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Veterans (from left) Kerrie Gill, Charles A. Rapp and Dave Mason salute the flag during the national anthem at the 36th annual California University Veterans Day luncheon.

Professor's Focus: Suicide Prevention

Professor Sam Lonich, chair of the Department of Psychology, has been accredited as a school suicide prevention specialist by the American Association of Suicidology.

AAS is a membership organization for those involved in suicide prevention and intervention, and for individuals who have been touched by suicide. The association works to prevent suicide through research, education and training, and by developing standards, resources and survivor support services.

"In completing our accreditation program, Sam has demonstrated knowledge competencies in areas crucial to working with at-risk students in managing suicide prevention in schools," said Lanny Berman, AAS executive director.

As a school suicide prevention specialist, Lonich will provide education and in-service training to school administrators, faculty and staff, helping them to identify and intervene with at-risk students and to develop age-appropriate and culturally relevant curriculum.

He also will help school districts develop and implement school-based suicide prevention programs, identify evidence-based suicide prevention practices, and assist students in dealing with traumatic loss.

His accreditation also will benefit Cal U students.

"I am now able to provide training to students in school psychology, education and counseling programs on the identification of risk factors for youth suicide, prevention and postvention principles, and how to assess a youth at risk," said Lonich.

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Luncheon Honors Cal's Veterans

It was a call to action for Cal U's military veterans.

"Let the same patriotic service that brought you to serve in the military continue to guide you in the community and in public life," said Maj. Roy C. Nickerson, a student at the U.S. Army Staff and General Command College and the guest speaker at Cal U's 36th annual Veterans Day luncheon.

Turning to the civilians in the audience, he added: "You need to honor veterans every day and not just on Veterans Day. You can do this by freely speaking your mind, exercising the freedom and pursuing the right to happiness that the vets and those on active duty defend."

Nickerson is on assignment to be a planner on the 101st Division Staff at Fort Campbell, on the Tennessee-Kentucky state line. Earlier this decade, however, he was instrumental in helping to revive the ROTC program at Cal U.

When he arrived on campus, the program consisted of just seven cadets and three contracted cadets, the major recalled.

The military comprises a diverse

group of people, he said, and each has a different reason for answering the call to arms.

"Serving for me is a very personal thing that I value every day," said Nickerson whose military honors include the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Air Assault Badge.

"While on this campus, Dr. Armenti's sincere caring for all branches of the military was clearly evident, and he must be recognized for his contributions and support."

President Angelo Armenti, Jr. also offered remarks before accepting awards on behalf of Cal U from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense organization that works with employers, reservists, military leadership and volunteer committees to develop and maintain relationships with employers.

"It is our responsibility to ensure that those men and women who served our country and, especially, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this country and our way of life are never forgotten," the President said.

"We have a responsibility to see that their bravery and commitment will always be not only remembered, but also honored with deep gratitude for allowing us and our families to live in freedom and security. The Cal U community offers you both our greatest respect and deepest thanks."

The President presented a medal recognizing the patriotism of alumnus Charles Keller '47, a former U.S. Army Air Corps pilot who served in Europe during World War II. He retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel after 30 years of service as a Judge Advocate with the U.S. Air Force.

The luncheon featured a televised greeting from U.S. Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr. emphasizing the need to recognize all

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Online Auction Adds to Scholarship Fund

An online auction of Pittsburgh Penguins collectibles and a once-in-a-lifetime "game night experience" at Mellon Arena will support scholarships for Cal U students.

The auction begins Nov. 30 at www.pittsburghpenguins.com. Bidding closes at 5 p.m. Dec. 11, 2009.

Auction proceeds will go to a scholarship fund bearing the Penguins name and managed by the Foundation for California University of Pennsylvania.

