

197 FFA'ers To Receive Keystone Degree At Farm Show

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Shawn Sitlinger

Shawn Sitlinger, 17, of Lykens, has been student advisor, treasurer and president of the Upper Dauphin Area FFA chapter in addition to serving as vice president of the Cumberland-Dauphin-Perry Area FFA. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Sitlinger, Shawn has raised corn, worked at the Carl Faus dairy farm, and for the Lykens Township for his FFA projects. The recipient of a first place in the county award for creed speaking, a bronze medal in the state record book contest, and first in the county for conservation public speaking and in the small gas engine contest, Shawn has served on his chapter's fruit sale, Farm Show, farm toy show and FFA banquet committees. Shawn also has earned a star greenhand, chapter and area farmer degrees. He said he intends to seek a career as a small gas engine mechanic.



Andrew Steele

Andrew Steele, 17, son of Ron and Connie Steele, of Hopewell, has served as chaplain of the Northern Bedford FFA chapter for two of his four years as a member. He has a dairy cow project and his on-farm work experience is done at his family farm. He also serves on the earnings, savings, and investment committee, the recreation committee and the SAE committee. He said he intends to work on the family farm and pursue further education.



Roger Stock

Roger Stock, 17, son of Roger and Pam Stock, of Martinsburg, is the vice president of the Central Cove FFA chapter, where he's been a member for the past four years. He is a member of the county dairy judging team and was a recipient of the 1994 swine scholarship award, in addition to showing a grand champion and showing cattle to various placings at a number of shows. His projects include beef and swine finishing, and poultry and dairy production, and he has been involved with the chapter's Food For America and Adopt-A-Highway projects. A member of the executive committee and chairman of its scholarship committee, Stock has participated in the Blair County junior livestock show, the Morrison Cove dairy show, the state Farm Show, and other livestock and dairy shows and sales. He said he would like to work on his family farm.



Thomas Snowberger

Thomas Snowberger, 18, son of Mike and Bonnie Snowberger, of Martinsburg, has been a member of the Central Cove FFA chapter for five years and was a 1993 swine scholarship award recipient. Thomas's projects involve swine finishing and breeding, beef and lamb finishing, raising capons and turkeys, and doing on-farm work experience. He has participated in the Penn State spring livestock judging contest, the Blair County junior livestock show and sale, the county



FFA hog show and sale, and numerous other local and state shows. He has also been involved in Food For America and Adopt-A-Highway projects. He showed a grand champion lamb at the county show and sale and would like to become a partner in the family's butcher shop and meat market.

Dwight Smith

Dwight Smith, 18, son of Roger and Gloria Smith, of Roaring Spring, has raised sweet corn, pumpkins, peppers, tomatoes, and turnips, and operated a roadside produce stand for his FFA projects. A three-year member of the Central Cove FFA chapter, he was a winner of various county and area SAE project awards, and he was a gold medal winner in the state FFA activities week dairy judging contest, as well as in the spring dairy judging contest. He won a first place in the area cooperative council competition, and attended the Pennsylvania Cooperative Council Conference in Shippensburg two years. Also involved in the Food For America and Adopt-A-Highway projects, he has achieved the level of Eagle Scout in his participation in the Boy Scouts of America. Dwight said he intends to pursue a college degree in an agriculturally related field.



Thomas Sollenberger

Thomas Sollenberger, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sollenberger, of Curryville, has been a member of Central Cove FFA chapter for four years and his projects include finishing beef, raising capons and working on-farm. Thomas has participated in the Morrison Cove dairy show and the local district FFA dairy show, and serves on the chapter's Scholarship and Executive committees. He is also involved with the Food For America and Adopt-A-Highway projects and has been studying hydroponics through an agriscience project. A 1993-94 scholastic award runnerup, he has won various county and area SAE project awards and is a member of his high school's science club and the National Honor Society. He said he is set to attend Penn State University this fall to begin studies in electro-mechanical engineering.



Valerie St. Clair

Valerie St. Clair, 19, daughter of Glenn and Helen St. Clair, of Somerset, is vice president of the Somerset FFA chapter, and she also serves as the reporter for the county organization. The recipient of the greenhand and chapter farmer degrees, she has work experience projects and has shown dairy cattle at the county



fair, district show, and the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show. She is a member of a number of chapter committees, including its volleyball, bulb sales, citrus sales, BOAC, and county fair committees. The four-year member said she intends to seek a career in agriculture, most likely in dairy farming.

