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Cal U Adjusting Well to New Parking Plan

After almost two months, the Cal U community is “settling in” to a new system of paid parking, campus officials say.

“We have heard some good things from commuters,” said Chris Johnston, director of the Department of Parking and Transportation. “They like the convenience of knowing which lot they can park in and not having to search for a spot. It also has decreased vehicular traffic on campus since people aren’t driving around looking for a parking space.”

“It is exciting to see how the campus community has transitioned to our new system over the past few months,” said Robert Thorn, interim vice president for administration and finance.

“No change of this magnitude can be implemented without some challenges. I believe we are nearly through most of those challenges, and over the course of this year we will be working to refine our parking and transportation strategies in order to provide enhanced customer service to our campus community.”

Faculty, staff and students had the chance to pre-register in June to identify their parking preferences. Paid parking began Aug. 30.

The University has 3,265 parking spaces on the main and south campuses. Spaces were not “oversold,” so that everyone who purchased a parking hangtag could be assured of having a parking space.

There are 705 spaces at Roadman Park on the south campus, and as of mid-October, 260 were still available in Lot 24. All the spaces on the main campus have been sold.

“It’s important to realize that the permits have been sold” even in lots that may not appear to be full at certain times, Johnston explained. Not everyone who purchased a permit will be on campus at the same time.

Collecting data

To gauge parking patterns, counts are conducted six times a day in every lot — a process that will continue throughout the spring semester. This will help the parking office to determine how many more spaces may be sold.

“The University has invested in technology that is allowing us to collect data and monitor a lot of things, and we are gathering as much hard data as we can to predict the performance of various lots,” Johnston said.

“We need time to make decisions based on that data. We have to be very careful in determining how many more permits can be sold without causing problems.”

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Students, Staff Take Advantage of Flyers

The Vulcan Flyer fleet, which runs between the main campus and the south campus at Roadman Park, “has added dependable and timely transportation service to our overall parking strategy at Cal U,” says Robert Thorn, vice president for administration and finance at Cal U.

Here are some updates about the new transportation system at Cal U:

Six Vulcan Flyer buses are now in service. Chris Johnston, director of the Department of Parking and Transportation, reported they are running on time — every 10 minutes during peak hours and every 15 during non-peak times. He rides the Flyers periodically and says impromptu meetings have been held during the ride to the main campus, and groups of employees are riding down together, building camaraderie.

From Aug. 30 to Oct. 12, an average of 1,597 people per day have ridden the Flyers, for a total of 70,268 riders.

GPS tracking, currently available through the Next Bus application on iPhones and iPod Touches

and soon to be available on other smart phones, shows when the next shuttle is due to arrive. The system gives administrators even more information, such as the current number of riders and the speeds of the Flyers.

Johnston reported that many students who live in Vulcan Village are using the Flyers to come to the main campus. “Some students are saying they haven’t had to move their cars from Vulcan Village all semester,” Johnston said.

As of mid-October, nine students have subscribed to the Zipcar service at www.zipcar.com/caluc. The cars are parked on Hickory Street between residence halls A and B.

Students also are taking advantage of the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority (www.mmvta.com), which offers several routes that serve the main and south campuses with service to local shopping areas.

Beginning Nov. 1, Johnston said a River Lot shuttle service will begin to pick up riders at each of the two shelters in Lot 4 and make a loop around Hessel Hall. Service may be expanded in the spring.



Blues Singer Back

Gaye Adegbalola returns to Cal U next month to discuss her personal struggles for equality. See story on page 3.

Text Alerts Give Timely Warning

Campus officials are urging students, faculty and staff to register for text alerts in the wake of the tragic event on Oct. 17.

A Pittsburgh man, 18-year-old Jeron Grayson, was fatally shot at an apartment building on Mechanic Street in California Borough. A Cal U student also was injured.

Less than 24 hours after the shooting, Washington County District Attorney Steven Toprani announced that Keith Edward Jones, 19, of Monessen, had been arrested and charged with criminal homicide and other crimes. He was jailed without bond on Oct. 18.

As soon as news of the crime could be verified, campus officials acted quickly to notify students, faculty and staff. The University issued a text alert, sent an alert via e-mail to all members of the campus community, and posted the crime alert on the University website. Fliers with information about the crime also were posted.

The crime alert was issued out of concern for student safety and in compliance with the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, passed into law in 1990. The law requires colleges

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Survey Says ... Students Glad They Chose Cal U

More than eight out of 10 California University students say they would choose Cal U again.

