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Core Values Award Honors Penguins

Cal U recognized its ongoing partnership with the Pittsburgh Penguins by presenting the hockey club with the Corporate Core Values Award on Oct. 20 at CONSOL Energy Center.

The award honors a corporation, organization or institution that epitomizes the University's core values of integrity, civility and responsibility.

It recognizes the Penguins for supporting the University's mission by creating character- and career-building opportunities for Cal U students.

Cal U is the official educational partner of the Pittsburgh Penguins. Through this continuing partnership the Penguins have created scholarships, made internships and other resume-building activities available to Cal U students, and provided unique marketing opportunities for the University.

Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. presented the Corporate Core Values Award to David Peart, a senior vice president for the Penguins, during a ceremony and news conference in the Cal U Conference Center at CONSOL Energy Center.

He handed Peart a ship's compass, which he said symbolizes the organization's "ongoing efforts to move always in the right direction, and to live by the core values of integrity, civility and responsibility that also guide Cal U."

"Since our relationship began in 2009, the Penguins organization has gone out of its way to support Cal U's mission of building character and careers," President Armenti said.

"The Penguins have stepped up to help students with an endowed scholarship and exciting internships. We know they can pay off, because two of our Cal U graduates have found jobs with the Penguins."

Peart said the Penguins are proud of their partnership with Cal U, which he described as "an innovative and progressive organization."

Peart said the partnership supports the Penguins' commitment to giving back to the community and allows the franchise to be actively involved with education, especially in areas related to business and sports.



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"Cal U helps us invest in the youth of the region, and we are glad to help provide support for students getting an education at Cal U," Peart said.

"We can have student rushes and grassroots events to invite kids to games. But it doesn't give us the opportunity to really connect with students who are trying to learn how to be in the sports or entertainment business, and that's why this is a special partnership."

Allison Steinheiser, a junior communication studies major at Cal U, attended the award presentation with a team of student journalists from CUTV and the Cal Times. Steinheiser, whose studies emphasize radio and television, also has an internship with Penguins Radio 24/7. Twice a week she helps to set up equipment for the

morning show, and she records soundbites from Pens players after games and practices.

"It's really a great experience," she said. "This kind of hands-on interaction is something that a lot of students don't get, even if you're working with a regular TV or radio station. There are many opportunities in working with the Penguins, and this is giving me a significant advantage."

This is the third time that California University has honored a business or organization with its Corporate Core Values Award. Dr. Stephen R. Covey accepted the inaugural award on behalf of the FranklinCovey Corp. in 2006. Monongahela Valley Hospital received the award in 2008.

PLCB Grant Boosts Options@CalU

Cal U has received an Alcohol Education Grant of nearly \$15,000 from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to improve and expand the Options@CalU prevention program.

A peer educators program that began with a similar grant last year, Options@CalU provides interactive programming and education to reduce underage and dangerous drinking, especially among first-year students.

"People around campus know who we are," said Donna George, Cal U's alcohol and other drug prevention specialist. "We're getting many calls from various groups asking our peer educators to conduct programs."

The grant will be used to develop a standardized evaluation tool with a consultant, to expand the Options@CalU program to 16 peer educators, and to provide the program with a graduate assistant, among other needs.

The peer educators are certified through BACCHUS (Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health



Cal U peer educators Kelly Horrell (left) and Emily Novak prepare for the weekly Options@CalU meeting in Carter Hall.

of University Students) to assist in prevention efforts. Trained in prevention, education, mentoring and motivational interviewing, a proven technique for helping people stop risky

behavior, these students give fun, interactive presentations to various student groups throughout the year

Ten new 2011-2012 peer educators

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Activist Here for Native American Day

A discussion with Dr. LaDonna Harris, founder and president of the advocacy group Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO), will be the capstone event at Cal U's second annual Native American Day on Wednesday.

A member of the Comanche Nation and an ardent advocate on behalf of Tribal America, Harris is a longtime activist in the areas of civil rights, environmental protection, the women's movement and world peace.

