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Memo Shares Details of Parking Plan

The recent memo to all members of the Cal U community addressed the paid parking program on campus that will begin with the Fall 2010 semester.

The parking program will affect the entire University community, including students, faculty, staff and the University President.

"The campus enhancements that have resulted in changes to our parking situation are a reflection of Cal U's success in attracting and retaining students," said Angela Burrows, vice president for University Relations. "Our enrollment growth, coupled with our commitment to ensuring a high quality life for our students, has resulted in new construction and a reconfiguration of the parking situation."

The specific parking arrangements continue to be subject to ongoing discussions with the bargaining units. The University administration has been meeting with bargaining unit representatives to attempt to address the concerns of all represented employees and to reach an amicable resolution to these issues.

Some of the information provided in the most recent communication resulted from those discussions. Examples include the establishment of the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee, the proposal to add reserved parking, the increase in the number and frequency of shuttle service, and the locations of the bus stops on campus.

"We look forward to continuing to work with the bargaining unit representatives to achieve a resolution to

the University's parking challenges," said University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. "As additional information becomes available, including any modifications to the proposed plan as a result of these discussions, we will continue to keep the University community informed."

All members of the campus community are urged to watch for the online newsletter that will be published throughout the summer, providing information and updates as details are confirmed. Parking updates also will appear in the *Journal* and on the Cal U website.

In the meantime, the University has created a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ), along with answers addressing various aspects of the proposed paid elements of the parking program. The updated FAQ reprinted here specifically notes that discussions with bargaining units are ongoing, and that the information is subject to change based upon those discussions. It also includes corrected information concerning the free parking option for employees.

"In the coming months, as we draw closer to the new parking arrangements at Cal U, the University will continue to communicate with students, faculty and staff," Burrows said. "The intent of the communication is to keep everyone informed about the changes, so they can make the best parking choices for their personal situation."

For questions or concerns about parking and transportation issues, call the parking hotline at 724-938-4677 or send e-mail to calupat@calu.edu.

Frequently Asked Questions

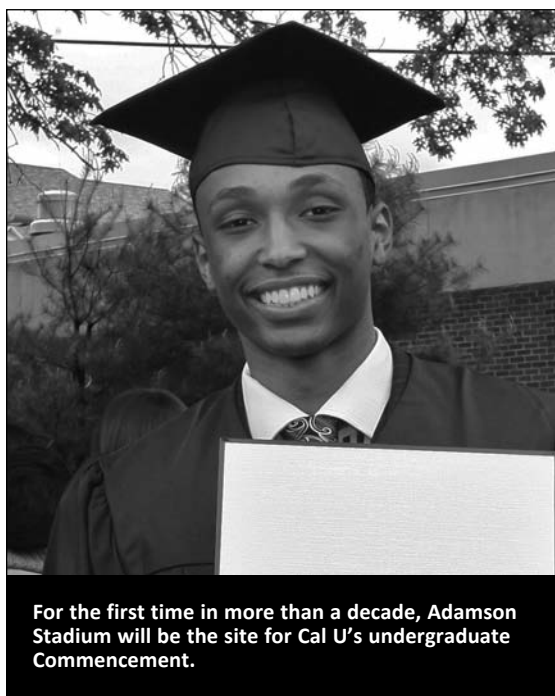
This information is subject to change based upon the ongoing discussions with the employee bargaining units.

Q. Why is paid parking necessary?

A. Increased enrollment prompted the need for new construction. The University has long outgrown Hamer Hall, which was built in 1964, when the University's enrollment was less than half of the more than 9,000 students currently enrolled. As enrollment increased, student expectations rose as well, prompting the need for a new facility. That facility — the convocation center — will open for use in Fall 2011. This construction resulted in the loss of 400 parking spaces.

In order to alleviate the loss of these spaces, as well as to address the historical lack of parking on campus, in 2008 Cal U's

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For the first time in more than a decade, Adamson Stadium will be the site for Cal U's undergraduate Commencement.

