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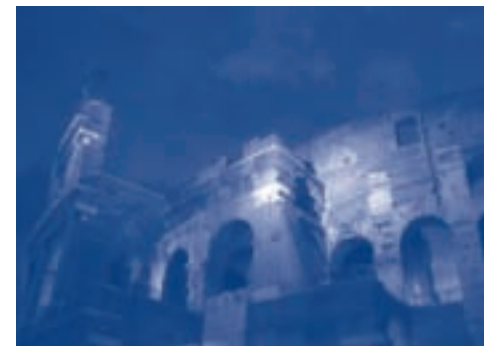


The Office of International Studies is pleased to present the winners of the Spring 2007 photo contest. The pictures, taken by study abroad alumni from the Fall semester, represent each of the three categories in which photographs are judged: places, people, and events. Respectively, the winners are Emily Dunham (Galway, Ireland), "Traffic Jam"; Alexis Relucio (Ifrane, Morocco), "Innocent Curiosity"; Vincent Pueraro (Rome, Italy), "Colosseo During a Lightning Storm." Other past winners and their photos can be found at <http://www.villanova.edu/vpaa/intlstudies/photocontest.htm#Event1>.

The OIS once again had a banner year. Enrollments in semester study abroad programs jumped 10%, representing a 40% increase in just five years. In fact, the number of Villanova students studying overseas led to the University being ranked 4th in the nation (for Master's



universities) by the Institute for International Education (see <http://opendoors.iienetwork.org/?p=89230>). A third of this year's graduating students had studied overseas during their time at Villanova with even higher rates for Arts students (49%) and Business students (45%). Once again, more Villanova students were in non-English than English-speaking countries. The diversity of destinations reached an all-time high, with 28 different countries hosting VU students. Noticeably, China became the sixth-most popular destination for students. Further, a quarter of students participated in either an internship or service-learning program. Finally, 40% of students were on Villanova-specific programs, giving OIS greater levels of quality control and the ability to emphasize more thorough levels of immersion. The creation of a Villanova University



program in Italy (the second-most popular destination) in the 2007-2008 academic year will continue this trend.

The first step for any student interested in studying overseas is to attend a mandatory information session. These sessions are held twice a day during the academic year and provide the opportunity for students to learn about the application process, how to search for programs, and university policies that impact study abroad. To schedule one of these appointments, students should call 610.519.6412 or stop by the Office of International Studies in Middleton Hall. ♦

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Research tells us that a student's academic success is intricately linked to a student's health. In order to reach full academic, personal and professional potential, a student should aim to maintain balance between the six dimensions of health: social, physical, intellectual, cultural, emotional and spiritual. This is much easier said than done, and many students experience stress as a result of unhealthy decisions and uncertainty about how to maintain balance in their lives.

Having recognized this, Villanova University established an office in entirety dedicated to the promotion of healthy decision-making and prevention of illness and disease. The mission of the Office of Health Promotion, formerly known as the Center for Health and Wellness Education, is to provide evidence-based health resources, to facilitate opportunities for students to build skills that empower them to make healthy lifestyle choices, and to instill a sense of personal responsibility for individual health and its impact on the health of the community. As such, Health Promotion provides resources and services at no additional charge to students through:

1) Consultation with various staff members, with expertise in nutrition, fitness, smoking cessation, alcohol and other drugs, sexual assault, sexual health, and much more;

2) Healthy Habits 10-week course that teaches students how to establish sound, health-enhancing decisions, with particular focus on eating and exercising;

3) Circuit training sessions that demonstrates proper and healthy fitness equipment routines and regimens;

4) POWER peer education and internship program which allows students to build leadership skills and content knowledge with regard to college student health;

5) Campus-wide programs and events that challenge students' thinking about particular health issues, such as "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" and "Love the Skin You're In";

6) NEW Website (to debut in Fall 2007) which provides an anonymous means of seeking information about particular health issues, as well as many self-assessment features; and

7) NEW Resource Center (to debut in Fall 2007) featuring multimedia materials about health, available through the Falvey library loan system.

Given the many resources and services available to Villanova students, we want you and them to "Go to Health!" for all of their health needs. Rather than seeking out information using the Internet or seeking advice from their peers, our goal is to ensure that every Villanova student is aware of and utilizes one or more of the resources and services available through the Office of Health Promotion.

