BOOK REVIEW:
Soul of a Citizen: Living with Conviction in Challenging Times
by Paul Rogat Loeb
In his newly revised edition of Soul of a Citizen, Loeb encourages those who have withdrawn from active citizenship to reenter the world of civic involvement. Likewise, he seeks to move those who have never chosen to engage to find their voices and commit to working for social change. The profiles and stories in this edition are designed to speak to everyone as we face opportunities and challenges.

NEW ORLEANS:
Last week the SVLN 356: Service Learning Immersion class went to the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans to help rebuild the city. They worked with Common Ground Relief to put up the sheetrock in a Hurricane Katrina damaged home.

One student reflected, “New Orleans has taught me to appreciate everything I have. From food and water to clothing, I should not take any of it for granted. Life is such a precious, but short thing. I need to begin using my talents and blessings that God has given me and using them more for his glory to help others.”

This block’s SVLN 354: Service Learning in Northeast TN class decided to tackle homelessness as their issue for service-learning. The class divided into teams to work with different tasks to help Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homelessness. One team posted flyers in spots where the homeless are likely to be. The flyers were to inform them to contact ARCH for phone interviews to be used for census data and data collection for ARCH as they prepare to write grants, etc. Another team collected food donations from local stores to be assembled into food kits called emergency energy packs distributed by ARCH to the homeless.

LEARNING CIRCLES:
The 2nd annual Teaching and Learning Banquet was held on Thursday, April 1, 2010. There were thirty-three faculty members in attendance. Five circles presented their group discussions for the year. Corinne Nicolas led off the presentation with a discussion about engaging the adult learner through reflective practice. Tom Harlow’s group presentation was led by Lonnie Connolly, who asked her computer science students to give their PowerPoint presentation of a murder mystery as an example of engaging students in the classroom. Nancy Thomas took the podium next with her discussion about rejuvenating professors for the classroom. Kathy Stone’s group presented the use of technology and how it can contribute to collaborative learning in the classroom. David Key’s group wrapped up the banquet with their discussion about Darwinism. The Teaching and Learning Circles had a total of forty-one participants this year. Thank you to everyone who either led or participated in this community building and development activity!

Kings and cabbages go back to compost, but good deeds stay green forever.
-Rick de Marinis

The Bonner Leaders recently went on a trip to Caretta, WV. While there, they worked with Big Creek People in Action replacing a rotted out porch for an elderly couple and painting the exterior of a home for a family. In addition the group learned a lot about the culture and issues of the area.

3rd Annual Habitat for Humanity FASHION SHOW
April 29th @ 6:30pm
General Morgan Inn
$5/Adults
$3/Children & Students w/ ID

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