

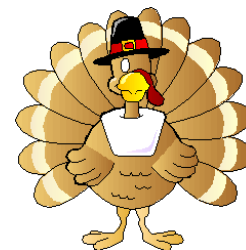
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November 2008

UK Equine Initiative  
Student Newsletter

Happy Thanksgiving!!



How quickly a year goes by!  
It's been a year since the Equine Initiative launched a monthly newsletter to help keep students and potential students informed about horse happenings at UK. And what a ride it's been!

During the past year, we've profiled some really interesting students, announced some exciting new happenings in UK's equine programs and Kentucky's horse industry, provided information about job and internship opportunities and put all of this information online on the Equine Initiative's newly revamped website.

Things have been moving pretty rapidly in UK's programs as well. Several new faculty have come on board, relocating here from all parts of the country to be part of building something special. Some will be teaching in the new undergraduate program, while others will be conducting research on some of the most important topics facing the equine industry. Still others will be interfacing directly with the citizens of our state through UK's equine extension programs. Most will be doing a combination of those things.

We're also renovating and building facilities on UK's Maine Chance Equine Campus. Not only will this be one of the most visible gateways to the Kentucky Horse Park during the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in 2010, but the investments we're making to these facilities now will reap dividends for many years to come.

The College of Agriculture's administration and equine faculty share the same vision of making UK THE destination for equine education and research.

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And what a place to do it! Kentucky really is the epicenter of all things horsey and there are exciting opportunities that present themselves here every day. Horses are intertwined with so much of Kentucky's culture and its past, present and future ambitions. What a great time to be involved!

Have a terrific rest of your semester and thanks for helping to make this such an exciting time at UK!

Holly Wiemers  
Equine Initiative  
Communications Director



# Equine Initiative News

## Student Working Group update

The Student Working Group hosted its last 2008 meeting Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was open for all to attend. If you have any questions or would like to be involved in the student working group during 2009, please feel free to contact Savannah Craddock at [savy@uky.edu](mailto:savy@uky.edu).



## Fast facts about the Equine Science & Management Program

Stats from Bachelor of Science, Equine Science & Management undergraduate degree program, as presented at the October College of Agriculture Equine Forum:

- Two tracks: biology & business
- Total of 120 students, 68 percent are freshman
- Enrollment: 41 percent biology, 35 percent business and 24 percent undecided
- Demographics of 2008 class: 79 students; 82 percent female; 51 percent from Kentucky; 49 percent from out of state (17 different states and one foreign country).
- Demographics of 2007 class: 46 students, 65 percent out-of-state

## Equine Clubs Upcoming Events

### Horse Racing Club

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### Equestrian Team

The UK Equestrian Team had its first Hunt Seat show on Oct. 11-12 at Ohio University, hosted by Xavier. The team was high point team both days and beat out the reserve high point team during Saturday's show by 20 points.

Outstanding Accomplishments Include:

- High Point Rider, Saturday and Sunday - Ali Cibon
- Reserve High Point Rider, Saturday- Louise Bowden
- Reserve High Point Rider, Sunday- Jenny Gordon

### Dressage Team

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### Horse Judging Team

Congratulations to the UK Horse Judging Team on its success at the Arabian Nationals Horse Judging Contest in Tulsa, Okla. The team had the following placings: 7th place team, halter; 5th place team, performance; and 7th place team, reasons. The team was named 5th place team overall out of 22 teams. Members included: Lance Bowman, Blair Cecil, Keegan Gay, Mandy Smith and Jennifer Whittle.



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### Polo Club

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# Student Spotlight: new team in town

## First of a kind; UK Saddle Seat Team makes history

During the spring of 2008, 15 UK students embarked on a journey. They participated in starting one of the first three college saddle seat teams ever offered and did so by pairing with Sally Hayden, the coach of the Eastern Kentucky University team to form the Intercollegiate Saddle Seat Riding Association (ISSRA). Work is under way to affiliate the ISSRA with the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, which is the same circuit that the UK Equestrian Team rides with. Currently two other schools besides UK offer a saddle seat team. Those schools include Morehead State University and Eastern Kentucky University. UK has the largest team of the three.

