

Alumni Assoc. Presents PSU Awards

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — To be credible ambassadors for agriculture, the spring 1990 graduates from Penn State's College of Agriculture were told they must have a contemporary base of knowledge as well as the ability to communicate that knowledge.

Speaking to the 198 graduates of the College, Dr. Blannie E. Bowen, C. Lee Rumberger and Family Professor of Agriculture, stressed the need to communicate with a population in which fewer and fewer people are directly involved with agriculture.

Bowen urged the graduates to gain a wholistic perspective on agriculture, including information on production, processing, distribution and marketing. He told

them further that they must make sure products are safe for humans as well as the environment, and he urged them to become cognizant of the social, economic, political and international dimensions of agriculture.

Mary Ann Keith, daughter of Harry and Joan Keith, Enriken, was recognized at the ceremony as the 1990 Outstanding Senior in the College of Agriculture. A dairy and animal science major, Keith's selection was based on academic achievement, leadership in college clubs, recommendations and contributions to the university and community activities. She has served as president of both the Dairy Science Club and Signa Alpha, a professional sorority for women in agriculture. She is a member of the Coaly So-

ciety and was Ms. College of Agriculture for 1988-89. She placed first in the annual Guldin Speaking contest and was selected as an "Ag Advocate" for two academic years.

Dr. Edward D. Glass Jr., associate professor of food science, was recognized with the "Excellence in Advising Award," presented by N. Alan Bair, president of the College of Agriculture Alumni Society. It is the fifth year for the CAAS award, and in presenting the plaque and honorium Bair said, "This year's recipient is a model of the care, the concern, the understanding and the dedication that makes the College of Agriculture's unique educational and personal experience."

Bair added, "You who are receiving diplomas today know well that a portion of your success is due to the good counseling from your academic advisor." To Dr. Glass, he said, "Students present and past spoke highly of your personal attention and concern to their academic needs, your genuine interest in their lives and your considerable positive influence on their success."

In his challenge to the students, Bowen said, "Most residents live in urban and suburban areas, and too many people see farmers as dollar chasers who are oblivious to the environment." To be effective agriculturists, we must function in an increasingly urban and suburbanized society, Bower said, and an increasingly diverse society. Acquiring multi-cultural experience becomes important for each graduate in this diverse world.

In our democracy, Bowen not-



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Dr. Ed Glass, center, associate professor of food science, was recognized with the "Excellence in Advising" award, presented by the College of Agriculture Alumni Society. Dr. Lamartine Hood, dean, left, looks on as Glass is congratulated by N. Alan Bair, CAAS president.

ed, "Americans will continue to make political decisions, and must make informed decisions. He noted that there is a difference between issues and problems — problems are to be solved and is-

ues are to be debated. Therefore, graduates must help Americans distinguish between the two so that they can be informed and able to vote in an informed way. Bowen said, "You must help our populace become a bit more wise."

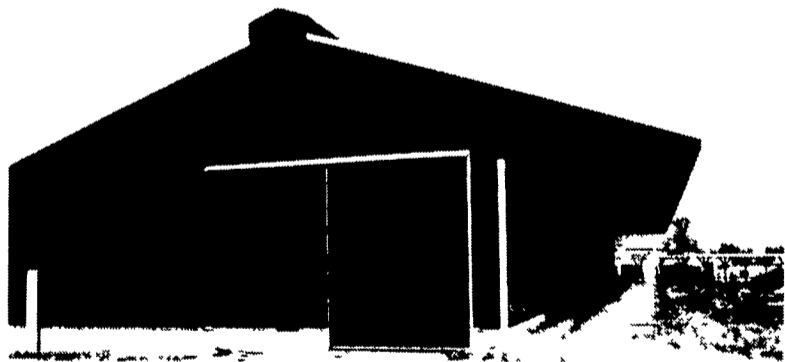
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