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From left to right: Richard Miller, of Summit Development; Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr.; Anthony Payiavlas, of AVI FoodSystems Inc.; and Washington County Commissioners Lawrence Maggi, Diana Irey Vaughan and Bracken Burns break ground at the site of the new Hampton Inn and Suites at the California Technology Park.

Soccer Facility Praised at Dedication

The dedication of the new Phillipsburg Soccer Facility added an extra kick to Family Weekend activities on Sept. 24.

In between Cal U's nationally ranked soccer teams' conference victories over East Stroudsburg, the University held a brief dedication ceremony for the state-of-the-art facility.

The \$4.4 million soccer complex is located on Orchard Street, just three blocks from the main campus. It includes a new artificial turf field, a programmable lighting system, a multi-sport electronic scoreboard, and renovated locker rooms, bleachers, press box, restrooms and concession stand.

"In Brazil, they call soccer 'the beautiful game,'" said Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. "Now we have a beautiful place for both our men and women to play.

"We believe that our students deserve not only a great education, but also a world-class campus. With this soccer facility, we've truly given them our best."

During the construction phase, men's soccer coach Dennis Laskey said the facility would be the finest in the eastern United States. The Vulcans began playing at the new complex Sept. 7, and his positive opinion has been validated, the coach said.

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President: Hotel is 'Win-Win'

President Angelo Armenti, Jr. calls a new hotel in California Borough a "true win-win" for both the Washington County business community and Cal U.

President Armenti, a member of the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County, joined state legislators, county commissioners, authority members, local officials and members of the business community at groundbreaking ceremonies for a Hampton Inn and Suites hotel at California Technology Park, about 2 miles from the Cal U campus.

"I have no doubt that this hotel will make a positive impact on our University — and that Cal U will be a driving factor in filling rooms at the Hampton Inn and Suites," the President said.

The families of prospective and current students will appreciate being able to find lodgings so close to the school, he said.

"The project is especially welcome as the University

prepares to open the Cal U Convocation Center and expand its executive conferencing services. Having a hotel within a few minutes' drive from the Convocation Center certainly will add to its appeal."

The 4-story, 84-room hotel will be built on a 5-acre parcel in the technology park, off Malden Road near the Cal-Ed Credit Union building. It will include 3,000 square feet of banquet space. Total cost is estimated at \$10.2 million.

Bill McGowen, executive director of the redevelopment authority, noted that a separate restaurant also may be added at the technology park.

Also speaking at the groundbreaking were representatives of California Hotel Associates Inc., a partnership that includes Summit Development and a management team from AVI FoodSystems Inc.

AVI, a family-owned business based in Warren, Ohio,

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'Kids Talk Democracy' to Mark Constitution Day

Cal U students, faculty and some proud parents filled Old Main Chapel Sept. 20 to hear a panel of sixth-graders help the Cal U community observe Constitution Day with "Kids Talk Democracy II."

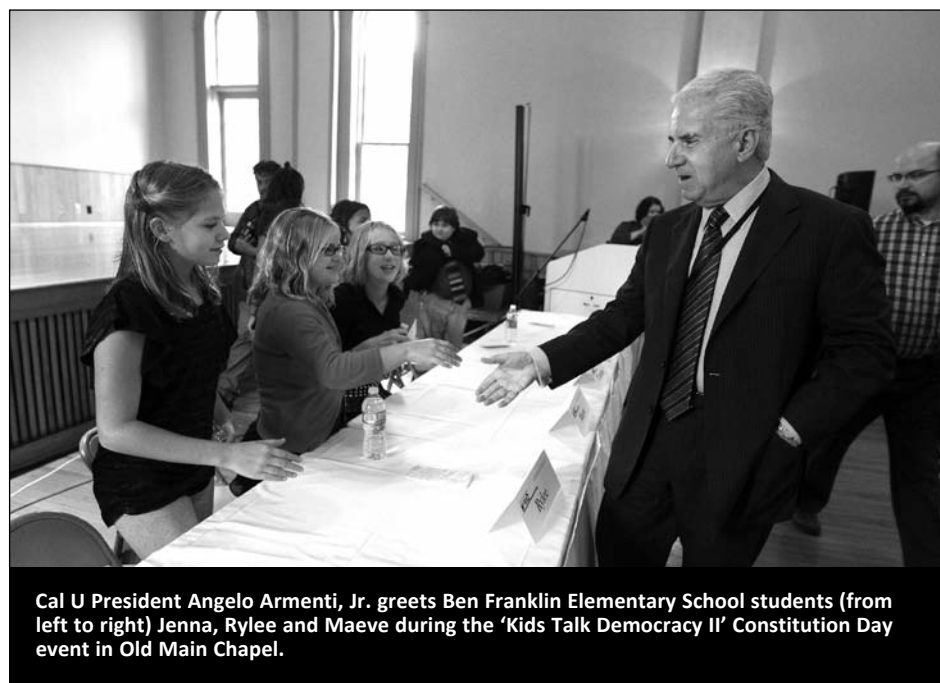
President Angelo Armenti, Jr. welcomed the students, who attend Ben Franklin Elementary School in Uniontown, Pa.

