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New Students Discover 'Cal U for Life'

For the third consecutive year, incoming students at Cal U took part in a four-day *Cal U for Life* New Student Orientation as they began to forge a lifetime relationship with the University.

Held Aug. 25-28, the orientation introduced students to Cal U traditions and provided information about the University's history, mission and values.

The *Cal U for Life* spirit was evident beginning with Move-In Day. As new students and their families unloaded their belongings, more than 200 peer mentors, fraternity and sorority members, and student athletes volunteered to carry the items into the residence halls.

One of the volunteers, senior Kelsey Craig, helped at the registration table for volunteers, along with other duties throughout the four days. A psychology major, a transfer student and a peer mentor, Craig recalled the help she received at the start of her Cal U career.

"The orientation taught me a lot about the campus," she said. "My mentor was a big help. I hate being nervous, so I became (a peer mentor) and participated in this year's orientation to help new students not be uneasy."

Later in the evening, Playfair gave students a chance to meet new people in an entertaining way before the Matt Corey Band rocked the evening to a close.

Orientation continued on Aug. 26 with a presentation by Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. He welcomed the students and then briefly discussed the history of the University, the importance of character on campus, the need for private funding at Cal U, and the new Cal U

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The four-day *Cal U for Life* New Student Orientation concluded with a candlelight ceremony in the campus Quad (above) emphasizing Cal U's core values. At left, Cody Anderson, a first-year computer science major, carries his clothes into the residence hall during Move-in Day.

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Cal U Among 'Best,' Says Princeton Review

For the seventh consecutive year, The Princeton Review has named California University of Pennsylvania one of the best colleges and universities in the northeastern United States.

The education services company selected Cal U as one of the 220 institutions it profiles in the *Best in the Northeast* section of its "2012 Best Colleges: Region By Region" listing

posted online at www.PrincetonReview.com. Nationally, 629 colleges — about 25 percent of the country's 2,500 four-year institutions — were named as regional bests.

In its online profile of Cal U, The Princeton Review notes the university's "long tradition of excellence in teacher education and a variety ... of other programs"

in liberal arts, science and technology and professional studies.

In addition to its academic offerings, the profile mentions Cal U's "swanky student dorms" and "peaceful" campus atmosphere.

Student contributors praised Cal U's diversity, noting that people of all ages and backgrounds get along well.

"I really enjoy having people from so many different backgrounds in my classes. It makes discussions fun," one student says.

Another describes the riverside campus as "beautiful," with "an on-campus free movie theater, a billiards room, and tons of clubs and sponsored activities" for resident and commuter students to enjoy.

"It's hard not to fall in love with it," a student adds.

Colleges designated as "best" were chosen primarily for their excellent academic programs, according to Robert Franek, The Princeton Review's senior vice president and publisher. Schools were selected based on data collected at hundreds of institutions, visits to schools, and the opinions of independent and high-school-based college advisers who are invited to share their opinions. Student comments also play an important role in the rankings.

The 220 "Best Northeastern Colleges" are located in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and the District of Columbia.



Grand Canyon on Display

'Lasting Light: 125 Years of Grand Canyon Photography,' an exhibition of color photographs, can be seen Friday through Nov. 7 in the Manderino Gallery. See story on page 2.



Cal U Remembers 9/11

Sunday marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people on Sept. 11, 2001.

Cal U will observe the solemn occasion Saturday with a moment of silence before the national anthem is played at Adamson Stadium, where the Vulcans will face the C.W. Post Pioneers at 3:30 p.m.

On Sept. 12, the bell tower chimes in Old Main will sound an additional tribute to those who died at the World Trade Center in New York City, at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and at the Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pa.

New Students Discover 'Cal U for Life'



What students are saying:

"My favorite part of orientation is meeting all of the excited and youthful freshmen who are ready to start a new chapter in their lives. Orientation will help by giving students ease by knowing their surroundings as well as their future classmates. The one thing I am looking forward to the most is getting involved and try to make something out of my college life here at Cal."

Stephen Zemba, Lower Burrell, Pa.

"I love all the activities available for meeting new people, and that it's a full weekend, not just one day. I would like to be involved in orientation next year, so being able to ask questions and see how people react to orientation leaders is an awesome experience. I hope to meet new people and be successful in my major and get involved with the University."

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Leader for Life program.

More than 1,200 new students attended the plenary session.

"As the newest members of the Cal U community, please know that — as you make the transition to your new surroundings and new routine over the next days, months and years — we will help you get to know the campus, make new friends, and achieve your personal and academic goals," the President said.

