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## Boarder and Trainer

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### Training Horses

*Pressure, Release Means Please, Thank You*

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ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — The system builds upon itself. Brian Egan horse program assistant Penn State explained the method used to train horses at the university during 2002 Ag Progress Days. "The system is based on pressure and release," he said. Physical and spatial pressure can be used to guide the horses, according to Egan. The first lesson is to teach a horse to lead which Egan demonstrated in the Horse Arena at Ag Progress Days last August. Egan used a 2 year old Quarter horse for his demonstration. When a horse is accustomed to the halter he said the handler should try



Brian Egan, horse program assistant, Penn State University, explains the pressure-and-release system he uses to train horses. Photo by Michelle Kunjappu

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**Mini Horses Enhance Vet Tech Program**



**High-Tech Help For Horses At Equine Medical Center**

MICHELLE KUNJAPPU ground for more than 450 vet-

**Lancaster Farming's Boarder & Trainer** this issue includes ways to improve horse health using a new treadmill developed at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, Va. Also included: highlights of a steeplechase in Leesburg, Va., the work of farriers, and more.

## Ag's Future, Ethanol Plans On Slate At Issues Forum

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — It's no secret that Lancaster County farms and agribusinesses are a major part of the local economy.

But the "increasing tension of coexistence" with neighbors calls for a change in tactics, according to Tom Baldrige, president of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"Agriculture is both significant and essential," Baldrige said at an ag issues forum at Landis Valley Museum here Thursday. "Yet for all its importance, it is not the most significant aspect of our local economy. The fact is, we are a manufacturing-driven county."

The manufacturing sector provides one of every three jobs and 40 percent of the wages, and

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## Dairy Success Strategy: Watch Overall Herd Health

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Of all the diseases for a dairy veterinarian to treat, one stands out as particularly insidious.

That distinction goes to bovine viral diarrhea, or BVD, according to Charles Gardner, DVM for Agway.

The disease, Gardner told more than 80 producers and dairy industry representatives, is

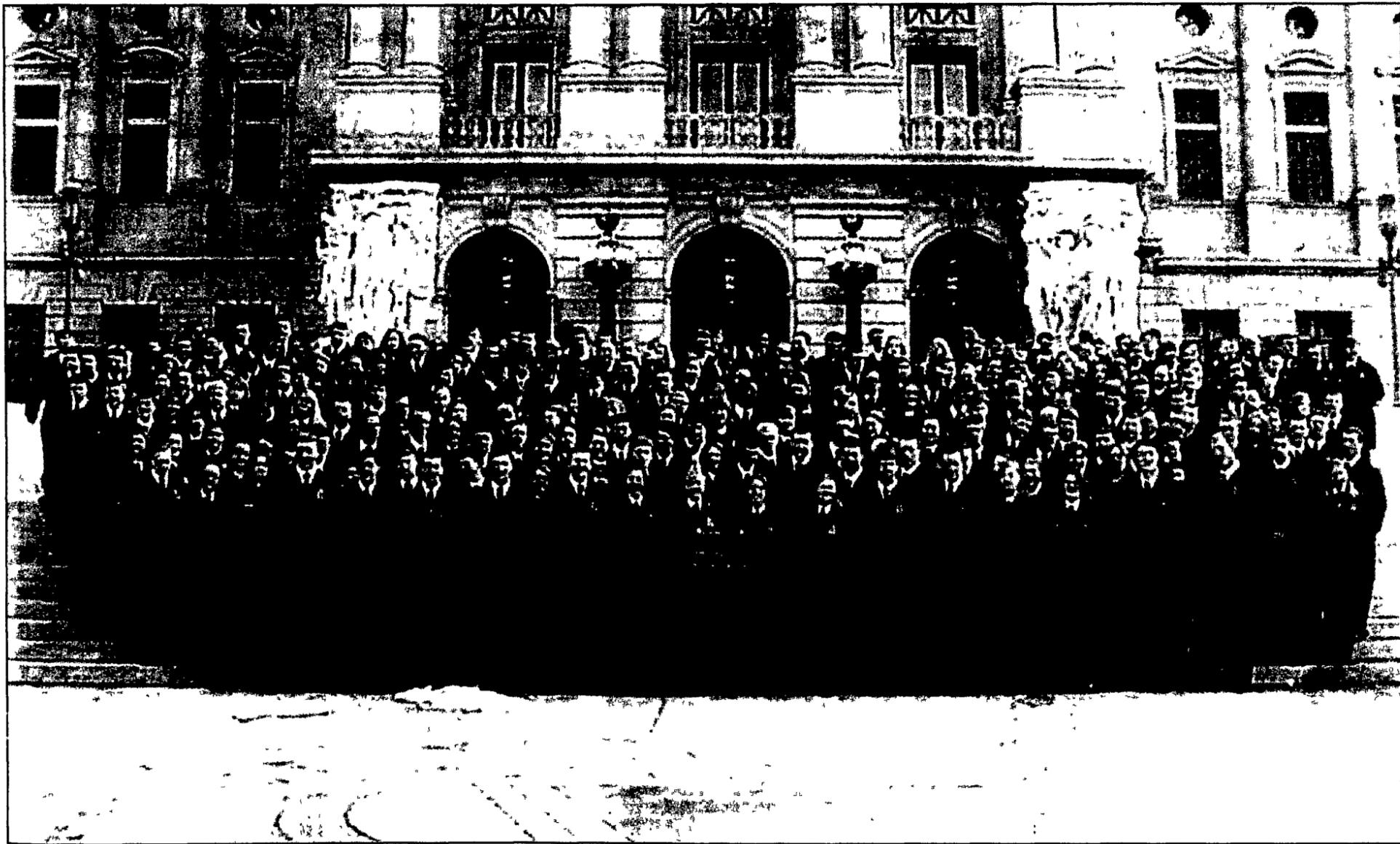
"more common than you think," he said. It can strike all bovines, not just dairy animals.

Gardner told those who attended the Lancaster County Family Dairy Day on Monday that if they want to purchase dairy animals, consider BVD and "understand how it works."

Gardner was one of several speakers at the annual Dairy Day

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## Hundreds Of FFA'ers At 2003 State Legislative Leadership Conference



HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — More than 320 Pennsylvania FFA members and advisers assembled on the steps of the state capitol last Sunday during the 16th Annual FFA State Legislative Leadership Conference (SLLC). This year the state officers and second-year scholars were responsible for putting together a new version of SLLC, complete with a House of Representatives and a Senate. About

220 members were assigned to the "House of Representatives" and approximately 65 members were selected for the "Senate." The House and Senate members then proceeded to discuss and amend a total of six actual Pennsylvania Legislature bills. See story page A36.