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At the 'tute

Lagging behind the trends of modern culture, I just read my first vampire book. Well, my first book in which vampires are the main characters.

In this book, vampires have special healing powers and they all live forever—or at least for thousands of years. I couldn't figure out the logic behind the aging because the book had baby vampires, kids, teenagers and adults, so they do age from infancy to adulthood, just not to the point of old age or death. But anyway, my initial reaction to a life expectancy of a thousand years or more was: "how exhausting! Who wants to live that long?"

Then, I started to wonder. Do vampires make bucket lists? Set goals? Have to-do lists? Why would they?

If you are going to live forever, there is no urgency to do anything. Imagine life with no goals. No immediacy. No reason to accomplish anything within, oh, let's say 600 years. Your life would have no purpose. Why would you bother to get out of bed each day? If we were all vampires, we'd be a very unproductive society.

Life without goals would be like running up and down a soccer field, never trying to score. Thank goodness we are all mere mortals. Although we don't know exactly how much time we have, we know our time is limited. So goal setting is important because it gives us clarity, helps prioritize our time, makes us accountable, and allows us to achieve our highest potential.

Now, at mid semester, it's time to think about the goals you've set for the semester and for the summer. Early warning grades are posted, so meet with your instructors to determine what you need to do to keep your grades up. Meet with your advisors to plan your class schedule for fall, and remember to register for your summer internship. With only six weeks left in the semester it's time to make sure you are on track. Unless, of course, you've been having the urge to bite people's necks. In that case, relax—you have thousands of years ahead of you.

Alan D Hyman

2012 Outstanding IAA Student



Deborah at Public Health Garden (by Edwin Remsberg)

Congrats to Deborah Lakowicz-Dramby! The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Chapter Awards Committee has awarded Lakowicz-Dramby with the Outstanding Graduating Student award in a two year program. Deborah will be recognized at the Alumni Chapter's 45th Annual Reunion and Awards Celebration Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center.

Enjoy
Maryland Day
Saturday, April 28

Join us for
Alumni Dinner
Wed., April 18

Graduation is near!



Graduation is Monday, May 21, 2012. If you applied for graduation, you will receive a packet of information around the middle of April. If you do not receive the packet, please visit the IAA office. Read through the information carefully. If you have any questions, see Carole Dingess in Jull 2123 or call 301-405-4685.

REMINDER

If you plan to drop a class, you must do so by Wednesday, April 11. If you drop by this date, you will receive a "W." After the 11th, you are committed to receiving a grade. Check with your instructor and advisor before dropping class.

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

Glori Hyman
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Scholarships News

Maryland Nursery and Landscape Association Scholarship:

The Maryland Nursery and Landscape Association announced the availability of two \$2,500 scholarships for eligible students in ornamental horticulture and landscape programs. Please visit the [MNLA website](#) at the following [link](#) for more information. Applications are due **May 1**.

Carville M. Akehurst Memorial Scholarship:

In addition, in conjunction with the American Nursery and Landscape Association, the MNLA sponsors the Carville M. Akehurst Memorial Scholarship. Further information regarding this program may be found at the following [link](#). Applications are due **May 31**.

Maryland Grain Producers Scholarship:

This scholarship is open to IAA students. [Click here](#) to access the scholarship application. Applications due **June 1**.

We need volunteers for Maryland Day



Maryland Day 2011 Photos (by Edwin Remsberg)

All majors wanted! Staff the IAA booth, help at the putting green, with the plants for a butterfly garden, or answer questions about the IAA. If you can volunteer an hour or more of your time to help the IAA during Maryland Day, please let Diana know.

Let's promote the IAA! See *Diana Velasquez* in 2123A Jull Hall, or call 301-405-4686

Shields Memorial Golf Tournament Friday, May 11



Shields Tournament photos (by Dr. Mathias)

We need students to volunteer a few hours of their time. All proceeds go to the IAA's golf & turf program. To date, over 80 scholarships have been awarded through this fund, and it supports student travel to competitions.

See Kevin Mathias if you are available to help.

2113 Jull Hall or call 301-405-4692

PGMS News



PGMS Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 7p.m.

George Washington Masonic Temple in Alexandria, VA. Students are welcomed to attend. Transportation from UMD will be provided. See professor Ken Ingram.

Tailgate Party

Friday, April 13, 4p.m

Tailgate Party, Jull Hall, conference room
UMD vs. Duke Baseball game
All IAA and DC Branch members
welcome.

Contact PGMS President John Mowbray
at jmowbray@terpmail.umd.edu

PLANET COMPETITION



IAA second-year Landscape Management Major, John Mowbray, took top honors in the Arboriculture Techniques contest at the 36th Annual PLANET Student Career Day Competition at Kansas State University in March. Mowbray was one of 19 University of Maryland students chosen to compete.

The University of Maryland team earned 13th place overall among 62 colleges and universities competing in an array of landscaping- and horticulture-based events. The team also earned several awards for placing among the top three in specific events including Mowbray's specific event, Arboriculture Techniques, in which the team took first place!

Mowbray won a climbing rope and saddle with all the accompanying equipment – items that he will put to great use in the field after graduating this May. Congratulations, John!

Registration Information

Preregistration for Fall 2012 for IAA students has begun. To take advantage of the early registration, make sure you are eligible to register.

1. You should have already received an email concerning registration. The email will refer you to MyUM website (www.my.umd.edu) where you can get your registration date and information on any blocks you may have. Clear any debts you have with the university.

2. If you are blocked for immunization, you **MUST** go to the Campus Health Center to comply with the immunization requirements. The Health Center will remove the block once all requirements are met. Immunization forms were included in your Orientation packets. If you need additional forms, they are available online at <http://www.health.umd.edu/forms/Immuform07.pdf>.

