

# Clarion State royalty studies calculus, chemistry and cows

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**CLARION** — Clarion State sophomore, Connie Shuck, has a challenging course load with her math and chemistry major.

But the enthusiastic 19-year-old from Brookville recently has taken on another challenge — that of promoting her favorite dairy breed, the Guernsey cow.

During the week of the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, Connie was crowned the 1981 Pennsylvania Guernsey Queen. She will travel to Roanoke, Virginia in April to compete for the national title.

Until then, Connie is eager to spread the word about Guernseys and their product. Her first objective, she admits, will be to learn more about the breed.

But what she does know about the Golden Guernseys, she likes very much. Connie explains she is especially fond of the breed's temperment.

"She's just a really nice cow," Connie says.

And that's speaking from experience since Connie has spent all her life on her family's Jefferson County Guernsey farm.

While many college students look forward to football games and other extracurricular activities, Connie travels home practically every weekend to help with milking and other chores.

The daughter of Bernard and Marylou Shuck, Connie is one of nine children. She explained that growing up on a farm has helped her successfully coordinate her classes, farm work and Guernsey Queen duties.

"I'm used to taking on a lot of responsibility," she continues. "We have to work things around milking and that has helped me in keeping my school schedule."

Her scholastic schedule includes organic chemistry, third level calculus, physics and history. On top of all that Connie is active in choir.

Juggling school, home and promotional work is not a new challenge for Connie. She had very similar duties a year ago when she served as Jefferson County's 1980 Dairy Princess.

Presently, Connie plans on a career in chemical engineering following her 1984 graduation. But for now the zealous Guernsey ambassador is looking forward to fellowship with other Guernsey enthusiasts and increased knowledge about the breed.

"Since the All-American, I found out there's a lot to do," she says enthusiastically.

After her chemistry, physics and calculus textbooks have closed for the day, Connie will probably begin lessons in her "second major" — Guernseys, A-Z.

And if her charged-up attitude is any indication, it's a sure bet Connie will make the honor roll.



Eager to spread the good news about the Guernsey cow and her product, Connie Shuck looks forward to her state Guernsey Queen duties with delight. The Clarion State sophomore eyes a career in chemical engineering, but admits her role in the Guernsey breed may add new dimension to her future.

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