**Alcohol Awareness Week at Alvernia**

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), the consequences of excessive and underage drinking affect virtually all college campuses, college communities, and college students, whether they choose to drink or not. This week (starting Monday, September 28) Alvernians are doing something about it.

Alvernia’s residence life team will ask students to take a stand against driving under the influence, on Monday, by filling out pledge cards to hang in the Student Center. A Memory Wall will also be constructed to help people share thoughts and stories about how drugs or alcohol have impacted their lives.

Joanna Pressimone and Daniel Flynn (campus ministry) will discuss the role of alcohol in the Bible during “Booze in the Bible” (Monday, 7PM, Crusader).

North Coventry Police, State Police, and Alvernia faculty will work with the Criminal Justice Association to create a Drunk Driving Obstacle Course (Tuesday, 12PM, Commons) to demonstrate the real dangers of drinking and driving. The group will also hold field sobriety tests for students.

Wednesday’s events include “Mocktails” (12PM, SC) and Comedian Wendi Fox (9PM, BH-LH). Fox, a former high-risk drinker, is committed to changing the drug and alcohol climate on college campuses through the power of humor.

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**Upcoming Events**

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Check out the Athletics website: [http://athletics.alvernia.edu/](http://athletics.alvernia.edu/)
Alumni News

Homecoming and Family Weekend is right around the corner...
October 16-18

Click here for details or to register for events.

Student News

This year’s Sigma Tau Delta officers are:
President: Scott Rodgers
Vice-President: Lauren Rocchino
Secretary: Jessica Slavin
Historian: Rebecca Wisniewski
PR Reps: Michelle LaFaver and Laura Heffner
SGA Rep: Sean Gibbons

Know someone who would be interested in becoming a member? See any officer or visit Beth DeMeo in BH 122.

Faculty & Staff News

Sister Pacelli (communication) was a guest on the BCTV program “The Polish Connection,” hosted by Tom Gajewski, September 1. She spoke on Alvernia University’s connection to Poland through the history of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters who sponsor the University. On September 12, Pacelli spoke to the organization of Catholic Women of Berks County on the 50th Anniversary celebration of Alvernia University and the many developments since the 25th celebration in 1983.

Bryan Dreibelbis (business) recently received the “Top Four Members” Award from the Reading Institute of Management Accountants Chapter. This award is based on members’ activities, professional development, and service to the Reading IMA Chapter. There are approximately 200 members in the chapter.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

Barbe Fogarty (social worker and adjunct professor at Alvernia) asked Reading Eagle readers (on September 19) to volunteer Berks County Prison inmates and parolees. Fogarty is the coordinator of the Lazarus Project, designed to pair mentors with recently released inmates. Click here for more information.

Ross Hopple ’99 was featured in the Elizabethtown-Mount Joy Merchandiser, September 18, after being named Assistant Principal of Donegal Springs Elementary School. Hopple was a former winner of the Teacher Impact Award, and semifinalist for the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Award. He also volunteers with Whole Brain Teachers of America.

BRAND SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Kudos to Alvernia’s Criminal Justice Department and Criminal Justice Association for coordinating with the North Coventry Police Department and PA State Police to create a Drunk Driving Obstacle Course as part of Alcohol Awareness Week on Alvernia’s Campus. The group will use a golf cart course to demonstrate the effects of alcohol on driving and plan to hold field sobriety tests for students.

Vibrant, Relevant
Answering the Call...

Each semester the MBA 680 Executive Leadership class selects an organization to help. The class investigates the entity and provides a comprehensive report. The report is a blueprint for change that is provided free to organizations that benefit the community.

This semester, the class worked with Berks County Emergency Services to provide insights and recommendations to enhance emergency medical technician (EMT) training.

Students conducted numerous in-person interviews to determine how the roles, training, experience, intuition, technology, personal relationships, and interaction with hospital staff play in the performance of seasoned EMTs and paramedics.

Using qualitative techniques, class members sampled a selection of first responders in rural, suburban and city settings, and even rode along with first responders on calls to observe first responders in actual conditions.

The report was delivered to the PA Emergency Health Service Council on Monday, September 21.

Janette Kearney, executive director of the PA Emergency Health Services Council (center) received the class report from Ted Hershberger (left), adjunct professor/research director for the project, and Business Professor Scott Ballantyne (right).

Celebrate “Transitus”
October 3, 2009, 6:30PM
Sacred Heart Chapel
Refreshments will be served after the service. All are welcome to attend.

Rumor Has It...

Coming Events at St. Joseph Villa (all events are held in the Library/Main Activity Room):

- Flea Market, October 1 (1-4PM). Donations of items are welcome, including clean clothing in good condition.
- Book Fair, October 16 (1-4PM).
- Annual Craft Sale, November 18. Baked goods and homemade soup will also be offered.

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Does your office have extra supplies? Don’t throw them out. Post them on the S Drive, and give them a new home. Look for “Clare’s List” for the form.

What English word means burning wood when you take away the first letter of the word?

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

Bragging rights for last week go to Beki Stein, registrar. Answer: In the Dictionary.

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