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Winter Edition 2008-09

UK Equine Initiative
Student Newsletter

Happy 2009! I hope that everyone had a joyous and restful vacation. It's hard to believe that the beginning of the Spring semester is right around the corner!

This is an exciting semester for the Equine Science and Management students. As most of you know, in late 2008, the degree was approved by the University Senate. The last remaining hurdle is a vote of approval by the Board of Trustees in late January.

In addition, two existing courses with "new" areas of focus will be offered this semester as part of the Equine Science and Management curriculum. I'm sure I'll be seeing some of you in the "equine-emphasis" sections of Agricultural Management Principles (AEC 302) as well as Agricultural Product Marketing and Sales (AEC 320). "Equine-emphasis" doesn't necessarily mean that these courses will focus only on the equine industry but, where applicable, topics will be tailored to address issues relevant to the equine industry.



Finally, a small group of students will spend this semester preparing for a study abroad trip to England in June. This trip is a collaborative effort with the Equine Business Program at the University of Louisville. Students will have the opportunity to experience England's equine industry firsthand, and in particular, will get a glimpse of England's role in shaping today's international equine industry. As the Equine Science and Management program continues to evolve, I expect that more exciting and beneficial opportunities like this will evolve.

Best of luck to you all as you embark on the adventures awaiting you this semester. I look forward to meeting many of you soon!

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Equine Clubs Upcoming Events

Horse Racing Club

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Equestrian Team

The UK Equestrian Team wants you! If you have been interested in joining UK's Equestrian Team, the beginning of this semester would be a great time to start. The team has two divisions: Hunt Seat and Western. Both divisions need committed riders. Each rider competes at a level appropriate for them, so no experience is necessary! If you've ever wanted to start a career showing horses, now would be a great time to start! For more information about the Western team, contact Rachel Bailey at rachelab Bailey@uky.edu. If you're interested in the Hunt Seat team, contact Christina Lawton at chris.lawton@uky.edu.



Dressage Team

UK Dressage entered two teams into the Otterbein IDA Horse Show held Oct. 18-19, 2008. The competition was a success for UKDT; everyone ended the weekend with a ribbon, including two 6th place team ribbons.

Riding first level for team A was Chelsea Urhahn, who finished 6th individually on both days. Accompanying her as Training Level $\frac{3}{4}$ rider was Courtney Carroll, who finished 8th individually on Saturday.

- Jacqui Folkerts received 5th on Saturday and 1st on Sunday.
- Andrea Phillips was 2nd on Saturday.
- Team A was named the 6th place team on Sunday.
- Team B competed Saturday, finishing 6th overall.
- Emily Mysinger received 2nd.
- Catherine Connell as Into rider placed 3rd.

The overall weekend was a major success thanks to the entire UKDT.

The teams attended another IDA show at Findlay Nov. 22 and placed 6th overall.

The next IDA show will be Feb. 14-15, 2009. Both teams will be attending and are anticipating a successful show.



Horse Judging Team

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Polo Club

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Winter in Horse Country!

During the winter it is hard for some to fight the cold weather and nasty conditions to maintain a relationship with their horse. The warmth of the inside of a house sounds much more appealing than riding in an indoor arena (if you are lucky enough to have one), that for some reason turns into an icebox during these months. Then after about 20 minutes of riding, you find yourself shedding your coat, scarf and gloves because the ride has gotten you warmed up a bit.

But for those extreme enthusiasts, these winter weather factors aren't really a problem. UK's riding teams don't get a break for the winter because the team competitions start back in early February. Riders must be in tip top condition in order to compete and taking the "cold days" off just isn't an option to them or their coaches.

If you're friends with many "horse people" on Facebook you'll see statuses such as; "out at the barn riding (FREEZING)," "fighting the cold to visit my pony" or "off to another show." If we were to use Facebook to observe our friends' daily habits (which most of us do) we would see that the cold weather isn't stopping many of them from getting out there and doing what they love.

Some College of Ag students have shared photos of what they enjoy doing with their horses during these winter months. Enjoy!



Mandy Su, Equine Management '12 of Florida riding in the snow!



Su with her horse Keechee

Equine Initiative News

KEEP Announces more than \$500,000 in grants given to local horse groups

source: KEEP newsletter

The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) announced recently that it has funded more than \$516,000 to over 700 horse-related organizations and their activities throughout Kentucky in four short years.

KEEP created this local funding program as part of its grassroots efforts to help horse organizations around the state. The grants program is currently divided into six categories: 4-H and FFA clubs, horse shows and trail rides, equine breed and color-breed associations, equine education programs at Kentucky colleges and universities, educational activities and equine assisted therapy programs. Each category has a funding limit and specific criteria applicants must meet to be considered.

"This is a true example of horse people helping each other," said Patrick Neely, KEEP's executive director. "A portion of monies collected from our donations and membership dues are set aside each year for our grassroots committee to use as seed money to help organizations fund their events and programs, and put new programs in place with the common goal of growing Kentucky's horse industry. I'm proud to say this is working."

