A special 50th Anniversary “Gold Edition” of the Alverian (student newspaper) is now available across campus. Get your copy today!

Upcoming Events

5/8 Last day of classes
5/11-15 Final Exams
5/11 Student Art Exhibit Opening (FH Aud) 7PM
5/11 Cookies, Milk and Music (Crusader) 8PM
5/12–5/13 Student Art Exhibit (FH Aud) 9AM
5/12 Late Night Breakfast (SC) 9PM
5/13 Off to the Movies
5/15 Nursing Pinning Ceremony (PEC) 1PM
5/15 Honors Convocation (PEC)
5/16 Baccalaureate Mass (PEC)
5/16 Commencement (Sovereign Center) 2PM
5/17–5/22 Alternative Break in Reading
5/25 Memorial Day Holiday
6/1-13 Alumni Cruise: Greece & Eastern Med
6/3-13, 2009 Ireland Heritage Trip
6/3 Independence Day Holiday
6/26 Alumni Night at the Iron Pigs Food 6PM Game 7:05PM

Home Athletic Contests
5/9 Baseball playoffs (Angelica Park) 12PM *Freedom Conference Championship Game!!

By now you’ve heard about the “Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People” exhibit in Alvernia’s Franco Library. This first-of-its-kind exhibit features photos, video footage, documents, and artifacts chronicling the Pope’s contributions to relations between the Catholic and Jewish faiths from 1920 to the present day. In fact, there is so much to see, that community volunteers have been trained to guide visitors through the four-part exhibit.

Blessing Exhibit guide, Cecelia Kacmar, was one of the first to sign up for the assignment. Having realized a lifelong dream to visit the pope in 1999 (despite several health-related setbacks), she is now able to share her knowledge and enthusiasm with others. The exhibit is open until July 31.

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

Please join these graduating seniors as they defend their honors theses, this coming week:

5/11: Camille Cloutier, NUR, “Ethical Decision Making in Nursing,” 1PM, Polish-American Rm

5/12: Katie Hummel, POS, “Saints or Sinners? Catholic Universities and Environmental Sustainability,” 10:30AM, Shander Rm

5/13: Melissa Masone, COM/ENG/POS, “Sex, News, & Politics: Gender Bias in Print Media During the 2008 Democratic Primary,” 9AM, Polish-American Rm

5/14: Katie Loubier, POS, “The Compatibility of Islam and Democracy,” 11AM, Polish-American Rm

5/15: Kayla Fasig, ELED/ECE, “Play’s Place in Early Childhood,” 10AM, Polish-American Rm

Faculty & Staff News


Sharon Neal and Kristin Brumbach (both library) appeared on BCTV’s Inside Berks Libraries program on Friday, April 17 to discuss the Dr. Frank A. Franco Library Learning Center. The program began with a video of the interior and exterior of the Franco Library. Sharon and Kristin discussed the academic library’s mission, resources and services, and special collections. In addition, special events were spotlighted, including Game Night, the Edible Book Festival, the library’s participation in the university’s 50th anniversary, and the historical exhibit, “A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People,” currently displayed in the library’s Bonaventure Reading Room through July 31, 2009.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

Alvernia alumnus Michael J. Heimbach ’88 was featured in the Pottstown Mercury, May 4, after being presented the Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation Outstanding Alumni Award. Heimbach is the assistant director of the Counter Terrorism Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Pope John Paul II Blessing Exhibit at Alvernia University was featured prominently in the April 30 edition of the A.D. Times. Ginny Hand (HCCE), Sister Madonna Harvath (Trustee), President Tom Flynn, Board Chair Kathy Herbein ’95 and Joanna Pressimone (campus ministry) were pictured with the article, taking part in opening day celebration events.

BRAND SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Thanks to all of the faculty, staff, alumni, and community members who contributed inspiring and moving pieces to the Alvernia University Mission Moments: Reflections from the Alvernia Community anthology, in celebration of the 50th Anniversary. And special thanks go to Sister Rosemary Stets for collecting, writing, and organizing material for the book. Copies will be available throughout campus in the next few weeks. Check with your department head for a copy.
The Flavors of the World luncheon was held last Friday from 11AM to 1PM in the Crusader Café. It was planned by eight Transcultural Nursing students, Theresa Adams (nursing) and Mary Lozada, (multicultural initiatives). Students from the two Transcultural Nursing classes, several Alvernia administrators, faculty members, and staff members enjoyed the ethnic foods and entertainment provided.

**Flavors of the World Luncheon Committee:**
(l-r) front row: Joclyn Drum, Heather Spangler, Diouheratou Traore, back row: Mary Lozada (multicultural initiatives), Theresa Adams (nursing), Heather Brookins, Sarah Phillips, Sundra Fake, Kyle Gabrjolek, and Jillian Buynak.

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I run over fields and woods all day.
Under the bed at night I sit not alone.
My tongue hangs out, up and to the rear, waiting
 to be filled in the morning. What am I?

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

Bragging rights for last week go to Mary Ellen Symanski, nursing. Answer: breath.

**Finals Week is here...**

**Help out with Late Night Breakfast**

Tuesday, May 12
9-11:30PM
Student Center

**Please R.S.V.P. to Abby Swatchick (x1474) today!**

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**Rumor Has It...**

Grotto Mass, Sunday, May 10th, 6:30PM
This Sunday is the last student Mass before summer. Come to a very special celebration of the Eucharist at the Grotto (located outside, next to the Sacred Heart Convent). Alvernia student musicians will lead hymns. Rain location: Sacred Heart Chapel

The Alvernia Health & Wellness Center is planning a hair drive for next spring! All students, faculty, staff, families, and friends are welcome to participate. Join us in providing this service to those with illnesses that prevent them from growing their own locks. Contact Kiara G Gregoris (x1467) for details, and to R.S.V.P. if you’re interested in joining the cause.

With your support, the Holleran Center for Community Engagement was able to collect more than 375 books for the Cops ‘N’ Kids Children’s Book Drive. Thank you!

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**DO YOU HAVE NEWS?**
**SEND IT TO:**
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