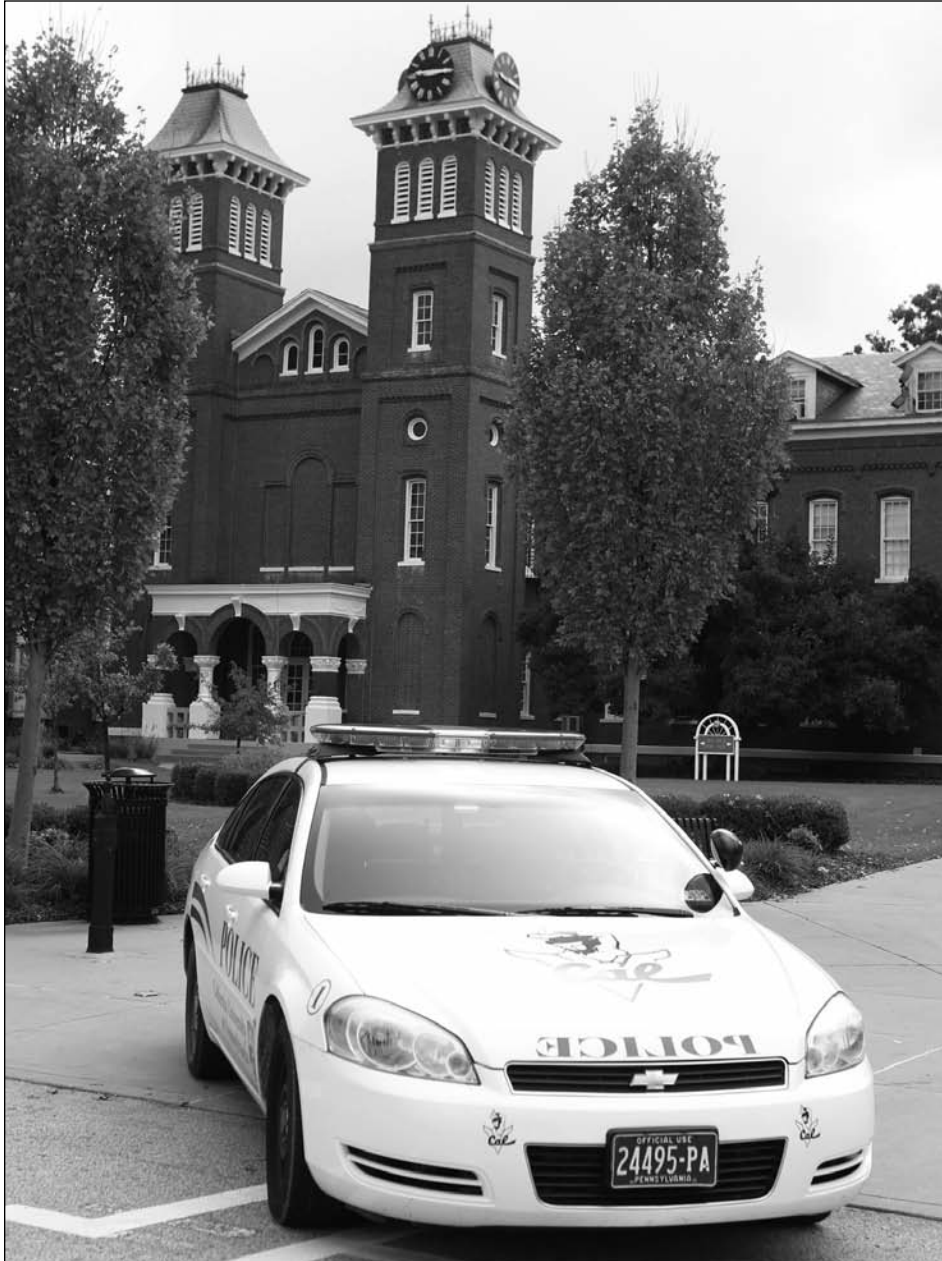


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To strengthen security, Cal U will add three officers to its University Police Department and purchase two more patrol cars for the campus police force.

Cal U to Bolster Police Force

Three Patrol Officers, Two Cruisers Will Be Added on Campus

California University of Pennsylvania will add three officers to its University Police Department and purchase two more patrol cars for the campus police force.

