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The new CalU Fusion app, developed by Blackboard Mobile, keeps the campus community in touch with Cal U news and Vulcan sports information.

Customized Cal Fusion 'App' Available

Students, faculty, staff and alumni are starting the fall semester by downloading a new mobile application to their smart phones, iPods and digital tablets.

The new Cal Fusion app is available free on Apple iOS and Android devices.

It includes Cal U's popular "people finder" directory, a calendar of campus events and a course listing with class schedules, classroom locations and e-mail links to professors.

The app keeps the campus community in touch with Cal U news and Vulcan sports information, including team schedules and scores. It offers a real-time "shuttle tracker" for keeping tabs on the Vulcan Flyer shuttle buses, plus emergency information, an interactive campus map, YouTube videos and campus photos.

The suite even includes the University's robust mobile website, m.calu.edu.

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Locating the App

To download the free Cal Fusion app, powered by Blackboard, search for "California University of Pennsylvania" in the iTunes App Store or the Android Marketplace. The CalUFusion app, developed by Songwhale and introduced last year, also is available through iTunes. The WCAL app can be found in the iTunes Store and Android Marketplace.

Conductor, Painter, Symphony to Share Stage

Picture this: For six entertaining minutes, two Cal U faculty members from unrelated disciplines will collaborate in front of an audience.

Dr. Yugo Ikach, associate professor of music, and Todd Pinkham, associate professor of art and design, will perform their crafts simultaneously on Oct. 8 at Trinity High School Auditorium.

Ikach is the music director and principal conductor of the Washington Symphony Orchestra. He will conduct "Picture This," a concert that blends music with art.

Before the program's intermission, Pinkham and local artist Jeff Katrencik will paint onstage while the orchestra performs Borodin's "In the Steppes of Central Asia."

"I'm always looking to do new, fun things, and I've been looking at music for this concert for about a year," said Ikach, who also directs the University Choir.

"There are a lot of composers who have been inspired by a painting. Some even used the title of a painting for their piece of music — and that got me thinking."

Pinkham will be painting in reaction to a 19th-century piece written for a Russian monarch. He envisions having a very sparse landscape in place when the music begins, and said he may create a caravan heading off into the distance.

"I've got to adhere to a certain tradition and discipline, but this is an era of change where there are a lot of things changing peoples'



Todd Pinkham (above) and local artist Jeff Katrencik will paint onstage while the Washington Symphony Orchestra performs Borodin's 'In the Steppes of Central Asia' on Oct. 8 at Trinity High School.

perspectives," he said.

"Performance art is a strong thing, and Yugo gets it. I'm excited and looking forward to this."

Performance art dates to the 1960s, explained Pinkham, former art director at Dargate Auction Galleries in Pittsburgh. He said he's inspired by the late performance artist Denny Dent

and concept artist Andrew Jones, and he shows YouTube videos of both to his students.

"I've always liked the quote that art is basically a reflection of the times it's made in," Pinkham said. "Artists are using a lot of visual components, and I have a lot of influences that I see around me."

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Earth Scientists to Showcase Research at GSA Meeting

Three faculty members in the Department of Earth Science will present research at the 2011 Geological Society of America's (GSA) 123rd annual meeting and exposition.

Dr. Matthew Baird, Dr. Kyle Fredrick and Dr. Thomas Kaitlin will represent Cal U from Oct. 9-12 at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minnesota. About 6,000 scientists are expected to attend "Aechean to Anthropocene: The Past is The Key to The Future."

"This year's theme captures the broad research and education agenda of the GSA community as a whole, as well as the application of our work to society," said Harvey Thorleifson, Minnesota's state geologist and a GSA committee chair.

Baird's presentation is based on data about the



seasonal and chemical variability of acid mine drainage in a passive wetland treatment system. His research was done at Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park.

Fredrick's talk will explain how Cal U's geology program is creating opportunities for student research by integrating the activities of a local watershed association, the Washington County Watershed Alliance.