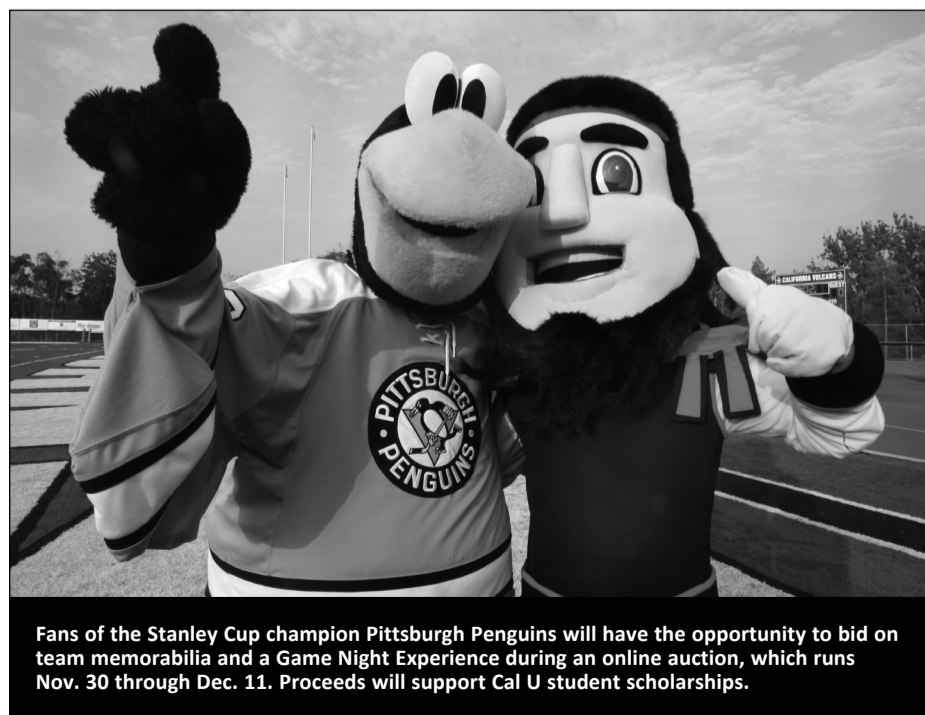
"As state funding for higher education declines, public universities must pay more attention to fundraising than ever before," said University President Angelo

Armenti, Jr. "At Cal U, student scholarships continue to be our greatest need."

Hockey fans who log on to the Penguins' website can bid on three jerseys, signed by Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Marc-Andre Fleury; three hockey sticks, signed by the same players; and a Game Night Experience on Dec. 27, when the Pens face off against the Toronto Maple Leafs at home.

The Game Night package includes four Igloo seats for the game, one stick autographed by Crosby, a chance to watch warm-ups from the penalty box,

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Fans of the Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins will have the opportunity to bid on team memorabilia and a Game Night Experience during an online auction, which runs Nov. 30 through Dec. 11. Proceeds will support Cal U student scholarships.

Workshop Explains 'Data About Data'

More than 70 students in the Geographical Information Systems program had a chance to learn more about metadata — information about data or other information — at a U.S. Geological Survey workshop this fall.

Dr. Thomas Mueller, associate professor in the Department of Earth Sciences, organized the workshop at Cal U. It was presented by Vivian B. Hutchison, metadata coordinator for the USGS' National Biological Information Infrastructure. The USGS covered all of her expenses.

"I feel that (learning about) metadata, in general, is best started with younger people in college, before they start jobs at federal governments or state agencies," Hutchison said.



Vivian Hutchison

"The more awareness we can start on at the university level, the better our programs will be.

"The Cal students were very attentive, asked good questions and I have had some

follow-up e-mails."

Metadata helps to organize information and put it in context.

"If someone opens up your data, they see a bunch of numbers," she explained. "But if a metadata record is also there, it will define the numbers, say what they mean, when they were collected and even offer publication links.

"What these records are used for is to give a long-term effect to the data, so data can be reused down the road for things not even conceived at the time."

Mueller said he was pleased to hold the workshop on campus.

"Our students are now able to put on their resumes that they participated in an official USGS metadata workshop," he said. "This is another initiative of our University trying to do the best it can to make our students more marketable."

Mueller looks forward to presenting the metadata workshop himself this spring or summer at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa., and Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa.

In addition, he plans to incorporate the topic into his GIS classes.

"The fact that he is willing to take those slides and integrate them into classes he will teach ... is exactly what we want to happen," Hutchison said.

"Tom is just fantastic. You can see why students would love to take his classes, because his energy is contagious. That's important ... when you are talking about something like metadata."