Commencement Friday, Saturday

Students, faculty and families are reminded that undergraduate Commencement will be held, rain or shine, at 10 a.m. Saturday in Adamson Stadium at Roadman Park.

Gates will open at 8 a.m. Guests are reminded that early arrivals will find the most convenient parking and the best seats in the stadium's "home side" bleachers.

Parking for undergraduates and their families will be available in the Roadman Park lot, at Vulcan Village and in the Mid-Mon Valley Transit Authority's Park 'n' Ride lot off Route 88. Overflow parking will be available on the main campus, with free shuttles to and from the stadium. Carpooling is suggested whenever possible.

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Vulcan Goes Green

California University is among 286 colleges and universities included in The Princeton Review's *Guide to Green Colleges*, a comprehensive new directory produced in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council.

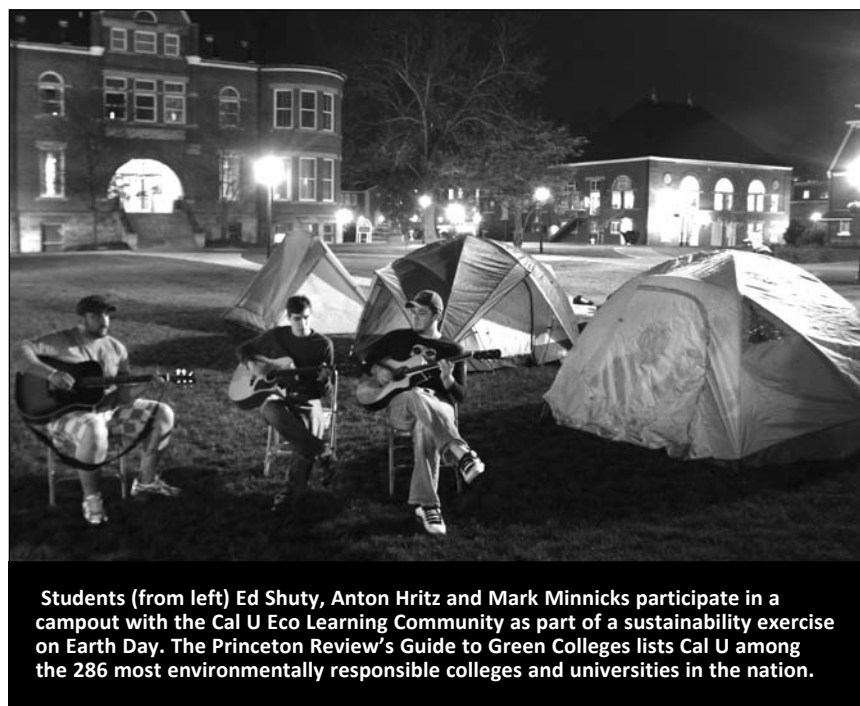
Launched online in time for the 40th annual Earth Day celebration on April 22, the free guide can be downloaded at www.princetonreview.com/greenguide and www.usgbc.org/campus.

The new guide profiles "the nation's most environmentally responsible campuses." It is based on a survey of hundreds of colleges nationwide, but unlike other Princeton Review guides, it does not include student comments.

California University's online profile specifically mentions its "ambitious multimillion-dollar geothermal project ... to reduce the need for fossil fuels," and the Cal U Weather Center's participation in the worldwide GLOBE science education and data dissemination program.

In addition, "37 percent of the school's energy consumption is derived from renewable resources," the profile says, and "the university also offers internships and employment counseling for environmentally aware and sustainability-related industries."

The University's geothermal project also was highlighted in the 2008-2009 *Green Community* exhibition at the National Building



Students (from left) Ed Shutty, Anton Hritz and Mark Minnick participate in a campout with the Cal U Eco Learning Community as part of a sustainability exercise on Earth Day. The Princeton Review's *Guide to Green Colleges* lists Cal U among the 286 most environmentally responsible colleges and universities in the nation.

Museum in Washington, D.C.

