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American Democracy Project



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Panel Will Focus on Second Amendment

Gun Ownership: Right or Privilege?" will be the topic of this year's Constitution Day activities, sponsored by the American Democracy Project at Cal U.

This exploration of the Second Amendment, which guarantees "the right of the people to keep and bear arms," will begin at 11 a.m. Sept. 17 in the Performance Center at the Natali Student Center.

After welcoming remarks by Provost Geraldine Jones, faculty members will hold a panel discussion. Dr. Craig Smith will address "The Second Amendment on Trial: Why Courts Struggle to Find Its Meaning." Dr. Emily Sweitzer will discuss "Psychological Autonomy: A Judgment Call for the Right to Bear Arms," and deans Dr. Michael Hummel and Dr. John Cencich will address "The Lautenberg Amendment" and "Police and the Second Amendment," respectively.

Dr. Melanie Blumberg, campus director of the American Democracy Project, will moderate a question-and-answer session. Dr. Tim Susick, of Student Development and Services, will offer closing remarks.

"The American Democracy Project seeks to begin an unbiased dialogue on the topic as part of its ongoing effort to engage students in thoughtful reflection on a range of serious issues," Blumberg said. "Students will hear from experts on constitutional law, justice studies, and psychology. This and other timely policy debates, such as health care reform and animal welfare, will continue throughout the academic year."

The purpose of Constitution Day is to ensure that
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Showcasing the new amenities of recently remodeled Morgan Hall Auditorium, President Angelo Armenti, Jr. addresses the faculty during their fall convocation.

Support Takes Center Stage at Faculty Convocation

At the Fall 2009 Faculty Convocation, Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. presented his thoughts on being "privatized without a plan" and asked the faculty to help foster the Cal U for Life initiative, the focus of a four-day orientation program for first-year students.

"The name 'Cal U for Life' explains the goal," said President Armenti. "We want to have students forge and remain committed to a lifelong relationship with California University."

The program follows a model used at the University of Pennsylvania, which doubled its alumni participation rate within five years.

President Armenti emphasized that Cal U needs the time, talent and, ultimately, treasure of every member of the University community.

"We must preserve this magnificent 157-year-old university, not for its own sake but for the benefit of future students," he said. "The University does not need money from the alumni, but our current students

do. Tuition is just too high for them."

Coinciding with this theme is a commitment to raising private dollars to offset decreases in state funding. In 1950, state appropriations accounted for 90 percent of a state-funded university's operating budget. Today the state contributes only about one-third of the total.

Cal U publicly announced its second capital campaign at the President's Gala in June. The Campaign to Build Character and Careers aims to raise \$35 million for student scholarships and enrichment.

"With the bad economy this is a not a great time to be doing this, but we are going for it," said President Armenti. "For our students, we have to become much better at fundraising."

Despite the state's budget woes, Cal U continues to thrive. Enrollment has increased for 12 consecutive years, and this year's enrollment (full-time equivalent,
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Professor Among World Bank Adviser Committee



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Dr. Mohamed Yamba, a professor in the History and Political Science Department, has been appointed to the steering committee of the Researchers Alliance for Development (RAD).

This committee consists of 10 social scientists, all in academia, who advise World Bank decision-makers on development projects.

RAD is an informal, multidisciplinary network of researchers and academics that provides a platform for an exchange of ideas on international development. The RAD currently comprises more than 600 representatives of academic institutions and research centers, as well as research units in non-governmental organizations, bilateral agencies, the private sector and trade unions from all over the world.

RAD was created in response to criticism that the World Bank too often ignored the social consequences of its decisions. The alliance meets annually with the

All Bank Conference on Developing Economies (ABCDE) to plan activities, share research notes, conduct a global essay competition for young scholars, and comment on World Bank activities. Different governments host the ABCDE and RAD steering committee meetings, held this year in South Korea.

