Tip of the Week...

Nothing will help you chase the winter blues away like a trip out with Student Activities. Some spring 2011 highlights include tubing at Blue Mountain (tomorrow), a trip to the National Aquarium in Baltimore (March 26), and a Phillies versus Braves game (May 6).

Visit the Office of Student Activities webpage for a list of upcoming trips, and a sign-up form.

Upcoming Events

2/5 Snow Tubing @ Blue Mtn. (Depart SC) 2:30PM
2/7 Personacards (BH Lobby) 11AM (SC) 4:30PM
2/8 Career Services Mentor Orientation (SC PDR) 6PM
2/8 Slam Poet: Chas Spits Alpha Soup (Crusader) 7PM
2/9 A Common Heart: Sacred Texts Panel (BFCC) 7PM
2/10 Movie “For Colored Girls” (BLH) 12:30PM
2/10 Movie “For Colored Girls” (BLH) 8:30PM
2/12 Undergraduate Winter Open House (PEC) 9AM
2/12 Shopp’n’Shuttle (Depart from SC) 11AM

Home Athletic Contests

2/4 Ice Hockey vs East Stroudsburg 8PM
2/12 Women’s Basketball vs Lycoming 5PM
2/12 Men’s Basketball vs Lycoming 7PM

Check out the Athletics website: http://athletics.alvernia.edu/

President Flynn discusses Alvernia’s success in the current issue of Presidential Perspectives.

Presidential Perspectives features Alvernia, Flynn

Readers of the popular Presidential Perspectives higher education leadership series are learning a great deal about Alvernia’s recent progress courtesy of the latest installment written by President Thomas F. Flynn, Ph.D.

Chapters for Presidential Perspectives are authored by notable college presidents whose institutions are in the forefront of innovative practices in a range of areas. One chapter is released each month and distributed via the Web. At the end of the series, the chapters will be bound into a book.

Dr. Flynn’s contribution, “Values and Vision: Identity, Integrated Planning, and Institutional Transformation” fits perfectly with the theme of this year’s series “Economic Prosperity in the Next Decade,” and is featured on the organization’s Website. The series focuses on the strategies and innovations colleges and universities are employing to not only adapt to the new realities of higher education, but also to thrive.

Click here to read the full story.
Alumni News

Dominic Murgido ’79 has taken over ownership of the It’s All About The Bean Café in Bennington, Vermont. He plans to feature in-house roasting and to make his own signature blend of coffee. One of “Pacelli’s Boys,” Murgido served as an adjunct criminal justice professor for 24 years, and was the 2010 recipient of Alvernia’s Ellen Frei Gruber Award for outstanding service to the community, the University, and the Alvernia Alumni Association.

Faculty & Staff News

Bryan Dreibelbis (business) recently participated in the annual Accounting and Auditing Regional Conference sponsored by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) and the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA).

Please welcome Jason Miller to the Institutional Advancement staff. Miller will serve as the Alumni Annual Fund Assistant.

Attention faculty:

We want to feature your scholarly work! Visit the “Our Faculty” webpage (pictured left) to see what your colleagues are up to.

Submitting to both the website and the Alvernia Almanac is easy with our online form (pictured right).

Click here to send us your news.

DAFFODIL DAYS ARE BACK...

Shanna Bossler (admissions) is taking orders for daffodils to benefit the American Cancer Society’s Daffodil Days campaign. Help her reach her goal by ordering online.

She will be taking orders until February 19 and daffodils will be delivered the week of March 14.

Click here to order online.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

Click on the links below to follow recent Alvernia news coverage:

Reading Eagle 1-30-11
"Miller leads Reading Hall of Fame’s Class of 2011"

Reading Eagle 2-1-11
"Editorial: Too soon to be upset about proposal to expand athletics"

Reading Eagle 2-2-11
"Bulletin Board: Coalition to present grief recovery seminar at Alvernia"

Frances Payne School of Nursing 2-2-11
[DNP Smart Center Scholars] [focus on Cindy Rothenberger]
Are you Addicted to Plastic?

Take a minute to think about your refrigerator. Chances are that it holds more plastic than food. Plastic milk cartons, juice cartons, water bottles, and storage containers are everywhere. And how did you get those items home?

How many plastic bags did your family collect from shopping trips last month? Five? Ten? More? Have you ever thought about what happens to those bags after you toss them away?

Addicted to Plastic is a feature-length documentary about the problems (and some solutions) of plastic pollution. The film, detailing plastic’s “path” over the last 100 years, took three years to film — and encompasses 12 countries on five continents. The film also shows a Texas-sized plastic debris field located in the middle of the ocean.

Don’t miss filmmaker, Ian Connachar, on Monday, April 18 (Bernardine Lecture Hall, 7PM) as he screens his important documentary, and find out if you, too, are addicted to plastic.

The Berks County Public Libraries Task Force will release its final report at 2PM today, Feb. 4, at Berks County Community Foundation (BCCF).

Alvernia President Tom Flynn and Karen Rightmire (executive director of the Wyomissing Foundation) will present the task force findings and its recommendations.

Full findings will be posted on BCCF’s website following the announcement.

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 d’oeuvres, salad, filet mignon and crab cakes, sides, desserts, beer, wine and 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 Conference Center or call (484) 334-6807 for details.

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.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS?
SEND IT TO:
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Ralph’s new bike wheel has 19 spokes. How many spaces are there between the spokes?

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

Bragging rights for last week go to Ralph Thompson (facilities). Answer: Lost. They should be at the south pole.