"When leaders in Washington talk about the big issues of the day — things like taxes and budget deficits and new legislation — they often mention the impact of these policies on their children and grandchildren," the President said.

"This morning we're going to hear directly from that younger generation."

Dr. Holly Diehl, an associate professor in the Department of Early, Middle and Special Education, served as moderator for the event. It was modeled after a similar panel videotaped last year.

Diehl led the children through a series of politically themed questions ranging from "What do you want to be



Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. greets Ben Franklin Elementary School students (from left to right) Jenna, Rylee and Maeve during the 'Kids Talk Democracy II' Constitution Day event in Old Main Chapel.

when you grow up?" to "What does it mean to live in a democracy?"

"I want to be a police officer when I grow up, because I enjoy helping people

and seeing people happy to have someone save their lives," answered Jeffrey.

The young students, who were

identified only by their first names, gave complex answers that were sometimes insightful and even inspiring.

"Democracy means to be able to live in a place not ruled by a particular person," said Noah. "It is a system of checks and balances. It is freedom."

When asked about the meaning of freedom of speech, Peyton responded, "Freedom of speech means you can say what you want, but it is not right to go around and say bad words."

Of course, some of the children's answers drew laughs from the audience.

"I would like to be the president of the United States, because he can do things that others can't, like take Air Force One to the beach," Kylee said.

Lauren said she would not like to be the president because "I wouldn't want to do all that paperwork."

Despite their light-hearted comments, the children were well aware of high gas prices, and several spoke about war and saving the environment.

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Grayson Speaks to Cal U Men United

In a stirring, heartfelt keynote address, the Rev. Glenn Grayson challenged Cal U Men United members to use their talents to make their mark as they work toward a college degree.

The father of Jeron Grayson, who was fatally shot last year in California Borough, Grayson was the special guest at the Sept. 22 kick-off dinner for Cal U Men United, now in its second year.

The organization provides mentorship, career-planning activities, social events and workshops to address the needs of men of color on campus. The group's mission is to support the growth, development and achievement of young men of color as they strive to become men of character prepared to take an active role in the global community.

The idea for a mentoring group came from Dr. Lisa McBride in the Office of Social Equity, with support from Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr.

Cal U Men United meetings began Sept. 27. The group will meet at 11 a.m. every other Tuesday in Duda Hall, Room 103.

"It wasn't easy to make the journey here," said Grayson, the pastor of Wesley Center A.M.E. Zion Church in Pittsburgh. He also founded The Center that C.A.R.E.S. (Children/Adults, Recreational and Educational Services), which serves families in Pittsburgh's Hill District.

"I solicit your prayers; it is not an easy task. But we are here to present a word to Cal U Men United — you who look like my son — to urge you to make



Shown with Cal U's Dr. Lisa McBride, the Rev. Glenn Grayson challenged Cal U Men United members to use their talents to make their marks as they work toward college degrees.

your mark. There is great work for you to do."

Grayson also discussed the importance of character development.

"Reputation is what you came here

with; character is what you go away with. Reputation is what you're supposed to be; character is what you are.

"My son had character, and he made an impact on the sands of time."

He continued: "You have been given a chance beyond all odds. You're enrolled! You must impact your community and your family."

Grayson said his son was known to friends and family as "Li'l G," a nickname that now resonates with a deeper meaning.

