

# TALK of TOWNSEND

Newsletter for Undergraduates in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

**ALCOHOL EDU:**  
MANDATORY FOR ALL FRESHMEN  
COMPLETE PART ONE BY OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>!  
<http://www.udel.edu/network>

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## ACADEMIC UPDATES

### Destination Diploma: Important Tips for Earning Your Degree

#### Group Requirements

These are your Ag & Bio Sciences, Social Sciences & Humanities, Physical Sciences, and Literature & Arts requirements. They are designed to give breadth to your curriculum, and are specifically laid out in your catalog. It is important that you review the catalog when making course selections to ensure that you are fulfilling the requirements with approved courses. Taking courses not listed in these groups, with the intent of using them to fill a group requirement, can prevent you from being cleared to graduate. Only Asst. Dean Anunas can approve substitutions for this group, and only in extenuating circumstances.

### Getting Involved in Undergraduate Research for Credit

Undergraduate research is a way to supplement your education beyond the classroom. If you are interested in completing undergraduate research, there are a few things to keep in mind.

1. Look online to review which research projects are being completed by specific faculty members in the various disciplines. ([http://www.urp.udel.edu/faculty\\_projects](http://www.urp.udel.edu/faculty_projects))
  - a. If you are interested in one of the posted research projects, contact the faculty member to find out if there is room to work on the project.
  - b. If you are *not* interested in a posted project, consider the next few possibilities.
2. If there is a class that you are particularly interested in, talk to your professor about possibly setting up a way to explore the material more in depth. If your professor does not specifically do additional work in that field, s/he may be able to put you in touch with someone who does.
3. For more information on research opportunities, look through the career and internship notebooks located in 104 Townsend Hall.
4. If you still are not sure about what type of research you would like to complete, contact your advisor or someone in your department to solicit ideas and suggestions.
5. If you want to receive credit for part-time or volunteer work you are already planning on completing, talk to your department to work out a contract to receive credit - *before you complete the work!*
6. Each department within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources has different policies and procedures regarding how various research opportunities will transfer into your curriculum.
  - a. Some contracts may be for credit, for pay, or both.
7. For information and contracts, contact the specific department and/or faculty member.

*\*Undergraduate research is one way you can satisfy your Discovery Learning Experience requirement prior to Fall 2008.*

## IMPORTANT DATE: OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

The last day to register or add courses was Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. From this point forward, tuition and a \$20 processing fee will be charged for any change of registration, including withdrawals. Students withdrawing from a course will receive a "W" on their permanent record.

If you still need to withdraw from a course, you have until October 23<sup>rd</sup> to do so. After that date, withdrawals will only be allowed for documented, non-academic extenuating circumstances and with permission from the Asst. Dean. See your catalog for more details.

## STUDENT ACTIVITY INFORMATION

All students are invited to submit club/activity meeting times and locations, membership info, and brief descriptions of their organizations or activities to *Talk of Townsend*. See end of newsletter for details.

### Ag Carnival: Fun for all Students and Faculty!

This year's Ag Carnival will take place at Webb Farm on Saturday, October 6th. Registration will start at 9:30 am and events will begin at 10 am. Events will include such favorites as "Day in the Life of a Farmer," "Pumpkin Chucking," "Ice Cream Stacking," and many more! The AgrAbility Auction will be at noon, and will feature items such as gift baskets/certificates and weekend getaways to the beach. Come out and support your favorite team, and bid in the auction – all faculty and students are welcome! Please contact [mlapera@udel.edu](mailto:mlapera@udel.edu) for more details.

### Become a Blue Hen Ambassador (BHA)!

Being a BHA is more than just being a "tour guide." It is a chance for current undergraduates to make an impact on the lives of high school students as they prepare for the college selection process. A great deal of trust is placed on the BHAs to work independently but also function as a viable member of a group of over 200 students. UD looks for freshman, sophomores, and juniors who are having a great experience through UD and can share that enthusiasm and excitement with future blue hens. If you are interested in becoming a BHA, please visit the following website: [www.udel.edu/BHA](http://www.udel.edu/BHA).  
Application Deadline: October 12th

## CAREER INFORMATION

Scholarship, internship and job postings will only be listed by company, job title, application deadline, and website link, if applicable. Please be sure to visit our Career Shelf in 104 Townsend Hall to view the full details of each posting.

### Peace Corp Visit Coming Soon!

A representative from the Peace Corps will be visiting Townsend Hall on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Check out flyers around Townsend Hall for more information!

For information about the Peace Corps, visit [www.PeaceCorps.gov](http://www.PeaceCorps.gov).

## Professional Development: Advances in Subsurface Exploration Methods

OCTOBER 30, 2007 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Learn about new technologies for sampling and testing soil, sediment and ground water while networking with people in the environmental, geotechnical, soil, wetland, and regulatory communities. This event, held on the UD farm, is hosted by the Delaware Geological Survey, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Geoprobe Systems. To register for the free event, call or email Tom McKenna at (302) 831-8257 or [mckennat@udel.edu](mailto:mckennat@udel.edu).

