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Coinciding with the start of the new academic year is the opening of the Vulcan Garage, a 661-space parking facility beside Manderino Library.

Did you know?

- About 50,000 cubic yards of rock and soil were removed during excavation for the Vulcan Garage. To widen East Alley near the garage, workers moved water, sewer and natural gas lines; telephone poles were removed and most electrical lines were re-routed underground.
- The garage is built from 70,000-pound slabs of concrete that were precast in Virginia and assembled on site. More than 1,800 cubic yards of concrete were poured for the foundation, and more than 900 cubic yards were needed to finish the lower level of the garage.
- Vulcan Garage has 661 spaces on five levels, including spaces for campus visitors. Automated gates will regulate access at both the East Alley and Sixth Street entrances.

Garage Will Ease Campus Parking Crunch

California University's rapid enrollment growth brings more vehicles to campus each year. Beginning this fall, many of them will be parked in the Vulcan Garage.

The five-story parking facility beside Manderino Library has room for 661 vehicles. With plenty of space for campus visitors, the garage is open and ready for returning students, faculty and staff as classes resume today.

"Everything will be operational," said Michael Peplinski, Cal U's director of physical plant. "We may

have a few loose ends to tie up, but we expect the garage to be ready on schedule."

The gated garage will be open to drivers who have registered for spaces inside, as well as visitors and members of the University community who choose to pay by the hour.

Drivers can enter the garage from East Alley, where the road has been widened and turning lanes added to ease traffic congestion. A second entrance is located near the intersection of Sixth and Park streets.

Accessible to people with disabilities, Vulcan

Garage includes two elevators. Motion sensors control high-efficiency LED lighting throughout the structure, and emergency phones are available at every level.

Ceiling height is 8 feet, 2 inches, the standard height for multilevel garages.

Drivers who pay by the hour will find pay stations conveniently located on the garage's first, third and fourth levels. Anyone who forgets to stop at the pay station will be able to pay with a credit card when exiting the garage.

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New Police Chief Named

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Cal U Again Named 'Best in Northeast'

For the sixth 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 — Continued on page 3

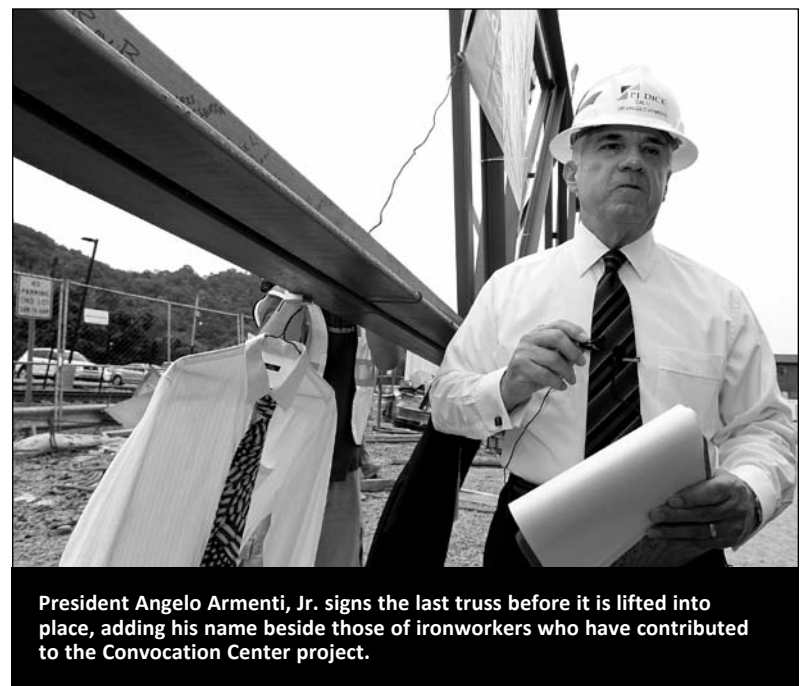
Convocation Center Reaches New Heights

A "topping out" ceremony marked the installation of the last steel truss in the Convocation Center, the 142,000-square-foot academic and athletic building now under construction near Gallagher Hall.

