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WiFi Upgrade Improves Access

he or she is likely to unpack as many as five mobile devices — a cellphone, a tablet, a laptop and devices for listening to music or playing

At its first quarterly meeting of 2016, the University's Council of Trustees heard about a \$554,000 project, now under way, to provide the bandwidth and WiFi "hot spots" those

digitally connected students need. Robert Thorn, vice president for Administration and Finance, reported that the upgrade began last fall after an evaluation by University Technology Services determined that the current WiFi system lacked both the bandwidth and the strength to support the number of devices students wished to connect

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ahead of schedule, and all residence halls should have upgraded WiFi this spring.

"Students use D2L (Cal U's online learning management system) and other sites for their coursework, and they

need to be able to connect," Thorn said.
WiFi access points have been more
strategically located, he said, and the number of hot spots among the six residence halls has been expanded from 100 to 500.

"This project (allows us) to kee pace with the technology needs of students. The initial response from our students has been very positive."

Cal U Students on **Primary Ballot**

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Brendan Garay, student government president

ballot when Pennsylvania voter go to the polls for the April 26 rimary election.

Randy Barli and student government president Brendan Garay have joined a crowded field of contenders seeking the Democratic nomination

The winner in November's general election will succeed

state Rep. Peter J. Daley, a Cal U alumnus who is stepping down after 17 consecutive terms in the state House. The 49th District includes portions of Favette and

Washington counties.
"Cal U students are no strangers to

appointed office," said Dr. Melanie Blumberg, campus director of the American Democracy Project and a professor in the Department of History, Politics and Society.

Earlier this decade, she noted, three

Cal U students and two employees were serving as mayors of nearby owns. Other members of the camp community have served on borough and city councils and in positions such as town managers

"It is both gratify and heartening to know that Cal U students care about their community," Blumberg said. Barli is a political science major

from Coal Center, Pa. He served on California Borough Council from 1983-1989 and has been politically active as a precinct committee member

done a lot to help with voter registration and getting people aware and involved," Blumberg said.

Garay, a graduate student in business administration, said the state budget impasse and its impact on students, as well as public universities, piqued his interest in politics. He met many district resident

while collecting the signatures he needed to add his name to

the ballot.
"It's been ... a
mixed reaction," he said, crediting the student organization Cal Campaign Consultants with

offering advice.
"Some people did not want to sign (a nominating petition)

didn't know, but others, especially many older citizens, seemed sincerely excited about getting new blood in there, someone with fresh ideas,

In Blumberg's view, any Cal U adent who gets involved in politics emerges with a win.

Garay echoed that sentiment. "Even if it ended today, what I've learned has been astronomical. Every day I'm educating myself on the process, and will have this experience under my belt regardless of what

happens in April."

Cal U will host a forum sponsored by the
League of Women Voters for Democratic and Republican candidates in the 49th Legistlative District at 7 p.m. March 22 in the north wing of the Cal U Convocation

Conference Focus: Sustainable Communities

Societies thrive when the dignity and rights of all people are respected. That conviction guides a conference, "Sustainable Communities: The Human Impact," presented by the women's studies program, the Department of Social Work and the Linda and Harry Serene Leadership Institute.

Events will run from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 m. March 16 in the north wing of the Convocation Center.

"It is a pleasure to collaborate with others who prioritize social justice and leadership to make important changes in our local, national and interna communities," said Dr. Marta McClintock-Comeaux, director of women's studies and associate professo in the Department of History, Politics

The program's annual Audrey-Beth

been folded into the collaborative event.

Conference participants will begin by viewing segments from the film series A Path Appears, broadcast last year on PBS Speakers include Dr. Chaone Mallory,

who teaches courses in environmenta ethics, environmental justice, green political theory and related topics at Villanova University; Ann T. Rosenthal, an artist, activist, educator and writer from Pittsburgh; and Dr. John Confer, who teaches in the parks and recreation

nagement program at Cal U.

