Alvernia in the Community

Crusaders bond with SRYI

Every Wednesday, St. Peter’s Church in Reading hosts an after-school program for area children. This past Wednesday, there were some special guests who attended the after-school program.

The Alvernia men’s basketball team joined South Reading Youth Initiative (SRYI) kids, helping with homework and making posters for an upcoming game.

Earlier this month, the SRYI came to Alvernia to practice and have dinner with the team. An instant bond was formed, and the two groups were happy to be reunited at St. Peter’s after-school program.

Kids made posters for their favorite players or made team posters and had the entire team sign them. The remainder of the time was spent playing games like Sorry, Guess Who, Candy Land and Checkers. Both groups just enjoyed the company of the other and are looking forward to meeting again this Saturday.

Come to the last home game on February 21 to see the SRYI kids cheering and proudly displaying their posters!
Alumni News

Alumni Flag Bearers are needed for graduation, May 16, 2009. Commencement will be held in the Sovereign Center, at 2PM.

Contact Darlene Berk if you’re interested, or for further details.

Student News

The Alvernia University Women’s Basketball Team has earned a sixth place ranking in the Mid-Atlantic Region as announced by the NCAA on Wednesday. The Crusaders currently have a 16-7 overall record and are an even better 15-5 against regional opponents.

Alvernia will return to home action this Saturday at 1PM versus DeSales. With a win the Crusaders will keep their hopes alive of hosting a Freedom playoff game.

Faculty & Staff News

John Rochowicz, mathematics, published the paper: “A Distance Learning Experience in a Quantitative Methods MBA Course” in the July 2008 issue of The International Journal of Instructional Technology and Distance Learning, and reviewed the CLEP Examination on the Survey of Mathematics (Mat 101) course for the College Entrance Examination Board

Karen Cameron, occupational therapy, was awarded an AOTA/AOTF Leadership Fellowship for the year of 2009. She attended the opening kick-off in Denver, Colorado in January and will be working throughout the year until October.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

An article about Alvernia’s two new residence halls was featured in the Berks and Beyond section of the Reading Eagle on February 16. The paper marked the first issue of the Eagle’s completely new design. An artist’s rendering of the new Village Apartments was pictured on the page.

Alvernia’s annual financial aid FAFSA and Fun event appeared in the Area Highlights section of the Reading Eagle on February 17. The event, held February 19, helped students and parents fill out important government financial aid forms.

The Alvernia Lecture Series was featured in the Reading Eagle on February 19.

Click here to read the full story.

BRAND SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Kudos to Karen Cameron, occupational therapy, for digging in and helping to find student quotes for the new Alvernia website, and gathering information to showcase the MSOT web pages.

Website team members may be calling on faculty and staff for similar support as they make a strong push to get fresh material on the new site in upcoming weeks.
Alvernia University announced the appointment of Bill Stiles as Director of Athletics & Recreation this week, to become effective on July 1, 2009.

The announcement, made at an 11:45 a.m. press conference in the Shander Room, was covered by the Reading Eagle and WFMZ Channel 69 News.

Stiles joins the Alvernia staff after five years as the Director of Athletics & Recreation at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, where he successfully transitioned the institution into the NCAA’s Division II and added 10 varsity sports to its sponsorship. He also oversaw all campus recreation programming, including 15 intramural sports and clubs.

Alvernia would like to recognize and thank Laura Gingrich, who has served as interim Athletic Director since last May. She will continue to serve in that position until July, when she will resume her role as Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator.

Click here to read the story in the Reading Eagle.

Rumor Has It...

Faschnacht Day is February 24. Get your faschnacht from Campus Ministry, and then celebrate Ash Wednesday on campus February 25:
- Mass in Sacred Heart Chapel 8AM
- Mass in Sacred Heart Chapel 12PM
- Ecumenical Service in Holy Savior Chapel 4PM

Looking for great savings on hundreds of quality books and unique gifts? Alvernia Alumni will be sponsoring the annual Book Fair:
- Monday, February 23rd
  - 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
  - Student Center, First floor hallway

The 7th annual BCTV Dance Party will be held Saturday, February 28, from 12 noon – 1AM, at the Riveredge. Join the fun for $10 per person. Click here for more information.

How far can a dog run into the woods?

Be the first to answer correctly!
Send your answer to:
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Bragging rights for last week go to Jen Reimert, registrar. Answer: February cannot March, but April May.