Athletics & Recreation study underway

An Athletics and Recreation (A&R) Study Committee comprised of faculty, students, alumni, administrators, and staff has been formed to begin the process of evaluating a number of options that would provide the Alvernia community with broader athletic, health, wellness, and recreational opportunities.

As part of its charge, the committee is assessing recreational and wellness opportunities, exploring expansion of intercollegiate and club sports programs and studying the expansion of indoor recreation and fitness facilities for campus use. Also included will be a comprehensive feasibility study, completed through a special subcommittee, regarding the possible addition of football as a varsity sport at Alvernia.

“As we grow as a university, and continue to attract larger numbers of students from the wider Mid Atlantic region as well as from Berks County, it is important that we address changing needs in the athletics and recreation areas,” said John McCloskey, vice president for enrollment management. “These areas complement our academic programs and contribute significantly to our campus culture and student experience.”
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- **Barry Harvey** (criminal justice), Tenure
- **Mary Ellen Symanski** (nursing), Tenure

An article by **Aaron Malnick** (campus ministry) entitled “Spiritually Inclined, Religiously Averse,” appeared in the December/January 2010-2011 issue of *Crossroads*, a publication of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association. In this, his first published work, Malnick outlines a compelling case for the strengthening and deepening of students’ relationships with God through the organized and public community of the Church, perhaps more important than ever in today’s individualistic and relativistic society.

Congratulations to **Joel Pearce** (library) who welcomed a new baby girl, Mikayla Grace Pearce into his family. Mikayla was born at 10:18AM on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, weighing in at 8 pounds and 3 ounces.

Alumni News

Come mingle with Alvernia alumni and cheer on your Crusaders on Tuesday, February 15 as Alvernia’s men’s and women’s basketball teams take on Albright.

**Schedule:**
- Men’s game begins at 6PM
- Women’s game begins at 8PM
- Alumni social (held in the Shander room) 5-10PM

Faculty & Staff News

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Attention Faculty Members

Are you interested in weighing in on topics in the news, like the stories above? Let us help you make a connection with the media. [Click here to fill out a media interest form.](#)

Alumni in the NEWS...

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- **Reading Eagle 12-31-10 [A2]**
  - “Alvernia senior, Wilson grad interns at center of US politics”

- **Reading Eagle 1-1-11**
  - “Financial resolutions 2011: Let’s get serious about money”

- **WFMZ 1-14-11**
  - “Pope Certifies Miracle Needed For John Paul’s Beatification”

- **WFMZ 1-17-11**
  - “Living Out Dr. Martin Luther King’s Dream of Unity”

- **WFMZ 1-18-11**
  - “Alvernia may add a football program”

Please Remind Your Students: HECBC Conference — April 9, 2011

The Higher Education Council of Berks County (HECBC) will hold its 12th Annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference at Alvernia University on Saturday, April 9, 2011. Deadline for registration is Friday, February 25, 2011. Presentation opportunities include papers, posters, artwork, performances, and films. [Click here for full details and online registration forms.](#)

Alvernia senior, **Andrew Smolarski**, was the winner of the HECBC pre-conference Poster Contest. His winning poster will be used to advertise the event. More than 20 posters were entered into the contest, and most were assignments from Michele Kulp’s Art 281, Graphic Design and Illustration class.
Alvernia University Athletics wins NCAA Community Service Award

Alvernia University athletics received the Josten’s Community Service Award last week, at a luncheon that was part of the 2011 NCAA Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

The university won the award for its assistance with the Wounded Warrior Run, held May 1, 2010. The run is a nationwide effort by the Wounded Warrior Project, which raises funds to support wounded veterans.

“We are delighted to accept this award,” said Bill Stiles, director of athletics and recreation. “Service is one of Alvernia’s core values and is a tenet of our Franciscan identity. While this is an award from an athletics organization, it is important to recognize that the entire Alvernia community is committed to service and our student-athletes are just one piece. I am especially grateful to Associate Athletic Director, Laura Gingrich for her work spearheading the effort behind the Wounded Warrior Run on our campus.”

The Josten’s Community Service Award recognizes excellence demonstrated by athletes off the field. The award is used to recognize athletic institutions who participate in three separate categories of service, including: one-time community service projects, an array of community service projects, and on-going community service projects that take place within the school year. Josten’s makes a monetary donation to the general scholarship fund of the winning institution in each of the three categories per academic year.

Click here to read the full story.

Rumor Has It...

You’re Invited to a Valentine’s Day Dinner at the Bernardine Franciscan Conference Center. The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters are delighted to host a Valentine’s Day Dinner on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 6PM. The menu will include: Hors’douvres, Salad, Filet Mignon & Crab Cakes, Sides, Desserts, Beer, Wine & Soda. Admission for this special event is $50 per person, or $275 for a party of six. Entertainment will be provided by Jennifer Michalik, the Alvernia Choral Ensemble, and harpist Alexandra Aloia. Please email the Bernardine Franciscan Conference Center or call (484) 334-6807 for more details.

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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.

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Take off my skin and I won’t cry, but you will! What am I?

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

Bragging rights for last issue go to Drena Romberger (athletics). Q: What goes up and down without moving? Answer: Temperature or stairs.