University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. authorized the moves to strengthen security on Cal U's main campus in California, Pa., and on its nearby south campus, which includes Adamson football stadium, the Roadman Park and SAI Farm recreation areas, and the Vulcan Village student housing complex.

The additional officers and patrol cars also may be used to assist the California Borough Police Department as needed.

President Armenti announced the measure last week, after Cal U issued the fall semester's third "timely warning" about off-campus crimes. An additional alert was issued Oct. 10.

The President also posted a special message on the Cal U website.

Although none of these incidents occurred on campus, President Armenti is taking proactive measures to ensure the safety and security of the campus community, including Cal U students.

"Years ago, many families chose a college for their son or daughter based largely on its physical appearance," President Armenti said yesterday. "Now safety is their No. 1 concern. This is our top priority, as well."

Cal U's campus police force currently has three patrol cars and 16 fully trained officers, including police Chief Bob Downey. The department also includes three dispatchers/security officers and an administrative assistant.

Two parking officers patrol campus parking lots, as well.

"Hiring three new officers means we will be able to add another patrol officer to each shift," Downey said.

"That will give us more flexibility and the ability to patrol outlying areas, such as the south campus, more aggressively."

Two additional cruisers will "enhance the department's visibility and effectiveness," he added.

Downey said he would begin to advertise the positions as soon as possible, following guidelines established by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Mission Day Speaker Explores Education

Even without formal instruction, children can — and will — teach themselves if they are motivated by curiosity and interest among their peers.

That's what Dr. Sugata Mitra discovered more than a decade ago, when he and his research partners placed an Internet-connected computer behind a hole in a wall in an urban slum in Delhi, India.

A hidden camera showed the neighborhood's children, who never had been taught to use a computer, playing with the device. Soon they were using the computer to go online — and teaching each other what they had learned.

Mitra will be the keynote speaker Oct. 26 at Mission Day XIII, a day devoted to exploring a single topic of interest to the campus community. Classes will be cancelled so all members of the campus community can discuss the notion that

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Homecoming Goes 'Around World'

"Around the World" is the theme for events today through Saturday as Cal U celebrates Homecoming 2011.

A highlight of the week is Saturday's Homecoming Day celebration. Pre-parade activities begin at 9 a.m. around campus including tethered hot air balloon rides (weather permitting), a petting zoo, inflatables, face painting, games and more. At 10 a.m. in the Grand Hall of Old Main, President Angelo Armenti, Jr. and First Lady Barbara Armenti will host the Circle Brunch.

The Homecoming Parade will begin at noon, led by grand marshal Tim Gorske '62. It will form on Hickory Street, behind the Natali Student Center, and travel down Third Street. Marchers will turn right on Union Street, return to campus on Second Street and end the march at the Kara Alumni House.

A tailgating party with activities for all ages will begin at Roadman Park at 1:30 p.m.

At 3:30 p.m., the Cal U football team will host division rival Mercyhurst University in Adamson



One of many highlights Saturday will be the Homecoming Parade, which begins at noon.

Stadium at Hepner-Bailey Field. At halftime, winners of the Homecoming Parade float competition will be revealed, and the Homecoming king and queen will be announced.

Other events during Homecoming week include:

- A performance by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

A pre-concert reception begins at 6:45 p.m. in the Michael and Julia

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Scouts Work Toward Robotics Merit Badge

Boy Scouts from the Pittsburgh area filled the Cal U Conference Rooms at CONSOL Energy Center Oct. 1 to build and program robots — two key steps toward earning a merit badge introduced just six months ago.

The Boy Scouts of America Robotics Merit Badge Workshop was presented by Cal U's Office of Integration and Outreach for T.E.A.M.S. (Teaching, Engineering, Arts, Math and Science) and the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation.

It gave Pittsburgh-area Scouts a chance to work toward their robotics merit badge using the expertise and resources of the University.

The new merit badge is part of the Boy Scouts of America's current emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math — the subjects known collectively as STEM. It was developed during a 14-month process that included input from 150 youth members, educational leaders and industry professionals from across the nation.

Michael Amrhein, director of the Office of Integration and Outreach for T.E.A.M.S. at Cal U, helped to develop the badge.

"The whole concept of the merit badge is advancement and career awareness," he said. "The Scouts can advance their ranking within the Boy Scouts program by earning this badge, and they also gain an awareness of robotics as a career."

