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Moderator Jon Delano (left) speaks with panelists (from left) Daniel M. Shea, Louis Jacobson, William C. Binning and Costas Panagopoulos at Cal U in 2010. This popular team of experts will return to on Tuesday to discuss this year's presidential and congressional elections.

Foreign Language Video Takes Prize

What started as a multimedia presentation for an Educational Technology course resulted in national recognition for senior Maggie Fike and four other Cal U students.

Fike is majoring in secondary education/Spanish. For a class taught by Dr. Marcia Hoover, she created a video about the benefits of learning a new language.

As president of the Foreign Language Club, Fike realized that her class project aligned with the theme of a national student video contest sponsored by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

Conducted during Discover Languages Month in February, the "Discovering Languages" competition was part of a public awareness campaign promoting language learning.

Fike submitted the video in the contest's postsecondary education category. Cal U finished third, behind only The College of New Jersey and Miami University in Florida.

Collaborating with Fike were fellow students Anna Villagomez, Laurie Navarro, Charisse Varga and Yazen Al-Badayneh.

Using a video camera from the Modern Languages and Cultures Department, Fike and Villagomez edited the 60-second video.

Navarro spoke in French about the educational opportunities afforded by her knowledge of two languages. Al-Badayneh spoke in Arabic about how learning English helped him land a good job.

Varga and Villagomez both emphasized how being bilingual has helped them meet many new people and has significantly increased networking opportunities.

"Even though we didn't finish first, it was very gratifying to be a national finalist," said Fike. "In an enthusiastic style, we got across just how beneficial learning different languages can be."

An organization with more than 12,000 members, ACTFL is the only national organization dedicated to the improvement and expansion of the teaching and learning of all languages at all levels of instruction.

Foreign Language Club adviser Andrea Cencich
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'Election Outlook' Returns

A popular team of political experts will return to Cal U to examine the outlook for this year's presidential and congressional elections.

Political analyst Jon Delano, money and politics editor at KDKA-TV, will serve as moderator for the 2012 *Election Outlook: The Race for the White House*.

The free event is presented by the American Democracy Project at Cal U. It begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 110 of the Eberly Science and Technology Center.

Panelists are William C. Binning, chair emeritus of the Department of Political Science at Youngstown State University, Ohio; Louis Jacobson, staff writer for the Pulitzer Prize-winning PolitiFact.com website, a contributing writer for PoliticsPA, and a contributing editor at *National Journal* magazine; Costas Panagopoulos, director of the Center for Electoral Politics and Democracy

and the graduate program in Elections and Campaign Management at Fordham University in New York; and Daniel Shea, director of the Center for Political Participation at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa.

"This outstanding panel always gets people talking," said Dr. Melanie Blumberg, a professor in the Department of History and Political Science and campus director of the American Democracy Project at Cal U.

"Jon Delano's insightful questioning takes full advantage of their broad-based expertise — and their comments are always cutting-edge and provocative.

"Even people who say they 'don't care about politics' come away feeling they've been both informed and entertained."

The same panelists, with Delano as moderator, drew a full house when they visited campus in 2010 to

examine the mid-term elections. Many of the panelists also spoke at a program examining results of the 2008 presidential election.

The American Democracy Project (ADP) is a multi-campus initiative focused on higher education's role in preparing the next generation of informed, engaged citizens.

Co-sponsors of this ADP event at California University are the Office of the President, the Office of Academic Affairs/Provost, the College of Liberal Arts, the Department of History and Political Science, and Cal Campaign Consultants.

The program is open to the public. Registration is not required. Visitor parking is available in the Vulcan Garage, off Third Street near the campus entrance.

For more information, including links to speakers' biographies, visit www.calu.edu.

Swimmer Adds Two National Championships

Senior Melissa Gates has won the NCAA Division II 50-yard freestyle championship for a second consecutive year and added a championship in the 100-yard freestyle event, becoming just the second student-athlete in Cal U history to win three individual national titles.

