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Celebrating the life of Mike O’Pake

Public event slated for April 8

Many from Berks County and beyond will join together at Alvernia University at 3:30 p.m., on Friday, April 8 to celebrate the life of the late Sen. Michael A. O’Pake — one of the state’s most celebrated statesmen and public servants. The event is free and open to the general public. It will be held in the University’s Physical Education Center.

Alvernia President Thomas F. Flynn will host several invited speakers including Sen. O’Pake’s former Chief of Staff Thomas Gombar. In addition, Bishop John O. Barres, Albert Boscov, Rev. John Gibbons, and Kevin Murphy, president of the Berks County Community Foundation, will share personal memories. Reading Central Catholic’s choir, soprano Jennifer Michalik and performer Deanna Reuben will provide musical accompaniment. The event will also feature a video tribute to the Senator, recalling his many contributions to the area and its citizens.

“Alvernia had a long and wonderful relationship with Sen. O’Pake and many across the region owe him, as we at the university do, a debt of gratitude for a lifetime of service,” said President Flynn. “So it is fitting that his many colleagues, friends, and admirers gather to remember him not only for his outstanding accomplishments but also for his marvelous combination of wisdom, wit, and virtue, and always, his warm, engaging smile.”

Click here to read the full story online.

Click here to read more about Sen. O’Pake.
Faculty & Staff News

Paul Sadaphal ’06 (admissions) and his wife Sonia Topiarz ’07 are the new proud parents of Nina Rose Margaret Sadaphal. Nina was born on Sunday, March 6 at 1:10AM and was 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and 20” long.

Ed Hartung (CJ) attended the 48th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Toronto, Ontario Canada, last week where he presented a research paper “Crime and Violence on College and University Campuses: How Safe are You?” and chaired a panel “Putting Advanced Features of Online Educational Technology to Work.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

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Reading Eagle 3-1-11
Alvernia faces difficult opener

Centre Daily 3-1-11
Cory Boone’s big play helps
Alvernia net league title

WFMZ 3-1-11
Muhlenberg, DeSales, Del Val, and Alvernia In NCAA Field

Daily Press 3-1-11
Va. Wesleyan chosen as D-III men’s early-round host; Randolph-Macon to meet Alvernia; Eastern Mennonite, Ferrum left out

Reading Eagle 3-1-11
Person of the week: Heather A. Shainline

Reading Eagle 3-4-11
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WFMZ 3-4-11
Study: Reading could bounce back

What is Lent?

Lent in the Christian tradition, is the period of the liturgical year from Ash Wednesday to Easter. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation for the annual commemoration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. According to the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent forty days fasting in the desert before the beginning of his public ministry. So Lent is described as being forty days long, though different denominations calculate the forty days differently.

Protecting Against the Common Cold and Flu

TriVita Chief Science Officer Brazos Minshew discusses with Dr. Eva Weicker the things we can do to help reduce our chance of getting the cold and flu and what we can do to make ourselves feel better if we do contract them. Learn how to focus your time on protection and if you do get sick, how to listen to the communication of these symptoms from your body.

Speakers:
Brazos Minshew and Dr. Eva Weicker

[Play This Talk]

What is Lent?
While Alvernia students and faculty rest on Spring Break this week, bus loads of juniors from 20 area high schools visited the university on for its annual College Fair, held Tuesday, March 8.

The yearly event is an opportunity for high school juniors to gather materials, socialize, and speak to admissions counselors. 114 different colleges across eight states were represented at this year’s fair, and talked to more than 1,500 students in the Physical Education Center.

Rumor Has It...

Help your students land that first great job! Alvernia’s annual Career & Internship Fair will be held on Friday, March 18, from 11AM to 3PM in the PEC. More than 45 employers (across all majors) will be in attendance.

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A Zumba benefit for childhood cancer will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church on Saturday, March 26, from 1-3PM. Contact Kaitlyn Kozlowski at (610) 823-8386 for more information.

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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.

The man who makes it does not need it. The man who buys its does not use it. The man who uses it doesn’t know he is. What is it?

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: If you overtake the runner in second place, you are now in second place.