The conference will conclude with an activism panel featuring Mallory, Rosenthal and panelists from the Water We Fighting For organization from Flint, Mich. Discussions led by Cal U student Jaclyn Boehnke and Dr. Beverly Ross,



director of the Serene Leadership Institute, will follow.
According to the Institute on

Sustainable Communities, a such community is "economically, environmentally and socially healthy and resilient. It meets challenges through integrated solutions rather than through

those goals at the expense of the others."

Dr. Sheri Boyle, chair of the Social

Work Department, said it was "a natural fit for these three areas on our campus to collaborate and develop a conference on sustainable communities, highlighting the leadership role that women take in creating livable communities, locally and

"Our collaborative effort emulates the role of larger organizations and groups who work daily to improve the quality of life in their communities," she said.

Admission is free, but registration is requested at socialworkGA@calu.edu.

Cost for lunch is \$5; Cal U students are admitted free with a valid CalCard. For a complete schedule, information ab CEUs, speakers' biographies and more, visit lu.edu.



Panel Reflects on Race, Color

ranging discussion of race and olor Feb. 23 as Cal U's Black History Month observance continued Dr. Rueben Brock, of Cal U's

Psychology Department, began by urging the audience to read "The Souls of Black Folk," a 1903 work by W.E.B. Du Bois.

"We had this black scholar assessing what's happening, and expressing a sense that the ideas of being black and being nerican don't necessarily match," h

Brock was joined on the "Academic Reflections on Race and Color" panel by Dr. Komal Dhillon, of the departments of Religion & Culture and Communication at Virginia Tech, and Dr. Gabby M.H. Yearwood, of the Department of Anthropology at the

University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Ambrus Price, of Cal U's

Department of History, Politics and Society, moderated the discussion. Brock touched on Du Bois' belief that the most talented black Americans academics and politics, leading a revolution that would result in equality in America.

"There has been progress, but you will see that across the board, in any way that you can think of, the black community does not have equality. There

are still vast disparities," he said.
"Many of the issues we were talking and reading about in 1903 are still relevant today. ... There's a recurring pattern of progress and retreat. How do we stop it from sliding back?"

Yearwood looked at race through the twin lenses of biology and culture, noting that "racism predates race."
"The diversity of the human

experience is best understood through culture," he said.

Citing the influence of Western media and Hollywood films, Dhillor spoke about a "pigmentocracy" in India There, an obsession with fair skin has led to the use of dangerous and costly skin whitening products, she said

perception that white frequently in what I call 'Follywood' films," Dhillon said.

"There is so much pressure by peer groups, magazines, billboards and TV ads that perpetuate this idea that fair is the ideal

Dhillon said a relatively new "Dark is Beautiful" campaign aims to counter perception.

Addressing current events and recalling President Lyndon Johnson's appointment of Justice Thurgood Marshall to the Supreme Court in 1967, Price expressed his hope that an African-American will be confirmed to fill the high court vacancy created by the recent death of Justice Antonin Scalia.

During the question-and-answer on, Yearwood urged audience members to be active but civil.

"There's no such thing as equality in America, but people have to be willing to argue with a mutual respect for their differences," he said.

Athletic **Training** Professor Honored

individuals who will be inducted this year into the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society

Begun in 1976, PATS is an ganization of certified athletic trainers health care professionals who work under the direction of a licensed physician to protect and enhance the health and welfare of their clients through prevention, recognition, management and rehabilitation of

The organization announced its first Hall of Fame Class in 2000.