"G stands for 'Never Touch a Gun,'" he said, as he invited those in the audience who would stand by that pledge to take and wear wristbands imprinted with that statement.

Before Grayson's remarks, guests heard from University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. and Anthony Kane, a member of Cal U Men United.

President Armenti urged the students to use the Cal U Men United support system to be successful at school, and then to help others.

"Some day when you hang your diploma on the wall, you'll look back on your college career and hopefully you'll decide to pay it forward to another promising young person," President Armenti said.

Kane urged his fellow students to take advantage of the resources that Cal U Men United can provide.

"The program is designed to help us succeed, so that more graduate than drop out. If you have a problem, we're here to help.

"We want to be someone and get somewhere."

For more information about Cal U Men United, contact the Office of Social Equity at 724-938-4014.

Paper Looks at Argentinean Cinema

Dr. Marinna Pensa, assistant professor of Spanish in the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures, presented a paper on Argentinean cinema at the 24th annual Pennsylvania Foreign Language Conference.

Hosted by Duquesne University, the conference was held Sept. 23-24 at the Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh, in Green Tree. Her paper was titled "Caballos salvajes: Escape, salvation and the two Argentinas."

Pensa's primary field of research is Latin American theater, but she is developing a secondary interest in Argentinean cinema. She published a paper on that subject last year.

"I always look to incorporate findings from my theater and cinema research into my courses, and I encourage our students to work on these genres," said Pensa, who teaches Latin American literature at Cal U.

She thanked Dr. Mohammed Yamba and the College of Liberal Arts for supporting her attendance at the conference.



Dr. Marinna Pensa

Kids Talk Democracy

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They told the audience that children's opinions matter.

"I wish adults knew that all kids have ideas and a purpose in the world," Kizzy said.

Constitution Day commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Institutions that receive federal funds are required by law to observe the holiday each year.

Many Cal U students at this year's celebration said they were impressed with the children's level of understanding.

"They were more insightful than I thought sixth-graders would be. They seem to have a good heart and lots of ideas," said senior accounting major Michael Harvey. "I am excited about the future, and think the next generation will be just fine."

Organized by the American Democracy Project, the program was co-sponsored by the Office of the President; Academic Affairs/Office of the Provost; the College of Education and Human Services; the College of Liberal Arts; the Department of Early, Middle and Special Education; and the Department of History and Political Science.



The artist's rendering of the Hampton Inn and Suites hotel, which will be built at California Technology Park about 2 miles from the Cal U campus.

President: Hotel a 'Win-Win'

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provides dining services at Cal U and more than 600 other locations.

"AVI's relationship with Cal U has value beyond business," said the company's president and CEO, Anthony Payiavlas. Acknowledging President Armenti as a mentor, he thanked the California-area community "for allowing my family the privilege and honor of becoming part of your family."

Construction of the hotel is expected to be complete in fall 2012.

Cal U alumni were among the government officials who spoke at the ceremony. Lawrence Maggi '79, chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners, praised the cooperation between borough, county, state and federal government that resulted in funding for the project. State Rep. Peter J. Daley II '72, '75 described the decades-long process of

turning the former farmland into a thriving industrial park. Both are members of the University's Council of Trustees.

Also addressing the audience were county commissioners Bracken Burns and Diana Irely Vaughan, and state Sen. Richard Kasunic. The Rev. Jana Quisenberry provided the invocation and benediction, the Mon Valley Leathernecks presented the colors, and Cal U singing groups Acappella Stella and Vulcanize provided music, including an a cappella version of "Hotel California."

"Adding appropriate infrastructure and well-planned amenities can only make Washington County a better place to live, to work, to learn and to visit," President Armenti said.

"I look forward to working hand in hand with the borough, the county's business community, and with California Hotel Associates to make this hotel a true 'win-win.'"

Students, Staff Hear President's Message

In his fall 2011 "State of the University" address, President Angelo Armenti, Jr. assured students they would always be the University's most important stakeholders.

Cal U staff, he said, plays a significant role in helping them succeed.

Separate convocations for staff and students were held Sept. 19-20 in the Performance Center.

The President's talks echoed his Aug. 30 presentation to faculty.