In keeping with tradition, ironworkers signed the 99-foot truss — the last of 46 two-piece units that will support the roof of the six-story building.

An American flag, an evergreen tree and a new broom were raised with the steel, which was hoisted 72 feet in the air by a pair of 300-ton cranes. The evergreen is an ancient symbol of growth and longevity, and the broom represents a "clean sweep" as a new building takes shape.

The University added its own twist to the custom. As spectators watched from the River Lot, Vulcan basketball and volleyball



President Angelo Armenti, Jr. signs the last truss before it is lifted into place, adding his name beside those of ironworkers who have contributed to the Convocation Center project.

jerseys were tied to the steel, representing Cal U's commitment to a strong athletic program. A

cap and gown symbolized future Commencement ceremonies, and — Continued on page 4



More than 1,000 educators from 33 states and 14 countries visited the Cal U campus for The Leader in Me Global Education Summit. Above, Dr. Stephen R. Covey (left) reacts to Jason Thomas, an A.B. Combs Elementary School student who was hugging Sean Covey, after the two accepted their 'Champion of Children' awards.



Education Summit Explores 'The Leader in Me'

More than 1,000 educators from 33 states and 14 countries visited the Cal U campus for The Leader in Me Global Education Summit. Sponsors of the event, held Aug. 4-5, were the Franklin Covey Co., the University and AVI Fresh.

University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. welcomed conference participants and introduced renowned author Dr. Stephen R. Covey, who delivered the keynote address.

In the past 13 years, Cal U has trained more than 3,000 students, faculty and staff in the principles outlined in Covey's best-seller, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. Through Cal U's Character Education Institute, the training also is made available to local corporations, generating revenue for scholarships.

"We are proud to host this landmark event and continue developing our relationship with Franklin Covey," said President Armenti, who presented Covey with an engraved timepiece.

This year's conference focused on leadership and was based on Covey's book *The Leader in Me*, which shows teachers how to incorporate the seven habits into elementary and middle school classrooms, so every child can learn to be a leader.

"The most strategic and fundamental leadership problem is making the break from the control practices of the Industrial Age into the whole-person paradigm of the Knowledge Age," Covey said. "It's not about control; it's about unleashing the whole person so he can work creatively toward compelling, inspiring and worthwhile goals."

Classrooms that use *The Leader in Me* see improvements in student achievement and a decrease in discipline problems, Covey said. Teachers and parents also are more engaged.

Poised and confident, 10 students from the A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School in Raleigh, N.C., appeared onstage during the opening session to discuss the seven habits and answer questions from the audience. They also presented Covey and his son, Sean, with the school's first "Champion of Children" award.

"You can sense the courage and competence of these kids, and I applaud all of them," Covey said.

Principal Muriel Summers turned the once-failing A.B. Combs Elementary into a thriving magnet school when she focused on leadership and infused Covey principles into every class. Educators delivered a standing ovation after her talk, "Developing Leaders: One Child at a Time."

Other speakers included Sean Covey, David Langford, Dean Collinwood, Salome Thomas-El and Cal U alumnus Jerry Salandro '70.

Cal U has taken Covey principles into college classrooms and even the campus preschool. During the summit's break-out session on higher education, Dr. Susan Jasko outlined how she uses the seven habits in her Communication Studies classes, and Dr. Liz Gruber discussed a course that teaches counselors to use Covey principles in their work.

Drs. Denise Joseph and Barbara Bonfanti will be teaching the seven habits to 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds in the

Learning and Language Center, the preschool program in Morgan Hall. Last spring, the center's preschoolers developed their own personal mission statements, and the project will begin in earnest this year.

"With our faculty becoming so involved, you will see more and more Covey principles being integrated here," President Armenti said.

Frazier High School, in Perryopolis, was one of many local schools that sent educators to the 2009 summit and returned for the globally focused event this year.

"We use and share Covey's principles in every way that we run the school and conduct our business," said Frazier Superintendent Don Martin '89, '91. "Our professional staff and teachers have embraced this. We always come away with new ideas, and it's refreshing to come down to Cal and collaborate with people who are adopting these same principles."