"Once again, Cal U is being recognized as a leader in practical sustainability," said University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. "These are not just 'feel-good' initiatives.

"Our commitment to energy conservation makes sense both financially and from an environmental standpoint. Our residence halls conserve resources while providing world-class housing for our students. Our 'green' decisions have been made after a great deal of thought, and I am pleased that our efforts have been noticed."

Prospective students and their families may be taking notice, too. In

a recent survey of students and parents, The Princeton Review found that two-thirds of respondents indicated that information about a school's commitment to the environment would be a factor in their decision to apply.

For the past five years, The Princeton Review has named California University one of the best higher education choices in the northeastern United States.

The education services company profiled Cal U in its *The Best Northeastern Colleges: 2010 Edition*, and listed it in the "Best in the Northeast" section of its website feature "2010 Best Colleges Region by Region."

Parking Program FAQ

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Council of Trustees approved a \$20 million bond issue to pay for parking enhancements on campus.

Phase 1 of the parking garage construction will cost \$12.5 million. The remainder of the funds has been used for parking improvements. To date, these improvements have included expansion and repaving of the River Lot, creation of the Beazell Street access crossing into the River Lot, paving the lot at Roadman Park, enhanced lighting in the River Lot and at Roadman, and the addition of bus shelters, as well as emergency phones and security cameras, at Roadman and the River Lot.

Q. Is there no other way to cover these costs?

A. No. The cost of the parking garage and upgrading of parking facilities, in accordance with the policies of the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, must be paid for by those who use the services.

Q. Will parking revenue be used to cover anything other than parking-related expenses?

A. No. Parking revenue will be used: (1) to defray the cost of the debt service payment on the \$20 million bond; (2) to cover the personnel, equipment and supply expenses of the new Parking and Transportation Department; and (3) to cover annual expenses of maintaining the parking lots and garage.

Q. How do I register and express my preference for a specific parking lot?

A. From June 1 through June 15, you will have an opportunity to pre-register online and indicate your preferences regarding parking, i.e. first choice lot, second choice and third. In July, you will have the ability to register and pay online via the University's parking management system.

Q. How will the University monitor parking?

A. Those who register and pay for parking will be given a RFID or access card/parking hang tag that will enable them to enter the University's paid parking lots. Some of these lots will be gated and others will not because of safety and cost concerns. Two parking enforcement officers will be hired prior to the start of the Fall 2010 semester to enforce compliance in areas that are not gated. All cars parking at Roadman will be required to have RFID tags since the lot will be gated.

Q. What will parking options and their proposed costs be?

A. Please see the tables showing proposed parking plans and proposed transient rates (above).

Q. Can I use my RFID in more than one registered vehicle?

A. Yes, the RFID owner may register additional vehicles when necessary, but the owner is not permitted to share the RFID between individuals. This is a violation of the parking policy.

Q. Will there be a charge for the RFID card?

A. No, but a deposit on the RFID card will be required of all those parking on campus. The deposit will be refunded if a student or employee departs the

**California University of Pennsylvania
Proposed Parking Plans*
Fall 2010**

Location of Parking Lot	Parking Plan Option	Daily Base Rate	Weekly Base Rate	Pay Period Base rate	Calendar Year Rate	Academic Year Rate	Semester Rate
Various	Reserved	\$5.99	\$29.95	\$59.90	\$1,557	\$1,012	\$561
All Lots, (Except River Lot and Roadman Park)	Tier 1	\$2.99	\$14.95	\$29.90	\$777	\$505	\$280
River Lot	Tier 2	\$1.99	\$9.95	\$19.90	\$517	\$336	\$186
Handicapped (All Lots Other than River Lot)	Tier 2	\$1.99	\$9.95	\$19.90	\$517	\$336	\$186
Roadman Park (Students)	Tier 2	\$1.99	\$9.95	\$19.90	\$517	\$336	\$186
Roadman Park (Faculty/Staff)	Tier 3	Free†	Free†	Free†	Free†	Free†	Free†
Vulcan Garage	Tier 1	\$2.99	\$14.95	\$29.90	\$777	\$505	\$280

*Parking plans are available by calendar year, academic year or semester (Fall, Spring or Summer);
†Free parking will be available only to faculty and staff who are members of bargaining units.
Transient parking (by the hour or day) will be available in the Vulcan Garage starting in Fall 2010.

