Tip of the Week:

O’Pake celebration Friday, April 8!
In tribute to the late Sen. Mike O’Pake, University offices will close at 3:15 so that all may attend a special ceremony, celebrating his life, beginning at 3:30 in the PEC.

Upcoming Events

4/1 Berks Got Talent (Kutztown University)  7PM
4/2 Shady Maple (Depart from SC)  7:30AM
4/2 Bishop Annual Honors and Awards (PEC)  10AM
4/5 Bingo (Crusader Café)  6PM
4/5 Harrisburg/Hershey Alumni Regional Gathering
4/6 Afternoon Movie (Crusader Café)  12PM
4/6 Henna Body Art by Asha Lukose (SC)  4:30PM
4/6 Bernardine Hall Movie (BH LH)  8:30PM
4/7 Jason LeVasseur (Crusader Café)  11:45AM
4/7-9, 14-16 “Oklahoma!” (FH Aud)  8PM
4/8 Mary Poppins Trip (Depart from SC)  4:30PM
4/9 Washington DC Trip (Depart from SC)  7AM
4/9 Shop’n’Shuttle (Depart from SC)  11AM
4/9 HECBC Undergraduate Symposium  ALL DAY
4/10 Honors Convocation (PEC)  2PM
4/10 Late Night Bowling (Depart from SC)  9PM

Home Athletic Contests

4/2 Women’s Lacrosse vs Wilkes  1PM
4/3 Baseball vs Manhattanville (DH)  12PM
4/5 Baseball vs Gwynedd-Mercy  3:30PM
4/5 Men’s Tennis vs Arcadia  3:30PM
4/6 Baseball vs Marywood  3:30PM
4/6 Men’s Lacrosse vs Elizabethtown  4PM
4/7 Softball vs DeSales (DH)  3PM
4/7 Men’s Tennis vs Penn State-Berks  3:30PM
4/9 Baseball vs Elizabethtown (DH)  12PM
4/9 Women’s Lacrosse vs Misericordia  1PM
4/10 Baseball vs Johns Hopkins  1PM

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

Bill Bleistine ’86 recently returned to his alma mater to play with his band, Ceili Rain, on St. Patrick’s Day. Bill is the General Manager for Albie Entertainment.

Oklahoma!

Alvernia Theatre will present the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical “Oklahoma!” on April 7-9 and 14-16 at 8PM in the newly renovated Francis Hall Theater and Recital Hall. There will be general seating, and tickets are free. On the days of production, people may pick up tickets for that night at the Francis Hall Box Office area between 9:30 and 10:30AM.

Based on Lynn Riggs’ 1931 play, “Green Grow the Lilacs,” the musical is set in 1906, near the town of Claremore, in the Oklahoma Territory. The story surrounds cowboy Curly McLain and his romance with farm girl Laurey Williams. A secondary romance concerns cowboy Will Parker and his fiancée, Ado Annie.

Oklahoma! was the first musical written by composer Richard Rodgers and librettist Oscar Hammerstein II. The original Broadway production opened on March 31, 1943, and was a box-office smash that ran for an unprecedented 2,212 performances, later enjoying award-winning revivals, national tours, foreign productions and an Academy Award-winning 1955 film adaptation. In 1944, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II received a special Pulitzer Prize for Oklahoma! in the category of “Special Awards And Citations – Letters.”
Alumni News

Jason Kemfort, Michelle Van Luvanee, Kyle Gabrjolek, and Joclyn Drum, recent graduates of Alvernia’s pre-licensure BSN program will be guest speakers during Terri Adams’ 10AM and 11AM Transcultural Nursing classes on Wed., April 6. They will discuss their experience with NCLEX preparation and test taking, and personal experiences with implementing their transcultural nursing knowledge and skills in nursing practice.

Student News

Rose Chinni (sciences) accompanied five students: Chelsea Borror, Lauren Kurek, Daniel Kwasniewski, Sarah Lamberson, and Amanda McGettigan to the American Chemical Society (ACS) conference in Anaheim, CA, last weekend. The students represented Alvernia’s Science Association, which received a Commendable Mention for its community activities during the conference. In addition, four of the students presented posters at the conference.

Faculty & Staff News

Sharon Neal (library) played with a group of library musicians at the Lyrasis Member Reception at the Association of College and Research Libraries National Conference, yesterday, in Philadelphia. She was elected to serve as Vice President/President Elect on the Associated College Libraries of Central Pennsylvania (ACLCP) and as Director at Large for the Association of College and Research Libraries – Delaware Valley Chapter.

Ginny Hand (HCCE) and Alicia Sprow (Ph.D. program) presented with a colleague from Duquesne University at the PA Campus Compact annual conference in Carlisle, on March 31. Their panel was titled “Focusing on Engagement’s Purpose: Moving from Activities to a Shared Agenda for Change,” for which they discussed the role that Alvernia University and the two Centers have had in the development of the Angelica Environmental Park and the purposed multi-partnered Environmental Education Center there.

Join the tribute to
Senator Mike O’Pake
at Alvernia University

April 8th at 3:30 p.m.
(Open to the Public)
UPDATE:
ALVERNIA CREEK PARK PROJECT

If you haven’t driven through Angelica Park this semester, you may not have noticed that the boathouse renovation project began in January.

The first phase included the biofilter installation (as part of the septic system) and preparation work for installing the electrical lines. Local labor unions are donating large portions of their time to help complete renovations, such as enclosing and finishing the inside of the building.

Officials and Angelica Executive Committee members hope to have renovations completed by midsummer, as the Berks Conservancy is once again holding its Eco-Adventure Camp at Angelica Creek Park and Alvernia University this summer.

The City of Reading was awarded a Conservation Landscape Initiative (CLI) grant, which is made available from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and administered by the Natural Lands Trust. The City is working with the Berks Conservancy and the Angelica Executive Committee to conduct stream bank remediation, trail enhancements, and the creation of a garden for educational purposes. The Environmental Management Committee for the project, with Dr. David Osgood (Albright College) as the chair, has developed an extensive environmental management plan that provides direction as decisions are made as to how the park should be used. Lastly, the group is on the verge of identifying an entity to operate the environmental center and hope to share the news by late summer.

For more information about the Angelica Project, please contact Alicia Sprow (x1928).

Rumor Has It...

The Keystone Wounded Warriors and Alvernia University will host the 2nd annual Reading 5k Wounded Warrior Run/Walk on Sunday May 1. The race is designed for competitive and casual runners alike, walkers and anyone with a patriotic spirit who wants to show support for our troops and veterans, with proceeds from the race going towards support of the Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors and Wounded Warriors Project. Register online, or see Coach Kilgore in the PEC for a registration form.

Join the Alvernia University Honors Council in purchasing a RED FRIDAY T-shirt, and join the nation in RED SHIRT FRIDAYS and support a great cause. If you would like to order a shirt, or even several shirts, please email Ashley Orlowske.

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After more than 150 issues and 10 volumes over the last 5 years, the Alvernia AlmanaC will be replaced by the Alvernia Voice next week.

Here’s one last riddle in honor of April Fool’s Day:

I am sometimes strong and sometimes weak, but I am nobody’s fool.

For there is no language that I can’t speak, Though I never went to school. What am I?

Bragging rights for the LAST EVER AlmanaC go to Carol Bracken (library). Answer: Because if it were bigger than eleven inches it would be a foot.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS?
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