Track and cross country standout Brian Ferrari won the 1983 NCAA Division II cross country championship and consecutive 10,000-meter national titles in 1983-84.

Gates set an NCAA D-II Championship record this year, winning the finals of the 50-yard freestyle in 0.41 seconds as she finished

with a time of 22.59 seconds at the national meet in Mansfield, Texas.

Gates also finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke event and was a part of two All-American relay teams. The 200-yard relay team consisting of Gates, sophomores Clarissa Enslin, Kelsey Nuhfer, and junior Caitlyn Sirkoch finished fifth while the 400-yard relay team of Gates, freshman Alyssa Novotny, Enslin and sophomore Jess Machmer placed seventh.

Gates will swim in the 2012 Olympic Team Trials this summer.

This year, the Vulcans finished a program-best 12th in national team standings.



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Women's Studies Conference Looks at Violence Worldwide

Declaring that "The Political Is Personal," speakers focused on international violence against women at the seventh annual Audrey-Beth Fitch Women's Studies Conference.

The daylong event March 6 in the Performance Center opened with a look at the "homegrown" issue of human trafficking in the United States.

"These are American citizens who are sometimes under the age of 18," said Denise V. Holtz, a certified FBI instructor and the Pittsburgh Division's coordinator or the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crimes. "They are trafficked around the United States for different reasons, mostly the sex slave industry.

"I'm here to tell you slavery still exists, but it's now a hidden crime," she added. "Organizations that used to sell drugs for money now sell human beings, because human trafficking is a big money-maker."

By some estimates, more than 750,000 women have been trafficked in the United States over the past decade, Holtz said, and 12.3 million have been coerced into forced prostitution or labor worldwide. The exploitation affects every country.

Finding victims and educating law enforcement, government and non-governmental organizations about human trafficking is a major challenge. That's why the FBI now oversees the Southwestern Pennsylvania Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition.

"The coalition has expanded our intelligence base to increase the identification of victims," she said. "Sometimes the hardest part of my job is to talk to a victim and trying to convince her she is a victim of a crime. A 14-year-old girl does not decide on her own to stop going to the eighth grade to become a prostitute.

"We try to reach out."

The conference's second speaker shifted the focus to Africa, where women in the Democratic Republic of Congo continue to be targets of sexual violence related to years of political and economic unrest.

Dr. Lee Ann De Reus, an associate professor at Penn State-Altoona, explained how Congo's natural resources contribute to abuses in the country.

"There are large deposits of what are known as 'conflict minerals' in Congo," De Reus explained, "and they end up in the supply chain because they are the key materials in many electronic devices. The world's consumption of these contributes to the violence in Eastern Congo."

Years of political unrest have weakened the Congolese government, and at many mine sites, armed rebel groups are in



Dr. Lee Ann De Reus (left) speaks with Cal U sociology major Latashia Woods during the seventh annual Audrey-Beth Fitch Women's Studies Conference.

charge. They use many tactics, including rape, to control the population.

De Reus travels regularly to the General Referral Panzi Hospital, located in Bukavu, DRC, where she conducts research and develops programs for rape survivors. Part of De Reus' research involved interviews with 30 women, all rape survivors.

She related the story of a 15-year-old girl who was kept as a slave, raped at age 13, became pregnant, and suffered serious injury at the hands of her captors during childbirth.

"The girl told me, 'Why I tell you my story is because so many people don't know. I want you to tell others.'"

De Reus also encouraged the audience to become involved as global activists.

"Pick your topic and play to your strengths," she suggested. "If you play softball, organize a game to raise money. If you write poems, organize a reading on a particular topic. You don't have to go to the Congo to make (an impact)."

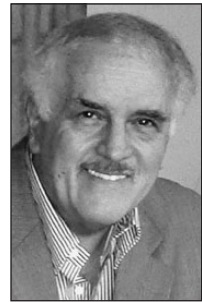
Psychology major Allyson Simbeck said she was moved by the presentation. "Motivating, is what she is," Simbeck said. "I want to be a high school guidance counselor, but this makes me want to make a difference."