She will discuss "The Power of Indigenous Female Leadership" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Steele Hall.

The talk is free and open to the public; no tickets are required. A reception and book signing will follow.

This year's Native American Day also

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Standing United

Cal U students Anthony Kane (left) and Ronald Taylor hold paper hearts at a vigil held Oct. 17 near the Vulcan statue to take a stand against violence and remember Hampton University student Jeron Grayson and Cal U students who lost their lives in the past year. The vigil was organized by members of Omega Psi Phi, Cal U Men United and the Black Student Union. Approximately 100 students attended the event, at which speakers urged students to be proactive in ensuring Cal U remains a safe learning environment.

Comedy Spotlights New Actors, Technicians

The fall's second presentation by the Department of Theatre and Dance showcases the talents of Cal U's newest crop of aspiring actors and technicians.

First-year students will appear onstage and work behind the scenes to present "Saving the Greeks, One Tragedy at a Time," a comedy by Jason Pizzarello.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday. All performances will take place in the Gerald and Carolyn Blaney Theatre in Steele Hall.

"Saving the Greeks" is a breezy comedy full of laugh-out-loud merriment that pays homage to the melodramatic absurdity that is Greek tragedy.

The audience follows the story of Dialysis and his downtrodden slave, Peon, as they try to right all the wrongs done to the pitiful citizens of Athens.

Their efforts lead them to create Betterland, a city where formerly doomed tragedians can start their lives over again, free from the misfortunes of their previous existence. Traveling from tragedy to tragedy, Dialysis and Peon gather inhabitants for their new utopia.

With a script filled with droll witticisms, amusing one-liners and groaning wordplay, this comedy is suitable for all ages. It turns the Greek tragedy genre on its ear, gleefully exploiting the farcical possibilities and mining its rich comedic potential.

Cost is \$12. Students with valid CalCards are admitted free; their \$5 deposit will be returned when they attend the performance.

For ticket information, or to order tickets (with a credit card) by phone, call the Steele Box Office at 724-938-5943.

Grant Boosts Options@CalU

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will participate in a 15-hour, off-campus program Nov. 4-6. Second-year peer educators from Cal U will administer part of their training.

"That's exciting, because it shows growth and the whole concept of peer education," George said.

Options@CalU conducted 10 programs last year. To meet PLCB grant requirements, that number will double this year.

Peer educators already have presented educational programs in four classes and met with a sorority and a varsity athletic team by request during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

They also took part in Project Sticker Shock, aimed at discouraging adults from providing beer to minors.

One of many popular student programs is the "tiki bar," which transforms a residence hall's TV lounge into a simulated tavern with dim lights, music, palm trees and a "bartender" who explains blood alcohol content.

Options@CalU also educates students about social norms, reminding them that "25 percent of Cal U students have not consumed alcohol in the past year" and "Under 20 percent of Cal U students believe that alcohol makes a male or female sexy."

"It causes (students) to think ... because these norms are reality," George



From left: Cal U Student Affairs Resource Director Laura Jeannerette and peer educators Rebecca Wilson and Emily Cutright watch Options' graduate assistant Julie Mackenzie make a pizza before their weekly meeting in Carter Hall.

said. "First-year students often get the wrong perception from the media or even their parents. The fact is, the party is not as big as they think it is. We try to give them the real message."

Studies predict that college students who drink alcohol soon will be the minority, George said. Students are increasingly health conscious, and they understand the career risks involved in alcohol use.

"If you're under 21 and choose to drink, you're running the risk of offenses that could not only affect your varsity status on a team but could negatively affect your future," she said.

"Students sometime think aspiring teachers are the only ones affected, but there are a lot of careers that can be impacted."

Options@CalU's peer educators also are working with Student Affairs to provide alternative activities, including late-night programming, which George labeled "prevention at its best."

Although the group is still in its early stages, George said she's pleased with what Options@CalU has accomplished.

