

ESSENTIALLY PALS

The Program in American Language Studies Newsletter

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Fall 2004 - Session I

GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Students,

Voila! Here's the first issue of our newsletter "*EsSentialLy PALS*". The newsletter is meant to keep us all at PALS connected by sharing information regarding academics, policies and cultural events. It is your newsletter and we look forward to your contributions. Contact Barbara Inerfeld, Advisor, Students' Affairs to discuss your write up for the next issue!

Since joining PALS, my primary focus has been to make our academic program stronger and more relevant to your future career needs. New courses have been added at levels 3 & 4. We successfully launched *TOEFL I*. Next session, you will have *TOEFL I & II*. You also have the possibility of taking three additional advanced level courses: *Seminar, Advanced Seminar and Self-Study*. These are small group courses meant for working in a specialized field. Starting Session III, you will have four new courses: *Technical Communication I & II* (meant for students planning careers in Science & Engineering), and *Business Communication I & II* (meant for students planning to follow the MBA program). You now have additional mentoring and practice work through the Graduate School of Education (GSE) Project and the Conversation Club.

Have you chosen your Class Rep yet? The Class Rep holds a very responsible position and is the key link between the students, teachers and the administration. I look forward to meeting all the Class Reps for the first meeting on **Friday, October 8 in the language lab. at 12.30 pm..**

Happy Reading !!

NEW BEGINNINGS



Session I began on September 1st with Welcome Orientation for both the new and continuing students. Both meetings were addressed by the Director.

MEET & GREET- THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On September 15th the Yorba Lounge was filled with PALS students enjoying delicious ice cream, discussing the first week of classes, getting to know the new students, and making new friends.

If you have pictures taken at the social PALS would love to showcase them on its website.

ACADEMIC COLLABORATION: GSE & PALS

Thanks to an interesting collaboration between the "Principles of Second Language Acquisition" class of Rutgers' Graduate School of Education (GSE) and the Reading/Writing class (levels 2 & 3) of PALS, seventy-eight students will interact and work together. Forty PALS students have been paired up with thirty-eight graduate

Dr. Veena Kumar
PALS students to help develop their Writing Skills and the GSE students will get an opportunity to study and research the 'live' processes of learning ESL. The collaboration, coordinated by Dr. Mary Curran and Dr. Veena Kumar got off to a great start on Thursday, September 16th.

Both groups of students are extremely happy and enthusiastic about working together.



CONVERSATION CLUB

In another collaboration between Livingston Learning Resource Center and PALS, you now have the opportunity to work on your 'spoken communication'.

Free Conversation classes are available to all PALS students at the Livingston Learning Resource Center in **Tillett Hall, Room 111-A**. Classes are conducted by an instructor to ensure that the academic objectives of this collaboration are achieved

Two groups meet on Tuesdays:

- Beginner from 2:45 pm to 3:15 pm.
- Post-intermediate from 3:30-4:00 pm.

Two groups meet on Thursdays:

- Intermediate from 2:00- 2:30 pm.
- Advanced from 1:15 to 1:45 pm.

We have great feedback from people who have been attending these sessions. Come and participate in this ideal opportunity to develop fluency and self confidence !!

THE DAILY TARGUM: RUTGER'S NEWSPAPER

To get all the information about Rutgers and the surrounding area, read The Daily Targum. It is the best thing you can do to improve your Reading Skills !!

students. The graduate students will mentor **USING YOUR LANGUAGE LABORATORY !**

Unhappy about not being able to speak English as fluently as you wish?

Well, you can always work in the **Language Lab. (Tillett Hall, Room 202)**. The lab is now open for extended hours and you can use the laboratory -

Monday - Thursday: 9.30 am-4.30pm

Friday: 9:30 am -1 pm

The lab has a full range of tapes and texts to help each one of you improve your listening and speaking skills. **Ms. Roberta Hunter** is PALS Language Lab. Coordinator. If you wish to work extra hours in the lab., consult her and she will help you choose the books/tapes that are best suited for your self-practice work.

Make the language lab a part of your day!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1. Session Endings & Beginnings

- Session I ends Wed. October 20th.
- Session II begins Monday, Nov. 1st at 8:50 AM.
- **All Continuing Session II students will meet on Monday, Nov. 1st in Tillett Hall, Room 116 at 8:30 AM.**
- **Thursday, Oct. 14th is payment deadline.**

2. Academic Workshop: Joining a University in the USA

Are you planning to apply for admission to a US college or university? If an Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's or Ph.D. degree program is in your future, attend **PALS Academic Admission Workshop** to learn how to find the right school and prepare to apply. We will discuss deadlines, required test scores, and more. Come to **TIL 125 at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2004.**

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NEED TO USE A COMPUTER ?

All **PALS** students should have received their computer user names and passwords. With this ID you can use computers in most Rutgers University campuses. On the Livingston Campus, the most convenient places are:



Livingston Computing Center (Tillett 114 & 119)

Mon.-Thurs. 24 hours
Fri. closes at 9 pm
Sat. 11 am - 9 pm
Sun. opens at 11 am

Kilmer Library (75. Avenue E)

Mon. -Thurs. 8 am-12:45 am
Fri. 8 am -8:45 pm
Sat. 10 am - 5:45 pm
Sun. Noon- 12:45 am

Livingston Learning Center (Tillett 111)

Mon. -Thurs. 8:30 am -8 pm
Fri. 11:30 am - 5 pm
Sat. & Sun. Closed

OCTOBER 31st



HAPPY HALLOWEEN !!

Do you know why Halloween is celebrated?
This is the right time to find out!

except those that sang best."

RUTGERS COLLEGE RECREATION MEMBERSHIP



You can get an RU College Recreation Membership for **\$45 each semester.**

Fall	Sept. -Dec.
Spring	Jan. -May
Summer	May-July

To become a member, go to the Sonny Werblin Recreation Center on Busch Campus. At the Reception Desk, ask to see someone in membership services. Identify yourself as a PALS student. Pay the \$45 and get your membership card with your picture on it.

TEAM PLAYERS WANTED!



If you would like to play soccer, basketball, volleyball, or another sport, please come to the PALS front desk and sign up. For further information, please see the Advisor of Student Affairs.