A panel of members of the Cal U Activist Club discussed ways to get involved as part of the women's studies conference. The day concluded with *Call + Response*, a film about the slave trade.

Expert on da Vinci Visits Thursday

Dr. Bulent Atalay is a scientist, an artist, a best-selling author and one of the world's foremost authorities on Leonardo da Vinci.

In fact, Smithsonian Magazine, NPR and PBS all have described Atalay as a "modern Renaissance man."



Dr. Bulent Atalay

A regular speaker at the Smithsonian Institution, the National Geographic Society and the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Atalay will give a special

presentation at 11 a.m. Thursday in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

Appearing in conjunction with the ongoing exhibition *Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion*, he will discuss da Vinci's artworks, inventions and ideas with school groups and members of the Cal U community. The public may attend.

Atalay teaches university courses in physics and quantum mechanics, and he travels the world as a lecturer, photographer and artist. The author of *Math and the Mona Lisa* and *Leonardo's Universe*, among many other works, he also blogs for National Geographic.

As a lecturer, Atalay regularly speaks not only to scientists, scholars and arts professionals, but also to students at high schools near his home in Virginia. He especially enjoys exploring the connections between science and the arts.

West Point Symposium Papers Featured in 'Review'

The current edition of the Institute for Law and Public Policy's *Homeland Security Review* features the text of papers presented at the second annual West Point Critical Infrastructure Symposium.

Hosted in April 2011 by The Infrastructure Security Partnership and the Society of American Military Engineers, the annual symposium aims to foster the integration of resilient infrastructure policy, practice and education.

College students and faculty conducting research in critical infrastructure protection and resilience were invited to submit papers.

Homeland Security Review is an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal devoted to the discussion and analysis of issues related to homeland security. Available by subscription, it publishes feature articles, book reviews, commentaries and articles focusing on this field.

Copies of *Homeland Security Review* are available in Manderino Library.

For submission guidelines or a subscription form, choose "Information for ... Business and Community" on the Cal U homepage, www.calu.edu, then click on "Institute for Law and Public Policy" and "publications."

Light Therapy Helps Battle SAD

In the dark days of winter, a ray of light can make a real difference.

That's why the Wellness Center has launched a new Light Box Therapy program for students with symptoms of the wintertime depression known as Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD.

More than "the blues," SAD is a form of depression with symptoms that typically occur during the winter months and subside in spring and summer.

According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, 35 million Americans suffer from SAD each year. Symptoms often arise between ages 18 and 30.

"Our new Light Box Therapy program will offer students who suffer with depression an opportunity to try a non-pharmacological strategy before they determine that it is an effective one for their personal, at-home use," said Dr. Mary Ann Salotti, a licensed psychologist at the Wellness Center.

The initial program will end April

27, but it will be offered every semester, she said.

The program consists of behavioral therapy in combination with bright light from a specially designed, cool-to-the-touch device that delivers therapeutic levels of white light while screening out harmful ultraviolet rays.

Used for just minutes each day for two to four weeks, Bright Light Therapy has been shown to relieve SAD symptoms in many patients.

Students are free to go about their normal activities while sitting in front of the light box, which delivers strong light at an angle, so it doesn't shine into the patient's eyes.

"Bright Light Therapy is a beneficial, gentle system that is appropriate for interested students who have been medically and clinically cleared for the treatment," Salotti said.

A student who walks in to the Wellness Center can meet with Salotti or medical director Dr. Allison Verenna, and then schedule a clinical



Dr. Mary Ann Salotti

interview with counselor Brooke Sanderson, the Wellness Center's doctoral-level practicum student.

