Arriving early, eighteen members of an Alvernia Seniors College class sat quietly in the back of courtroom #9 as Berks County Prison inmates stood before the Honorable Judge Scott D. Keller one-by-one. Their teacher, Eleni Dimitriou Geishauser, Esq., — no stranger to the court room — quietly whispered to her students about the precedings and the people taking part in them. She pointed to the bar separating the court room from the audience. “That’s the bar. Lawyers earn the right to cross it by taking the bar exam,” she explained.

Half an hour later, the bar doors opened and Judge Keller invited the members of the “Moot Court 102” class to set up for their mock murder trial. Students, who had been preparing for this moment for five weeks assumed the roles of prosecutors, defense attorneys, witnesses, and defendant. Judge Keller presided over the trial as Geishauser offered advice to the prosecution and defense. Immediately after the session ended, and before a shuttle returned the class to Alvernia, students asked Geishauser if she would be willing to teach another course.

Alvernia’s Seniors College offers three semesters of academic classes each year. The next session (beginning in January) will include classes on global warming, the history of the Bible (exploring if people will continue to read and learn from it), basic computing, and a course with State Trial Judge Linda Ludgate ’77.

Annual Membership to the Seniors College is $50 — and makes a great Christmas gift for anyone 55 years-of-age or older. Contact Sally Reading (x8357) for details.

Click here to see photos from the Moot Court class event.
Alumni News

The Alvernia Alumni Association is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular on Monday, November 29.

A bus will be leaving Alvernia at 7AM and leaving NYC at 7PM. The show is at 11AM, so there is plenty of free time to do a little Christmas shopping or sightseeing in the city.

$80 for alumni and guests

$85 for non-alumni

Price includes round-trip transportation and fantastic seats at the show. Contact Darlene Berk A.S.A.P. if you are interested in joining the group.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

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“Students Sleep Out For Hunger, Homelessness”

Reading Eagle 11-18-10
“Alvernia turkey drive strives to serve more needy families”

Faculty & Staff News

Donna Yarri (theology) gave a presentation entitled, “Designing Our Babies: Playing God or Using the Brains God Gave Us?” for the Theology with a Twist program at the Kutztown Tavern on November 9, 2010.

Jodi Radosh (communication) gave a workshop along with her husband, Dr. Lee Radosh, Director of Family Medicine at Reading Hospital, at the Family Medicine Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey the weekend of October 29. The presentation was entitled: “How to Use the Media to Your Advantage: Practical Tips for Family Physicians.”

CRUSADERS SOFTBALL VISITS OPPORTUNITIY HOUSE

The Crusader Softball team visited the Opportunity House in Reading last week to spend some time with the children at the Second Street Learning Center. The girls read and played with the children, helped them with homework and helped care for the infants. The team plans to return to Opportunity House in December.

“We have some great, local student-athletes on our team that can provide a tangible inspiration to the children at the Second Street Learning Center,” said Coach Lindsay Berger.

Click here for the full story
What’s new at Angelica?

The Angelica Creek Park boathouse construction project has begun!

The Environmental Center at Angelica Creek Park: The boathouse structure at Angelica Creek Park is undergoing its first phase of renovations to enclose the structure and transform it into a functional environmental center. The inside of the building will include restrooms, a large multipurpose room, small wet lab area, one office, and storage space, and will be set up with educational technology including LCD projector and screen. The deck on top of the center will be usable, as will the front deck on the ground floor. When the construction is complete, the building can be used for a variety of community-wide purposes - programming, meetings, classes, and more.

Reserving and Scheduling Activities: We have received a number of inquiries for Angelica Creek Park, including educational programming, community service projects, research projects, festivals, and meetings. We encourage you to consider Angelica Creek Park for your professional and/or personal events. The current contact is Alicia Sprow (Alvernia Ph.D. Graduate Assistant and a major leader for the project). The Angelica Executive Committee is in the midst of identifying an entity to operate the environmental center once it is completed.

This project would not be possible without significant cooperation between the City of Reading, trades and labor organizations, the Berks County Conservancy, Alvernia University and Albright College faculty and staff, as well as local businesses and other partners.

Boathouse construction is tentatively scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2011.

What grows up while growing down?

Be the first to answer correctly!
Send your answer to:
Carey.Manzolillo@alvernia.edu

Bragging rights for last week go to Andrew Cousins (IT). Answer: A circle.

The final Alvernia Writers’ Series of 2010 will be:

Friday, December 3
2-3PM
Franco Library

Contact Dr. Tom to participate

Rumor Has It...

Save the Date — January 17: The 2010 Martin Luther King Day of Service will be held on January 17. All students (undergraduate and graduate), faculty, staff, and alumni are welcome to participate. Let’s make this year a record-breaker. Feel free to bring your families and children over the age of 14 to help. Contact the Office of Campus Ministry by January 7 to sign up.

Are students asking you what they should wear, or where they should go for graduation? Tell them to join us for an upcoming Grad Finale event:
11/22: Main Campus (SC Sem) 4-8PM
11/30 Philadelphia Campus 3-7PM
12/1 Schuylkill Campus 3-7PM

Also, visit the graduation page on the web for even more details and the important graduation survey.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS? SEND IT TO:
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