That's just one of the findings from the latest National Survey of Student Engagement, or NSSE, administered on the Cal U campus.

The survey asks students to report their participation in activities reflecting good educational practices; their sense of achievement and satisfaction with their school; and their estimates of educational and personal growth since they started college.

Cal U administers the standardized survey in odd-numbered years to first-year and senior students. The findings are compared with results from all NSSE participants that year, and with responses from participating schools within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

The Provost's Office has analyzed results from the 2009 survey and found:

Cal U has a supportive campus environment. The mean scores for first-year and senior students in this category



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exceeded both the NSSE and PASSHE averages.

Seniors say that Cal U offers "active and collaborative" learning and student-faculty interaction. Although scores for first-year students lagged, seniors scored

Cal U higher than the mean for both NSSE and PASSHE schools.

Academic advisement was rated "good" or "excellent" by 77 percent of the students surveyed, exceeding the NSSE and PASSHE scores.

The entire educational experience was rated as "good" or "excellent" by 87 percent of Cal U students, and 81 percent said they would go to Cal U again.

Compared to their peers, the survey found that Cal U students use the Web more often to access course materials and take classes — developing skills that may prove valuable in the 21st-century workplace, where Web-based resources play a significant role.

They also scored above average for using e-mail to communicate with instructors; preparing two or more drafts of papers or assignments; working with faculty on projects other than coursework; and working with other students on projects in class.

Students also reported a safer environment and residential experience that eases their adjustment to college.

NSSE has been gathering information about the quality of the campus experience for more than a decade. In 2009, nearly 364,000 U.S. college and university students from about 640 participating institutions completed the survey.

Open Houses to Help Adults, Nation Reach Goals

To mark national Nontraditional Student Week, the Office of Lifelong Learning will host two open houses from 3-6 p.m., Nov. 1 and Nov. 4.

These sessions are designed for nontraditional students who are interested in completing a degree or taking credits for personal and professional development.

The Office of Lifelong Learning also will assist prospective students who want to begin an associate or bachelor's degree program.

Nontraditional students are generally older than the typical undergraduates. They also may be students of typical age who must adjust their school schedule to accommodate family responsibilities or work.

"The event is a celebration of current adult students and adults thinking about returning to school," said Terrie Greene, executive director of Lifelong Learning.

"Lifelong Learning's mission is to provide professional and personal enrichment, as well as credit and non-credit educational opportunities, for people of all ages. We also are advocates for the adult learner."

At the open houses, prospective students can learn about evening college degrees in liberal arts, science and technology, and social science. These programs, which combine online and evening classes, are designed for working adults who need flexibility to achieve their education goals.

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Prospective students also can talk with current nontraditional students and meet with staff

"The staff is absolutely exceptional," said Judy Palmer, a nontraditional student who plans to graduate in December.

Cal U, along with other colleges and universities across the nation, is placing greater emphasis on adult education. The White House has announced a target date of 2020 for raising the United States to No. 1 in the world for the proportion of residents with college degrees

or certificates.

According to the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, Pennsylvania must increase its number of degree-holders by 5 percent annually to help reach that goal. Currently, just 37.9 percent of Pennsylvanians hold a postsecondary degree.

Greene said she hopes that raising awareness of the increasing need for college degrees will help convince more nontraditional students to go back to school.

"The *Measuring Up 2008 State Report Card on Higher Education* states that the percentage of Pennsylvania adults without a Bachelors Degree, ages 25-49 years old, enrolled in any type of postsecondary education, is 3.8%," she said.

"With a national study stating that in the coming decade six of 10 jobs will require some type of degree, I believe you will see an ever increasing amount of adults returning to college."

For more information about the open houses or continuing education, please contact Terrie Greene at 724-938-5840.

