Penn State Ag Students Place In Speaking Contest

UNIVERSITY PARK (Center) Six students in Penn State's College of Agriculture received cash awards for their winning presentations in the annual Guldin Speaking contest at Penn State in

The first prize went to Rebecca A. Sonnen, daughter of Paul M. and Marilyn F. Sonnen of Richland. Her presentation, "Beyond His Wildest Dreams," was about George Washington's prediction that agriculture would continue to present unlimited possiblities to America. As examples, she discussed the transition from "hayburning" horses to tractors and the promising role of animal and plant biotechnology. Rebecca is a freshman majoring in dairy production.

The second prize went to Ross Pifer, son of Lois Pifer of Punxsutawney. His presentation, "Water Rights," focused on the history of water rights and the legal, ecological, and economic implications of how water is owned and allocated. Pifer is a junior majoring in agricultural business management.

Third place went to Thomas S. Kapinus, son of Cy and Joan Kapinus of Centre Hill, and Eric Duncan, son of Gary K. and Carolyn L. Duncan of Shrewsbury. The title of Kapinus' address was "The Future of Agriculture." He spoke about local, national, and international aspects of agricultural trade and the implication of innovations to agricultural production. Duncan's address, "Underutilized

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Foods," focused on the pro and cons of processed and fresh seafood and chicken and their marketing potential. Kapinus is a senior majoring in agricultural business management, while Duncan is a sophomore in food science.

Aimee L. Panichella, daughter of John and Virginia Panichella of

Greensburg, took fifth place with a speech on the challenges and career potential for graduates in environmental resource management, in which she is majoring.

Lisa Overly, daughter of Tom and Hedy Overly of Littlestown, took sixth place with a speech on the pros and cons of food imitation. Overly is a junior majoring in

food science.

The Guldin Speaking contest is made possible through funds donated in memory of Paul R. Guldin, an agricultural leader and poultry farmer from Berks County. It is sponsored by the Coaly Society, the student honor society in agriculture at Penn State.

Finalists were judged by a panel of students and faculty. This year's faculty judges were Dr. Cathy Faulcon Bowen, assistant professor of agriculture and extension education; Dr. Larry Joseph Kassab, professor of speech communication; and Dr. James McCoy, director of marketing for University Admissions.

Farm Credit Promotes Bennett-White

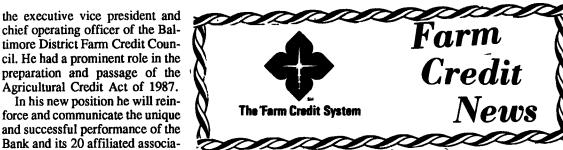
BALTIMORE, MD — The Farm Credit Bank of Baltimore, the mid-Atlantic region's leading ag lender is pleased to announce the promotion of Reider J. Bennett-White. He will serve as vice president of the newly created Office of Public and Legislative Affairs.

A Georgia native, Bennett-White received his BA degree in political science and international affairs from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He was active in the political arena prior to joining Farm Credit. He was a professional staff member, U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; consultant to the manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation; and was on the staff of Senators Talmadge, Gambrell and Russell. In 1982, he served as president of Corporate and Government Consulting, Inc.

Bennett-White joined Farm Credit in 1983 as director of legislative affairs. Additionally, he is

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