Alvernia Almanac

April 3, 2009

Your University, Your Community, Your News.

Tip of the Week...

The spring issue of Alvernia Magazine, “A University is Born,” is out this week. Didn’t get your copy yet? Click here to view it online. Don’t forget to “Find St. Francis.” See the index page for details.

Upcoming Events

4/3 Deposit and Housing Application Due
4/4 Graduate Info Session (Upland) 8:30AM
4/5 Easter Egg Hunt & Family Movie 3:30PM
4/6 Final Four Party (PEC) 5PM
4/7 Slam Poet: Carlos Robson (Crusader) 9PM
4/8 Graduate Webinar Online 6PM
4/8 Residence Halls Close 6PM
4/9–4/13 Easter Break
4/13 Residence Halls Open 12PM
4/14 Open Mic Night (Crusader) 8PM
4/15 Resume Workshop (Career Ctr) 3:30PM
4/15 Bingo Night (Crusader) 6PM
4/16 Speaker: Eat This (BH LH) 2PM

Home Athletic Contests

4/4 Men’s Soccer SRYI Camp 10AM
4/4/2009 Softball vs Eastern (DH) 12PM
4/4 Men’s Tennis vs Manhattanville 1PM
4/5 Softball vs DeSales (DH) 12PM
4/6 Men’s Tennis vs Lebanon Valley 3:30PM
4/7 Baseball vs Misericordia 3:30PM
4/8 Softball vs Albright (DH) 3PM
4/13 Baseball vs Elizabethtown (DH) 12PM
4/14 Softball vs Arcadia (DH) 3PM
4/14 Men’s Tennis vs Eastern 3:30 PM
4/14 Women’s Lacrosse vs Eastern 4PM
4/15 Men’s Tennis vs Marywood 3PM
4/16 Women’s Lacrosse vs Moravian 4PM

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

Alvernia in the Community

“Check for Effects: Memos from the Mothership”

If you’ve met Tom Bierowski (communication) you’ve probably heard him tell odd stories, play music, or dazzle you in some other way.

If not, here’s your chance ~ As part of the VIST Financial Gallery, Bierowski will be presenting a plethora of readings and live music during the entire month of April at the GoggleWorks.

Highlights include a performance by his Alvernia fiction class on April 27, and a Good Friday (April 10) celebration of short stories, music, a video-music-montage, and a graphic novel performance video.

Additionally, Bierowski will be accompanied by Beth DeMeo (communication) for the “Faculty Poets of Berks County” poetry reading on April 9, from 6-9PM.

Click here to view or print Dr. Tom’s full schedule of events at the Goggleworks.
Alumni News

Prepare for National Bike Month by taking a BikeEd class with alum Ben Levengood ’89!

WalkBikeBerks invites you to take a Road I Bicycle at the Alvernia Upland Center, Saturday, April 18.

This one day course will cover full Road I content including bicycle selection and maintenance, bicycle handling, and bicycle safety. The course combines classroom discussion and activities along with on-road practice of vehicular bicycling. Fee: $35. Contact Ben (717) 449-4474 for details.

Faculty & Staff News

Marc DiPaolo, English, has won a position on this summer’s National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Victorian Literature at UCLA. The seminar is about Oscar Wilde, Charles Darwin, and vampires, among other things, and it is called “The Decadent 1890s: English Literary Culture and the Fin de Siècle.”

Bongrae Seok, humanities, presented “The Value and Beauty of Open Space: Is Space Empty Nothingness?” at the International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place; Geo-Aesthetics Conference, Towson University, in Baltimore, Maryland, March 6, and “Virtue and Emotion: Moral Psychology of Early Confucian Philosophy,” Neo-Confucian Study, at Columbia University, New York, in February.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

Alvernia alumnus Ross Hopple ’99 was featured in a Lebanon Daily News article titled, “Teacher makes an impact,” on March 24. Hopple will receive a Teacher Impact Award for his work with Jonestown Elementary school. Click here to read the full story.

Tim Blessing, history, was quoted in a McClatchy Newspaper (Washington) article about taking bonuses back from AIG executives on March 17.

Alvernia’s Second Annual Edible Book Festival was featured in the Reading Eagle on April 2, by celebrity judge, Rebecca Vandermeulen. See page three for details about the event and a link to photos of the edible books.
The Second Annual Edible Book Festival, held in the Franco Library on April Fool’s Day, invited Alvernia community members to eat their words. Literally.

More than 20 entries depicted book titles in creative ways, from an oozing red heart for *How to Kill a Vampire*, to a melting ice cream sandwich man for *The Iceman Cometh*.

Judges, Tom and Helen Flynn, Patty Doughman (catering) and Reading Eagle Reporter Rebecca Vandermeulen chose their top three favorites:

First Place “Animal Cracker Farm” by Deb, Leah, Phoebe and Asa Weitkamp

Second Place “Huckleberry Finn” by Carrie Fitzpatrick

Third Place “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” by Bobbie Rohrbach

Pictures of all the entries are available online.

Thanks go to Sharon Neal, Kristin Brumbach, and the staff of the Franco Library (especially the Edible Books Committee: Carol Bracken, Su Kane, John Nelka, Jennifer Parker, and Bobbie Rohrbach).

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Rumor Has It...

Lunch and Learn Session: Friday, April 3, 11AM, in the Student Center - Seminar Rooms. Diane Grant and Roxana Delbene (Spanish) will present “Challenges in Caring for Patients in New Jersey (the U.S.A.), Uruguay (South America), and Ethiopia (Africa)” followed by the video “Adventures in Ethiopia.” Bring your Bag Lunch. Sponsored by Arts and Languages, Nursing, and Multi-Cultural Initiatives.

Wood to Wonderful needs bicycles for children (ages 5-10). They plan to donate bikes to inner city children with perfect attendance at school and need at least 30 bikes! If you, or anyone you know may have a bike that isn’t being used anymore please consider donating them to this worthy cause. Contact Doug or Louise at Wood to Wonderful at 610-378-8697, or Ryan DeWald at 610-507-2959.

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What goes around the world, but stays in a corner?

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

Bragging rights for last week’s riddle: Ruth Moore, student billing. Last week’s answer: What is it when you take away the whole you still have some left? Wholesome.