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# On Hockey Night, Cal U Honors Veterans

On a special hockey night in Pittsburgh, Cal U not only showcased its men's and women's hockey teams, but also honored two veterans wounded while serving overseas.

In the Veterans Day event at CONSOL Energy Center, home of the Pittsburgh Penguins, the Cal U women fell to Penn State 5-1 and the men's team bested Robert Morris 7-5.

But perhaps the most memorable moment came between games, when 2,500 fans rose to their feet to honor U.S. Army Spc. Patrick McIlvain, a former Cal U hockey player who was severely wounded six months ago in Afghanistan.

McIlvain, of Uniontown, Pa., played hockey at Cal U from the 2003-04 season to 2006-07. A business administration major and a Theta Xi fraternity brother, he was also active with student government until he left Cal U for military service.

Accompanied by a member of his medical staff, family and friends, McIlvain traveled to the games from a rehabilitation facility in Richmond, Va.

Family members pushed his wheelchair onto the ice as a Cal U player presented him with a Vulcans jersey bearing his former number, 33.

"It's been a lot of logistics and detail,

but it's all motivated to help Patrick, and we can't say how appreciative we are," said the wounded soldier's uncle, John McIlvain, who served as a spokesman for the family.

"Patrick played a lot of sports, but hockey was his passion. He loved hockey and being at Cal U. We are so thankful."

Hockey players and others at Cal U have established a charitable fund in honor of McIlvain. "The Pat Mac Fund" will support scholarships and be used to assist other wounded veterans, the organizers said.

Penguins coaches, announcers and players wore "Mac's Might" wristbands to honor McIlvain during their Nov. 12 home game against Tampa Bay, and the organization plans to include McIlvain in its Hometown Heroes promotion.

A second veteran dropped the ceremonial puck before the start of the men's game. Current Cal U student Brian Joseph, a Purple Heart recipient, was injured Nov. 10, 2004, while serving as a platoon sergeant with the U.S. Marines in Iraq.

A freshman Liberal Studies major, Joseph is a member of the Cal U Veterans Club. Beginning in January, he will be working for director Robert Prah

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Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. applauds Patrick McIlvain (center) who was given a team jersey by Vulcan captain Dan Tonini during the opening ceremony of the men's game. Pictured in the background are Patrick's uncle, Tom McIlvain, and Max Crodic.



Cal U fans cheer following a Vulcan goal against Robert Morris at CoNsol Energy Center.

## A Night to Remember

More than 2,500 students, alumni and friends saw the University's sportsmanship and "Cal U for Life" spirit in action Nov. 11 at CONSOL Energy Center.

On the Pittsburgh Penguins' home ice, Cal's four-time defending Collegiate Hockey East champion men's team improved its league record to a perfect 5-0, overcoming a 2-0 deficit to defeat Robert Morris' club team by a score of 7-5.

Although the Vulcan women's team lost 5-1 to Penn State, players also had the thrill of skating before a cheering crowd in the new, state-of-the-art arena.

Pens forward Tyler Kennedy dropped the puck to start the women's game, and he and teammate Deryk Engelland signed autographs before the games.

"It's a great experience for our players and staff," said men's hockey coach Justin Berger. "The University has gone the extra mile with the partnership with the Penguins, and their overall support for us is similar to that of the varsity programs. We've worked very hard to get to this level, and it's a real reward to be treated like this."

Senior defender Steve Blatney said he and his teammates won't forget their

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## AIO 'Ambassadors' Part of Cal U's First Native American Day

Cal U celebrated its inaugural Native American Day on Nov. 9 with a visit from Native American "ambassadors" and a hands-on look at Indian cultural practices.

Held during Native American History Month, the celebration began Nov. 8 with a reception for ambassadors from Americans for Indian Opportunity, a program for emerging Native American leaders. Nearly 100 students and community members attended the gathering, which featured traditional Native American ingredients.

