique.

Penn State Cooperative Extension has been a leader in many ways nationally, Dr. Hinish said. "One which comes to mind is our use of computer technology both in extension and in administration. Also, I think our new plan of work, setting priorities for the upcoming years that address our clients' most pressing problems, will be a model for many states."

Dr. Hinish joined Penn State as an instructor in agronomy extension in 1954. He was named an assistant professor in 1955, associate professor in 1960 and professor of agronomy extension in 1968. From 1977 to 1980 he served as coordinator of agronomy extension programs, bringing together ag industry representatives, farmers, and government agency and extension personnel to plan and develop educational programs and publications.

He developed numerous agricultural service schools held annually at eight locations in the state. He also helped organize and was



Dr. W. Wayne Hinish

responsible for the agronomic activities of Pennsylvania's Unit Demonstration Farm program, a cooperative project with the Tennessee Valley Authority. From 1956 to 1980, he was in charge of the Penn State soil testing program, combining soil physical characteristics and soil survey informa-

tion in determining lime and fertilizer recommendations.

He has been a consultant to various state and county government agencies serving agriculture. His expertise was used by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to help formulate new lime and fertilizer laws to benefit both producers and consumers.

He has authored or co-authored more than 60 technical reports, journal articles, bulletins and popular articles.

Dr. Hinish was honored as Man of the Year by the Pennsylvania Plant Food and Protectant Society in 1977; received the Extension Merit Award from Gamma Sigma Delta Society and the Extension-Industry Award from the northeastern branch of the American Society of Agronomy in 1978; and the Cooperative Extension Service Award in 1979. In 1987 he received the Pennsylvania Agricultural Advisory Council's Distinguished Service Award.

A native of Curryville, Blair

County, he graduated from Penn State in 1951 with a bachelor of science degree in agronomy. He received his master of science degree in 1953 and his doctor of philosophy degree in 1955, also from Penn State.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy as a pilot. In 1963, he took a leave of absence for a year and a half to serve as chief agronomist on an agricultural develop-

ment project in West Pakistan.

He is married to the former Janet Emigh of Roaring Springs. They are the parents of two children. Perhaps later on, he will work with extension in a volunteer role, but for now he plans to catch up on golfing, fishing and some leisurely traveling. "Alos, Janet has lists of a lot of things that haven't been done over the last 33 years!" he said.

Cornucopia Tickets Available

CAMP HILL — Tickets to the Keystone Cornucopia Dinner, to be held Monday, February 8, 1988, at the Sheraton East, Harrisburg, will be available at the 1988 Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

"We are pleased to announce that three farm organizations will be handling tickets sales at the Farm Show," said Kathy Gill, Cornucopia Chairperson. She indicated that The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, the Pennsylva-

nia State Grange and the Pennsylvania Farmers Union will have tickets available at their respective booths.

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