TIP OF THE WEEK...

Join Alvernia alumni at Knoebel’s Amusement Park, July 11. Tickets are $15. (Includes a picnic lunch and $10 of ride tickets). RSVP to Darlene Berk (x8212).

Upcoming Events

5/15 Nursing Pinning Ceremony (PEC) 1PM
5/15 Honors Convocation (PEC) 4PM
5/16 Baccalaureate Mass (PEC) 9:30AM
5/16 Commencement (Sovereign Center) 2PM
5/17–5/22 Alternative Break in Reading
5/25 Memorial Day Holiday
6/3-13, 2009 Ireland Heritage Trip
6/3 Independence Day Holiday
6/26 Alumni Night at the Iron Pigs
   Food 6PM, Game 7:05PM
7/11 Alumni Day at Knoebel’s 11AM
8/14 Alumni Night at the Reading Phillies
   Buffet: 6PM, Game: 7:05PM
8/17 Mission Day at Alvernia
8/18 State of the University Address
8/24 Fall Classes Begin

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

Shirley Williams and President Tom Flynn presented the 2008 Lindback Award to Carrie Fitzpatrick (center) at last year’s Honors Convocation.

Faculty & Student Honors Convocation

Before graduation brings another academic year and Alvernia’s 50th anniversary celebration to an end this week, Alvernia community members will gather in the Physical Education Center to honor the best of this year’s students and faculty.

Alvernia’s 2008 Senior Scholar, Holly Mount ’08, will address the crowd and pass the torch to our 2009 Senior Scholar Heather Spangler. This year’s faculty speaker will be the 2008 Lindback Award Recipient Carrie Fitzpatrick, communication.

Faculty scholarship for the last year, including publications, presentations, performances, awards, grants, and installations has been chronicled in a booklet to be distributed during the ceremony.

Honors Convocation will be at 4PM in the PEC, preceded by a nursing pinning ceremony at 1PM.

Baccalaureate Mass will also be in the PEC, Saturday, May 16 at 9:30AM, followed by commencement in the Sovereign Center’s Reading Eagle Theatre at 2PM.
Alvernia students have been recognized by the Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers for outstanding academic performance as student staff members at Alvernia University. These students achieved at least a 3.7 GPA for the fall 2008 semester. Special recognition is awarded to Ana “Chi Chi” Nieves, Jamie Reiger, and Emily Berret for achieving 4.0 GPAs. Please congratulate these staff members on their academic excellence while continuing to be excellent RAs: Ana “Chi Chi” Nieves, Jamie Reiger, Emily Berret, Scott Drexel, Kelly Steber, Bree Mahoney, Allie Marzullo, Audrey Hoffman, and Deb Crum.

Tiffany Barndt has been named the winner of a $1,000 Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association Scholarship. She has been recognized with this award for her academic excellence and her service.

What do the words “xerophilous,” “dowlas,” “komondor,” and “chebec” have in common? They are all word definitions that stumped the Alvernia U team—the Alverniacs at the Literacy Council of Berks County’s First Annual Corporate Definition Bee. On Tuesday evening, May 12 at Penn State Berks campus, the Alverniacs—consisting of Jodi Radosh, Tom Bierowski (both communication), and Ginny Hand (HCCE) placed a respectable third out of twelve teams, graciously watching the WEEU team come from behind to take the grand prize. Suzanne Miller (events) is on the Board of Directors of the Literacy Council and cheered the Alverniacs on, along with Holleran Center Cheer squad Jessica Umbenhauer and Catie Bougie (both HCCE). Next time you see Tom, Jodi or Ginny, try to work the word “cachexia” into the conversation!

Roxana Delbene (Spanish) co-delivered an interdisciplinary speech on medical care and language related to infectious disease. The talk, called “Challenges in caring for patients in the United States, Ethiopia, and Uruguay,” was sponsored by the department of Arts and Languages, the Nursing Department, and Multicultural Initiatives.

Kudos to Beth Berret (business) for earning the highly competitive National Society for Human Resource Management Foundation, Faculty Advisor of the Year Award for 2009. The award recognizes the outstanding service and leadership provided to student chapters by a SHRM advisor.
Finding St. Francis...

At a recent conference of nurse educators in San Diego, CA, Professors Michele Shuman and Debbie Greenawald found this statue of St. Francis in the courtyard of a historic church.

Other recent “sightings” include a statue at the Edgar Allen Poe Museum in Virginia, spotted and photographed by local author and WEEU personality Charles J. Adams III, and other appearances by St. Francis as various Alvernia University functions, including the dedication of the new baseball field and Earth Day!

Check out the gallery at www.picasaweb.google.com/AlverniaStFrancis for these and other sightings, and BE ON THE LOOKOUT during the summer months for St. Francis wherever you are in the world. If you spot St. Francis, remember to take a photo and submit it electronically to Kristin Brumbach in the library.

Rumor Has It...

The Reading Alternative Breaks trip will depart this Sunday, May 17, preceded by a Commissioning Service has been scheduled for the group at 3PM (Sunday) in the Veronica Hall Chapel.

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A special Mass of Thanksgiving to honor the 50th anniversary of Alvernia University and its sponsorship of the Blessing Exhibit will be held at St. Mary’s Church this Sunday, May 17, at 4PM. The special ceremony will be held in both English and Polish. (St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church is located at 12th and Spruce Street in Reading and has a longstanding history with the local Polish, Alvernia, and Bernardine Franciscan communities.)

Do you have news?
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A rooster is sitting on the diagonal roof of Bob’s house. If it lays an egg and it rolls to the right (westward), it lands in Bob’s property. But if it rolls to the left (eastward), it will be on Sam’s property. If it goes eastward who gets to keep the egg?

Be the first to answer correctly!
Send your answer to:
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Bragging rights for last week go to Nick Yando, student activities. Answer: A shoe.