Rating Recent Presidents

Will history judge that Bill Clinton was an above average president, superior to Ronald Regan and Jimmy Carter? Will future textbooks declare that George H. Bush was a failure, while George W. Bush was graded a solid C? According to new research, it seems that all depends on whether the historian involved was a liberal or conservative.

Dr. Tim Blessing (history) has examined the impact of partisan and ideological attitudes on historians' evaluations of five recent presidents and presented his findings at the American Political Science Association Convention, Saturday, Sept. 4, in Washington, D.C.

Along with Dr. Di You (psychology) and Dr. Anne Skleder (Cabrini College), Blessing created a survey to measure 256 historians' rankings of these American presidents, as well as historians' ratings of their actions, policies, and personal characteristics.

“One of the things we noticed immediately was the fact that not only did conservative historians and liberal historians reach different conclusions, they did it in different ways,” said Blessing.
Student News

As a senior, Alvernia honors student, Emily Berret, has been accepted into the White House intern program for this semester. She is stationed in D.C. as part of the Washington Experience program.

Faculty & Staff News

Nathan Thomas (theatre) has a new daughter! Maeve Naomi Thomas was born Friday, Sept 3 at 8:58PM. She weighed 7 lbs, 6 ozs.

Theresa Adams (nursing) and Kathleen Nevel (Alvernia PhD candidate) were book contributors for Teaching Cultural Competence in Nursing and Health Care, authored by Marianne R. Jeffreys, EdD, RN. In addition, they have been invited by Jeffreys to attend the New York Institute of Medicine’s “Author Talk” on Sept. 14. Adams was also recently appointed to the Steering Committee for “A Chronic Disease Self-Management Program,” an evidence-based peer-to-peer program, researched and studied by the Stanford Education Patient Research Center.

Peggy Bowen-Hartung and Edgar J. Hartung (both CJ) attended the Aspen Wye Faculty Conference in Queenstown, Maryland July 17-23.

Please welcome Francine Kluck to the Alvernia community. Francine’s first day as Director of the Schuylkill Center will be Sept. 13. Her office will be located at the Schuylkill Center (in the Cressona Mall).

Alvernia in the NEWS...

Click on the links below to follow recent news coverage about two Alvernia alums making a difference in the local community:

Reading Eagle 9-8-10

“Faces in the News: Joe Brown, West Reading police detective”

Reading Eagle 9-9-10

“Fitness Profile: Larry Zerbe”

Also in the news, Alvernia won a grant from Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Read more on page three of the Almanac.

Reading Eagle 9-10-10

“Alvernia wins grant to fight illegal drinking”

VIEW FROM ABOVE...

Ted Hershberger (business) took this picture in July, while on a training flight in the area. Besides teaching classes at Alvernia, Ted is also a flight instructor.

Alvernia’s new turf field is in the lower right portion of the image. Francis Hall is in the center, and the Upland Center, Alvernia’s baseball fields, and Angelica park are visible across the top.
Alvernia Receives Grant...

A major focus of the Department of Health Services this year is the Health Education Initiative. This developing initiative is a comprehensive health education program directed at addressing several of the most pressing health issues affecting college students.

The Health Services Department is collaborating internally with Student Activities, Athletics, Campus Ministry, Community Standards, and Residence Life.

Alvernia also has outside collaborations with Berks Women in Crisis, the Caron Foundation, the Council on Chemical Abuse, and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

Our first area of concentration will be alcohol education and to help us jumpstart our efforts, Alvernia has been awarded $13,000 by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Grant to Reduce Underage and Dangerous Drinking. The grant activities will focus on a Social Norms Marketing campaign on campus.

The Social Norms Marketing approach aims at correcting negative misperceptions about alcohol use and other risky behaviors among college students. This method can achieve large-scale positive results such as reducing alcohol related injuries, drunk driving, and binge drinking.

Significant increases in safer drinking practices and abstinence from alcohol have been seen on campus during the past year. Alvernia has seen a 50% decline in the number of alcohol-related disciplinary incidents and more than a 40% drop in the number of disciplinary incidents that involved underage drinking. Data for this campaign will be collected using the National College Health Assessment.

Candlelight Vigil for Peace
Monday, Sept. 13
7PM
Judge Hall Patio
Contact: Campus Ministry for more information.

Rumor Has It...

“Walk it Out” is back for its third annual event: September 15 & 16, 9-4PM. All participants receive free pedometers. Prizes for the fastest competition and best photograph will be awarded. Click here for more details.

Are your students looking for service opportunities? Campus Ministry has compiled a sizable list of available opportunities and contact information. Click here for a PDF of the list.

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.

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

I arrive once in every second, once in every minute and once in every year.
What am I?

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

Bragging rights for last week go to Drena Romberger (athletics). Answer: palindromes.