A former chair of the Health Science

Department, West teaches in both the undergraduate and

graduate athletic training programs, and he serves as clinical coordinator

for the undergraduate program. A member of PATS since 1999

he is a former society's Convention Committee and served as president of PATS from 2008-2010. He received the society's

the National Athletic Trainers' Association Service Award in 2015 In addition to publishing and making sentations related to athletic training, est has spoken at the state, regional and national levels. He currently serves with CAATE, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, as a site visit chair for

Distinguished Merit Award in 2014 and

professional-level programs.
"Dr. West has distinguished himself in both his dedication to athletic training education and through his service for the advancement of the profession of athletic training," said acting provost Dr. Bruce Barnhart, director of California's athletic training education program from 1991-2006

'He has always given of himself to better his discipline. We are fortunate to have Dr. West as a member of our faculty.'

West is the fifth Cal U faculty member to earn PATS Hall of Fame honors. He joins 2007 inductee Dr. William Biddington and Drs. Barry McGlumphy, Linda Platt Meyer and Julie Ramsey-Emrheim, who comprised the entire 2013 PATS Hall of Fame

Rick Burkholder, head athletic trainer for the Kansas City Chiefs and president of the Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society, and Jim Thornton, head athletic trainer at Clarion University of Pennsylvania and immediate past president of the National Athletic Trainers' Society.

West, Burkholder and Thornton will inducted officially as part of the PATS annual meeting and clinical symposium, set for June 2-4 in Grantville, Pa.

Political Expert Looks 'Beyond Insults' in 2016 Election

high gear, the American Democracy Project at Cal U takes a look at the issues and ric driving the candidates' campaigns

Alan Abramowitz, a professor of political science at Emory University, returns to campus to discuss "Beyond Trump's Insults and Clinton's E mails: How Polarization and Negative Partisanship Are Shaping the 2016 Election."

The free event takes place at 11 a.m. March 31,

in Eberly Hall, Room 110. It is sponsored by the
American Democracy Project at Cal U.

"This is an excellent opportunity to hear a national expert

"It is sa an exceient opportunity to near a national experi discuss important issues in what is such an interesting election," said Dr. Melanie Blumberg, campus director of the American Democracy Project and a professor in the Department of History, Politics and Society. "Alan Abramowitz's insight, quick wit and broad-based expertise will leave the audience informed and entertained."

A popular speaker at Cal U. Abramowitz has written or co tten six books and dozens of articles dealing with political



He is one of the nation's leading election

forecasters, whose "Time for Change" model has correctly predicted the popular vote winner in ever presidential election since 1988, including the 2012 His 2012 book, The Polarized Public: Why

American Government Is So Dysfunctional, examines the causes and consequences of growing partisan polarization among political leaders and ordinary

He last spoke at Cal U in April 2014 about deep political divisions among American voters.

"Alan Abramowitz is the dean of election forecasting, as his rime for Change model is widely considered to be the best predictor of presidential election outcomes," Blumberg added. "If the past is any indication, the November results will be predicated on partisanship and the economy.

"I guarantee that anyone who hears him speak will never view presidential elections quite the same as they did."

Two Join Council of Trustees

he first 2016 meeting of the University's Council of Trustee began with two new members at

the table. Trustee Sarah R. Cassin '97 is the legislative director for state Sen. James R. Brewster, who represents Pennsylvania's 45th Senatorial District.

A former substitute teacher and softball coach, she began her career in Harrisburg during the Rendell administration, when she served as executive assistant to the governor's deputy chief of staff and as assistant ector of the governor's press office. She has been Brewster's legislative director

Cassin earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education/social sciences at Cal U. A four-year member of the Vulcan softball team, she played on the national championship team in her senior y Cassin was inducted into the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007

Student Trustee Claudia Pehowic called the roll for the first time as Counci secretary. A junior from Northumberland. Pa., she is a member of the University Honors program and a member of the Honors Advisory Board.

Pehowic is a communication studies

communication. She also is pursuing a minor in political science with a prelaw concentration. An intern with the American Democracy Project, she is a tutor at the Cal U Writing Center and a staff writer for the Cal Times student newspaper.

