State Ag Engineers Win Awards Penn

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Several Penn State students and faculty received awards at the annual meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. This year's meeting was held in Quebec in June.

Bradley W. Wright, doctoral candidate in agricultural engineering; Dr. Harvey Manbeck, professor of agricultural engineering; and Steven Shaler, instructor of forest resources, received an ASAE Paper Award--Honorable Mention for the refereed publication, "Performance of Glue-Laminated Preservative-Treated Columns," published in the Transactions of the ASAE. Wright wrote the paper based on his master's thesis research which he completed at Penn State. No more than 2.5 percent of all papers published in the Transactions received an ASAE Paper Award or an honorable mention.

Dr. Robert Graves, professor of agricultural engineering; Patrick Richie, multi-county extension agent based in Berks County; and Manbeck received a blue ribbon award for their extension circular.

"Constructing Cage Layer Houses for Cleaning Ease." The blue ribbon award is given for extension educational materials that receive a score of 90 percent or higher by a group of peer judges.

Martin Sailus, manager of the Northeast Regional Agricultural Engineering Service; Dr. Wilmot Irish, professor of agricultural engineering at Cornell University; and Graves received a blue ribbon award for the NRAES publication, "Planning Dairy Stall Barns."

Louis A. Kopczyk, a May 1989 B.S. graduate of agricultural engineering, received a blue ribbon award for the computer program, "Vegetated Parabolic Waterway Design." He was advised on the project by Dr. James H. Hamlett, assistant professor of agricultural engineering.

Timothy S. Stombaugh, another May 1989 graduate, received the ASAE Student Honor Award. The award recognizes outstanding scholarship and general participation in student activities. The recipient is elected by his or her respective ASAE student organization. The award is then presented if the selected recipient meets the national standards. Only 20 student honor awards were given to agricultural engineering students throughout the United States at this year's meeting.

"I am very pleased that these

faculty and students were recognized by ASAE for their outstanding contributions," says Dr. Dennis Buffington, professor and head

of Penn State's department of agricultural engineering.



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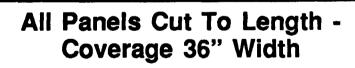
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