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A NEWSPAPER FOR THE PART-TIME STUDIES COMMUNITY

JANUARY 2005

THINK ABOUT ONE-CREDIT WEEKEND SEMINARS FOR THE SUMMER OR FALL

The Psychology Department offers one credit seminars on various topics which meet on the weekends and can be applied toward graduation credits. The seminars meet on a Friday night from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. through the next day Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and are offered in the **summer and fall terms only**. They are graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory and are used as free electives. You may select three different topics to equate to one course and may use this option once in your degree program. You can take the three separate seminars over any period of time and do not have to take them all in one semester or summer.

Sample topics include:
Memory Improvement
Time Management
Stress Management
Career Development
Interpersonal Communication
Enhancing One's Mental Health
Managing Change
Motivation
Leadership

These seminars are listed in the catalog and summer sessions catalog as PSY 3005. **V**

GRADUATE AND PART-TIME STUDIES OPEN HOUSE

March 15, 2005. (Connelly Center, 3:30 to 7:30 P.M.) Attend our Open House for graduate and Part-Time undergraduate programs! This is a useful, information gathering experience for students who are still working on their undergraduate degrees, and/or contemplating a graduate program of study. Get in-depth information on our graduate programs in liberal arts and sciences, business, engineering, law, nursing and part-time undergraduate programs and professional development opportunities at Villanova. You can also attend our free seminars at the open house which range from graduate school testing and the enrollment process, career planning and decision making, and financing your Villanova education. **V**

FOCUS ON: COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY

PTS hosted key faculty and personnel from our two partner institutions, Delaware and Montgomery County Community Colleges, on Friday, October 29, 2004 for our first "Community College Day." Our partnership status with these two specific institutions refers to the articulation agreements in place between the two schools and the PTS Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree. The October 29th program represented our first concerted effort to reach out to individual faculty at both schools and to engage them in a productive dialog that will hopefully be a big step in building an enduring relationship. Attending from Montgomery County Community College were faculty members Robert Dunlevy, Allen Evans, Russell Loverdi and transfer counselor Peter Cabbage. Attendees from Delaware County Community College included faculty members Barbara Garrell, Ann-Marie Neary, Robert Bennett, Marcia Johnson, Eric Wellington, Phyllis Anderson and transfer counselor Joanne Bowers.

Hosting for Villanova were Dr. Robert Stokes, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs for Part-Time and Continuing Studies, James Johnson, Director of Part-Time Studies, Suzanne Allen, Assistant Director of Part-Time Studies and Sue Metzger, Program Director for the Information Systems major.

Over a working lunch, the group participated in a spirited and wide-ranging discussion that ran the gamut from perception of tuition costs, details concerning the articulation agreements with the two schools for the BIS degree, progress of the Information Systems major and identification of additional ways we could work together.

As a result of this important first step, our visitors departed feeling very positive about the BIS degree, Part-Time Studies and Villanova University. The program was a tremendous success and PTS definitely plans to follow up with future Community College Days as well as continuing this exciting momentum. **V**



Attendees participate in the first PTS Community College Day.

SPRING 2005 FASTFORWARD CLASSES

These classes meet for seven weeks. Each class meets for 3 1/2 hours and is supplemented with on-line instruction between each class session.

FastForward courses help our working adult students to complete their degrees more quickly. In just seven weeks you can complete a course that normally takes a full semester. You meet on campus every Saturday or Thursday for 3 1/2 hours, then receive instruction via computer during the week. So whether you work days or nights, have family obligations, or have to be traveling on business for a few weeks, you can still move forward in your degree program.

FastForward 4 Saturday meets March 12 - April 30

FastForward 4 Thursday meets March 17 - May 5

40157 ENG 3621-100 Contemporary British Novel R 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Boerner
39627 THL 5800-101 Religion and Literature S 8:30 a.m.-12 noon Groch