"We got such a good start last year, and more and people are coming on board. The future is exciting, because there's so much more to do."

Students Target Buying Alcohol for Minors

Students from Cal U and high school students from the Agape day treatment program in Monessen visited beer distributors on Oct. 19 to deliver a message aimed at discouraging underage drinking.

About a dozen students placed stickers on cases of beer to remind adults that it is illegal to buy or provide alcohol for anyone younger than 21.

The activity, dubbed Project Sticker Shock, was endorsed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. It marked National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, a nationwide effort to raise awareness about the health issues posed by excessive drinking among college students.

Students involved in Project Sticker Shock visited Val's Beer Distributor in Belle Vernon and J&D Beer Distributor in Brownsville.

The event was sponsored by the Cal AOD (Alcohol

and Other Drug) Coalition, which brings University and community members together to support Cal U's comprehensive prevention plan and to build a campus and community culture focused on reducing incidents involving alcohol and other drugs.

Cal U student volunteers participating in Project Sticker Shock are members of the Options@CalU peer educator program.

"Our coalition is getting more involved in environmental management strategies," said Donna George, the alcohol and other drug prevention specialist at Cal U.

"In addition to educating our Cal U students and mentoring younger students, this project sends an important message to the entire community: It is illegal to buy or provide alcohol for anyone under 21."

Exhibition Recalls Dunkard Creek Fish Kill

Both art and science will be on display when Cal U hosts “Reflections: Homage to Dunkard Creek” from Nov. 10 through Dec. 8 in the lobby of Frich Hall.

The collaborative exhibition by 90 regional artists recalls a massive fish kill in the West Virginia-Pennsylvania waterway in 2009.

Each of the artists painted one species of aquatic life killed in the Dunkard Creek incident, which has been blamed on pollution and the release of toxins from golden algae, a non-native organism.

The artists’ subjects were drawn from West Virginia Department of Natural Resources lists of fish, crayfish and mussel species killed, as well as insect populations that dropped significantly after the algae bloom.

Cal U is one of nine sites in the Monongahela watershed that will host the traveling exhibition, which is sponsored by the Mountain Institute Appalachia Program.

Cal U’s Office of Academic Affairs will host an opening reception from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 10 in Frich Hall. It will begin with a gallery talk by Ann Payne, of Morgantown, a member of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators and the artist who conceived and organized the project.

Curator for the exhibition in Frich Hall is Maggy Aston, assistant professor of art and design at Cal U and one of Payne’s former students.

A work by Jordan Wong, a student of Aston’s, is included in the exhibition. His piece depicts the johnny darter, *Etheostoma nigrum*, a bottom-feeding freshwater fish.

A resident of Greensboro, Pa., just a



‘Crayfish,’ a water-soluble pencil painting by Jana Matusz, will be one of 90 different paintings of species on display when Cal U hosts ‘Reflections: Homage to Dunkard Creek’ from Nov. 10 through Dec. 8 in Frich Hall.

mile from Dunkard Creek, Aston has enhanced the exhibition by collaborating with Cal U’s departments of Biological and Environmental Sciences, and Music.

The paintings will be viewed in an aquarium-like environment that includes glass display cases holding biological specimens and a sound track of bird, frog and cricket calls. A large, collaborative mural depicts water, nature and industry in the Mon Valley.

Dr. David Argent, chair of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, has been instrumental in collecting the specimens, providing display space and assembling additional glass cases for the exhibition, Aston said. Music Department chair

Max Gonano and faculty member Greg Davis are working with commercial music technology students to create a soundtrack for the event.

Cal U students also contributed. Jessica Barton assisted Argent with identifying and locating the specimens; Valerie Herrera helped to research, complete and install the collaborative murals; Caitlin Sowers assisted with exhibition and mural installation; Wong designed and distributed posters and invitations; and Christopher Campus helped collaborate with the digital soundtrack along with Barton.

