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He wouldn't be alone. Other recipients of the scholarship have gone on to judge dairy shows regularly, while other have done so for at least several years.

His interest in dairy exhibition has been ongoing. Locally, at the Mifflin County Fair, he showed the overall grand champion dairy animal for the last four years.

One of his cows, Reed-Gap Starbuck Enchantment, an Excellent-90 Holstein, was named grand champion and supreme champion for three years in a row — 1995-97.

This past summer he also took the county fair overall championship with a 4-year-old dry cow — Reed-Gap Star of Liberty, a homebred cow out of a sire (DQA Blackstar) bred by a family relative, Donald Adams of Juniata County.

The dry 4-year-old also won her class at the Pennsylvania Holstein Association Central Championship Show this year, and was named best bred and owned.

The family herd contains three known Excellent cows, although the herd was to have been classified yesterday.

Reed said he felt very complimented in being awarded the Poage Grant.

"I thought it was great," he said. "It gives younger people a desire to strive for that. It's a great thing to have available to try to achieve."

Jennie Hess Brown was the first recipient of the Poage Grant-in-Aid. It was a \$200 scholarship in 1986 when she received it.

"It was a nice scholarship to recognize 4-Hers who have excelled in judging," she said. "It's a nice recognition award. It helped give me a boost while starting up at Penn State."

She finished her studies with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and rural sociology and went to work for a little more than three years as a York County dairy agent.

She currently works as a grain merchandiser for AgCom Inc. in New Oxford. Her husband works with her family on her family's dairy farm.

"The Dairymen's Club, I think, is a good thing. It's good for alumni to have a place to meet, but also it provides a way for students to meet people who are out working in the industry, giving them (the

students) potential job contacts and a network of people," she said.

"It provides a support infrastructure for developing the talents and skills for a life in the industry," she said.

She served on the club's board of directors for a few years, though with two young children and a busy schedule, she wasn't able to attend the 20th anniversary banquet.

Being involved with the club in the years immediately after graduating was rewarding, she said.

"It provided me a chance to go back and see old college friends and I got to meet a lot of the students," Brown said. "I think that was fulfilling. It kept me up to date on what's new at Penn State and what the students are doing."

"I'm not as involved now, because of a fulltime job and two young children, but I have fond memories of being active in the club."

"The biggest thing for me was being able to meet with students and discuss career opportunities," she said. "I think the biggest benefit was what it provided for the students. As a student that's probably the biggest thing I remember."

She said that the Dairymen's

Club's interaction with the College's Dairy Science Club is also very important.

"I met a lot of alumni that way. The dairy department at Penn State probably does that as well as anybody up there, as far as giving students an opportunity to meet alumni."

Penn State Dairymen's Club President Jeff Hostetter of North Annville Township, dairy farms registered and grade Holsteins with his father Barry.

Earlier this week, he said he was looking forward to the annual meeting. He was excited about some possibilities for a new fundraising project involving a collector's pint bottle of milk.

Overall, he said there are many benefits to belonging to the club. He said there is the regular newsletter that is designed to keep alumni apprised of activities. The club runs an endowment fund to support the College's dairy judging teams and trips to competitions.

But mostly, he repeated the sentiment of many others — if nothing else, the club serves as an organization for those interested in dairy science and dairying and in finding fellowship in the admira-

tion and love of dairy animals and the industry.

"I think it's important to maintain some ties to your college of agriculture," Hostetter said.

The Dairymen's Club was also to have presented Penn State dairy professor and researcher Dr. Lawrence Muller with the club's Service Award.

There are effectively three different service awards, with one being presented annually, while each award actually is held for three years.

The Service Award is presented in each of three disciplines — to a dairy educator, to an industry representative, and to a dairy producer.

Despite the fact that there are three different disciplinary categories, the Service Award is made for the same reason in each: it goes to an individual who has, in the opinion of the club's board of directors, furthered the mission of the organization and has served as an inspiration for others.

Those familiar with the works of Muller know well of his long-time behind the scenes dedication and devotion to furthering opportunities for youth and making achievements in dairying knowledge.

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