Break-out sessions

During orientation students attended classes focusing on time management skills, paying it forward, and Cal U Fusion, a campus-wide mobile technology initiative that is exploring innovative ways to use handheld devices as tools for teaching and learning.

President Armenti also explained Cal U's unique role as the world's first FranklinCovey Leadership University. Students who complete the Cal U Leader for Life program, based on Dr. Stephen R. Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, will receive certificates and special recognition at Commencement.

"We are the first university to have

this, and you are the first students to receive it," said President Armenti. "This program will provide you with incredible resources in your life."

The weekend concluded with the New Student Convocation and a candlelight ceremony emphasizing Cal U's core values.

At the convocation, each student was asked to donate \$1, putting the bill into an envelope with their name written on the outside.

President Armenti drew six envelopes and awarded each of those students a \$500 scholarship to show that giving a little can mean a lot.

Students then gathered around the fire-ringed Vulcan statue in the Quad.

Brittany Kusniar, freshman meteorology major from Uniontown, said she enjoyed the orientation activities. At the convocation she sang the national anthem, the alma mater and "Forever Cal" as a new member of the Cal U Choir.

"I definitely think this is worthwhile," she said. "You get better acquainted with the campus and already have the opportunity to meet new friends.

"I think it gives you a better sense of belonging here, just because they are already including you in activities."



Top: Marcus Mains, a freshman business major, jumps on his fresh made bed during Move-in Day.

Above: Freshmen Blake Friday (left) and Chelsea Then enjoy a class during the four-day orientation program.

Right: Cal U new students Ciara Bisceglia (left), Carly Graziadei (center) and Hayley Ettaro share a laugh while listening President Armenti during the opening plenary session.



SITES Exhibition Explores Grand Canyon Images

The Grand Canyon is wild and unforgiving. But it is also one of the most stunning landscapes on Earth — a place for recreation, reflection and reverence. An exhibition opening Friday in Manderino Gallery allows viewers to marvel at this natural wonder without camping equipment, emergency rations or rappelling ropes.

Featuring 60 color photographs, *Lasting Light: 125 Years of Grand Canyon Photography* is a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the Grand Canyon Association.

The exhibition will be on view through Nov. 7 in the gallery on the third floor of Manderino Library. The exhibition's national tour continues through 2013.

Covering nearly 125 years of photographic history, the exhibition includes images of early photographers

dangling from cables to get the perfect shot, their cumbersome camera equipment balanced precariously on their shoulders.

More modern images are bold and dramatic, revealing the canyon's capricious weather, its flora and fauna, waterfalls and wading pools, and awe-inspiring cliffs and rock formations.

The stunning contemporary images were selected by representatives from Eastman Kodak's Professional Photography Division and National Geographic.

Grand Canyon National Park, 2,000 square miles of snaking river beds and sheer rock walls, is a world like no other, where vibrant cliffs and flowing water create a striking complement to the Western sky.

"What you do is keep it for your children, your children's children, and for all who come after you, as

one of the great sights which every American should see," Teddy Roosevelt urged.

Roosevelt, ever the naturalist, was just one of the canyon's devotees. There are millions of others, including the 26 featured photographers of *Lasting Light*, who ran the river and climbed the rocks to capture these breathtaking images.

"*Lasting Light: 125 Years of Grand Canyon Photography*" is on display Sept. 9-Nov. 7 in the Manderino Gallery, inside Manderino Library. Hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday; 8 a.m.-noon Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; and 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

To discuss group tours or field trips, contact director of university exhibitions Walter Czekaj at 724-938-5244 or czekaj@calu.edu.

Bike Patrols Enhance Campus Safety

They can cross the Quad, slip between buildings and ride up and down stairs. They can even roll into a residence hall.

The University Police Department's bicycle patrol will begin its second year of operation this fall.

Riding their mountain bikes, officers James Jeffrey '08 and Tony Gismondi '06 are familiar sights on both the main campus and Roadman Park.

"It gives us an expanded option, because the bikes can go where cars can't," said police Chief Bob Downey Jr. "People don't look for a bike when they are doing things they shouldn't be doing. They look for the police car."

Jeffrey and Gismondi both joined the Cal U force in April 2010. In addition to their police certification, both are certified through the International Police Mountain Bike Association, which requires more than 40 hours of training in bike patrol tactics, including a six-hour nonstop bicycle trip and lessons in how to ride stairs.