The chair of the steering committee is Joyashree Roy, head of the Department of Economics at Jadavpur University, India. Other committee members come from universities or organizations in the United Kingdom, Turkey, Tanzania, Hong Kong, Colombia, Qatar and Denmark, as well as the United States.

"This is a very impressive honor for Dr. Yamba," said Dr. Andrae Marak, chair of Cal U's History and Political Science Department. "To be appointed to such a prestigious committee speaks volumes about his impact in our field, and our department is obviously proud."

Pony League Umpire Eyes 2010 World Series



When he's not overseeing in-house campus projects, Cal U's Dave Wyvrat makes sure area baseball games run smoothly as an umpire.

Next summer, when the Pony League World Series takes place at nearby Washington, Pa., for the 27th consecutive year, Cal U's Dave Wyvrat may move from the stands to behind the plate.

Wyvrat, now Cal U's interim in-house project manager, is in his 25th year at the University. For the past five years he also has been a licensed baseball umpire with the Mon Valley Umpires Association (MVUA).

During the workday, Wyvrat oversees in-house beautification projects across the Cal U campus.

From mid-March through the fall, he spends weekends and weeknights at ball fields throughout the area.

"I love being around the kids and involved in the sport," he said. "It also keeps me active and in shape."

Recently, Wyvrat was part of a three-man crew that officiated at the Pony Baseball South Region Championship Tournament. Mon-Yough's Ponies won five of six games to advance to the Aug. 9-15 National Pony World Series, where Chinese Taipei took the crown.

"That (regional tournament) was definitely the highlight of my umpiring career," said Wyvrat. "We worked a lot of Mon-Yough's games during the season, but the other teams work hard, too, and have

the same dreams of going to the World Series.

"When kids come to bat, or if there's a play at the base, I don't see the color of the uniform or who's at bat," he added. "I'm just looking for the ball and I focus on the call."

Previously, Wyvrat coached youth football and baseball for 20 years in Donora while his sons, Brad and Brandon, grew up. Earlier this decade he was a varsity assistant coach for the Ringgold High School football team.

The transition from coach to umpire has been smooth, he said.

"I never got thrown out of a game when I coached, and I appreciate coaches because they talk just enough so you can hear them," said Wyvrat, a self-proclaimed "pitcher's umpire" who has called games with his elder son, Brad.

"I have never had any problems. When I coached, I expected an umpire to hustle and be in position to get the better angles. That's what I do now."

Plans are in the works for MVUA to have umpires at Pony's showcase event next summer. Wyvrat, a former youth pitcher and catcher, eagerly awaits that opportunity.

"I never made it to the World Series as a player or coach, but I will make it as an umpire," Wyvrat said. "That would be a great honor."

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or FTE) is up 5.6% over a year ago.

President Armenti credited the faculty for the unprecedented enrollment jumps.

"You're the reason for this," he said. "Keep doing what you're doing, because it all rests on you."

Also offering brief remarks was Dr. Linda Toth, assistant professor of psychology and president of the local Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties. She urged all faculty members to attend a Sept. 29 APSCUF meeting during the common hour in the Blaney Theatre inside Steele Hall.

In other news, President Armenti touched on the new website, scheduled to go live in January. The site will appeal to a higher caliber of prospective students, he said, and better showcase faculty information.