Each year KEEP's Grassroots Committee, composed of 22 individuals from various backgrounds of the horse industry, meets annually to review the current funding application. The 2009 Grassroots funding application has been totally revised. "The goal of this funding is to help establish programs for children that would not have otherwise been exposed to a horse, to bring together horse enthusiasts for networking and continuing education opportunities, to grow local horse shows that are great economic generators for communities and to aid breed associations as they build their organizations," explains, Gene Clabes, KEEP's Equine Director. "Therefore we are continuing to review and improve our funding application to ensure these goals are met."

"All in all, our grassroots funding program has far exceeded what we could have ever imagined and we look forward toward the future of this program," says Neely.

The 2009 Funding Application is now available on line at www.horseswork.com/grassroots or contact the KEEP Staff at 866-771-5337.

Semester Academic Calendar

January

- 14 - Classes begin
- 14-21 - Late registration
- 15 - First year student scholarship application deadline
- 19 - Martin Luther King Day
- 21 - Last day to add a class

February

- 4-Ag. Career day
- 4 - Last day to drop a course w/o appearing on transcript; last day to change grade option
- 15 - Priority deadline for 2009-10 academic year financial aid application for entering freshmen
- 27 - Degree application deadline for May 2009 graduates
- 27 - Last day to change majors until April 23

March

- 9 - Midterm
- 16-21 - Spring Break
- 23-April 10 - Advising for summer & fall 2009 terms
- 30-April 21 - Priority registration for summer & fall 2009 terms

April

- 1 - Priority deadline for 2009-10 academic year financial aid application for continuing and transfer students
- 1-21 - Priority registration for summer & fall 2009 terms
- 3-Last day to withdraw from a class

May

- 1 - Last day of classes
- 4-8-Finals
- 9 - Graduation

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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. racetracks
 - TOBA Membership Directory
 - Complimentary reports from EquineLine.com
 - 50% discounts on TOBA seminars and clinics
- The membership dues are \$75.00 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 or **859-276-2462**



Scholarships

Approaching scholarship deadlines: Race for Education at www.racingscholarships.com. A completed application, two letters of recommendation and official transcript are due no later than May 1. Scholarships are awarded before the start of the fall semester. Scholarships are paid directly to the university or college for post-secondary educational expenses. A scholarship can be awarded only one time to any individual meeting scholarship requirements. All individuals who are not awarded a scholarship are encouraged to resubmit their application as often as they like. KEEP will award a maximum of five scholarships per year with a value of \$1,000 each. In addition, eligible KEEP scholarship recipients are invited to participate in The Race for Education's (RFE) Assets for Independence program and receive up to \$4,000 in additional funding. KEEP recipients are also invited to The Race for Education's Equine Summer Seminar.

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture is pleased to offer merit-based scholarships to outstanding upperclass students. Applications are available January-February of each year. Information is available online at the College of Agriculture Student & Academic Services website at www.ca.uky.edu/students/scholar.htm. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 1.

2009 Kentucky Breeders Seminar Sunday Feb. 1, 2009 Executive Inn West, Louisville

Brought to you by the Kentucky Quarter Horse Association and UK's Equine Initiative

For more information, contact Stephanie Czuhajewski at sczuhajewski@kyqha.com or visit Kentucky Quarter Horse Association online at www.kyqha.com to register.

Equine Club Directory

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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.

Equestrian Camp Counselor (\$2,250 – 2,450)

Specialty program for campers ages 11 - 15. Instruct riding lessons each morning/afternoon at equestrian center. Center has outdoor rings and one indoor ring. Instructors are needed for beginners through advanced in both English (i.e.: jumping, dressage) and Western (i.e.: reining, western pleasure, trail). Class sizes are four to six people. We are CHA site accredited and adhere to their safety practices. Evenings on duty are with cabin group participating in regular camp programming. Counselors also lead devotions each night in their cabin. Must have completed at least freshman year of college. Staff training begins May 24. We would greatly appreciate you considering our summer program for employment. If you have any questions, please feel

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free to contact Amie Gleason (Equestrian Director) at 1-800-382-2267 (inside IN only), office phone 765-564-2898 or e-mail at amieg@camptecumseh.org. More information can be found at our website: www.camptecumseh.org. Applications can also be downloaded from there.

Study Abroad Opportunity to all UK students interested in Animal Agriculture

The UK Department of Animal and Food Sciences has partnered with the Agricultural University of Krakow to offer a study abroad opportunity with a focus on animal agriculture. Please look these over and consider how a study abroad program can add to your education. If interested, please contact Dr. Bill Silvia (wsilvia@uky.edu) before Jan. 20, 2009. A minimum of 15 students are needed for this program. It will be offered next in 2011.

Walnut Hall Stock Farm is seeking a part-time person to monitor foaling mares to start around Feb. 1. The hours are 3:30 to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. This is a paid position and a great opportunity to get experience with foaling mares. Walnut Hall Stock Farm is in Northern Fayette County, about 2 miles away from the Kentucky Horse Park. For information contact Mr. Joe Nallia, 859-254-5660; 859-492-2166.

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