Student Athletes Visit St. Peter’s

As part of the South Reading Youth Initiative, St. Peter’s after-school students are accustomed to having Alvernia visitors, like the men’s basketball team, Holleran Center volunteers, and education students. This week, it was the men’s and women’s cross-country teams that made the trip.

During the visit, Bridget Burger (a junior on the women’s cross-country team) said, “It’s nice to be able to come here and give back to the community. These kids look up to college athletes, so we need to set a positive example. It is definitely a good feeling to do things like this.”

Some members of the team helped kids with homework, quizzed them for upcoming tests, or just talked with them. Dave Muncer, a member of the men’s team, commented, “You really get a sense of self-satisfaction from doing something like this. I tried to talk to them about their futures and inspire them to want to go to college. I also think it’s important for kids to be involved in athletics and other activities, so that they don’t just sit and play computer and video games.”

With Earth Day just one week away, athletes helped the SRYI create colorful posters. Conversations could be heard about recycling, pollution and global warming. Assistant Coach, Megan Adukaitis, said, “This was so much fun—the kids were great! It was very appropriate that we were able to help them with Earth Day things.” The Earth Day posters will be hung around Alvernia’s campus and judges will pick a winner to receive a small prize.
Alvernia Alumni is now on Twitter!
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The first twitter response from an alum: “Hi – I’m signing up.... I graduated from AU in ’93. Best experience of my life. Maybe there is something I can offer back to the place that influenced my life. If you see Ms. Ross or Mrs. Berrett, give them my best!” – Posted by Andrew Mento ’93.

Alvernia public safety contractor, Security Guards Incorporated, named Joe Thomas Manager of the Year in recognition of his outstanding work on our campus. Security Guards, Inc. is a locally owned company that has an around the clock communications center, supervisors who are on the road training and inspecting officers, and a computerized scheduling and guard tour system to provide the highest quality security services to its customers. The company is the largest provider of security services in the area, serving Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland.


Bongrae Seok, humanities, presented, “Is shame a virtue? Moral psychology of shame and virtue” at the Felician Ethics Conference in Rutherford, N.J., April 2009.

The Pope John Paul II Blessing Exhibit was featured on WFMZ Channel 69 News yesterday. View the newscast, or click here for full details on the exhibit.

“Help immigrants become citizens, speaker says in talk at Alvernia University” was the title of a Reading Eagle article on March 30. Gilberto Cardenas spoke to a crowd of more than 100 students and staff at Alvernia. Click here to read the full story.

Gerald Vigna, theology, was the first subject of a five-part Reading Eagle series, “The Decline of Civility: Where we are and how we got there,” running through March and April. Vigna told his story about cell phone use in public to kick-off the popular series. Click here to read the article.

BRAND SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Good luck to Patty Doughman (catering) who has qualified for and will be running in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 20, along with 24,999 other racers. Track her progress by entering her bib number (20468) on www.baa.com, starting at 10:30AM, Monday morning.

She plans to be at work on Tuesday morning to fill everyone in on her adventures in Boston.
Carrie Fitzpatrick and Beth DeMeo (communication) accompanied eleven students and one alumna to the international Sigma Tau Delta convention in Minneapolis, MN, March 24-30, 2009.

Highlights included hearing speakers and attending workshops by authors Neil Gaiman, Alexandra Fuller, and Mike Perry and poet Gary Dop. Students Laura Heffner, Melissa Masone, Lauren Rocchino, Kelly Rohrbach, Sarah Heckman and moderator Beth DeMeo presented a panel titled “The Death of Paper.” Melissa Masone also participated in a panel “Graduate School 101,” and Sarah Heckman and Aida Garman presented with students from Hampton University, Southern Arkansas University and Clarion University in a panel “Reflections on Campus and Community Service Projects,” moderated by Carrie Fitzpatrick. All the Alvernia students chaired breakout sessions and attended a workshop on Leadership.

On the lighter side, they also presented a skit in the t-shirt competition, and Sean Cullen read his poem for the bad poetry contest.

In addition, Alvernia’s Kappa Pi Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta won the National Service Project Book Drive Award, and Chapter President Sarah Heckman was elected to serve on a national level as the Associate Student Representative for the Eastern Region. Beth DeMeo ran the Sponsor Workshop for faculty advisors. Carrie Fitzpatrick was formally recognized as the Chair for the 2010 International Convention in St. Louis, MO where the theme will be “Storytellers.”

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What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?

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

Bragging rights for last week go to Drena Romberger, athletics. Answer: a postage stamp.

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Sigma Tau Delta Convention

21st Annual Sports Banquet
May 6, 2009
Crowne Reading Hotel
R.S.V.P. to Drena Romberger by April 24
$25 per person

Or help sponsor our athletes:
$25 to sponsor a Sportsmanship Award.
$30 to sponsor a Coach’s Award.
$35 to sponsor an MVP plaque.

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A BLESSING TO ONE ANOTHER
POPE JOHN PAUL II & THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Blending photographs, documents, artifacts, and audiovisual recordings, this illuminating exhibition celebrates Pope John Paul II and his extraordinary efforts to advance Catholic-Jewish relations.

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