



# Villanova opens Davis Center for Athletics and Fitness

Villanova University officially cut the ribbon on its newest structure, the \$18.5 million Davis Center for Athletics and Fitness on Nov. 8, opening the doors to a unique, state-of-the-art facility designed for both the men's and women's basketball programs and for all students, staff and faculty.

"This new facility is unique in many ways and highlights our values of community," said the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., University president. "In addition to serving as a practice and training facility for the men's and women's basketball programs, this new facility features a state-of-the-art fitness center for the entire campus community. The Davis Center will be an important part of campus life for years to come."

The Davis Center for Athletics and Fitness is a three-story, 55,000 square foot structure located on Ithan Avenue in front of the Pavilion. It includes a lobby that highlights the long and proud history of Villanova men's and women's basketball, complete with photos and other fascinating memorabilia from the history of sports on campus. The lobby also contains photos of Wildcat fans, a group known emphatically as the



Jim Davis '81 and the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A. cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the Davis Center.

"Nova Nation." The first two floors house office space for both programs; two practice courts, one for each team; locker rooms; a weight room, cinema and sports medicine area.

The third floor is devoted to entirely to fitness and is open to all segments of the campus community. The area features 40 cardio machines, selecterized weight equipment, as well as free weights. There is a large meeting space that will be utilized for group exercise such as aerobics, yoga and pilates.

The new facility is environmentally friendly, with energy-saving motion sensor lights and ecologically-sound storm water management. More than 250 new trees have been planted around the facility.



# Solar panels installed on CEER



Dr. Pritpal Singh, principal investigator on the solar panel research converses with State Senator Connie Williams and two graduate student researchers at the unveiling ceremony.

In September, four graduate engineering students witnessed the culmination of one year of intensive research and development as 24 solar panels were installed on the external parapet of the south roof of CEER. For the Solar Scholars program, Villanova has partnered with the Sustainable Energy Fund (SEF) of Central Eastern Pennsylvania, as part of a six-college coalition in this solar-energy initiative. The effort is also part of the President's Climate Commitment, Villanova's endeavor to establish a climate-neutral campus.

The student engineers worked under the direction of Dr. Pritpal Singh, associate professor and chair of electrical and computer engineering, conducting research in Villanova Center for the Environment laboratory (VCE). VCE includes sustainable solar energy as one of its focus areas.

The solar panels on CEER are the first of their kind on campus and are part of continuing effort to develop renewable energy sources. "The solar panels are the beginning of many renewable energy systems on campus and we're proposing to expand the system," said Dr. Singh.

An active group of students and faculty members, including Singh, are working on the next generation of renewable energy sources that will offer higher performance at lower-cost.

## Ready, Set, Read... One Book Villanova kicks off with Rwandan genocide survivor memoir

Celebration of One Book Villanova 2007 shifted into high gear with the distribution of some 1,500 free copies of this year's selection, *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* by Immaculee Ilibagiza with Steve Erwin.

The official kickoff for the annual program was held Oct. 2 in the Connelly Center Plaza, festooned with Rwandan flags, where off-campus residents received copies of the book. The Villanova University Black Cultural Society joined in the festivities offering a colorful table of African crafts for sale.

Distribution of Ilibagiza's book was made to on-campus students at residence halls. The book details her harrowing, yet ultimately triumphant account of survival amidst Rwanda's 1994 genocide. Students who have already received the book are encouraged to read their copies and pass them on.

One Book Villanova events, including discussion groups and public readings, will be held throughout the year. Ilibagiza will speak on campus on **Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m.**

Check the web site at:

**[www.onebook.villanova.edu](http://www.onebook.villanova.edu)**

The event is free and open to the public, however, tickets are required. For off-campus guests, tickets may be reserved by calling **610-519-4210**.



Students receiving their copies of One Book Villanova's *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* by Immaculee Ilibagiza peruse the volume at the Oct. 2 program kickoff outside the Connelly Center.

# VILLANOVA ATHLETICS

## EVENT SCHEDULE / JANUARY - APRIL 2008

JANUARY	event	venue	start time
Wednesday, January 16	Men's Basketball vs. DePaul	Pavilion	9 p.m.
Saturday, January 20	Wildcat Cheerleading Challenge	Pavilion	8 a.m.
Saturday, January 26	Catholic High School Swim Meet	Pavilion Pool	8 a.m.
Sunday, January 27	Catholic High School Swim Meet	Pavilion Pool	8 a.m.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Friday, February 01	Prime Time Shoot-out	Pavilion	6 p.m.
Saturday, February 09	Men's Basketball vs. Seton Hall	Pavilion	6 p.m.
Wednesday, February 20	Men's Basketball vs. West Virginia	Pavilion	8 p.m.
Friday, February 22	PIAA Basketball	Pavilion	6 p.m.
Saturday, February 23	PIAA Basketball	Pavilion	10 a.m.
<b>MARCH</b>			
Wednesday, March 05	Men's Basketball vs. South Florida	Pavilion	8 p.m.
Friday, March 28 - Sunday, March 30	NROTC Drill Meet	Pavilion	all day
<b>APRIL</b>			
Saturday, April 12	Candidate's Day	Pavilion	12 p.m.
Sunday, April 13	Philadelphia Archdiocese Mass	Pavilion	4 p.m.
Friday, April 18 - Saturday, April 19	Relay for Life	Pavilion / Campus	all day
Friday, April 25 - Saturday, April 26	NovaFest	Pavilion / Campus	all day
Tuesday, April 29	College Fair	Pavilion	3 p.m.