"Embedded within the merit badge is education about the robotics industry, safety and competition."

At the workshop, 30 Scouts assembled NXT Lego robotics kits and used laptops provided by the University to program

their robots' movements.

"Soldering is required, so long pants and long sleeves are essential," the workshop announcement advised.

In addition to Amrhein, students Ryan Bucklad, Joseph Merlino and Jason DiNardo were on hand to assist the Scouts with the engineering process. All three seniors are majoring in technology and engineering education at Cal U.

Construction and programming are just two of the seven requirements for the robotics merit badge. Scouts also must discuss hazard prevention and safety, explain three of the five major fields of robotics, discuss how robots are used today, demonstrate the robot, and discuss career opportunities in robotics.

"Building and programming robots is the most expensive task of the merit badge," Amrhein said. "We decided to hold this workshop because Scouts can benefit as a group from us providing robot kits and other resources that troops might not be able to afford."

More than 60 Scouts applied for the 30 available spots, he added. In light of the workshop's popularity, Amrhein is planning a summer robotics camp that will be open to all students but will allow Boy Scouts to earn a robotics merit badge.

He also hopes to develop workshops and camps for other scouting groups, including Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Adventure Scouts.

"I want to find a way to engage all the Scouts in robotics," he said.

"If we can introduce robotics to the different groups of Scouts, the bigger the win it will be for the University, the robotics program and the STEM education of children."



Mike Amrhein, director of T.E.A.M.S. at Cal U, assists Antonio Casadei of Boy Scout Troop 23 with his robotics merit badge in the Cal U Conference Rooms at CONSOL Energy Center.

Mission Day Speaker to Focus on Education

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"education is a self-organizing system."

Mitra is a professor of educational technology in the School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences at Newcastle University in the United Kingdom.



Dr. Sugata Mitra

He is the leading proponent of "minimally invasive education," which suggests that by stimulating a learner's curiosity and providing the appropriate tools, children will drive their own education.

Mitra holds a doctorate in physics and is credited with more than 25 inventions in the area of cognitive science and educational technology.

A Cal U tradition since 1998, Mission Day allows all members of the University community to engage in dialogue, share ideas and voice recommendations as equals in order to advance the institution's mission and goals.

Daytime classes will be cancelled so that students, faculty, staff and alumni can participate in the program and discuss the topic. Evening classes may be cancelled at the instructor's discretion.

Registration for Mission Day XIII on Oct. 26 is ongoing. Check the Cal U website, www.calu.edu, for a link to the registration page, or visit www.calu.edu/events/mission-day/index.htm.

To engage in the conversation, please follow @CalUofPA on Twitter and use the #calumday hashtag to share your thoughts on this provocative topic.

The Cal U website has links to videos about Dr. Sugata Mitra's work.

Alumna Accepts Carter Award

Calling her alma mater's first African-American graduate "a true progressive leader," Cynthia James '02 accepted the third annual Jennie Carter Leadership Award during a luncheon Oct. 6 in the Kara Alumni House.

"The tenets of leadership have not changed" since Elizabeth "Jennie" Adams Carter graduated in 1881, James said. She noted that Jennie Carter was able to sustain a vibrant teaching career while raising a family, a rarity in her day.

Cal U honors Jennie Carter each year near her birthday, Oct. 9, by recognizing an individual who embodies her indomitable spirit.

William Carter, Jennie Carter's great-grandson, said James does just that.

She is executive director for Public Allies Pittsburgh, a national leadership and service organization that she launched in partnership with the Coro Center for Leadership in 2006.

A member and vice president of the board of directors for Umoja African Arts Company, also in Pittsburgh, James gives in excess of 200 hours of volunteer service to her community each year.

As a young leader, James has been listed among the Pittsburgh Courier's "Fab 40" and Pittsburgh Magazine's "40 Under 40." She also received the Urban League's Young Professional Community



Enjoying a moment outside of the Kara Alumni House are (from left) Kay Carter; Cynthia James '02, recipient of the third annual Jennie Carter Leadership Award; and William Carter, Jennie Carter's great-grandson.

Leader Award for promoting civic engagement.

"Cynthia James is an advocate of social change through responsible leadership," Carter said as he presented the award. "Her primary goal is to train young people who want to make a career out of making a difference."