Jeffrey, who is originally from South Park, came back to Cal U after working with the Ocean City Police Department in Maryland. Gismondi grew up in nearby Elco and returned to his alma mater from the Metro Police Department in Washington, D.C.

The bike patrol is an effective addition to public safety on campus, Downey said. Construction zones, the parking garage and the expanded River Lot — not to mention Cal U's steadily increasing enrollment — prompted the patrol's introduction.

Police cruisers often must take a circuitous route around campus, the chief added, but a bike patrol officer can get from the Quad to Duda Hall, for example, in seconds.

"The bikes can go on sidewalks, in between and inside buildings," he said. "Actually, we've had quite a bit of good fortune since we instituted the bike patrol last fall in catching some different things we probably wouldn't have caught. It gives us that presence."

Although the bike patrol officers perform many other duties throughout the week, they say their two-wheeled travels build a connection with the campus community.

"It provides better safety, more visibility," said Jeffrey, a longtime recreational bike rider. "On the bike I am a lot more interactive with people, and I'm often asked for directions. Our response times are just better in certain situations."

Jeffrey believes he rides 20 to 25 miles per week.

"I've been known to ride through the front door of a dorm and then out the side door," he said. "Students were surprised at first, but they are more used to us now."

The officers also ride their bikes at Roadman Park, especially during sports events that draw big crowds.

People are more likely to approach an officer on a



Tony Gismondi (right) and James Jeffrey (above) begin their second year manning the University Police Department's bicycle patrol as part of their duties.

bike than to knock on the window of a police cruiser, Gismondi said.

"People tell me they see me all over the place ... because we just keep moving. Unlike being in a car, I can ride right up to a group of people, talk to them, and make sure everything's OK, because I'm getting a firsthand look."

The officers often are visible at an intersection or parking lot entrance during the day, but the bike patrol also can introduce an element of surprise.

"People don't see us when we don't want to be seen," Gismondi said. "You'll hear the engine of the car or my shoes or keys jingling in my pocket if I'm walking, but on a bike you won't. We can ride pretty much anywhere you can walk."

Even on hot summer days, dressed in a full vest and duty rig, the bike patrol officers say they are glad to be back at Cal U. Both volunteered for the patrol.

Downey said he hopes to offer 24-hour bike patrol protection in the future.

"It's working out well and has been a nice addition," he said. "The bike can get in places where cars can't, and that's a big advantage for us."



Campus BRIEFS

Kids Talk Democracy

Cal U will observe Constitution Day on Sept. 20 with a program titled "Kids Talk Democracy II."

The panel discussion at 9:30 a.m. in Old Main Chapel will feature sixth-grade students from Ben Franklin Elementary School in Uniontown, Pa., who will share their views on freedom and the American Dream. University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. will introduce the panel. Moderator will be Dr. Holly L. Diehl, of the Department of Early, Middle and Special Education.

Organized by the American Democracy Project, the program is co-sponsored by Office of the President, Academic Affairs / Office of the Provost, the College of Education and Human Services, and the College of Liberal Arts.

Gould Speaks at Expo

Dr. Gregg Gould, a professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics, will be one of the keynote speakers at

JAIMA Expo 2011/SIS 2011.

JAIMA is the Japan Analytical Instruments Manufacturers' Association. The conference "Connecting Innovative Technology with Superior Science" will take place Sept. 7-9 at Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan.

The speakers in this special U.S. symposium will share the results of their current research efforts.

A committee member with the Pittsburgh Conference (Pittcon), Gould will introduce "Enabling Advances in Mass Spectrometry" at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Gould received his doctorate from the analytical chemistry division at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he conducted research in the surface chemistry of wet chemical methods for cleaning silicon wafers and the impact of such cleaning methods on silicon oxidation.

He has served as a chairman of various Pittcon committees, including Science Week, Short Courses and Meetings Coordination, and just completed a three-year term on the Pittcon Board of Directors.

Trustees Meeting

The Cal U Council of Trustees will hold its quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the President's conference room, Room 110 of Old Main.

Police Issue Underage Drinking Warning

The Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement has issued a news release welcoming college students back to school and reminding them that Liquor Control Enforcement officers will be taking "a proactive approach to preempt alcohol related problems that occur from the consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors."

The release notes that "Liquor Control Enforcement officers will be conducting joint enforcement details, in cooperation with state, local, university and college police, in and around licensed establishments in areas near local colleges and universities.

