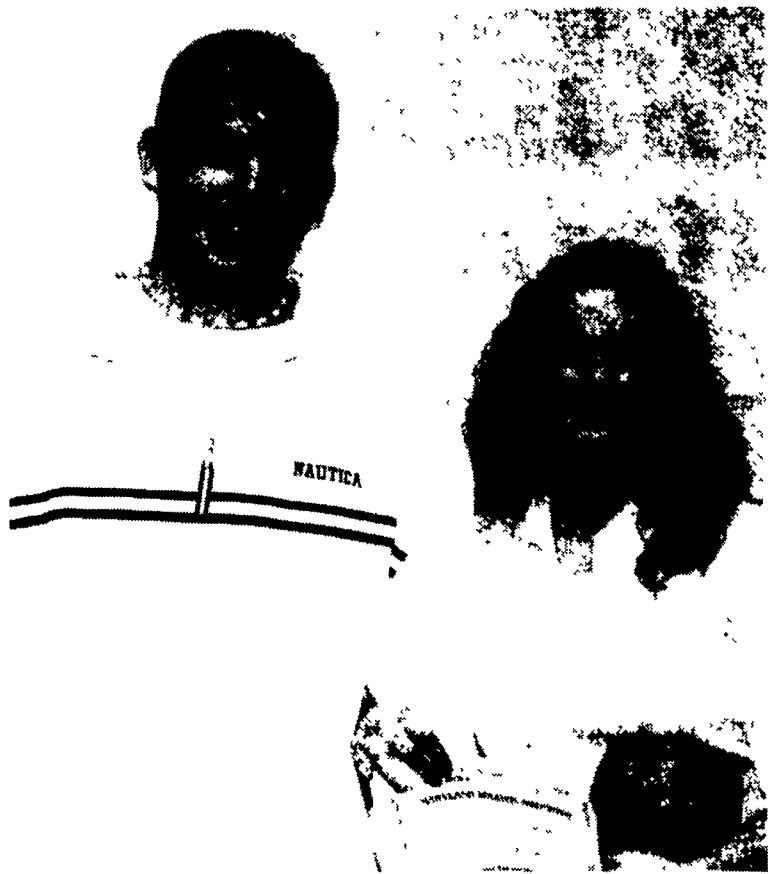


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Maryland Holstein youth production winners Ryan and Marlee Savage.

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## Pro Ag Members Travel To Washington

MESHOPPEN (Wyoming Co.) — Several Pennsylvania and New York members of the Progressive Agriculture Organization (Pro Ag) traveled to Washington, D.C. last week to speak to 21 conferees that make up the special Senate and House conference committee. The special committee has been appointed to iron out the differences between the Senate and House versions of the proposed farm bill.

The Pro Ag members started the day with a briefing from staff members of Congressman Don Sherwood, Congressman Tim Holden, Congressman George Gekas, and Congressman John Peterson.

During the day, the dairy farmers met with staff members from all of the conferees. In addition, New York farmers Fred Matthews, Fred LeClair, and Jim Carr had a meeting with Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.). Lugar is the minority chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Arden Tewksbury, manager of Pro Ag, said, "The dairy farmers made the trip to the nation's capital in order to convey to the conferees the urgency of passing much needed, favorable dairy legislation in the new proposed farm bill."

The House version of the farm bill, which (Turn to Page A46)

Maryland Holstein Association.

Ashlyn was also named supreme champion at the World Dairy Expo in Wisconsin, the All-American show in Harrisburg, and the Maryland state fair.

Outstanding Holstein Breeder for 2001 recognition went to Gus and Lisa Schwartzbeck, Union Bridge, and Frank and Barbara Covey, Federalsburg.

The Schwartzbeck's Peace and Plenty Farm has produced four futurity winners, many show winners on the state level,

and maintains a breed age average (BAA) in the 105-106 range.

The Coveys, named senior outstanding breeders, began their registered Holstein operation on Harmony Farm in 1975. Since then, their program has produced more than 30 Excellent cows and 30 cows that made more than 200,000 pounds of milk in their lifetime.

John Hall, Chestertown, was honored with the 2001 Distinguished Service Award.

Hall's contributions to Maryland-area Holstein breed-

ers include serving as futurity chairman for 20 years and as a regional extension agent since 1980. He also serves as secretary of Mid-Shore DHIA and the Kent/Queen Anne's dairy breed club.

Other highlights of the two-day convention included a keynote address by John Meyer, CEO of Holstein Association USA, a Holstein sale, and a tour of Mason Dixon Farms.

Cam Davis, Union Bridge, was named new president of the Maryland Holstein Association.



Maryland Holstein Association Scholarship Winners, from left, Andrea Hood, Barbara Schenning, Gary Brauning III, Josh Sanders, and Brett Haines, Outstanding Holstein Scholar. Brauning, Haines, and Hood were also named Distinguished Junior Members for 2002.

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