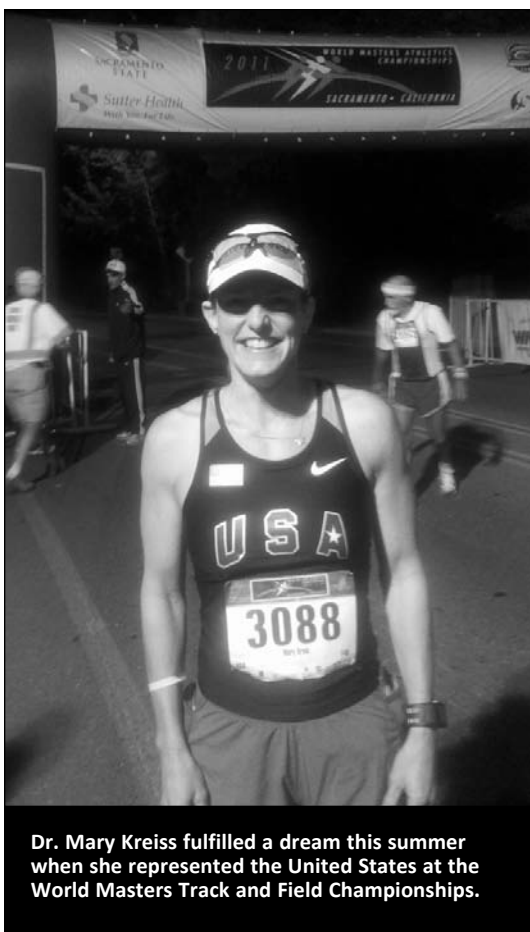
In her acceptance speech, James reminisced about campus life, recalling both the happy times and the challenges she faced as an undergraduate.

As an undergraduate, she held office in the Student Government Association, the Student Activities

Board, the Black Student Union and the University Ethics Committee. She was inducted into the Order of Omega for her service to her sorority, Zeta Phi Beta, and received the Student Leadership Award.

"The core values of Cal U have stuck with me through my personal life and in my career," she said. "I ask myself, 'Am I living my life the way I want others to see me?'"

"It is your privilege to be here," she told students who attended the luncheon. "Don't be afraid to take risks. Take on the world. Take this experience and run with it."



Dr. Mary Kreiss fulfilled a dream this summer when she represented the United States at the World Masters Track and Field Championships.

Professor Competes for U.S.A. in World Masters Marathon

Dr. Mary Kreiss achieved a personal goal and helped a stranger when she competed at the World Masters Track and Field Championships this summer in Sacramento, Calif.

An associate professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Sport Studies, Kreiss represented her country in the marathon and ran her second fastest time, completing the course in three hours, 18 minutes and 51 seconds.

She finished fourth overall in her age group.

A cancer survivor, Kreiss was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma in 2004, during her first week at Cal U. She had two surgeries to remove the cancer, both while she was pregnant with her daughter, Viva, who was born healthy in January 2005. The child's name means "live long."

"My goal was to be able to tell Viva that her mommy competed for the U.S.A. and wore the uniform of our country as an athlete," Kreiss explained proudly. "I will never wear a crown, but I got to wear the uniform!"

Because of her connection with cancer, Kreiss was one of 25 cyclists selected to ride in the 2005 Tour of Hope, a cross-country bike ride with Lance Armstrong that was designed to highlight the need for clinical trials in cancer research.

Kreiss was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army's Medical Service Corps while she completed her bachelor's degree. In 2006 she accepted a medical discharge with the rank of major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Although she missed a medal at the 2011 world championships by just one place, the said journey was well worth it.

"The experience was incredible, because I was able to meet and compete with athletes from around the world," she said. "I was thankful to have such an amazing opportunity, as both an athlete and a sport management professor. I learned so much about managing a world-level and world-class event!"

Kreiss recalled pacing and talking with a woman from Costa Rica. "She didn't speak English but understood what my intentions were, as was evidenced by the hugs and kisses I received afterward. It was special."

Last November, two days before competing in a triathlon, Kreiss delivered a Veterans Day speech on the deck of a World War II battleship permanently docked in Wilmington, N.C. She will be repeating both of those activities next month.

