

# Future Cooperative Leaders Meet

ALTOONA (Blair Co.) — Cooperative education, leadership development and young adult fellowship were the benefits for the 40 young cooperative members that participated in the Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives (PCC) Young Leader Conference at the Ramada Hotel in Altoona, last month.

Highlighting the 3-day conference was a keynote presentation by nationally known speaker, Dr. Bernie Erven of the Ohio State University. Dr. Erven addressed the importance of effective communication and listening skills in both business and family relationships. He was sponsored by Nationwide Insurance.

In addition to Erven's presentation, attendees also participated in workshops targeting cooperative basics; media communications; and farm management and evaluation. Participants also felt privileged to hear dinner presentation speaker Mr. William Perry with Milk Marketing, Inc.

The young cooperative members also participated in round table discussions with cooperative leaders and demonstrated cooperative principles through skits produced and performed by the participants.

Region leaders that assisted with the 1995 conference included conference chair couple, Michael and Dorrie Blue, Shenandoah Junction, WV; Bradley and Sandra Hershey, Southeast Region; Bob and Jennifer Baughman, Western Region; and Mark and Lois Yoder, South Central Region.

Conference participants and their cooperative sponsors are as follows. From the Southeast region of the state, those attending were: Joe and Yvonne Garber from Lancaster, sponsored by Atlantic Breeders Cooperative; J. Richard and Miriam G. Brenne-

man of Quarryville, sponsored by Keystone Farm Credit; John and Teresa Hocking of Landenberg, sponsored by Keystone Farm Credit; Dave and Tracy Horning of Honey Brook, sponsored by the Southeast Region Board.

From the Western region those that attended included: Alan and Nancy Muir from Armagh, sponsored by Atlantic Breeders Cooperative; Todd Allio of Rionesta, sponsored by Milk Marketing, Inc.; Gary and Darlene Youngs of North East, sponsored by National Grape; John and Judy Ligo from Grove City, sponsored by Penn-West Farm Credit; and Michael and Debbie O'Brien of Amity, sponsored by Agway.

In attendance representing the South Central region of the state were: Brian and Alice Musser from Newburg, sponsored by Agway; Joe and Heather Hollenshead of Needmore, sponsored by Atlantic Breeders; Glenn M. and Kathy Jo Pugh of Shippensburg, sponsored by Atlantic Dairy; David and Terella Rice of Williamsburg, sponsored by PA DHIA; Melvin and Barbara Marks of Airville, sponsored by Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers; Dean and Becky Innerst of Red Lion, sponsored by York Farm Credit; and Joyce Ringler of Berlin, sponsored by Pro-Fac.

Recognizing and developing leadership skills is one of the purposes of the conference. A special opportunity is offered to four par-

ticipating couples to return as part of a leadership team that plans the conference for the following year. Those selected as Region Leaders for the 1996 conference were: Joe and Yvonne Garber representing the Southeast region; Gary and Darlene Youngs representing the Western region; representing the Northern region will be Steve and Sue Neff; and Glenn M. and Kathy Jo Pugh representing the South Central region. Bob and Jennifer Baughman were selected to serve as the 1996 conference chair couple.

Crystal Smithmyer, Executive Director of PCC says, "We are consistently encouraged by the quality and enthusiasm of our young farmer participants. These producers are committed to their families and their farm and are eager to invest time and energy into creating a secure and productive operation."

PCC is a statewide association of cooperative businesses owned and controlled by farmers and rural Pennsylvanians. Its membership includes major marketing and farm supply cooperatives, the Farm Credit Associations of Pennsylvania as well as rural electric cooperatives. Organized in 1933, PCC is the voice for agricultural and rural cooperatives operating in Pennsylvania. For more information contact the PCC office, Cricket Field Plaza, Building 2, Suite 104, 600 Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

## Dean Hood To Step Down In '96

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Citing the need for new leadership to take the College to the next level of achievement, Dean Lamartine F. Hood has announced plans to leave his position in early 1996. As he finishes nearly 10 years in his leadership role, he will take a leave and then

return to the University to assume new responsibilities.

