

## Maryland Student Chapter News

by Steve Evans

Student Chapter activities for the month of April far exceeded our expectations! On April 4th panel discussion with the topic of job interviewing was held at the University of Maryland Golf Course Clubhouse. Participating on the panel were MAAGCS members Mr. Chris Ayers, CGCS, Mr. Dave Nehila, and Mr. Dean Graves. Also on the panel was Mr. Bill Reinohl, Coordinator Intercollegiate Athletics, at the University of Maryland. More than thirty students attended the panel discussion which included a social with light refreshments, an opportunity to talk with the panel speakers, the introduction of the new director of the Institute of Applied Agriculture, Dr. Hartsock, and a chapter meeting. The range of topics covered were; interviewing for assistant and superintendent positions, the review committee process, and suggestions on how to make more professional presentations. But the most important information was what these superintendents looked for in their in-

terviewing process and their personal experiences interviewing for superintendent positions. As always, these MAAGCS members were very professional and generous in providing the students with insight on the do's and don'ts of job interviewing.

On April 15th and 16th, seven turf students and Dr. Kevin Mathias went to the Homestead to compete in the inaugural Middle Atlantic Challenge Cup with seven turf students and Dr. David Chalmers from Virginia Tech. The weekend started with an educational presentation by Mr. Fred Reese, Director of Golf at the Homestead, and superintendents from the Old and the Lower Cascades courses. We received an education on corporate golf maintenance at this resort in the mountains of Virginia, including the intricacies of maintaining such old and historic courses for a demanding group of golfers. Dr. Chalmers, MAAGCS Class D member, proved to be a formidable opponent, carding low rounds both days and

leading his team to victory. We were all impressed with the history and beauty of this resort and our opportunity to play at these highly rated golf courses. We also got a great opportunity to network with the Virginia Tech students, many of whom will intern in the Mid Atlantic area this summer. Plans are being made for the 2001 match to be held in our area and hosted by the U of MD Student Chapter. We need support and any interested superintendents are encouraged to contact Dr. Mathias for more details.

Elections of new officers will be announced in the next edition of the newsletter as well details about the year-end outing held May 25th at Indian Spring Country Club, hosted by Mr. Rhys Arthur. The Student Chapter also plans to support the MAAGCS outing on August 28th, the fundraiser for Government Relations and Research.

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