Cayli Coey, a sophomore at Uniontown Area High School, uses a viewfinder to scale subjects while learning the finer techniques of drawing during the Art and Writing Encounter offered by Cal U's Art and Design and English departments.

Young Artists, Writers at Work

More than 250 middle school and high school students from 17 districts in Washington, Greene and Fayette counties visited the campus Nov. 6 to learn more about art and writing, and to jump-start their creativity.

The visiting students toured Cal U, observed classes and participated in art and writing workshops taught by faculty from the departments of Art and Design and English. Cal U undergraduates assisted.

"It is a good program, and I would like to come back and take different courses to learn more," said Tanner Holt, from Uniontown Area High School.

The "Art and Writing Encounter" helped to prepare students for an awards program sponsored by Scholastic, the global children's publishing, education and media company. Scholastic's corporate mission includes helping children around the world to read and learn.

In January, Cal U will host the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards ceremony and art show, honoring the best young writers and artists in the region.

"This was not only a great way to introduce the students to the campus, but also to get them pumped up to get their submissions turned in for the awards ceremony," said Greg Harrison, chair of the Department of Art and Design.

"They had a full day of productive activity here, and in January we will have a big show with a few hundred pieces on display."

Harrison thanked Dr. Krystia Nora from the English Department and the participating faculty from both departments. The College of Liberal Arts and the Scholastic board of directors also supported the activity.

For more information about January's awards ceremony and show, contact the Department of Art and Design at 724-938-4182 or the Department of English at 724-938-4070.



P.E.A.C.E. Project Celebrates First Decade

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the P.E.A.C.E. Project — Prevention, Education, Advocacy for Change and Empowerment — are (from left) Cheryl Danko, project coordinator and victim advocate; Dr. Tim Susick, associate vice president for Student Development and Services; Betsy Dane, administrator of the Washington County District Attorney's crime victim and witness assistance program; and Dr. Elizabeth Gruber, a professor of counselor education and a former project director. The P.E.A.C.E. Project is committed to raising awareness about sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking on campus and in the community. It also provides prevention education and supports victims and their families. The P.E.A.C.E. Project director is Nancy Skobel. For more information, call 724-938-5707 or e-mail peace@calu.edu.

PASSHE Chancellor Vice Chair of National Panel

Dr. John C. Cavanaugh, chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), has been selected to serve as vice chair of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' Committee on Policies and Purposes.

The committee serves as AASCU's "think tank" to help the organization remain on the cutting edge of issues that will have an impact on member campuses. AASCU comprises 430 public colleges and universities in the United States and in Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Cavanaugh's appointment runs through November 2010.

"I look forward to participating and contributing to the discussion of issues of vital importance to higher education and our nation," Cavanaugh said. "AASCU institutions provide access an educational opportunities to more than



Dr. John C. Cavanaugh

3.5 million students, nearly half of all of those attending public colleges and universities in the United States. They are student centered and committed to serving the needs of their communities, their regions and the nation."

The committee appointment is the second national post to which Cavanaugh has been named since becoming PASSHE chancellor in July 2008. Last year he was appointed to the State Higher Education Executive Officers' (SHEEO) Federal Relations Committee. Earlier this year, he was named the committee's vice chair.

SHEEO represents public college and university systems and coordinating boards for postsecondary education. The Federal Relations Committee is responsible for shaping SHEEO's federal priorities and strategies and leading its communications with Congress and the Obama administration.

Women Move to NCAA Contests

Volleyball and Soccer Teams Win PSAC titles

The women's volleyball and soccer teams have won Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference titles and are advancing in NCAA tournament play.

Volleyball

Under the direction of second-year head coach Stephanie Burner, the volleyball team won its third consecutive PSAC title Nov. 15, defeating Lock Haven after earlier victories over Gannon and Shippensburg in the state tournament.

Senior Renata da Silva was named the PSAC Tournament's Most Valuable Player.

This is the team's fourth PSAC title in five years. The volleyball team has won 13 of its last 14 matches in PSAC tournaments.

This past weekend the Vulcans (33-5) made their fifth consecutive appearance in the NCAA tourney, hoping to win their third consecutive NCAA Atlantic Regional Championship at Hamer Hall. Contest results are available at www.calvulcans.com.

Soccer

The women's soccer team has enjoyed its finest season in school history this fall.



