

HIGHLIGHTS

[30 movies featured at Newark Film Festival, Sept. 4-11](#)

[D.C.-area Blue Hens gather Sept. 24 at the Old Ebbitt Grill](#)

[Baltimore-area Hens invited to meet Ravens QB Joe Flacco](#)

[New Graduate Student Convocation set Wednesday](#)

[Center for Disabilities Studies' Artfest set Sept. 6](#)

[New Student Convocation to kick off fall semester Tuesday](#)

[Latino students networking program meets Tuesday](#)

[Fall Student Activities Night set Monday](#)

New course surveys communications history

11:14 a.m., Nov. 5, 2004--A new course being offered during Winter Session and spring semester will review the history of mass communications in America, from the printing press to the Internet. The course is open to nonmajors through the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies.

COMM 318 (011), "History of Mass Communications in the United States," will explore the centuries-long historical process that produced the present system of mass communication and also will examine the influence of these developments on the country's economic, social and political structure.

Taught by Mike Dixon, an award-winning historian and newspaper columnist, the course will incorporate a study of historical documents, photographs, audio sources and oral history, including recordings by a Dallas radio station that had put all its resources behind a talk by President John F. Kennedy on the date of his assassination, Nov. 22, 1963.


Dixon has been chronicling and disseminating historical information on the Delmarva area for nearly three decades, and frequently lectures and presents programs for local and national groups. He has appeared on NBC-TV's *Today Show*, and his work has been featured in *National Geographic*, *Southern Living* and *Chesapeake Life*.

The author of more than 50 articles in newspapers and historical society journals, Dixon recently presented conference papers at a national meeting for the Society of Historical Archaeologists and the Mid-Atlantic Association for Museums.

With degrees in history, behavioral science and organizational development from Washington College, St. Joseph's University and Wilmington College, Dixon serves as visiting scholar to the Delaware Humanities Forum and Delmarva Discussions and is a member of the speakers' bureau for the Maryland Humanities.

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