Kaitlin will present research on the identification of groundwater-stream interactions with implications for bio-geochemical hotspots in Elton Creek, in western New York.

Established in 1888, The Geological Society of America provides access to elements that are essential to the professional growth of earth scientists in academia, government, business and industry.

Campus BRIEFS

Save the Date: PSO Concert Oct. 18

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will give its annual performance at Cal U at 8 p.m. Oct. 18 in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

Tickets, at \$10, are available now at the Steele Hall Box Office. Box office hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday. To reach the box office, call 724-938-5943.

FPDC Plans 'Show Me the Money'

Faculty are encouraged to attend "Show Me the Money: Maximizing Your FPD Program Funding Opportunities." The program will be held from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Tuesday in Room 209, Keystone Hall.

Dr. Kurt Kearcher, coordinator of the Faculty Professional Development Center, and Patricia McClain, the FPD Center program assistant, will explain what FPD Program funding resources are, how they work, and how faculty members can maximize their opportunities to secured funding from these important sources.

Department chairs and department representatives are particularly welcome to attend, so they can assist other faculty in their pursuit of funding.

'Explorers' Welcome on Discovery Days

The University introduces itself to prospective students and their families when Cal U holds Discovery Days on Saturday, Oct. 10 and Nov. 5.

On Discovery Days, high school students who are beginning their college search are invited to visit the campus and learn about the University's academic offerings, housing, student activities, athletic programs and more. Students also may sit in on a class and tour campus.

For more information, call Jenifer Sigado at 724-938-1626 or e-mail sigado@calu.edu.

Women's Soccer Ranked Fourth

The women's soccer team recently tied its highest-ever ranking by appearing at No. 4 in the Sept. 15 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Top 25 poll.

Under fifth-year head coach Al Avine, the Vulcans are also the top-ranked team in the Atlantic Region, according to the NSCAA, after opening the year with four impressive victories.

The Vulcans reached the NCAA Division II Round of 16 last season after playing in the PSAC finals for the first time. Two years ago Cal advanced to the national quarterfinals.

Dinzeo Wins at Buffalo

Sophomore Aaron Dinzeo won the Buffalo Stampede Cross Country Invitational on Sept. 17 and helped the men's team open its fall season with a strong third-place team finish. An All-PSAC performer last year, Dinzeo finished with a time of 25 minutes, 1.8 seconds and won the 8-kilometer race by over six seconds. It was his second career win. Last season he posted a top-20 overall finish at the NCAA Atlantic Regional Championships.



Auditions for roles in 'A Christmas Carol, The Musical,' will be held Saturday in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

'Christmas Carol' Auditions Set

California University's Department of Theatre and Dance, along with the Mon Valley Dance Council, will audition singers and dancers for roles in *A Christmas Carol, The Musical* on Saturday in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

Performers may audition for singing and/or dancing roles in the musical version of the holiday classic.

Participants should dress appropriately and arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled audition times.

Male and female performers of all ages and ability levels are needed.

Auditions are scheduled by age as follows:

- Ages 6-8: dance, 11 a.m.; singing, 11:55 p.m.

- Ages 9-12: singing, 11 a.m.; dance, 11:55 p.m.

- Ages 13-18: dance, 12:50 p.m.; singing, 1:35 p.m.

- Adults: singing, 12:50 p.m.; dancing, 1:35 p.m.

Performance dates will be Dec. 8-11. Dr. Michael Slavin will direct the musical, with choreography by Diane Eperthener.

For more information, call Cal U's Department of Theatre and Dance at 724-938-4220.

Cal Fusion App Available Now

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The app was developed by Blackboard Mobile, a division of education technology company Blackboard Inc., with input from Cal U staff.

"Working with the teams from Cal U and Blackboard Mobile Central has been a great experience," said Amy Jones, project coordinator and an executive staff assistant in University Technology Services. "Everybody worked hard to customize the suite of apps for Cal U."