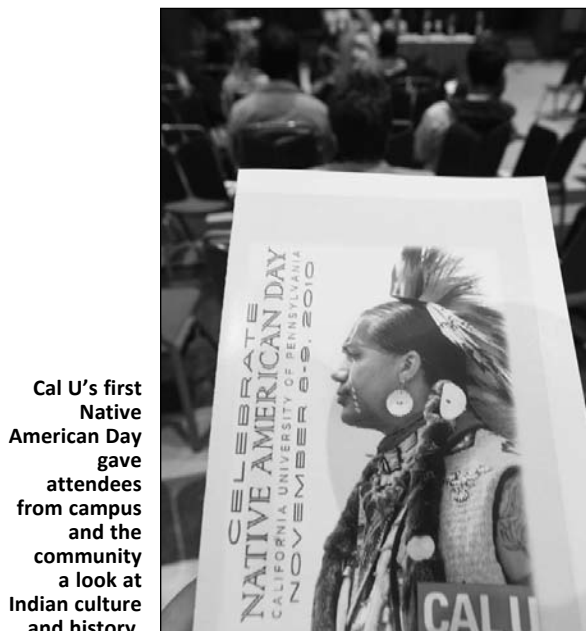
Founded by Dr. LaDonna Harris in 1993, the AIO Ambassadors program is a leadership and community-

building initiative based on traditional indigenous values.

Harris had intended to accompany the ambassadors to Cal U, where she received an honorary doctorate in 2009. Unforeseen circumstances required her to cancel the appearance, but ambassador Tracy Canard-Goodluck, director of organizational advancement and youth initiatives at AIO, said that Harris hopes to reschedule her visit.

Dr. Clarissa Confer organized classroom visits by the AIO Ambassadors, who shared their views on Native American heritage and answered questions about the role of indigenous people in contemporary society. Their

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Cal U's first Native American Day gave attendees from campus and the community a look at Indian culture and history.



# 'Weather Detective' Explains Work

The lawyer for the plaintiff in a slip-and-fall case needs a bit more information: Was it *actually* icy that morning? When was the last time it snowed? Is it reasonable to expect the business owner should have had time to clear the parking lot? Did carelessness play a part?

Enter someone like Dr. John Scala, a forensic meteorologist who also works for NBC affiliate WGAL-TV in Lancaster, Pa.

Scala is a private consultant who prepares expert opinions in criminal and civil court cases. He has experience working with the Weather Channel and is a past president of the National Weather Association, where is currently a member of two committees. He wrote a chapter on forensic meteorology for *Forensic Entomology*, which was published in 2009.

"We live in a litigious society," he told a group of about 50 students during his presentation, "Forensic Meteorology: A Litigatory Assistant of Surprising Importance," Nov. 11 in the Eberly Science and Technology Center.

"A lot of slip-and fall injuries can be the result of people just not paying attention. But we can use things like surface temperature readings at the time of an accident to determine if there could have been ice in a parking lot, for example, or how long ago it snowed."

During his hour-long presentation, part of the Meteorology/Earth Sciences Colloquia series, Scala presented cases where forensic meteorology provided key information — like the settlement of thousands of claims in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

In one case, he said, he was able to provide information about air temperature that helped to determine the time of death in a homicide case.

Other cases have involved claims filed by homeowners or farmers.

"We see a lot of instances where people are claiming hail damaged their property or their crops," Scala said. "A forensic meteorologist can analyze the data from a storm and determine if it produced hail and what size it may have been."

Scala has never testified at a trial, since all the cases he has been involved with have settled out of court. He said his statements are backed up by evidence, and he always points out that his findings are accurate to a reasonable degree of meteorological certainty.

"Lawyers want black-and-white answers, but the information forensic meteorologists can provide is often very useful."

*The next speaker in the Meteorology/Earth Sciences Colloquia series will be Dr. Karen Kosiba, who will discuss the VORTEX 2 (Verification of Rotation in Tornadoes Experiment 2) project, the most ambitious tornado field project in history. Her appearance is scheduled for 11 a.m. Dec. 9 in Eberly Hall, Room 110.*

# Native American 'Ambassadors' Visit

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program, dubbed "Indian 101," explains American history from the standpoint of the continent's first inhabitants.

