

# Newly Selected FFA Officers Talk About Goals

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UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — At the recent state FFA convention, 11 new officers were selected to serve the organization.

Selected were Darla Herr, state president; Mark Heeter, southcentral vice president; Marci Erway, northcentral vice president; Heather Benner, statewide vice president; Shannon Horst, chaplain; Joshua Troxell, reporter; Tonya Anthony, treasurer; Jeremy Bartels, western vice president; Carrie Hetrich, eastern vice president; Jennifer Grimes, secretary; and Lloyd Bier, sentinel.

## President

Darla Lynn Herr, named Pennsylvania FFA president, is the daughter of Robert and Ruthanne Herr, Hershey.

Darla, 18, and four-year Little Dutchmen FFA member, indicated that serving as state president "would be one way to pay back to the FFA what it has given me."

"To become a state officer has been a goal of mine for a long time," according to Darla. She noted that members of her family served in the state organization.

"I am excited about the FFA organization and feel confident that I can encourage others to get involved."

Darla's FFA adviser is Stan Bucher.

## Southcentral Vice President

Mark Allan Heeter, 18, was selected to serve as southcentral vice president. Mark, son of Rex and Betty Heeter, Martinsburg, is a five-year Central Cove FFA member.

Mark indicated that FFA has broadened his experience — even to the point of setting up an FFA-type student organization in the former Soviet Union.

"FFA has enabled me to meet others, speak better, and travel worldwide," Mark noted. "If it were not for the FFA, I would never have made numerous friends while attending various leadership conferences, have developed my speaking ability through contests and community functions, have attended a meeting to start an FFA-style student organization in the former Soviet Union, or have been able to meet both President Clinton and Boris Yeltsin."

Mark indicated that while serving as state officer, "I hope to make other FFA members aware of these and other opportunities available to them. I have a dream to serve as a Pennsylvania state FFA officer because I want to give other FFA members a chance at the opportunities that I experienced."

Mark's adviser is Thomas Ritchey.

## Northcentral Vice President

Margaret Ann Erway, 18, was chosen as northcentral vice president.

Margaret "Marci" Erway is the daughter of Dana E. and Ginger A. Erway, Coudersport. The four-year Spud Growers FFA member indicated students should learn "about the benefits of FFA and how it is not just agriculture, but it is also about human relations, communications, social abilities, and citizenship."

Marci noted she desires to serve as a state officer "so I can give back to the FFA what it has provided for me. The FFA has given

me the opportunity to develop into an outgoing, enthusiastic student, wanting to improve myself and others all around me."

Marci's adviser is Earl K. Brown.

## Statewide Vice President

Heather Lynn Benner, 18, has been chosen to be statewide vice president.

Heather, daughter of Glenn and Brenda Benner, Millerstown, is a five-year Greenwood FFA member.

Heather noted, "My mom always tells me, 'We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.'" Heather indicated that the people in FFA "have given to me encouragement and support and therefore made my life better."

"I know the responsibilities of state officers are great, but any sacrifice would be worth it to see the members, who are the future of our organization, succeed."

Heather's adviser is MeeCee Baker.

## Chaplain

Four-year Grassland FFA member Shannon M. Horst was selected as state chaplain.

Shannon, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Horst, Narvon, thanks his fellow members and adviser for support.

"The past and present state officer teams have encouraged me toward every goal I've ever dared to dream," noted Shannon. "For those unselfish enrichments, I would like to thank the entire FFA organization."

Shannon's adviser is Clifford Day.

## Reporter

Five-year Grassland FFA member D. Joshua Troxell was selected state FFA reporter.

"The FFA has taught me about personal development and goal setting," Josh indicated.

The 19-year-old son of David and Constance Troxell, Mohnton, was able to "succeed in FFA, and now I would like to show others how they can do the same."

Josh's advisers are Clifford Day and Robert Lauffer.

## Treasurer

Marion Center FFA member Tonya Renee Anthony was chosen state FFA treasurer.

Because of her enrollment in the agricultural education program at Marion Center High School, Tonya became "very active in the FFA and learned new skills," she indicated.

"I am now a better leader in my school and community, and have improved my public speaking skills."

"As an FFA officer, I have learned the importance of working with others on a team and being responsible as an individual."