For more information about Health Promotion, Go to Health! at www.villanova.edu/healthandwellness. ♣

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ONE BOOK VILLANOVA SELECTION



The One Book Villanova committee chose Immaculee Ilibagiza's *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwanda Holocaust* (Hay House, 2006) as its selection for the 2007-2008 academic year. *Left to Tell* is an unforgettable personal narrative of surviving the 1994 slaughter of Tutsis by Hutus in Rwanda that teaches profound lessons on forgiveness, reconciliation and the resilience of personal faith in a loving God. This is the story of how Immaculee survived certain death, along with seven other women, by hiding in a very small bathroom for more than 3 months. With uncommon sincerity, Immaculee shares her soul's struggle through disbelief to anger and rage and, ultimately, forgiveness. She is living proof of the power of prayer and positive thinking. ♣

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PARENTS WEEKEND 2007 - SEPTEMBER 14-16

Mark your calendars for what promises to be an exciting Parents Weekend 2007! For your planning purposes, the weekend will begin with Parents University Sessions on Friday afternoon and the activities continue until Sunday with the Parents Weekend Liturgy at 11:00 a.m., with several more events stretching into the afternoon.

In addition to a time for students and parents to re-connect, Parents Weekend is a perfect time to showcase the many academic,

musical, and athletic talents of our students! Highlights of these events include the Undergraduate Ethics Symposium, the Music Activities Showcase, Parents University sessions, and, of course, athletic contests. The Villanova Wildcats football squad will take on the University of Maine at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. In addition, campus traditions such as the junior ring ceremony and the senior class breakfast promise to make this weekend special for students and

their families. For your entertainment, there will be a special Parents Weekend "LateNight at Villanova" program on Friday night, complete with free refreshments, live entertainment, and a movie! A detailed registration brochure will be mailed to parents in late August and the schedule of events will be posted on the Parents Website by mid-August.♣

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PARENTS BOOK CLUB CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP WITH "ONE BOOK VILLANOVA"!

The Parents Book Club is pleased to partner with the One Book program for a third consecutive year. "One Book Villanova" is designed to engage all members of the university community - including parents, students, faculty, alumni - in the reading and discussion of an important contemporary book. The goal of the "One Book Villanova" is to take a single provocative work as a starting point for conversation and interchange around a range of

pressing issues. To this end, the Parents Weekend will feature two programs in support of the One Book Villanova program. On Friday evening of Parents Weekend, there will be a dinner featuring a discussion of the major themes of this year's selection (no prior reading necessary!). On Saturday morning we will hold a discussion of this year's book - *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*. We had over 100 family members attend last year's events so

please make plans to join us! The book is available in local bookstores; however, we have obtained some free copies exclusively for Villanova families. A free copy of *Left to Tell* will be sent to the first one hundred Villanova families who send their names and addresses to studentdevelopment@villanova.edu. Please type "Book Club" in the subject line of the email.♣

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THE CLAY CENTER AT VSB: A NEW RESOURCE FOR UNDERGRADUATE BUSINESS STUDENTS

When VSB students return to campus in August, they will find that an important change has taken place in Bartley Hall. Construction will be complete on the new Clay Center at VSB, which will be named in honor of VSB alumnus and Dean Emeritus Alvin A. Clay. The Clay Center at VSB will be located next to the Founder's Lobby, across from the Dean's Office. It will span to the end of Bartley Hall, next to the Lancaster Avenue entrance lobby.

What is the new Clay Center at VSB?

The Clay Center at VSB will be completely dedicated to undergraduate student academic advising and professional development services. Melinda German, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Business Programs, will lead the new center. What is now known as CSAPD- and all of its staff members, peer counselors, the CEO Program, and internship and CoOp programs- will become part of the center. The current VSB Dean's Office staff of academic advisors, along with the Curriculum, Advising, and Program Planning (CAPP) program staff will become part of the center. The center will also continue to coordinate VSB faculty advising within each student's major. The Center will be a "one-stop-shop" resource for students where all VSB academic support and information will be available in one place.

What are academic advising and professional development services?

These services inform, support, and empower VSB students throughout every stage of their academic experience at VSB. They are designed to enable students to make sound decisions about issues that are important to them,



including majors, minors, study abroad, curriculum requirements, student societies, academic support resources, internships, CoOps, professional networking, and preparing for future career options. These services also include guidance in cases of emergency, including unforeseen illness, family needs, or other circumstances that affect academic attendance.

Who is Dean Alvin A. Clay?

