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Welcome

Whether this is your final semester with us or you first, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) welcomes you.

This newsletter, which comes out every other Friday, shares relevant information with undergraduates. We include information on club meetings, scholarships, special events, internships, academic policies, and general announcements of interest to undergraduates. On behalf of all of us here in the College, best wishes for a wonderful Fall semester.

Academic Information

End of Free Drop/Add

The last day to register or add courses is Tuesday, September 14. After this date, tuition and a \$20 processing fee will be charged for any change of registration. Students withdrawing from a course will receive a "W" on their permanent record.

Graduation Information

The Academic Programs Office has sent an important mailing to all students in the CANR graduating Fall 2004 and Winter 2005. Contact Nancy Lynam at 831-2508 or nlynam@udel.edu if you have not received it. **Senior Checkout Forms and Applications for Graduation Clearance are due in our office September 14, 2004.**

Check Your Schedule!

Through SIS+, you can verify your registration. Surprisingly, many students find out late in the semester that they are not enrolled in a course they have been attending. Even worse, students believe they were dropped from a course in which they are still enrolled. Both of these situations create difficult consequences, the worst of which is receiving a "Z" grade for an unofficial withdrawal.

If you are registered for a course and decide you no longer want it, be sure you officially drop it via SIS+. Don't assume a professor or the department secretary did it for you; go in to SIS+ and make sure the course is not on your semester schedule. A "Z" grade is the same as an "F" on your record and carries the same weight in your GPA. To log-in to SIS+, go to <https://www.mvs.udel.edu/sis.html>.

Hard-to-Get Courses

Don't wait until your last semester to register for hard-to-get courses like COMM 312 or ENGL 312. These two courses in particular are difficult to get, and many students panic when they don't get them. Most departments allow alternatives to these courses; check your catalog. Regardless of which course you choose, plan ahead and try to take courses early. Summer and winter sessions are ideal times to take courses outside of our college, and keep in mind that you can also take courses at other institutions and transfer the credits to Delaware.

Resources for New Students



For those new to campus, the transition can be challenging. If you didn't get a copy of the 2004-2005 *Handbook and Daily Planner* at fall orientation, please contact kvanb@udel.edu. In the meantime, here are some people and places

that can help; don't hesitate to seek assistance if you need it!

CANR Office of Academic Programs & Student Services

Advisement questions; scholarship support; internships; general information. 104 Townsend Hall, 302-831-2508, kra@udel.edu

Academic Enrichment Center

Tutoring, study groups, learning-disability services, and study-skills workshops.

148-150 South College Avenue
831-2805, www.udel.edu/ASC

Center for Counseling and Student Development

Personal, educational and career counseling.

261 Perkins Student Center
831-2141, www.udel.edu/Counseling/

New Student Social

The Agricultural College Council (AgCC) will host its annual New Student Social on Thursday, September 9th, from 7-9 pm in the Hen Zone of the Perkins Student Center. Pizza and beverages will be provided, and you will have the chance to meet members of the clubs affiliated with the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. All new students in the College are welcome to come out and get involved! For more info, contact Kathleen Pennington at katpenn@udel.edu.

Club Information

Wildlife Conservation Club



The first WCC meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12th at 6pm in 006 Kirkbride. For more information check out our new web site at <http://udel.edu/stu-org/wcc/> or send an email to

udwildlifeclub@yahoo.com.

DIG Wants You!

DIG (the Design Interest Group) is looking for new members! We are a group for students interested in Landscape Design, Landscape Architecture, and Horticulture. While we primarily focus on the professional and academic development of our members (through field trips, site visits, and speakers, etc.), we also have a WHOLE LOT OF FUN! There are no requirements for membership, so, if interested, please contact Gena at gwirth@udel.edu.



Congratulations



The Department of Food and Resource Economics is pleased to announce that Maia Tatinclaux and Matthew Loiacono, juniors majoring in Natural Resource Management, are the first recipients of the newly created *Henry E. Bearman Scholarship*. The scholarship, awarded annually, is open to Natural Resource Management majors in the College. For more information, contact Dr. Steven Hastings at hastings@udel.edu.

Traveling to the Townsend Hall Complex



Besides walking, there are many ways in which students get to Townsend and Worrilow halls, Fischer Greenhouse, Allen Lab and the farm.

