Farm Science Review Hall of Fame

hree supporters of the Farm Science Review will be inducted into its Hall of Fame September 17, opening day of the Review. Francille M. Firebaugh, Jim Utzinger, and Bob Miller are being honored for their efforts and support of the Review.

Firebaugh served as the acting vice president of agricultural administration and the Dean of the College of Agriculture from 1982 to 1983 and was the administrator primarily responsible for the arrangements in acquiring the Molly Caren Agricultural Center. She helped secure a loan from the university to support the Review's 1982 move from Don Scott Field to its present site.

"Francille was instrumental in seeing that the obstacles (involved with the move) were taken care of," said Craig Fendrick, Review manager.

Firebaugh now lives in Ithaca, NY where she is the Dean of Human Ecology at Cornell University. Firebaugh was honored in 1995 when a building within OSU Central on the Review grounds was named for her.

Utzinger worked as a faculty member in Ohio State's Department of Horticulture for nearly 23 years, and spent much time working with the Farm Science Review, "I think Jim served on every committee at the Farm Science Review," Fendrick said.

Utzinger was largely responsible for the former youth committee's FFA orientation. He also participated on the Review's Steering Committee and the Horticulture Department's committee, and helped found the Home Horticulture Center. Following his death in 1990, he became one of only three people to have a Review dedicated to them. Utzinger lived in Grove City, Ohio where his wife Doris still resides.

Miller began his career in broadcast serving as acting extension radio editor at WOSU. From there he went on to air the first farm program on WRFD radio and was the on air personality for 30 years on WLW radio and television in Cincinnati, where he served as the director of agricultural activities. He was a promoter of the Review, especially in the early years, for both television and radio outlets, until the time of his retirement in 1981. Since then, he has continued to give support.

"Bob was instrumental in really attracting farmers from the tri-state area to the review," Fendrick said. He has recently been honored by the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame and the National Farm Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

"Bob was constantly on the air talking and promoting the Farm Science Review for the four states in his listening area and was responsible for many people even knowing about the Review," said Joe Cornely of WRFD Radio.

Miller lives in Blue Ash, Ohio.

In 1990, the Hall of Fame was established to recognize those persons who have made significant contributions to the Farm Science Review. Honorees are remembered through permanent displays at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center and in the Agricultural Administration Building of the Ohio State University's Columbus campus. Prior honorees include:

1995: David R. Miskell, Robert L. Eby

1994: C. L. "Lep" Lephart, Dorothy R. Friday, Paul C. Leidheiser

1993: Thomas M. Stockdale, Ted L. Jones, William L. George

1992: Earl W. McMunn, Roland L. Leeper, James W. Yingling

1991: William B. Zipf, Wilbur A Gould, Shirley A. Brook, Marion E Grime

1990: Molly Caren, Novice G. Fawcett, Dale T. Friday, Roy M. Kottman,

Thomas F. Wonderling



Francille M. Firebaugh



Jim Utzinger



Bob Miller