There is no Saturday class on March 26

There is no Thursday class on March 24

NOTEWORTHY

- Villanova was again ranked Best Regional University on the *U.S. News and World Report* Best University list. This is Villanova's 15th consecutive year in the top spot. The complete list appeared in the September 1, 2004 issue.
- Villanova University College of Nursing was designated as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing (NLN) in the category "Creating Environments that Enhance Student Learning and Professional Development." Inaugurated this past year, Center of Excellence is a new national designation from the NLN—the oldest professional nursing organization in the country that has nursing education as its primary concern.
- The Villanova Wildcard won first place at the Diebold Users Group Conference in the Card Design Contest in the category of "User's Choice." This category was voted upon by the 98 universities and colleges in attendance as the best overall card. Participating schools included Stanford, Boston College, Colgate, Loyola, Lehigh, MIT, Michigan, North Carolina Chapel Hill and Vanderbilt.
- Villanova's Dining Services received the prestigious Restaurants & Institutions' Ivy Award on May 2004 during a gala ceremony in Chicago at the Field Museum of Natural History.
- The Villanova University Theatre Department received a total of nine Barrymore Award nominations for Excellence in Theatre from the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia. Villanova's April 2004 production of *Parade* received eight nominations. V

NEWS FROM YOUR UNIVERSITY SENATE REPRESENTATIVE

www.unisenate.villanova.edu



Hello from your Villanova University Senate representative. Hopefully, while everyone is keeping up with their schoolwork, they had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful fall weather that we experienced. Sometimes, doesn't it seem that we are so busy with work, family, and school; that we are not even sure what season it is? As of this writing, Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner; and situated right in-between these two holidays, are – of course, finals. So, make sure you get some time outside when you have the opportunity.

I would like to take a moment and give you all an update on the two Villanova University Senate hearings that were held in the fall term.

The first University Senate meeting took place on September 17, 2004. Ms. Nancy Dudak, Director of Career Services, was the guest speaker. The office of Career Services is located on the first floor of Corr Hall, which is in the center of the campus. The mission of this office is "to provide the highest quality comprehensive career services empowering members of the Villanova University community to choose and attain personally rewarding careers."

Ms. Dudak distributed a handout entitled "Career Services Works" to go along with her presentation. The handout identified the four main objectives of Career Services: 1.) Support students, 2.) Prepare students, 3.) Transition students, and 4.) Market to students. I was surprised to hear that this office works with all four classes, and not just juniors and seniors. So, wherever you are on your path at Villanova, it is worth your while to make an appointment with the Office of Career Services (610-519-4060). Besides making an appointment, there are also walk-in hours every day from 1:00 - 3:00PM. I would like to note that Ms. Dudak emphasized the message that it is best to major in an area where your interests and talent lie, as opposed to one that you think will lead to the "hot job."

The second University Senate meeting was held on October 22, 2004. There were two presentations at this meeting. Ms. Cathy Lovecchio, Director of the Health and Wellness Center at Villanova, spoke about the health and wellness initiatives undertaken at Villanova, and Mr. Rick Sieber, Executive Director of Budgeting and Auxiliary Services, and Mr. Ken Valosky, Vice President for Finance, presented an overview of the university's budget process.

Ms. Cathy Lovecchio handed out a folder to each senator called "The Health Survey." This survey, which involved 552 students, was conducted last spring and covered all main areas of wellness in a student's life. This survey served to give a good idea of the areas where students were having difficulties, which in turn, allowed the Health and Wellness Center to better tailor their initiatives to address those concerns. While I was listening to Ms. Lovecchio speak on all the programs that the Health and Wellness Center have in place to assist students with possible trouble spots, I realized that Villanova really does try to give us a holistic education experience. This was a good feeling. The Health and Wellness Center (610-519-7407) is located in the Health Services Building at 800 Lancaster Avenue. The hours are 9:00AM to 5:00PM, and evenings by appointment.

Mr Sieber and Mr. Valosky then gave the University Senate an overview of the budget process timeline. I am not very good with numbers - my wife doesn't let me touch our checkbook, so I had a difficult time following all of this discussion. Suffice it to say, that I came away with a feeling that these two men have a very difficult job. My idea that tuition revenue came into one bucket, and university payments out came from the same bucket, was shown to be quite naïve. Believe it or not, these two gentlemen and their peers are already working on the budget for 2006. It seems to be quite a long process coming up with the final operating budget each year. I am glad that it is not my job – you all should be too.

I look forward to touching base with you next time.

Richard Cullen

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LEARN MORE ABOUT ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA—THE HONOR SOCIETY FOR THE PART-TIME ADULT STUDENT

Many adult students achieve stellar academic records. But even those with 4.0 grade point averages may not be invited to join traditional academic honor societies. And none of the traditional honor societies include adults attending school part-time, or allow credits earned for prior learning assessment to be considered. Alpha Sigma Lambda (ASL) is the oldest and largest of the three adult honoraries. The others are Pinnacle and Omicron-Psi. ASL, unlike the other two adult honor societies, does not require outside activities or community service as criterion for membership—scholarship remains the primary emphasis.

