Senator O’Pake Visits SRYI

Senator Michael O’Pake visited Alvernia University last week to visit with fifty-three middle school participants of the South Reading Youth Initiative (SRYI). His visit was in conjunction with the six-week SRYI Career Exploration Workshop, which features a variety of community professionals speaking to the children about different careers.

Sen. O’Pake talked to the kids about the election process, the cost of running for office, and what occurs after elections. Participants asked the senator many questions, and even “voted” on their own bill.

The goal of the ongoing workshop is to allow the children to learn more about the different careers that are available in today’s world. Last week, the participants spent time with Sharon Neal (library) learning all about library careers in today’s world. Future mentors include Todd Hunsinger from the Reading Phillies, Dr. Jones from the Ark Animal Hospital.

The program will conclude with presentations from Patty Doughman and John Taylor of Aladdin Food Services.
Faculty & Staff News

Jodi Radosh (communication) co-hosted Election Night Coverage on BCTV with Mark Abrams from KYW Newsradio and Kevin Murphy, President of the Berk County Community Foundation.

Eva Weiker (biology) has reviewed two chapters: Body Defenses and Hematopoietic Function from the third edition of Carol Porth’s Essentials of Pathophysiology.

Bryan Dreibelbis (business) recently participated in the Accounting Educator Idea Exchange Conference held in Hershey. The conference was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA).

NURSING PROJECT RECEIVES MINI-GRANT

The Pennsylvania Office of Health Equity granted $5,000 to Alvernia University to fund its Nursing SUCCESS project. Alvernia was one of only 11 organizations to receive the mini-grant. According to the organization’s website, 88 applications were received from all over the Commonwealth, making the review, evaluation, and awarding process extremely competitive. Others receiving grants include Fox Chase Cancer Center and the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

Don’t be a turkey, JOIN THE DRIVE! Click here for details.
Campus Alert — Four Loco Policy

In response to recent concerns regarding alcoholic energy drinks, both locally and across the nation, Alvernia is revising its alcohol policy to reflect the relative inability to responsibly use this type of beverage. In addition we are educating our students about the associated dangers of these beverages. Alcoholic energy drinks, for example Four Loko, pack a potent punch with a combination of stimulant (caffeine) and depressant (alcohol). The following information gives some indication of the danger of these beverages.

• A 21 year old student weighing 220lbs, after drinking one can of Four Loko in an hour, will be at the legal limit of blood alcohol concentration.
• A student weighing 120lbs, after consuming one can of Four Loko in an hour, will be at double the legal limit of blood alcohol concentration (0.16) and will be very drunk or even have alcohol poisoning.
• At a consumption of 2 Four Loko drinks in 2 hours, a 140lb student is likely to have alcohol poisoning or to be in a coma.

Therefore, as of this date, Alvernia University prohibits the possession and use of any alcoholic energy drinks (for example, Four Loko, Joose, Sparks) on campus regardless of whether or not the student who possesses or consumes is of legal age. Possession and/or consumption of alcohol energy drinks will be treated as violations of the University’s alcohol policy.

The Medical Amnesty Policy states that a student seeking assistance or medical treatment for himself/herself or another student will not routinely be subject to disciplinary action for alcohol violations. Students may be required to participate in an appropriate educational program, which will not be noted in the student’s disciplinary file.

Please encourage students to seek help or medical attention by calling Public Safety if there is any evidence of alcohol poisoning, such as confusion, stupor, persistent vomiting, or passing out — and consider discussing the dangers of these drinks in classes, advising sessions, and practices so they have a clear understanding of Alvernia’s policy and so we can provide information our students need to make responsible choices.

Take part in a peaceful protest at the School of the Americas Fort Benning, Georgia

November 18-22, 2010

The Alvernia group will be leaving at 10PM on Thursday and returning at 6AM on Monday.

Cost: $30 per person (includes bus & hotel)

Contact Aaron Malnick for details.

Rumor Has It...

Human Rights speaker, Nectali Rodezno, from the National Lawyers Front Against the Coup in Honduras, will lecture at Alvernia this Monday, November 15, (3PM in the Crusader Café) as part of a Witness for Peace Mid-Atlantic speaking tour, “Defending Justice in Honduras.”

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Come and ring the bell for the Salvation Army this Holiday Season! The Alvernia community will be responsible for the Salvation Army Kettle located at Redner’s in Kenhorst Plaza for two days this holiday season: Tuesday, November 16, and Thursday, December 2 (10AMto 8PM). Visit the Campus Ministry office to sign up for a two hour shift on one or both days.

What has no beginning, end, or middle? (Not the ocean)

Be the first to answer correctly!

Send your answer to:
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Bragging rights for last week go to Bobbie Rohrbach (library). Answer: Mississippi.