Campus BRIEFS

Procurement Opportunities Fair Planned

Cal U's Government Agency Coordination Office (GACO) will sponsor the 24th annual Procurement Opportunities Fair from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday at the Four Points Sheraton North in Mars, Pa.

Any business interested in selling products or services to federal, state or local government agencies and prime contractors should attend. Admission is \$30.

Focused on providing companies with contracting and subcontracting information, the fair will feature 90 booths occupied by representatives of government agencies, corporations, regional service organizations and area businesses.

Some of the participants for this year's fair include: 911th Airlift Wing, Bechtel Plant Machinery, National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), Mine Safety Appliances Co., Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP), NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Simplex Grinnell, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare and Westinghouse Electric Co.

In addition to the networking opportunities in the booth area, Susan Burrows, director of NAVSUP's Office of Small Business Programs, will present a talk on "Maximizing Opportunities with NAVSUP. This session provides an overview of the Naval Supply

Systems Command mission and how to do business with this unique enterprise.

For more information, contact Tracy Julian at 724-938-5881 or julian@calu.edu .

Cal U Kicks Off BotsIQ

More than 110 high school students and educators from across southwestern Pennsylvania attended the annual BotsIQ kick-off meeting on Oct. 5 in the Performance Center.

BotsIQ is a robotics and STEM education program that asks students to build combat-style robots for competition. By building "battle bots," students put the STEM subjects — science, technology, engineering and math — into practice.

The regional BotsIQ competition, in its seventh year, involves more than 40 schools from nine counties.

The kick-off event gives participants a chance to learn about the competition, the robot submission guidelines and the categories in which robots will be judged. In addition to the 'bot-to-'bot contest, each team must present schematic details, an explanation for design choices, and analysis for engineering systems.

Students have five months to build their robots. Preliminary matches are set for March 23-24 at Cal U. The finals will be held Aug. 13-14 at Westmoreland County Community College in Youngwood, Pa.

SECA Serves Spaghetti Oct. 31

As part of the 2011 SECA fundraising campaign, "I give because ...," a spaghetti-and-meatballs lunch will be offered from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Performance Center. Cost is \$7 and includes salad, dessert and beverage. Proceeds go to SECA, the State Employees Combined Appeal.

Dine-in and take-out tickets are available; take-out tickets must be purchased in advance. Ticket-holders will be eligible for a chance to win a door prize.

SECA serves as an umbrella for nine major organizations that support local, regional or international charities. A parent organization of the SECA/Cal U drive is the United Way of Mon Valley. This organization's president for a fifth term is Cal U's First Lady, Barbara Armenti.

To purchase tickets, contact either Dana Turcic (turcic@calu.edu) or Norm Hasbrouck (hasbrouck@calu.edu).

Thank You

Ken Grzelak, assistant director for Campus Support Services, would like to thank the Cal U community for all its support, acts of kindness and prayers during the recent loss of his mother. The thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

Homecoming Set for Saturday

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Kara Alumni House. Cost is \$75 for the reception, symphony performance and optional shuttle service between Kara Alumni House and Steele Hall.

Admission to the performance only is \$10 for members of the Cal U community or the general public. To purchase tickets, call the Steele Box Office at 724-938-5943. The performance is free for students with a valid CalCard. Proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

- A bonfire at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the River Lot parking area. The 2011 Homecoming Court will be announced. The event begins at 6 p.m. with the torch lighting at the Vulcan statue on the Quad.

- The 17th annual Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame banquet at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the Performance Center. Inductees honored this year are Antoine Bagwell (football), Rich Kotarsky '67 (basketball), Bill Lee '67 (football), Candice Pickens (basketball), the late Paul E. Ross '37 (wrestling coach/athletic director), Megan Storck '06 (women's basketball) and Jack Zduriencik '74 (baseball).

Cal U's 1968 PSAC champion football team also will be honored.

- The Young Alumni Advisory Council meeting at 6 p.m. in the first-floor conference room at the Kara Alumni House.

- The eighth annual Industrial Arts/Technology Education (IA/TE) Alumni Society reception, 7 p.m. Friday in the Booker Great Room of the Kara Alumni House.

- President Armenti's annual visit to the various fraternities, sororities and other organizations preparing floats for the Homecoming parade on Friday.