Alumni Return for Homecoming

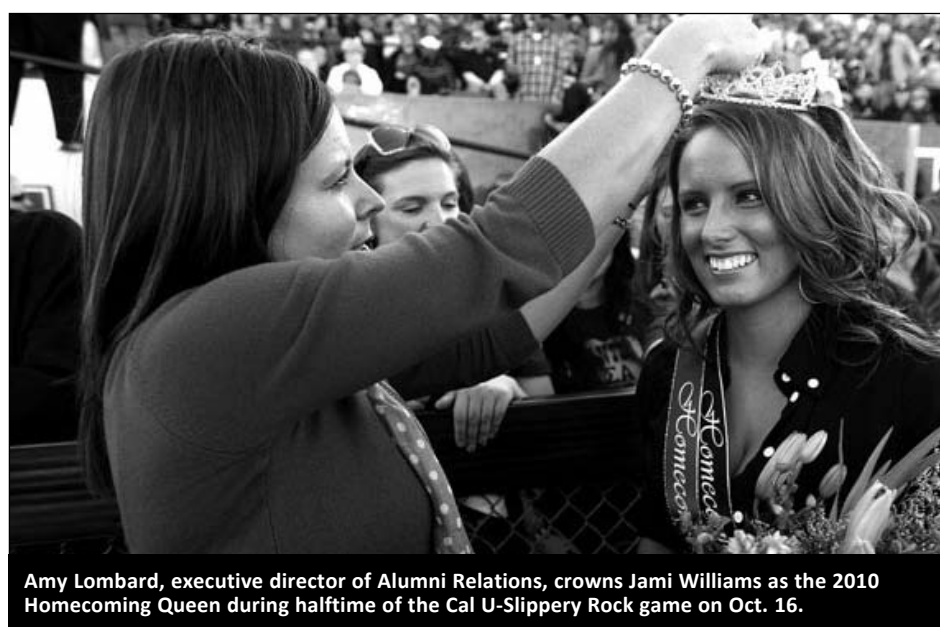
Alumni and friends returned to Cal U for a Homecoming celebration that culminated in the undefeated Vulcan football team beating division rival Slippery Rock, 28-3.

In the week leading up to Homecoming Day, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra performed to a full house in Steele Hall. The Homecoming court was announced at the annual bonfire, lit for the first time with flames carried across the Quad from the Vulcan statue.

Athletic standouts were honored at the Hall of Fame Banquet, student organizations built parade floats with a Western theme, and the Mark DeRose Band and Natalie Stovall gave a concert.

Tailgate activities after the festive Homecoming Parade brought a crowd to Roadman Park, where Pittsburgh Steelers player Ryan Mundy signed autographs outside the Steelers University - Coca-Cola Great Hall Traveling Exhibition. Nearby, families previewed the *Rockin' Robots: World Tour* traveling science show produced by the Carnegie Science Center in partnership with Cal U.

During the halftime festivities, President Angelo Armenti, Jr. crowned



Amy Lombard, executive director of Alumni Relations, crowns Jami Williams as the 2010 Homecoming Queen during halftime of the Cal U-Slippery Rock game on Oct. 16.

Jami Williams and Nate Dixon as 2010 Homecoming Queen and King. Acacia and Delta Zeta received first-place honors in the competition for best float while the Black Student Union had the best banner.

Although alumni returned to their alma mater from many places, no one traveled farther than DingDing Lu '04, '06. A 2010 Hall of Fame inductee and former standout volleyball player, she

came all the way from Beijing, China.

"The campus is beautiful, and I am glad to see the school has been improving and making the experience more interesting for the students," Lu said.

"One of my classmates gave me a link to Cal U high-res webcam, and I loved seeing the new Duda Hall, because I took so many classes in the old building. But it's so much better to see it in person."

Recital Series Opens Tomorrow

The Cal U Recital Series opens its 2010-2011 season with a performance by Alia Musica Pittsburgh at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Gallagher Music Center's Recital Hall, Room 107.

Alia Musica was created in 2006 by 11 young composers in Pittsburgh. It has produced nearly 30 premieres of music by emergent composers with ties to the Pittsburgh area.

The group performs both intimate chamber concerts and large-scale concerts featuring large ensembles. A core performance group, assembled through the group's first two years, is supplemented with guest performers who are invited to join as needed.

The free event is open to the Cal U community and to the public; donations will be accepted to defray costs. Supporting the event are the College of Liberal Arts, the Student Association Inc. and the Student Activities Board. For more information, contact the Department of Music at 724-938-4242.

Voter Workshops Set

Manderino Library is offering two workshops designed to help voters make informed decisions on Election Day.

Bill Meloy, an assistant professor in the Department of Library Services, will lead 30-minute sessions at 11 a.m. Thursday and 2 p.m. Nov. 1 in Room 208 in the library.

Election Day is Nov. 2.

Thursday's session is "On the Campaign Trail," and the Nov. 1 workshop is "Stop the Spin and Find Nonpartisan Resources to Help You Decide Whom to Vote for on Nov. 2."

