Culture Soup with Leadership Berks

Culture Soup is a collaborative effort between Leadership Berks at Alvernia University’s Alumni Council, the Reading Public Museum, the Reading Symphony Orchestra, the Berks Arts Council, GoggleWorks, and Greater Reading Young Professionals. The mission of Culture Soup is to work together to develop unique arts programming and events designed for young, emerging and "emerged" professionals in our Greater Reading community.

First event of the season:

Sunday, September 13, 2009
Reading Museum Arboretum
4PM—6PM

Admission: $7 for adults
Free for children 12 and under

For more information, please contact:
Lauren McCarrol (610-371-5850 x230).
Dr. Sunil Y. Widge, FASM, chief technology officer emeritus of Carpenter Technology Corp., has been elected chairman of the Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA), a voluntary trade association representing most producers of specialty steel in North America.

Dr. Widge began his career with Carpenter in 1976 and holds five U.S. patents. Besides serving on the Board of Trustees at Alvernia University, he has also held various leadership roles and committee memberships with ASM International, the Metallurgy Society, the Industrial Research Institute, and the Special Materials Processing Consortium.

Dr. Charles Barbera ’01 was featured in the Reading Eagle on August 30 for his recent work in Africa. Barbera helped open the first modern trauma unit in Ethiopia’s capital city of Addis Ababa this summer. While there, he treated 400 patients in a single day at a dirt-floor clinic in a local refugee camp. “I hope to go back within a year, and maybe bring some of my colleagues,” he said.

Hugh Murray (criminal justice) was the subject of a Daily Local News article on August 22. Murry has been appointed by Gov. Ed Rendell to serve as one of 20 members of the state Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission. “Police work is a stressful job and if we can afford the officers of the state some positive training to deal with those situations, it's a win-win for everyone,” he said.

Roxana Delbene (Spanish) had abstracts accepted at two international conferences this past June: the Communication and Medicine Conference at the University of Cardiff, UK, and the International Society for Languages Studies Conference held in Florida.

Fran Ross (art) submitted her pastel painting of the Indiana River of Delaware to the Berks Art Alliance for a competition. She won the Jack Coggins award, which comes with a $575 prize, and the display of her painting at the Reading Museum for the summer of 2009.

Jodi Radosh (communication) did an interview on John and Kate for a Philly radio station this summer. She focused on the communication aspect of product placement in the show.

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Lynn Sakmann and Susan Rehhausser (both admissions) felt the need to spruce up the front entrance to their building and brought flowers from home to fill the “Fields of Gold” flowerbed in front of the Student Center.
First Annual Founders Day Lecture

Mary Beth Ingham has more than 20 years’ experience teaching philosophy at Loyola Marymount University. She has written several books on ethics and Franciscan philosophy. Sister Ingham will show how the Franciscan’s understanding of uniqueness of each person can aid in addressing today’s ethical issues.

This Batdorf event is part of the Ethics, Leadership, and Community Lecture Series at Alvernia, sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Leadership and the Holleran Center for Community Engagement.

Other upcoming Lecture Series events:

• Judicial ethics and leadership: a conversation with Berks County judges —October 6, 2009, 4PM (BFCC)

• Lecture and booksigning with Jon Kukla, author of Mr. Jefferson’s Women —October 13, 2009, 4PM (BFCC)

• Professional Challenges in Health Care (Nursing Professions) —November 9, 2009, 4PM (BFCC)

Salsa Band: Caliente

Come listen to new hits in Spanish & English by a local latin singer Mereliss.

Sunday, September 15, at 6PM Student Center

Rumor Has It...

Don’t miss Daily Mass at 12PM, in the Veronica Hall Chapel and Sunday Student Mass at 7PM, in the Sacred Heart Chapel (in the Motherhouse).

Students should turn in resumes and unofficial transcripts to Career Services by September 16 to take part in on-campus interviews with Herbein & Co., on September 24.

The Alvernia Montessori School (preschool–kindergarten) relocated this summer to St. Anthony’s Parish School (near the Upland Center), and is in need of playground equipment. If you have any equipment to donate please call Sister Ann Marie at (610) 396-0882 or just drop it off at the school. They are hoping for anything from jump ropes to Little Tykes type equipment.

I am a wingless bird, flying even to the clouds.

I give birth to tears of mourning in pupils that meet me, even though there is no cause for grief, and at once on my birth I am dissolved into air. What am I?

Be the first to answer correctly!

Send your answer to:
Carey.Manzolillo@alvernia.edu

Bragging rights for last week’s riddle go to Beki Stein (registrar). Answer: a river.

Do you have news?
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