## Cultural Film & Lecture Series – Spring 2008

### Cosmopolitanism: The World on Film

This semester the Cultural Film Series helps to celebrate the launch of Villanova University's new Institute for Global Interdisciplinary Studies. As always, only the Monday evening screenings feature guest speakers.

Jan. 26, 27, 28 - **INFERNAL AFFAIRS**

Directed by Wai-keung Lau and Siu Fai Mak, 2002, Hong Kong, 101 m.

Feb. 2, 3, 4 - **THE WORLD OF APU**

Directed by Satyajit Ray, 1959, India, 105 m.

Feb. 9, 10, 11 - **HOUSE OF FOOLS**

Directed by Andre Konchalovsky, 2002, Russia/France, 104 m.

Feb. 16, 17, 18 - **METROPOLIS**

Directed by Rintaro, Japan, 2001, 107m.

Feb. 23, 24, 25 - **CHILDREN OF HEAVEN**

Directed by Majid Majidi, 1997, Iran, 89 m.

March 15, 16, 17 - **WARRIOR QUEEN**

Directed by Hezekiah Lewis, 2008, USA, 54 m. total

April 5, 6, 7 - **RINGU**

Directed by Hideo Nakata, Japan, 1998, 96 m.

April 12, 13, 14 - **THE WORLD ACCORDING TO SHORTS**

Various directors, USA, 2006, 95 m.

April 19, 20, 21 - **LA PROMESSE**

Directed by Jean-Pierre Dardenne and Luc Dardenne, 1989, Belgium, 92 m.

April 26, 27, 28 - **PARIS, JE T'AIME**

Various directors, 2006, France/Liechtenstein, 116 m.

Speakers appear only at the Monday screenings. Admission is \$5 and is open to the public. Tickets are available at the Connelly Center Cinema box office, approximately 20 minutes prior to any showing. For more information, call **610-519-4750** on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or consult the CFS web page:

**[www.culturalfilms.villanova.edu](http://www.culturalfilms.villanova.edu)**

**All films will be shown at the Connelly Center Cinema.**

## Villanova Theatre

For tickets and information call our Box Office at **610-519-7474**  
or go to **[www.theatre.villanova.edu](http://www.theatre.villanova.edu)**

### *Baby*

Music by David Shire  
Lyrics by Richard Maltby, Jr.  
Book by Sybille Pearson  
Directed by Peter Reynolds  
**Feb. 12 – March 2 • Vasey Theatre**

### *The Illusion*

Book and lyrics by Alfred Uhry  
By Pierre Corneille  
Freely Adapted by Tony Kushner  
Directed by Harriet Power  
**April 15 – 27 • Vasey Theatre**

### **1(ONE):**

**A Festival of Solo Performance**  
**May 1 – 4 • Connelly Center Cinema**

# Villanova Begins Construction of New Law School

Villanova University recently announced the commencement of construction for its new Law School building, slated for completion in August 2009. Groundbreaking for the new facility began in mid-November.

"I am pleased that after working closely with our Villanova neighbors regarding the new law school, we have developed a plan that meets the needs of everyone concerned," said Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., University president. "We're looking forward to opening a world-class building in 2009 that will be a beautiful addition to the entire neighborhood."

The 174,000 square-foot facility features state-of-the-art classrooms and office facilities, including dedicated office space for the school's award-winning clinical law program. The new building will be built according to LEED-certified specifications. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design—LEED—Green Building Rating System, developed by the United States Green Building Council, provides a suite of standards for environmentally sustainable construction.

This "green building" will be surrounded by a park-like setting designed to blend in with the existing surrounding landscape. The new building will also feature a walking/jogging trail to increase pedestrian safety on County

Line Road and North Ithan Avenue and offer recreation benefits to the entire community which will be welcome to use it at all times.

To complement and add to the neighborhood's natural beauty, the University has designed landscaping enhancements and will plant and maintain new trees and shrubs around the new building. Villanova University worked closely with the community on traffic concerns and will continue to support measures regarding the safety for students, faculty, visitors and its neighbors and to control traffic in the area.

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## Outdoor track update

The Jumbo Elliott Track underwent a remodeling effort last summer. Installed was a BSS 1000, 13 mm dual durometer, full pour polyurethane track system. The new track surface will provide the Wildcat Track and Field program with a first-class running venue. In spring 2008 Villanova will host the Big East Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Villanova has hosted 19 of the last 27 Big East Championships.

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