

Holstein Association Convention Set

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.)—Plans are in the final stages for the upcoming Pennsylvania Holstein Convention to be held Feb. 22 through Feb. 24 at the Days Inn-Penn State.

The convention kicks off with registration from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday. The registration committee is to provide bags containing information, maps and "Heart of Pennsylvania" memorabilia. Officials recommend an early registration.

The association board of directors meets at 1 p.m., Thursday. A dairy bar and commercial exhibits open shortly afterward. The dairy bar features local products and an estimated 35 exhibitors are scheduled.

Also starting at 1 p.m., the PSU Department of Agriculture is to present a display on agriculture and education.

At 3 p.m., Dr. Daryl Heasley, with the PSU rural sociology department, will talk about the need for expanding leadership in rural communities. Joy Dunbar, chair of the Pennsylvania Rural Leadership program, is scheduled to follow Heasley and discuss ways to become involved with rural leadership advances.

Former President Jimmy Carter is to be guest speaker during the evening banquet. Entertainment is to be provided by the local "Nittany Trombone Quartet."

Also scheduled for the evening banquet is the presenting of Hall of Fame and Young Breeder awards.

Plans for Feb. 23 include bus trips to Penn State Natatorium at 8:30 a.m. to watch the PSU women's synchronized swimming team. Audience participation is possible. Suits are provided.

At 9:30 a.m., men are scheduled to take a two-hour tour of PSU Huluba Hall, the football Hall of Fame and the weight training center.

Women are to take a tour of the historic Nittany Lion Inn, along with brunch and a slide show and demonstration on cocoa production by Dr. Paul Dimick, of the PSU food science department. Musical entertainment is to be provided by the "Singing Lions," a 25-member group that sings variety music, ranging from big band to

jazz. Women are free to shop the rest of the afternoon.

The annual meeting of the state Holstein Association starts at 12:30 p.m., Friday. At 2:30 p.m., Dr. Manfred Kroger, of the PSU food science department, is to speak about food safety.

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Exchange, the association convention sale of 70 head of Holsteins starts 7 p.m. Friday, in the college's Ag Arena. A pre-sale buffet is set for 5 p.m., in the arena mezzanine.

At 7:30 a.m., Saturday, an awards breakfast is scheduled at the hotel. Included is a 9 a.m. talk by Dr. Rex Warland, of the PSU ag department, on influences of the dairy consumer.

Law Cuts Down On Joy Riders

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—The state Senate has approved legislation to protect farms and privately-owned lands from vehicle-related crimes, according to Senator Edward Helfrick.

Helfrick said he supported Senate Bill 1272 on behalf of area farmers, who are exasperated with trespassers who joyride over valuable farmlands, damaging crops.

"Their destructive behavior will be harshly punished under this legislation," said Helfrick.

Under the bill, anyone who operates a vehicle on property without the permission of the owner will be subject to stiff fines and other penalties.

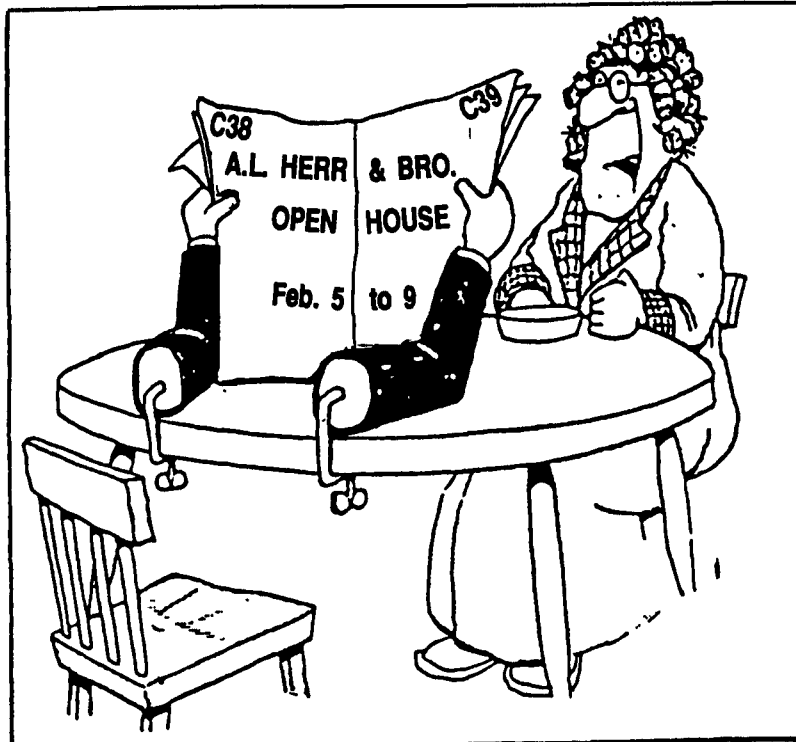
For the first offense, the driver will receive a \$500 fine. For the second and subsequent offenses, the driver will receive a \$1,000 fine and have his or her driver's license suspended for six months. If the individual has not reached legal driving age, the suspension will go into effect when the license is obtained.

Helfrick added that the bill covers trespass by snowmobiles and ATVs.

Helfrick said the bill is also in the best interest of sportsmen, who often lose access to hunting lands when frustrated farmers close recreational acreage to everyone.

"Driving for fun over valuable farmlands is a crime and should be treated as such," said Helfrick. "It takes money directly from the pockets of farmers."

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for approval.



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