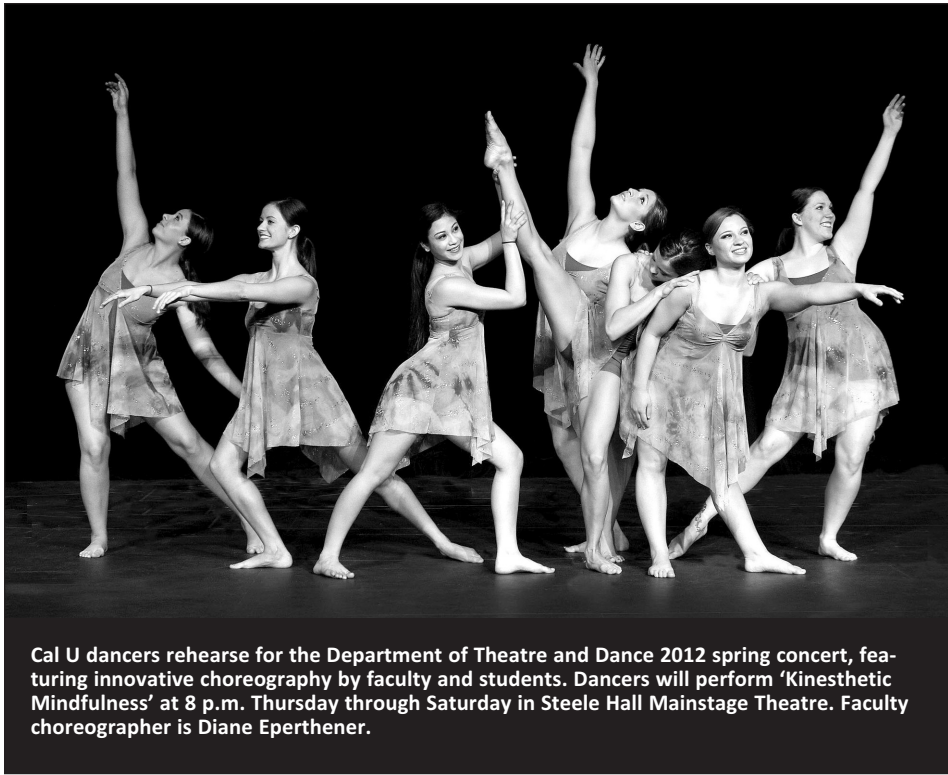
If the therapy is deemed appropriate, the student will sign a consent form and complete depression inventories and surveys at the beginning and end of the initial treatment.

The student commits to 30- to 45-minute appointments Mondays through Fridays for two to four weeks.

As with all Wellness Center and Counseling Center services, there is no cost to the students for the Light Box Therapy introductory experience.

"Ultimately, an effective therapy for depression improves students' functioning, which directly relates to successful completion of academic goals," Salotti said.

A number of Cal U professionals collaborated to make the therapy available at the Wellness Center, she added. They include Verenna, licensed nurse practitioner Fran Fayish, nurse supervisor Debra Anderson, Counseling Center Drs. Dawn Moeller and John Massella, and Dr. Tim Susick, associate vice president for Student Affairs.



Cal U dancers rehearse for the Department of Theatre and Dance 2012 spring concert, featuring innovative choreography by faculty and students. Dancers will perform 'Kinesthetic Mindfulness' at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre. Faculty choreographer is Diane Eperthener.

Dance Concert Explores Mindfulness

The Department of Theatre and Dance continues its 2012 season with a spring dance concert featuring innovative choreography by faculty and students.

Dancers will perform "Kinesthetic Mindfulness" at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

Faculty choreographer is Diane Eperthener. Student choreographers are Britney Vokish, Emily Cutwright, Rachel Colson and Jessica Krieger.

"For this event we are connecting the psychological definition of 'mindfulness' to dancing and movement," Eperthener said.

"One definition states that mindfulness is a state of active, open attention to the present. When you're mindful, you observe your thoughts and feelings from a distance, without judging them good or bad. Instead of letting your life pass you by, mindfulness means living in the moment and awakening to experience."

The dance concert consists of two acts with five parts each. The public may attend.

Ticket price is \$12 for adults, seniors and children. Students with valid CalCards are admitted free; their \$5 deposit will be returned when they attend the performance.

