



The Graduate

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY'S QUARTERLY GRADUATE STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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Graduate Students Needed for On-Campus Jobs

As many graduates students will report, it can be difficult to juggle coursework and manage a job outside of the campus community.

One of the many options available to graduate students at VU is offered on-campus through the Athletic-Recreational Center, commonly known as the ARC.

The ARC needs student employees for life guarding, cardiovascular room supervising and officiating. As Pat Broadstone, administrative assistant for recreational sports and athletics, indicated, she is always happy to work with graduate students to find part-time employment opportunities.

For more information about part-time employment opportunities at the ARC, please contact Broadstone via email at 219-464-5211 or via email at pat.broadstone@valpo.edu.

Additionally, many graduate students have found on-campus employment opportunities as office aides, research assistants, and as support staff in IT. Job openings can be found at www.valpo.edu/finaid/studentemployment/listofjobs.php

Alum Brings Whistle-blowing to Homecoming

Dr. Don Soeken, executive director of the non-profit foundation Integrity International and a 1964 Valpo graduate, will present "Ethics in the Workplace: Problems and Stories of a Whistle-blower," in a talk sponsored by Valpo's Graduate Division.

His talk is at 4 p.m., October 4th in the Christopher Center. For those interested in attending, RSVP to 464-5313 or via email at graduate.studies@valpo.edu, as seating is limited.

Soeken's work has been highlighted by Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Jack Anderson.

He has testified on behalf of numerous whistleblowers in cases involving wrongful discharge, civil rights violations, sexual discrimination and equal employment opportunity complaints.

Also speaking is writer Tom Nugent, who has written several stories about whistle-blowing cases and is author of *Death at Buffalo Creek: The 1972 West Virginia Flood Disaster*.

Soeken and Nugent will discuss the rights and experiences of whistleblowers, how corporations and government agencies can be more responsive to them, and Valpo alumni who had the courage to be whistle-blowers.

Graduate Office At Your Service

The Graduate Office is located in Kretzmann Hall and is open from 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Fridays.
Phone: 219-464-5313
Email: graduate.studies@valpo.edu
Web: www.valpo.edu/gce/graduate

University Calendar

Fall Break	October 11-12
Turkey Break	November 16-26
Final Day of Class	December 14
Final Exam Period	December 17-21
Semester ends	December 21

Blockbuster of a Team

Physical exercise is a key element for success in a healthy lifestyle.

To help meet this need, Leslie Majarucon, International Commerce and Policy student, has started the first-ever graduate student volleyball team.

Majarucon, who named the team *Blockbusters*, has played volleyball for nine years. "Because I love to play volleyball, I thought it would be a good way to have fun and to get to know the other students in the ICP program better."

The deadline to add additional players to the current 15-member team is October 17, but Majarucon encourages participation from all graduate students, not just those in ICP. "The team has multiple purposes. It is great exercise, a good way to meet people and have a fun time. Many of the students have not played in leagues or clubs before, so it is also a way to learn to improve volleyball skills.

To find out more information, or to join, please email Leslie at: leslie.majarucon@valpo.edu.

Dinner Planned for Graduate Students

The Office of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education graciously invites our MALS, ESC and MED-IL graduate students to dinner!

We will meet at Martini's, just north of Northside Bar on Calumet, on Wednesday, October 17 from 5:30-6:30. Dinner is a choice of a steak, chicken or vegetarian wrap sandwich and a beverage is included. A cash bar will be available for those who desire an 'adult' drink after a day at the University.

RSVP by October 11 by emailing Kimberly Jana, Program and Services Coordinator, at kim.jana@valpo.edu or 219-464-5313. Please indicate your sandwich choice and number in your party with your message.

Grad Enrollment @ All Time High

2007-2008 Graduate Student Enrollment 393

Strongest Increase within Arts and Science :
2006-07 school year: 275
2007-2008 school year: 301

Retention Rate 72% (national average is 60%)
2007-2008 International Student Enrollment up to 50 students,
from only 10 four years ago!

We are pleased that the Graduate Division continues to grow in number, quality, and national recognition. Our students are better than ever--well prepared, highly motivated, diverse in background, and very professional. Our graduates are valued by employers, and as I have the opportunity to interact with them, I understand why...they are interesting, dedicated, ethical, and service oriented people...a great combination and contribution for today's society.

-David Rowland, Dean of Graduate Studies

Graduate Students Breaking Barriers

An exciting new student organization has started this fall term, thanks to International Commerce and Policy students Ashish Jalan, Lamar Putney, Patrick Maillet and Richard Mitchell.

"*Beyond Barriers* was created to provide an opportunity to students to develop their knowledge and skills in real world settings, and to develop and empower students to become future global leaders," said Jalan.

The organization is still in the process of finding students, from any graduate program, to serve on the Management Committee. The executive and managing committees will meet on a regular basis to plan and organize events. *Beyond Barriers* plans to host debates and quizzes on a weekly basis.

The first event is this weekend - a barbeque party on Homecoming Day, followed up with a trip to the World Trade Center in Chicago on October 19th. Please email ashish.jalan@valpo.edu to find out more about the Homecoming Barbeque or the trip to Chicago.

"*Beyond Barriers* is all on a voluntary basis and for the personal development of the individual," concluded Jalan.

New Degree Alert

Master of Science in Information Technology (under development for fall 08')

The MS in Information Technology program will prepare students having undergraduate background in computer science, engineering, information technology, or related fields with the knowledge, skills, and perspective for successful careers in the field of Information Technology.

This rapidly growing field will need the kind of highly-trained students graduating from this program. Look for more information in future issues of *The Graduate*.

Graduate Student Advisory Council

Feel free to contact the GSAC student representatives at any time, about anything, and they will be sure to pass on your questions, comments, and concerns to Dean Rowland.

You can also visit the website at :
http://www.valpo.edu/gce/graduate/student_resources/gsac.php
where you will find a list of the representatives, their contact information and a schedule of the meetings.