Consider:

- Skateboards and rollerblades (But not inside buildings, please)
- Bikes (Warning: you can be ticketed for riding on the sidewalk over the RR bridge; also be sure to LOCK YOUR BIKE!)
- Cars (Be sure you have a valid parking sticker, even if you are here early in the a.m. or at night.)
- Buses (Go to <http://www.udel.edu/SuppSrvc/bus/UDbus.html> for the schedule.)

Internships

Farm Education Internship with the Delaware Nature Society at Coverdale Farm, Greenville, Delaware.



This three-month internship supports the daily operations of an educational farm program that services DNS members, schools (currently PK - 5th grade), teachers and the public. Assist in preparation and teaching of fall farm member and school programs, provides support to the Harvest

Moon Festival and help maintain teaching garden and livestock collection. This internship provides a small stipend and opportunity to gain college credit. Interested sophomore/junior students should contact Michele Wales, Farm Program Coordinator at (302) 239 - 2334 x143 for further details.

Career Corner

Job Search Workshop: Resumes, Interviewing, and Networking

Don't wait until you graduate--start your job search today!



Thursday,
September 23,
2004
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
233 Townsend
Hall

Come learn about strategies to gain employment and internships in the field of agriculture and natural resources.

Sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the MBNA Career Services Center. For more information, contact kvanb@udel.edu.

Recommendations Letters: Whom Should You Ask?

Nearly every student will seek at least one recommendation letter for study-abroad programs; scholarships; internships; graduate schools; or employment. It is never too soon to begin developing relationships with faculty, staff members and your employers to ensure that you have a strong pool of recommenders. Below are a few tips for making the most of the recommendation process.

1. When you ask for a recommendation letter you should ALWAYS ask the person if she or he can write an excellent letter for you--no matter how close you are to the person or if they have written one in the past. People value different things about people, and you may THINK the person will write an excellent letter, but you won't KNOW unless you ask.
2. Are there things about your relationship or experience you want the recommender to

highlight to balance your application? It is fine to ask them to focus on certain experiences or attributes.

3. If you haven't had recent experience with your recommender, provide a resume to update them.

4. Provide information on how you want the letter addressed and delivered. Will you pick it up? Should it be mailed? If so, provide an addressed and stamped envelope.

5. Give at least 2-3 weeks advance notice and provide a due date – one that is actually a week earlier than the real date just in case. Follow up with your recommenders to ensure the letter is done, and be sure to thank them!

Study Abroad News



Did you know that you can study in Brazil, China, France, South Africa, or in a host of other

countries while fulfilling your requirements towards graduation? With over 70 programs in more than 35 subjects in over 30 countries, UD has a program that suits all interests, schedules, and academic needs.

Take a minute to go to www.udel.edu/studyabroad. This site includes a list of interest meetings and scholarship information.

Upcoming program application deadlines:

Winter 2005: 5 p.m. September 24

Spring 2005: 5 p.m. October 8

Deadline for Starr scholarships for Spring 2005: 5 p.m. September 10

If you have any questions, stop by 186 South College Avenue, call 302-831-2852, or e-mail studyabroad@udel.edu,

New Zealand/Winter '05

Contact: Dr. Griffiths at lesa@udel.edu
Seats are still available; freshmen are welcome!

Courses: *Topics in International Animal Agriculture: Pastoral Livestock Production in New Zealand.* (ANSC 419; 4 cr.) and
Biotechnology: Science and Socio-economic Issues. (ANSC/PLSC/FREC 270; 3 cr.)



Scholarships for Study Abroad

The Center for International Studies offers a range of scholarships for both domestic and study abroad programs. For more info:

<http://international.udel.edu/studyabroad/scholarships>.

Mark Your Calendar

“The Evolution of Sexist Behavior,”
presented by Dr. Doug Tallamy,
Entomology & Wildlife Ecology
Research on Women Fall 2004 Lecture Series
Wednesday, September 29
12:20 – 1:10 p.m.
103 Gore Hall

Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Talk of Townsend is produced every other Friday during the Fall, Winter and Spring semesters.

Submissions of timely and general interest are welcome. Please submit your copy in a brief statement, including dates, times, locations and contact information, via Email to kra@udel.edu by **5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication.**

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