"I'll be taking workshop attendees through some hands-on searching to find local voting information, including where and when to vote, checking on registration status, and so on," said Meloy, who also serves as a reference librarian and the serials collection manager.

All faculty, students and staff may attend.

Meloy also will show participants where to find information on candidates.

In addition, the library has an online research guide and a display with helpful election information. Please visit <http://libguides.calu.edu/voting>.

Spaghetti Served on Election Day

As part of the 2010 SECA fundraising campaign, "Give Hope Today, Build a Better Tomorrow," a spaghetti-and-meatballs lunch will be offered from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Nov. 2 — Election Day — at the Performance Center. Cost is \$6.50; the meal includes salad, dessert and beverage. All proceeds are donated to SECA, the State Employees Combined Appeal.

Dine-in and take-out options will be available. Take-out tickets must be purchased in advance. All ticket-holders will be eligible for a chance to win a door prize.

SECA serves as an umbrella for nine major organizations that support local, regional or international charities. A parent organization of the SECA/Cal U drive is the United Way of Mon Valley. This organization's president for a fourth term is Cal U's First Lady, Barbara Armenti.

To purchase a lunch ticket and support the annual SECA campaign, contact either Dana Turcic (turcic@calu.edu) or Norm Hasbrouck (hasbrouck@calu.edu).

Singer to Perform, Discuss LGBTQ Issues

Entertainer, educator and activist Gaye Adegbalola will discuss her personal struggles for equality when she makes a return visit to Cal U in November.

She will present "Gay Rights vs. Civil Rights" from 1-1:50 p.m. and 5-5:50 p.m. Nov. 3 in Dixon Hall 327. On Nov. 4, she will present "History of Women in the Blues" in two sessions from 12:30-3:15 p.m. in the Performance Center. These presentations are open to faculty, staff and students.

Also on Nov. 4, Adegbalola will perform a neo-classic blues concert with accompanist Roddy Barnes beginning at 7 p.m. in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre. This free concert is open to the public as well as the Cal U community.

"We are so pleased to have the opportunity to bring Ms. Adegbalola back to Cal U to present on her life experience and vast knowledge of the civil rights movement and the similarities and differences with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender movement," said Sheleta Webb, a resident director and coordinator of the Cal U Safe Zone Program. She also

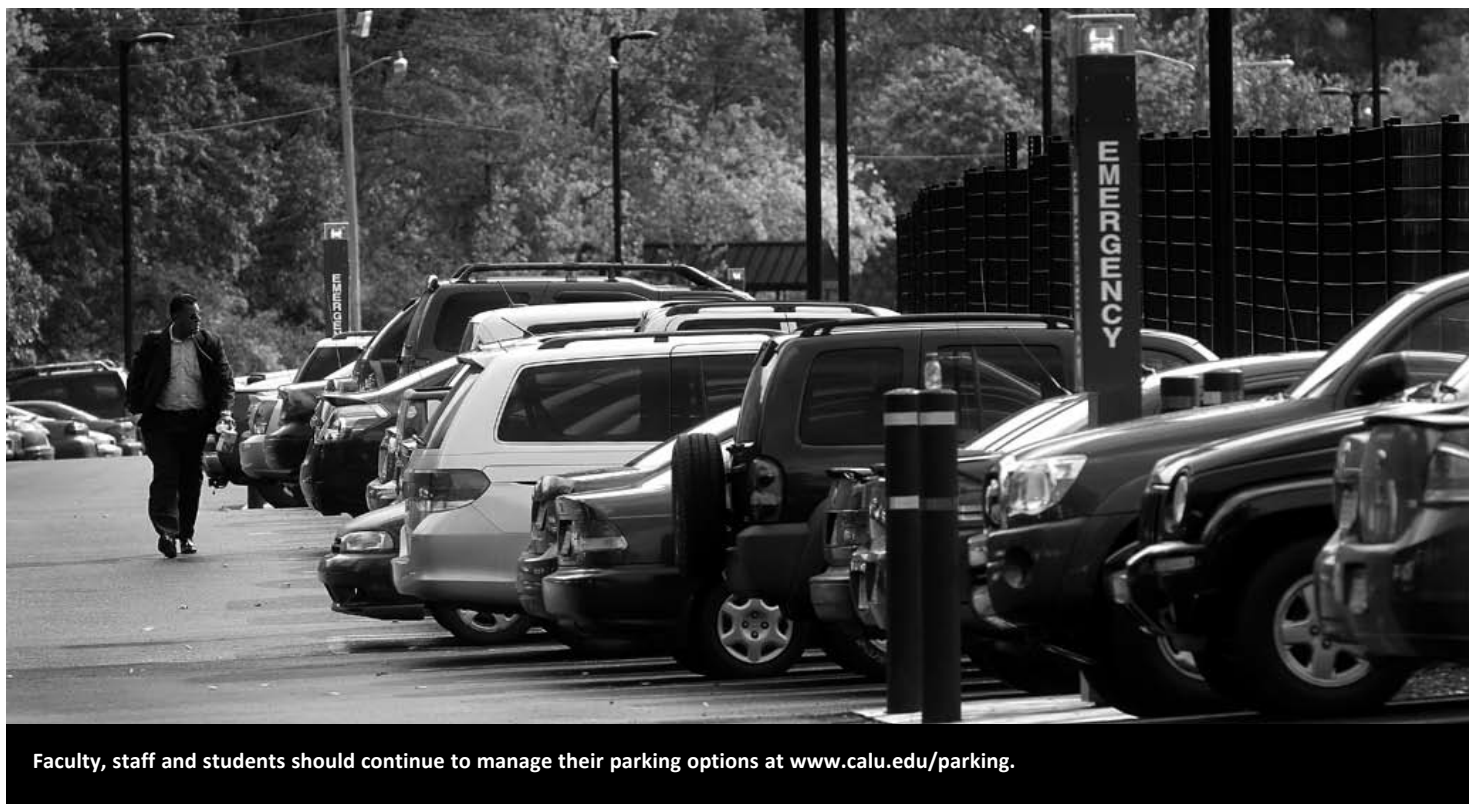
advises the Rainbow Alliance, a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender student organization

