

Ag Honor Society, Initiates Faculty, Makes Awards

UNIVERSITY PARK (Center)
—The Penn State chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the nation honor society in agriculture, initiated new faculty and students and honored Penn State faculty and alumni at its annual awards banquet this month.

Alumni Paul E. Hand, general manager of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative; Samuel F. Minor, a southwestern Pennsylvania dairy farmer; Lloyd E. Thomas, head of engineering staff for USDA's Soil Conservation Service, Northeast Technical Center; and Boyd E. Wolff, Pennsylvania's Secretary of Agriculture, were honored for their contributions to agriculture

and to Penn State.

Paul E. Hand of Warminster joined Interstate (now Atlantic) Dairy Cooperative as an economist in 1957 and was selected as general manager in 1982. The cooperative is composed of 4,100 dairy farmers who produce 3.5 billion pounds of milk annually. Hand is active in community affairs and local, state, and national agricultural organizations. He received a B.S. and M.S. degree in agricultural economics and farm management from the University of Maine and earned his doctorate in agricultural economics at Penn State in 1960.

Samuel F. Minor of Washington

worked for the American Guernsey Cattle Club, the New York Artificial Breeders Cooperative, Eastern Breeders Cooperative, and Carnation Company—Genetics division before returning to Pennsylvania, purchasing his 70-cow, 433-acre farm, and becoming a producer-handler. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Agway and past president of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, and in other leadership positions with a number of agricultural organizations. He graduated from Penn State in 1960 with a degree in agricultural economics and rural sociology.

Lloyd E. Thomas of Bromall

started his career with the Soil Conservation Service in 1961 by working in numerous engineering positions. He was state conservation engineer for New York from 1977 to 1979. In 1983, Lloyd was selected for his present position, which includes managing all engineering activities in the 13 Northeastern states. He is a 1961 Penn State graduate in agricultural engineering.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolff is from New Alexandria. The successful operation of his 410-acre family farm in Westmoreland County earned him a Pennsylvania Master Farmer award in 1970. He was named a

Kellogg Fellow in 1972, and has received a number of agricultural awards. He has served as state director of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and as a member of the Penn State board of trustees. In addition, Wolff has held many other leadership posts in community, state, and political organizations. In 1988 he was selected as the Dairy Area Distinguished Alumnus by Penn State's department of dairy and animals science. He is a 1953 graduate of Penn State in dairy husbandry.

Faculty achievement awards were given to Alvi O. Voigt, professor of agricultural economics; Dr. Ralph O. Mumma, professor of entomology; and Dr. Jill Findeis, associate professor of agricultural economics. They were honored for their contributions to extension, research, and teaching, respectively.

The College of Agriculture faculty initiated into the honor society this year were Dr. Barbara J. Christ, assistant professor of plant pathology; Dr. Herschel A. Elliott, associate professor of agricultural engineering and program coordinator of environmental resource management; Dr. Gary I. Killian, associate professor of animal science; Dr. Ralph O. Mumma, professor of entomology; Dr. Kim C. Steiner, professor of forest genetics; Dr. C. Shannon Stokes, professor of rural sociology and head of the department of agricultural economics and rural sociology; Dr. James E. Van Horn, associate professor of rural sociology; and Dr. Stephen J. Wallner, professor of horticulture and head of the department of horticulture.

The honor society also presented awards to undergraduates in recognition of their scholastic achievement. Donald C. Schrom, a major in food science, received the outstanding senior award; Dorothy M. Krupa, a major in wildlife and fisheries science, received the outstanding junior award; and John Carr, a sophomore in forest science, received the outstanding sophomore award.

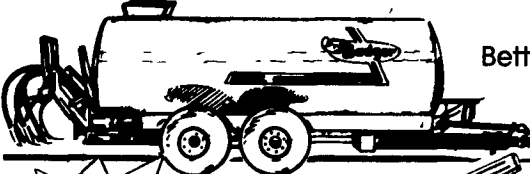


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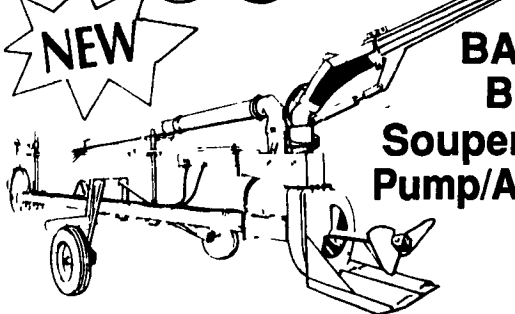
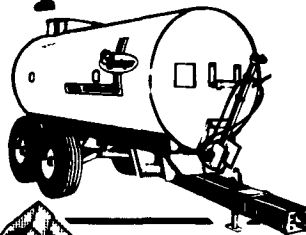
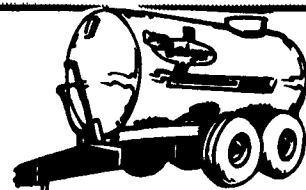


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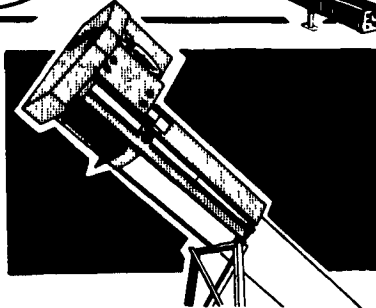
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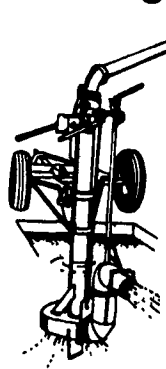


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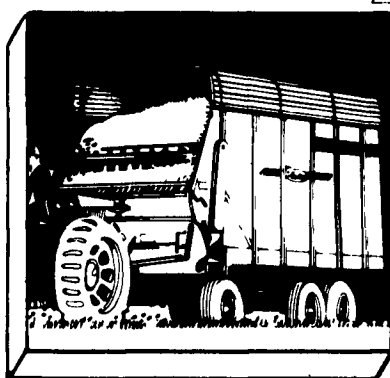


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