New leadership announced...

Effective July 1, Dr. Spencer Stober will become the Director of Alvernia’s Center for Ethics and Leadership. In addition to continuing to work closely with the Holleran Center for Community Engagement the Center is positioned for new ventures. Spence’s leadership in the Ph.D. Leadership program and the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies with a focus in sustainability and community leadership and numerous community based opportunities is providing the opportunity to house Alvernia’s various leadership programs under the Center’s “leadership umbrella.” A variety of leadership programs, such as Leadership Berks, will report to the Center under a new organizational structure.

Professor Stober succeeds Dr. Gerald Vigna, the Center’s founding director, who will return to the Humanities Department to teach undergraduate and graduate theology classes.

Dr. Tufan Tiglioglu has accepted the position as Director of PhD in Leadership, filling the space being vacated by Dr. Stober. Tiglioglu is an Associate Professor in Business, who is currently the Director of the MBA degree program. His reputation as a rigorous graduate professor and scholar makes him the ideal faculty member to lead this program. He is fortunate to build on the excellent work of Spence during the program’s initial years.
**Alumni News**

Led by Bryan Dreibelbis (business), Alvernia’s Phi Beta Lambda members gathered for their annual State Leadership Conference in Harrisburg, early this month, along with students from schools such as Penn State, Duquesne, Bloomsburg, Shippensburg, Drexel, Temple, Bucknell, and the University of Pittsburgh. The following Alvernia students earned awards in their respective events:

- **Andrew Haefner**, 2nd place state champion, Management Concepts
- **Andrew Smolarski**, 3rd place state champion, Business Law and Business Law
- **Dan Wehry**, 1st place state champion, Annual Business Report

Alvernia’s PBL Chapter won 2nd place state champion, Outstanding Chapter in Pennsylvania, and **Rob Ganter** (business) was named to “Who’s Who in PA PBL” Congratulations!

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**Faculty & Staff News**

**Curtis Datko** (library) participated in a panel presentation, “Got Game? BRING IT!: Gaming in Libraries,” on Oct. 21, 2009 at the Pennsylvania Library Association’s Annual Conference in Harrisburg. Representatives from three Pennsylvania universities discussed how gaming events held at their academic libraries impact student engagement.

**Jennifer Michalik** (music) will sing in a “Noonday Recital” at the Trinity Lutheran Church, April 22. The recital is part of a musical series, and is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

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**BRAND SCENE INVESTIGATOR**

Tim Blessing and three of Alvernia Ph.D. candidates gave a panel on “Power and Democracy” at the British Association of American Studies meeting, held at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, UK. “I have been to a number of BAAS meetings,” said Blessing, “and I have never seen a panel where all the people were on the same research team from the same school—a matter on which the moderator commented at least twice.”
Don’t Miss...

Three members of Alvernia’s music faculty—Jennifer Michalik, Rändel Wolfe, and Dave Schaeffer sing in the Wheatland Chorale group. See below for a list of upcoming events, or visit www.thewheatlandchorale.org.

Volunteers in Mission, a ministry program organized by the Bernardine Sisters, is taking a group of 20 volunteers to work with the poor and marginalized in eastern Kentucky.

The group will consist of Sisters, students, and adults who will build and repair homes.

Saturday, May 15 — Saturday, May 22.

Interested? Contact Judy Bohler (x5509).

Rumor Has It...
The next Miller-Keystone Blood Drive held on Alvernia’s campus will be Tuesday, April 20, from 9AM-4PM. Contact Rachel Groves to sign up.

Visit Friendly’s Restaurant on Lancaster Avenue, Monday, April 19, from 5PM-10PM, for “Family Fun Night” benefitting Summer Reading Alternative Breaks Trips. 10% of proceeds will go towards trip costs and donations to local non-profits. Dine-in and carry-out sales are included.

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 has feet and legs, and nothing else?

Be the first to answer correctly!
Send your answer to: Carey.Manzolillo@alvernia.edu
Bragging rights for last week go to Kevin Calabria (athletics). Answer: If it was 12 inches long, you would call it a “foot.”