Alvernia announced a major new scholarship initiative this week — that will benefit Berks County high school students, and eventually students outside the region. The scholarship has been made possible by the generous support of Shirley Boscov, her son Jim, and his wife Cindy.

Students from Berks county high schools interested in attending Alvernia and majoring in the arts, education, business, or the sciences of health care, may now apply for a Shirley and Joseph Boscov Scholarship award which blends merit and need based aid. The amount of each annual award given will be $15,000, making the Boscov Scholar Awards the highest merit awards provided by the university. Applications will be reviewed in January and qualified students will be invited for interviews. The program will be expanded to support students outside of the county in ensuing years.

The Shirley and Joseph Boscov Scholars program is a dramatic extension of the Joseph L. and Shirley K. Boscov Scholarship Fund, created in 1996 to benefit graduates of Berks County high schools. It has helped many Alvernia students realize their dream of a quality, private, higher education in Berks County.
Bryan Dreibelbis (business) recently contributed to a series of articles written about Financial Regulation (FinReg) that were published in the Eastern Pennsylvania Business Journal.

Four faculty members have been awarded Faculty Excellence Grants for the spring 2011 semester. Richard Stichler (humanities) for collaborative research with professors at Peking University and the China University of Politics on “Western Interpretations of Chinese Philosophy;” Takele Mojire (humanities) for an article on “The Impact of Foreign Aid on the Quality of Life” in Sub-Saharan Africa; Ana Ruiz (psychology) for a paper to be presented at the Oxford Roundtable on “Social Justice for Women by Women;” and Judy Warchal (psychology) for an article and presentation at the Fourth International Symposium on Service Learning on “The Long Term Impact Of Multiple Undergraduate Service Options On Alumni.”

Kathy Davis (grad and cs) attended now the Women In Educational Leadership (WELC) Conference at the University if Nebraska, Lincoln last week, where she co-presented “Expectations of Female Presidents vs. Male Presidents in Higher Education.”

Tomorrow evening, Leadership Berks will celebrate its 25th anniversary, during a Gala at the Crowne Plaza hotel. Alumni of the program will be in attendance along with supporters, and organizations that have benefited from the program over the last quarter-century.

Since its inception, more than 700 graduates have contributed over 45,000 volunteer hours to complete 150 service-learning projects for local nonprofit organizations.
**Behind the Scenes DVD Benefits Leadership Berks**

On Sunday Oct. 24, VA Productions and the Rotary Club of Reading are hosting a private charity event at the Reading Movies 11 & IMAX Theatre, featuring the premiere of ABC’s Extreme Makeover Home Edition and the Behind the Scenes Video of the episode.

This episode, beginning at 8PM on ABC, features a new home built by volunteers for Trisha Urban of Berks County. [Click here for a Philadelphia Inquirer story on the show.](#)

The Behind the Scenes video features hundreds of volunteers (including members of Leadership Berks) who donated their time, talent, and/or treasures to help the collaborative project become a reality.

100% of all Behind the Scenes DVD orders and 25% of all premiere event orders will be donated to Leadership Berks.

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**Trick or Treat Night at Alvernia**

Wed, Oct. 27
6:30-8PM
Children in grades K-2 (meet in BH Lobby)

Children of faculty and staff are welcome

Or donate an old costume!
Call Residence Life (x8320).

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**Rumor Has It...**

The new four-stop elevator in Francis Hall is operational! It can now be used to gain access to the 100, 200, 300, and 400 levels. Individuals with mobility challenges can gain access to the elevator by entering the building at its south end near the Maintenance Garage. Once inside there is an obstruction free “accessible route” to the elevator located adjacent the grand stair at the center of the building. There is also brand new set of rest rooms near the new elevator on the ground level.

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Does you have extra office 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.

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**Do you have news? Send it to:**
Carey.Manzolillo@alvernia.edu

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What can’t you keep until you have given it away?

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

Bragging rights for last week go to Jen Reimert (registrar). Answer: A “g” always ends “everything.”