Dean Emeritus Alvin A. Clay is one of the most important leaders in VSB history. Dedicated alumnus, dean for nearly 20 years, and professor of accountancy for 40 years, Dean Clay has had a tremendous impact on Villanova and the advancement of VSB. In a show of appreciation for his exceptional work, VSB alumni have come forward to fund the Clay Center at VSB in his honor. Consistent with Dean Clay's concern for the well-being, learning, and professional growth of all students, the goal of the Center is to provide VSB undergraduates with a complete program services center to call their own, located on the main floor of Bartley Hall. Dean Clay will join the Villanova community on November 12, 2007 for a formal, campus-wide celebration and dedication of the new center.

Questions?

Should you have any questions about the new Clay Center at VSB, please contact the Clay Center staff by phone at 610.519.4333 or email at business@villanova.edu. ♣

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KEEP UP WITH 'NOVA ATHLETICS AT VILLANOVA.COM

The school year may be over, but there are plenty of things to keep in mind for this summer and fall. For those in the area, come celebrate the 6th Annual Villanova Basketball Summer Jam on Monday July 30th. The highly anticipated event will be held in the air-conditioned Pavilion. There will be fun-filled activities for the whole family to enjoy including the Dunk Tank, the Bounce House, all-you-can-eat barbeque, Kid's Press Conference, and much more! The carnival will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with the Alumni games starting at 6:00 p.m. Summer Jam tickets online now available online at villanova.com.

The fall semester is approaching, which means football season is just around the corner. The first Villanova home game is September 15th vs. Maine at 6:00 p.m., which is also Parents Weekend. Football tickets can be purchased online at villanova.com. Other fall sports,



including Men's and Women's Soccer, Field Hockey, and Volleyball are gearing up for their seasons as well. Admission to home games is free! villanova.com has complete home schedules and game times.

Parents and Villanova Sports fans everywhere can enjoy all athletic games, highlights, interviews, and events from the comfort of their own home through a new subscription offered by the Athletics Department. Get this exclusive coverage for only \$9.95 a month. Log onto to villanova.com today and get *Nova Nation All-Access!* ♣

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ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CELEBRATION

In September, the University will host a St. Thomas of Villanova Celebration with three days of special events. On Friday, September 21, there will be an academic symposium in the Connelly Center 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The symposium will be followed by a wine and cheese reception on the Connelly Center patio and in the lower atrium.

Saturday, September 22, St. Thomas of Villanova's liturgical feast day, will be dedicated to a day of service in the Greater Philadelphia area. Students, faculty, and staff, along with their families, will perform service at various locations 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

After service groups return to campus, a community celebration featuring food and entertainment will be held. Dinner will be served to the campus community 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. That evening, everyone is invited to attend the home football game against University of Pennsylvania. Kick-off time is 6:00 p.m. On Sunday evening, a closing community liturgy will be held on campus.

Villanova begins the academic year with a celebration honoring St. Thomas of Villanova, the 16th-century Augustine bishop of Valencia, Spain, and patron of the University. Historically held on one

afternoon, St. Thomas of Villanova Day was expanded for Fall 2007 to incorporate the day of service, an initiative that was a very successful part of the Inauguration of Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., in Fall 2006. ♣

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PARENTS' PROGRAM SEEKS MENTORS

The Office of the Parents' Program is seeking parent volunteers to participate in "NovaNet," the mentoring database managed by the Office of Career Services.

"NovaNet" can be accessed by students online at their convenience. Participating students enter a variety of criteria, such as industry and geographical location, in order to see a list of mentors appropriate for them. This wonderful networking tool provides an opportunity for students to speak with professionals in their field of interest, gaining insight that only those working in the industry can offer.

"Alumni have traditionally been the focus for this type of volunteer program," explained Nancy Dudak,

director of Career Services, "but we've found that many parents are pleased to help as well. By building on the expertise and networks of parents, the Parents Program is bringing additional resources to the University."

Participating in the "NovaNet" program is simple. Mentors sign up through the internet, providing basic information on their career backgrounds, and choose the way that they are available for contacts: e-mail, telephone, or personal visits. There is no mandatory time commitment and mentors can limit the number of contacts that they would like to receive.

To volunteer in the mentoring program, visit www.careers.villanova.edu

and click on "Employers" and then "Mentoring Program." Sign up today! A few minutes of your time might be all it takes to point a student in the right direction!

The Parents' Program seeks to engage parents in campus life and bring additional resources to the University, specifically in the areas of Career Services, Admissions and Development. For more information, contact Patty McGoldrick at 610. 519.4576 or patricia.mcgoldrick@villanova.edu. ♣

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