The UK team started with founding members; Catherine Van Arsdall, Sarah Absten, Stephanie Davisson, Aleasha Flowers, Becky Keller, Laura Marchetti, Michelle McCune, Rachael North, Cydni Simmons, Katie Singleton and Molly Trent. Many of the current team members started out riding on UK's Equestrian Team in the hunt seat division. But because the hunt and saddle seat disciplines were so different, they decided it would be better to start a team that met their riding needs. Founding members utilized Facebook to get the word out, generating interest among potential members.

*Below: UK Saddle Seat Team during the EKU competition*



“I really enjoy it. It’s a different environment,” team president Katie Singleton said. “We’re used to competing against each other and now we’re competing with each other for the team.”

Many of the team members have an extensive background showing saddle seat horses and have competed against each other as youth.

Shadow Run Farm in Lexington is the team’s host barn. Stephanie Sedlacko and Bill and Nancy Becker are the team’s coaches. The current prices for the team are set by the ISSRA, generally running each member \$574 for 10 lessons a semester,

not including other fees. The team’s advisor is Dr. Lee Edgerton in the department of Animal and Food Sciences.

The ISSRA is very similar in composition to the IHSA. The members ride on different levels based on their riding experience. There are five divisions that ride on the rail and are judged on equitation. The upper three divisions perform a pattern. Riders are also randomly assigned a horse.

“It’s very similar to IHSA and that’s one of the reasons we’re trying to get the ISSRA affiliated with them,” Singleton said.

The team gets funding from outside donors (that have chosen not to be named) and fundraising. It recently participated in a fundraiser during the Fall Classic Horse Show Oct. 8-11 at the Kentucky Horse Park. The team also participated in a t-shirt sale, a show accessory sale at the barn the girls ride at and a Dine to Donate dinner at Applebee's in Lexington on Sunday Nov. 16. Their most recent show was held on Sat. Nov. 15 at Rolling Hills Equestrian Center (Fiddlers Run) and it was sponsored by ECU. During that show the team ended up receiving reserve high point team and Member Molly Trent won high-point rider while members Ethan Roetman, Brittany Baird and Anna Horman tied for reserve high-point rider. For next semester the team will host its own show on April 11 also at Fiddlers Run.

Some of the team's accomplishments other accomplishments so far have included; high point team and reserve high point rider Catherine VanArsdall during the first ISSRA show sponsored by ECU this past spring. During the September show the team was reserve high point and rider Stephanie Davison was named high point rider. The team will compete throughout the rest of the year and continue to encourage increased membership and participation within the college and on UK's campus.

For more information on how to get involved you can contact team President Katie Singleton at [katie.singleton@uky.edu](mailto:katie.singleton@uky.edu).

## Faculty Spotlight

### Dr. Kristine Urschel

Excerpt from November EI Internal Newsletter

Assistant professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, also conducting research in nutrition ([klurschel@uky.edu](mailto:klurschel@uky.edu); 859-257-7748)

Dr. Urschel hails from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She began riding horses when she was 12 and soon after became a member of her local equine 4-H club. She has been actively involved with horses ever since.

She received her B.S. and Ph.D. at the University of Alberta. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Virginia Tech in the area of equine nutrition where she worked from April 2007 to July 2008. Her research at Virginia Tech was two-fold: first, to investigate the factors regulating protein synthesis and metabolism in healthy, adult horses and second to develop and validate stable isotope techniques that could be used to study protein metabolism and requirements in horses of all ages. She plans to build on this initial research at UK.

At UK, Dr. Urschel's research will work toward an improved understanding of how the equine body uses and metabolizes dietary protein as well as the knowledge of how protein and amino acid requirements change with age, ultimately helping horse owners optimize the protein composition of horse diets to support better performance and/or health.



## **ATTENTION STUDENTS! Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association student membership**

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) is proud to announce the addition of a student-level membership.

