Welcome to Alvernia —Class of 2013

The first incoming class of Alvernia University was welcomed to their new home by seasoned faculty, staff, and fellow students this weekend. More than 330 new freshman and 122 transfer students spent the weekend meeting professors, finding classrooms, and learning their way around campus this weekend.

In keeping with a time-honored Alvernia tradition, faculty, staff, and student-athletes volunteered time to help incoming freshmen move into the residence halls, giving new students time to say goodbye to families and meet peers.

Mike Nerino (CIS) has been helping new students make the transition to dorm life every year, since becoming an Alvernia professor eight years ago. “After living through the trials and tribulations of having a daughter and son begin their college adventure about the same time, I learned all too well the range of emotions that play upon the parents and the aspiring students,” explained Nerino. “The tradition of faculty and staff helping with freshman move-in is a way to let our newest students feel more welcome on campus. The genuine sense of concern for each student’s well-being seems embedded in the Alvernia experience. I am hooked!”
Two faculty members have been awarded tenure and promotion by the Board of Trustees. Both are excellent teachers with outstanding scholarly or professional records: Ed Hartung, tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Bongrae Seok, tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of Philosophy.

Congratulations to Michelle Drager (business) as this year’s St. Bernardine Faculty Award winner (given to a part-time faculty member for Excellence in Teaching). Michelle is founder and president of a marketing, public relations, and management consulting firm called The Drager Group, Inc.

Congratulations to Beth Berret (business) for being awarded the title of 2009 Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) National Faculty Advisor of the Year this past spring.

Please welcome Father Kevin Queally to Alvernia as the new University Chaplain. Father Kevin, a Franciscan, will also serve as Director of Campus Ministry.

Abstracts by Roxana Delbene (Spanish) were accepted at two international conferences this June: the Communication and Medicine at the University of Cardiff, UK, and at the International Society for Languages Studies held in Florida.

Through the good work of Rose Chinni (sciences) and others, we will soon have a chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma, the national honor society for Catholic colleges and universities. Alvernia’s first chapter induction ceremony for Epsilon Gamma will be held October 12, 2009. If you are a current member and would like to attend the induction ceremony please email Rosemarie Chinni.
The 2009 Literary Festival "Life Between the Pages" at Alvernia University will kickoff October 12, with the National Slam Poetry team of Panama Soweto and Ken Arkind (7:30 p.m., Crusader Café) and will continue with three full weeks of events, from the annual inter-college poetry contest to an Alvernia tribute to Edgar Allen Poe.

Alvernia has 16 events planned for the annual month-long festival, from October 12 through October 30, 2008.

The festival is packed with lectures from world-renowned and regional writers in addition to workshops, seminars, and entertainment. All events are hosted by Alvernia University (on main campus) and are free and open to the public.

Click here for a full list of events at Alvernia.

Be sure to mark your calendars and encourage students to attend these dynamic events!

The Greater Reading Literary Festival is part of the countywide Reading Reads program.

Coaches:

There is a mandatory follow-up NCAA video and paperwork meeting for any athletes who missed the August 26 meeting.

September 3, 2009, at 6PM
Shander Room

Rumor Has It...

The Green Initiatives Committee is accepting new members. Join their next meeting, September 4, at 2PM in the Shander Room.

Need a small religious or inspiring gift for someone on campus or at home? Visit the Canticle Gift Shop at the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters’ Motherhouse. They offer a 10% discount to all Alvernia faculty, staff and students. (Open Wednesdays 3-5PM or 6-7PM and Saturdays 11AM-2PM.)

The Alvernia Montessori School (preschool–kindergarten) relocated this summer to St. Anthony’s Parish School (near the Upland Center), and is in need of playground equipment. If you have any equipment to donate please call Sister Ann Marie at (610) 396-0882 or just drop it off at the school. They are hoping for anything from jump ropes to Little Tykes type equipment.

What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?

Be the first to answer correctly!

Send your answer to:
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Be the first to answer the riddle correctly for bragging rights in next week’s Almanac.