



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Academy of Lifelong Learning
University of Delaware

March 12, 2007

COME ON IN, THE WATER'S FINE

The Academy is bustling, isn't it? If you are here any morning, Monday through Thursday, you have probably noticed the full coat racks, the coffee lines, the number of people who stop by the Reception Desk for chit chat and/or information. People seem to like it here.

So are we reaching our full capacity? The answer is "No!" Our busiest times are Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 when we have about 600 people signed up for classes. But not everyone comes every week, and excepting the art and computer rooms, we have empty space even during those periods. There are other times (afternoons and Fridays) when we have lots of room.

The parking lot may seem full, but there are almost always some open places at the ends of the lot. You may have to walk some, just as you do at shopping malls. We currently have 47 places for handicapped parking, and the staff can designate additional spots when more are needed.

The Academy loses members every year from ordinary attrition and we always need new members. The more members we have, the more courses we can offer and the more we can spread our costs to hold membership fees down. New members bring fresh ideas and new excitement. So tell your friends, "Come on in!"

Nan Norling
Chair, Academy Council

WANTED: COMPUTER INSTRUCTORS

As the above article suggests the surf is up and, outside of peak times, there is room at the beach (computer labs). Demand is especially heavy for the Windows in Practice, Windows XP Advanced, Excel, and Computer Management courses.

Curricula are available. Interested? See or leave a note for Bill Pearson or Robert Ehrlich, IT Curriculum Coordinators.

FRIDAY LECTURE SERIES

The spring semester afternoon series of public lectures begins March 9 and continues through April 27. The series is hosted by Gary May, Professor of History and Director of the MALS program at the University of Delaware.

The next speakers in the series are:

March 16 – Richard Gid Powers, Professor at City University of New York, regarded as the historian of the FBI. His subject will be "The FBI and 9/11: What Went Wrong."

March 23 – Mark Bowden, author of "Black Hawk Down" and more recently a book about the 1979 Iran hostage crisis, "Guests of the Ayatollah". The subject will be Iran and the United States, yesterday and today.

March 30 – Academy closed for spring break.

April 6 – Good Friday, no speaker.

April 13 – Professor Carol Haber (UD), author of "The Trials of Laura D. Fair: Sex, Insanity, and Murder in Victorian America."

These Friday afternoon lectures begin at 1 p.m. and continue until 2:30 p.m. They are open to the public, so bring a friend.

Allan Rusten
Chair, University Liaison Committee

INFORMATION SEMINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE INSTRUCTORS

The Academy is always seeking new instructors. Have you considered teaching?

On Wed., March 21, at 2 p.m. in Room 213, a seminar will be offered for anyone interested in learning more about teaching at the Academy in the future. Current instructors will discuss their teaching experience and answer your questions. Members of the Curriculum Committee will also answer questions about submitting course proposals.

Please come and learn how you can become an Academy instructor.

Tom Marshall

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Schedule for the *Academy Newsletter*

<u>Submittal deadline</u>	<u>Issue date</u>
Fri., Mar. 23	Mon., Apr. 16

Submit articles to rehrlich@udel.edu, or place in the Newsletter mail slot on the rear wall in the Reception Area.

ACADEMY-P.T.T.P. BUS TRIP

“St-e-l-l-a-a.” Stanley’s anguished cry will echo through the Thompson Theater on Saturday, April 14th as a rapt audience views Tennessee Williams “A Streetcar Named Desire” on the state-of-the-art new stage in the Center for the Arts.

The Academy will run a bus trip to the Center to see “Streetcar” as the Class of 2007 of UD Professional Theater Training Program (P.T.T.P.) nears graduation. The combination of one of America’s landmark plays, the wonderful new Thompson Theater, and the skill and creativity of P.T.T.P.’s students and faculty should make for a memorable experience.

It will all take place on Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m. The bus will leave from the upper parking lot of our campus at 1 p.m. and return immediately after the performance (about 5 p.m.). For those preferring to drive, parking is available in the parking garage connected to the Center by a short, covered arcade. Costs are \$8.00 for the performance and \$7.00 for the bus.

Seating in the Thompson Theater is on a reserved basis. Tickets will go on sale here in

the Academy lobby at noon on Monday, March 12, continuing through the week. We have reserved fifty seats. Do not depend on the kindness of strangers – first come, first served.
Irwin Engelson

THREE CHEERS FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The beginning of the semester was marked by a flurry of activity. Greeters were at the doors handing out the latest edition of the Academy Newsletter. In front of the fireplace newcomers were receiving a warm welcome, a name tag on a ribbon lanyard, a map of the building and an Academy note-pad too. Some people were recruiting Academy Ambassadors who extend the unique blend of hospitality that marks this place to newcomers.

To all of the volunteers who have sustained the Academy of Lifelong Learning with your talent and time, “Thank you!”

To those who might be considering volunteering, a good way to begin is by signing up for either “Greeter” or “One-Timer”...a small commitment of free time between classes. The Reception Desk has a simple form to fill out. Take a chance on making a new connection to great people in a great place.

The Academy...What a gift!

Bobbette Mason
Chair, Volunteer Development

ACADEMY ART SHOW

View the work of talented Academy artists. in Room 105 from March 12 to March 23. Some works will available for purchase.

SUMMER IS COMING

Listings for Summer Courses will be available in the Lobby beginning, Monday, April 2, following the spring break. The fee is \$65 and you may choose from more than 40 courses, many of them new for this summer. Classes will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon from July 10 through Aug. 2.

Also, sign up for the June Lecture Series in the Lobby following the break. The lecture series fee is \$55 and includes ten lectures and a lunch. It runs mornings from Monday through Friday, June 18-22.

**SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS
12:45 TO 1:45 PM IN ROOM 105
PROGRAM NOTES**

Special Events Wednesdays programs are for all Academy members. Attend one Wednesday or every Wednesday to fit your schedule and interests. Announcements begin at 12:40 p.m. and each program begins at 12:45 pm. We look forward to enriching your day.

March 14 University of Delaware President David Roselle

David Roselle became the 25th president of the University of Delaware on May 1, 1990. As he plans for retirement, President Roselle will reflect on past challenges and accomplishments as well as a look to the future.

March 21 David Hoffman and Ralph Begleiter

David Hoffman, Assistant Managing Editor for Foreign News, Washington Post and **Ralph Begleiter**, University of Delaware's Distinguished Journalist in Residence, will be our guest speakers. Their topics will address the nature of the delivery of the world news through the print and electronic media, how they differ, and to what extent credibility is impacted by politics at home. David and Ralph, who have been our guests several times in the past, will be pleased to address your questions on these and other topics.

March 28 No Program – Spring Break

April 4 Wilmington Handbell Ensemble

The Wilmington Handbell Ensemble, under the directorship of Kerry Dietz, will present a variety of classical and contemporary musical compositions for our enjoyment. The Wilmington Handbell Ensemble is a group of 15 talented men and women selected from different churches throughout New Castle County and nearby Pennsylvania. An English Handbell Concert is a visual as well as auditory treat, and one you won't want to miss.

April 11 Allan Loudell - The Media: New Challenges in 2007

Allan Loudell is a News Anchor/Interviewer on 1150 AM WDEL anchoring "Delaware News at Noon", and the "Delaware Afternoon

News" from 4 to 6 p.m. Allan is also a regular journalistic/political pundit on WHY TV 12 public television and teaches broadcast news writing at the University. Allan will focus on challenges for the media in 2007 – objectivity, the new media (radio and print media vs. blogs and podcasts), and the media climate in Delaware. Allan will take questions from the audience.

April 18 Longwood Gardens - Back to the Future, Dave Thompson and Amy Shearer

Longwood Gardens, near Kennett Square, PA, has been a focal point of the Brandywine Valley for one hundred years. Attend this entertaining and informative presentation to test your knowledge of Longwood's great history and traditions, learn about recent and planned changes in the Gardens facilities and programs, and ask the questions you wish to know about Longwood, one of the world's premier horticulture display garden.

Lyn Newsom
Chair, Special Events Wednesdays

ACADEMY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Academy Outreach Program is alive and going strong. Many of you have contact with organizations in the community which may not know about the Academy Outreach Program. Please drop me a note in the Outreach Committee mailbox and I will send these organizations a list of Academy speakers and musical groups who are happy to go to retirement centers, nursing homes and community organizations to volunteer their talents and topics of interest. Every October I mail an updated list of all of the Academy offerings (complete with the names of contact persons and their phone numbers/e-mail addresses) to many activities directors in our community. There are currently 13 musical groups and 9 speakers on this list of volunteers from the Academy.

Ellie Munson, Academy Outreach Chair



Schedule of Events



SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS 12:45-1:45 P.M. IN ROOM 105

Detailed notes on upcoming programs may be found on page 3.

- 3/14** President David Roselle
University of Delaware
- 3/21** Ralph Begleiter and David Hoffman
Foreign News
Behind the Headlines - Q & A
- 3/28** **Spring Break**
- 4/4** **Wilmington Handbell Ensemble**
- 4/11** Allan Loudell
The Media: New Challenges
in 2007 - Q & A
- 4/18** **Longwood Gardens**
Back to the Future
- 4/25** Academy Players
"For Your Ears Only---As Radio Used
to Be"
- 5/2** **Academy Band** **Spring Concert**
- 5/9** **Academy Chorus** **Spring Concert**

ALL in Fun

by Bolt

NOTE TO ALL INSTRUCTORS:-

If 75% of your class falls asleep, lower your voice so the rest of the class can join them - then tiptoe quietly out of the classroom.

*P.S. Ignore this!
The ringing of
cell phones
will keep most
of your class
awake.*



- Fri., March 30, to Sat., March 31 – Washington, DC “Meet John Doe”
- Fri., April 13 – Annapolis/US Naval Academy
- Sat., April 21 – New York, Broadway musical comedy “Legally Blond”
- Wed., May 9 – Philadelphia, U of PA Museum/ Amarna exhibit – King Tut
- Sat., May 12 – New York
- Sun., June 3, to Sun., June 10 – Bermuda from Philadelphia (Norwegian Cruise Line)
- Mon., Aug. 13, to Thurs., Aug. 16 – Hudson River Valley/ Val-Kill/Hyde Park/Kykuit

For more information, visit the Travel Desk in the Lobby, Monday through Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



SOCIAL HOURS

The next Social Hours are Thursday, March 15 and Wednesday, April 25.

Each Social Hour offers coffee, tea and delicious homemade cookies. Socials start at 1:45 p.m. and are a time for conversation with old friends and new ones. Cookie bakers are needed. Sign up at the Reception Desk.

ACADEMY CALENDAR

2007

- Mon.-Fri., March 26-30 Spring Break
NO CLASSES
- Fri., May 11..... Spring Semester ends
- Tues.-Fri., May 29-June 1..... ALLSTEL
- Mon.-Fri., June 18-22..... Summer Lectures
- Tues.-Thu., July 10-Aug. 2.. Summer Courses
- Tues -Thurs., July 31- Aug. 2; Mon.-Fri.,
Aug 6-10..... Fall Registration
- Mon., Sept 10..... Fall Semester begins
- Fri., Dec. 14..... Fall Semester Ends