Covey, who received an honorary doctorate from Cal U in 1997, also was clearly happy to return.

"Dr. Armenti is one of the most creative presidents I have ever known, and I am just blown away with what's he been able to accomplish on this campus by working in his circle of influence, especially during these difficult financial times," he said.

"The friendliness, respect and opportunity are evident. This place is amazing."

To view slides from President Armenti's presentations "From Dreams to Reality: Achieving the End in Mind" and "Where Character Meets Careers: The 7 Habits at Cal U", visit www.calu.edu. Click on "About Us," then "Meet the President."

Garage Will Ease Campus Parking Crunch

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Until its permanent headquarters is completed, the Parking and Transportation Office will be located on the garage's first level. The office also will be accessible from inside Manderino Library.

Outside the garage, pedestrians will find that grading has been adjusted and sidewalks have been installed. Landscaping integrates the Vulcan Garage into the overall campus.

Other improvements

Near the garage, improvements on East Alley and Sixth Street are part of the Loop Road project, which eventually will direct traffic around the campus perimeter.

The first phase, to be completed this summer, included filling a "dip" at the intersection of Sixth and Hickory streets with more than 4 feet of soil. Raising the road surface required adjusting curbs and storm drains on Sixth Street, as well.

"The sudden change in elevation meant buses couldn't navigate the intersection," Peplinski explained. "To bring buses through, we needed to level and widen the roadway."

The University has taken care to maintain parking areas

behind the residence halls, and it will maintain a temporary gravel lot with about 66 spaces at the end of Sixth Street. For now, the Loop Road dead-ends near Gallagher Hall with an expanded lot behind Gallagher that adds almost 30 spaces. The next phase of construction will extend the Loop Road behind the Convocation Center.

Eventually, traffic will circle a pedestrian-friendly main campus.

In the meantime, a parking lot with 89 spaces is being created beside Watkins Hall. Two trees — a small beech and a flowering cherry — were relocated to suitable sites on campus. Under the parking lot's surface, a basin 12 feet deep will collect runoff and allow rainwater to trickle into the river. The new Beazell Street railroad crossing, near the Eberly Science and Technology Center, is now open, providing access to the River Lot. The other River Lot crossing is located near Hamer Hall. (Note: As the Journal went to press, the permanent closure of the Third Street crossing was imminent.)

Hundreds of laborers and skilled trades workers have played a part in the construction projects, Peplinski said.

The result?

"When classes resume, there should be plenty of room for parking."

OSD Registration Meetings Set

The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) is available to California University Students. The OSD is located in Azorsky Hall room 105.

The office can be reached at 724-938-5781 or OSDMAIL@calu.edu. Information regarding OSD can also be found on the website, www.calu.edu; search for "disability." Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Interested students are invited to attend this week's meetings. Large group meetings will be held at 11 a.m. today and tomorrow, and 4 p.m. Thursday in rooms 206-207 of the Natali Student Center. Small group meetings will be held by appointment only.

Cal U Names New Police Chief

President Angelo Armenti, Jr. is pleased to announce that Robert F. Downey, a 30-year law enforcement veteran, has been hired as the new director and chief of University Police.

Downey began his duties with Cal U's 18-member police department on Aug. 16.

A former lieutenant/commander with the Allegheny County Police, he had been the director and chief of University Police at Slippery Rock University since 2008.

Downey has a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from LaRoche College. He is a 1980 graduate of the Allegheny County Police Training Academy, a graduate of the FBI's National Academy, and a founding member of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Athletic Association, the governing body for the Pennsylvania Police Olympics.

"I got excited about the position because I saw that Cal U, under President Armenti's leadership, was willing to make a commitment to make the police department the best it can possibly be," Downey said. "When I visited the campus, I was very impressed with all the growth that is going on. The campus has undergone such a transformation. It definitely is a centerpiece for the region."

Cal U's police force offers round-the-clock coverage of its 294-acre campus.

Cal U Takes 'Best' Honors Again

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of the 218 institutions it profiles in its "Best in the Northeast" section of its website feature "2011 Best Colleges: Region By Region," posted at www.PrincetonReview.com.

