**Upcoming Events**

2/7 Day Trip: Sixers vs. Heat 4:30PM
2/8 Trip: Rent at the Kimmel Center 6:30PM
2/10 Novelty: PersonaCards (SC) 11AM & 4:30PM
2/10 Peace Corps Recruiting (SC) 11:30AM
2/10 Peace Corps Info Sessions (SC Sem) 6:30PM
2/10 Commissioning of Spring Athletes (SH) 8PM
2/11 Internships Workshop (BH 19) 3:30PM
2/12 African American Art Exhibit (SC) 4PM
2/12 Coffeehouse: Josh Cramoy (Crusader) 8PM
2/13 Ice Skating (Body Zone) 7:45PM

**Home Athletic Contests**

2/7 Women’s and Men’s Alumni Basketball Games and Socials
2/7 Women’s Basketball vs King’s 1PM
2/7 Men’s Basketball vs King’s 3PM
2/8 Ice Hockey vs Farmingdale State 4:15PM
2/10 Women’s Basketball vs Washington 7PM
2/12 Women’s Basketball vs Ursinus 7PM

**Tip of the Week...**

Have you identified your department content contributors for the new website yet?

As website re-design nears completion, content contributor training will soon be scheduled.

If you have not yet contacted the marketing department with names of your department’s contributors, please email or call Carrie Dittman at x8258 as soon as possible.

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**Gavin DeGraw coming to Alvernia**

Singer and songwriter Gavin DeGraw is slated to appear at Alvernia University on April 25 (8PM) as the main act for this year’s Spring Fling.

DeGraw broke through in 2003, with the release of his debut album, *Chariot*. Selling over a million copies and earning platinum certification, *Chariot* yielded three hit singles – “I Don’t Want To Be,” “Follow Through,” and the title-track, “Chariot.” “I Don’t Want To Be,” was chosen as the theme song for the hit TV show, *One Tree Hill*.

DeGraw made numerous appearances on television shows like *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Live with Regis & Kelly*, *Last Call with Carson Daly*, and others. His songs have often been sung on *American Idol*.


Tickets will be available during a presale to Alvernia students on March 9th for $10, and will go on sale to the public March 23rd ($15 for Alvernia Students, Faculty and Staff, $25 for the general public).
Alumni News

Pam Wagar’06 was featured as the Person of the Week by the Reading Eagle, January 27. Wagar is a full-time volunteer with Phoebe Berks Health Care Center and Village Commons. She hopes the medical field experience will help her as much as it helps the residents, as she is currently in the process of choosing a medical school.

Student News

The Alvernia University spring play will be the *world premiere* of *Tales of Shoogilly* by David Blakely. Mark your calendars for March 12-14 and March 19-22.

*Tales of Shoogilly* tells the story of six childhood friends over the course of fifty years. When one of them (the one bound for greatness) dies unexpectedly, the world is thrown out of sync. And each of his friends tries to find a path in this world to follow, not necessarily the path they envisioned for themselves. They find that answers are elusive and happiness is a fragile and sometimes fleeting thing.

Faculty & Staff News

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

Please welcome Krista Gilbert to the Alvernia Community as a new Graduate Assistant in Educational Technology.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

Alvernia University students Adam Butler, and Margot Allen were featured on the Reading Eagle Online in January, for their Inauguration blogs. The two took part in President Obama’s inauguration celebration and the “Yes We Did Celebration” in the Washington Hotel.

Click here to visit Adam Butler’s student blog.
Click here to visit other Alvernia student blogs.

Alvernia student Emily Berret was featured in the Reading Eagle on January 15, after hearing that she would be receiving one of the 240,000 tickets to a roped off area of the Capitol for Obama’s inauguration. She and five other Alvernia students visited Washington to participate in a ten-day Presidential Inauguration Seminar Series.

Leadership Berks, now located on Alvernia’s campus, was the subject of a Reading Eagle article on January 9, after representatives from 50 groups gathered to recruit volunteers.

BRAND SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Kudos to Marketing Professor Jonathan Silver for leading a Winterim trip to Japan this year. The students toured Sony and Toyota manufacturing facilities, the Osaka Stock Exchange, rode the famous Bullet Train, and visited cultural attractions (such as the Nijo Castle and the Herian Shrine).

See page three of the Almanac for the full story.
Alvernia sees Japan...

The Alvernia University Business and Theology departments are in the second year of a cooperative program offering educational travel during Winterim.

This year, Marketing Professor Jonathan Silver led a small group of students (Jackie Hamel, Liz Hamel, Cherish Clemens, Molly Crosby) to Japan.

The group visited Tokyo, Nagoya, Kyoto and Osaka. They visited many cultural sites, religious shrines and Japanese businesses.

The group saw first-hand the theological values and business savvy that make Japan a global economic power. They visited the Tokyo Stock Exchange, several Japanese businesses, and numerous cultural and religious attractions.

Among many memorable experiences, the group visited a Toyota production facility outside Nagoya in Toyota City. “You can read about the management concepts, teamwork and efficiency that Toyota employs, but to see the operation is stunning,” Silver said.

Rumor Has It...

Peace Corps will be recruiting volunteers in the Student Center, February 10, 11:30AM–1PM. An information session will be held in the SC seminar rooms from 6:30-8PM.

Students and staff will be leaving for the Alternative Breaks trip to El Salvador on Saturday, February 28, for a week of service with the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in San Salvador, El Salvador. They will be collecting donations and supplies for the next three weeks. Contact Daniel Flynn for a list of items needed for the trip.

What time is it when your clock is only right once a day?

Be the first to answer correctly!

Send your answer to:
Carey.Manzolillo@alvernia.edu

Bragging rights for last week go to Jo Pressimone, campus ministry. Answer: Two. (If you take away two, then that is how many you have.)

Welcome back, Jo!