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'Ritzy' Gala Boosts Scholarship Fund

A record-setting crowd of 340 University friends, alumni, faculty, staff and students had a grand time "Puttin' On the Ritz" June 4 at the 2011 President's Gala.

The 18th annual black-tie event, held once again at the Omni William Penn hotel in Pittsburgh, benefits student scholarships and caps off the annual Alumni Weekend celebration.

"We extend a very sincere 'thank you' to each and every one of you for joining us and helping us raise much-needed scholarship dollars for our deserving students," said President Angelo Armenti, Jr., who hosted the event with First Lady Barbara Armenti.

The President's Gala has raised nearly \$1.4 million since its inception in 1994. Over the years, net proceeds of more than \$750,000 have provided scholarships for deserving Cal U students.

Honorary chairs for the gala were Robert Lippencott '66 and his wife, Suzanne. A retired Secret Service agent — and a former Cal U scholarship recipient himself — Lippencott is a member of the board for the Foundation for California University.

"We know that each of you feels the way we do about our University and our students, and that 'paying it forward' is a concept that all of us understand," he told the guests. "Through your generosity, we will be able to provide much-needed support for our students."

Award presentations

As the president rose to introduce them, a warm round of applause greeted the faculty award winners for 2011.

Dr. Christine Patti, a professor in the Administrative Program for Principals, was honored for excellence in teaching. Dr. Robert S. Whyte, of the



From left: Faculty Award winners Dr. Christine Patti (teaching), Dr. Robert Whyte (research), Dr. Ralph Belsterling (service), President's Emeriti Faculty Award winners Marsha L. Nolf and Dr. Donald J. Thompson, and President Angelo Armenti, Jr.

Below: Honorary chairs Robert '66 and Suzanne Lippencott address the audience before honoring award recipients.

Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, was recognized for his research, and Dr. Ralph Belsterling, of the Department of Communication Disorders, accepted the award for service.

Professor Marsha L. Nolf received the President's Emerita Faculty Award. Before her retirement in 2008, she filled numerous roles at Manderino Library — including "the goddess of information," she quipped in a videotaped acceptance speech.

The President's Emeritus Faculty Award was presented to Dr. Donald J. Thompson, who closed a 37-year career at Cal U when he retired in 2007 as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

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Leo Krantz



Robert J. Irey

Trustees' Leadership Changes

Leo Krantz ended his second term as chair of the Cal U Council of Trustees on June 1, when he handed off the leadership role to former vice chair Robert J. Irey at the Trustees' regular quarterly meeting.

"It has been my pleasure to serve," said Krantz, who will remain a member of the council. "For the past four years as chair it has been absolutely a pleasure to meet with my counterparts across the state and to represent Cal U."

A council member since 2003, Irey opened his term as chair by thanking Krantz "for his outstanding work here at the University and at the state level

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'Singgalot' Tells Story of U.S. Filipinos

Today there are more than 2.5 million Filipino Americans in the United States. Yet many, including Filipinos themselves, aren't familiar with the details of their history in America: their experiences, rich traditions, and culture.