"Her presentation, 'Gay Rights vs. Civil Rights,' will offer our students a perspective of the oppression and struggles for equal rights that have affected both people of color and members of the LGBT community, through her own stories and experiences," Webb said.

"In light of the recent national tragedies involving the suicides of six young people who had experienced homophobic bullying/harassment, I hope her presentation will broaden the minds and hearts of Cal U's community."

Adegbalola came to Cal U in March for lectures and a performance. The Office of Social Equity, Office of Student Affairs and the Women's Studies Department are collaborating to bring her back to campus.

Before making music her full-time career, Adegbalola taught science in public schools in Fredericksburg for 18 years. She was named Virginia State Teacher of the Year in 1982.



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"So far, it has never been completely full," he said. "That average is pretty good. Usually it takes a year before that level of usage is obtained in a municipal garage. People are taking advantage of the fact that they can pop in at a reasonable rate."

So far, parking for events such as Homecoming and Discovery Days has been adequate, Johnston reported, with visitors to campus being directed to park in Vulcan Garage. Often during special events, more Vulcan Flyer shuttles between Roadman Park and the main campus are put into service.

He encouraged University employees and student leaders who are holding special events to fill out an Event Parking Request form, available by contacting the parking office or online at www.calu.edu/parking. The information from the form will allow the Parking and Transportation Department to track how many cars come to campus for these functions.

This data will be used to help make decisions on lot capacities.

Manage Your Account

Johnston also emphasized that faculty, staff and students should continue to manage their parking options at www.calu.edu/parking. Drivers can add cars to their parking accounts and place themselves on waiting lists for other lots, among other options.

A "parking lab" is open during normal University business hours on the first floor of Manderino Library to help explain the wait list process or other parking concerns.

Johnston says there are about 1,400 names on a wait list for parking permits. Some of those are people who already have permits and are managing their accounts to access more desirable lots.

The University has hired two parking enforcement officers — visible in their red, environmentally "green" Smart cars — who work closely with University Police.

As of Oct. 13, Johnston said, 995

tickets or citations had been issued — 611 warnings and 384 tickets.

"Enforcement is important to ensure that people who have paid for a space have a space," he said. "It's not about generating revenue. Enforcement is meant to change behavior."

Johnston says the Parking and Transportation Department is gearing up for the first set of parking registration renewals for those who are paying by the semester. That phase likely will begin in late November and run through early December.

"(Registration renewals are) going to be a constant process, which is why it is so important for people to continue to monitor their parking accounts," Johnston emphasized.

