Athletics Rings In The Holiday Season

Alvernia head coaches Yogi Lutz (baseball) and Mike Miller (men’s basketball) took time out of the work day Thursday to Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army at the Redner’s Warehouse Market in the Kenhorst Shopping Center, encouraging shoppers to drop whatever they could into the traditional red kettle.

According to the Salvation Army, kettle donations provide Christmas dinners, clothing, and toys for families in need. Financial assistance also helps with basic necessities, along with seasonal aid. Families of prisoners often are included.

All together the Alvernia athletics department staffed the kettle from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. with 14 different bell ringers, including a pair of student-athletes.

“Commitment to service is one of Alvernia’s core values,” said Alvernia Director of Athletics Bill Stiles, who spearheaded Wednesday’s efforts. “It is what makes being a member of the Alvernia University community different from other places. We encourage our student-athletes participate in service and we, as coaches and administrators, must lead by example.”
Scott Ballantyne (business) and Kevin Godfrey (theology) are collaborating to write a new book *Franciscan leadership: linking historical origins with current practices*. Contracted with Rowman and Littlefield, the book should be published in the spring of 2012.

Marietta Dooley and Sharon Neal (library) attended the Association of College and Research Libraries, Delaware Valley Chapter Fall Program, “From Dim-dim to Boopsie: Getting Serious about Technology in Libraries,” on November 12, held at Penn State Great Valley. The program presented success stories by local librarians using new technologies.

Library staff members Rebecca Rishar, Susan Kane, Roberta Rohrbach, and John Nelka attended the Berks County Library Association bus trip to tour the New York Public Library on November 3.

Kevin Godfrey (theology) was the featured speaker at the Lancaster Order of Malta’s Defense of the Faith series on Nov 19. He spoke on St Francis and how he transformed the church.

Alvernia University is offering several new and replacement faculty positions for 2011. Preferred qualifications include experience teaching in undergraduate and graduate programs, and particular attention will be given to candidates with an interest in working with the university’s Honors Program and willing to teach in the First Year Seminar program.

New positions include: Political Science, Psychology, Spanish, and Education Department Chair. Replacement positions include: Art and Design, History, Theology, Education (3 positions), Nursing, and Occupational Therapy.

Visit Human Resources on the web for more details.
Student Nurses Shine at Annual Convention

Forty junior and senior members of Alvernia Student Nurse Association (ASNA), and faculty advisors Connie Twyman and Kathy Wisser recently attended the Student Nurse Association of PA (SNAP) 58th Annual Convention, Defying Gravity: Nursing Without Boundaries. Nearly 825 nursing students from 98 schools across PA attended the convention held in Lancaster, PA from November 17 to 20.

The two day agenda included a keynote address, numerous educational sessions, and National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX) Championship Bowl. At SNAP Business Meetings ASNA was represented by four student delegates.

Three senior nursing students presented and defended a resolution “In Support of Encouraging the Implementation of Multiple Strategies to Decrease Medication Errors.” The resolution was among six resolutions adopted by SNAP at this convention. Students plan to present the SNAP endorsed resolution at the National Student Nurses Association Annual Convention in April 2011.

At the Awards Banquet, ASNA received First Place in Community Health and Service Excellence Awards. Senior nursing student, Katie Ayers, received the HCR Manor Care Scholarship Award after submitting an essay addressing what the convention theme meant to her as a student nurse and in her future nursing practice.

Rumor Has It...

The Alvernia University chorus and band will present a Christmas concert — tomorrow — Dec. 4, at 8PM, in the Francis Hall Theater and Recital Hall.

Join Campus Ministry for a Twilight Advent Retreat, Tuesday, Dec. 14. The retreat includes prayer, dinner, a reflection, and quiet time, and will take place at the Motherhouse. Please share some fellowship and reflection time during this hectic Christmas season. R.S.V.P. to Judy Bohler by Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Does your office have extra supplies? Don’t throw them out. Post them on the S Drive, and give them a new home. Look for “Clare’s List” for the form.