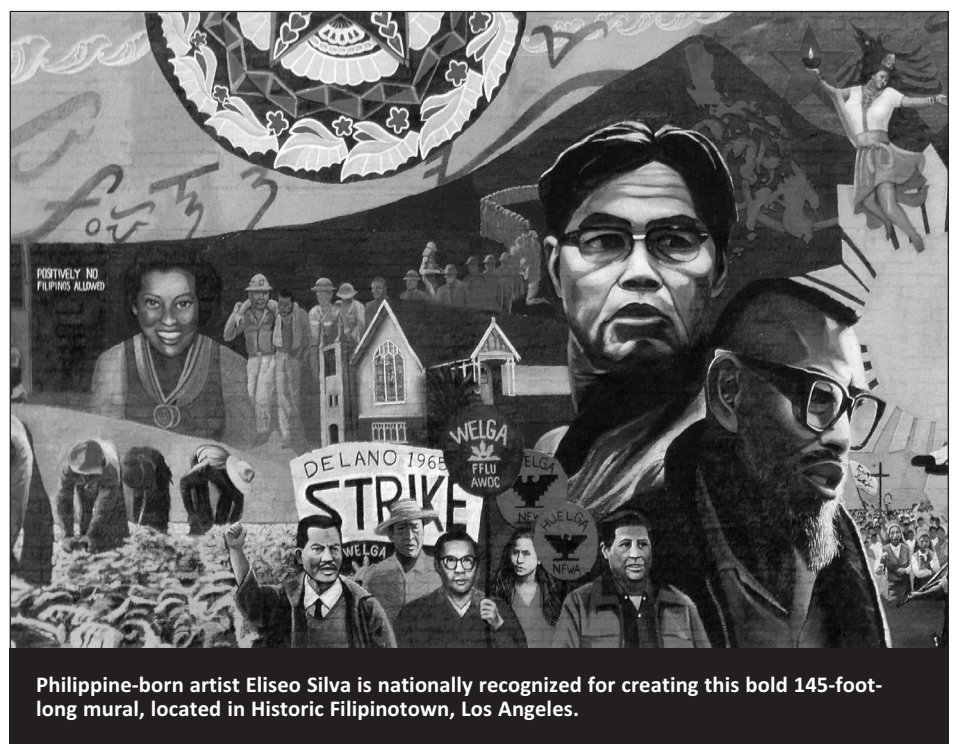
Singgalot (The Ties That Bind) is their story.

Open now, the exhibition continues through July 19 at Cal U's Manderino Gallery on the third floor of Manderino Library. Gallery 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; and Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; and 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

After tracing the first trans-oceanic trade missions between Manila and Acapulco in the 1500s, *Singgalot* explores the tenuous political relationship between the United States and the Philippines, when Spain ceded the Pacific island following the Spanish-American War.

Rarely seen historical images detail Filipino migration between 1906 and 1935 as Hawai'i sugar plantations, West Coast farms, and Alaskan canneries recruited Asians to join the labor force.

When the U.S. government sounded the call to arms in the 1940s, Filipino immigrants answered, serving as infantrymen and earning respect from a grateful nation. Nearly 20 years later, the



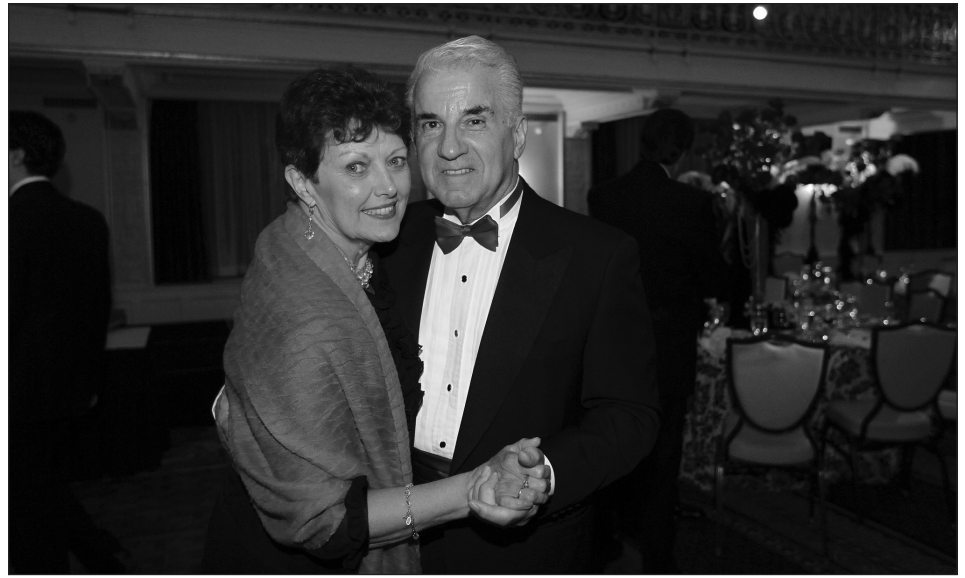
Philippine-born artist Eliseo Silva is nationally recognized for creating this bold 145-foot-long mural, located in Historic Filipinotown, Los Angeles.