It also profiles the school in its book, *The Best Northeastern Colleges: 2011 Edition*, now available from Random House/Princeton Review Books.

In a two-page profile on Cal U, The Princeton Review notes the University's "state of the art" classrooms and "variety of majors."

The profile also says students at Cal U enjoy a "very beautiful campus" with "many new buildings and facilities." There are "tons and tons of clubs" and one student said the suite-style residence halls "are the best I've ever seen."

Colleges designated as "best" were chosen primarily for their excellent academic programs, according to Robert Franek, The Princeton Review's vice president for publishing. 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 them.

"We also took into account what students attending the schools reported to us about their campus experiences at them on our student survey for this project," Franek said.

The 218 "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.



Vera Clemente admires her wedding photo inside the Manderino Gallery following her lecture last month at a capacity-filled Steele Hall.

Lecture Looks at Clemente's Legacy

Roberto Clemente died the way he lived — helping others.

A humanitarian as well as a Hall of Fame Major League Baseball player, Clemente's spirit and lifelong ambition of helping those in need was the focus of a special lecture held in the Cal U campus last month.

The talk was held in conjunction with the recently completed Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition "Beyond Baseball: The Life of Roberto Clemente." Guest speakers were Michelle Torres-Carmona of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) in Washington, D.C. and Vera Clemente, wife of the baseball legend.

The National League's 1966 Most Valuable Player and a four-time batting champion, Clemente died in a plane crash on Dec. 31, 1972, while en route to deliver aid to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

Vera Clemente and her three sons have continued his philanthropic legacy and fulfilled his dream of creating the Roberto Clemente Sports City in his hometown of Carolina, Puerto Rico.

"We revere human beings such as Roberto Clemente and the Clemente family, who in their daily lives reflect our University's core values of civility, integrity and responsibility," said Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr.

"He and his family are a beacon of hope for the youth in their country."

Torres-Carmona, director of Scheduling and Exhibitor Relations for SITES, gave a brief history of the exhibition, which debuted in 2007. She summed up Clemente with one of



Luis Clemente thanked the audience for their personal stories about his father, saying, "They help enhance his legacy."

his own remarks: "Any time you have the opportunity to make things better and you don't, you are wasting your time on Earth."

"Roberto Clemente was a great baseball player and so much more," she said. "He was a proud Puerto Rican whose love for his family and humanitarian acts are what's remembered most. He lived life to the fullest."

Vera Clemente shared moving stories about meeting her husband and traveling with him to Pittsburgh with their young children.

"He was a very special person, and all his life he was carrying out his own orders to help others," she said. "We were like one person together, and I knew I would never marry again. I still miss him, but know his spirit lives."

An emotional crowd in Steele Hall

asked questions and shared personal anecdotes about encounters with Clemente, a 12-time Gold Glove award-winner and MVP of the 1971 World Series.

Virginia Ogurchak, of Liberty, Pa., presented Vera Clemente with a letter and photos of two children her family sponsors in Nicaragua. Mike Napolitano '68, a member of the Council of Trustees, expressed the joy that his family experienced when they met Clemente at a gas station.

Luis Clemente, one of the ballplayer's three sons, said the family never tires of hearing personal stories from fans.

"We learn more and more about my father in this way," he said. "Whatever we're doing has been inspired by people like you. You drive us on to continue his legacy."

Campus BRIEFS

Faculty Convocation

Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. will host the 2010 Faculty Convocation on Tuesday, in the Morgan Hall Auditorium during the University's common hour, beginning at 11 a.m.

Trustees Meeting

The Cal U Council of Trustees will hold its third quarterly meeting of 2010 on Wednesday beginning at

7 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, room 110 of Old Main.

Thank You

Deborah (Leasure) Bailey '79, beloved wife of Professor Mitchell Bailey Sr., would like to thank the University community for their support, generosity and acts of kindness during the recent loss of her husband. Your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

Convocation Center Reaches New Heights

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a shirt and tie represented the business community, which will use the new building for executive conferences and training.