The group also spoke with faculty, staff and students at an open forum in the Performance Center. In the lobby, cultural practitioner Kinorea "Two Feather" Tigri, a Cherokee Indian listed on the National Registry of Living Historians, shared a display of artifacts and discussed wampum as a form of communication among Native Americans in the 18th and 19th centuries.

"I hope these activities will fill in the gaps, explaining what we do not know about Native American history and heritage," said Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr., whose office sponsored Native American Day.

"This celebration opens a dialogue between the Cal U community and indigenous leaders. We expect this to become an annual event."

Along with the other ambassadors, Canard-Goodluck praised Cal U for its hospitality. She explained that in 15 years, AIO has produced 11 classes of ambassadors with more than 200 graduates from 38 U.S. states.

"We must spread our core values and increase the level of knowledge about political issues and community initiatives," said Canard-Goodluck, a member of the Oneida tribe. "AIO changed my life and empowered me."

During their visit, the AIO Ambassadors worked to dispel myths and put stereotypes to rest.

Rosalyn LaPier, a member of the Blackfeet and Turtle Mountain Chippewa



Participating in Cal U's inaugural Native American Day were AIO members Jackie Swift (left), Heather Whiteman Runs Him and Dr. Dave Beck.

tribes, teaches at the University of Montana. She recalled growing up on a reservation that lacked electricity or running water until the 1970s.

"Now, 21<sup>st</sup>-century life on the reservation is no different than life anywhere else," she said, complete with online shopping and Facebook.

Dave Beck, chair of the University of Montana's Native American Studies Department, noted that Pennsylvania has no federally recognized Indian tribes. Nevertheless, Native Americans historically were drawn to cities such as Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, where they found opportunities to work.

"Over 65 percent of Native Americans live in large urban areas,"

Canard-Goodluck said. "Relocation has always been a part of our history."

Other AIO Ambassadors who participated in Cal U's Native American Day were Jackie Swift (Comanche), repatriation manager for the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Pamela Soeder (Muscogee/Creek), an alumnus of the first AIO class and a faculty member at Slippery Rock University; John Beaver (Muscogee/Creek) director of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum Cultural Center and Archives in Okmulgee, Okla.; and Heather Whiteman Runs Him (Crow), an attorney who serves as joint lead counsel for the Crow Nation's executive branch.



Dr. Kinorea 'Two Feather' Tigri

# Cultural Practitioner Discusses Wampum

A colorful display of moccasins, arrowheads and beads took over the lobby outside the Performance Center as Cal U celebrated its first Native American Day.

Dressed in traditional native attire, Dr. Kinorea "Two Feather" Tigri used her display of artifacts to discuss the role of wampum in communication among Native Americans in 18th- and 19th-century America.

Wampum, small tubular beads made of white or purple clam shells, was a known as a common currency among many Native American tribes and a highly valued trade item for European settlers.

But historians believe wampum was used for a different purpose.

"Many people don't know that wampum actually was used as a tool to record oral conversations," Tigri said.

The beads typically were used to make belts whose patterns represented a wide range of emotions and actions, such as friendship, war or ransom.

The beads also were used in messaging sticks to remind messengers of important information.

Tigri, a Cherokee Indian listed on the National Registry of Living Historians, gained much of her cultural knowledge while growing up on a reservation in Cherokee, N.C.

She enjoys sharing her knowledge with Cal U students. Two years ago, Tigri presented a popular Native American cooking class on campus.

"I am very happy to be back on campus and to be part of this event," said Tigri. "This is a wonderful experience for students and I hope the University continues to expand its celebration of Native American culture."

# Dolinar to Speak at Poinsettia Luncheon

Alumna and journalist Beth Dolinar '81 will be the guest speaker at the Cal U Southpointe Center's Poinsettia Tea Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Dec. 3.

For the past 12 years, Dolinar has been a weekly columnist with the Washington Observer-Reporter, chronicling the everyday adventures of her life and family. Her writing also has appeared in Pittsburgh Magazine and Pittsburgh Quarterly.