In her report to the Trustees, interim University President Geraldine Jones spoke about Cal U's positive results in meeting the State System's performance

The University's latest performance score was a full point higher than in the previous two years. In terms of point awarded — 8.25 out of a possible 10 Cal U ranked third in the System.

Cal U is slated to receive nearly \$3 llion in performance funding this year, including a small bonus for improving its

challenges, we continue to educate students, confer degrees, engage with the community and, in general, conduct the University's business," said President

on the right path and moving in the right direction."

 Dr. Bruce Barnhart, acting pre and vice president for Academic Affairs.

reported on enrollment. While this spring's full-time equivalency (FTE) showed nearly a 5 percent decrease compared to a year age Winter College enrollment increased by nearly 10 percent and summer enrollment is trending higher than last year, as well A strategic enrollment initiative

undertaken with consulting firm Ruffalo Noel Levitz is intended to help University increase and stabilize enrollment. Preliminary results look positive, Barnhart reported: The number of potential undergraduates inquiring about admission is up by 70 percent compared to this time last year, and inquiries by potential transfer students have increased by 14 percent.

In his role as marketing director, Barnhart highlighted the six videos created to promote the University. Four of the six have been featured on the State Syst weekly TV show, Infinite Opportuniti which airs Sunday mornings on PCN

 Dr. Nancy Pinardi, vice president for Student Affairs, focused on the University's new Prevention Awareness Recovery Center, or PARC.

Located in Suite G-45, on the ground or of Carter Hall, PARC is open to students who are recovering from alcohol or drug abuse, and to anyone who wishes to learn more about ways to receive or offer help.

Rachel Michaels, Cal U's alcohol and other drug (AOD) education specialist, and her predecessor, Robert Mehalik. now assistant professor and director of Cal U's Office for Students with Disabilities, spoke about the center and its impact. They noted that the center was created with no additional revenue from either the University of the State System.

Cal U is the first university in the State System to have a designated recovery center for students.

 *Tony Mauro, associate vice president University Development and Alumni Relations, reported that his office has raised more than \$3.3 million in donations and pledges in the fiscal year that began July 1, 2015. This total includes more than million in cash donations.

He also reminded the Trustees

upcoming dates, such as the Cal U Golf Outing for Student Scholarships, set for June 20 at Southpointe Golf Club.

The Council of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on June 1.



What's for Dinner? Wild Game

al U's student chapter of The Wildlife Society will host its 19th annual Outdoor Bash and Wild Game Dinner at 6 p.m. March 19 at the Richeyville Fire Hall in Richeyville, Pa. Doors open at 5

i. In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Gan Commission and Local No. 1 of the National Wild Turkey Federation, the chapter will offer a variety of game dishes, such as deer, elk, bear, pheasant, rabbit, wild turkey, duck and goose, beaver, fish and more

Outdoors gear, artworks and more are raffled off and awarded as door prizes throughout the evening, while guests enjoy a "wild" array of free foods.

Ticket price is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the doc This fundraiser allows member of the Cal U chapter of the Wildlife Society to participate in hands-on workshops and attend conferences, including the National Wildlife Society Conference, where m are able to network with wildlife biology profes

To purchase tickets, e-mail club adviser Dr. Carol cetti at bocetti@calu.edu, or call 724-938-5967.

The Wildlife Society — a professional community of

scientists, managers, educators, technicians, planners and others who work to study, manage and conserve wildlife and habitats worldwide — is celebrating its 79th anniversary this year.

'The Hunting Ground' Screenings Set

al U's Office of Social Equity will present free screenings of The Hunting Ground, an award-winning documentary that takes a candid look at the issue of sexual assault on campus.

The film combines experts' insights with survivor

first-person accounts as it explores campus culture and the way colleges and universities across the country have responded to reports of rape and sexual assault.