Despite this year's steep decline in state funding, President Armenti remains confident that Cal U will continue to meet the PASSHE mission of providing the highest quality education at the lowest possible cost to students, while accomplishing the University's mission of building character and careers.

Cal U's three greatest goals remain student achievement and success, institutional excellence, and community service, he said.

The President urged both students and staff to focus on their "circle of influence" rather than fretting about outside forces they cannot change.

"This is a place of opportunity that remains strong and vibrant whatever the future may bring," he said, noting that the University is nearly 160 years old.

"We put the students first, because our success comes from your success. We're betting on you to succeed."

The President praised the staff for its



Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. addresses students at convocation Sept. 20 in the Performance Center.

role in Cal U's ongoing progress, announcing that enrollment has increased for a 14th consecutive year. Staff members were given a packet of brochures so they can see how prospective students are being introduced to the University.

"You can help us recruit good students and be thinking of ways to make this place better," President Armenti said.

"This is a beautiful campus, and you

have a lot to be grateful for. I thank you for the success and recognition we receive daily because of what you do."

In his talks the President emphasized two ongoing initiatives: *Cal U Fusion* and the *Cal U Leader for Life* program.

He announced the start of a Teaching and Learning Center that will help faculty use mobile technology and "smart" classrooms as effective tools for education.

"We are not limiting ourselves to certain technologies," the President said. "They are all amazing, each has a role to play, and the overall *Cal U Fusion* initiative gives the University a competitive advantage."

Pointing to Cal U's status as the first FranklinCovey Leadership University, he noted the benefits of student and staff participation in the *Cal U Leader for Life* leadership development process.

"When our students go for an interview and have a *Leader for Life* certificate as part of their Activities Transcript, employers are going to be very impressed, because no other students in the world will be able to claim that."

Staff members who complete the training will become role models. "The leadership program gives every member of our campus community the opportunity to become an effective leader," he said.

In other business, President Armenti said he expects the Convocation Center to be "substantially completed" by Oct. 15. Both the men's and women's basketball teams should start playing games there in November. A grand opening event will be held in spring, once the weather is conducive to travel and the facility's technology is fully operational.

"It's going to be magnificent," President Armenti said. "Your hearts will swell with pride."



Celebrating the dedication of the Phillipsburg Soccer Facility are (from left to right) Joe Reginella, of Reginella Construction Co.; architect Dave Hohman, of Pennoni Associates Inc.; head men's soccer coach Dennis Laskey; Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr.; head women's soccer coach Al Alvine; women's team captain Kayla Klimasko; Acting Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Nancy Pinardi; and SAI Board of Directors President Michael R. Wagner.

New Soccer Facility Praised

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"It's really been everything we had hoped for and more. One of the coaches from another team we played actually thanked me for letting them play on it and said it was an unbelievable experience. It's fantastic."

The women's soccer team, which entered the Family Weekend games ranked No. 2 in the nation, now has a national-caliber facility suitable for hosting NCAA tournaments.

"This is a great day for our soccer teams and for the Cal U family," said Al Alvine, the team's fifth-year head coach. "This facility shows how hard work can pay off. We are fortunate here to have a great tradition that continues to inspire us to always give more on the playing field, in the classroom and in life."

Team captains Charles Dagnal and Kayla Klimasko thanked President Armenti and voiced their appreciation for the support of both students and alumni.

Other speakers at the dedication were Michael R. Wagner, president of the SAI board of directors; Joe Reginella, of Reginella Construction Co.; and Dave Hohman, senior landscape architect with Pennoni

Associates Inc.

Senior goalkeeper Paula Jackson, a 2010 second-team Daktronics All-American, said she believes the new facility gives Cal a distinct home-field advantage.

"Other teams are impressed when they come here now, but it also shows them they are facing a team and a school that are totally committed to being successful," said Jackson, who was third in the nation with a 0.34 goals against average last fall. "Everything about this is first class, and we are proud of it."

While the Vulcans looked to the future, the Dunlevy Redbirds remembered the past, holding their annual reunion as part of the festivities. Redbirds Day recognizes former players and coaches from the Mon Valley Youth Soccer Association, which got its start in 1978 in the small town of Dunlevy.

Many of those players and coaches also contributed to the Cal U soccer program.