“This exhibition is meant to raise awareness of what happened at Dunkard Creek,” said Aston. “It features many

nationally recognized artists who all have a concrete tie to the Monongahela watershed, into which Dunkard Creek flows.”

Aston teaches a biological illustration class with Dr. Mark Tebbett, of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences. The course will be offered again this spring, and Aston hopes the exhibition will attract art and science students who might be interested in biological illustration as a career.

“This continues the collaboration between departments,” Aston said. “The (illustration) course and exhibition point to the idea that you can combine science and art as a career path.

“And with its live reptiles, amphibians and greenhouse, Frich Hall has so many interesting things to draw. My students love it.”

Argent, whose research interests include water quality, said he is delighted for his department to be part of the exhibition.

“We welcome the opportunity to display biologically related art in our building,” he said. “Given the tragedy of Dunkard Creek, I could not pass up the opportunity to offer a venue in which patrons could see firsthand what species were lost, what the immediate ecological impact was, and what the long-term recovery will be for this stream.”

The opening reception is free to the University community and the general public. Exhibit brochures will be available at the reception. “Reflections: Homage to Dunkard Creek” will be on view from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Mondays through Fridays until Dec. 8 in the lobby of Frich Hall. For more information, contact Aston at aston@calu.edu or 724-938-4563.



Drought Relief

Paul Rudy (on tractor) loads bales of hay from SAI Farm onto a flatbed trailer. The hay will be shipped to Texas, where farmers and their cattle are enduring the worst drought in decades. Rudy is one of two local farmers who cut hay at SAI Farm, on Cal U’s south campus. He arranged to donate the hay, and energy company Range Resources provided transportation. Other local farmers also are sending hay to feed livestock in Texas.

Campus BRIEFS

Autism Conference Set

The fifth annual Autism Conference at Cal U will be held May 15, with Drs. Bob and Lynn Koegel as featured speakers.

Presented by California University and Intermediate Unit 1, the conference will highlight Pivotal Response Training, an acclaimed, research-based intervention that focuses on pivotal developmental areas rather than individual behaviors. Dr. Lynn Koegel and this training technique have been featured on the television series *Supernanny*.

Registration is upcoming. Details will be available at www.calu.edu, where a link to the *Supernanny* episode has been posted.

For more information about the conference, e-mail autismconference@calu.edu.

Spaghetti Lunch Today

As part of the 2011SECA fundraising campaign, “I give because ...” a spaghetti-and-meatballs lunch will be offered from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. today in the Performance Center. Cost is \$7. The meal includes salad, dessert and beverage. All proceeds are donated to SECA, the State Employees Combined Appeal.

To purchase a lunch ticket, contact either Dana Turcic (turcic@calu.edu) or Norm Hasbrouck (Hasbrouck@calu.edu).

Native American Day to Feature LaDonna Harris

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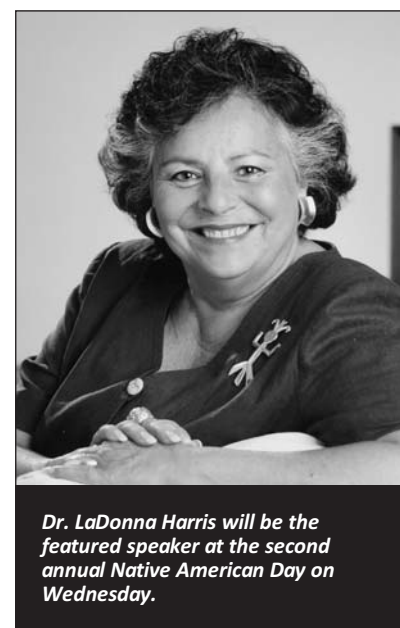
will feature classroom visits by Harris and a group of AIO Ambassadors — Native Americans who participate in leadership development and community-building initiatives based on

traditional indigenous values.

Continuing their dialogue with Cal U students, the AIO Ambassadors will provide education about Native American heritage and raise awareness about the role of native peoples in the 21st century.