This roll-out is just the first phase of the project, Jones added. The next phase will include a library app and improved maps.

This customized app is just one facet of the campus-wide *Cal U Fusion* initiative. It also includes a new Teaching and Learning Center designed to help the campus community optimize the use of emerging technology inside and outside the classroom.

Dr. Joseph Zisk will lead the TLC, working for now from his office in the Keystone Education Center. Already he has coordinated an "app swap" so faculty members can begin to discuss helpful smart phone and tablet applications.

Recognizing that more than 70 percent of Cal U students carry mobile digital devices, Cal U Fusion aims to use this emerging technology to enhance teaching, learning and campus life.

"*Cal U Fusion* is one of the most exciting student-centered programs we have ever created," said University President Angelo Armenti, Jr.

"Mobile technology has the potential to change the way we think about teaching and learning. We can use these powerful tools to make information more accessible, teaching more efficient, learning more engaging and campus life more fun."

The new app supplements the CalUFusion mobile application, introduced last year, that helps users navigate the campus, order food "to go" from the Sycamore Bistro in Herron Hall, or use an iPhone to reach help quickly in an emergency.

A separate app, developed by Cal U students, lets users



Cal U students Nate Frezzell (left) and Taylor Williams look over the new Cal Fusion app.

hear music, entertainment and sporting events broadcast on WCAL, the campus radio station.

Faculty also will have access to a robust attendance application, a digital "flash card" app and text-based polling for instant feedback in the classroom.



A Wealth of Health

The 24th annual Cal U Health Fair took place Sept. 14 in the Performance Center. More than 1,800 people participated, and 56 vendors from the healthcare industry presented information. Among the giveaways were 500 T-shirts, water bottles and pens. Above, chiropractic assistant Missy Lenhart, of Porreca Chiropractic Center Inc., massages Cal U student Rachelle Diyanni, a nursing major, at the health fair.



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I'm really trying to understand the world now using these other tools."

The concert will focus on music that inspired, or was inspired by, art. The orchestra also will perform Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition," Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun" and Purse's "Sketches of America."

Paintings by local artists will be exhibited in the lobby at Trinity, but Ikach said he was looking for something beyond the obvious. He recalled seeing online artists creating artworks in front of an audience while recorded music played.



Dr. Yugo Ikach

"I thought, 'Why don't we get someone to create right in front of us?' Ikach said.

"The first person I thought of was Todd Pinkham, because he's an artist who's not afraid to try things. He was game right from the start."

Ikach said the orchestra will be rehearsing independently, but Pinkham will join the musicians for a rehearsal the day before the concert.

"I love the cross-fertilization between departments, and this is a more likely marriage than had I gone to the Accounting Department," he joked.

"We can learn from each other. How Todd and his department approach art may be a little different than how the Music Department approaches art."

At all Washington Symphony Orchestra concerts, Cal U students are admitted free of charge with a valid CalCard.

Ikach regularly urges students from all majors to attend live events.

"I think it's going to be neat, and I'm obviously excited about this," he said. "It will be something to see."

The Washington Symphony Orchestra will perform "Picture This" at 8 p.m. Oct. 8 in Trinity High School Auditorium, 231 Park Ave. in Washington, Pa. Ticket price is \$20 for adults, \$15 for senior citizens; Cal U students are admitted free with a valid CalCard. For more information, call Sandy Sabot at 724-223-9796.

Senior Wins National Honor Society's Award

Senior Marie Turnbull is one of 35 students nationwide to win a scholarship from Alpha Lambda Delta, the freshman honor society at Cal U.

The award is especially sweet because Alpha Lambda Delta recently gave its prestigious Order of the Torch Award to the Cal U chapter, recognizing it as one of the best ALD chapters in the nation. No more than five chapter receive the award each year.