1965 Immigration Act hastened a third major wave of Filipinos who would champion major changes in gender equality and class in the Filipino American community and make significant contributions to the fight for civil rights.

In 2006, the Smithsonian Filipino American Centennial Commemoration marked 100 years of Filipino migration

to the United States with insightful exhibitions, special programs and an extensive curriculum guide. *Singgalot* celebrates Filipino Americans as they share their struggles, challenges, and achievements with the rest of the nation.

For more information, call exhibitions coordinator Walter Czekaj at 724-938-5244 or send e-mail to czekaj@calu.edu.



Above, First Lady Barbara Armenti and President Angelo Armenti, Jr. enjoy a dance at California University's 2011 'Puttin' on the Ritz' President's Gala. The night also featured casino games and a silent auction.

At left, President Angelo Armenti, Jr. honors Mrs. Gwendolyn G. Simmons with the Lillian M. Bassi Core Values Award. A leader in numerous civic organizations, especially in the Mon Valley, the Monongahela resident has been a generous University benefactor and a strong advocate for Cal U and its students.

President's Gala Draws Record Crowd

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Gwendolyn Simmons, a longtime member of the University's Council of Trustees, received a standing ovation after accepting the Lillian M. Bassi Core Values Award. A leader in numerous civic organizations, especially in the Mon Valley, the Monongahela resident has been a generous University benefactor and a strong advocate for Cal U and its students.

Top hats and roses

After dinner in the Omni's Grand Ballroom, the crowd adjourned to enjoy a dessert bar, casino games and dancing to the Benny Benack Orchestra. Guests also placed bids on more than 50 silent auction items, including vacation stays and themed gift baskets.

Among the most popular items were

helmets autographed by Pittsburgh Steelers players James Harrison and Ziggy Hood, along with a football signed by Super Bowl MVP Hines Ward. The Pittsburgh Penguins also provided auction items, including a jersey autographed by Mario Lemieux and a helmet signed by the 2010-2011 Pens.

Proceeds from the silent auction added to the scholarship fund, as well.

"Everyone seemed to enjoy getting dressed up and attending a fancy, fun-filled event," said Craig Butzine, vice president for Marketing and University Relations.

"But the real winners are the Cal U students who will receive scholarship dollars raised at the gala — an event they can look forward to attending themselves once they've established their own careers."

For a slide show from the 2011 President's Gala, visit www.calu.edu.



John Heintz (left), Leslie Curl and Jim Lokay '02 celebrate a blackjack win in the casino room. Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit student scholarships.

Trustees' Leadership Changes

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with PACT," the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees.

Krantz joined the Cal U Trustees in 1999 and currently is president of PACT.

University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. also began his report to the Trustees by praising Krantz's work, especially at the state level. He thanked Krantz for his "unwavering support over the past four years" before turning to a discussion of the state budget.

By the time the council meets next, on Sept. 7, the General Assembly likely will have finalized appropriations to the 14 state-owned universities, and the Board of Governors will have set tuition for the 2011-2012 academic year. Legislators are expected to approved a budget that restores some, but not all, of the cuts proposed by Gov. Tom Corbett.

Hard times are nothing new in the Mon Valley, the President said, and Cal U "has had the benefit of learning to deal with adversity."

Enrollment growth has been an important factor in Cal U's success, and the trend is continuing. Provost Geraldine Jones reported that enrollment for the summer session increased by 4 percent, compared to the 2010 headcount.

An enrollment increase also is anticipated this fall.