For ticket information, or to charge tickets by phone, call the Steele Box Office at 724-938-5943.

Career Services Give Seniors a Boost

To help graduating seniors begin planning for life after graduation, Career Services has organized "Senior Week 2012: Backpack to Briefcase."

The weeklong event begins today with a graduate fair from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cal U Bookstore. While picking up their caps and gowns for Commencement, seniors can meet with career advisers and learn about upcoming job fairs, graduate schools and Career Services' job search site, College Central Network.

A LinkedIn photo booth will be setup near the bookstore so seniors who bring their cell phones can have a professional picture taken.

"Just in Time Job Search Information"

sessions will take place during the common hour on Tuesday. Seniors from the Eberly College of Science

and Technology will meet in Room 251, Eberly Hall. The College of Education and Human Services meets in Room 136B, Hamer Hall, and students from the College of Liberal Arts gather in Room 210, Duda Hall.

On Wednesday, more than 100 employers will be conducting personal interviews and offering advice at the WestPACS Job Fair, open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Monroeville Convention Center. To register, visit WestPACS.org and click the "For Candidates" link, or register at the door for a \$10 fee.

Career Services will conduct two simultaneous events Thursday during the common hour. At "How to Lose an Internship in 10 Days," in Eberly

Events planned for "Senior Week 2012: Backpack to Briefcase," beginning today, include:

- graduate fair
- professional photo booth
- job search information
- job fair
- internship information
- LinkedIn profile assistance
- networking information
- resume reviews

251, students can pick up tips on making a successful transition from student to professional. At "Brand 'You,'" in Eberly 255, they will learn to create a personal profile that makes an impact and to market themselves through the networking site LinkedIn.

On Friday, seniors are urged to walk in to the Career Services office from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. to receive a free business card holder, have a quick resume review, and ask questions about their job search.

"Although we provide services, resources and networking opportunities year-round, we wanted to dedicate this week to seniors to give them that extra boost they may need right now as they prepare for graduation," said Rhonda Gifford, director of Career Services.

"Many seniors may not know that even after graduation, we provide lifelong career services at no cost to them as part of the *Cal U for Life* initiative."



Maggie Fike (pictured with students from Chilean she taught last summer) and four other Cal U students have collaborated on a video about the benefits of learning a new language. Their work has been recognized by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

Video Takes National Prize

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said Fike's work has made a lasting impression at Cal U.

"This project helps open the door for our students to go beyond the University environment and reach organizations and communities with our club's mission," she said.

"Through this type of contest students really express their passion for what they're doing, and speaking several languages during the video gives a nice mix that helps people understand culture."

Fike will use her language skills again this summer when she returns to Chile to teach at The English Institute in Santiago and at Colegio Villa Aconcagua in Concon.

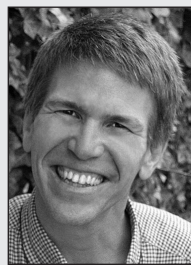
"I will definitely pass along all the information (about the contest) to students in the club, and I hope they will do something similar next year," Fike said.

"Cal U needs to be active with ACTFL. This video was a good experience, something I can build on."

Campus BRIEFS

'Blueberry Years' Author Reads Today

The Northern Appalachia Network will sponsor a reading by award-winning author Jim Minick at 11 a.m. today in rooms 206-207 of the Natali Student Center.



Jim Minick

Minick is the author of *The Blueberry Years: A Memoir of Farm and Family*, named the Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance's Best Nonfiction Book for 2010.

The book captures the story of Minick's experience creating and operating one of the mid-Atlantic's first certified-organic, pick-your-own blueberry farms.

A native of Newberg, Pa., Minick has lived his entire life in the Appalachian Mountains.

He will be available afterward to field questions.

Women's History Month Concludes

Cal U's celebration of Women's History Month concludes with three events this week

On Tuesday, "Humanitarian Responses to International Human Trafficking" will be presented at 11 a.m. in Room 117, Duda Hall.