Senior Renata da Silva helped the women's volleyball team win a third consecutive PSAC championship and was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Under the direction of third-year head coach Al Alvine, the team won its first PSAC-West title with a 10-3-1 divisional record and then the program's first PSAC tournament win, 2-0 over Gannon, while advancing to the semifinals.

The Vulcans received their first NCAA tournament bid and recorded impressive victories over West Virginia Wesleyan (1-0) and Kutztown (3-1) to reach the Round of 16 at press time. Updates are available at www.calvulcans.com.

Led by senior forward Amanda Heister and sophomore goalkeeper Paula Jackson, the 2009 team also set a new single-season victory total with an 18-5-1 overall record through the first two rounds of the NCAA tourney. The previous record was 12 wins, set by the 2008, 1994 and 1992 squads.

Heister and Alvine received PSAC-West Athlete and Coach of the Year honors. Jackson, junior Sam Regney, sophomore Kayla Klimasko and freshman Carley Work all earned all-conference honors.

Hundreds Attend GACO Fair

Since its inception in 1985, Cal U's Government Agency Coordination Office has helped local businesses obtain more than \$2.2 billion in government contracts and subcontracts.

At GACO's yearly Procurement Opportunities Fair, business owners can meet face to face with representatives of government agencies, corporations and service organizations.

Nearly 90 organizations staffed booths at this year's fair, which drew 466 regional business owners, sales representatives and other participants to Mars, Pa.

Among the organizations represented were the U.S. Navy; U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command; Defense Supply Centers in Columbus, Philadelphia and Richmond, Va.; the U.S. Veterans Administration; the Office of Surface Mining; and businesses including Lockheed Martin, BAE Systems, Bechtel Plant Machinery and Mascaro Construction.

A seminar on "Doing Business with the Navy" was presented by Susan Burrows, associate director of the Office of Small Business Programs at the Naval Supply Systems Command in Arlington, Va.



Major Roy Nickerson offers remarks as the guest speaker. He urged veterans and all those in attendance to honor soldiers of the past, present and future.

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veterans and not to undervalue those who have not seen direct combat.

"All of them have given time away from their families to support our country's freedom, and that alone is a real sacrifice," he said.

Four students received the 2009-2010 Col. Arthur L. Bakewell Veterans Scholarships. Awarded annually in memory of the longtime Cal U Veterans Club adviser, the scholarships have

grown from \$250 to \$1,000 through the generosity of the Veterans Scholarship Fund 500 Club.

Taking part in the presentation was the late Col. Bakewell's daughter, Cherie Sears. This year's recipients were Konrad Kearcher, Dewayne Bramlett, Adler Volmar and Robyn Weidner.

The luncheon also honored three staff members who have returned from recent deployments: Robert Prah, who served as the emcee, Thomas Kapolka and Gena Sproul.

Campus BRIEFS

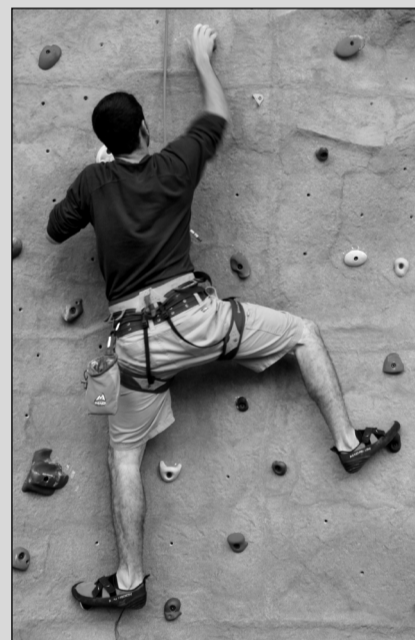
Climb to the Top

Are you interested but unsure about climbing the 33-foot-tall obelisk in the renovated Herron Recreation and Fitness Center?

Help is available. A certified climbing wall instructor will get you to the top after just two lessons.

Training is available for all faculty members, staff and students from 6-7 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 7; from 7-8 p.m., Dec. 2 and 9; and from 8-9 p.m. Dec. 3.

This training is not required to climb the obelisk. Times are subject to change without notice; check the climbing wall area for changes in the training schedule.