In other business:

- Provost Jones, vice president for Academic Affairs, reported that 17 faculty were awarded grants totaling about \$192,000 this quarter. She highlighted the new degree program in Arabic language and culture that will start this fall, and she mentioned two recent graduates who have exciting times ahead: Leesa Tori will begin the MBA program at Harvard, and Mike Soster will appear on the Fall 2011 edition of the TV show "Survivor."

- Robert Thorn, interim director of Administration and Finance, received unanimous approval from the Trustees to raise the transportation fee paid by students from \$25 to \$50 for the upcoming academic year. The fee pays for the Vulcan Flyer buses and the two smaller shuttles that loop through the main campus and the River Lot. When the new data center is completed at the Phillipsburg site, Thorn noted, the shuttle will add a stop there.

Thorn also reported on various construction projects, including the Convocation Center, which is expected to be in use for basketball season.

- Lenora Angelone, vice president for Student Affairs, received approval for revisions to the Student Code of Conduct that reflect an expansion of services. Jim Pflugh, associate dean for student conduct, said the student disciplinary process has grown to include elements such as mediation and restorative justice.

Angelone gave a sports roundup and

presented a video highlighting campus television station CUTV, which marked its 25th anniversary this year, and radio station WCAL, on the air for more than 38 years.

- Craig Butzine, vice president for Marketing and University Relations, explained the strategic approach to marketing that his department has taken in light of budget constraints. Tools already in place, such as the Cal U website and activities calendar, are being put to creative use, along with social media and a robust outreach to the local, regional and national press.

- Ron Huiatt, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, reported that the capital campaign has raised nearly \$25.5 million as it moves toward its \$35 million goal. The Annual Fund has set a goal of "300 Gifts in 30 Days" to support academic programs, endowed chairs, research and more.

- Dr. Charles Mance, vice president for University Technology Services, presented results of a customer service survey. To address clients' concerns, UTech Services has instituted new Help Desk procedures, taken a look at network and systems complaints, and begun work to reduce the number of passwords required.

Work also is under way to upgrade the campus Wi-Fi network, to install more "smart classroom" technology, to create a new data center at the Phillipsburg site and to ensure compliance with payment card industry standards across campus.

Security Cameras Lead to Arrests

Security cameras in the Vulcan Garage played a role in the May 30 arrest of two men accused of damaging vehicles used by the Cal U Parking and Transportation Office.

University Police arrested Tyler Ballengee, 21, of Enon Valley, Pa., and Michael Koran, 20, of Moon Township, Pa. Both were charged with institutional vandalism, criminal mischief and criminal conspiracy and taken to the Washington County Jail on a \$5,000 straight cash bond.

Campus police allege that in the early-morning hours of Feb. 26, Ballengee and Koran damaged two University-owned Smart cars that were parked in the Vulcan Garage. Damage to the cars, which are used for parking enforcement on campus, was estimated at \$1,500 in all.

Neither of the accused men is a student at Cal U. Police say they were visiting California when the incident occurred.

Campus police distributed security-camera images of the suspects to local newspapers and television stations in February. The images recently were used again in a demonstration of the Cal U security system, and a member of the campus community recognized the suspects.

Research Described in NASA Report

The work of faculty member Jeff Sumey, student Nathan Wright and other Cal U researchers is included in the *NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Wallops Flight Facility and Marine Science Consortium Research Collaboration Annual Report 2011*.

Their work at the NASA research facility, on Virginia's eastern shore, focuses on kite-based imaging. The Aerial Data Collector And Reporter (ADCAR) project is designed to show that using kites and commercially available components, rather than more expensive unmanned aerial sensors, can reduce the cost of collecting data from the air.

Sumey and Wright are working closely with scientists including Geoff Bland, of the Wallops Flight Facility, to develop and test a kite-based aerial data collection system this summer.

Testing and revisions are scheduled for April through June, according to the NASA report, with documentation and demonstrations scheduled for July and August.

