Student Ag Day At Maryland Set

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Every year, on the fourth Saturday in April, College of Agriculture students alert their peers and Washington, D.C. area commuters to the fact that farm animals still are part of scene on the urban-oriented University of Maryland campus at College Park.

As it has for two-thirds of a century, this year's Student Ag Day on April 24 will attempt to convey the atmosphere and traditions of a country fair in an urban setting.

Most activities will center on the livestock barns area, behind the Institute for Physical Science and Technology, at the interseciton of Regents Drive and Farm Drive. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Typical of country fairs, Ag Day will feature student competition in fitting and showing dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, and sheep. Meanwhile, student riders from the nationally famous Maryland Cavalry Regiment will perform nearby.

By 2:30 p.m. the winners in each livestock class will be exchanging animals to determine who deserves the honor of being selected grand champion showman. University of Maryland faculty members and alumni - with little or no previous experience will compete at 1 p.m. in a humorfilled swine showmanship contest.

Barbecued beef hamburgers, chicken hot dogs, and the famous University of Maryland ice cream will be sold throughout the day by College of Agriculture student clubs. Bedding plants and vegetable transplants will be sold by the University of Maryland student chapter of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Barnyard babies from the Baltimore Zoo will be included in a farm animal petting zoo for children in the new lobby addition to the Animal Sciences Building on the College Park campus.

The Ag Day official program booklet each year carries a surprise tribute honoring a College of Agriculture faculty member. This year's booklet is dedicated to a College of Agriculture administrator.

Ag Day is sponsored each year by the Agriculture Student Council at the University of Maryland, with cooperation from other student organizations in the College of Agriculture.

This year's planning committee coordinator is Kathleen W. Bauer of Picketts Corner, near Woodbine (Carroll County). Bauer is a University of Maryland senior, majoring in general agriculture. She works with her brother, Kenneth W. Bauer, Jr., in a swine operation.

Gary E. Seibel, an agricultural engineering senior, is president of the Ag Student Council. Seibel grew up in the Knollwood section of Adelphi (Prince George's County).

Jerry V. DeBarthe of North Laurel (Prince George's County) is a longtime advisor for Ag Day and the Ag Student Council. De-Barthe is an associate professor of animal sciences at the University of Maryland.

DeBarthe sees the Ag Day fitting and showing competition as an opportunity for student participants to acquire something more than textbook knowledge about the care and handling of farm animals.

He also notes that this year's

show informally kicks off a "Partners in Education" joint program that permits College of Agriculture students at the University of Maryland to gain practical experience in working with animals at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's nearby Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

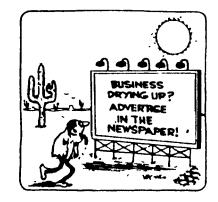
Earlier this year, the University of Maryland sheep flock, housed for many years at College Park, was eliminated because of a disease outbreak. So arrangements were made to hold the Ag Day sheep fitting and showing competution at 9 a.m. on April 24 in the Sheep Nutrition Barn (Building 435A), - formerly known as the Goat Barn, - at the Beltsville location. The winner will compete that afternoon for grand champion showmanship honors with the other livestock winners at College Park.

Thomas E. Mullinix of Dayton (Howard County) will be the official sheep showmanship judge Mullinix is sheep flock manager at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Bonnie Graves Remsberg of Middletown (Frederick County) will judge the dairy cattle showmanship competition. She and her husband, Thomas D. Remsberg, are Holstein breeders.

William N. Gregg, Jr., of Woodfield (Montgomery County) will be the beef show judge Gregg and his father are former Angus cattle breeders.

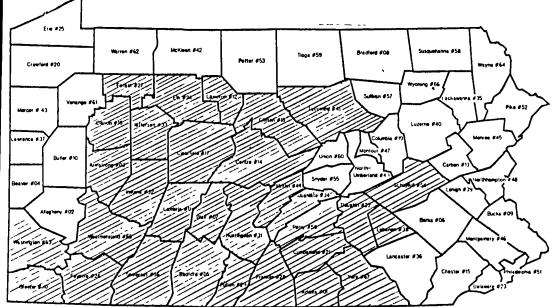
Kenneth W. Bauer, Jr., of Woodbine (Carroll County) will judge the swine showmanship contest.



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