Faculty Recital this weekend!

Alvernia University’s department of fine arts will present a faculty recital this Sunday, February 27, 2011, at 4PM, in the Francis Hall Theater and Recital Hall.

Featured artists:
- Carol Schwanger, M.M., bassoon
- David McConnell, D.M.A., piano
- Jennifer Michalik, M.M., soprano
- James Seidel, M.M., trumpet
- Nathan Thomas, Ph.D., composition

Tip of the week...

The Franco Library’s 4th annual Edible Book Festival is scheduled for March 15, 2011, at 2PM. Do you have an entry in mind yet? Time to get cooking!

Click here to see WFMZ’s news coverage of last year’s event.

Click here for more information about the artists.

Find more Alvernia musical performances, lectures, and theatre performances by visiting Arts & Culture on the Alvernia homepage.

Home Athletic Contests

2/26 Men’s Basketball vs Lebanon Valley 3PM
3/1 Men’s Lacrosse vs PSU-Abington 7PM

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

As a faculty or staff member, you’ve probably made connections with Alvernia students. Do they come back and tell you what they’re up to? When they land great jobs, get married, or have kids, etc., — Alvernia’s alumni association needs to know!

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Email Heather Riegel to help build alumni class notes.

Student News

PLEASE ANNOUNCE IN CLASSES:

The submission deadline for this year’s HECBC Undergraduate Research conference, hosted by Alvernia University, has been extended to Friday, March 4. Students will only have this weekend left to get in their last-minute entries. Don’t let your students miss out on this great opportunity!

Forms and information can be found online at www.alvernia.edu/hecbc.

Faculty & Staff News

Patrick Burke, an adjunct professor at the Philadelphia Center, recently had a book The Concepts of Justice published in London. It is expected to be published in the United States later this year.

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Click here to find it on Amazon UK.


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Alvernia in the NEWS...

Click on the links below to follow recent Alvernia news coverage:

Eastern Penn Business Journal 2-14-11
“Iceberg! Iceberg! shouts the captain. ‘Change course quick!’”
[Review of business professors Scott Ballantyne, Mary Ellen Wells, and Beth Berrett’s recently published book: Planning in Reverse]

Reading Eagle 2-16-11
“A true Senior Night for Alvernia”

Reading Eagle 2-19-11
“John Smith column 2/19/11: Three faiths share interest in Abraham’s sacrifice”

Reading Eagle 2-23-11
“Truth helps: Boone happy at Alvernia”

Holleran Center begins mentoring program

The Holleran Center for Community Engagement is excited to announce the Alvernia Youth Mentoring Program. This program will benefit South Reading Youth Initiative participants, 14 years and older, who have moved on to high school. The program will focus on helping former SRYI participants achieve in high school and assist them with their college or career aspirations.

You can volunteer to be a mentor in this new pilot program! The project will work in a group mentoring model and a time commitment of one afternoon/evening a month is all that is required.

Contact Chris Fake (x1527) for more information.
**Grad Assistant starts new program**

Our pets are our friends, our confidants, and our family. Unfortunately, most are only with us for a short time. Learning to say goodbye can be difficult as we deal with feelings of sadness, anger, or guilt.

During her undergraduate practicum for psychology, Marianne Sharon became involved with hospice care. Now a Learning Center Graduate Assistant pursuing a masters degree in community counseling, she is helping people cope with pet loss.

A fall 2010 training for leading grief and loss support groups at Hospice of Lancaster County prompted Sharon to find out what services are offered for people suffering a pet loss. She learned that the center offers pet loss services, but only periodically. In fact, she discovered that the only regular pet loss resource in Berks County is a monthly meeting offered by the Animal Rescue League.

Recognizing a need, Sharon began meeting with local veterinary practices and planning a new pet loss and bereavement support group to help grieving pet owners share and discuss their feelings. “We can discuss emotions and how to move forward,” said Sharon. While grieving, adults often need to help children who are dealing with their first death or give special attention to other pets in the home, who miss their companions and sometimes show symptoms of depression.

“In today’s busy world, we are often forced to rush through our feelings so that we can get back to the business of a daily routine,” she said. Realistically this happens when we lose a human friend, but it is especially true when we lose a pet.”

Sharon’s Pet Loss Bereavement Support Group meets on the first and second Monday of each month in the Wyomissing Public Library, from 6-7:30PM.

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**Rumor Has It...**

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.

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