Sumey is an associate professor in the Department of Applied Engineering and Technology at Cal U. Wright is a senior in the Computer Engineering Technology program.

Others involved in the project include Dr. Thomas R. Mueller, an associate professor in the Department of Earth Science, and student Frederick L. Smith, a geographical information systems (GIS) major at Cal U.

"My work on the ADCAR project has been a very rewarding and enriching experience," Wright said. "It has taken what I have learned in the classroom and applied it to a real-world solution."

Wright said he feels privileged to work with the specialized technology available at the Wallops Flight Facility.

"This project has unlocked a potential in myself in the field of engineering," he added.

The Wallops Flight Facility is NASA's principal facility for management and implementation of suborbital research programs. The primary vision of the facility is to "serve as a national resource enabling responsive, low-cost aerospace science and technology research."

According to the annual report, the purpose of this research collaboration is to "promote student development in the sciences and faculty research in areas of interest to NASA."

For more information about the kite-based imaging project, visit <http://aet.calu.edu/ADCAR>.

The "2011 Annual Report of Collaborative Research" is available at the Marine Science Consortium website, <http://msconsortium.org>.



Family Field Day

Kiley Turner, who is studying early childhood education, holds a baby fox for children to pet at the Family Field Day presented April 29 by Cal U. Held at Ohio State Park and funded through a two-year PNC *Grow Up Great with Science* grant, Family Field Day is an opportunity for preschool children and their families to explore the natural world and learn basic science concepts through a series of outdoor activities. Joining Cal U as partners in the project are The Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette County, Ohio State Park and the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children.

Campus BRIEFS

Institute Trains Officers in Proper Use of Force

The Institute for Law and Public Policy will present a hands-on course for police and security officers, Force on Force Instructor Training: The Practical Application of Force for Police Agencies, from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. June 29 at the Beaver County 911 Center in Ambridge, Pa.

The course takes a skills-based approach that teaches officers to think critically during high-pressure situations. Participants will train for shoot/don't shoot encounters, contact-and-cover responses, high-risk arrests and first response to critical incidents.

Officers who complete the course will be certified as Agency Instructors who can implement training programs according to their individual agency's needs.

Course instructor is Edward W. Bogats Jr., a retired police chief, a graduate of the FBI National Academy and an internationally recognized use-of-force instructor.

Program cost is \$179; fee includes lunch. Participants must register in advance.

For more information or to register,

call 724-597-7401 or send e-mail to manderino@calu.edu. Details and online registration are available at <http://institutes.calu.edu/ilpp>.

Sweitzer to Train Law Officers

Dr. Emily M. Sweitzer, chair of the Department of Justice, Law, and Society, has been invited to serve as a master trainer for a national program "One on One, Connecting Cops & Kids."

The Fred Rogers Co., named for the star of television's long-running children's program *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, was awarded a national grant to sponsor the program through the U.S. Department of Justice.

Sweitzer, an associate professor of justice and behavioral crime, explained that a law enforcement officer and a child development specialist team-teach this program to members of law enforcement agencies. The goal is to help police identify with children and understand their developmental perspective with regard to policing and community agencies.

Sweitzer was asked to be a part of the program because of her background and experience in both psychology and criminal justice.

Read the Journal Online

As a cost-saving measure, the *Journal* no longer will be distributed routinely to campus mailboxes. It will continue to be published weekly during the fall and spring semesters, and monthly throughout the summer.

Look for the *Journal* online in an easy-to-read "flipbook" format or as a downloadable PDF. Click on "News" at the top of the Cal U homepage, www.calu.edu, then choose "Cal U Journal."

Paper copies of the *Journal* will be available on campus at the Welcome Center, Natali Student Center, Keystone Education Building, Old Main and Manderino Library. In town, the *Journal* is distributed to the California Public Library, First Niagara Bank, Dairy Queen, Union Cleaners, Redstone Pharmacy, Cal Ed Federal Credit Union and Hair We Are.