"I know how important parking is to people," he added. "As an alumnus, I know the impact parking has on a guest who may be coming to campus for the first time. We are striving to make the necessary improvements and constantly improve the process."

Text Alerts Offer Timely Warning

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and universities to issue a "timely warning" about crimes that may represent a threat to the campus community.

"Text alerts are the most immediate way for students, faculty and staff to receive notification if a dangerous situation arises," said Dr. Lenora Angelone, vice president for Student Affairs. "We want to be sure that our students, and others in the campus community, have the timely information they need. We want everyone to be safe."

The annual registration process for Cal U Text Alerts also should be a reminder to work with family members to develop or update a Family Emergency Plan, Angelone said.

"The Family Emergency Plan is an excellent way to assure that students and their families have discussed and documented how they will communicate their safety and location in the event of an emergency," she explained.

To find a simple and easy template, visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website, www.ready.gov/america/ and click on "Make a Plan."

Members of the campus community can find the Cal U Alert registration form by clicking "Quick Links" on the Cal U website, www.calu.edu. Updates and links to campus safety information can be found in the News carousel on the homepage.

Volleyball Star Travels from China for Banquet

Editor's Note: Cal U held its 16th annual Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet Oct. 15 at the Performance Center. Throughout the fall, the Journal has profiled each of the 2010 Hall of Fame inductees.

Women's volleyball standout DingDing Lu lives in Beijing, China, but she was not going to let a few thousand miles prevent her from attending Cal U's annual Hall of Fame banquet.

"First of all, it is such an honor for me to be inducted into the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame 2010 class," she said. "I had to change a lot of plans, but I realized this was something too big and too important to miss."

Lu — a four-time, first-team, all-conference middle hitter for the women's volleyball team from 2000-2003 — traveled nearly 11,500 miles last week to return to her alma mater.

During her college career, Lu was a three-time American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) and two-time Daktonics all-region selection.

In her first year on the team, she helped the 2000 Vulcans and former head coach Limin Jin achieve the program's first NCAA Division II post-season appearance. The team won 27 matches, its highest single-season victory output in seven seasons.

Cal won the NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional championship with three tense victories over East



DingDing Lu is just the second women's volleyball player in school history to be inducted into the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame.

Stroudsburg (3-1), Edinboro (3-2) and host Lock Haven (3-1) universities. After overcoming deficits in both the semifinals and the finals, the Vulcans wrapped up the crown with a 15-3 game four victory at defending champion Lock Haven.

Lu was named to the regional all-tourney team, and Cal advanced to the NCAA II Elite Eight. The team moved on to the semifinals after sweeping Pace (N.Y.) University 3-0 in the national quarterfinals.

The historic season ended with a

defeat to eventual national champion Hawaii Pacific University.

This remains the furthest a Cal U volleyball team has advanced nationally. Lu led the NCAA Division II in hitting percentage (.446) that season.

A consistent player, Lu helped the Vulcans achieve four consecutive winning seasons, and she set the groundwork for future success. The program's last losing season in volleyball was in 1995; heading into 2010, the volleyball team has won the past three consecutive conference and regional championships.

Lu played her final two seasons for coach Melissa Myers, who was at Cal from 2002-2007 and now is the head coach at Illinois State. Lu praised both coaches and lauded Jin for recruiting her for two years.

"Both (coaches) took the program to a new level, and both made school history," she said. "Off the court they pushed all players on their education. I admire the hard work and efforts they had for Cal U. My experience of playing volleyball at Cal U would not be this (successful) without them."

Always among the PSAC leaders, Lu finished her career owning the single-season record in kills, with 579 in 2003 — a total that still ranks second. Her hitting percentage as a freshman remains the school standard. Lu's 141 blocks in 2000 and her 52 service aces in 2003 still rank fifth and sixth, respectively.

Lu's 463 total blocks remain a school

record, and her previous school career records of 156 service aces and 1,803 kills are second and third respectively, even seven years later. She played in 446 career games, the eighth highest total in school history.

Lu is the second volleyball player to earn Cal U's highest athletic honor, joining standout setter Jackie Wilson '93, a 2002 Hall of Fame inductee.

"Not being the first one to be chosen from the volleyball program shows that players before my time also put great effort in," Lu said. "Undoubtedly, new players will understand that as long as they keep working hard, their achievement will be recognized by the school, and they will have the same chance to receive this wonderful award."