This year, Alpha Sigma Lambda will award eight \$1,000 scholarships to adult learners. The money comes through the Alpha Sigma Lambda Foundation established by ASL in 1985. Applicants must:

- Attend an institution with ASL and be nominated by the chapter. Nominees do not have to be ASL members.
- Be age 22 or older.
- Be matriculated in a bachelor's or associate's degree program. (Graduate students are not eligible.)
- Have completed 30 semester hours at the end of the fall semester at the institution presently enrolled.
- Have a GPA of at least 3.4 on a scale of 4.0.
- Need undergraduate degree assistance of at least the face amount of the scholarship.
- Complete the official application and have it in the national office by the deadline.

Applications are available in the Office of Part-Time Studies, Vasey Hall, 107. For more information, visit ASL's website at www.alphasigmalambda.org. V

FOCUS ON: SUE METZGER



New Course Offerings for Information Systems Majors

As the BIS majors mature, more elective courses are being offered to satisfy these degrees. For example, this spring semester CSC5080 ~Information Security & Protection is being delivered to a full classroom every Thursday evening. It is an elective course for Information Systems majors.

The goal of this one night a week course is to provide the foundation for understanding key issues associated with protecting information assets. Students will learn how to determine the levels of protection and response to security incidents, and will design reasonable information security systems, with appropriate intrusion detection and reporting features.

Adjunct Professor Robert Arakelian hopes to expose students to the spectrum of security activities, methods, methodologies, and procedures. Prof. Arakelian brings years of experience to the classroom, having recently been responsible for Campbell Soup Company's global disaster recovery assurance and business continuity planning, a directorship established as a result of the 9/11 terrorist action.

The Information Security & Protection course is one of many to come. In the Fall of 2005, We hope to offer a course on Information Systems Project Management and again utilize professors with recent corporate experience.

Sue Metzger

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SPRING 2005 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Jan. 13	Walk-in Registration for Evening and Saturday Classes, 5-8:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	CLASSES BEGIN
Jan. 24	Last Day for Drop/Add and Requesting Pass/Fail
March 4	Mid-Term
March 7	Semester Recess
March 14	Classes Resume
March 23	Easter Recess Begins After Class
March 29	Classes Resume
March 30	Fall 2005 Course Registration Begins
April 8	Last Day for Authorized Withdrawal (WX)
May 5	Final Day of Classes
May 6	Reading Day
May 7-13	Final Examinations
May 21-22	Baccalaureate and Commencement

2005 SUMMER SESSIONS

June 1-29	Summer Session I
June 1-August 1	Evening Session
July 1-August 1	Summer Session II

TWO BIS/IS STUDENTS SELECTED AS VILLANOVA COMPUTING SCHOLARS (VICS)

Two BIS students majoring in Information Systems have been selected as Villanova Computing Scholars. This scholarship program is administered by the Department of Computing Sciences and funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The VICS Program awards accepted applicants \$3125 per academic year, which is renewable throughout their academic career in computing science related fields.

The new recipients are Ed Cappiello and Don Phrompeng. To qualify for the program students must carry a full-time academic load (12 or more credits). Ed maintains this schedule by taking a mix of day and evening classes, while Don has chosen to take a combination of evening and FastForward classes. Congratulations to these outstanding PTS students! V

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND. . .

Attention Graduating Seniors!

If you expect to receive your degree within the next year, you are required to make official application for doing so no later than November 1 for May completion, April 1 for September completion, and August 1 for December completion. A "prospective graduate card" can be obtained in the Part-Time Studies Office, Room 107 Vasey Hall or online at <http://www.parttime.villanova.edu/student-services/forms.htm>.

Your academic advisor will review your record and verify that you have completed all the requirements for graduation. This is an extremely important procedure. By submitting this card, you will be listed on the prospective graduate list, your degree will get officially posted, and your diploma will be ordered.