For more information about Homecoming 2011 events and activities, visit <http://sai.calu.edu/homecoming/2011/orient.html> .

Parking Changes Planned

Visitors who wish to park on campus while they attend Homecoming events may use the Vulcan Garage. Rates are posted. Drivers who pay by the hour will find pay stations located on the garage's first, third and fourth levels. Anyone who forgets to stop at the pay station will be able to pay with a credit card when exiting the garage.

On Saturday, these road closures will be in effect:

- Sixth Street will be closed from the Vulcan Garage to Hickory Street.
- Hickory will be closed on campus beginning at 10 a.m.
- Third Street will be closed at the entrance to campus beginning at 10 a.m.
- Lots 12 and 14 will be used for parade lineup.

- The River Lot (Lot 4) will be open to vehicles with a hangtag for that lot.

- Lots 15 and 17 will be open for those who have reserved spaces, but no cars will be able to move from their spots from 9 a.m. until the end of the parade.

- Lot 11 will be available to all visiting groups that are marching in the parade.

- Lot 2 will be open to permit holders and those attending the Alumni Luncheon.

The Vulcan Flyer shuttle service will operate until 10:30 a.m. Saturday. It will resume immediately after the parade at the Booker Towers stop to take people to the football game at Adamson Stadium.

Also on Saturday, there will be no parking from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Second Street (200 to 500 blocks), Third Street (200 to 400 blocks) and Union Street (200 block). Vehicles parked along the parade route will receive a parking ticket beginning at 9 a.m. Towing of those vehicles will start at approximately 10 a.m.

Athletic Director Brought Back Wrestling

Editor's Note: Cal U will hold its 17th annual Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet Friday at the Performance Center in the Natali Student Center. For reservations, contact Montean Dean at 724-938-4418. Throughout the fall, *The Journal* will profile each of the 2011 Hall of Fame inductees.

Respected and well-liked disciplinarian, the late Paul Ross resurrected the wrestling program at Cal during a distinguished 20-year career.

Ross was a faculty member in Cal U's former Health and Physical Education Department from 1957 to 1968, when he was appointed athletic director. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 1976.

During his undergraduate days at Cal, Ross was a four-year starting tackle on the football team from 1933-1936. Aided by his dominant play up front, the Vulcans and head coach Bill Steers achieved three winning seasons.

Ross was also a standout 200-pound wrestler under head coach Louis Sismondo. Wrestling was eliminated as a varsity sport after the 1934-1935 season, but it remained an athletic option for students.

In addition to starring in two sports and playing intramural basketball, Ross was president of the Photography Club and the Traveling Men's Council, as well as a member of Student Congress, Men's Glee Club, Science-Math Club, Varsity Club and the Monocal yearbook staff. He was also a student wrestling coach.

Ross restarted the wrestling program in 1957 and guided the Vulcans for 10



Paul Ross' distinguished career at Cal U as a student-athlete, teacher, coach and administrator has deservedly earned him induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

years, achieving a 66-45-5 career dual-meet coaching record. One of the many student-athletes Ross coached was Cal U Hall of Fame inductee William "Bull" McPherson, who in 1961 became the school's first PSAC wrestling champion.

One of the initial wrestlers for Ross was heavyweight Pete Petroff '60, who was better known for his prowess on the football field.

A two-way lineman on Cal's undefeated 1958 team, Petroff wrestled for Ross in 1957, when the team's results did not count, and was a state finalist in 1958.

"Paul Ross was a gentleman, a good

man," Petroff said. "But he told you how it was and was very sincere and honest."

Petroff went out for wrestling to stay in shape for football, but he praised Ross for bringing back wrestling as a varsity sport.

"I thought he could have pushed us harder, but that was because he was building the team," said Petroff, now a retired high school guidance counselor and successful scholastic football coach. "He was trying to build something, although we did not have much money or resources. But he was the catalyst in getting it all started."

Ross also coached the men's tennis team for five years before moving into athletic administration. He turned over the wrestling and tennis coaching duties to eventual Cal U Hall of Fame inductees Dr. Allen Welsh (2000) and Frank Vulcano Sr. (wrestling, 2005).