The bureau enforces a "zero tolerance policy" regarding underage drinking. "Any person under the age of 21 found in possession of, or consuming, alcoholic beverages will be cited for a summary offense under Pennsylvania's underage drinking law," the bureau warns.

"Upon conviction subjects face a fine of up to \$300 and up to 90 days imprisonment for a first offense. The fine increases to \$500 for subsequent offenses. Additionally, anyone convicted of underage drinking, misrepresenting their age to buy alcohol or carrying a false ID will have their driving privileges suspended for 90 days for the first offense, one year for a second offense, and two years for any third or subsequent offense."

The bureau warns that it will arrest individuals found to be furnishing alcohol to minors, a third-degree misdemeanor that carries a minimum fine of \$1,000 and up to one year in prison for a first offense.

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

APRIL 19, 2011
4:00 p.m., LRC Auditorium

MINUTES

The California University Forum met in regular session Tuesday, April 19, 2011, in the LRC Auditorium. Presiding Officer Hoover called the meeting order at 4:05 p.m.

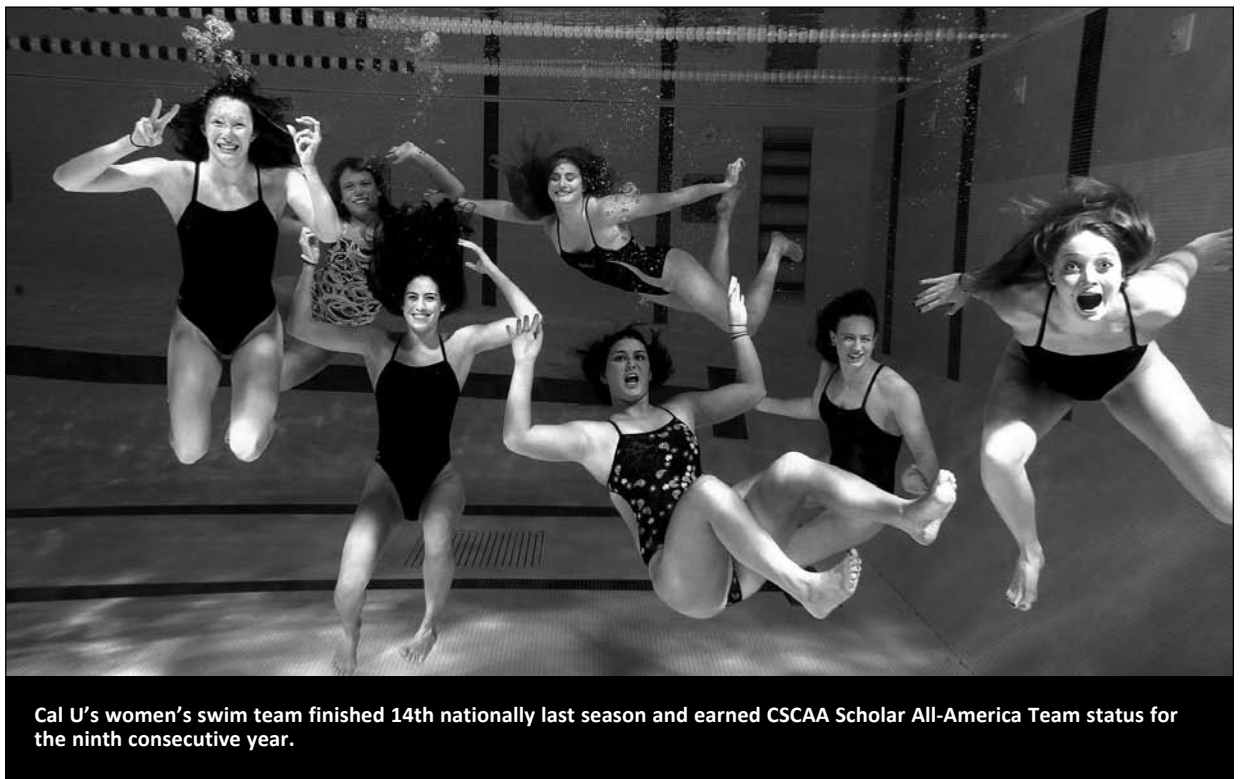
The following senators were in attendance:
Ms. Alexander Brooks
Ms. Roberta Busha
Ms. Sharon Elkettani
Prof. Barbara Hess
Dr. Tom Mueller
Ms. Rebecca Nichols
Dr. Susan Ryan
Mr. Gary Seelye
Mr. Mike Wagner
Dr. Tom Wickham
Dr. Brian Wood