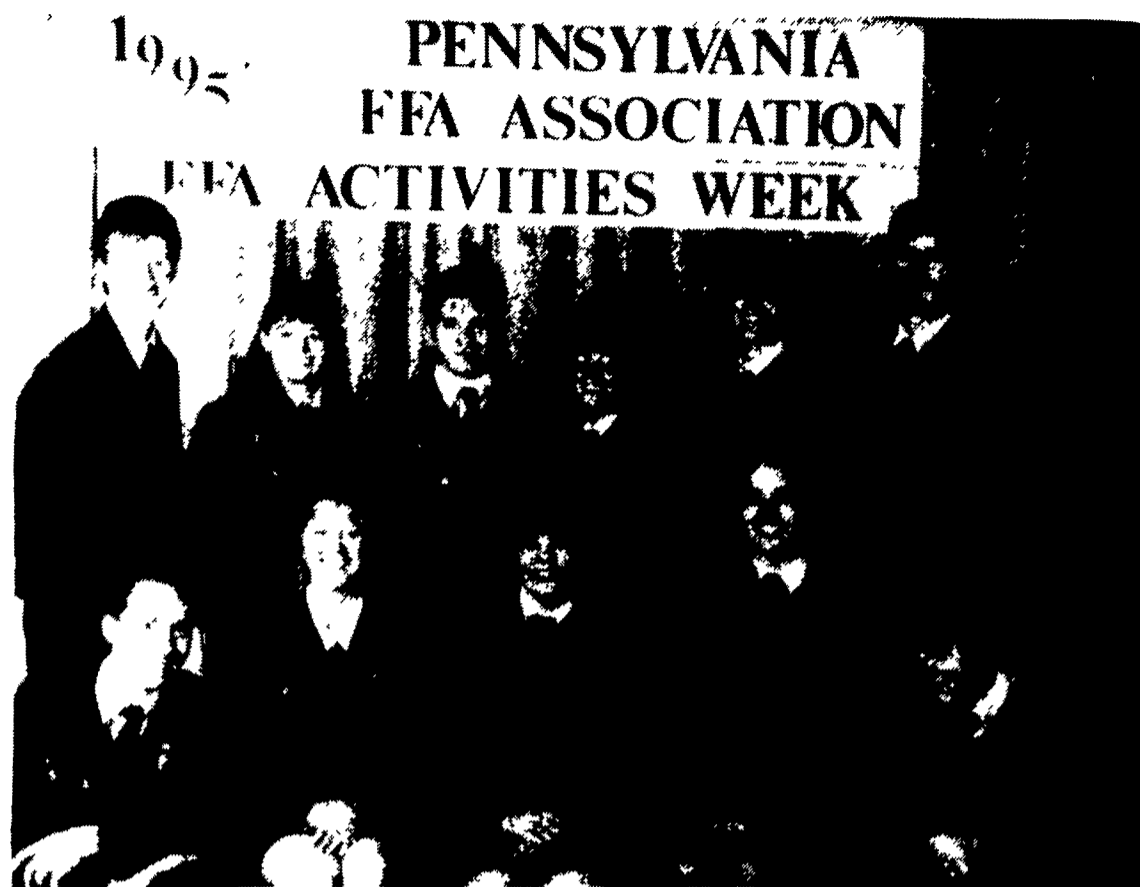
Tonya, 18, daughter of Edward and Karen Anthony, Rochester Mills, noted that she has "always enjoyed meeting new people and learning about others."

While officer, Tonya noted that as she met younger FFA'ers, she hopes "they could look to me as a role model."

Tonya's advisers are John Fyock and Jeremy Cattau.

## Western Vice President

"If I can at least touch one person while I am in office and



State FFA officers, front row from left, Mark Heeter, southcentral vice president; Marci Erway, northcentral vice president; Darla Herr, president; Heather Benner, statewide vice president; and Shannon Horst, chaplain. Second row, from left, Joshua Troxell, reporter; Tonya Anthony, treasurer; Jeremy Bartels, western vice president; Carrie Hetrich, eastern vice president; Jennifer Grimes, secretary; and Lloyd Bier, sentinel.

encourage them to run for an office, I feel that I will have succeeded knowing I changed someone's life in a great way," indicated Jeremy Louis Bartels, selected state FFA western vice president.