Founded in 1924, ALD is a national honor society that recognizes academic excellence. Members must maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and rank in the top 20 percent of their class.

Turnbull was awarded a \$1,000 Jo Anne J. Trow Scholarship for the current academic year. Selection is based on academic records, participation in ALD activities, applicants' statements, and campus and community involvement.

Turnbull, of Cumberland, Md., is majoring in justice studies with a concentration in forensic science and behavioral crime. A member of the University Honors Program, she is a peer mentor coordinator, past vice president of ALD, secretary of Alpha Phi Sigma, and a member of the Forensic Science Club, the ballroom and Latin dance clubs, and the Law



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and Justice Society.

Turnbull has helped organize food pantry events at the California Ambulance Station, volunteered at Center in the Woods and helped to organize the Homecoming Parade.

She attended last year's ALD National Conference in Orlando, Fla.

"At the conference I was amazed at the ideas and good works being done by so many chapters," Turnbull

said. "I felt like a small fish in a big pond, but I'm proud of what our chapter has accomplished."

Turnbull expects to graduate in May. She hopes to pursue a master's degree in school psychology and land a job with the federal government.

Advisers for the ALD chapter at Cal U are Michael Amrhein and Dr. Karen Posa.

Karen Posa, director of University-Wide Mentoring, serves as the administrative advisor to ALD. Dr. Michael Amrhein is the faculty adviser.

"The National Alpha Lambda Delta scholarships and fellowships are awarded to only a small number of students nationally," said Posa. "We are so pleased that Marie has been recognized at the national level for her academic excellence and volunteer work."

Since its inception, ALD now has chapters in 270 campuses throughout the United States with more than 9000,000 members.

"This year's applicant pool was extremely strong," said Dr. Susan Huffman, president of National Alpha Lambda Delta. "The selection committees' task of selecting 35 recipients from such a large group of outstanding students was, as always, a great challenge."

TPS, IU1 Continue Collaboration

Cal U and Intermediate Unit 1 collaborated this summer to deliver professional development to teachers through the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) Summer Institute.

Now in its fifth year, the Summer Institute prepares teachers to access the array of primary resources available online from the Library of Congress and incorporate them into inquiry-based lesson plans for students at all grade levels and across all disciplines.

Twenty-five teachers from 10 school districts spent one week at IU1 headquarters reviewing research and current thinking about best practices. They also learned how teachers across the nation are using primary source-based learning to raise student achievement.

TPS instructional specialist Linda Muller conducted the training with assistance from Lynne Berdar.

Dr. Michael J. Brna, Cal U's TPS director, said the use



Dr. Michael J. Brna

of Library of Congress primary sources continues to grow as the TPS consortium expands across the nation. It now includes 28 partners in 17 states. Cal U has been a member of the consortium since 2003.

The College of Education and Human Services offers this professional development to recent graduates through the Cal U Alumni Workshop Series. Since its inception in 2008, the series has trained 130 Cal U graduates, awarding them a total of 1,692 Act 48 hours.

"This service meets a primary accreditation goal of serving students beyond graduation," Brna said. "The late U.S. Congressman John P. Murtha brought the TPS program to California University, and U.S. Congressman Mark Critz continues to offer Congressional support. We are most appreciative."

The next full alumni workshop series will be held this March and April. For more information, contact Berdar at 724-938-6025 or e-mail berdar@calu.edu.

Basketball Star Led Team to Final Four

Editor's Note: Cal U will hold its 17th annual Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet Oct. 21 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.

Always playing his best during post-season or championship games, Candice Pickens was a point guard for the Vulcan men's basketball team from 1992-1993 through 1995-1996.

He finished his collegiate career with 1,214 career points, 226 steals, 675 assists and a 71 percent shooting average from the foul line (442-621).

During his four years as a player, the Vulcans compiled a 98-24 record and a 42-6 PSAC-West mark, with four NCAA playoff appearances, four PSAC title game appearances, three NCAA Regional title game appearances, two PSAC championships and one NCAA II Final Four appearance, in 1996.