## Scholarships

Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship Program from Annie's Homegrown  
[http://www.annies.com/programs/sustainable\\_agriculture\\_scholarship.htm](http://www.annies.com/programs/sustainable_agriculture_scholarship.htm)  
Deadline: September 30, 2007

## Internships

Delaware Water Resources Center Fall 2007 Undergraduate Internships <http://ag.udel.edu/dwrc/>  
Deadline: October 5, 2007

## Employment

Athena Biotechnologies, Greenhouse Manager  
Contact: [klakofsky@athenabio.com](mailto:klakofsky@athenabio.com)

Clarks Elioak Farm, Farm Manager of a 400-acre farm in Maryland for a grass-fed beef operation  
Contact: 410-440-0295 or email [clarkselioakfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:clarkselioakfarm@hotmail.com)

Southern States Cooperative, Inc., Retail Management Associate (Trainee) [www.southernstates.com](http://www.southernstates.com)

Available positions with the Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

- <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/jobsearch.asp?q=&jbf574=AG16&lid=360&jb>
- <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobId=61363585&AVSDM=8%2F30%2F2007+10%3A07%3A18+AM>
- <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/jobsearch.asp?jbf522=&fn=4326&jbf522=&lid=17467&FedEmp=Y&jbf574=AG16&brd=3876&vw=d&ss=0&FedPub=Y&caller=%2Fa9nrcshqp.asp&SUBMIT1.x=82&SUBMIT1.y=22>

## Bank of America Career Services Center

Are you registered with the BOA Career Services Center? If not, attend a brief orientation (see schedule at <http://www.udel.edu/CSC/orient.html>) and come learn how to use the Career Services online database, eRecruiting.com, of over 4500 company profiles and contacts: Participate in the campus interview program with over 250 organizations visiting campus between October and May and to find an internship (including summer) or permanent full-time job after graduation. For information about all Career Services workshops and sessions, please visit <http://www.udel.edu/CSC/happening.html>.

# Pat's Rich Advice for the Financially Challenged!

In each issue of *Talk of Townsend*, Dr. Pat Barber, faculty in FREC and genuine financial wiz, will be providing valuable financial tips. Students, faculty, and staff can all learn from Pat's Rich Advice!

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## SAVVY SHOPPING: Part II

In the last issue of "Talk of Townsend", there was a questionnaire in this section about shopping habits. As was mentioned, consumers today have many choices. Consumers can choose between more than one brand, one style, one price, or one guarantee. Saving money is always important, even as a college student! By saving money on a purchase, more money is available to do something else or to buy something more quickly. It is important to make sure that you are getting the best deal. Getting a good deal involves learning some shopping savvy tips. Below are the explanations for answers to the shopping habits quiz.

If you answered mostly:

- **A:** You spend money, even though you may not get the best buy. But, there is good news for you—there are many ways that you can save money and still enjoy shopping. The next issue will have tips on saving money and improving your shopping habits.
- **B:** You want to save money and get a good deal, but you tend to compromise for less than what you want. There are ways to save and get exactly what you want. Read the next issue.
- **C:** Wow! You know a lot about getting what you want at a good price. Read this section next time to see if there are any new shopping tips you can pick up.

*Last Issue's Quiz Questions:*

1. *You decide to buy a new pair of shoes. Upon reaching the shoe store you find a pair of shoes you like, but they are a little expensive. You:*
  - a. *Buy the shoes even though they cost a little more than you want to pay. They look great on you!!!*
  - b. *Choose a pair of shoes that are the price you want to pay, even though they are not what you really want.*
  - c. *Search other shoe stores, looking for a better price and maybe even a better pair of shoes.*
2. *Today, you got your first paycheck!!! What do you do with it?*
  - a. *You wanted to make money to buy things—that's why you got the job—so you spend it all right away.*
  - b. *Even though there are many things you want, you put most of the money into your savings account so you will not spend.*
  - c. *There are so many things you want: clothes, shoes, going out with friends, a car—so you put half the money in the bank for long-term savings and spend the other half on things you want right now.*
3. *You just saw an ad for a new cell phone—the one you really want—and the price is great. When you get to the store, you find out that the price did not include a good package for monthly minutes. To get their package, it would cost you an extra \$50 a month for the minutes you think you need. You decide:*
  - a. *To pay the extra money, you have it and you really want to buy the phone.*
  - b. *Continue to save your money and look for a better deal.*
  - c. *Take the ad to other stores and see if they will match the phone price and if their package for minutes is less.*

4. *Last week you bought a new backpack. It is really comfortable, but today you realize that one of the zippers does not work. You:*
- a. *Complain to your friends but don't do anything else. You'd be way too embarrassed to go back to the store and talk with someone.*
  - b. *Go to the store, ask for your money back, and then buy a cheaper backpack. You realize after you get home that it just isn't as nice as the other one.*
  - c. *Go to the store and find out if there is a repair policy and, if not, you exchange it for another one that is comparable quality.*

### **Newsletter Submission Guidelines:**

*Talk of Townsend* is produced **every other** Friday during the Fall, Winter and Spring terms, with occasional exceptions due to certain deadlines.

**(The next issue will be out on October 12<sup>th</sup>)**

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 [kvanb@udel.edu](mailto:kvanb@udel.edu) by **5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication.**

*Do not format your email with bullets and fonts; they will be removed.*

**Information received after that time will be posted in the NEXT newsletter.**

*The Office of Academic Programs reserves the right to refuse or edit announcements.*

*Talk of Townsend is archived on the Web at: <http://ag.udel.edu/resources/talkoftownsend.htm>.*