Proposed Transient Parking Rates (Vulcan Garage only)

Length of Stay	Rate
1 hour	\$1.00
2 hours	\$2.00
3 hours	\$3.00
4 to 18 hours	\$6.00

VULCAN FLYER SERVICE		
	Hours of Service	Frequency of Service
Peak Time	7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Every 10 minutes
Non-Peak Time	5:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
Weekends	MMVTA (Silver Line Service) Schedule	

University, provided the RFID card is returned.

Q. Will reserved parking be open to any faculty, staff and student?

A. Yes.

Q. How will enforcement be handled for ungated lots?

A. Enforcement will be handled by ticketing and, if necessary, towing of illegally parked vehicles at the owner's expense.

Q. If I am a member of the faculty or staff, may I pay for parking via payroll deduction? If so, will it be taken pre- or post-tax?

A. Yes, payment may be handled via payroll deduction and will be pre-tax.

Q. Do I pay by the week? By the month?

A. You will have the option of paying by the calendar year, by the academic year or by the

semester. There also will be spaces available in the garage where you may pay by the hour or by the day. In addition, faculty and staff can choose a pre-tax payroll deduction option to pay for their parking choice (both 20 and 26-week payroll).

Q. Will there be any visitor parking on campus?

A. Visitor parking will be available in the garage. In the short term, there also will be spaces available along University Avenue for Welcome Center guests.

Q. Will Vulcan Village residents have an opportunity to purchase parking permits on campus?

A. Yes.

Q. How often will shuttles run between Roadman Park and the Main Campus?

A. Please see the table (above) showing Vulcan Flyer Service.

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Walk a Mile — In Her Heels

Nearly 200 men donned high-heeled shoes on April 15 and paraded across campus as Cal U participated for the second consecutive year in the international program known as Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. The project is based on the 'age-old adage that you really don't know someone until you walk a mile in their shoes,' said Nancy Skobel, associate dean for student services. The event was sponsored by the P.E.A.C.E. Project to raise awareness about sexual violence and men's role in preventing it.

Original Surprise for Music Chair

The night of April 14 showcased Cal U's Jazz Ensembles — and also surprised the chairman of the Music Department.

As the performance in Morgan Hall Auditorium neared its end, an expected encore became an unexpected tribute to Max Gonano, a professor at Cal U since 1982.

He and colleague Dr. Marty Sharer directed the performance.

Instead of performing the encore Gonano had planned, the Jazz Ensembles — and some visiting alumni who had been hiding nearby — played a musical selection composed by prominent Pittsburgh jazz musician Ralph Guzzi, a longtime friend of Gonano's.

The Big Band jazz number was titled "Put it Together and Spell Mamma," a phrase Gonano often uses.

Guzzi has written many of the Cal Ensembles' jazz music charts, and he is a frequent guest clinician at Cal U.

"They got me, those sneaky devils," said the always upbeat Gonano. "I am sure my face looked like ... utter shock. I was really touched."

Planning for the spring surprise began over the holidays. Students from the jazz, concert and marching bands had a hand in the surprise.

Spearheading the effort were graduate assistants Jenna Chirichetti '08 and Amanda Smith '08.



Professor Max Gonano and his wife, Juliet, share a laugh with the guests after finding out a piece was commissioned in his honor at last month's Jazz Ensemble Concert.

With the help of Music Department secretary Rose Markovich, a mass e-mail was sent out to the three bands. Sharer helped with three secret rehearsals that also involved the visiting alumni.

Chirichetti echoed the sentiments of hundreds of Cal U students involved in music during Gonano's tenure.

