

Penn State Ag Sciences College Needs More From State

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ering 400 students, making it the largest scholarship program in the University.

In Extension Starling also discussed the many different collaborations occurring among different land-grant universities with their respective Extension programs.

As one example, he said that Penn State Extension has collaborated with university Extension programs in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and New Jersey, and with the USDA to create a regional fruit tree research and educational working group for research and extension.

It is supported by a regional council of fruit producers.

Other examples of collaborations with agricultural colleges and Extension programs include Penn State and Virginia with poultry (especially turkey), and New York's Cornell University and Penn State for grape research.

Starling has served for 10 years in the dean's office before accepting the interim deanship.

"In the past 10 year-period we made a lot of progress in impro-

ving facilities," he said.

But he said that similar to the saying recently popularized by First Lady Hillary Clinton's book — "It takes a village to raise a child." — "It takes a state to have a strong college of agriculture," he said.

That type of consideration is also apparently reversible and expandable — it takes a strong educational system to have a strong state.

Though University President Spanier was not present during Starling's update on the college, when Spanier arrived for his presentation, he was introduced as having said that it was his goal at the 16th president of the Penn State University, to be the top university in the integration of research, community service and education.

He said the Extension model is an excellent model to expand into other colleges within the University.

After taking office last fall, Spanier has embarked on a statewide tour to visit all 23 branch campuses and 67 extension offices and local businesses and high schools.

Well aware of the economic and

rebuilding effort needed in the state, in effect he said that it should be the role of a land-grant university to serve the state by being directly involved in the rebuilding effort.

Noting the globalization of the economy, the shifting of environmental oversight from federal to state priority, and reductions of federal spending on agriculture and rural communities, along with more specific state initiatives to build upon some of the state's outstanding natural resources (which were neglected or destroyed during the state's heavily industrialized periods) to serve as a base for economic regrowth, etc., Spanier said that the university should be expected to help the state's residents achieve their efforts to improve their quality of lives.

He said he is seeking a higher increase in state funding for the College of Agricultural Sciences than for the University as a whole, because of the College's importance to the state and its rural and urban communities.

He said that it is his intention to have more of the University's other colleges work with the

Extension system through the College of Agricultural Sciences to provide even better technical and cutting edge technological expertise.

It is the responsibility of the university to help the state grow, he said.

Spanier said that in traveling around the state and visiting with Extension and College of Ag Sciences people, he has found most people in good spirit despite the hardships from the cutbacks.

"We cannot sustain continued cuts like this," Spanier told the group. "I'm pushing very hard."

He said, "No educational delivery system has ever done more (than Extension)." He also cautioned that, "We're at an era where it can go one way or the other. We can build on the model and build Extension, or we can sit back and let funding continue to decrease."

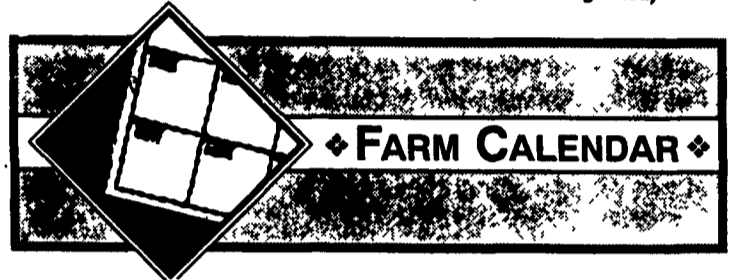
Spanier also outlined a proposal to restructure and combine some of the regional campuses and make it possible for students to achieve four-year degrees at branch campuses.

In other business, recognitions were made during the meeting.

Those members leaving the board of directors received Nittany Lion statues.

Marie Schoen, who served as chairperson for this year's annual meeting, received a statue and also a certificate of appreciation; David Quick, who served as chairperson for the PCCEA's Legislative Day activity, received a statue; Betty Woodruff, board vice president for four years, received a statue; Anna Peters, secretary for four years, received a statue and a certificate of appreciation; and Judy Diebold, received a certificate of apprecia-

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Farm, Cream Ridge, N.J., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
National Wildlife Week, thru April 27.

Monday, April 22
Chester County Extension 14-Hour Course On Tractor and Farm Machinery, Octorara High School, also April 23, 29, and 30, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Final written and driving tests May 4, 8 a.m.-noon.

Tuesday, April 23
Lebanon county pond meeting, Lebanon Valley Ag Center, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Ephrata Young Farmers Ladies Night Out, Cloister Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
Beef Evaluation Program, Live Evaluation, Leesport Farmer's Market, Leesport, 7:30 p.m.
Carcass evaluation Peters Bros., Lenhartsville, April 25, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24
Pa. Poultry Federation, Hershey Convention Center, social 5:30 p.m.; dinner, 7 p.m.

Octorara Watershed Association annual dinner meeting, Black Rock Retreat, Quarryville, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 25
Effective Pastures Program, Cecil County Md. Extension Service, Cliff England Farm, Calvert, 6 p.m.
Beef Evaluation Program, Carcass Evaluation, Peters Bros. Meats, Lenhartsville, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 26
Mid-Atlantic Production and Type Sale, Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick, Md., 7 p.m.
Maine-New England Beef Expo, Fryeburg, Maine, thru April 28.
Pa. State Guernsey Breeders Association meeting, The Arena, Bedford, thru April 27.

Saturday, April 27
Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss Calf Sale, Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick, Md., 10:30 a.m.
17th Annual Pa. Blue Halter Sale, Bedford, 1 p.m.
71st Annual Agriculture Day, U. of Md. College Park, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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