

INSTITUTE Items

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Sometimes I wish days were like fish--when you caught a bad one, you could throw it back and try for a better one. With exams to take, final projects to complete, papers to write, and holidays to prepare for, we may all experience a few days we'd like to throw back. But we can't. So we need to make the best of each day and, if possible, make it better for those around us.

To make your exam week a little better, the IAA will be setting out treats in the conference room for students. Hopefully, a hot cup of coffee and a few sweets will relieve some of the exam week anxiety. We want all of you to get A's on your exams. Stop by the conference room on Monday and Tuesday, December 15-16, and help yourself. Please enjoy!

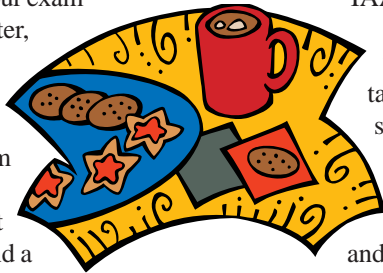
This year's Turkey Bowl was a huge success--and really just a lot of fun. Thank you to Michal Owens and Ken Ingram for

refereeing the hotly contested match up between first and second year students. Thanks to all the players for putting forth great effort, and to Lauren Kovacs for being a loyal fan and photographer. Be sure to check out the photos on the first floor bulletin board. Thank you, Carole, for preparing a wonderful Turkey Bowl Feast.

As the semester winds down, IAA students will be asked to complete evaluations for your courses. Please take a couple of minutes to share your thoughts with us. We need your input, so we can continuously update and improve our courses and our teaching. The IAA is a student-based program, and we value your opinions.

Happy Holidays to all! To our two graduating students--Lauren Kovacs and Ryan Schultze--best wishes on launching your careers. Please keep in touch with the IAA. We'll see you in May for graduation.

Glori Hyman



Odds & Ends

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Forms are due February 15, 2009. While you are filing your 2008 income tax returns, complete your financial aid form at the same time. Go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> for more information.



Congratulations

Kudos to Carin Celebuski, first year horticulture major, on winning the Robert T. Magnum Memorial Scholarship. And, to David Thomas for winning the Dr. Ronald J. Seibel Scholarship. And, to Todd Hotchkiss on receiving the silver medal at the National FFA Convention for his landscape management entrepreneurship/placement project.

Appreciation

Thank you to John Weigand for sprucing up our first floor display case. We hope the IAA will defend the Challenge Cup in 2009.

Institute Items, the IAA's informal monthly bulletin, provides information on IAA activities, classes, and deadlines. Visit the IAA website at <http://iaa.umd.edu>

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Winter Workshops

IAA students are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities available during the January break. Whether you're planning a career on golf courses, with horses, or in the green industry, there's something for you. The conferences offer professional development, networking opportunities and educational enrichment. If you participate in any of the following events, remember to note it on your resume.

Turfgrass 2009

January 21-23, 2009
Stamp Student Union,
College Park

IAA students are encouraged to attend this excellent educational opportunity. The conference opens Wednesday morning with a Professional Turfgrass Management Seminar. Pesticide recertification day is Friday, January 23.

IAA students may attend the conference for free, but you must sign up with Kevin. See Kevin if you are interested in attending. Visit the Maryland Turfgrass Council website for more information.



Snow Policy ❄️

In the event of severe weather, the University of Maryland College Park Campus may be announced as closed or opening at a specific time. If no announcement is made, the University is open as usual. Announcements will be broadcast on radio and television stations. Make sure the announcement says "University of Maryland, *College Park Campus.*" You can also call campus information at 301-405-1000, or check the university web page.



MANTS

January 7-9, 2009
Baltimore Convention Center

Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show, MANTS® is the premier, private green industry marketplace for finding plants and nursery stock, landscape and garden items, heavy and light duty equipment, tools, furniture and hundreds of other allied industry products.

Featuring over 950 exhibitors, 1500 booths and 3 miles of carpeted aisles, MANTS is one of the largest private trade shows to serve the Horticulture Industry.

Registration to attend MANTS is \$10 through 12/5/08 and is \$15 beginning 12/6/08. You may register online at www.mants.com. The web site also lists the schedule of events, exhibitors and other details.

Spring Registration

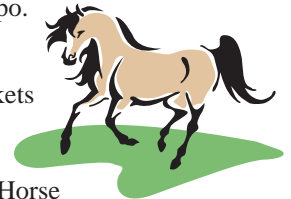
- Clear any financial or medical blocks, so you can register.
- Meet with your advisor to discuss course selection.
- Register as early as possible. You won't incur any late charges as long as you pay before the first day of classes.
- If you plan to graduate in May, APPLY for GRADUATION as soon as you register for classes. Turn your graduation applications into the IAA office--*not your advisor.*

Horse World Expo

January 15-18, 2009
State Fair Grounds, Timonium

The 13th Annual Horse World Expo will be held Thursday, January 15 - Sunday, January 18, 2009 at the State Fairgrounds in Timonium, MD. The University of Maryland will have a booth there. Check with Erin Pittman the first week of January to see if she has any openings left for staffing the booth. Volunteers receive free admission to the Expo.

Daily admission tickets are available for purchase every day of Horse World Expo--no advance purchase is required, although advance tickets are available online. Tickets go on sale one hour before scheduled start time each day. Daily general admission is \$10 for adults.



This is a big event for the horse enthusiast. All activities are indoors. In addition to the trade show, trainers give demonstrations, vendors sell anything and everything that have to do with horses, and educational seminars are offered. For more information, go to <http://www.horseworldexpo.com/MDmain.htm>

Spring 2009 Classes
begin
Monday, January 26

2008 Turkey Bowl

Referee Michal Owens needed a calculator to keep score in this year's Turkey Bowl. In the end, when the final scores were tallied the first year students outscored the second year students, 66-44, making it the first time the first-year students have won a Turkey Bowl in at least four years.

The first year students were led by Jay Flippo's strong throwing arm and Billy Canter's intense rugby skills. The team was rounded out by Todd Hotchkiss, David Thomas, "Shortless" Brent Wheeler, Jared Foran, Matt Yingling and Kenny Meyers.

The team of second year students were led by Patrick Forrester and Brian Saperstein and joined by Andrew Lichtenberg, Patrick "Mac Attack" McNamara, Corey Walker, John Lytle, Matt Jolly, and Justin Bishop. We're sad to report that this group of students will leave the IAA as two-time Turkey Bowl losers. They are certain, however, that they can redeem themselves this spring in a game of golf.

Everyone celebrated the game with a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.



Front row: Brian Saperstein, Justin Bishop, Andrew Lichtenberg, Patrick Forrester, Todd Hotchkiss, Brent Wheeler.
Back row: Kenny Meyers, Matt Yingling, Matt Jolly, Patrick McNamara, Billy Canter, Corey Walker, Jared Foran, Jay Flippo, David Thomas, Michal Owens.