

College Intern Program Offers

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DOYLESTOWN — The College is looking for a few students who do not mind working hard under a

new program which began in January.

Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, initiated a student

intern program at the beginning of this year which permits students to "learn the nuts and bolts of the dairy" while at college, explained Paul Knight, superintendent of the dairy facility.

The program offers a student experience and a lucrative financial package, according to Larry Hepner, agriculture department chairman. The financial package includes room, board, tuition and a stipend for one year.

"It gives the student one more step toward the responsibilities they will encounter later in their career. The program is very positive and gives the student a good insight into the management of the dairy and tremendous responsibility in short intervals," Hepner said.

Under the program, when the superintendent is away the management of the dairy falls to the student intern. "When they graduate they will be able to say they know more than how to milk cows," Knight commented. The program is open to juniors and sophomores at the college. Seniors are not candidates, Knight explained, because of the year-long commitment — two semesters and the following summer. "We don't want to prevent the seniors from being able to take a position because of their commitment to the college."

The students in the program must also ride what can be a fine line between management and their peers. "Although they earn the respect of their peers, it takes a special person to be able to fill the position," Knight observed. "I don't think we could get better students than the first two," he added.

The program began in January with the start of the spring semester. Laine Hellein, Emporium, at the time a second-semester sophomore majoring in dairy husbandry, claimed his part of the obscure history at the college by being the first intern.

During the school year, Laine noted, he is required to work 40 hours per week in addition to his normal class load. During the summer, the requirement increases to 50 hours per week. Laine

commented that he attempted 16 credits at the beginning of the semester but later dropped one evening class and completed 13 credits for the semester.

"It gets rough," Laine admitted. Students in the program need to maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a minimum of 13 credits. By carrying 13 credits, they maintain full-time student status which permits them to live on campus.

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Laine Hellein became the first student intern at Delaware Valley College this year. The new program permits the student to manage the dairy when the superintendent is away.

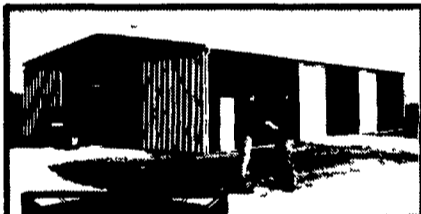


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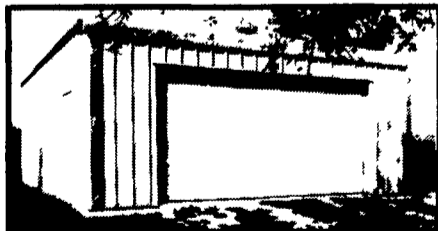


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