New MSN Program Offered Online

Beginning in January, Cal U's Global Online program will offer a new graduate program — a Master of Science in Nursing Administration and Leadership.

Delivered 100 percent online, the MSN program prepares advanced practitioners in nursing administration and leadership to address prevailing health and nursing issues. It offers students a comprehensive understanding of and beginning competence in nursing research, as well as a foundation for doctoral study in nursing.

For more information, send e-mail to msnonline@calu.edu or to program coordinator Mary O'Connor at occonnor@calu.edu. Details are available by phone at 724-938-5958 or 1-866-595-6348.

To learn more about Cal U's nursing programs, including its bachelor's degree in nursing, visit www.calu.edu/go/nursing.

Happy Thanksgiving

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday there will be no classes at Cal U's main campus or Southpointe location beginning Wednesday, Nov. 25. All University offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday. Classes will begin and all offices open again on Monday, Nov. 30.

Auction Adds to Scholarship Fund

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and tours of the Mellon Arena press box and the Penguins radio booth during the game. One member of the group can ride the Zamboni during the first intermission.

Cal U entered a partnership agreement with the Penguins this year, and "the team has been terrific to work with," said Craig Butzine, Cal U's director of marketing.

"I try to include both internship and scholarship opportunities for our students in each of our partnership agreements," he added.

"We hope our alumni and University friends take part in the auction, but it's not restricted in any way. Any adult can make a bid. These are great prizes, but in the end, our students will be the real winners."

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

December 1, 2009/4:00 p.m. LRC Auditorium

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2009

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

V. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Informational Only – Minutes November 17, 2009)

VI. PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

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THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

November 3, 2009/4:00 p.m.

LRC Auditorium

MINUTES

The California University Forum met in regular session Tuesday, November 3, 2009, in the LRC Auditorium. Presiding Officer Hoover called the meeting order at 4:10 p.m.

The following senators were in attendance:
Ms. Cynthia Arcuri
Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr.
Ms. Ashley Baird
Ms. Jessica Bettilyon
Dr. Bill Biddington
Ms. Angela Burrows
Mrs. Roberta Busha
Dr. Leonard Colelli
Ms. Jenna Dunmire
Ms. Sharon Elkettani
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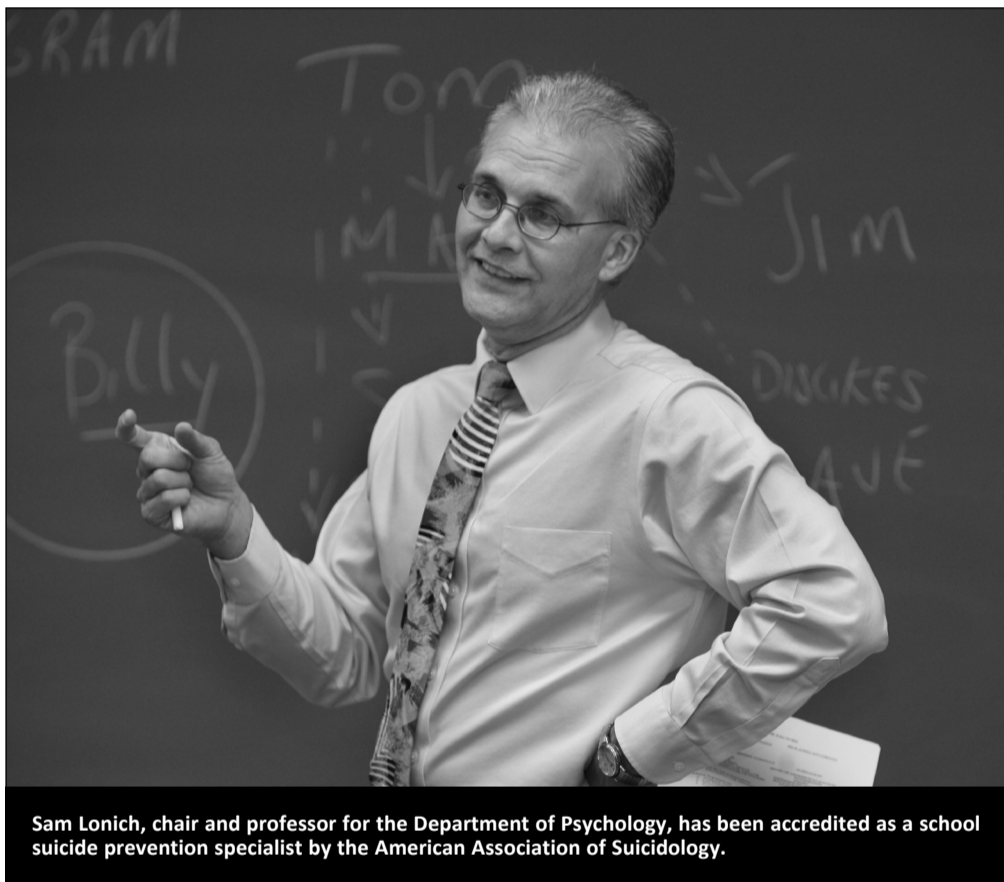
Dr. Tom Mueller
Dr. John Nass
Dr. Nancy Pinardi
Dr. Susan Ryan
Mr. Gary Seelye
Mr. Paul Sible
Mr. Bryan Tolle

