Alvernia Almanac

March 27, 2009

Tip of the Week...

Did you get your Gavin DeGraw concert tickets yet? Tickets can be purchased in the Office of Student Activities. ($15 for faculty and staff)

Upcoming Events

3/27 Admissions Info Session (SC Sem) 10AM
3/27 PACC Service Learning Conference 10AM
3/28 Shady Maple Trip 7AM
3/28 Trip: Shopping at King of Prussia 10AM
3/28 Bus Trip: Shrek the Musical
3/29 Jazz Fest: Newpoli (FH Aud) 2PM
3/29 Late Night Bowling 9PM
3/30 Battle of the Bands/Pizza Wars (FH Aud) 8PM
4/1 Latin Dance Salsa Class (BH 19) 6PM
4/1 Edible Book Festival (Library) 2PM
4/1 Graduate Info Session (Upland) 2PM
4/1 Schuylkill Info Session (Sch Ctr) 4:30PM
4/1 Philadelphia Info Session (Philly Ctr) 3PM
4/2 Edu Job Fair (Holiday Inn-Fogelsville) 9AM

Home Athletic Contests

3/27 Baseball vs King’s 3:30PM
3/28 Baseball vs Manhattanning (DH) 12PM
3/28 Men’s Lacrosse vs Widener 1PM
3/29 Baseball vs Salem CC (JV) (DH) 12PM
3/31 Baseball vs Albright 3:30PM
3/31 Women’s Lacrosse vs Messiah 4PM
4/1 Softball vs Manhattanville (DH) 3PM
4/1 Baseball vs Delaware Valley 3:30PM
4/1 Men’s Lacrosse vs King’s 4PM
4/2 Women’s Lacrosse vs Cedar Crest 4PM

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

Alvernia baseball has new home

Displaced by the construction of new student housing, Alvernia baseball (13-7) finally has a brand-new home at Angelica Park.

The team celebrated its new field with a game against Marywood University on Wednesday. Alvernia alum (and athletics Hall-of-Famer) Sam Harter ’92 was invited to toss out the ceremonial first pitch, but Marywood University (4-9) spoiled the party with a 4-3 win in non-conference baseball action.

The field includes a new scoreboard, larger dugouts, bullpens, and a warning track. More construction is still being done on the new adjoining softball field.

The Crusaders baseball team will regroup and host King’s College in a very important early-season home conference game today at 3:30PM.
Alumni News

Alvernia alumni will be taking a retreat with the Bernardine Sisters. Retreat Leader Sister Christen Shukwit, OSF ’74 is Director of the Bernardine Franciscan Spirituality and Conference Center. She is a certified spiritual director and Mid-Life Directions consultant. This retreat will offer practical suggestions for feeding the soul and a deepened relationship with God while also providing needed quiet time for prayer and reflection.

Student News

During their spring production, Alvernia Theatre hosted two respondents from the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival system. As recognition of the outstanding work of our students, three actors were nominated for the Irene Ryan Scholarship competition: Richard Fields, Cindy Parra, and Rebecca Wisniewski. Congratulations to the cast and crew!

Faculty & Staff News

Spencer Stober, biology, attended the National Association for Practical and Professional Ethics from March 5-7, 2009 in Cincinnati, where he moderated a session on “Working Together Toward Radical Action on Climate Change” and served as a judge for the national Student Ethics Bowl competition.

Bongrae Seok, philosophy, authored “Franciscan Themes in Leadership Philosophy,” in the AFCU Journal Vol. 6-1, pg. 42-51, in January 2009. The paper explores two types of leadership models (power-based leadership and service-based leadership) and discusses how the Franciscan ideals of service and humility are represented in service based leadership.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

In a Reading Eagle article about financial aid (March 18) Alvernia University was discussed favorably. Because Alvernia doesn’t have a large endowment, the school doesn’t have the same concerns as larger schools. In addition, Alvernia has added $1.5 million to it’s financial aid budget for next year.

“Boone grad new Alvernia A.D.” was the title of a March 18 article in BerksMont News. Bill Stiles was quoted saying, “I’m a Berks County native, excited to return home and also to the place where I began my career in intercollegiate athletics. President Tom Flynn was quoted talking about the strong commitment Alvernia has with its athletics and plans for the future.

BRAND SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Thanks go to Daniel Flynn, campus ministry, for bringing Aldo Magazzeni and the Traveling Mercies group to Alvernia University this past week. About 60 people attended the event.

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.
New Alvernia University Trustee, Donald Schalk, is the President and Chief Operating Officer of C.H. Briggs Company.

Prior to joining C.H. Briggs, Schalk served as President and General Manager of EnergyUnited Propane LLC, a regional energy company in North Carolina. Before joining that firm, Schalk was President and Chief Executive Officer of Richland Partners LLC, dba Leffler Energy, a $100 million petroleum distribution company, which was formed through a management buyout of Columbia Petroleum.

Schalk has held several executive positions at Agway, Inc., in Syracuse, New York, including Vice President of its $300 million retail network and Director of Marketing for Consumer Products. Under his stewardship, the organization consistently improved earnings and lowered costs.

Schalk graduated from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, New York with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, and was inducted into its Athletic Hall of Fame for baseball. Later, he earned a Master’s of Business Administration from Syracuse University. He has served on the Board of Governors at LeMoyne College, and has taught as an Adjunct Professor in the Masters Program at Alvernia University.

Schalk, and his wife Mary, are the parents of five sons.

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**Lunch and Learn**

with Patricia Kreider

**Topic: Stress**

**Tuesday, March 31**

12PM

Shander Room

Bring your own lunch. Courtside Cafe will be open.

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**Rumor Has It...**

The deadline to reserve your garden plot is TODAY. Contact Daniel Flynn (x8300).

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The Edible Books Festival is this coming Wednesday. Have an entry in mind? Contact Kristin Brumbach to enter. All entries must be on the table in the Library’s Bonaventure Room by 2PM on Wednesday April 1. Judging will start promptly, followed by the prize ceremony, and the ceremonial (and tasty) eating our words until 4PM!

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Come see Boston’s Italian folk music group “Newpoli” on Sunday, March 29, 2009, in the Francis Hall Auditorium from 2PM-4PM.

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What is it that when you take away the whole you still have some left?

Be the first to answer correctly!

Send your answer to:
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Bragging rights for last week go to Daniel Flynn, campus ministry. Answer: Make a slow horse fast by not feeding him.

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**DO YOU HAVE NEWS?**

Send it to:
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