Dolinar was an investigative/general assignment reporter and weekend anchor at WTAE-TV from 1986-1995, and she has returned to television as an Emmy-winning contributor to local programming on WQED-TV.

Dolinar earned a bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* from



Beth Dolinar

Cal U and a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University in Illinois.

At Cal U, Dolinar was news director for the campus radio station, editor of the student newspaper, and a member of the marching and concert bands.

She was the 1987 recipient of the Cal U Professional Achievement Award.

Ticket price for the tea is \$25. The event features a silent auction, along with prizes and giveaways. Proceeds benefit the Cal U Southpointe Book Scholarship Fund, which helps nontraditional Southpointe students purchase textbooks.

Pre-registration is required; reservations must be received by Nov. 29. For more information, contact Ellie Nesser at 724-873-2760.

# Night to Remember at CONSOL Energy Center

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night on the NHL's newest stage.

"This is a great event that got a lot of people excited, and it's positive for Cal in many ways," he said. "When we got here, we walked down on the ice, and it's some of the best ice I've ever been on. This is certainly special. I would never have imagined all this."

Senior forward Tiffany Juha scored the first goal on CONSOL ice by either Vulcan team.

"We are disappointed that we didn't win, but being a part of this event was an honor and a big step for the California women's hockey program," she said.

The arena opened in August, and many alumni and friends of the University were visiting for the first time. Alumnus Frank Kologie '60, a retired Penn Hills teacher and librarian, enjoyed the alumni reception in the fourth-floor Cal U Conference Center.

"I was surprised to know we had a women's team, and that they're also good," he said.

The women placed second in the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Division I Conference last season.

"I'm a big hockey fan, and to see Cal's teams right here is impressive."

Penguins fan Mark Eckels '80, a 2005 Cal U Hall of Fame baseball inductee, was making a return visit to the arena.

"To be part of this beautiful place is a wonderful accomplishment, not just for the hockey team but for the school and its alumni," Eckels said. "It's a marvelous thing."

Another alumnus, the late John

Barbero '69, was recognized in a video played before the women's game. Barbero, a retired principal of Waynesburg High School, was the Penguins' public address announcer for more than 35 years.

"My dad was a big Cal sports fan, and he would have loved to have been a part of this," said his son Brady Barbero '02, a Charleroi middle school teacher and the head football coach at California Area High School.

"He was a big hockey fan long before the Penguins became a championship team, and he would be happy for the success of the Cal programs."

Players and fans weren't the only one making memories at the event. Students from the campus radio and television stations also had a big-game experience.

WCAL radio broadcast the games live, and CUTV filmed the games to be aired later.

"It was an outstanding situation for our students, because they got to work with the exact crew that does the Penguins games," said J.R. Wheeler, assistant dean of Student Affairs/Media. "So the tape we aired on CUTV looked like a Penguins game — except it was our student-athletes on the ice and our students who were behind the microphones calling the game."

Senior Andy Walter, one of the CUTV broadcasters, also left the arena with an indelible memory.

"Unbelievable' would be the word I'd use to describe it," he said. "To be able to go all the way up and take a look at all the new technology and then announce from there is something only a handful of people have done in their lives."



Women's team captain Tiffany Juha skates around a Penn state player before she scores.



More than 2,500 Cal U hockey fans — some dressed as superheroes — cheer on the Vulcans at the state-of-the-art CoNsol Energy Center.

## Veterans Celebrated During Special Hockey Night

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in the Veterans Affairs office on campus.

"It's very important for me to be here to support Patrick, the school and all veterans on Veterans Day," said Joseph, the Veterans Club's only member with a Purple Heart.

"I have found Cal U to be a very veterans-friendly school, and would not tell people to go anywhere else."

Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. also participated in the ceremony at CONSOL Energy Center.

"This is a memorable night for our players and our

fans in the stands," he said.

"As exciting as it is for our teams to play on the home ice of the Pens, it's also very important that we honor and remember our veterans, such as our own Patrick McIlvain, for the sacrifices they have made to keep us all free."

