

Agricultural Convocation

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Future farm bills will face the same problems as past bills, says the leader of the congressional "Boll Weevils," and those who believe a free world market exists "still believe in the tooth fairy."

Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, said two other problems are keeping the cost of government dairy programs under control and dealing with enthusiasts of a "cheap food" policy.

"Congress spent 12 months trying to pass the 1981 Farm Bill, and the irony of it all is that the new bill is an extension of the 1977 Farm Bill," he said. "The only difference is that now the bill can't be blamed on Jimmy Carter."

In the past 10 years, the national debt as a whole increased 159 percent, but the nation's farm debt increased 229 percent, Stenholm said.

"The debt has to be repaid," he said, "and everyone wants to cut federal spending to balance the budget—as long as the cuts are in the other guy's program."

The problem with agriculture today, he said, can be summed up in one word: price.

Stenholm said there are two ways to deal with the price problem: controlling

supply or subsidizing. And, he said, farmers don't want subsidies.

Managing supply can be accomplished by not over producing or marketing the product, he said.

"And we in agriculture have done a lousy job of marketing," Stenholm said.

"Farmers reserve the right to produce as much as they want, but refuse to market their product."

He urged farmers to participate in the USDA's acreage reduction program (see related story, p. 10), and said supply management is the height of the free enterprise system.

The coveted Gavel Award was again won by the Poultry Science Club for having the highest percentage of members present.

Alpha Zeta awarded four \$200 scholarships. The winners were: Roy Beard; Jim Jackman; Charles Phillip; and Lisa Taylor.

Outstanding freshman was Mike Phillips; outstanding sophomore was Bryan Terrell; and outstanding junior was Shirley Altenhof.

Jim Harris was awarded the \$500 Eva Simmons Potts scholarship.

Senior merit awards went to Kelly Castleberry, Matthew Cole, Gregory



Congressman Charles Stenholm

Elliot, Patricia Gamble, Randy Green, Cynthia Hunter, Ken Johnson, Ellen Kutsky, Laura Larson, Ann Simoneau, and Lauren Snyder.

Rick Hardin won the \$1,000 A. M. "Tony" Sorensen Jr. Achievement Award, which is presented to a doctoral candidate in memory of the late Dr.

Sorensen. Mrs. Sorensen presented the award.

The Outstanding Professor Award for 1982 went to Dr. Marihelen Kamp of the horticultural sciences department. Members of the Student Agricultural Council choose the recipient of this award.



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