



Charles Brosius, Pennsylvania Ag Secretary, left, shares an idea with Gov. Tom Ridge.

ses have been doing it, and institutions of higher learning, both public and private, will need to set priorities too. But we have a good working relationship, and we will continue to work with Penn State over the next several years."

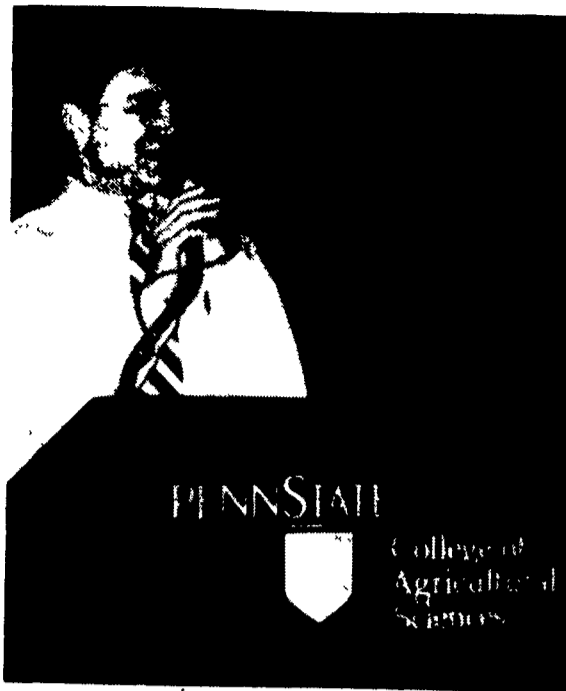
Gov. Ridge concluded his luncheon speech by reading a state proclamation honoring Dean Lamarine Hood for his leadership in the development of Ag Progress Days.

Also sharing the spotlight at the noon event was the new president of Penn State University, Graham Spanier. Spanier said his goal is to make Penn State the best of the land grant universities by balancing our mission to achieve excellence in all disciplines

simultaneously.

"I am not a believer in choosing sides between these many visions Penn State has," Spanier said. "We have them all; we have always had them, and we lead the nation in the ability to integrate all these visions. That's what we will try to continue to accomplish."

Spanier referred to the dissatisfaction with the state funding of research and extension. "The University's capacity to support the ag community has been constrained in recent years by the fact that state funding for ag research and extension has not been increased since 1990," Spanier said. "We really must have a dialogue about what



Legislative luncheon speakers, Graham Spanier, Penn State University's new president, left, and Gov. Tom Ridge, Pennsylvania.

we want to see happen in agriculture in this state. We need to find a solution for our situation for flat budgets for the cooperative extension and ag research programs."

Hood served as master of ceremonies and introduced many state

and local public officials. Among the special guests were Katarzyna Duczkowska-Malyzs, vice minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Economy, Poland, and Eugeniusz Chylek, national director of science extension and education,

Poland. Penn State has a working relationship with the Polish government to help develop a market economy and provide extensive input into the development of a research and extension program fashioned after our own system.



Officials from the Polish government visited Ag Progress Days and were greeted by Gov. Tom Ridge and representatives from Penn State and the local business community at the legislative luncheon on Wednesday. From left, Edward J. Piszek, Polish/American private foundations; Samuel Hayes, Jr., working with Polish parliament to develop a market oriented economy; Eugeniusz Chylek, national director of science extension and education, Poland; Katarzyna Duczkowska-Malyzs, vice minister, Ministry of Agricultural and Food Economy, Poland; Gov. Tom Ridge; Nancy and William Campbell, private funding, Polish/Penn State 4-H development program; and Don Evans, Penn State extension ag education and coordinator of the Penn State/Polish program.

Vegetable Growers Hand 'Strawberry Surprise' To Ag Progress Visitors

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ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) —
What a combo!

What do you get when you mix frozen strawberries, ice, honey, lemon juice, sugar, and volunteers from the state vegetable growers association?

You get volunteers serving "strawberry surprise" drinks to some summer heat-sweltered yet satisfied customers this week at Ag Progress Days.

It was a great combination, as visitors to this year's Ag Progress ventured, for the first time, to the corner of Main Street and East First to sample fruit and vegetable treats from the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association.

This was the first time the vegetable growers organization provided food at the three-day Ag Progress Days activities.

The fruit provided fresh contrast to the countless fast food stands scattered throughout the exhibition areas.

People who found the growers association stand, said Rudy Grob, a director of the organization, "say, 'Oh, we're so glad to get this.'" On opening day of Ag Progress, according to Grob, about 400 of the strawberry surprise drinks were sold.

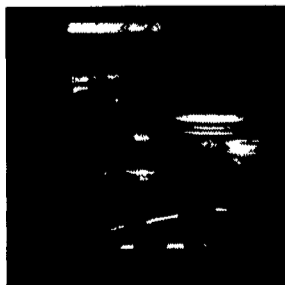
Grob said that it didn't take long for word to spread from the main exhibit areas toward the entrance

for more to come visit the stand.

Grob said, as director of the Farm Show stand each year in Harrisburg, similar treats are sold, including soups and salads. Last

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