In his announcement to the faculty, staff, and students of the College, Dean Hood commented on the accomplishments made together over the last decade — a 60% increase in undergraduate enrollment since 1988; the fostering of excellence and diversity among

## Berks Youth Receives Holstein Chain Calf

OLEY (Berks Co.) — Andrew E. Youse, the 13-year-old son of Paul and Linda Youse of Oley, has been selected by a team of judges to receive the 1995 Berks Co. Holstein Club Chain Calf. As the club's third recipient, Andy was presented with Keb-Bek Mascot Alissa born November 23, 1994. To be eligible for the contest, a youngster must be a member of a county 4-H club or FFA chapter. Andy is a member of both, but is using his prize as an FFA project animal. Alissa has already found a favorite spot in Andy's herd when she placed first in the Senior Calf Class at the Southeast PA District FFA Dairy Show held last month. He is looking forward to showing her more this season and most of all to developing her into a dairy cow. When she has her first heifer calf, Andy will pass her on to another deserving 4-H or FFA member through the club's contest.

Andy spends many hours helping on the farm at home and also participates in a variety of activities at school, grange and church. Over the last several years that he was involved in project work, his animals have not always developed as he hoped, therefore he entered the contest to gain some genetic improvement for his herd. With the start he and Alissa seem to have, he's sure to be on the right path.

The Berks County Holstein Club will be conducting its next



Andy Youse with his 1995 Berks Co. Holstein chain calf, Keb-Bek Mascot Alissa.

contest at the beginning of the new year. This time they will be presenting the first heifer calf born from the first chain calf given out in 1993 to Erica Davis. Berks County youngsters should watch for details on how they might be able to win this fine project animal.

faculty and staff; the marked enhancement of facilities; and the significant growth in funding for education and research programs during the late 1980s. However, he also noted the lack of any increase in state funding during the 1990s that led to the major downsizing of the College — a loss of 123 faculty and staff positions over the past five years.

"I predicted that the '90s would be remembered as a decade of transition," he noted, and "although we are scarcely halfway through the decade, it is increasingly apparent that our programs and organization must continue to evolve if we are to remain relevant and responsible to our multiple stakeholders. This will require a commitment from all of us to put

the organizational good ahead of personal benefit."

Penn State President Joab Thomas said Dean Hood brought vision and commitment to the university. "In a time of decreasing resources from both state and federal government for agricultural research and extension, Dean Hood succeeded in improving the college's academic quality, adding new facilities and enhancing its stature in and service to the Commonwealth," he said.

The University will launch a national search for the Dean's successor, establishing a search committee within the next several weeks. Meanwhile, Dean Hood will actively continue his leadership of the College over the next several months.

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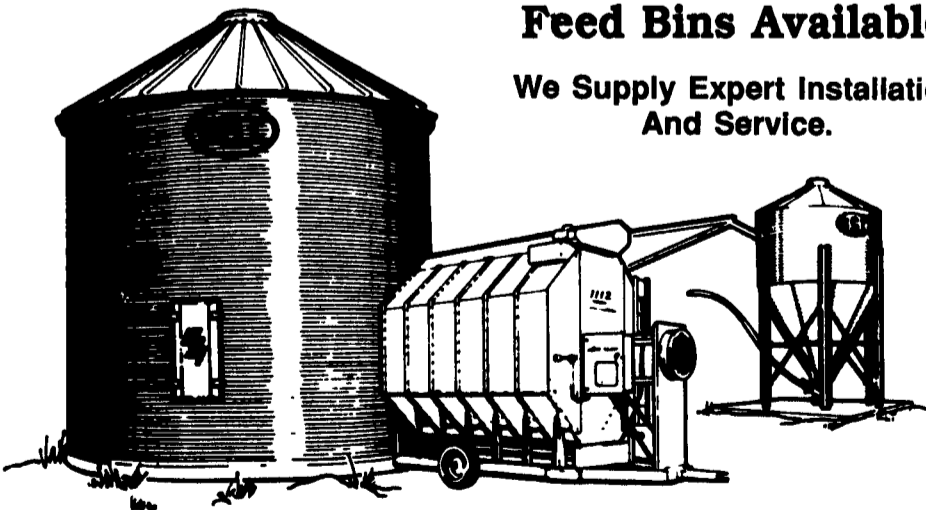
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