

Two Delaware students receive Plant Food Association awards

NEWARK, Del. — Two University of Delaware students majoring in plant science have received scholarships from the Delaware-Maryland Plant Food and Crop Protection Association, Inc. Recipients were Maria Sadusky, Wilmington and Charles Toner, Newark. The scholarships were presented

by association president Arthur Malinoski during recent College of Agricultural Sciences Honors Day ceremonies. Sadusky, a junior majoring in agronomy, says she chose this major because of her interest in biology and chemistry as a student at St. Mark's High School. After completing her education she

plans a career in industry as a research assistant, probably doing lab work. She is a candidate for an undergraduate degree with distinction based on her research, "Dynamics of Mineral Potassium Release on Coastal Plain Soils." Toner is also an agronomy major specializing in soil science. A second semester junior, he would



Charles Toner



Maria Sadusky

eventually like to teach and conduct research. After finishing his undergraduate work, he plans to study for an advanced degree. "I'm enjoying it so much," he says, "I don't see why I shouldn't go on for a doctorate."

This summer he is working for his advisor, Dr. Donald L. Sparks and another soil scientist, Dr. J. Thomas Sims. Both scientists are conducting field and laboratory

research projects aimed at improving fertilizer efficiency on field crops grown in Delaware. Toner also paints houses on the side.

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According to C.R. Bryan, Jr. Delaware County cooperative extension director, stem canker continues to be a frequent and serious problem of roses and, after the stress of winter, is more pronounced on the branches. Look for the appearance of red or brown discolored areas on the rose stems. Infected limbs should be cut out

several inches below these discolored areas. If this procedure is not followed, the disease can progress downward during the current growing season and kill major limbs. When removing any diseased stems, be sure to sterilize the pruning shears after each cut to stop further spread of the fungal organism.

Dip shears in a disinfectant such as a mixture of nine parts water to one part bleach after each cut. Dry the shears thoroughly once the job is complete, so that the rusting of blades will not occur.

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