Nearly 100 Redbirds attended the reunion, including 12 members of the 1965 junior team that won the West Penn Cup championship. Among that group was Domenick DiBernardi, now the oldest living former Dunlevy player.

"This is just beautiful," he said of the new facility.

Mission Day XIII Oct. 26

Daytime classes will be cancelled Oct. 26 so all members of the campus community can discuss the notion that "education is a self-organizing system."

That's the topic for this year's Mission Day, when faculty, staff and students gather as equals to discuss an idea of importance to the campus community.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Sugata Mitra, professor of educational technology in the School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences at Newcastle University in the United Kingdom.

His well-known "hole in the wall" project, and other research, informs his assertion that students who are given appropriate resources and technology will teach themselves and learn from one another.

Visit the Cal U website for links to videos about Dr. Sugata Mitra's work. Watch for more information about Mission Day XIII at www.calu.edu.

Volunteers Needed to Pack Birthing Kits

Volunteers are encouraged to help faculty members from the Department of Nursing and representatives of the Zonta Club of Washington County pack birthing kits from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday in the Natali Student Center's Performance Center.

On Oct. 1 volunteers collected supplies at the Kara Alumni House. They will create kits for women in foreign countries who lack basic health-care services. Simple items such as soap, cord, plastic sheeting, gauze and latex gloves will provide safer, healthier birthing environments.

For more information, contact Judy Byers and the Department of Nursing at 724-938-5739 or e-mail byers@calu.edu.

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

Oct. 4, 2011
4:00 p.m., Dixon Room 327

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. MINUTES OF

SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

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

V. MINUTES OF

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Informational Only – Minutes September 20, 2011)

VI. PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Miscellaneous Information
B. Notice of Executive Committee Meeting: October 18, 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.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next FORUM Meeting
NOVEMBER 1, 2011

XI. ADJOURNMENT

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 / 4:00 p.m., Dixon Room 327

APPROVED MINUTES

The California University Forum met in regular session Tuesday, September 7, 2010, 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
Dr. Jane Bonari
Ms. Roberta Busha
Mr. Craig Butzine
Dr. Leonard Colelli
Ms. Lena Danka
Ms. Sharon Elkettani
Ms. Fran Fayish
Mr. Yancey Goshorn
Ms. Autumn Harris
Prof. Barbara Hess
Ms. Geraldine Jones
Dr. Kevin Koury
Dr. Sean Madden
Ms. Morgan O'Rourke
Dr. Nancy Pinardi
Dr. Carrie Rosengart
Mr. Gary Seelye
Dr. Craig Smith
Mr. Jacob Smith
Dr. Emily Sweitzer
Dr. Tom Wickham
Dr. Kimberly Woznack

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:

Dr. Lenora Angelone
Mr. Rick Bertagnolli
Ms. Janelle Brewer
Ms. Betsy Clark
Dr. John Confer
Mr. Walter Harris, III
Mr. Shane Fox
Ms. Darla Kurnal
Dr. Charles Mance
Mr. Donny Marszalek
Mr. Josh Mrosko
Ms. Rebecca Nichols
Mr. Robert Thorn
Dr. Brian Wood

The agenda was presented, approved and the meeting proceeded

Presiding Officer Hoover stated that the approved Forum minutes of April 19, 2011 are available on the Forum website (<http://www.calu.edu/faculty-staff/administration/forum/index.htm>) or Public Folders in the Microsoft Outlook. A hard copy of the executive committee minutes of August 30, 2011 is included in the senators' packets for informational purposes.

Presiding Officer's Report

Presiding Officer Hoover noted the next executive committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 in Room 408 of the Manderino Library and the University Community is welcome to attend.

Presiding Officer Hoover noted that President

Armenti's response to Motion 2011-86 was included as an attachment in the senators' packets:

May 6, 2011
Mr. Douglas Hoover, Presiding Officer
California University Forum

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is in response to the motion passed at the April 20, 2011, meeting of the California University Forum, as follows:

Motion #2011-86:

That the Forum extends its gratitude to the students who served on the Forum – Brittany Balaz, Jessica Bettilyon, Alexandra Brooks, Jacqueline Davis, Candice Kmetz, Darla Kurnal, Sarah Scholar, Marguerite Smith, Cory Stoner, Mike Wagner, Taylor Williams - whose service to the Forum will end with this meeting.