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
Ms. Brittany Balaz
Mr. Rick Bertagnolli
Mr. Richard Bolinger
Dr. Jane Bonari
Ms. Jackie Davis
Ms. Kay Dorrance

Ms. Fran Fayish
Ms. Rachel Fletcher
Mr. Thomas Hasbrouck
Ms. Geraldine Jones
Mr. Keith Kappel
Dr. Kevin Koury
Mr. Josh Mrosko
Ms. Ashley Munoz-Briggs
Ms. Rebecca Nichols
Mrs. Jenifer Sigado
Dr. Michael Slaven
Dr. Linda Toth
Dr. Tom Wickham
Dr. Brian Wood
Dr. Kimberly Woznack

Due to the lack of a quorum of Forum senators, Presiding Officer Hoover adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.



Sam Lonich, chair and professor for the Department of Psychology, has been accredited as a school suicide prevention specialist by the American Association of Suicidology.

Professor Earns Accreditation as Suicide Prevention Specialist

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Each day about 11 young Americans take their own lives, he added, and 17 percent of high school students seriously consider suicide.

“Addressing and helping people understand this issue is so important,” he said.

Dr. Michael Hummel, Cal U’s Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, noted that Lonich discussed youth suicide last month at Cal U’s third annual Conference on

Corporate and Homeland Security, which focused on school security. He also delivered the keynote address, “Changing Nature of Crisis,” at the annual conference of the Crisis Intervention Association of Pennsylvania, held in September at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

“This (accreditation) is a very significant accomplishment by one of our scholars,” Hummel said. “Sam has done a super job, especially with his ongoing work to preserve one of our most precious resources — our young people.”

New Media Promotes Cal U’s Inkwell

Students producing this fall’s version of *The Inkwell*, Cal U’s online literary magazine, have created a blog and a Facebook page chronicling their work.

The blog, at <http://inkwellclass.blogspot.com>, was created by the photography team of the Publishing the Magazine class, which has produced *The Inkwell* since 2005.

Other class members are updating the photography team’s work on the blog, treating it as a journal of their progress and a place for the public to observe the magazine’s progression.

The Facebook page, developed by the poetry team and updated by other class members, can be reached by searching “Cal U Inkwell 2009” on Facebook’s website. The class’s page should be the first item that pops up from the search and is listed as an Entertainment and Arts group. Any member of Facebook can join the group.

Devon Maloney, a graphic design major, is producing a video documentary of the class as an honors addendum. Maloney and the Web team are designing the ‘zine’s website with advice from Pam DelVerne, director of the Multimedia Center in the Natali Student Center.



This fall’s version of *The Inkwell* can be viewed at <http://inkwellclass.blogspot.com>.

The fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry and photography staffs have begun notifying those from the Cal U community who submitted work for *The Inkwell* about whether their pieces have been accepted.

Previous editions of *The Inkwell* can be viewed at <http://sai.calu.edu/inkwell>. The 2009 edition should be available by the end of the semester. Associate Professor of English Margo Wilson teaches the Publishing the Magazine class.

Thank you

Bob Winwood (Custodial Services) would like to thank the university community for all of their support, generosity and acts of kindness following the loss of his son, Brian. The thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

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