

# TALK *of* TOWNSEND

Newsletter for Undergraduates in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Townsend Commons CLOSED Monday, Oct. 15th 1:00-7:00 p.m.**

The TNS Commons will be used on Monday for CANR's faculty and staff to welcome UD's new president, Patrick Harker. As an alternate place of study, the Ag Library will be open from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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## ACADEMIC UPDATES

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

#### Staying on Track: Meeting with your Academic Advisor before Registering for Courses

To make sure you meet your degree requirements in a timely manner, be sure to meet with your academic advisor at least once a semester. You and your advisor should work together to verify that you are completing all courses in the proper sequence and completing all prerequisites for upper-level courses.

**Advance Registration for Spring Begins November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
(check UDSIS for your specific registration appointment)

#### **Make the advisement appointment soon!**

Your advisor has a heavy advising load—don't wait until the last minute to try and get an appointment. If he or she does not reply to Email, use the phone.

#### **Go to your appointment prepared!**

Use your undergraduate catalog and the online spring course search to research courses you are interested in taking.

#### **Don't forget to submit your registration!**

Register for courses through UDSIS. Be sure to hit the submit button in order to process your request!

### Freshman Mid-Term Grades

All students with 29 or fewer credits will receive mid-term grades after today. These grades serve as an indicator of how you are doing in your classes so far. If you have any concerns about your performance, see your instructor immediately.

### Important Date: October 23rd

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

**SATISFY YOUR DISCOVERY LEARNING EXPERIENCE (DLE) WITH A STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM THROUGH UD!**

[HTTP://INTERNATIONAL.UDEL.EDU/STUDYABROAD](http://INTERNATIONAL.UDEL.EDU/STUDYABROAD)

## 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.

### Career Services Center: Student Advisory Board Consider Joining!

The Career Services Center is creating a Student Advisory Board. The purpose of this group is to act as the primary source of student advice for the Career Services Center as well as develop recommendations that will assist in refining or developing programs that will enhance student opportunities, experiences and job searching skill sets. We need members who can commit to meeting in the evening once or twice a month for 1-2 hours. We are looking for candidates who want to be involved in Career Services and who are not afraid to share their opinion or give advice! Food will be provided at each meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this board, please contact Jill Gugino at [jgugino@udel.edu](mailto:jgugino@udel.edu) for an application and if you have any questions.

## 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 October 16<sup>th</sup>!

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!

- Information Table from 9:30-2:30 in the Townsend Commons
- Information Meeting and Presentation from 2:30-3:30 in 233 TNS

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

### Professional Development Opportunities

#### Nobel Prize Discussion of the newest Nobel Laureates

Wednesday, October 17, 2007 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the Trabant Theatre

Learn about recent Nobel prizes for Medicine, Physics, and Chemistry!

<http://www.udel.edu/PR/UDaily/2008/oct/NobelFlyer.pdf>

#### 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).

## Scholarship

### New Jersey Agribusiness Association, 2007 Annual Edward A. Platz Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship is available to New Jersey residents in a four-year, agricultural program with the intent to pursue an agriculturally-related career. Applicants must be in their sophomore, junior or senior year. Two students will be selected for the scholarship and awarded either \$1000 or \$2000.

Applications with more details about the scholarship are available in 104 Townsend Hall.  
Deadline: November 12, 2007

## Internships

KENTUCKY EQUINE MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP (KEMI) [www.kemi.org](http://www.kemi.org) Deadline: October 31, 2007

## Employment

Athena Biotechnologies, Greenhouse Manager  
Contact: [klakofsky@athenabio.com](mailto:klakofsky@athenabio.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?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>
- [http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/jobsearch.asp?q=&jbf574=AG16&lid=360&jbf522=&salmin=&salmax=&paygrademin=&paygrademax=&FedEmp=Y&tm=&sort=rv&vw=d&ss=0&brd=3876&FedPub=Y&caller=%2Fagency\\_search.asp&SUBMIT1.x=92&SUBMIT1.y=11](http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/jobsearch.asp?q=&jbf574=AG16&lid=360&jbf522=&salmin=&salmax=&paygrademin=&paygrademax=&FedEmp=Y&tm=&sort=rv&vw=d&ss=0&brd=3876&FedPub=Y&caller=%2Fagency_search.asp&SUBMIT1.x=92&SUBMIT1.y=11)

## 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!*  
[pbarber@udel.edu](mailto:pbarber@udel.edu)

## SHOP SAVVY & SAVE

If you have been reading this series for the past two issues, you now know a little about your shopping habits. Below are tips to help you get the most for your money. All of these techniques will save you money but you will find some easier to accomplish than others due to personal preferences and habits. In an effort to stretch your shopping dollar as we move closer to the holidays, you should focus on the techniques below that are easiest for you. Then, once the holidays are behind you, work on the others. Shopping is fun and can be very rewarding when you shop and save money, too.

1. **Find out when your favorite stores have their sales.**

Most stores have a pattern to their sales. These patterns determine what will go on sale and when. Ask store personnel and you might get clued in to when the best deals are available. If you really like a particular store, get on friendly terms with the sales staff...some places have pre-sale sales which are sales just for you...a good customer!

2. **Read the fine print...every time.**

In looking through ads, be aware of the small print and read it. Here is where you can learn about sale dates, extra costs, and what is or is not included in the sale. Take time to understand the ads before you go shopping so you can get the best deal. Sometimes you can get caught up emotionally in a purchase after you see the item in the store even if it is not included in the sale.

3. **Think, think, and think.**

Impulse shopping is a common spending habit. And, it is not a good one. Almost everyone has bought something on the spur of the moment and later wished they had not. Prevent buyer's remorse—do not buy unplanned purchases on the spot. Go home and think about the purchase overnight. To help you decide if you should buy the item, ask yourself these questions and answer honestly. Why do I want it? Do I need it? How long did it take me to earn the money I will spend on it? Do I already have one?

Join me here next time for some more shopping savvy tips and techniques.

**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 26<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.**

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