

# Program Clues Ag Students Into Careers

NEWARK, Del. — From the day a student enrolls in college to the day diplomas are handed out, one question continues to surface — what happens after graduation? A new program initiated this spring at the University of Delaware's College of Agricultural Sciences responds to the question.

"Uncover a Clue to Your Future" is a program that provides an opportunity for students to meet and talk on an informal basis with representatives from a wide variety of agriculturally related industries and graduate school representatives.

Similar programs are offered for other majors at the University of Delaware. But the idea to focus on a program specifically for agricultural sciences majors was developed by Karen Roth, assistant to the dean of instruction in the college of agricultural sciences, and Stephen Sciscione, associate director of the university's career planning and placement office.

"The program was planned as an exploration program, not a job fair," said Roth. "We wanted to provide an opportunity for students in the agricultural sciences to establish a network of contacts and to gather information that may lead to future employment."

Most hiring, explained Sciscione, is done by personal contacts established through this method, known as networking. A person-to-person exchange provides greater potential for job offers than simply answering want ads and employment notices.

Roth, who is responsible for developing and carrying out agricultural sciences recruitment programs, said the networking program is a valuable recruiting tool.

"It's one thing to decide upon a particular area of study as a freshman and another to know what opportunities are available after graduation," she said. "We developed the career planning program because we want students to explore, discover, and focus on future plans."

Roth's fall schedule is filled with telephone calls, letters, and visits to high school science and agriculture teachers throughout Delaware and other mid-Atlantic states. She offers information and requests to speak to interested students. Students generally apply and are deciding which school to attend by spring. That's when the focus of Roth's work turns to leading tours for prospective students and their parents.

"The agenda of the tours is left up to the students and their parents," said Roth. "Some are interested in meeting faculty, attending a class, or simply seeing the campus. There are lots of questions about academic studies, and with the networking program, we can point to a specific effort to connect studies with future opportunities."

For further information on the University of Delaware and the College of Agricultural Sciences, contact the College of Agricultural Sciences, 133 Townsend Hall, Newark, DE 19717-1303.

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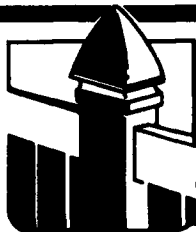


Several hundred area high school students visited Alfred State College this spring for "Education and Career Day," hosted by faculty and students in the college's School of Agriculture and Allied Health Technologies.

Here, a group of vo-ag students gets a lesson in greenhouse lore from Alfred State freshman Troy R. Snyder, right, of South Dayton. Visitors toured classrooms and laboratories, the horticulture center, and the college farm during the day-long event.

Coordinator was Ronald D. Stutzman, associate professor and chairman of the plant and animal science department. In his letter of invitation to high schools, he described the demonstrations and exhibits to be viewed at "Education and Career Day," and noted that in no other areas of study are there more opportunities of employment as there are in the professional area of agriculture.

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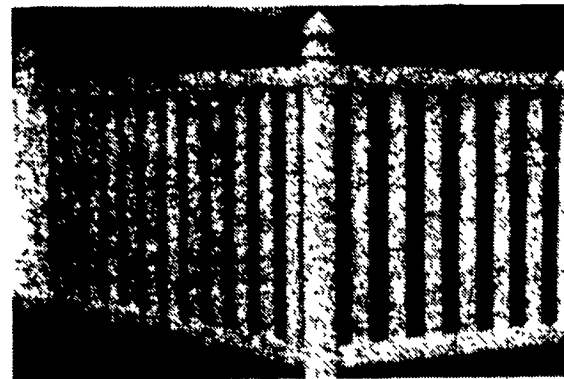
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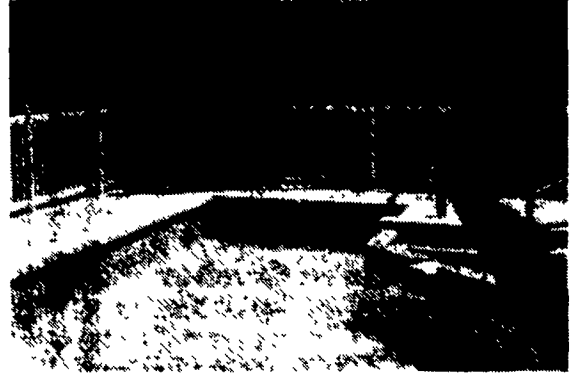
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