In addition, Native American Day will mark the official opening of the LaDonna Harris Indigenous Peoples Institute at California University of Pennsylvania.

The institute will be led by Dr. Clarissa Confer, of the Department of History and Political Science. A



Dr. LaDonna Harris will be the featured speaker at the second annual Native American Day on Wednesday.

member of the Cal U faculty since 2008, she is the author of three books: *Daily Life in the Indian Wars*, *Daily Life in Pre-Columbian America* and *The Cherokee Nation in the Civil War*.

“I know that many students were disappointed when LaDonna Harris was unable to attend last year’s Native American Day,” Confer said, “and many others remember their thought-provoking conversations with the AIO Ambassadors.

“We are looking forward to another opportunity to learn from these young leaders and to hear from LaDonna Harris, who has been a pivotal figure in the history of indigenous people in the United States.”

Running Back Launched New Era for Vulcans

Editor's Note: Cal U held its 17th annual Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet Oct. 21 at the Performance Center in the Natali Student Center. The Journal is profiling each of the 2011 Hall of Fame inductees.

Antoine Bagwell played an invaluable role in Cal U's emergence as a perennial football power in his two-year career.

A virtually unstoppable running back during the 2004 and 2005 seasons, Bagwell earned first-team recognition from the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and Associated Press Second Team All-American honors in 2005. He also was a two-time Daktronics Second-Team All-American and two-time Harlon Hill Regional Finalist.

In just two years, Bagwell rushed for 3,353 yards and scored 272 total points, with 41 rushing touchdowns, 45 overall touchdowns and one two-point conversion. Despite playing for only two seasons, his career rushing, touchdown and scoring totals still rank second in school history. He becomes the first football player from the John Luckhardt coaching era to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"Even though I played a little bit in the NFL and CFL, this feels like the biggest accomplishment in sports that has ever happened to me," said Bagwell. "It feels very good."

Bagwell's 1,765 rushing yards and 1,894 all-purpose yards in 2004 both



In just two years, Antoine Bagwell rushed for 3,353 yards and scored 45 touchdowns while leading the 2005 Vulcans to the program's first division title in 21 years.

ranked second in NCAA Division II that year. He averaged 7.2 yards per carry and caught 12 passes for 129 yards.

He scored a single-season, school record 25 touchdowns in 2005 and rushed for 1,588 yards on just 186 carries with 21 rushing scores.

Bagwell averaged an amazing 8.5 yards per carry. He also was also Cal's third-leading receiver his senior season with 28 receptions for 420 yards, four

touchdowns and one two-point conversion. His 15.2 points per game was third best among all NCAA Division II players and he ranked fifth in rushing (155.8) and all-purpose yards (206.2).

"We averaged 42 points per game, and every week when we played we knew the best player on the field was on our team and that was Antoine," said Mike Kellar, Cal U's associate head coach for offense, who previously served as the team's offensive coordinator from 2004-2008.

"We had great talent on both sides of the ball, but even the players knew he was the most special guy on the team."

Bagwell's explosive running helped the Vulcans win their first PSAC-West title in 21 years. Cal's 8-2 overall record (.800) in 2005 was the program's best since the 1960 squad went 7-1 (.875). And it started a trend: Heading into 2011, the Vulcans and 10th-year head coach John Luckhardt have won or shared the past six consecutive PSAC-West crowns.

"To start from the bottom and see everything that's happened in front of you certainly makes you proud," said Bagwell. "Because we started something that's still going on today and probably well into the future."

Bagwell was selected as the PSAC-West Offensive Player of the Year in both 2004 and 2005.

"Antoine is really where this thing started," said Kellar.

"He was the beginning. A lot of great players that came here after him sort of stood on his shoulders and built upon

what he started."

Following his senior season Bagwell was the first Vulcan ever invited to play in the Hula Bowl, held in Hawaii. He also competed in the Cactus Bowl, the Division II All-Star game.

