Penn State Names Ag Science Interim Department Heads

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Interim heads have been named for the agricultural and biological engineering, agricultural economics and rural sociology, and veterinary science departments in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

Dr. Milton Hallberg, professor of agricultural economics, has been named interim head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology. He replaces Dr. Theodore Alter, who was named interim dean of the college in June. Hallberg previously served as interim department head during 1993 and 1994.

Hallberg teaches graduate and undergraduate courses focusing on agricultural policy, international trade and marketing. He also has taught courses in econometrics and mathematical methods applicable to economic analysis.

Hallberg joined Penn State in 1965. When he arrived, much of the quantitative work in the

department was being performed on mechanical calculators. To remedy this, Hallberg developed a comprehensive software package that facilitated his own and his colleagues' research. His expertise played a key role in bringing the computer revolution to the department.

Much of his past research has focused on U.S. dairy policy, foreign trade, international agriculture and the impact of biotechnology on the farm sector. His current research includes a pioneering interdisplinary effort to econometrically model Pennsylvania's food system in order to better understand various economic linkages and their impacts throughout the system.

Hallberg was raised on a farm in Illinois. He received his bachelor's and master's from the University of Illinois and carned a doctorate in agricultural economics from Iowa State University. Dr. Harvey Manbeck, distin-

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guished professor of agricultural engineering, has been named interim head of the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering. He replaces Dr. Dennis Buffington, who will remain at the university as a professor of agricultural engineering, conducting education and research programs in agricultural systems management.

Manbeck teaches undergraduate and graduate classes in agricultural and biological engineering. His research focuses on utilizing Pennsylvania hardwood for structural applications such as bridges and construction timbers, and on controlled environments for poultry and livestock.

Manbeck was an assistant and associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Engineering at the University of Georgia prior to joining the Penn State faculty as professor in 1980. From 1975 to 1977 he was an associate professor and extension agricultural engineer at Ohio State University.

Manbeck carned his bachelor's and master's in agricultural engineering from Penn State in 1963 and 1965, respectively, and received his doctorate in agricultural engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1970.

He is a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Forest Products Reasearch Society, Sigma Xi and Gamma Sigma Delta, the national honorary agricultural fraternity.

Dr. Gary Perdew, professor of veterinary science, has been named interim head of the Department of Veterinary Science. He replaces Dr. Channa Reddy, who retains his appointment as distinguished professor of veterinary science.

Perdew teaches courses in biochemical and molecular toxicology. His current research focuses on the toxicity of dioxin and related compounds and how kinases are regulated through interactions with heat shock proteins.

Perdew was an associate professor in the Department of Foods and Nutrition at Perdue University prior to joining the Penn State faculty in 1995. From 1984 to 1987, he was a National Institutes of Health psotdoctoral fellow in the Department of Oncology at the University of Wisconsin.

He earned his bachelor's and master's in food science from the University of Maryland and his doctorate in food science from Oregon State University, where he received a Chiles Foundation Graduate Fellowship.

He is a member of the NIH Toxicology Study Section and sits on the editorial boards of the journals Toxicology Letters and Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology.

Nominees Sought For Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Lewis Riley has announced that the search for 1997 Maryland Agriculture Hall of Fame nominees has begun.

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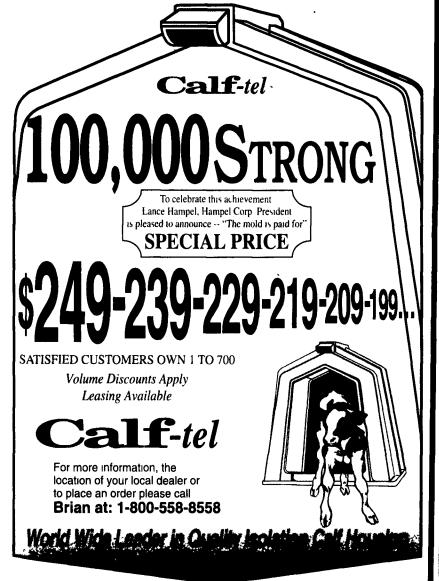
This award, created in 1991, honors leaders in the agriculture industry who exemplify high standards of achievement and commitment to the community.



tee chaired by the Maryland Secretary of Agriculture will review all county nominations and select award winners. Gov. Parris N. Glendening will induct the winning families into the Hall of Fame at the annual Maryland Agricultural Dinner scheduled for Feb. 6.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has established an alcove where the perpetual award and the photographs of the past honorees may be viewed by the public. This highly visible display is located in the Wayne A. Cawley Jr. Building at 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, Md., on the first level.

For more information on the selection process and the name of the coordinator in your county, please contact Lester Jones at the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Marketing Services on (410) 841-5770, or contact your county extension office.



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