At 5 p.m., the group "i am that girl" will hold a meeting focusing on Women's History Month in the multipurpose room, Carter Hall.

On Wednesday, a video TED Talk with Dr. Sunitha Krishnan will focus on "Fighting Sex Slavery." The program begins at 11 a.m. in Duda Hall.

Speaker Promises 'Speedy Delivery'

David Newell, who portrayed "Mr. McFeely" on the children's television show *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, will cap off a series of presentations with a talk from 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 2 in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

School groups, the campus community and members of the public are welcome to hear Newell speak and to watch the film *Speedy Delivery*, a documentary about his work.

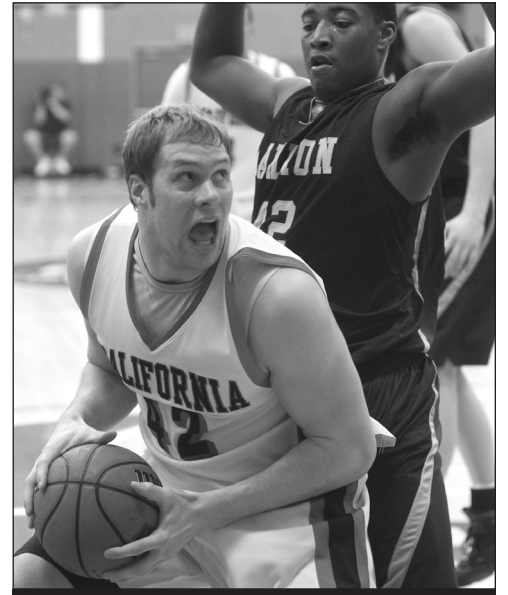
Newell, whose catchphrase was "Speedy delivery!", will bring the Purple Panda and other puppets to campus. He also will greet guests and sign autographs after his talk.

There is no admission charge and the presentation is also open to the general public.



Intercollegiate Band

Cal U student Evelyn Schwer plays the flute during the 65th annual Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band Festival, hosted by Cal U March 9-11. After two days of rehearsal, more than 100 students from 23 colleges and universities performed in Steele Hall under the direction of guest conductor Frank B. Wickes. Seven Cal U students performed with the band; faculty co-hosts were Cal U's Max Gonano, chair of the Music Department and director of bands, and Dr. Marty Sharer, associate director of bands.



Steve Swiech was recently named to the Capital One Academic All-America third team.

CERTIFIED RESULTS OF FACULTY ELECTION CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

Members of the Executive Committee of the California University Forum met in open session on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., in Room 408 of the Manderino Library. The purpose of the aforementioned meeting was to certify the faculty election results. The following members were in attendance: Ms. Alexandra Brooks, Ms. Fran Fayish, Ms. Autumn Harris, Ms. Geraldine Jones, Dr. Michael Slavin, Dr. Craig Smith, and Dr. Tom Wickham. Also present were Douglas Hoover, Presiding Officer; Loring Prest, Parliamentarian and Dana Turcic, Recording Secretary.

Eligible faculty members were notified via e-mail that the election would take place on February 15th and 16th, 2012 and the instructions on how to vote were included in the e-mail. Two hundred sixty-two (262) full-time permanent faculty members were eligible to vote. One hundred fifty-two (152) votes were recorded; for a voter participation rate of fifty-eight percent (58%).

The Office of Continuous Improvement submitted the results, which were tallied electronically and reported the results as follows:

Notification and Certification of Faculty Election Votes

Education and Human Services:

[Vote for two(2)]

Pamela Twiss	80	53.7%
Ralph Belsterling	78	52.3%
Brian Wood	37	24.8%
Bernadette Jeffrey	32	21.5%
Not applicable	16	10.7%
Totals:	*	*

*Note: Multiple answer percentage-count totals not meaningful.

