On February 8th Field and Furrow held its first meeting of the semester. At this meeting we discussed business, philanthropy events, and fundraising events. We were also informed that the 2011 National SASES meeting will be October 14-17. After the meeting members were able to participate in a quiz bowl where they learned many new, interesting facts.
Popcorn Sales

On February 17 and 18 the Field and Furrow Club sold popcorn in the ACES library. This has been one of the clubs fundraisers throughout the year and we did quite well. Thank you to the faculty and students for your support!

Seed Set Preparation

Before the club meeting in March, members came early to help prepare seed sets for sale to Illinois high school students to improve their grain grading skills. This was one of the club’s spring fundraiser’s that every one was very excited to help out with.

Mollie Wins Speech Contest!

On March 8 the speech contest took place after the monthly meeting. Mollie Hoss and Katherine McLachlan participated in the contest. Mollie won and will be competing in the National SASES speech contest in October. Great job girls!
EXPLORACES

EVERY YEAR THE COLLEGE OF ACES HOLDS THEIR STATE WIDE RECRUITING EVENT, EXPLORACES. ON MARCH 11 AND 12 FIELD AND FURROW HAD A BOOTH AT THE EVENT TO EXPLAIN TO INCOMING FRESHMEN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS WHAT FIELD AND FURROW IS ALL ABOUT.

SASES Regional Meeting

The regional SASES meeting was held March 25-27 in Wisconsin. Jessica Dehn, Ross Recker, and David Marburger were the members that attended the meeting this year. One of the main speakers was an ag reporter from Wisconsin. She explained how people do not understand where their food is coming from and how agriculture actually works. The three went on many different tours such as a tour of a hydroponic green house, a robotic dairy, winery, an ethanol plant, a rainbow trout farm, and Remington Seeds. If you are interested in going, the SASES meetings are a very good way to network with people in the agricultural world.
FFA Pork Chop Sales

On April 2nd the University of Illinois was the site for the state FFA record book judging. Field and Furrow continued with its annual fundraisers by selling pork chop dinners to people attending. Members helped prepare, cook, package, run, and sell the pork chops on the south quad all day. It was a great success and we sold almost 400 pork chops!

Mom’s Day Garden Show

Each year there is a garden show for the University of Illinois moms on their special weekend. This year Field and Furrow voted to create a board game flower display for the event. The game we made was called The Farming Game. The display was great and we are all very excited that Field and Furrow was represented at the Garden Show this year! Thanks to everyone who helped out with designing the display.
April Meeting

The April meeting was packed full of events for Field and Furrow members. Before the meeting the annual IPM contest took place where any member could participate. For this contest they identified different plants and pests. Members also helped clean-up the club’s pathway along Morrow Plots and the plot itself. During the meeting we talked about different things such as philanthropy events, regional SASES meeting, and poster ideas for the national SASES competition.

Club Awards Banquet

On May 3 Field and Furrow held their annual club awards banquet in the ACES Library. Members were invited to come recognize the award winners, along with great food. We were honored to have special guests Dr. German Bollero, Head of the Department of Crop Sciences, John Holthaus of Growmark, and Dr. Dennis Thompson of Illinois Crop Improvement present to help present various awards at the banquet. A special thanks to Hayley Bunselmeyer for organizing the banquet. On the following page is a list of all of the award winners this year.
2011 Field and Furrow Award Winners

Outstanding Club Senior: David Marburger
Outstanding Agronomy Senior (SASES): Race Higgins
Outstanding Club Junior: Hayley Bunselmeyer, Whitney Massey, Jack Marshall, and Ross Recker
Outstanding Club Sophomore: Shannon Breen and Katherine McLachlan
Outstanding Club New Member Award: Sondra Monier and Kristi Droste
Service Award: Jessica Dehn, Brad Launer, and Janelle Tronc
Outstanding Instructor Award: Horacio Lopez-Nicora
Outstanding Club Advisor in ACES: Patricia Stoller

Upcoming 2011 Dates:

SEPTEMBER 13: CLUB MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22-23, 29-30: MUM SALES
OCTOBER 11: PATHWAY CLEANUP, MEETING
OCTOBER 14-17: NATIONAL SASES MEETINGS
NOVEMBER 8: CLUB MEETING, NEW MEMBER INITIATION
DECEMBER: ANGEL TREE GIFTS
DECEMBER: CLUB HOLIDAY MEETING, OFFICER ELECTIONS (DATE TBA)