Throughout the night, Cal U students, alumni and friends were reminded that California University is the official education partner of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The partnership has resulted in an endowed scholarship for Cal U students and opportunities for internships and community service projects with the hockey club.

Hockey fans regularly see the Cal U brand message on the arena's dasher boards and in digital displays above the ice at CONSOL Energy Center. Cal U's academic programs and events also are promoted in *IceTime*, the program distributed at Penguins home games.

"The Penguins and California University both want to be the best at what we are," said Mark Turley, director of corporate media sales for the Penguins.

"The energy behind Cal U and all the positive things going on down there matches up extremely well with what we're doing," he said. "It may be the most hand-in-glove partnership that we have."

## Online Student Among Honorees at Veterans Event

Jacquelyn Syverson studies at Cal U through the Global Online program, but she's gotten a face-to-face look at how the University supports its military veterans and their families.

Syverson, of Carlisle, Pa., was one of many students recognized at the Cal U Veterans Club's 37th annual Veteran's Day Luncheon, held in the Performance Center.

Her husband, Maj. Paul Syverson, was killed six years ago while serving in Iraq.

On Labor Day weekend, six members of the Veterans Club traveled to the Vulcan football team's game at Saginaw (Mich.) Valley State. On the way, they stopped at American Legion halls and collected donations for Syverson and her two children.

She will receive a check after a benefit dance Nov. 24 at American Legion Post 22 in Charleroi.

"This is so overwhelming," Syverson said at the luncheon. "When I joined Cal U's online program, I had no idea of the support this school has for its veterans. I believe I hear my husband's voice telling me I did the right thing by going back to school."

Dr. John Cencich, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, looks forward to seeing Syverson again, at Commencement ceremonies.



Cal U Global online student Jacquelyn Syverson, whose husband was killed in action six years ago in Iraq, is congratulated by Washington County Commissioner Larry Maggi during the Veterans Day Luncheon.

Luncheon guests also recognized seven students who received the 2010-2011 Col. Arthur L. Bakewell Veterans Scholarship, awarded in memory of the longtime Cal U Veterans Club adviser.

This year's recipients are Clarence Brungard, Jesse Maund, Verna M. Mineard and Christy M. Stehr, who attend traditional classes, and online students Scott A. Croyle, Wanda M. Gunderson and Justin S. Wardman.

David Schott received the Smithton American Legion Post 790 Scholarship.

Three students who have returned from recent deployments — Jesse Maund, Clayton Homa and David Sheets — were recognized at the luncheon.

Honored, too, was sophomore Christopher Gray, who received the Henry Hayes Memorial Scholarship, given in memory of a Purple Heart recipient from World War II.

Gray accepted the scholarship from its initiators, Dr. Michele Papakie, Hayes' granddaughter, and her son, Derek.

Michele Papakie was Cal U's director of public relations from 2001-2006. A lieutenant colonel in the 171st Air Refueling Wing, she returned home last month after an eight-month deployment in Afghanistan.

Derek Papakie is a senior airman and medic, also with the 171st.

Lt. Col. Ros L. Gammon, battalion commander of the 1st Battalion 100th Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard, was the guest speaker at the luncheon. American way of life.

Also attending were U.S. Rep. Mark Critz and Provost Geraldine Jones, who spoke on behalf of President Angelo Armenti, Jr., who was attending a meeting of PASSHE university presidents.

# Soccer Team Scores Another Winning Record

Coming off the program's best season ever a year ago, the 2010 women's soccer team has kicked up a fine encore this fall.

Under the guidance of fourth-year head coach Al Alvine, the Vulcans owned a 18-1-3 overall record as of Nov. 18, which included a school-record 10-game win streak earlier in the season.

After a 16-1-1 regular season, Cal U chalked up PSAC tournament wins over IUP (2-0) and Kutztown (1-0) to advance to the conference championship game for the first time in school history.

After battling top seed West Chester to a 0-0 tie through regulation and two overtime periods, the Vulcans finished second after being outscored 4-3 in penalty kicks.

