

# OLLI News

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## **Student Assistant Returns to Tallwood**

OLLI is pleased to welcome back Travonta Thompson as student assistant at Tallwood. Travonta is a senior at Centreville High School participating in a work study program sponsored by Fairfax County schools. This is his second year as a student volunteer with OLLI. You'll see Travonta on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings helping in the office, setting up classrooms, and troubleshooting as needed. Welcome back, Travonta!

## *Classroom Etiquette*

With apologies to those with a literary turn, we offer the following, in haiku:

In a perfect world  
all would come early to class,  
sign in, find a chair.  
All would listen up,  
ask thoughtful questions, comment,  
concede equal time.  
Cell phones would be mute  
or set to vibrate  
without distraction.  
Chat with friends would wait.  
None would doze but stay alert,  
even after lunch.  
But we are human,  
after all, and just barely  
approach perfection.

## **Last Call for Playwrights!**

On March 19 & 20, 2005, The Theater of the First Amendment at GMU will present its 5th Annual First Light Festival of new play readings. They are trying something a little different this time around. They will be hosting a playwriting competition for Fairfax County high school student playwrights, as well as a competition for GMU writers. The winners of both of these competitions will have their plays included in the one-week development and rehearsal process, and will be provided a professional director and dramaturge. The cast will probably be a mix of professionals and students. Their work, along with selected scenes by runners-up, will be presented on Saturday, March 19. Sunday the 20th will be devoted to the work of professional playwrights

Members of OLLI are also cordially invited to submit their original plays. The deadline for submission is November 1st. Please feel free to contact Susanne Zumbro ([szumbro@rocketmail.com](mailto:szumbro@rocketmail.com)) at OLLI or Kevin Murray ([kmurra3@gmu.edu](mailto:kmurra3@gmu.edu)) at TFA with any questions you might have. Thank you.

From Susanne Zumbro

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>OCT.</b>				
11	Monday		all classes in session	TA and LA
13	Wednesday	1:30 PM	Book Club at Tallwood	TA-2
		2:00 PM	Bridge, Scrabble	TA-3
		2:00 PM	Terra Uchi: Living Underground	see catalog
15	Friday	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	TA-1
		9 AM - 4 PM	"C", Battle of Manassas tour	bus trip
		10 AM - 2 PM	Course 806 field trip Great Falls	bus trip
20	Wednesday	1:30 PM	Fiction Writers	TA Annex
		2:00 PM	"George Washington"	TA-1
		2:00 PM	Bridge, Scrabble	TA-3
22	Friday	see catalog	Historic Fredericksburg	bus trip
		10:00 AM	Classic Fiction Book Club	Reston
23	Saturday	2:00 PM	"An Ideal Husband" LLI conference	Harris Theatre Richmond, VA
27	Wednesday	2:00 PM	Bridge, Scrabble	TA-3
		2:00 PM	Trip Tales: Iceland	RCC
		2:00 PM	Philosophy Book Club	Reston
29	Friday	9:00 AM	Course 303 field trip to Wash.DC	Bus Trip
		10:00 AM	Program Committee meeting	TA-2
<b>NOV.</b>				
3	Wednesday	1:30 PM	Fiction Writers group	Annex
		1:30 PM	Special Events committee	TA-2
		2:00 PM	History Club	TA-1
		2:00 PM	Bridge, Scrabble	TA-3
5	Friday	10:00 - 2:00	Geology class field trip Wash. DC	bus trip
10	Wednesday	1:30 PM	Book Club	TA-2
		2:00 PM	"Long Term Care Insurance"	TA-1
		2:00 PM	Bridge, Scrabble	TA-3
12	Friday		Fall term ends	
		10:30 AM	Reston Support committee mtg.	LA