The President also addressed the

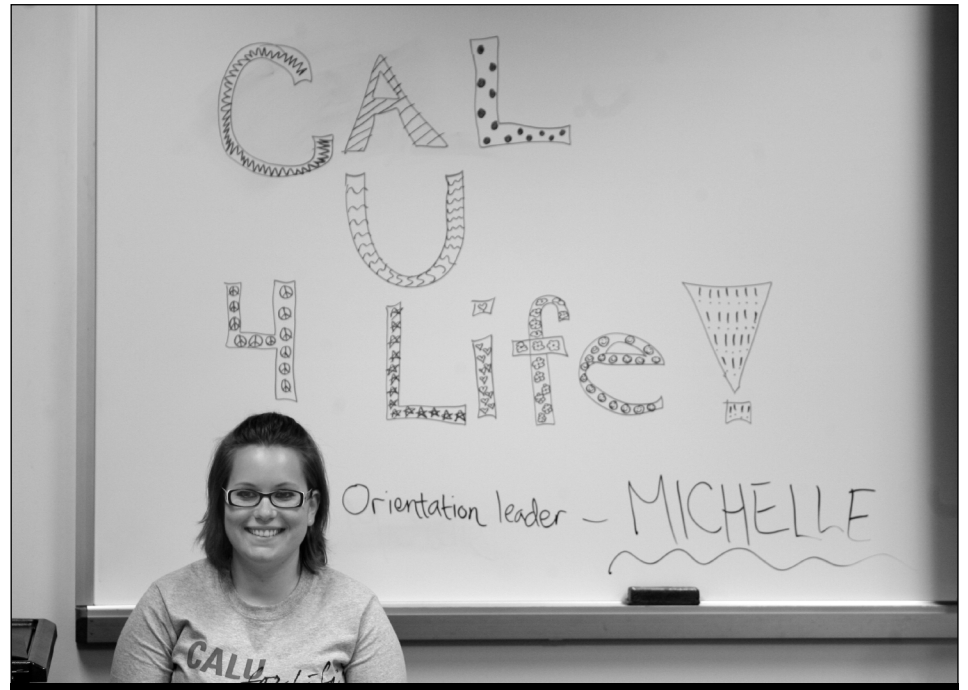
parking situation. Both the Hamer Hall Lot and the parking areas behind Manderino Library will close at 4 p.m. Sept. 11 so construction of the Convocation Center and the indoor parking facility can begin.

To make up for the 700 spaces lost, about 750 parking spaces have been created behind Adamson Stadium. A free shuttle service will be provided. The parking garage is scheduled to open in fall 2010, when fees will be charged for on-campus parking.

"This will be our worst year for parking, and there's no way around it," the President said.

He thanked the faculty for their daily efforts on behalf of Cal U's students and said the budget challenges are his worry, not theirs.

"There is only one investment that's never failed, and that's education," said President Armenti. "Not only do I believe we will survive but we'll thrive. We'll grow out of this and be fine."



Cal U for Life orientation leader Michelle Gianotti leads a group session with first-year students. At the faculty convocation, President Armenti emphasized the importance of the entire University community supporting the program.



Student Tech Support is now in Room 219 in Noss Hall.



The Wildlife Society will present a Family Field Day Sept. 19.

Campus BRIEFS

Students Convene Sept. 15: University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. will host the 2009 Fall Student Convocation at 11 a.m. Sept. 15, in the Performance Center.

The Student Convocation, held each semester during a Common Hour, gives students a chance to hear University news firsthand, and to ask questions of the President.

Professor Publishes Third Text on Aquinas: Dr. Charles P. Nemeth, director of Graduate Legal Studies at Cal U and the University's Institute for Law and Public Policy, has published his third text delving into the mind of St. Thomas Aquinas.

"Aquinas and King: A Discussion on Civil Disobedience" has been published by Carolina Academic Press (142 pages, paperback, \$16).

Nemeth has written a number of books and articles on the law. In his latest work, Nemeth reflects on the tumult of the 1960s and asks the reader to consider the life and times of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., contending that King's letters, writings and speeches reveal him to be a regular advocate of the philosophies of Aquinas.

More information about the book is available from the publisher at www.staugustine.net.

To reach the author, e-mail nemeth@cup.edu.

Student Tech Support Relocated: Student Tech Support has been moved from the basement of Manderino Library to Room 219 in Noss Hall.

Students should visit Noss Hall or phone Ext. 1575 for help connecting a laptop to the network, resetting a password or finding the answer to other technical questions regarding the university computing systems.