The documentary also tells the story of survivors who are fighting back through the legal system and by shari their knowledge with an expanding network of college students

The film will be shown March 29 in Vulcan Theat inside the Natali Student Center. A one-hour version will be shown at 11 a.m., and the full-length (102-minute) version at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Campus BRIEFS

Joyfest Set for March 19

National recording artist Anita Wilson will be the featured performer when Cal U's Young and Gifted Gospel Choir hosts the Joyfest 2016 gospel concert at 7 p.m. March 19 in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

Wilson has been nominated for Grammy, Stellar and Dove music a Her debut album Worship Soul was recognized by the New York Times as on of the top 10 albums of 2012. Her second studio album, Vintage Worship, also has received critical acclaim

Cal U's Young and Gifted Gospel Choir will perform at the annual concert, along will perform at the annual concert, along with the Lift Every Voice Gospel Choir from Clarion University, the University o Pittsburgh Gospel Choir, and the Family and Friends Choir of Pittsburgh.

The concert is free, and the public is welcome to attend. Reservations are not

required. Doors open at 6:30 p.m

Families Stop by for Academic Open House

Cal U welcomes students and their families to an Academic Open House event from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 19. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in Steele Hall.

The program is designed to introduce espective students to Cal U and to giv dents who already have been accepte

chance to explore the campus.

Students and families who attend will learn more about Cal U's programs of study, housing and student life. They also can talk with Cal U students, meet faculty nembers, tour the main campus and visit Vulcan Village.
The final Academic Open He

ogram this spring will be held on Saturday, April 9.

visit www.calu.edu. Prospective students name, contact the Welcome Center at 724-938-1626 or e-mail Carrie Pavtis at pavtis@calu.edu.



Nist-Haupt Spikes Her Way Into Hall of Fame



al Athletic Hall of Fame luncheon at 5:30 p.m. April 22 in the Performance Cent inside the Natali Student Center. For reservations, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 724-938-4418

ow a teacher and rival coach Joanna Nist-Haupt '10 credits her alma mater for her success as a leader in the classroom and on the olleyball court.

A four-year starting outside hitter from 2006-2009, she becomes the fifth Vulcan volleyball player to be inducted into the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame.

Haupt is a fifth- and sixth-grade reading teacher in the Blacklick Valley School District in Nanty Glo, Pa. Last fall she completed her third season as head women's volleyball coach at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

"Cal U has a national reputation in the education program, which helped me to make my decision about where to go after high school," Haupt said.

"I loved going to class, and a lot of my professors would come to my volleyball games. I could just tell they

cared about me as an individual."

Haupt's cumulative coaching record at UPJ is 74-33, with a 47-19 mark against PSAC opponents. She has been named the PSAC-East Coach of the Year in each of the past two seasons. Her husband, tin, is her assistant coach. At Cal U, Haupt played under former

head coaches Melissa Myers, who

Myers left Cal U after Haupt's sophomore season to take the head coachin NCAA Division I Illinois State. ing job at "Melissa Myers is the main reason

why I chose to come to Cal U. She really made me feel that I could become better and help our team," Haupt recalled.

"She really stressed the importance of orking together as a team and set the foundation for my playing success and

A two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association and three-time Daktronics All-American, Haupt also wa the Daktronics Atlantic Region Player of the Year for three consecutive seasons

She was a three-time, first-team all-conference pick and the 2009 PSAC-West Athlete of the Year, as well as a two-time CoSida Academic all-district selection Cal U's cumulative record during

Haupt's four seasons was 141-19, with a 48-3 conference mark. In that time the Vulcans won three consecutive PSAC and NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional ampionships. Haupt holds school career records

with 1.897 kills and 180 aces, and she ranks among the school leaders with 4,617 attempts (second), 1,571 digs (third)

and 519 sets played (second).

She also was a member of the women's track and field team, and she still owns the school indoor record in the high jump (5'5.25"), which she set in

"I saw Cal was on the rise and wanted

credit to our (teams') success and even my success to my teammates. Thinking back on my time at Cal U, I find that what I reminisce about are the people I played with, how much time and fun w spent together."

