

### Festive fun at Necarne Castle

The Equine students at Enniskillen Campus started off the festive season with their annual Christmas show at Necarne Castle. The Pairs Show Jumping competition proved a big hit with first year National Diploma student, Jessica Regan, riding Danny. The competition, which challenges both horse and rider, involves one person jumping the course on horseback after which their team-mate is expected to clear the fences on foot.



### CAFRE students help Children in Need

CAFRE students raised a marvellous £3360 for the BBC's Children in Need appeal. This total was raised through pain, humiliation and embarrassing dress codes endured by Greenmount students and a 'bed push' through the streets of Cookstown by Loughry students. Dennis the Menace, Barney and Pudsey Bear (Food students Steven Woods, Christopher Boyd and David Hughes) all made a special appearance to aid the appeal.



### Loughry Students beat the Credit Crunch

Even in the present economic slow-down, Loughry students know they will be very much in demand as the food industry is our largest manufacturing sector with many vacancies for exciting jobs in key positions. Dunbia is one of the UK's leading meat processors and Human Resource Manager, Mr Ashley Stewart, recently took the time to talk to Loughry students about the Company's Graduate Development Programme.

### Nutrition awareness at Loughry

With the increasing emphasis on the impact of food on our health, Loughry Campus invited pupils from schools across Northern Ireland to nutrition awareness training workshops. The events highlighted the importance of food nutrition and a healthy diet, with successful pupils also obtaining the Certificate in Healthier Food and Special Diets, which is awarded by the Royal Society for Public Health.



## SPRING OPEN DAYS

### Veterinary Nursing Open Day (Greenmount Campus)

Saturday 7 March 2009, 2 - 4pm

#### Enniskillen Campus

Saturday 28th March 2009, 12 noon

#### Loughry Campus

Tuesday 28th April 2009, 3 - 8pm

#### Greenmount Campus

Wednesday 29th April 2009, 7pm

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### Welcome

Welcome to the spring 2009 edition of Cafre Chat, the publication that keeps you up-to-date with student news and events from the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE).



### Horticulture students get prepared

National Diploma in Horticulture students started preparing for their industry work placement, with a residential visit to Loughry Campus to learn new skills. "The skills we are learning this week are first class, with lots of variety" explained Matthew Irwin, pictured with fellow first year student Jason Timpany as they got to grips with the chipper. "I have learnt about plants and landscape maintenance; it's just the type of practical course I always wanted to do."



### Bring your own

At Enniskillen Campus there are facilities to accommodate up to 17 student horses on a DIY livery basis. Many of the students, including First Diploma student John Joe Gallagher, avail of this service throughout the year as it allows them to bring their horses to college so that they can keep them fit for competitions. The students can also make use of the extensive facilities at the campus such as the indoor/outdoor arenas, horse walker and quiet hacking areas.

### Kiwi experience

Paul Wallwin completed his work placement in New Zealand as part of his Foundation Degree in Rural and Countryside Management. Paul was a volunteer working in the Department of Conservation on the 800 hectare Boundary Stream Conservation Reserve. His duties including restoring the ecosystem and conservation of endangered native species, including forest geckos and kiwis. This involved culling pests along with monitoring and tagging endangered birds, reptiles and invertebrates.



### Greenmount students applaud industry support

Students who commenced Higher Education programmes at Greenmount Campus recently received substantial bursaries from major agri-food and horticultural companies. Nine organisations each awarded bursaries of at least £1000 and they all praised the high quality of the students' work and congratulated them on their efforts. As expected, there was a very high level of competition for the bursaries from students on the BSc Agricultural Technology, HND Agriculture and Foundation Degrees in Horticulture and Rural and Countryside Management courses.



### Team spirit at Greenmount

First year Agriculture students at Greenmount Campus developed a great team spirit as they prepared for the Greenmount Young Handler of the Year Competition. This event allows the students to develop skills in the preparation and showing of cattle. The weeks of preparation culminated with the students showing the livestock in front of an audience of fellow students, staff, parents and friends. Their handling skills were judged by past student Andrew Hamill and congratulations went to Mark Lyttle, winner of the competition and runner-up Matthew Dickey.

### Strategic relationships at Loughry

Darren Cheevers, a Food Supply Management graduate, recently returned to Loughry Campus to discuss strategic business relationships with final year Honours Degree Food Supply Management students. Darren, who is currently employed as the Northern Ireland Territory Manager with FA Wyatt, a sales and distribution company, had a great deal to talk about to the students. His experience in retailing, wholesaling and sales certainly gave the students, including final year student Julie Bayne, food for thought.



### From Kildare to Malaysia

Final year student Orla Lyons got to experience work in two separate yards during her work placement as part of her Foundation Degree in Equine Management at Enniskillen Campus. Orla's placement began in Kildangan Stud Farm in County Kildare, where she developed her interest in the breeding industry, working with some of the greatest breeding lines in the world, owned by Sheik Mohammad. Orla then went on to complete her work placement at Riders Lodge yard in Malaysia.