Cal U's Help Desk remains in the library basement at Ext. 5911.

Wildlife Society Plans Field Day: The student chapter of The Wildlife Society will present a Family Field Day from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 19, in the Frich Biology Building.

The public may attend this free event conducted in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Held rain or shine, the event includes an archery demonstration, a fly-tying demo and casting contest, a live reptile and amphibian display, "All About Birds," an animal track identification contest, displays of Pennsylvania fur-bearers and blue bird box construction. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

For more information, contact Mark Lazaran, secretary of the student chapter, at laz4059@cup.edu.

Party in the Park

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Dean, Associate Professor Learn from FBI Profilers

Two members of Cal U's Institute of Criminological and Forensic Sciences attended two weeks of specialized training on violent crime behavior in Manassas, Va.

Dr. John Cencich, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, and Dr. Emily Sweitzer, associate professor of justice and behavioral crime, attended the program presented by former profilers from the Behavioral Science Unit of the FBI.

Topics included serial killers, equivocal death analysis, indirect personality assessment, signature crimes and crimes against children. Speakers including Ben Rhodes, the profiler on the notorious BTK killer

case, analyzed various pictures, messages and tape recordings.

"To say the least, it was an intense and extremely informative training," Sweitzer said. "We intend to be able to provide our knowledge in various scheduled trainings for law enforcement and to provide our expertise to assist various law enforcement agencies in case analysis.

Based at Cal U, the Institute of Criminological and Forensic Sciences is a team of criminologists and forensic, behavioral and legal scientists who provide professional services for police officers, detectives, district attorneys, coroners, public defenders and others involved in the administration of justice.



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U.S. students gain an increased knowledge of and appreciation for this valuable document.

Since 2005, all educational institutions receiving federal funding must provide an educational program pertaining to the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17 of each year. The date commemorates the signing of the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787.

Co-sponsors of this year's event are the Office of Academic Affairs/Provost; the College of Liberal Arts; the School of Graduate Studies and

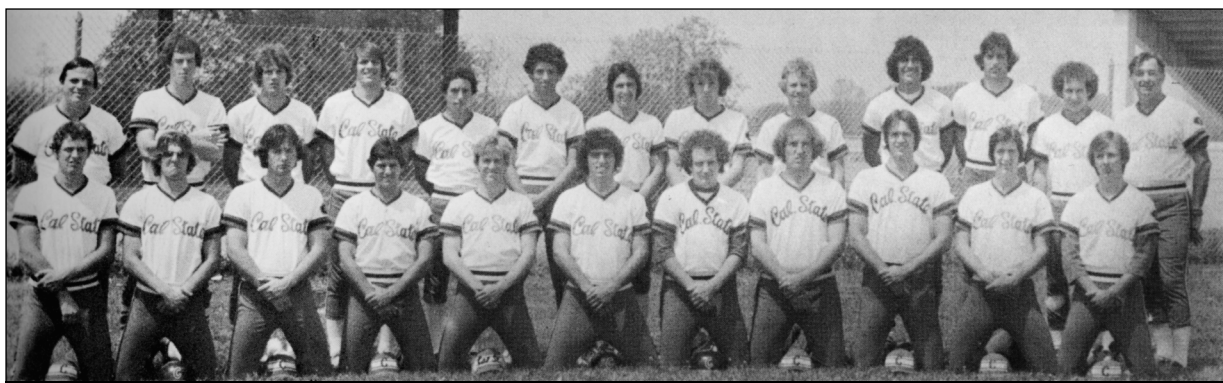
Research; Cal U's Threat, Response, Assessment & Intervention Team (TRAIT); the Department of History and Political Science; and the Department of Justice, Law and Society.

Constitution Day participants Jones, Susick and Cencich are all members of Cal U's TRAIT Board. TRAIT is a vehicle to forward information about observed behaviors that are disruptive or of concern to the University community.