He is the first player from the 1996 team to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"At first I was just floored when I found out," Pickens said about receiving the University's highest athletic honor. "There are so many emotions that run through your mind, and this honor takes me back to Cal.

"I am so grateful and happy that people there appreciate my talent and ability to play basketball."

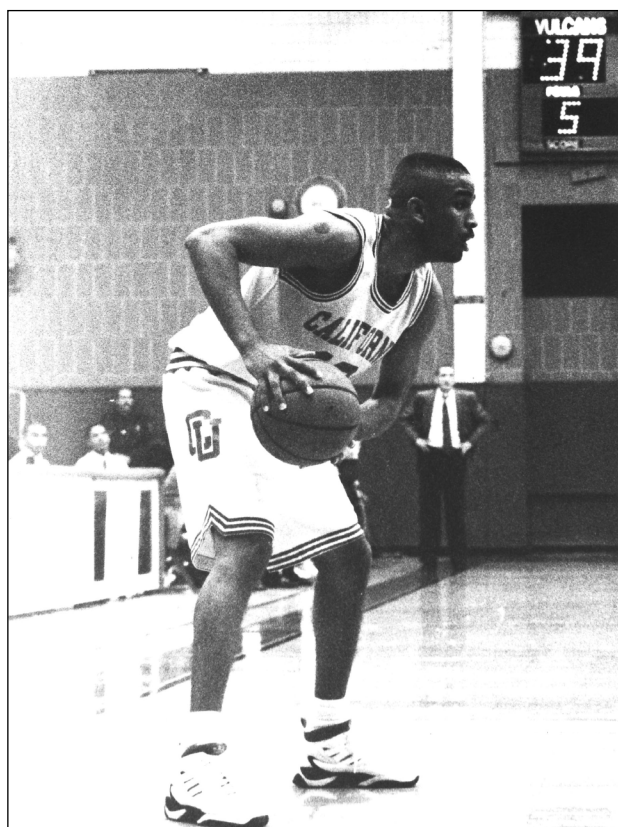
Playing under Hall of Fame coach Jim Boone, Pickens shot nearly 55 percent from the floor as a freshman — and an anticipated "rebuilding year" concluded with a third straight PSAC-West title.

Pickens shot 61 percent from the floor and 72 percent from the foul line the following year, and he helped the Vulcans compile a 25-5 overall record. That team's .833 winning percentage remains the second highest in school history.

Memorably, Pickens grabbed the final rebound in Cal's 78-76 PSAC championship game win at IUP.

As a junior, Pickens averaged 13.8 points, with 228 assists and 58 steals. He dished out a league-record 21 assists in a home win over Slippery Rock and shared the Most Valuable Player title for the 1995 NCAA II East Regional contest, although Cal lost in the finals.

In 1995-1996, Pickens guided the Vulcans to the



Candice Pickens' clutch play propelled the Vulcan men's basketball team to the NCAA Division II Final Four in 1996 and earned him induction into the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame next month.

program's second NCAA II Final Four appearance and a 27-6 final overall record. He averaged 14 points and 4.5 rebounds per game, with 80 steals. His 249 assists still rank third in school history for a single season.

Pickens scored 16 points with 16 assists in the 87-84 PSAC title home win over IUP. That marked Cal U's fifth consecutive appearance in the PSAC "State Game" and its third conference crown over that span.

Pickens averaged 19.3 points, 9.3 assists and 7.0 rebounds in the three-game 1996 PSAC Tourney.

He earned MVP honors at the 1996 NCAA II East Regional after guiding Cal from an early 14-point deficit to a

78-68 home win over IUP in the championship game. Pickens finished that game with a brilliant 19-point, nine-rebound and five-assist performance.

He fulfilled a promise he made to Boone at the end of his junior season — that the Vulcans would not again be denied an NCAA Regional title.