Liberal Arts:

[Vote for one (1)]

Sean Madden	58	38.7%
Marta McClintock	40	26.7%
Laura DeFazio	30	20.0%
Aref Al-Khattar	17	11.3%
Not applicable	5	3.3%
Totals:	150	100%

At-Large:

[Vote for one (1)]

Chad Kauffman – Sci & Tech	22	14.5%
Sean Madden – Liberal Arts	19	12.5%
Brian Wood – Ed & Human Ser	18	11.8%
Laura DeFazio – Liberal Arts	17	11.2%
Marta McClintock – Liberal Arts	15	9.9%
Paul Sible – Sci & Tech	11	7.2%
Pamela Twiss – Ed & Human Ser	10	6.6%
Aref Al-Khattar – Liberal Arts	9	5.9%
Paula Caffrey – Sci & Tech	9	5.9%
Harrison Pinckney – Sci & Tech	7	4.6%
Ralph Belsterling – Ed & Human Ser	6	3.9%
Mario Majcen – Sci & Tech	6	3.9%
Bernadette Jeffrey – Ed & Human Ser	2	1.3%
Not Applicable	1	0.7%
Totals:	152	100.0%

By unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, the faculty election results were certified.

A plurality of the votes cast was necessary to win. The successful candidates will assume their terms at the September 4, 2012 Forum Meeting.

Athlete Honored for Academics

An all-conference player on the basketball court, senior forward Steve Swiech is a high scorer in the classroom, too.

As a result, he recently was named to the Capital One Academic All-America third team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

He is the first Cal U men's basketball player to earn this national academic achievement since Cal U Hall of Fame inductee Ray Gutierrez in 1993.

To qualify for the academic honors, student-athletes must maintain a cumulative 3.30 grade-point average or higher and must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at their institution. Nominees must have participated in at least 50 percent of the team's games, and each must be a starter or important reserve with legitimate athletic credentials.

Swiech initially was chosen as a first-team, all-district academic selection in an area that includes the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC), West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) and Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA).

Swiech, who is pursuing a master's degree in business administration, owns a 3.7 cumulative GPA. Since transferring from the University of Akron in 2010, he has made the Cal U Athletic Director's Honor Roll for three consecutive semesters. He also was a 2010-2011 PSAC Scholar Athlete.

He led the Vulcans in scoring and rebounding each of the past two seasons. This year he averaged 11.1 points and 6.2 rebounds per game. He is the Vulcans' top field goal shooter, at 61.1 percent, having converted 135 of 221 attempts.

Swiech helped the Vulcans achieve consecutive PSAC playoff appearances. He received first-team all-conference honors this season and was a second-team selection in 2010-2011.

ATTENTION UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY! Call for Student Nominations to Standing Committees to the California University Forum

The California University Forum has announced a call for the nomination of students for the University Forum standing committees. The Forum is the University's shared governance system, which enhances the communication between and among all segments of the University. The University Forum consists of administrators, faculty, staff, students and alumni, all of who have a voice in the university's future.

Alumni, faculty, staff, students, or community members may nominate any student of California University to serve. Self-nominations are permitted. The numbers of student seats available on the committees are as follows:

Athletic Advisory (3)
Budget (2)
Communication (3)
Core Values (3)
Planning & Priorities (3)
Safety and Social Equity (3)
Student Life (7)
Technology (3)

The committees meet periodically to tackle certain issues and make recommendations to the full Forum. For further information and details of the committees visit the Forum website at <http://www.calu.edu/faculty-staff/administration/forum/index.htm>.

The Forum Executive Committee will make the final decision on appointees to the various standing committees.

The nominees will be contacted to confirm acceptance of their appointment.

The nomination form is available via the Public Folders (Campus-Wide Resources/University Forum) on the university's Microsoft Exchange Server. (For detailed instructions, contact the Computing Systems Helpdesk at campus extension 5911.) All nominations must be submitted to the Forum Office by **Friday, March 30, 2012**. For more information contact Mrs. Dana Turcic, Forum Recording Secretary at 724-938-1633 or via email at CalForum@calu.edu or turcic@calu.edu. You may also write her at University Forum Office, Campus Box: 99, 250 University Avenue, California, PA 15419.

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