Thank You

Dolores Striker of custodial services would like to offer her sincere thanks to the Cal U community for their kind expressions of sympathy following the death of her mother, Dolores Geletei.

SEEK Offers Final Summer Session in July

Children entering grades 1-8 this fall still may register for SEEK, the Summer Educational Enrichment for Kids program held annually on campus.

This summer, SEEK's final weeklong session is July 18-22. Conducted through Cal U's Office of Lifelong Learning, the 2011 program holds its first summer session this week.

Since 2000, SEEK has provided learning experiences that are entertaining, yet academically challenging. The University has been honored for developing the program in response to needs expressed by area parents.

SEEK classes run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Children are escorted between classes and supervised during lunch.

Each child brings a bag lunch; refrigeration is not available.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Once a child is registered, the family will receive a confirmation letter listing the classroom location. This confirmation letter must be presented on the first day of class.

Cost is \$125 per child for a full-week, full-day program, or \$80 per child for a full-week, half-day (morning or afternoon) program.

The SEEK brochure is available online at www.calu.edu; on the homepage, choose "Academics," then click on "Lifelong Learning." For more information, call 724-938-5840.

Cal U Claims Trio of All-Americans

Three student-athletes, all juniors, earned All-American honors this spring.

"To become an All-American is a national achievement that signifies excellence," said Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. "Brice Myers, Dianne Luke and Jillian Russell have honored our University, themselves and their families, and they have set great example for others."

- Track and field standout Myers repeated as an NCAA Division II All-American in the 110-meter hurdles. He finished second nationally at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Championships in Turlock, Calif.

Myers posted a career-best time of 14.03 seconds and finished only one-hundredth of a second behind the overall champion.

Last year, he finished the national championship race in third place, winning his first All-American honors on the outdoor track. He also has three All-American medals for the 60-meter indoor hurdles.

A two-time PSAC champion in both the 110 and 60 hurdle events, Myers is the first five-time All-American in Cal U track and field history.

- Luke was named a First Team All-American by the National Golf Coaches Association.

The second Cal U player ever to earn NGCA All-American honors, she finished the season by placing sixth overall at the NCAA Division II National Championships in Allendale, Mich.

Luke, a two-time all-conference performer, was the only PSAC golfer to earn post-season recognition by the NGCA.

As a team, Cal U finished the season ranked seventh in the nation.

- Shortstop Russell was named a Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Third-Team All-American. She is the softball team's 31st All-American overall and the first since 2004.



Dianne Luke became Cal U's second women's golfer to earn national All-American honors after finishing sixth overall at the NCAA Division II National Championships this spring.

Russell led Cal in five different offensive categories, and tied the school record with 14 home runs. She batted .366 this spring for the PSAC-West champions.

Last summer Russell played in the International Softball Federation (ISF) World Championships as a

member of the Canadian Senior National Team.

Aided by the fine performance of its All-American trio, Cal U athletics finished the year at No. 3 in the PSAC Dixon Trophy standings. This is the fourth consecutive year that the program has placed among the top three, and Cal won the award in 2008-2009.

