Since its inception in 2003, Creativity for Peace (a New Mexico nonprofit organization with operations in Israel and the Palestinian Territories) has brought 146 girls, ages 15-17, of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian faiths from Israel and Palestine to the United States for a summer camp program about peacemaking. On Wednesday, March 10, the group visited Alvernia as part of the popular Lecture Series. Panelists May Freed, Amira Said, and Fairooz Abadi bowed their heads as Dottie Indyke, Executive Director of Creativity for Peace, told the audience that girls participating in the camp do not start out as peacemakers. “Like today’s panelists, these girls come to camp because they have been affected by violence. They’re mad, and are looking for an opportunity to tell ‘the other side’ how much they hate each other,” she explained.
Faculty & Staff News

Donna Yarri (theology) and Spencer S. Stober (biology) attended the national Association for Professional and Practical Ethics conference from March 4-7 in Cincinnati, OH, where they were judges in the national student ethics bowl competition and presented a paper entitled, “God, Science, and Designer Genes: A Model for Integrating Teaching and Scholarship.” In addition, their book, God, Science, and Designer Genes was featured at a “lunch with an author” session.

All faculty and staff are invited to attend a Secular Franciscan Order Informational Session on Thursday, March 18, 4PM (SC Seminar Room A). The event is sponsored by the Mission Office and Campus Ministry. Contact Judy Bohler (x5509) for more information.

Student News

Senior Accounting majors Justine Fronheiser, Rob Ganter, and Dan Wehry, recently attended a Reading Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Technical meeting with Prof. Bryan Dreibelbis (business). The professional development topic was “Technology and Going Green.”

Alumni News

Every year, the Leadership Berks Core Program Class adopts a class service project over and above their required nonprofit field project.

This year’s class has been organizing a food drive, and have already donated over 500 lbs of food.

On Thursday April 8th from 5-7PM at the Reading Public Museum, we will host our annual alumni social and program recruitment event to recruit candidates for the Core Class of 2011.

To support their efforts, we are encouraging all alumni and prospective participants who attend the social to bring non-perishable foods as admission. Join us!

BRAND SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Elected by her peers through a national ballot vote, Alvernia’s Kathleen V. Davis, Ph.D., will serve as Commissioner to the Future and Markets Commission for the University of Continuing Education Association (UCEA).
Business goes Social...

Business-438 (seminar class) held its traditional business social, hosted by the Alumni Association on February 22.

The idea of this event is to help students become comfortable in a business-mixer environment. The business social is part of a series of events for capstone students, which also includes a formal business dinner (to be held April 21 at GNA Restaurant) and simulated interview sessions (to be held in the Upland Center on March 15).

More than 45 people attended the event at the 3rd & Spruce café. Business professors Travis Berger (who coordinated the event), Mary Ellen Wells, Tufan Tiglioglu, Bryan Dreibelbis, and Bob Gannon were in attendance. Many professionals and business alumni remarked how professional the attending Alvernia students were, and how comfortable they appeared when approaching people and carrying on genuinely interesting conversations.

Networking professionals included: Joe Lewis, VP and General Counsel of EnerSys; Chris Raszkiewicz, Corporate Controller, Raylon Corporation; Heather Mahoney, Professional Services Consultant, Success-Factors (former Manager of Organizational Development at Penske); Matt Mayer, attorney at Leisawitz Heller; Scott Troy, Director of Employee Benefits, Giles Financial; Maria Shink, Owner of Parisi Speed School at USTC in Downingtown; and Ed Sep, VP at Merrill Lynch. Alumni Terrence Williams '08, Project Manager at Titanium Metals Corporation, and Julie Angstadt '05, Senior Individual Risk Associate, Encompass Insurance also attended the event.

Kickoff the Campaign!!

March 23, 2010 — 4:30PM to 6PM
Bernardine Franciscan Conference Center

Heavy hors d’oeuvres, beer and wine

This event will launch the Faculty & Staff Campaign of Values & Vision—The Alvernia 50th Anniversary Campaign. Enjoy the company of other faculty and staff members while learning about Values & Vision and the projects associated with the campaign.

RSVP to Heather Riegel (x5038).

Rumor Has It...

The Environmental Club is in search of a few individuals to dress as Environmental Ninja mascots during the Earth Day Celebration on April 22. If you would be interested, or know of anyone else who will help us champion a great cause, please contact Lauren Shetler for more information.

Visit Villanova on Wednesday, March 17 (4:30-6PM) for the Relevance of the Franciscan Tradition event, with speaker Sister Ilia Delio, OSF. Transportation will be provided by the Mission Office. Contact Judy Bohler (x5509) for details.

The next Alvernia Writers’ Series event will be held at 2PM, April 16, in the Franco Library.

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You answer me, although I never ask you questions. What am I?

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Bragging rights for last week go to Ginny Hand (HCCE). Answer: A promise.