

Lancaster Farming

Carter Featured At Holstein Banquet

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.)—With a toast of milk by Anna Marie Mitchell, state dairy princess, that included peanuts, the stage was set here at the Pennsylvania Holstein Convention banquet for a famous keynote speaker. Former United States President Jimmy Carter, noted for his peanut farm enterprise, and Wayne Harpster, newly elected state Holstein president, became friends over hunting and fishing at Wayne's Evergreen dairy farm. During the last decade, the Carter and Harpster families have visited each other, even in the White House. And the Harpsters were invited to go with Carter to China.

In his introduction, Wayne introduced Carter and his wife Rosalyn as real people participating in a real world. "This man gets personally involved," Harpster said. "It matters not if it's washing dishes after dinner or helping to clean game after a hunting trip, Carter helps. The fact that he

would go out of his way to come here tonight tells you what kind of a fellow he is," Harpster said.

Carter identified himself as a farmer. His family has been farmers for every generation starting 360 years ago. He recalled milking cows and helping his father with a milk and cream delivery route within 10 miles of his home farm.

The former president declined to talk about farm programs or politics. Rather he told of his activities as a private citizen trying to lead an active, interesting and useful life. When he left the White House, he said he was going to step up to the only place higher than the office of the president—private citizen.

Using the Carter Center as a base, Carter attempts to work for world peace and human rights. At the center, heads of state from the Middle East are invited to sit down and discuss how peace can come to that area. To help in Soviet relations, the Carter Center has been

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At the Holstein Banquet are: (l to r) William Nichol, executive secretary, Jimmy Carter, former United States president, and Wayne Harpster, newly elected Holstein Association president.

Animal Welfare Issue Discussed At Pork Congress

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HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.)—Two opponents in opposite corners of the animal welfare ring, here at the annual Keystone Pork Congress, were non-violent. But each side took a few punches at the other's ideas of what should be done for animal happiness in an economically driven hog production facility.

Cathy Liss, Animal Welfare Institute, Washington, DC, chided industry sales for pushing installations that cramped the natural movement of the animals. And with a slide of a farmer who had trashed his farrowing crates in favor of a more primitive operation, she declared that "crates must go" if farmers are going to keep the respect of the consumer.

Dr. Stanley Curtis, professor of animal sciences, University of Illi-

nois, counter punched with the accusation that most animal welfare groups only quoted European scientific information and refuse to include current US scientific data in their literature.

"For 20 years, I have been interested in animal behavior in our production facilities. And I take issue with welfarists who want to take wholesale abandonment of a production system that has evolved in agriculture," Curtis said. "Clearly, these systems have evolved when agriculture was marching to the beat of a different drummer, totally economic in nature. Now society asks agriculture to be responsive to other factors in our systems. And agriculture will, as always, act in a responsible way, but we want to do it in ways that will preserve the economic benefits of the systems

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David Brubaker

Brubaker Named Bay Foundation Conservationist

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The Board of Trustees and the staff of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation announced the selection of David R. Brubaker of Lititz, Pennsylvania, as Conservationist of the Year for 1989. The award is being presented to Mr. Brubaker in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the protection and wise management of the Bay through his position in the regional agribusiness community and as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Committee.

As Executive Vice President of PennAg Industries Association and PennAg Industries Service Corporation, Mr. Brubaker has been a champion of corporate social responsibility toward the

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PSU Alumni Society Recruits Students To Support College Of Ag

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — For members of Penn State's College of Agriculture Alumni Society (CAAS), phoning high school students who are interested in attending Penn State is not only pleasurable, it is also a high priority. Recruiting top students to attend Penn State is just one of a wide variety of projects the Society has undertaken in an effort to support and promote the College of Agriculture. According to CAAS President N. Alan Bair, these phone calls to prospective

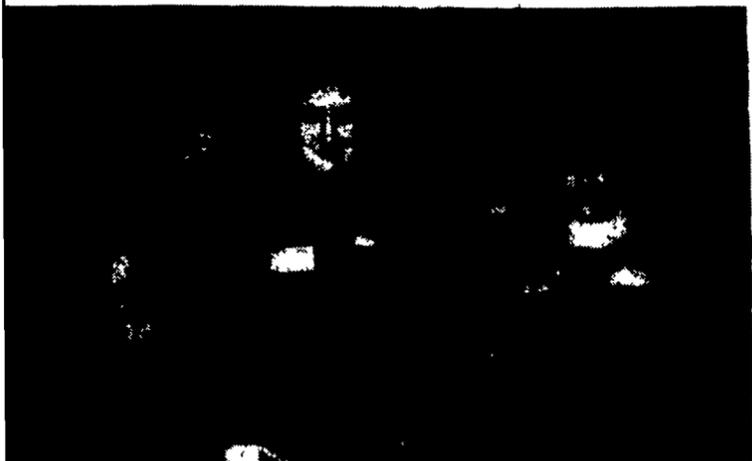
students have been effective. "I have had some personal success stories. These personal contacts show that the College of Agriculture is a warm and caring college, with a lot of real people who are involved in agriculture and concerned about the best interests of agriculture. We can show that students are not just a number, which is sometimes the perception of a large university," Bair says.

The Society helps in getting out good information about the prog-

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Winners of the Senior Speaking Contest at the Keystone Pork Congress are, left to right, Mandy J. Hilbert, first place; Jenny Shaw, second place; and Jason Woodling, third. Mandy, 15, is a member of the Littlestown, Pennsylvania FFA. Jenny, 16, is a member of the Clearfield County 4-H Club. Jason, 15, belongs to the Snyder County FFA.



The contest was close — decided by 20 points. In the end, with the score 150 to 130, the York County 4-H Swine Club became the First Place Team at the Keystone Pork Bowl at the Pork Congress on Wednesday in Camp Hill. From left to right, Mike Stermer, Kim Frantz, Steve Wherley, and Jenny Sweltzer.