Withdrawal from a course

Although we anticipate your completing each course for which you register, the University understands that at some time you may need to withdraw from a class for family, business, health, or personal reasons. If you are unable to complete a course, you must fill out the withdrawal (WX) form(s) in the PTS office. You may also access the form at <http://www.parttime.villanova.edu/student-services/forms.htm>. Discontinuing class attendance or notifying an instructor is not sufficient, nor is a phone call acceptable. This must be done in person, by letter, or by fax. If you leave class without officially withdrawing you will continue to incur absences and will receive the final grade of Y (unauthorized withdrawal) which is calculated as an F in your grade point average. Please be aware that obtaining a WX does not necessarily mean that you receive a tuition refund. ONCE CLASSES HAVE BEGUN, STUDENTS ARE LIABLE FOR ALL OR PART OF THE TUITION CHARGES, depending on the date of withdrawal. V

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PART-TIME STUDIES



First, I would like to welcome our new part-time students who are starting their educational program at Villanova University this semester. You have joined a university that prides itself on the quality of its academic programs. Likewise, we in the Office of Part-Time Studies take pride in our service to you our students. We are here to support you as you pursue your education at Villanova and welcome your calls or visit to our office to answer questions or resolve issues that may be of concern to you.

Recently at a student advisory council meeting one of our students made me aware of a problem that she encountered concerning her tuition bill. It seems that she received a bill for full-time tuition (\$13,365.00) because she was enrolled in four courses (12 credit hours). This was not correct because all four of her courses were in the evening. Part-time students who take their courses in the evening or on Saturday should always be charged on a per credit basis; even if the credit hour total equals/exceeds 12 credits.

It is only if the part-time student takes day courses, or a combination of day and evening classes and the total number of credits is 12 or more that they incur full-time tuition charges.

If you believe that your tuition bill is incorrect, you should contact the Bursar's office in Kennedy Hall or call the Bursar at (610) 519-4665 or 4254. The office of the Bursar should resolve your problem. If, however, you still believe the charges to be incorrect do not hesitate to contact me or the Office of Part-Time Studies at (610) 519-4305. The various tuition rates can sometimes be confusing; so please contact us if you have concerns in this regard.

James R. Johnson



PTS STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP FALL MEETING

The fall meeting of the PTS Student Advisory Group took place on November 2, 2004. Discussion topics included an update on the BIS degree, the revised PTS website and community building among PTS students. Feedback was also received regarding current registration and advising practices and the specific challenges that PTS students face.

The PTS Student Advisory group meetings take place over supper (provided by PTS!) and provide an opportunity for informal conversation and discussion regarding topics of interest to the Office of Part-Time Studies and our students. If you would like to know more or would like to participate, please contact the PTS office at 610-519-4300.



Among those attending were (left to right): Andrew Burling, Michael Gomer, Karen Strawhacker, Dawn Cullen

THE E-COLUMN

Check out our new, improved PTS website at www.parttime.villanova.edu. We think the site is easier to navigate, more interactive and more functional. It also now offers an array of multi-media applications including personal video messages from key campus personnel and a 100% on-line orientation for new PTS students. Please browse and feel free to give us your feedback via e-mail, telephone or just stop by Vasey Hall!

User ID's. User-ID's are assigned to students prior to their arrival on campus and provide access to email, the Web, and other student-designated computing resources. All students have a default Web page created for them for their personal use, and a personalized portal gives them access to course schedules, course-related materials, and e-learning tools. It also allows students to perform most administrative functions, such as registration or grade-lookup on the Web.

User Support Services. The Computer Support Center (CSC), located in Vasey Hall, assists students with University-promoted laptop computers and other PC's. Technical support is complemented by Web-based documentation. The use of the University owned/managed computing, information, and network resources is governed by policies included in the Student Handbook and accessible on the University's Web site. In addition to the CSC, UNIT operates the University Help Desk, located in Vasey Hall, and provides technical support and service from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, during the fall and spring semesters, and extended hours support for critical systems until 2 a.m.

DATA BYTES.

- Over 1.9 million students were studying online in the fall of 2003.
- This year, it is expected that the number of online students to grow to over 2.6 million.


WEB SITES OF INTEREST.

CLEP: www.collegeboard.org/clep. You can gain credit by means of the CLEP Subject Examinations as long as the credit is applicable to your degree program. Please note that credit awarded will be for specific subject examinations.

Forms: www.parttime.villanova.edu/student-services/forms.htm. At various times, PTS students must complete such forms as transcript request, registration and graduation. Now you can access and download them yourself in one easy step.