3. If you are blocked for financial reasons, you **MUST** go to the Bursar's Office, Room 1135 in the Lee Building, to obtain clearance **PRIOR** to registration.

4. If you are earning a "D" or "F" in any course you must meet with Glori Hyman about your academic performance.

5. Meet with your advisor. Note that the "published" appointment schedule referenced in an email from the Registrar for advising does not apply to IAA advisors. You must **contact your advisor directly to make an appointment**. Your advisor will give you an electronic stamp after you meet so you will be able to register.

6. Students will be emailed their bill after early registration is completed.

The Fall 2012 schedule of classes are listed on [Testudo](#). You will need to consult with your advisor; and while meeting with your advisor you may want to discuss your summer internships.

All students who graduate from the IAA must complete an internship at an approved site. The internship is divided into two separate courses, INAG 299A Internship I and INAG 299B Internship II. Internship I is the "work" component of the requirement, and summer is the usual time to complete INAG 299A.

If you sign up for INAG 299A this summer, you should register for INAG 299B this fall. Internship II is the report component of the series.

Summer Internships/Advisors

Remember to register for your summer internship for Summer Session 2.

Please see your Advisor. Find your section below:

Golf Course/Turfgrass/Sports Turf: INAG 299A IN21 (Kevin Mathias)

Agricultural Business Management-general: INAG 299A IN22 (Ray Gless)

Landscape/ Ornamental Horticulture: INAG 299A IN23 (Ken Ingram)

Ag Business-Sustainable Agriculture: INAG 299A IN25 (Ellen Polishuk)

Ag Business-Equine: INAG 299A IN26 (Kristen Wilson)

Course Evaluations

CourseEvalUM will open for student submissions on April 24 and close on Friday, May 11 at 11:59 p.m. Please take a few minutes to provide feedback for your instructors.

We continually strive to make our courses better and student input is an important consideration in this process. Thanks for your help.

Congrats Carole!

Carole will be awarded the 25-year service Award certificate at the AGNR Spring Awards Convocation on May 3. Carole began her tenure in June 1986 in the Poultry Science Department. She served as a secretary and administrative assistant to various department chairs until the Poultry Science Department merged with Animal Sciences.

She then worked for the ANSC Undergraduate Office until August 2005 when she joined the staff at the Institute of Applied Agriculture as our Business Services Specialist.

Her response to the announcement was, "where have 25 years gone? I can't believe it's been that long! It's never boring; I love the students and this department".

We thank her for all the support and help she provides to faculty and especially the students. The best part of the day is seeing Carole's enthusiasm and joy when she interacts with students.

Spring 2012 Final Exam Schedule

INAG101 ANS 0509	Fri, May 18 8:00am-10:00am
INAG104 JUL 1123	Wed, May 16 8:00am-10:00am
INAG105 JUL 1123	Mon, May 14 1:30pm-3:30pm
INAG106	See Instructor
INAG110 JUL 1123	Thu, May 17 8:00am-10:00am
INAG114 JUL 1123	Mon, May 14 8:00am-10:00am
INAG204 JUL 1123	Sat, May 12 8:00am-10:00am
INAG 205 JUL 1123	Thu, May 17 1:30pm-3:30pm
INAG206 JUL 1123	Wed, May 16 5:30pm-7:30pm
INAG207 ANS 0504	Mon, May 14 8:00am-10:00am
INAG214 JUL 1123	Wed, May 16 1:30pm-3:30pm
INAG215 JUL 1123	Wed, May 16 10:30am-12:30pm
INAG244 JUL 1111	Wed, May 16 10:30am-12:30pm

Good Luck!

IAA Accepting Fall Applications



The IAA is still accepting applications for the Fall 2012 semester. Let your friends and coworkers know. There is still time to apply to the IAA. The IAA operates a rolling admissions process, so we can continually admit students. So tell your friends not to be discouraged by the University's deadline.

See Diana Velasquez or Carole Dingess if you want more information or need an application form.

Spread the Word

Congratulations to Turf Bowl Teams



left to right: Brian Kealy, Tom Hutson, Josh Malnik, Ryan Peach, Tyler Kreft, Justin Patenaude, R.J. Crow, Bryan Shepherd, Cory Wesselman, Matt Park, Brian Dearstine, and kneeling is Scott Hosier. Photo (by Dr. Mathias)

What happens in Vegas doesn't need to stay in Vegas! Twelve Maryland turf students traveled to Las Vegas to compete in the 18th Annual GCSAA Turf Bowl Competition and brought back top awards. Nearly 90 teams entered the competition, and the University of Maryland placed two teams in the top ten—3rd and 7th—our best showing yet.

Dr. Mathias explains, "We set a number of records. In the past, the highest a Turf Bowl team has placed is fourth place. This is the first time two teams placed top ten, and we had an essay submission receive the second highest score."

Scott Hosier, a member of the team that placed third describes, "Getting top five was incredible!" To prepare for the competition Scott and the other team members met weekly to review case study scenarios and utilized study material provided by their advisor, Dr. Mathias. Hosier recalls, "The Doc gave us some practicum's that were hard but were good preparation for the competition." In addition to competing with other schools, the event proved to be a great educational and professional experience for students. Next year, Hosier hopes to win first place and beat the undefeated team of Iowa State.

Our third place team was awarded \$1,000. The tournament and prize was made possible through a partnership between the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and John Deere. John Deere provided the prize money to the winning teams. Our teams were partly sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents recent \$1,700 donation, and proceeds from the Shields Tournament fundraiser.



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