As athletic director, Ross was chairman of the PSAC Wrestling Tournament when the event was held at Cal's Hamer Hall in 1969. Under Ross' leadership, Cal athletics won PSAC team championships in football (1968) and men's basketball (1970) and captured three men's tennis state crowns (1968, 1971, 1972). He is a member of the PSAC Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Vulcano coached the Vulcans for 18 years after taking over for Ross. He won 181 dual meets while producing 10 All-Americans, four state champs and one national champion.

"Paul Ross gave me a great opportunity, was a caring mentor and brought the sport back to campus," Vulcano said.

Longtime mathematics and computer science professor George Novak, a past president of the Athletic Council, echoed those statements.

"Everyone liked and respected Paul Ross," said Novak. "He led the Athletic Department during some very tough economic times and was just a great guy."

Originally from Speers, Pa., Ross attended both Belle Vernon and Charleroi high schools. After earning his bachelor's degree in secondary education from Cal in 1937, he did post-graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh.

Ross began coaching in 1937 as an assistant football coach at South Union High School, where he later served as head football coach for two seasons.

He transferred to Fallowfield Township and was assistant director of the NYA before enlisting in the Navy in 1943. He was discharged with the rank of lieutenant commander in December 1945 but remained active in the military for many years as a commander in the Naval Reserve.

Before returning to his collegiate alma mater, Ross worked for 11 years at Donora High School as a physical education instructor and the Dragons' wrestling coach.

He also served as the business adviser and photographer for Donora's school publications.

Ross and his wife, the late Catherine Bodish Ross, were the parents of two sons, Vernon and Scott. Vernon will speak on his father's behalf at Friday's banquet. Paul Ross Sr. passed away on Sept. 28, 1980.

Career Coach Program Links Students, Alumni

Alumni and students are building connections as the Cal U Career Coach program gets under way.

The mentoring program held a kickoff event Sept. 29 and plans a second event next month.

Career Coach grew from an idea first proposed by University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. as a way to engage alumni with their alma mater.

The program involves the entire campus community: Faculty and staff have nominated highly motivated students as protégés, and members of the University Development, Alumni Relations and Career Services areas nominated career coaches.

In all, more than 40 protégés and coaches are involved in the pilot program.

Nearly 30 attended the initial event last month in the Welcome Center. Several out-of-state coaches participated via Skype, GoogleChat or Face Time. Before the event, Career Services held information sessions for all protégés and



Bill Brown

coaches to review the handbook and other resources, to discuss expectations and to address questions.

"We have a fantastic, motivated and engaged group of Career Coaches and protégés," said Rhonda Gifford, director of Career Services. The keynote speaker at the kickoff event was Cal U's head basketball coach, Bill Brown. In 2000 Brown initiated Basketball Alumni Day, which fosters engagement between past Vulcan greats and the current team.

In his talk, Brown touched on the impact coaches have made on his life. Coaching "applies to life in general, regardless of whether you're an athlete, factory worker or businessman," he said. "The disciplines and goal-setting are

important for success."

Brown noted that Alumni Day and the Career Coach program both emphasize paying it forward. When students meet alumni, they can see how a Cal U education has paid off.

Another enthusiastic coach is Michael Napolitano '68, who became a successful businessman after teaching for seven years. A past president of the Alumni Association, he is a member of the University's Council of Trustees.

"I want to help our current students any way I can," Napolitano said. "After getting their degree they must set a goal, have a plan, make the commitment and have a target date."

The program aims to connect graduates with students in a related field. For example, former special agent Mark Camillo '76 — now senior vice president of strategic planning for Contemporary Services Corp., a security firm — provided interview advice to protégé Marie Turnbull, a senior in the Justice Studies program.

The two had exchanged e-mails, and Turnbull called her career coach the night before she interviewed with the U.S. Secret Service office in Pittsburgh.

Turnbull was offered an internship, and she's looking forward to meeting Camillo when he speaks at Cal U's fifth annual Conference on Homeland and International Security on Oct. 25.

Several other protégés expressed interest in becoming career coaches someday.

"This is a great example of *Cal U for Life*, giving of time and talent," Gifford said.

On Nov. 17, a Cal U Career Coach Career Panel and Networking Event will take place from 6-8 p.m.

"We look forward to supporting the coaches and protégés throughout the year," said Meaghan Clister, of Career Services.

For more information, or to nominate student protégés for the 2012-2013 program, faculty and staff may contact Meaghan Clister at clister@calu.edu.

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