"He has touched so many students' lives and has sacrificed so many hours and time from his family for us," she said. "There was no way in words to describe how much he means to us. We communicate through music and were just hoping this song would show him how much we care."

Gonano said his catch-phrase and the title of the commissioned piece started as a bad joke. He also is fond of telling students to "leave your baggage at the door," Chirichetti said.

"Mr. Gonano is so positive, and he says that to us whenever we walk through the rehearsal doors or onto the field," she said. "He always tells us to work together as a team and not let outside factors distract us from what we're trying to accomplish."

Did all the planning have a successful ending?

"He did not have a clue and was totally surprised," an enthusiastic Chirichetti said.

National Guard commander to speak

Maj. Gen. Jessica L. Wright will be the guest speaker for the Cal U Department of Military Science commissioning ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday in the Performance Center.

ROTC cadets Andrew Amey and Robyn Weidner both will be commissioned as second lieutenants. Amey, a business administration major, and Weidner, a sport management and athletic training dual major, will attend Officer Basic Course after graduation on Saturday. Amey will be assigned to the infantry and Weidner to the Medical Service Corps.

Wright, a native of Monessen, Pa., is responsible for command, control and supervision of all Air and Army National Guard units in Pennsylvania, six state-owned veterans' homes and programs for Pennsylvania's 1 million veterans. Prior to this assignment, she served as the deputy adjutant general for the Army.

Parking Program: Frequently Asked Questions

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Q. Where will the shuttles stop?

A. Beginning at Roadman Park parking lot, the shuttle will stop at the MMVTA Park 'n' Ride (opposite Vulcan Village), then continue to lower campus with stops at Building "B," corner of Hickory and Third streets, and Manderino Library. Once the bus leaves campus, it will stop at the upper Vulcan Village stop and then at the Roadman Park lot.

Q. How will Cal U shuttle buses be identified?

A. Buses in the "Vulcan Flyer" fleet, as the service will be called, will be clearly identifiable. Periodically, when an auxiliary bus is needed, that bus also will carry Vulcan Flyer signage.

Q. Who will be responsible for parking recommendations?

A. A Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee will be established. Membership on the 21-member committee will include four students, four faculty members (one from each of the four academic units: Education and Human Services, Liberal Arts, Science and Technology, and Graduate Studies and Research), one coach, two staff members (one each from AFSCME and SCUPA), four administrators, five union representatives (one each from the five major bargaining units on campus; individuals chosen by the respective union) and the Director of Parking and Transportation, who will serve as chair. Representatives will have term limits.

Q. How can I file a complaint or make a recommendation?

A. A parking hotline and special e-mail address have been set up for use by employees and other members of the Cal U community to note complaints and suggestions regarding parking and transportation issues. The hotline number is 724-938-4677 and the e-mail address is calupat@calu.edu.

Q. Will faculty and staff be given priority with their parking preference or will it be first come, first served for everyone?

A. Parking permits will be prioritized as follows, provided individuals from these groups meet the posted deadline dates: faculty, staff, graduate students, commuter students (seniors first, followed by juniors, sophomores and freshmen), residence hall students (seniors first, followed by juniors, sophomores and freshmen), Vulcan Village and off-

Next steps

Pre-register: Pre-registration for the paid parking program will be held between June 1 and June 15, 2010. All students, faculty and staff must pre-register to indicate the parking areas they prefer.

Register and pay: In July, all drivers must complete final registration and pay online via the University's parking management system.

Watch for details: An online newsletter will be published throughout the summer, as needed, with updates about the paid parking program. Information also will be posted on the University's website, www.calu.edu, and published in the *Journal*.

campus housing students.

Commuter students will be given priority because the ability to park on campus is critical to their ability to get to class on time.

In order to process preferred parking lot choices, members of the University community are strongly encouraged to indicate their preferred parking location during the pre-registration period, which will run from June 1 through June 15, 2010. Due to the anticipated demand, individual parking preferences will be accommodated following the above prioritization and space availability in each lot.