“The Convocation Center will have multiple uses, so we’re including a few items that symbolize what it will mean to our campus community and to our neighbors throughout southwestern Pennsylvania,” said Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr., who also signed the steel beam.

“This is a major milestone in the construction of a building that will become a landmark on our campus.”

The ceremony was held almost exactly one year after ground was broken for the building.

The largest indoor venue between Pittsburgh and Morgantown, W.Va., the \$54 million Convocation Center is scheduled for completion in fall 2011.

“This is an exciting day,” President Armenti said. “Both literally and figuratively, Cal U is reaching new heights.”

The multi-purpose facility presents Cal U with endless possibilities, said Ron Huiatt, vice president for University Development and Alumni Relations.

“It’s going to be a great resource for bringing donors and alumni to campus and showcasing what we do,” he said. “The Convocation Center really opens up a whole new chapter for us in terms of our outreach to the community. The campus is already beautiful, but this will serve as a magnet to bring people here. What a great addition.”

A handful of alumni came to witness the ceremony. The group included Michael Napolitano ’68, a member of Cal U’s Council of Trustees.

“Like many alumni, I find it exciting



Two ironworkers bolt together the last truss at the top of the Convocation Center roof on Aug. 3, 2010. A pair of 300-ton cranes lifted a single 198-foot steel truss into place.

to see how Dr. Armenti’s vision is becoming a reality,” he said. “We continue to be a front-runner in everything we do here at Cal. This Convocation Center is a meaningful addition and something for us to enjoy for so many years to come.”

Athletic coaches and administrators are anticipating the opening of the center and its 6,000-seat arena.

“It will be an honor, as well as exciting, for our basketball and volleyball teams to start playing there next year,” said Dr. Karen Hjerpe,

associate athletic director and senior women’s administrator. “Our coaches and student-athletes realize the tremendous support we receive from President Armenti and the administration. They plan on showing their appreciation with continued excellence on the court.”

The Convocation Center will enable Cal U to host virtually any type of event according to Juanita Timney, director of Executive Conferencing.

“The addition of the Convocation Center on campus is going to take our

conference offerings to the next level,” she said. “We have a team of full-time, experienced meeting planners to ensure each group has a successful event.”

Also participating in the ceremony were Cliff Rowe, CEO of PJ Dick, the construction manager for the project; Rich Neubauer of The Whiting-Turner Contracting Co.; and Wayne Tarvin of L. Robert Kimball and Associates, architects.

A video of the “topping out” ceremony is available on YouTube and at www.calu.edu/news.

Provost Jones Among ‘Women of Excellence’



Geraldine Jones

Cal U Provost Geraldine Jones was one of 50 Women of Excellence honored this year by the New Pittsburgh Courier, one of the oldest and most prestigious black newspapers in the United States.

The third annual award was presented on July 14 to some of the Pittsburgh area’s most successful and influential African-American women.

Nominated by New Pittsburgh Courier readers, the awardees were honored for their contributions to fields as varied as education, health care, finance, social services, media, law enforcement, business and the arts.

“I am truly honored to be a part of this event, and to be included in this

amazing group of women,” Jones said.

The awards were presented by Rod Doss, editor and publisher of the Courier, during a luncheon at the Westin Convention Center Hotel in Pittsburgh.

“One can not speak of the greatness of our city without including the distinctive contributions of African-American women,” Doss said. “These women are living examples of how hard work, integrity and determination lead to success.”

Jones graduated from Cal U in 1971 and began her career in education as a second-grade teacher. She served as program director for Upward Bound for 20 years, and in 2001 was named provost

and vice president for academic affairs.

A member of the Cal U Alumni Association board of directors, Jones has received numerous honors, including the Cal U Alumni Association’s John R. Gregg Award for Loyalty and Service, the Black Alumni Association’s Outstanding Service Award, and the Community Service Award given by the Minority Students Association at Penn State Fayette.

Jones is a lifelong member of Mt. Zion AME Church of Brownsville, where she has been the church pianist since age 14.

She has been married to Jeffrey B. Jones for 35 years; they have two adult daughters and a granddaughter.

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