Jeremy, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bartels, Somerset, is a three-year member of Somerset FFA. Jeremy's adviser is Andy Hipple.

## Eastern Vice President

Carrie Lynn Hetrick, 20, daughter of Randall and Cynthia Hetrick, Boyertown, was chosen as state eastern vice president.

Carrie, six-year Oley Valley FFA member, indicated that when she joined FFA, "I was very shy and withdrawn and lacked self-confidence. FFA changed my life dramatically. Because of the efforts of older members and conferences and contests that taught me how to set goals, I too have

realized dreams."

Carrie, who indicated she traveled to Germany, has completed her freshman year at Penn State as an agricultural science major.

Carrie's adviser is James Howe.

## Secretary

Jennifer Lynn Grimes, selected as state secretary, once had to relocate her membership simply to stay in the organization.

"Prior to my junior year, my school decided to discontinue the Hamburg FFA. I transferred to the Tulpehocken School District to participate in the unlimited opportunities and educational experiences of FFA."

Jennifer, 19, daughter of Kenneth L. Grimes, Strausstown, is a five-year member of Tulpehocken FFA.

She noted, "We need more advocates to convey the importance of FFA to school board

directors, administrators, company officials, and students. As a state officer, I would continue to be an advocate for FFA."

Jennifer's adviser is Barry Kellner.

## Sentinel

Selected as state sentinel was Lloyd Glen Bier.

Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Bier, Jr., Carlisle and a four-year member of the Big Spring FFA, set his goals by example.

"When I started the ag program at Big Spring, I noticed how Jennifer Miller and Mike Corman, chapter officers, worked to become leaders in the chapter and then become state officers," noted Lloyd. "Becoming a state officer has been a dream of mine ever since. I would continue to develop leadership skills, motivate other FFA members, and learn how to become part of a team."

Lloyd's adviser is Vicki Lantz.

# NAAB Prepares For 49th Convention

ONTARIO, CA—The 49th Annual Convention of the National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) will be held August 17-19, 1995, at the Red Lion Hotel, in Ontario, California. The convention site is conveniently located adjacent to the Ontario International Airport. This region of California is known for its tourist attractions such as the Graber Olive House, Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens, Riverside Art Museum, and of course the renowned Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and the new Raging Waters Theme Park. Golf, wineries and shopping are also nearby. Hosts for this year's convention are Excelsior Farms, Corona, CA and Landmark Genetics, Hughson, CA.

After a day of area dairy tours, convention activities will kick off with a Host Reception Bar-B-Que on Thursday evening, August 17.

Attendees at Friday morning's General Business Session will hear the annual address by NAAB Chairman of the Board, Bruce Bean. All technicians who have

served over 100,000 cows, as well as industry sales people who have sold over 500,000 units of semen, will be recognized with a plaque presentation ceremony. After a break, the spouses depart for lunch at a French-style restaurant and followed by a tour of the Richard Nixon Library and birthplace. The rest of the morning session will focus on the business at hand with NAAB President Gordon A. Doak giving the Call to Order, Call to the meeting, and the reading of any proposed resolutions which may come before the assembly. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Roger Ripley, will report on candidates for the NAAB Board of Directors.

Speakers at the afternoon Educational Session will feature discussion on current industry issues including a report on the market development survey recently conducted by NAAB/USDA and packed with much needed and helpful information.

Thursday evening's banquet will include the NAAB Awards

Ceremonies. This year's recipients are: Richard H.L. Chichester, Select Sires, NAAB Distinguished Service Award; Clarence Boyke, Select Sires, Member Director Award; Howard C. Kellgren, Select Sires, Pioneer Award; and Dr. Margaret Dentine, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Research Award.

At Saturday morning's business session NAAB voting delegates will elect three directors to fill the three vacant positions. Those whose terms expire this year are Dan Ranney, Excelsior Farms, Ken Persyn, Medina Valley Genetics, and Pete Blodgett, (eligible for reelection) Landmark Genetics.

Registration deadline is July 5 to avoid late registration fees. Hotel registration must be received by the Red Lion Hotel no later than July 24 to guarantee rates and availability. For convention registration information contact Teddy Heckman, Landmark Genetics, P.O. Box 939, Hughson, CA 95326-0939 (Tel: 209-883-4001).