A different view of Afghanistan and Africa...

According to Aldo Magazenni, “Human equality is most important and can only be achieved through compassion, love, and sharing our life experiences.” Magazenni, founder of Traveling Mercies, will bring his photographic story about helping the poor and neglected people in Afghanistan and Africa to Alvernia University, March 23 to April 3, 2009, and will share his stories of hunger and hardship to open the exhibition on March 24, at 4PM, in the Student Center.

Founder of Traveling Mercies, Magazenni has dedicated his life to bringing clean water, shelter, and hope to those in need throughout the world. He will share the spotlight on March 24 with Suraya Pakzad, executive director of the Voice of Women Organization, and recipient of the 2008 International Women of Courage Award (presented by then Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice).

The exhibition includes Magazenni’s powerful photographs documenting the struggles of women who wish to be educated in Afghanistan, the restoration of hope for Kenyan orphans with HIV, and the happiness of villagers who finally have clean, safe drinking water.

Alvernia will join Magazzeni’s cause by donating half of all Spring Fling profits to Play Pumps International, a service that brings the gift of clean water to communities in Africa.
Faculty & Staff News

Mary Sacavage, Schuylkill Center, took part in the Republican Herald’s third annual Economic Roundtable this February. During the discussion, Sacavage talked about what nontraditional students are looking for when getting a degree, and good opportunities that exist in nursing, education, and criminal justice (all of which are degrees offered through the Alvernia Schuylkill Center).

Donna Yarri, humanities, attended the national Association for Practical and Professional Ethics from March 5-7, 2009 in Cincinnati, where she moderated a session on “Ethics and Animals,” and served as a judge for the national Student Ethics Bowl competition.

Please welcome James Seidel – (music adjunct) effective January 2009 to the Alvernia community.

Student News

Volunteers from Alvernia University were featured in the March RiverPlace Newsletter for completing brush removal along a section of the Schuylkill River Trail in Dana Memorial Park, Reading. Fifteen students from Alvernia braved a frigid snow-covered day to remove invasive honeysuckle obscuring visibility along the curving trail through the wooded park, from Kissinger’s Lock north to Baer Park.

Alumni News

Troy Schlappich ’01 and Elizabeth (Cywinski) Schlappich ’01 are proud to announce the birth of their twins Callista Jordan and Kaleb Owen. The babies arrived safe, healthy, and beautiful on October 13, 2008, at Reading Hospital and Medical Center.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

“Stiles takes over as Crusaders AD” was the title of a February 19 article in the Reading Eagle, featuring the recent appointment of Bill Stiles (effective July 1).

A Pottsville Republian article on March 8 detailed career choices at the (Alvernia partner) McCann School of Business. Jaclyn Smith, 17, was quoted saying, “One thing that made me pick McCann was that you can go on and get your bachelor’s degree at Alvernia.”

Jodi Radosh, communication, was quoted in an Eastern Pennsylvania Business Journal article about Reading Eagle’s upgraded printing press. “There is no doubt the print newspaper industry is at a crossroads, and to move forward, things will have to change,” said Radosh.

BRAND SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Kudos to the Sports Information Department (Jon King, Lindsay Trottier, and grad assistants) for offering free online webcasts and real-time stats of Alvernia sporting events to Crusader fans.

Additionally, the department posts a host of game photos and athletics construction projects on the web.

Click here to visit the Crusader photo gallery.
Hungry?...

Join us for the Second Annual Edible Books Festival, Wednesday, April 1, in the Library’s Bonaventure Room.

But don’t just come to eat; submit an entry!

Rules: Entries should be edible depictions of a book. Have fun! Be creative!

Please send an e-mail to Kristin Brumbach if you are planning to enter a project.

Judging begins promptly, so all projects must be ready to go by 2PM. Sigma Tau Delta members will entertain and enlighten with some delightful readings about food. An award ceremony will immediately follow the judging.

Everyone is welcome to view—and eat—the books until 4PM. Need some inspiration? Click here to check out last year’s entries.

Last year’s winning entry:
March of the Penguins, created by Amanda Brown and Laura Heffner.

Last year’s runner-up:
A Clockwork Orange, by Carrie Fitzpatrick, communication.

Rumor Has It...

The Baltimore Alternative Break will only be selling Cloister Coupons for one more week. Contact Jo Pressimone to get your coupons. The services are the same price at the carwash, but if you buy them from Campus Ministry, they keep 50% of the price.

Are your students ready for the upcoming Career Fair? Help is available. Join the career services department for a Resume First Aid Clinic: Monday, March 16, from 2-4PM. Students can bring resumes (or whatever they have) on a flash drive or paper. Tips and templates will be on hand.

Do you teach seniors? Prompt them to join the Speed Networking Evening for students and alumni, April 29, 6-8PM, at the 3rd and Spruce Cafe.

What happened to the man who invented the silent alarm clock?

Be the first to answer correctly!

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

Bragging rights for last week go to Sharon Helms, registrar. Answer: December 31.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS?
SEND IT TO:
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