Q. Will I have an opportunity to change my parking option, e.g. if I initially register for "Tier 1" parking, may I change to "Reserved" parking?

A. Any change in parking preference must be made within the first week of each semester and will be granted, provided there is space available.

Q. Where will student parking be located?

A. Students will be eligible for paid parking permits in Tier 1 and Tier 2 areas, both on campus and at the Roadman Park lots. In addition, students may choose to park in a reserved parking space and will be permitted to do so, provided space is available.

Q. Why won't students have the free parking option?

A. Cal U is making substantial investments to its parking program (e.g., Vulcan Garage, access control system, lot improvements, etc.) and the state mandates that as an auxiliary service, the parking program must be paid for with fees generated from those who park.

Q. Why do faculty and staff have a free parking option?

A. Prior to the new improvements, the cost of parking was determined by the University. Parking was provided for free to employees and members of the respective bargaining units as part of their benefit package. This free parking benefit will be honored via free parking being provided at the Roadman Park lot.

Q. Where will handicapped spaces be available and what will the charge be for these spaces?

A. There will be handicapped spaces available in all Tier 1 lots. Those parking in these spaces will pay at the Tier 2 parking rate. This is being done because, for safety reasons, there will be no handicapped spaces in the River Lot, which is a Tier 2 area. If a person with a handicapped tag chooses to park in a reserved parking lot, he/she will pay the full reserved parking rate.

Q. Who will handle parking appeals?

A. There is a Parking Appeals Committee in place. This board will be chaired by the director of Parking and Transportation.

Q. What happens if parking charges are not paid by the student after the access card is provided to the student?

A. Students who have not paid their parking charges will be permitted to park and the Bursar's Office will attempt to recover the charges. If the bill has not been paid by the end of the semester, the card will be deactivated. Students will not be able to early register for classes and they will not be able to obtain transcripts if they have outstanding debt.

Q. What lots will be designated as Tier 1, Tier 2 and Reserved?

A. A detailed map will be provided in a future communication.

Q. What is reserved parking?

A. Those who pay for reserved parking will be guaranteed the same parking space for the length of their parking agreement, e.g. calendar year, academic year, semester.

Training for Banner Transition Begins

By August 2011, Cal U's current student information system, SCT-Plus, will be history.

Banner, the world's most widely used administration suite of applications for higher education, will take its place.

According to University Technology Services project manager Becky Nichols, the transition to Banner will be gradual, but the two-year project will have an impact on every constituent group at the University.

Large work teams from nearly every department on campus will be out of their offices for training on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from now until August 2011. In fact, about 75 team leaders from a variety of departments already are learning how Banner will affect the way they interface with students, faculty and staff.

"They're all working very hard — some of them are out of their offices several days at a time — to become familiar with Banner," Nichols said. "This is a huge initiative."

Components of the Banner suite include modules for enrollment, billing and financial aid, as well as valuable behind-the-scenes resources that will greatly enhance University functions such as document management, work flow, electronic data warehousing and reporting to the PASSHE office.

Banner will be totally integrated with the Desire2Learn Learning Management System and will feature a

new portal, Luminis, that will replace the current SISWeb for students and faculty.

Banner has the ability to track every aspect of a student's career at the University, from registration through financial aid, billing, scheduling, graduation and alumni status. Because it utilizes an Oracle relational database, it will allow for better and more extensive reporting and more timely access to data, Nichols said.

The first element to be implemented will be the Admissions Enrollment module, which will go live in October 2010, followed by the Financial Aid module in January 2011.

"We have found Banner to be a premier enrollment management system," said Geraldine M. Jones, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "We should be able to realize measurable improvement in our enrollment and retention efforts, and build stronger connections with our students and parents."

University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. added his approval of the new system.

"Converting to this robust, web-based information management system ultimately will pay off in greater efficiency for students, faculty and staff," he said. "This is a complex and time-consuming project, and I appreciate all those who are working hard to make it successful."