Ben Shipley

Ben Shipley, 17, son of Ted and Kathy Shipley, of Meyersdale, has been a four-year member of the Meyersdale Area FFA chapter and is currently its president. Ben received star greenhand and chapter degrees, and also was a scholarship award winner for three years. He has participated in dairy judging and has attended a number of leadership conferences. He serves on his chapter's calendar, citrus sales, parent and member banquet, fair activities, apple cider, sports activities, public speaking, judging skills, and scholarship committees. Ben has also participated in the Building Our American Communities projects and he has attended and exhibited in the county fair. He said he intends to continue his education in agriculture at a two-year school.



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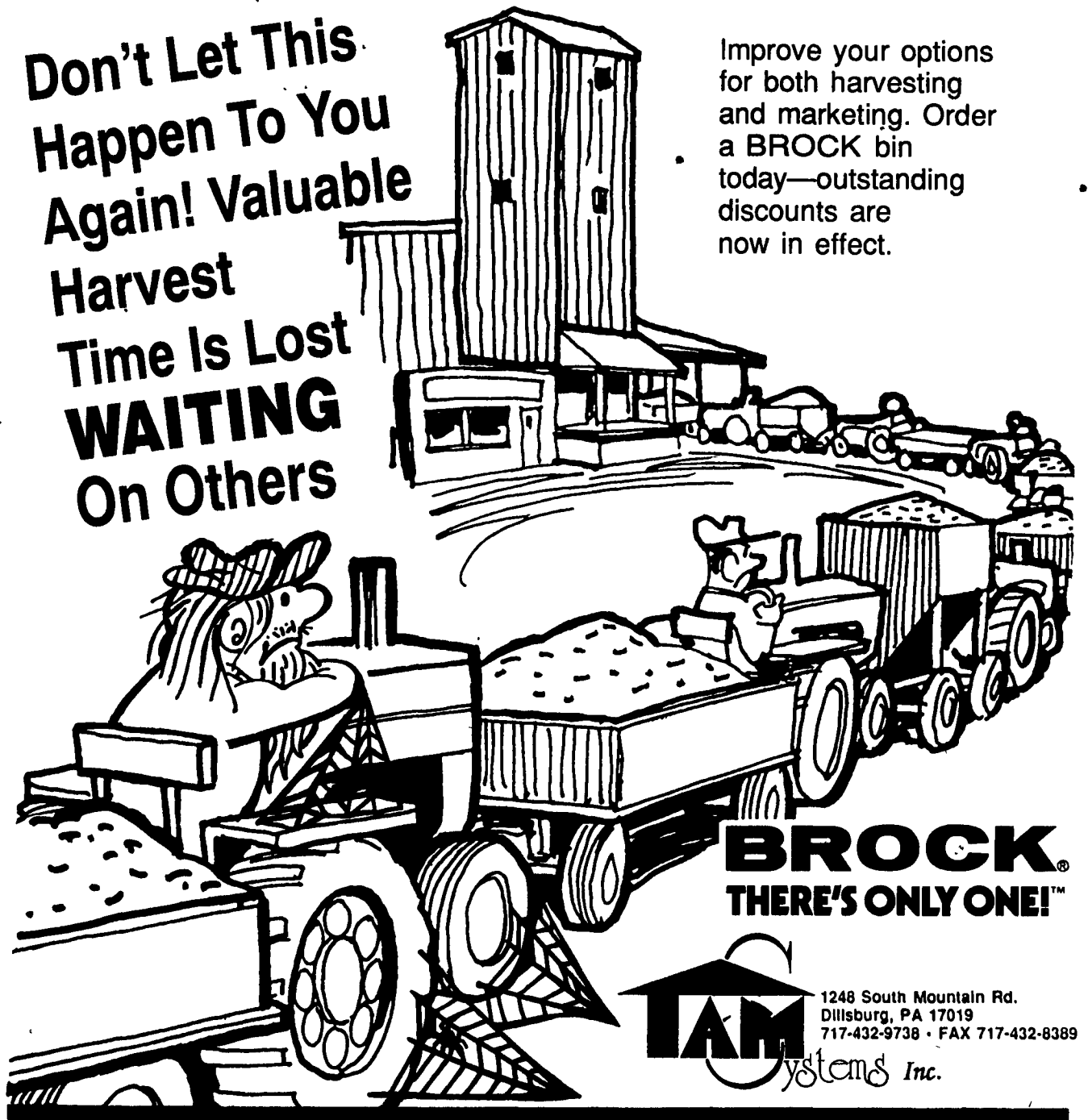
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