Myers described Haupt as a physically strong and dynamic player with great balance, poise, humility and confidence.

"She was a fantastic student, a successful, respectful player, and one of the nicest people I've had the opportunity to work with," Myers said.

Haupt's first UPJ team won the 2013 PSAC championship, which included a 3-0 loss to the Vulcans in the regular season and a 3-2 victory over Cal U in the finals

'I was a nervous wreck when that season began, because I knew how good the competition was in the PSAC," Haupt

"But our (UPJ) players were hungry ... and they peaked at the right time. It's definitely something I will never forget. It was bittersweet, but also one of my favorite wins of all time."

She has no mixed feeling about her

upcoming Hall of Fame honor

"I was really surprised and caught off guard," said Haupt, who was notified of her honor by current Cal U women's volleyball coach Peter Letour

"I never really thought about something like this happening to me, so I'm very excited, grateful and honored to

New Football Coach Adds to Staff

ead football coach Gary Dunn has added Mike Craig to the Cal U football coaching staff.

Craig, who has 10 years of experience at the Footbal Championship Subdivision (FCS), is now the Vulcans' defensive coordinator. He spent the past two

seasons as the defensive coordinator at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pa., after spending four years on the coaching staff at Duquesne

Dunn, a former standout at center for the Vulcans, was Duquesne's offensive coordinator for six seasons

'Having coached with Mike at Duquesne and ed against him in the NEC (Northeast

Conference). I know he will have our players prepared not only on the field, but off the field as well," said Dunn.
"Mike will be a huge
asset in recruiting, being a

product of western Pennsylvania, and we couldn't be happier about him

Craig started four seasons at linebacker for Saint Francis and was a three-year captain. He started his coaching career in 2006 as the Red

joining our program.

"I am extremely excited for the opportunity to work with coach Dunn d the coaching staff at Cal U," Craig said.

"I believe that Cal II has an excellent infrastructure and provide every opportunity for the football program to be successful. My wife, Mame, and I are very fortunate to part of a great program at a great university."

The football team will conclude its spring drills with the annual intra squad scrimmage at 1 p.m. April 22. The Vulcans will open the 2016 season Sept. 10 at Cheyney before hosting Millersville on Family Day,

GRANTS AWARDED

The Office of Academic Affairs reports

- Dr. Katherine Mitchem, of the Department of Special Education, has Department of Special Education, has been awarded a \$75,000 grant from the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust. The funding will be used to support state-of-the-art equipment to enhance the special education mobile teaching labs, as well as the assessment and teaching practice lab in Keystone Hall.
- Dr. Susan Ryan, of the Department of Earth Sciences, has been awarded a S49,049 grant from the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. The funding will be used to support the project "Wildlife Tourism on Pennsylvania's Public Lands."
- Dr. Robert Whyte, of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, has been awarded an \$18,000 grant from Ducks Unlimited Inc. The funding will be used to support his two-year "Great Lakes Restoration Initiative."
- Dr. Carol Biddington, of the Department of Exercise Science and Sport Studies, has been awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Pennsylvania Faculty Health and Welfare Fund. The funding will be used to support her Healthy Lifestie Initiative project, "Cal U Fitness Memberships."

STEAM Registration Still Open

Registration is still available for the "SIEAM 2010 STEAM in the Valley,"an excellence in teaching set
for 8-2 p.m. on March 18 in the Convocation istration is still available for the "STEAM 2016 -

The conference is open to educators and scho administrators at all levels. In a variety of interactive presentations, Cal U faculty and area educators will share strategies for enhancing education in science, technology,

Cost is \$25, or \$20 per person if five or more attend from the same school district.

To register online, visit www.calu.edu. For registration assistance, call 724-938-5715 or e-mail calugo@calu.edu. Cal U students may attend at no charge if they register online using their campus e-mail contact barnhart_r@calu.edu.

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