

Students earn plant-food scholarships

NEWARK, Del. — Two University of Delaware plant science majors have received scholarships from the Delaware-Maryland Plant Food Association. Scholarships worth \$400 each went to Mark Sultenfuss, a junior studying in agronomy, and Clare Evans, a senior degree with distinction candidate in soil science.

A grain farmer from Centreville, Md., Sultenfuss leads a kind of double life as a student, living on campus during the academic year but commuting the 55 miles from Newark to his home on weekends and free afternoons to help his father farm. They have about 375 acres on which they're growing corn this year; roughly 90 percent of it no-till, at Mark's suggestion. He and his father share the work now, but after Mark graduates next year his father plans to retire and turn the farm over to him.

An active member of the University of Delaware Agronomy Club, he and Clare Evans were

both on the team that placed third against midwestern competition from other agricultural college teams at the University of Illinois earlier this spring. He's also an officer in Delaware's collegiate FFA chapter.

Because of his farming background, practicality is what turns Mark on, whether he's listening to a lecture or doing work on an assignment for a course. "I'm always looking for a direct application of the information I get," he says. An able student, he's been on the Dean's list every semester except last fall. "We had a busy combine season," he says, explaining the dip in his grade point average then.

Clare Evans is a candidate for a degree with distinction in the plant science department. She has spent her senior year doing basic research on the phosphorus supplying power of two Delaware soils, with guidance from her advisor, soil specialist Leo Cotnoir. She was one of the founders of the

University of Delaware Agronomy Club Chapter and is its current president.

A native of Chestertown, Va., Clare is the daughter of a horticulturist. She plans to remain at the university to pursue a master's


degree in soil chemistry with Dr. Donald L. Sparks. She would then like to find a job as a soil chemist for some agricultural chemical company. She is one of the very few women currently entering this field, according to Dr. Charles R.

Curtis, head of Delaware's department of plant science.

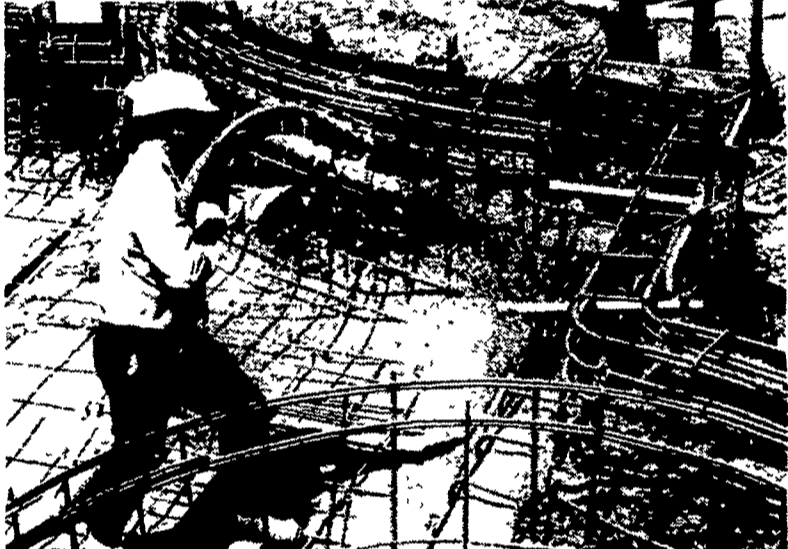
Last summer Clare had an Allied Chemical Company internship doing sales and research on a product being developed for foliar feeding of field crops.



University of Delaware plant science majors Clare Evans and Mark Sultenfuss pose with Reginald Murphey, president of Delaware-Maryland Plant Food Association, after a check presentation ceremony during recent Honors Day program at the university.



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