Cal U's hockey team, which compiled a school-best 29-1 record while reaching the national quarterfinals, was one of the teams honored during the third annual Vulcan Pride Celebration.

Cal Athletes Honored

During the University's common hour on April 20, Cal U honored its athletes and coaches for their achievements during this year's sports seasons.

The third annual Vulcan Pride celebration, honoring Cal U's NCAA Regional and/or PSAC champion teams and All-Americans, took place in Hamer Hall.

Eleven individual students and one relay team were recognized for achieving All-American status. Teams that won NCAA Regional titles in 2009 or so far this calendar year are women's tennis (23-3), men's hockey (29-1), women's volleyball (36-6), football (11-4), and women's soccer (19-6-1).

The tennis and volleyball teams also won PSAC championships, and the softball, women's basketball, women's swimming, men's track, and men's and women's golf teams also competed in the NCAA post-season.

The rally also recognized Cal athletics for winning the Dixon Trophy in 2009. The trophy is awarded annually to the PSAC member institution with the most successful all-around program. Cal U compiled a conference record 161 points last year and is currently second in this year's standings.

"In athletics, excellence becomes manifest," said University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. "Perfection almost

never happens in human life. It is not available. But in athletics, occasionally you will see if not perfection, near perfection."

The combined record of the five regional title-winning teams was 118-20. Four of those teams went unbeaten in conference play.

"When you look at the data behind those teams and the individuals honored here today, what you see is near perfection, incredible records of achievement," President Armenti said. "Obviously, something's going on at Cal with athletics. Everybody notices it. There's a connection, and the connection is excellence."

Offering remarks were coaches John Luckhardt (football), Jan Battista (men's hockey), Pablo Montana (women's tennis) and Ashley Walton (women's volleyball).

Each coach emphasized teamwork, citing as examples their own players and coaching staffs as well as the University administration, support staff, and even the band and fans.

"Wherever you go, athletics has always been a special part of what humans do throughout human history," the President said. "So we feature athletics at Cal, we support it, we believe in it. What these student-athletes have done is show that's a pretty good strategy for telling the world that Cal's a very special place."

Campus BRIEFS

Seniors Give Project Demos

A lawn-mowing 'bot, a digital sales associate and a robot designed to aid the visually impaired were just of a few of the innovations on display April 22 at the first Senior Projects Symposium in Eberly Science and Technology Center.

More than 40 students from the Computer Engineering Technology, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, and Electrical Engineering Technology programs gave live project demonstrations to cap off their final year of study. Additional projects included a "loaded" Wii videogame system, a linear mass accelerator, an on-board vehicle diagnostic system and a Cal U mapping system.

Jeff Sumey, associate professor in the Department of Applied Engineering and Technology, said he expects the symposium to be held annually.

Other senior project faculty include Ghassan Salim, also of AET, and Dr. Gary DeLorenzo, of the Department of Math, Computer Science and Information Systems.

Team honors late coach Jacobs

A moment of silence was observed during the Black & Red Spring Football Game for Mike T. Jacobs, the 2009 Vulcan football team's offensive coordinator, who passed away on April 22.

Jacobs' son, Mike R. Jacobs, is in his third season as Cal's defensive line coach.

Last season, Mike T. Jacobs guided Cal's high-powered offense to an average of 35.6 points and 414 total offensive yards per game as the Vulcans reached the national semifinals for the third straight year.

Commencement set Friday, Saturday

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Graduating seniors will gather by college for the processional into the stadium. Details are being communicated via campus e-mail.

Graduate students will receive their master's degrees in a ceremony 7 p.m. Friday in Hamer Hall gymnasium. Parking will be available Friday evening on the main campus.

CUTV will broadcast both ceremonies live on Armstrong Cable (Channel 61 Armstrong-Connellsville) and Atlantic Broadband Communications (Channel 21).

Directions from the main campus to Roadman Park are available in the "Campus" section of the homepage carousel, www.calu.edu. For more information, contact Jodie Rooney, academic events coordinator, at 724-938-1584 or rooney@calu.edu.

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