The 10th-ranked Vulcan team earned its second consecutive at-large berth into the NCAA Division II Tournament and hosted the program's first-ever NCAA playoff game, on Nov. 14. Cal won on penalty kicks in a hard-fought home game against Slippery Rock that was tied 1-1 after 90 minutes of regulation

and two 15-minute overtime periods.

Heading into the NCAA round of the Sweet 16, Cal U needed one more win to tie last year's squad for the most wins in school history. The 2009 Vulcans went 19-6-1 overall and reached the national quarterfinals.

Cal U's top two offensive players are Bethany Smyda and Sam Regney.

A freshman forward, Smyda has 16 goals, 10 assists and 42 total points. She was selected as the 2010 PSAC Women's Soccer Freshman of the Year.

Regney is a senior forward with eight goals, nine assists and 25 points. She earned first-team all-conference honors for the second straight season.

Junior goalkeeper Paula Jackson has 0.32 goals against average with a .908 save percentage and 13 shutouts.

Joining this trio on the first-team unit was junior defender Kayla Klimasko, now a three-time all-conference selection.

Sophomore midfielder Carley Work and juniors Sara Di Benedetto (midfielder), and Kristen Orrett (defender) all received third-team PSAC honors.



Senior Sam Regney scored the decisive penalty-kick goal in Cal's dramatic NCAA second-round victory over Slippery Rock on Nov. 14.

## Vulcans Enter Football Playoffs

For the fourth consecutive year, the Vulcan football team has been selected to compete in the NCAA Division II national playoffs.

Under the guidance of ninth-year head coach John Luckhardt (78-29), the Vulcans are seeded No. 3 in the Super One Regional rankings.

Cal U, three-time defending NCAA Regional champions, hosted Bloomsburg University on Saturday.

The Vulcans' ultimate goal is to reach the 2010 NCAA Division II National Championship Game, which will be contested Dec. 18 in Florence, Ala. That game will be broadcast nationally by ESPN.

In their previous three national playoff appearances, the Vulcans won two games each in 2007 and 2008 and three games last season before bowing in the national semifinals to eventual national champions Valdosta State (2007), Minnesota Duluth (2008), and Northwest Missouri State (2009).

This season, the Vulcans won 10 of 11 regular season games and were PSAC-West co-champions.

Since 2005, the Vulcans have won or shared each of the past six PSAC-West championship titles. In that time they have won 36 of 39 divisional games, including 24 straight wins from November 2006 to late last month.

The Vulcans have compiled a 62-13 cumulative record over the past six years.

Cal U's three consecutive national



Junior linebacker Brett Diamond returns an interception for a touchdown against East Stroudsburg earlier this season. Diamond and the stingy Vulcan defense hope to continue their impressive play in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

semifinal appearances are the furthest a PSAC-West team has advanced in the national playoffs during the 2000s.

The 2010 Vulcans hope to become the first PSAC team ever to win the NCAA Division II National Football Championship. Divisional rival Indiana University was national runner-up in 1990 and 1993, and PSAC-East

opponent Bloomsburg reached the national title game in 2000.

Fans who are unable to attend the games can follow Cal U football's NCAA playoff run on campus radio station WCAL 91.9 FM. For complete coverage of Cal U football and all of the Vulcan athletic teams, visit [www.calvulcans.com](http://www.calvulcans.com).

## Campus BRIEFS

### Last Call for 'Radio Show'

The final performance of "A Radio Christmas Show" begins at 8 tonight in Morgan Hall Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 at the door; Cal U students are admitted free with a valid CalCard. For more information, contact the Department of Music at 724-938-4878 or e-mail graduate assistant Melissa Yonash at [yon8480@calu.edu](mailto:yon8480@calu.edu).

### Trustees Meeting

The Cal U Council of Trustees will hold its final quarterly meeting of 2010 at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in the President's Conference Room in Old Main. It is open to the public.

### Happy Thanksgiving

To mark the Thanksgiving holiday, no classes will be held at Cal U's main campus or Southpointe Center on Wednesday, Nov. 24. All University offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 25.

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