“Drumming” up support

The Alvernia Turkey Drive still needs your help! Courtesy of the recession, the 2009 campus Turkey Drive has grown significantly this year, and the university has only a few more days to raise about half of the $6,000 needed to meet this year’s goal.

More than 350 families are in need of a holiday meal (up from 240 last year). This year’s drive will serve 240 veterans through the Red Cross, 100 families at the Fleetwood Area Food Pantry, 10 families with BCPS, and a few Alvernia community members.

The drive provides more than just turkeys and hams. Meal boxes that include items like juice, veggies, and eggs are also provided. Click here for an article about the drive in today’s Reading Eagle.

Come out to help sort it all, do some shopping, or give a little green for a worthy cause. The Alvernia Turkey Drive is in its 22nd year, organized by Polly Mathys (CIS), and John Luvisi (IA). All food will be delivered on Tuesday, Nov. 24th.

To help, contact Polly Mathys (610) 796-8283 or John Luvisi (610) 796-8379.
Congratulations to Dr. Joan Lewis (grad & cs) who successfully defended her Doctor in Philosophy dissertation yesterday. The title of her dissertation was “Social alienation, self-efficacy, and career goals as related to the academic performance of sophomore college students.” Beryll Ruth wrote a very funny “Ode to Dr. Joan,” (to the tune of “Hurray for Hollywood”) and sang it in front of about 20 people at an informal celebration this morning. Congratulations Dr. Lewis!

On November 15, Kevin Meany (athletics) conducted a Level 1 Instructional Clinic at Robbinsville High School in Robbinsville, NJ. These clinics, as part of the US Lacrosse Coaching Education Program, teach coaches the responsibilities and philosophies of coaching and how to provide a safe and enjoyable athlete-centered environment that emphasizes positive growth and sportsmanship principles grounded in the fundamentals. Meany has been a Level 1 Instructor since 2005 when US Lacrosse began the program.

Bryan Dreibelbis (business) has recently been appointed to the Accounting Advisory Committee at RACC.

Kudos to Janice Fetrow Stewart for bringing Alvernia students and the Berks Community Action Program (BCAP) together as part of her service-learning “Parenting Styles and Strategies and Resources” social work class. Students fundraised $600 for a Christmas program to be held December 7, at which they will play games, enjoy a meal, and give gifts of educational toys to 15 families in need. BCAP is directed by Alvernia alumna Bonnie Sue Pilat ’08.
The Angel Tree

The Third Annual Angel Tree Drive is already underway with a tree on campus (in the main lobby of the Upland Center). Another tree is planned to be set up in the Student Center early next week.

Each tree has ornaments that are marked with gift suggestions for the Angel Tree Project, sponsored by the Holleran Center for Community Engagement. Your mission: take an ornament off the tree and purchase a gift. After wrapping the gift, you can use the ornament as a gift tag.

Most gift items are very inexpensive, but the Holleran Center suggests taking advantage of the great pre-Thanksgiving and Black Friday sales for even lower prices.

Items will be donated to either Opportunity House’s Second Street Learning Center or the Olivet’s Boys and Girls Club.

Gifts should be dropped off in the Holleran Center (Upland 106) by Wednesday, December 16. Can’t make it to a tree on campus? Contact Meghann Burton (610) 568-1527 for a gift idea.

Last year the Alvernia community collected more than 220 items as part of the Angel Tree Drive. They are both so thankful for the generosity of the Alvernia community to help make a child’s Christmas a little brighter.

The Alvernia United Way Campaign is still short $620 of its 2009 goal.

The committee is continuing to accept donations. Please call (x2862) or email Tom Minick.

A special thanks goes out to all of you who already contributed to Alvernia’s very ambitious goal of $27,064 for 2009!

Rumor Has It...

Janice Fetrow-Stewart (social work) will be hosting an open classroom on Monday, November 16, at 4PM, in the Student Center Seminar Rooms for the showing of Asylums.

Join the Political Science Club for a family fun night fundraiser at Friendly’s restaurant on Lancaster Avenue: Monday, November 23, 5-8PM. 10% of proceeds benefit the Alvernia Political Science Club.

The Education Association invites you to enjoy homemade food and baked goods at their sale, Monday, November 23, from 10AM-1PM in the Bernardine Hall lounge.

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Your mother’s brother’s only brother-in-law is on the phone. Who is on the phone?

Be the first to answer correctly!
Send your answer to:
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Bragging rights for last week go to Kay Haffey, Grad & CE. Answer: An onion.

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