The Vault: www.careers.villanova.edu. Click on Students, CSO Library. Your own on-line library-at your fingertips 24/7. Industry guides, employer profiles, job search information, and career advice. Courtesy of Villanova University Career Services.

Villanova Homepage: www.villanova.edu. From here, you can: access "My Classrooms" (to see student pictures and e-mail addresses, e-mail distribution list for each class, newsgroups for each class), access NOVASIS to obtain class/student information, check your email from home or any remote location, change your LDAP password (for e-mail, VU homepage login, editing your web page, etc.), view "News & Events" and forward Villanova e-mail to another account.

Spyware: www.unit.villanova.edu/support/virus/spyware.html. If you suspect adware/spyware is present on your system, a number of tools are available for detection and removal including Spysweeper, CWSshredder, Spybot, and Adaware. These tools and more detailed instructions can be found at the address noted above. 

ACADEMIC ADVISORS FOR PART-TIME STUDIES

Every Part-Time Studies student is assigned an academic advisor with whom you should confer during each registration period and at any time during which you may have a concern or question about your academic direction and progress.

Accountancy

BY DAY

Dr. Wayne Bremser
610-519-4514 Bartley 2067

BY DAY AND EVENING

Mr. J. Johnson and Ms. S. Allen
610-519-4300 Vasey 107

Business Administration

BY DAY

Dr. Walter Tymon
610-519-4363 Bartley 2081

BY DAY AND EVENING

Mr. J. Johnson and Ms. S. Allen
610-519-4300 Vasey 107

Communication

Dr. Bryan Crable
610-519-4750 SAC 203

Computer Science

Dr. John Matulis
610-519-4838 Mendel 234A

Dr. Georgi Japaridze
610-519-7332 Mendel 165A

Education, Teacher Certification

Dr. Connie Titone
610-519-4620 SAC 302D

English, History, Liberal Arts

Mr. J. Johnson and Ms. S. Allen
610-519-4300 Vasey 107

Human Services

Dr. Beverly Kahn
610-519-4551 SAC 363

Information Systems

Ms. Sue McFarland Metzger
610-519-8064 Vasey 108

Associate of Arts, Non-Matriculated, Postgraduates, Visiting Students

Mr. J. Johnson and Ms. S. Allen
610-519-4300 Vasey 107

Accountancy and Business Administration Certificates

Ms. S. Allen
610-519-4300 Vasey 107

Academic Advisors are available by appointment during the day and evening. You may make appointments for office visits or for telephone advising.

WEB ADDRESSES FOR CAMPUS INFORMATION

Villanova University	www.villanova.edu
Academic Calendar	www.registrar.villanova.edu/calmain.htm
Bursar's Office	www.bursar.villanova.edu
Career Services	careers.villanova.edu
Counseling Center	www.studentlife.villanova.edu/counselingcenter
Dining Services	www.villanova.edu/-dinserv/alacarte.htm
Falvey Memorial Library	www.library.villanova.edu
Financial Assistance	www.finaid.villanova.edu
Master Schedule	www.villanova.edu/webview/schedule.html (can also be accessed through Registrar's page)
NOVASIS	www.registrar.villanova.edu/novasis.htm
Parking	http://publicsafety.villanova.edu/index.html
Part Time Studies	www.parttime.villanova.edu
Public Safety	http://publicsafety.villanova.edu/index.html
Registrar	www.registrar.villanova.edu
Summer Session	www.parttime.villanova.edu/docs/summer.html
UNIT	(University Information Technology) www.unit.villanova.edu
University Shop	ushop.villanova.edu
WildCard	www.unit.villanova.edu/wildcard



Villanova University Art Gallery. Hours: Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday - variable. Please call to confirm on the day you plan to attend. The Art Gallery welcomes visits by students, senior citizens and other groups. Arrangements may be made by calling 610-519-4612. For more information check out the Gallery's web page at: www.artgallery.villanova.edu.

VILLANOVA THEATRE

Twelfth Night or, What You Will
February 15 - 27, 2005
 By William Shakespeare
 Directed by James J. Christy
Big River

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
April 5 - 24, 2005
 Music & Lyrics by Roger Miller
 Book by William Hauptman
 Adapted from the novel by Mark Twain
 Directed by Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A

For more information, please call the Villanova Theatre Box Office at 610-519-7474 or visit the Villanova Theatre website at www.theatre.villanova.edu.

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