Bagwell attended training camp with the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles (2005) and St. Louis Rams (2006), along with brief stints with the CFL's Winnipeg and Hamilton clubs.

Originally from East Lansing, Mich., Bagwell is a graduate of East Lansing High School, where he was a star running back, safety, and track and field standout.

He was Cal's running backs coach under head coach John Luckhardt in 2007, when the Vulcans compiled a school-best 13-1 overall record.

Bagwell said the coaching experience was invaluable and lauded Kellar, Luckhardt and offensive line coach Mike Evans.

"If you asked them, I never really knew any defense when I played. They just handed me the ball and I ran with it," Bagwell said. "But when I came back, I gained so much knowledge and I started to understand defenses. They helped me so much. I definitely will get back into coaching, but I feel I have a couple of years left to play."

Last spring Bagwell was the leading receiver for the Ultimate Indoor Football League's Johnstown Generals, with 51 receptions for 660 yards and 18 touchdowns. His total of 19 touchdowns was eighth highest in the league.

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

November 1, 2011/4:00 p.m., DIXON Room 327

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2011

(Approved by e-mail ballot – refer to Forum website or Public Folders in Outlook)

V. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Informational Only – Minutes October 18, 2011)

VI. PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Miscellaneous Information
B. Notice of Executive Committee Meeting: November 15, 2011 – University Community Welcome

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VIII. INTERPELLATION

Motion:
Establish a committee to review the constitution and recommend changes for the Forum's consideration; the committee to be made up of the following Loring

Prest, Parliamentarian: Sean Madden, Faculty Senator: Walter Harris, Student Senator (Student Government President) and two additional senators.

Motion:
Be it resolved, that the Budget Committee shall review the University budget and report to the Executive Committee in a timely manner so that the Forum may review and comment upon the budget.

Motion:
Be it resolved, that that the Planning and Priorities Committee shall review the Annual Statement of University Policies, Priorities, and Resources and report to the Executive Committee in a timely manner so that the Forum may review and comment upon the Annual Statement of University Policies, Priorities, and Resources.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next FORUM Meeting DECEMBER 6, 2011

XI. ADJOURNMENT

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

October 4, 2011/4:00 p.m., DIXON Room 327

MINUTES

The California University Forum met in regular session Tuesday, October 4, 2011, in Dixon Room 327. Presiding Officer Hoover called the meeting order at 4:05 p.m.

The following senators were in attendance:

Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr.
Ms. Cary Banner
Mr. Nicholas Battista
Dr. Bill Biddington
Ms. Alexandra Brooks
Ms. Roberta Busha
Mr. Craig Butzine
Dr. John Confer
Ms. Jill Fernandes
Ms. Rhonda Gifford
Mr. Yancey Goshorn
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Ms. Geraldine Jones
Dr. Charles Mance
Ms. Morgan O'Rourke
Dr. Craig Smith
Mr. Jacob Smith
Mr. Michael Wagner
Dr. Tom Wickham
Dr. Brian Wood
Dr. Kimberly Woznack
Ms. Donna Wright
Dr. Mohamed Yamba

The following were also in attendance:

Mr. Douglas Hoover, Presiding Officer
Mr. Loring Prest, Parliamentarian
Mrs. Dana Turcic, Recording Secretary

The following senators were absent:

Mr. Rick Bertagnolli
Dr. Jane Bonari
Ms. Janelle Brewer
Ms. Betsy Clark
Ms. Lena Danka
Mr. Todd Edwards
Ms. Fran Fayish
Mr. Shane Fox
Dr. Kevin Koury
Ms. Darla Kurnal
Dr. Sean Madden
Mr. Donny Marszalek
Mr. Josh Mrosko
Mr. William O'Donnell
Dr. Nancy Pinardi
Dr. Carrie Rosengart
Mr. Gary Seelye
Dr. Emily Sweitzer
Mr. Robert Thorn

Due to the lack of a quorum of Forum senators, Presiding Officer Hoover adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

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