Spring Fling is this weekend, just in time for the beautiful 80º weather!

**Friday, April 24**
- **Athletics Yard Sale:** 9AM-1PM (PEC Patio)
- **Ultimate Athlete Competition:** hosted 2PM (Campus Commons)
- **Annual Mr. Alvernia Contest:** 6PM (SC)
- **Theatre:** “The Diary of Adam & Eve” 8PM (FH-Aud)
- **Capture the Flag:** 10PM, Meet at the Flagpole... (must sign up prior to the event in Student Activities)

**Saturday, April 25**
- **Block Party:** 12-4PM, Free food, music, games, and rides. Come see the best of CAB’s Battle of the Bands perform: Dave Schaeffer & Shaddler.
- **Gavin DeGraw Concert**
  - Openers: honeyhoney & Eric Hutchinson
  - Doors Open at 7PM (PEC)
  - Tickets are still available: $15 for faculty, staff, or students and $25 for others (50% of all proceeds raised will be donated to Play Pumps International to help fight the Water Crisis!)

**Sunday, April 26**
- **Sleep Out for Invisible Children:** 12:01AM (Commons)
- **Drive-in Movie:** “Paul Blart Mall Cop”, 8PM (Commons)
Faculty & Staff News

Bongrae Seok, humanities, presented “Cognitive Science and Confucian Reciprocity,” at the Association for Asian Studies Conference in Chicago, March 2009. The paper discusses and analyzes the notion of shu (sympathetic understanding) in Confucian moral philosophy to decide whether the general interpretation of shu as the golden rule is appropriate from the perspective of contemporary theories on moral psychology, cognitive psychology, animal behavior, and game theory.

Carey Manzolillo, marketing & communication, judged the District IV American Business Women’s Association newsletter competition, at their annual conference on April 18, 2009. Twenty eight newsletters were submitted from the district’s 14 different states.

Student News

Two students, Louis LaScala and Kristina Sacco have been selected to receive the Italian Heritage Council award for the highest achievement in the Italian class at Alvernia University during the 2008-2009 academic year. They will receive their awards from Pietro DiStravolo, languages, at a banquet at the Riveredge Restaurant on April 25, 2009.

Alumni News

Another successful Margaritaville was held Wednesday, April 22, with over 300 alumni, graduating seniors, faculty, staff, and trustees in attendance. Check out the Alumni website next week for posted photos.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

Holocaust Remembrance Day was featured on WFMZ Channel 69 News on April 21. The ceremony served as an opening event for the highly anticipated Blessing Exhibit at Alvernia. According to President Tom Flynn, “Our Franciscan mission is rooted in Francis of Assisi and the town of Assisi, so reaching out to build shared understandings among people and different backgrounds is fundamental to who we are at Alvernia.”

Click here to view the full newscast.

Earth Day 2009 at Alvernia University involved a full afternoon of events on the new Campus Commons area, for grade school students, Alvernia students, faculty and staff, as well as community members. The event was featured on WFMZ Channel 69 News.

Click here to view the full newscast.

Student News

Kudos to the Earth Day committee for all their hard work this year: Chair Alicia Sprow (PhD program), Polly Mathys (CIS), Dave Stuart (residence life), Lauren Shetler (ministry), Judy Bohler (ministry), Suzanne Miller (events), Jessica Ubemhauer (HCCE), Kera Wierzbicki (facilities), and students Kristine Keener and Emily Berret. Be sure to check out “Alvernia in the News” to see the television broadcast about the event.
Remembering the Holocaust...

On Tuesday, April 21, a solemn ceremony in observance of National Holocaust Remembrance Day was held on the steps of Alvernia’s Franco Library and Learning Center.

National Holocaust Remembrance Day was established by the U.S. Congress to remember those who died in the Jewish Holocaust. The event helped to kick-off the opening of the library’s landmark “Blessing Exhibit,” which is free and open to the public.

The Holocaust program opened with music by the Bel Canto Choir of the Blue Mountain Academy. Prayers were offered by both Catholic and Jewish clerics, including Monsignor Alfred Schlert, Vicar General of the Diocese of Allentown, and Rabbi Brian Michelson of the Temple Oheb Sholom, among others.

The service included a Candle-lighting Tradition and Prayers for Holocaust victims, and remarks by Dr. William Madges, St. Joseph University, a former host of the Blessing Exhibit. Representatives of the Jewish Federation of Reading were also in attendance.

Tuesday’s lecture “A Vision of Shalom: The Jewish-Christian Dialogue” was standing room only. Click here to learn more about the value of inner-faith dialogue.

Rumor Has It...

Join the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters for an informal Sunday afternoon of fun & games in their Conference Center, Sunday, April 26, 2-4PM. Bring your Uno Cards, Dominoes, etc. (Enter through the arched door to the right of the Sacred Heart Statue.)

Join the intramural athletic board on a whitewater rafting trip, Sunday, May 10. Tickets are $10 for students, $40 for faculty and staff, and $50 for guests. (Costs include transportation, lunch, and rafting.) Contact Tom Novak for details.

The Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten program Operation Rice Bowl at Alvernia raised $421.53, of which $316.15 will be given to CRS for international hunger aid and $105.30 will stay in the Allentown Diocese for food programs here.

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

What part of speech is a verb?

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

Bragging rights for last week go to Sue Kane, library. Answer: A towel gets wetter as it dries.