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Students and faculty listen to arguments in the Agriculture Administration Building concerning the ethical and economic impact of the meat products industry. Speakers from the left are Melissa Clifford,

sophomore majoring in political science; Dan Farrell, professor of philosophy; Ned Parrett, professor of meat science and Matthew Lane, senior majoring in animal science.

## Ethics issues debated on animal rights at meat production forum

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The issue of whether animals should be used in meat production was discussed at the Ethics and Economics of Meat Production Forum Wednesday night.

The forum, sponsored by the Agriculture and Natural Resource Student Council, began with presentations by four guest speakers. Both sides of animal rights issues were discussed. The four speakers were divided into two teams with opposing views.

NED PARRETT, professor of animal science, and Matt Lane, a senior from Washington Court House majoring in animal science, said the use of animals for meat products is justified.

Daniel Farrell, professor of philosophy, and Melissa Clifford, a senior majoring in political science, spoke for animal rights.

Each speaker was given five minutes to present facts to the audience. Following the guest speakers, the floor was opened to the audience for questions and comments.

Clifford, who considers herself a vegan, a person who does not use any animal products, said the animals should not be bred and we should let the animals be free and let nature take over.

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own," Lane said.

SOURCES OF protein other than animal meat are deficient in a number of amino acids. Parrett said the only complete source of protein is meat.

"We are supplying a product in demand," Lane said. "What we are doing is producing a quality product."

He said animal rights have

ing. Therefore, no stress is present when they are kept in a controlled environment.

Clifford said 80 percent of the corn grown in this country is used for feeding livestock, but instead of feeding it to the animals then butchering them, people should be eating this corn.

Farrell said he is speaking on behalf of the animals because he thinks they do have rights and even though the animals did not ask for him to stand up for them, he thinks one does not need permission to stand up for the rights of others.

JIM STICKLEY, a junior from Covington majoring in animal science and mediator of the forum, said the object of the discussion was to let people know about the ethical and economic issues involved with meat products.

always been stressed, even in the wild, but if the animals have never known anything else, they don't know what they are miss-



## Festival includes Jello-eating games

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Agriculture and Natural Resources Student Council will hold its annual Agricultural Olympics Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the grass area in the front of the animal science building on Woody Hayes Drive.

Julie Nagy, chairwoman of the event, said contests in the Olympics consist of Jell-O slurping through a straw, bobbing for apples, a three-legged race, milk chugging, tug of war and an egg toss.

Other events include a pudding-eating contest with participants' hands tied behind their backs, orange passing, a bake-off and a timed hay bale-stacking contest, Nagy said.

Anyone participating in the Olympics must sign-up in sets of five at least 15 minutes before they begin, Nagy said. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third places.

Nagy said there will also be a picnic before the contests begin.

The event is non-profit. "It's just for fun. It's just a meeting place where people can come together," Nagy said.

Eighteen clubs from the Agriculture Campus are signed up to participate.

Eric Barrett, vice president of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Student Council, said four agricultural fraternities, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Gamma Sigma and Delta Zeta Sigma, will also be participating.

Barrett, a member of Alpha Zeta fraternity, said the Olympics have been going on for at least 20 years.