Lu said she is pleased about the team's continued improvement. "I am very happy to see that Cal U has become such a strong team in the region, and I am proud of being part of the team that started the turnaround," she said.

Lu earned her bachelor's and master's degrees, both in business administration, from Cal U in 2004 and 2006.

"As a foreign student, I shared a different language, lifestyle and way of thinking with local students," Lu reflected. "During my stay at Cal U, I learned how to interact and communicate with them, and I also learned to be tolerant and understanding."

"These are important parts of the wealth in my life."

Cal U Hosts Coal Bowl Saturday

A second consecutive Coal Bowl trophy and possibly a sixth straight PSAC-West Division title will be on the line for the Cal U football team Saturday when the Vulcans host rival IUP.

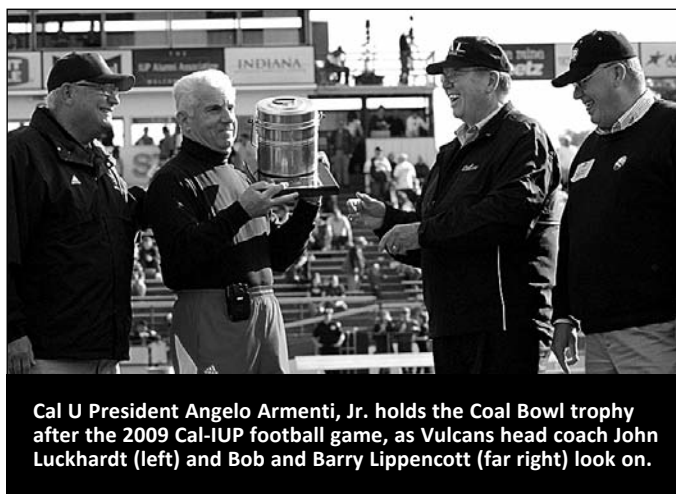
Kickoff at Hepner-Bailey Field at Adamson Stadium is set for 1 p.m. This year's Coal Bowl will be broadcast live by WPCW-TV.

As part of the pre-game festivities, Chris Higbee (formerly of the Poverty Neck Hillbillies) will perform in Roadman Park from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. courtesy of the Common Sense movement. Also as part of the event, the first 500 students who attend the concert will receive a voucher for a free hot dog and soft drink. Additionally an iPad and autographed Pittsburgh Penguins Max Talbot jersey will be raffled off to students in attendance courtesy of Common Sense.

Bob Lippencott '66, a 2002 inductee in the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame, and his brother, Barry, an Indiana University of Pennsylvania graduate, conceived the Coal Bowl. They have established endowed football scholarships at each university.

Bob Lippencott played linebacker for the Vulcans, and his brother was a standout end for the Crimson Hawks. The Lippencott family, which has a long history of working in the coal industry, felt the game would be an excellent platform to honor their families and the region's coal miners.

The Pennsylvania Coal Association is the presenting sponsor of the event for the second consecutive year. Proceeds from the sponsorship will be split evenly between the two universities and used to fund scholarships for student-athletes. Alpha Natural Resources, CONSOL Energy, F.O.R.C.E.



Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. holds the Coal Bowl trophy after the 2009 Cal-IUP football game, as Vulcans head coach John Luckhardt (left) and Bob and Barry Lippencott (far right) look on.

(Families for PA Coal), Joy Mining, P&N Coal, Roberts & Schaefer, United Mine Workers of America District 2, and Washington Reographics are participating sponsors this year.

The Coal Bowl trophy resembles a coal miner's lunch pail. The winner of the game will keep it on display until the teams meet again.

Cal U and IUP began their football rivalry in 1918. Since 2000, either the Vulcans or the Crimson Hawks have won or shared the PSAC-West title. The schools have combined for six NCAA post-season appearances in that time.

Last fall the Vulcans received the inaugural Coal Bowl trophy after a 41-28 win at IUP's George P. Miller Stadium.

Campus BRIEFS

Scholarship Dinner Set for Thursday

The 14th annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 28 in Gallagher Hall.

This invitation-only event gives donors who have created privately funded scholarships through the Foundation for California University an opportunity to meet the student recipients whose lives have been changed through their generosity.

For giving opportunities, call 724-938-5775.

Thank You

Mary Jane McConnell, of the Purchasing Department, would like to thank the Cal U community for all its support, acts of kindness and prayers. "MJ," who was injured in an automobile accident, is back working half-days and improving each day.

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