To be eligible for student membership, students must submit proof of enrollment in the form of a course schedule or a letter from the registrar. Student members will enjoy the same benefits as traditional TOBA members including a subscription to the Blood-Horse Magazine, entry to most racetracks throughout the U.S., discounted pricing at seminars and clinics, the TOBA membership directory and much more. More importantly, membership dues support TOBA's programs that work on behalf of owners and breeders in the Thoroughbred industry. Student membership is available at a discounted annual membership fee.

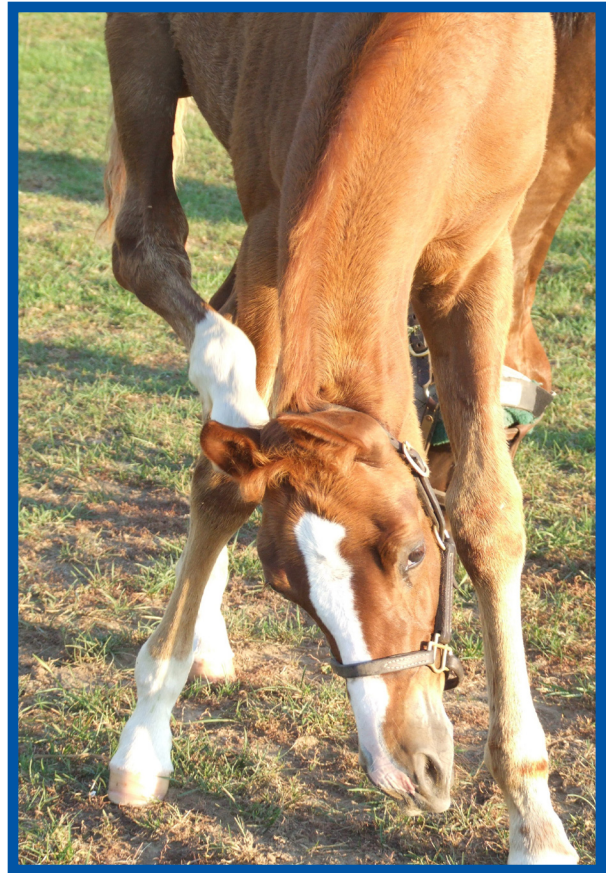
"The TOBA student membership is designed to educate and inform the next generation of owners and breeders. As an industry we must cultivate new owners and breeders in order for our sport to continue," said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA.

### **Benefits of membership Include**

- Subscription to the Blood-Horse Magazine
- Free clubhouse admission to most U.S. race-tracks
- TOBA Membership Directory
- Complimentary reports from Equineline.com
- 50% discounts on TOBA seminars and clinics

The membership dues are \$75 per year and you must submit your class schedule with membership form.

If you're interested in joining TOBA please contact Allison Parks at [aparks@toba.org](mailto:aparks@toba.org) or **859-276-2462**



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### **Scholarships**

#### **Approaching scholarship deadlines:**

The Race for Education has numerous scholarship deadlines approaching. Please visit their website **[www.racing-scholarships.com](http://www.racing-scholarships.com)** to see if you qualify.

American Quarter Horse Youth Association Scholarship is Deadline Jan. 1, 2009 applications can be found on their website **[www.aqha.com](http://www.aqha.com)**.

## Equine Club Directory

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### Job Opportunities Continued

Salary and on-site housing will be provided. If you are interested in participating, please visit [www.cvmb.colostate.edu/bms/erl](http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/bms/erl) or call 970-491-5621.

**Taylor Made Sales** is looking for students for either six- or 12-month internships. These include housing and weekly paychecks. The next season starts in January and the deadline for those to submit applications is this month. For more information please visit the intern website at [www.taylor-madesales.com/team/pages/interns](http://www.taylor-madesales.com/team/pages/interns).

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You can also find us on Facebook under the Equine  
Initiative Group

## Job Opportunities

### Help Wanted Classifieds:

*Please note, classifieds listed here are not directly affiliated with UK or its equine programs, rather information passed along from equine businesses as an FYI.*

**The Equine Reproduction Laboratory** at Colorado State University is offering one breeding farm internship beginning Jan. 1, 2009. All applicants should have recently completed a Bachelor's degree in Equine Science, Animal Science or a related discipline. It is a non-degree program.