

TALK of TOWNSEND

Newsletter for Undergraduates in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources



Happy Halloween!

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

Destination Diploma: Important Tips for Earning Your Degree

Declare Double Majors & Minors Early!

If you have an interest in a subject other than your major, you may want to consider adding a double major or a minor(s). If you are thinking of double majoring or adding a minor(s), make sure you start exploring your options early! You can talk to your academic advisor about these options during your winter/spring registration appointments.

Double Major:

Double majoring within the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources (CANR) is common, since many of your requirements for one major will also count towards another major within CANR. Double Majoring **outside of CANR** can be done, but keep in mind that you must also fulfill the general requirements for the college your second major is in. For example, if you choose to double major in Biology, you will also need to fulfill all of the College of Arts & Science breadth requirements. This is technically considered a *dual degree*.

Minor(s):

Students often add minors to study other interest areas such as wildlife conservation, landscape horticulture, foreign languages, economics, biology, chemistry, engineering, and more! Requirements for completing minors are listed in your Undergraduate Catalog immediately following major requirements for that academic area.

Advanced Registration for Winter '08 and Spring '08

Winter Registration Starts Nov. 5th and Spring Registration Starts Nov. 15th!

Before you officially register for classes, make an appointment to talk to your academic advisor to ensure you are taking the right courses in the right order. Also, visit UDSIS to find out what your registration appointment date and time is - you won't be able to register until your appointment date.

Some reminders:

Make an 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 spring registration book to research courses you are interested in taking.

Don't forget to submit your registration on-line! Your course requests will not be processed unless you complete and submit your course selection through UDSIS. Don't leave courses in your shopping cart - be sure to hit submit!

Winter Course Highlight: AGRI 212

AGRI 212/Communication in Agriculture and Natural Resources will be offered in Winter Session as both an Honors and non-Honors section. The Winter Session registration book does not show the non-Honors section, but the on-line Courses Search is correct. Any questions about this course should be directed to the instructor, Karen Aniunas, at kra@udel.edu.

Spring Course Highlight: ANTH 210

**"Young, Privileged, and Global: American and Malaysian Dimensions of University Life,"
People and Cultures of Southeast Asia**

Participate in a videoconference course this spring, connected with students at a Malaysian university. This unique course will permit you to learn about a new culture in a university-setting. According to the ANTH department, "The objective of the experience is to seek to understand, debate, and clarify for participants the nature of being young in 'borderless' global capitalist modernity." Students interested in this course need to write a 100-word essay about why they want to take the course and what they can contribute to it. The essay should be sent to pswhite@udel.edu. More information will be posted on the bulletin boards throughout Townsend Hall.

Deadline: November 10, 2007

PRESIDENT HARKER VISITS THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES



President Harker spent the day touring the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources on Monday, October 15th. Faculty, staff, graduate students, and undergraduates all had the opportunity to meet with him to discuss their roles in the college. He is seen here with CANR students from left to right: Ashley Frey, Laura Yayac, Carolynn Brosch, Dan Lantz, Anna Joy Lehmicke and Danielle Smarsh. President Harker had the opportunity to tour our facilities and learn about all the unique programs and opportunities our college has to offer. We look forward to working with our new president in the years to come!

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.

Collegiate FFA

Come one come all to join UDs Collegiate FFA!

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1st in 233 Townsend Hall at 7pm. The group has lots of great activities planned for the year. For more information e-mail: CRTwin@udel.edu.

Career Services Center: Student Advisory Board STILL SPOTS OPEN!

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 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.

Professional Development Opportunities

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.

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

Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association Scholarships

These scholarships can be up to \$750 and are eligible to students enrolled in environmental, agricultural, or natural resources related majors with the intent to pursue a career in related fields. Sophomores through seniors are eligible and must have a 2.75 GPA. **For more information and copies of the scholarship application are available in 104 Townsend Hall.**

Deadline: December 7, 2007

Internships

KENTUCKY EQUINE MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP (KEMI) www.kemi.org **Deadline: October 31, 2007**

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, International Agricultural Internship Program,
<http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/student/iaip/index.htm>. Deadline: November 15, 2007

Select Sires Inc., Corporate Communications and Dairy-Sire Marketing Summer Internships,
tsmith@selectsires.com, Deadline: November 23, 2007

Patuxent Research Refuge, Environmental Interpretation Internship, Christopher_Wicker@fws.gov
Deadline: January 1, 2008

Employment

Athena Biotechnologies, Greenhouse Manager
Contact: klakofsky@athenabio.com

Southern States Cooperative, Inc., Retail Management Associate (Trainee) 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&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

SHOP SAVVY & SAVE

Below are some additional ideas about how to shop wisely while saving money.

*Wait

Sure, you want it now, but if you can just wait a few days, weeks, or months sometimes, you may get it much cheaper. Hot items such as movies, DVDs, CDs, and electronic products get your attention immediately. You want those now. But so will lots of other people. And, in just a short time, when millions are being produced, prices will drop. The Apple iPhone is a great example. It started out around \$600 but then dropped in price just a few weeks later. Consumers who bought first were angry and some are even bringing lawsuits against Apple. I don't believe the thrill of "having it first" outweighs the extra pleasure of "having it at the lowest price".

Another advantage of waiting is you can borrow a friend's item—you might even find out that you really don't like it. If you are buying items to "keep up with the Joneses", make sure you get the Joneses to send you money to pay for it. Saving money can be just as thrilling as getting something first when you see the amount saved growing in your account.

***Be prepared**

When you go into a store to buy electronics, cars, furniture, or almost any item, remember that some stores are willing to match or beat prices from other stores. Call around to compare prices, models, and return policies. Before you head out, prepare yourself with ads and the right attitude, one that doesn't reveal how much you want it!

***Follow up on prices**

Some stores have a policy that if they have a sale on an item that you recently purchased, they will refund the difference between what you paid and the sale price. The same goes for some airline companies. It is your money, so don't be afraid to ask for a refund.

***Take it back**

Just because it broke doesn't mean that you lost money. In most cases, stores will take back defective items and refund your money if you saved your receipts. When it has been too long to return the purchase for a cash refund, some stores will take back the merchandise for store credit or allow you to exchange the item for another. Don't be embarrassed; most stores want their customers to be satisfied so they will come back. Also, be honest...don't take back items just because you are tired of them or decided they don't look good, etc. Stores need to make money to stay in business. If customers abuse the return policies, stores will have to raise prices to make ends meet.

***Save at the Bank or Credit Union**

Why not make money while you save? Investments and savings are important for those who have Shopping Savvy because to make a big purchase, money must be set aside first. Shop around to find the best interest rates. Select a financial institution that pays good interest, doesn't charge fees, and is convenient for you to use. Shopping habits take time to change. Keep the money you will save in mind, and you will do great!

See you next time!

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 November 16th)

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 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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