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## **South Dakota Racing Commissioner Kicks Off 2011 Joe Hirsch Speaker Forum**

Ralph "Chip" Kemnitz was the first guest lecturer of the 2011 Spring semester. Kemnitz spoke to students in Advanced Animal Racing Laws and Enforcement class on January 19 about the duties of a state racing commission. He brought first-hand knowledge of the subject, as he is a commissioner on the South Dakota Commission on Gaming. He described how commissioners are appointed and the basic functions of a racing commission, as well as the framework that allows the commission to get things done. A major point of his discussion was the importance of open meeting laws and public records.

"Do the public's business in the public's eye," he said.

Each year students in the RTIP have the opportunity to learn from guest lecturers who come from all facets of the racing industry by participating in the Joe Hirsch Speaker Forum.

The University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program offers both a Bachelors and Masters degree program with an emphasis on the pari-mutuel racing industry and hosts the annual Symposium on Racing & Gaming held every December in Tucson, Arizona.

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