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
Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr.
Ms. Brittany Balaz
Mr. Rick Bertagnolli
Ms. Jessica Bettilyon
Dr. Bill Biddington
Dr. Jane Bonari
Mr. Craig Butzine
Ms. Betsy Clark
Dr. Leonard Colelli
Ms. Jacqueline Davis
Ms. Fran Fayish
Mr. Shane Fox
Ms. Geraldine Jones
Mr. Keith Kappel
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Dr. Kevin Koury
Ms. Darla Kurnal
Dr. Sean Madden
Dr. Charles Mance
Mr. Josh Mrosko
Dr. Nancy Pindari
Ms. Sarah Scholar
Dr. Michael Slaven
Ms. Marguerite Smith
Mr. Cory Stoner
Dr. Emily Sweitzer
Mr. Robert Thorn
Ms. Taylor Williams
Dr. Kimberly Woznack

Due to the lack of a quorum of Forum senators, Presiding Officer Hoover adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.



Cal U's women's swim team finished 14th nationally last season and earned CSCAA Scholar All-America Team status for the ninth consecutive year.

Scholar-Athletes Earn National Honors

Among the NCAA Division II's finest in the pool and on the track and court, Cal U's women's swimming, women's tennis and men's and women's track and field teams are also national successes in the classroom.

"These academic team and individual honors are a testament to the dedication and commitment of our student-athletes, coaches, faculty and academic support staff here at California University," said Dr. Tom Pucci, Cal U's athletic director.

• For the ninth consecutive year, the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) named Cal U's women's swimming team a Scholar All-America Team. Cal swimmers achieved a cumulative 3.50 grade-point average for the Spring 2011 semester, which ranked sixth among NCAA Division II teams.

Three Vulcan swimmers were named Scholar All-Americans after earning a 3.50 GPA last spring and qualifying for the NCAA Nationals — junior Caitlyn Sirkoch and sophomores Clarissa Enslin and Kelsey Nuhfer. Sophomore Stephanie Bolt earned Scholar All-American Honorable Mention accolades.

Under the direction of head coach Ed Denny, in his 10th year, Cal's swimming team concluded the 2010-2011 season by finishing 14th at the NCAA Championships.

• Cal U's women's tennis team recently was named an Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team for the eighth consecutive year. Four players received ITA Scholar-Athlete honors — seniors Axele Fernandez, Anabel Pieschi and Franziska Steinhardt, and graduate student Nina Kowalski.

To earn the ITA All-Academic Team award, a

program must have a cumulative team GPA of 3.20 or above. In order to receive ITA Scholar-Athlete honors, student-athletes must have a GPA of at least 3.50 for the current academic year and have been enrolled at their current school for at least two semesters.

Under 11th-year head coach Pablo Montana, Cal U women's tennis team won a fifth-straight PSAC championship last spring while advancing to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II Tournament for the fourth time in five years.

• Two-time Olympic gold medalist Roger Kingdom coaches Cal's men's and women's track teams, and both squads earned U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic status.

The women achieved this honor for the third time in four years, and the men have done this twice in four years. A team must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher to qualify.

Four women earned USTFCCCA All-Academic individual honors — seniors Sandy Estep and Shakeria Love, and juniors Jordyn Reagan and Amber Saunders.

This marks the second consecutive season that the women's track team has placed four student-athletes on the USTFCCCA All-Academic team.

On the men's side, sophomore Aaron Dinzeo and recent graduate Matt Kroetch received All-Academic individual honors.

To qualify for the individual USTFCCCA All-Academic accolades, a student-athlete must have compiled a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher and have met an NCAA automatic or provisional qualifying mark in an individual or relay at some point in either the indoor or outdoor season.

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

September 6, 2011
4:00 p.m., LRC Auditorium

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2011

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

V. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Informational Only – Minutes August 30, 2011)

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

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Next FORUM Meeting OCTOBER 4, 2011

XI. ADJOURNMENT

New Location Set for Monthly Forum Meetings

The Cal U Forum, the University's governance structure, has changed its meeting venue. The monthly meetings will now take place in Room 327, Dixon Hall. Meetings will begin at 4 p.m. The 2011-2012 meeting dates are Sept. 6, Oct. 4,

Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 20, and April 17.

The meetings are open to the University Community. For more information call 724-938-1633 or e-mail turcic@calu.edu.

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