"All of us put in extra work that off-season, and to have the opportunity to win the championship on our home court was that much better," Pickens recalled. "IUP was a nemesis and an obstacle we had to hurdle. When we did it, that felt great."

Boone, who is now the head coach at West Virginia Wesleyan University, said Pickens took over games on both ends of the floor in the post-season.

"In my 25 years as a head coach, Candice is without a doubt the most competitive player I've ever coached," Boone said. "There are guys who want to win, and there are guys who *have* to win. Candice was a have-to-win guy and just an outstanding representative of California's basketball program."

The veteran coach remembered calling a timeout in the regional title game with the Vulcans trailing 27-13.

"I vividly remember Candice looking each person in the eye, saying we were going to do this," Boone said. "I know young guys often say things when they are upset, and it's wishful thinking, but Candice kept his promise and took us to the Elite Eight."

Of all the coaches who recruited him, Pickens said, Boone was the only one who asked him about his major and how he would fit in academically.

"All of the other coaches asked me how many points did I want to average or how I would fit into their offense," Pickens said. "The first thing Coach Boone asked me was what did I want to major in. Even now when I see or talk with him on the phone, I see a father figure — and he still intimidates me. He has always there for me."

A two-time All-PSAC selection, Pickens missed just one game in four years.

He still resides in his hometown, Detroit, where he coaches AAU basketball and works as a supervisor for the Detroit Behavioral Institute, which provides mental health and addiction treatment services to children and adolescents.

The former head coach for boys basketball at Denby High School in Detroit, Pickens has three young daughters, Madison, Bailey and Jasmine.

Track Coach Inducted into Georgia Hall of Fame

Head track and field coach Roger Kingdom was among the inaugural class inducted last month into the USA Track and Field (USATF) Georgia Hall of Fame.

A two-time Olympic gold medalist, this was his sixth induction into an athletic hall of fame.

Kingdom was born in Vienna, Ga., about two hours south of Atlanta. As a junior and senior at Vienna High School, he captured state titles in three events: the 120-yard hurdles, the high jump and the discus. He also was named the state's Outstanding Track and Field Athlete after both his junior and senior seasons.

At the University of Pittsburgh, Kingdom played football before concentrating on track and field. He went on to become one of the most prominent track and field athletes in American history, winning gold medals in the 110-meter hurdles at the 1984 and 1988 Olympics.



Cal U veteran track and field head coach Roger Kingdom, a two-time Olympic gold medalist, was among the inaugural class inducted last month into the USA Track and Field Georgia Hall of Fame.

The former world and American record-holder in the 110-meter hurdles, he was a five-time U.S. Outdoor Track and Field champion.

Joining Kingdom for the induction in Lilburn, Ga., were track and field standouts Alice Marie Coachman, Al Mead, Edwin Moses, Gwen Torrence, Forrest Towns, Wyomia Tyus and Dr.

LeRoy Walker.

The USATF Georgia Hall of Fame was established to recognize the outstanding achievements of individuals who were involved in the sport while living in Georgia. The hall of fame is open to athletes, coaches, officials, administrators and contributors.

Cal U's athletic director, Dr. Tom

Pucci, said both the women's and men's track programs have improved significantly since Kingdom became head coach in 2005. He also directs the men's and women's cross country programs.

In addition to his teams' athletic success, Pucci pointed out Kingdom's commitment to the community. The Roger Kingdom Foundation offers a number of scholarships and programs that assist young people both academically and athletically.

Kingdom's teams also are civic-minded. Last winter and spring the coaching staff and team members conducted a track and field program for children ages 6-12 at the LeMoyné Multicultural Center in Washington, Pa.

"His phenomenal athletic accomplishments speak for themselves, but Roger is also a Hall of Fame-caliber person," Pucci said. "He coaches our student-athletes to be responsible citizens, not just quality competitors."

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