Neag’s endow professorships at Alvernia
Yarri named first Neag Professor today

Alvernia University announced its first Neag Professorship today, an endowed faculty position, in a small ceremony in the university’s Franco Library. Named for Ray and Carole Neag, the appointment will first be awarded to Dr. Donna Yarri, Associate Professor of Theology at Alvernia.

“I truly feel honored to have the distinction of being the first faculty recipient of this award,” said Yarri. Most recently, Yarri co-edited a book on Kafka’s animals and co-authored a provocative book entitled God, Science and Designer Genes with another Alvernia Professor, Spencer Stober, Ph.D.

“Donna is a respected and accomplished teacher, diverse in her interests and versatile in the range of courses offered,” said Alvernia President Thomas F. Flynn. “She has an impressive and sustained record of disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship – with three books already to her credit, numerous shorter pieces, and, at all times, an array of new and emerging projects.”

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Terri Adams (nursing) was recognized during “Author Night” by the New York Institute of Medicine on Monday, September 14, for her work with Marianne Jeffreys on Teaching Cultural Competence in Nursing and Health Care. The event, attended by multidisciplinary professionals (physicians, social workers, nurses, nurse educators, and graduate students from many professional schools in the area) was the first time that a nurse was invited to speak to this group. Click here for more information.

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CEDAR HILL FARM DEDICATION

It was over a year ago that President Flynn paid a visit to Jerry and Carolyn without any clear anticipation about the nature of the discussion. They had mentioned something about discussing a gift to the University. In light of the fact that the Hollerans were building a new home, he thought that perhaps they wanted to present some artifacts from Cedar Hill to the University. Imagine his surprise when that artifact turned out to be the entirety of Cedar Hill Farm.

During a special dinner last evening, the Hollerans were recognized for their generous donation. Others in attendance included many people (such as Muralist Marcia Graeff) who worked hard to turn the already beautiful home into a facility that will be shared with many people, long into the future.

(Left to right) New residents of Cedar Hill: Tom and Helen Flynn stand with Fr. Lucien Longtin, Jerry and Carolyn Holleran, and Board Chair Kathy Herbein ’95.
The Neag Professorships are awarded to new or continuing faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in their scholarly work and distinction in their teaching, whether in undergraduate liberal arts education or in graduate and professional education. The professorships are part of a comprehensive effort to expand support for our faculty’s teaching excellence as well as scholarly and creative achievement.

The Professorships are the latest investment from a couple that has a long history of giving to Alvernia. In recent years, the Neags have contributed to Alvernia’s Student Center campaign, established a scholarship to support undergraduate students interested in pursuing a Franciscan education at Alvernia (2004), and established the Neag Nursing Faculty Development Fund (2005).

In 2002, the Ray and Carole Naeg received the university’s Franciscan Award, recognizing their outstanding contributions to the community.

“The Neags’ generous support has helped Alvernia to blossom on so many fronts. We owe them a large debt of gratitude,” said Michael J. Pressimone, Vice President of Institutional Advancement. “Alvernia has certainly made large strides in the past few years to advance as an institution, and I dare say we would not be in the favorable position we are in today without the Neag’s help and leadership.”

Rumor Has It...

Next Friday is the Feast of St. Francis holiday. Be sure to take part in Alvernia’s next Day of Service, which will be held Tuesday, October 5. In memory of St. Francis, the day’s service opportunities will include work with the Humane Society. Volunteers will help clean out and paint an old barn and 10 surrounding acres that will be used for a new Dog Park and Equine Rescue Center.

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.

How could a cowboy ride into town on Friday, stay two days, and ride out on Friday?

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

Bragging rights for last week go to Sharon Helms (registrar). Answer: a secret.