Ex-Vulcan Goalkeeper Guards Net for Riverhounds

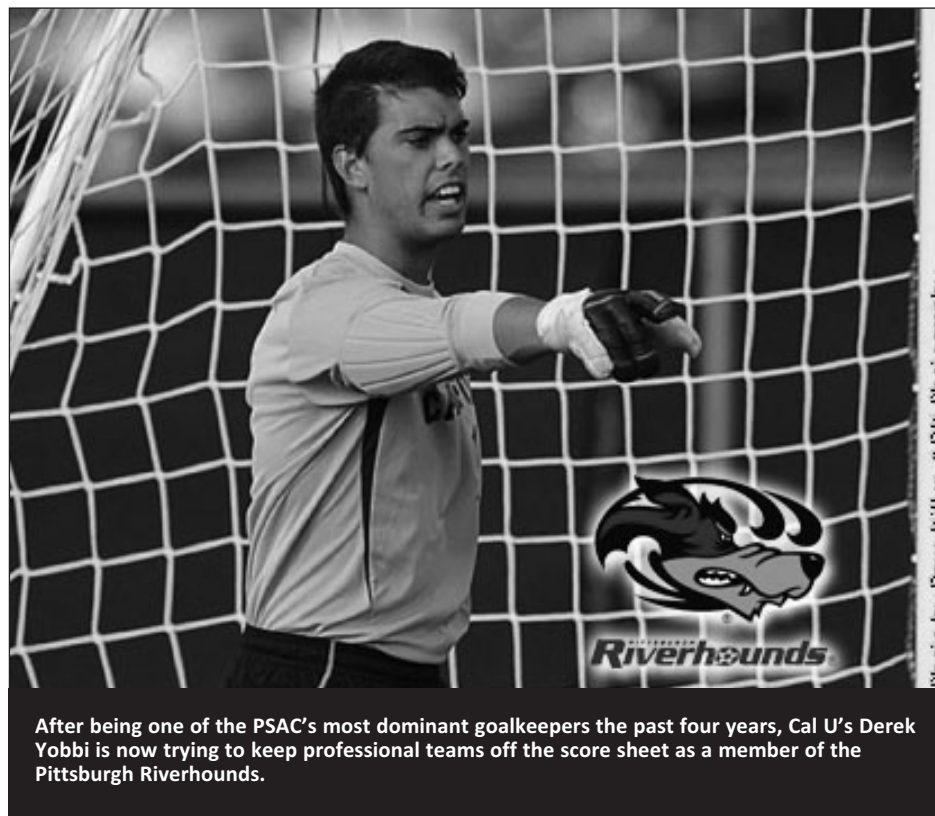
Former Cal U standout goalkeeper Derek Yobbi '11 is in his first season as a member of the Pittsburgh Riverhounds professional soccer team.

The Riverhounds, founded in 1999, compete in the United Soccer League Pro (USL Pro) Northern Division.

Yobbi, a four-year starter at Cal U, finished his collegiate career with a 38-22-6 record and 16 shutouts. Nine of those whitewashes came last fall, when he helped the Vulcans compile an 11-5-2 overall record and achieve their fourth consecutive winning season.

A three-time all-conference selection, Yobbi was the 2007 PSAC Rookie of the Year and a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Second-Team All-Region pick.

As a sophomore, Yobbi backstopped the Vulcans to the program's first-ever PSAC championship. The South Park native was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player following stellar efforts in playoff wins over Slippery Rock and nationally ranked Millersville University.



After being one of the PSAC's most dominant goalkeepers the past four years, Cal U's Derek Yobbi is now trying to keep professional teams off the score sheet as a member of the Pittsburgh Riverhounds.

Yobbi finished his career as Cal U's all-time leader, with a 1.17 goals-against average and 5,916 goalkeeper minutes. The Riverhounds have used Yobbi

primarily as a backup this season.

"He has been able to quickly make the transition to the higher level at each step in his career," said Cal U veteran soccer head coach Dennis Laskey. "He had a brilliant career here, and he has all of the required skills to succeed at the next level."

Yobbi is one of several former Cal U soccer players who have played professionally. Among them are Cal U Hall of Fame inductees Nicholas Addler (1999-2002) and Tomas Boltnar (1998-2001).

One of the Riverhounds' recent interns is Justin Taucher '10, who played for the Vulcans from 2006-2009.

"Derek is an amazing goalkeeper," said Taucher, a two-time all-conference forward. "From what I can see, Derek will do fine at this level once he gets his shot."

The Riverhounds' home matches are contested at Chartiers Valley High School in Bridgeville, Pa. Pittsburgh's next home action is a 7 p.m. game against American Division rival Orlando (Fla.) City on July 1.

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