I approve this recommendation for the Forum to extend its gratitude to the aforementioned students who served on the Forum for the 2010-11 academic year. They have served their student constituents well as Forum senators, and we offer to them our heartfelt gratitude.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Angelo Armenti, Jr.

University President

Public Comments

There were no public comments offered at this time.

Interpellation

Senator Madden commented on the number of attendees and is hopeful that the momentum will continue throughout the academic year.

New Business

President Armenti encouraged the new senators to review the Forum Constitution and By-laws in order to gain a better understanding of the powers and responsibilities of the Forum.

Announcements/Adjournment

Presiding Officer Hoover noted the next Forum meeting will be held on October 4, 2011. There being no further business, Presiding Officer Hoover adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mrs. Dana Turcic, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES APPROVED BY MAJORITY VIA E-MAIL BALLOT.

Cybercrime Expertise Sought in Europe

Dr. Joseph Schwerha, associate professor in the Department of Business and Economics, will be a speaker at the fall 2011 Council of Europe Octopus Conference on Cooperation Against Cybercrime in Strasbourg, France.

The conference will be held Nov. 21-23.

At the request of the Council of Europe, Schwerha drafted an article titled "Conditions and Safeguards under Article 15 of the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime: Interpretation and the United States Perspective."

According to a U.S. Department of Justice website, the council "consists of 47 member states, including all of the members of the European Union. It was established in 1949 primarily as a forum to uphold and strengthen human rights, and to promote democracy and the rule of law in Europe."

Article 15 of the council's convention addresses conditions and safeguards to protect human rights and liberties, such as privacy.

This is a field Schwerha knows well: He is among

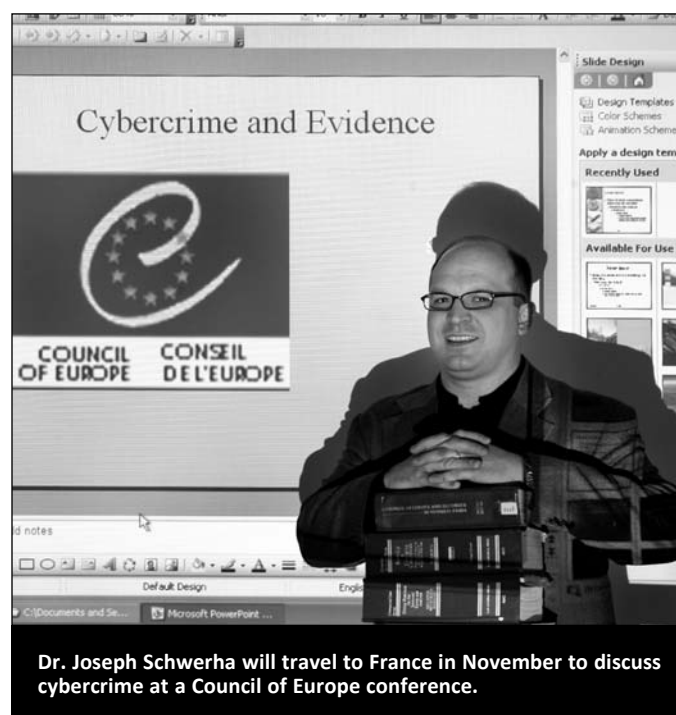
only a few U.S. scholars named to the panel of experts for the Council of Europe's Economic Crime Program. Schwerha serves as an expert on legal issues involved with investigating the criminal abuse of computers and computer networks.

At Cal U, Schwerha teaches all aspects of business law, as well as issues related to privacy, cybercrime and information law.

When he's not teaching he concentrates on TraceEvidence LLC, a consulting business focused on computer forensics, privacy and e-discovery.

A prosecutor for more than eight years, Schwerha has prosecuted computer crimes at both the state and national levels. He is the author or co-author of numerous articles and book chapters, and he has written a book about managing cyber-liability risks.

Schwerha also has taught for many organizations, including the U.S. Department of Commerce, the National District Attorneys Association, the FBI, the National White Collar Crime Center, the American Bar Association and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.



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