STUDENT Chapter News

By Andrea Bakalyar, President

The 1997 Fall semester is only a few weeks from being over. Belatedly the Maryland Student Chapter GCSAA would like to welcome the fifteen new students that joined the Golf Course Management program this fall at the Institute of Applied Agriculture. Good luck with your future education and careers. Congratulations to the students who look forward to graduating in December: Dennis Granahan, Kyle Stevens, Brett Post and Jamie Potchner.

The Maryland Student Chapter has been very active this fall and we are still anticipating a lot of events in the upcoming winter break. We began the Fall semester with a Welcome Back Picnic in cooperation with the Institute of Applied Agriculture. picnic was held September 16, 1997 and the students and faculty enjoyed a cook out and several volleyball games. A chapter meeting was held October 1, 1997. We discussed several ideas about building student support for the chapter. One idea we are pursuing is opening a conference on In Ag On Line, so chapter information is accessible to everyone.

Other events this Fall included twenty students attending the Mid Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents monthly meeting at Hillendale Country Club on November 11, 1997. Many thanks to the MAAGCS for inviting the chapters. Of course the biggest event for the chapter this semester is the launch of our first fundraiser. Available for \$25.00 are 100% cotton pique, short sleeve polo shirts in four colors: Navy, Forest, Maroon and Ash Gray. We are also selling low profile embroidered caps in Navy, Maroon, and Forest for \$12.00. Thank you to those who have supported our sale of the "University of Maryland - Turfgrass" shirts and caps. For those who are interested in making a purchase, you may do so at the monthly MAAGCS meetings or at the Maryland Turf Show in January at the Baltimore Convention Center. Future sale items will include turtlenecks, wind jackets, and denim shirts. The chapter hopes to earn \$1000.00 this semester to cover chapter expenses, event costs and offering student scholarships. The Maryland Student Chapter would like to congratulate all of its scholarship winners and thank the Maryland Turfgrass Council and the MAAGCS for their student support. The following students were recognized:

Maryland Turfgrass Council

Andrea C. Bakalyar Mark Berry Brett Post

Mid Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents

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In conclusion, thank you to all of those who offered summer internships. The students also appreciate all the flexibility they are allowed during the semester by the superintendents. Many students need to work while attending college and your understanding and generosity makes a huge difference.



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