For more information about Constitution Day, call Cal U's Department of History and Political Science at 724-938-4054.



As part of Cal U's Constitution Day activities, Dr. Michael Hummel, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, will address "The Lautenberg Amendment."



As part of this year's Hall of Fame celebration, Cal U will recognize the 1979 baseball team, which won the program's first of two PSAC championships.

New Hall of Fame Class Announced

Cal U President Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr. has announced that seven individuals will comprise the 15th class named to the Athletic Hall of Fame.

The 2009 inductees are Bryan Hartung '03 (baseball), J. Patrick Hobart '68 (men's basketball), Sameera Philyaw '04 (women's basketball), Joe Sarra '60 (football), Chad Scott '93 (men's basketball), Becky Siembak '03 (women's basketball), and Marty Uher (track and field/cross country coach).

These former Vulcan standouts will be inducted officially at the 2009 Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame banquet at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, in the Performance Center located inside the Elmo Natali Student Center.

The inductees also will participate in the University's annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, Oct. 17, and will be introduced during the

Vulcans' Homecoming football game against Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

This year's banquet also will recognize Cal U's 1979 Vulcan baseball team. Thirty years ago this PSAC championship team won the program's first state title, a feat matched only one additional time in the program's history. This team won 29 games and was coached by Cal U Hall of Fame inductees and Emeriti professors Mitch Bailey and Chuck Gismondi.

Tickets for the Hall of Fame banquet are \$35 each. For reservations, contact Montean Dean of Cal U Alumni Relations, at 724-938-4418 or e-mail dean@calu.edu. Proceeds from the banquet will be used to establish a Hall of Fame athletic scholarship.

For more general information, visit the Hall of Fame section of the Cal athletics website at www.calvulcans.com.



One of only 15 players in NCAA Division II history to score over 2,000 points and grab more than 1,000 rebounds, Becky Siembak (left) will be inducted into the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame in her first year of eligibility.

Pucci Selected for Arkansas Sports Hall of Honor

Longtime Cal U athletic director Dr. Tom Pucci will be inducted into the University of Arkansas Sports Hall of Honor Sept. 18 at the Holiday Inn in Springdale, Ark.

Pucci served eight years as head coach of the Arkansas men's tennis program, leading the Razorbacks to 218 wins and a .784 winning percentage.

He guided the Arkansas netters to three appearances in the NCAA Quarterfinals from 1979 to 1984, with all of the teams finishing their seasons ranked in the top 10 nationally. Pucci also coached Arkansas to Southwest Conference Championships in 1980 and 1981.

During the 1980 season, Pucci guided the program to a school-best 31-4 record, an appearance in the NCAA Quarterfinals and a national ranking of seventh. The next year, the Razorbacks were ranked sixth in the nation for the program's highest-ever finish at the end of the season.

Under his guidance, five Arkansas players garnered 12 All-America honors — three of them in 1980.

After coaching the Razorbacks, Pucci entered athletic administration at Cal State-Sacramento before moving onto South Carolina-Spartanburg.

Pucci is in his 18th year as athletic director at Cal U.

During his tenure the Vulcans have



The University of Arkansas will induct Cal U athletic director Dr. Tom Pucci into its Sports Hall of Honor on Friday.

won three NCAA national team championships and, last year, the Dixon Trophy.

In the past two years Cal U has ranked ninth and eighth, respectively, among NCAA Division II athletic programs in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup race. The Director's Cup annually honors institutions maintaining a broad-based program in both men's and women's sports.



Two Upcoming Home Games for Vulcans

Cal U's exciting 2009 football season continues with two upcoming home games Adamson Stadium's Hepner-Bailey Field. Senior running back Freddie Bacco, shown above, and the four-time defending PSAC-West champions open divisional play by hosting Gannon University on Saturday at noon. This game will also be broadcast live by FSN Pittsburgh. The home swing continues with a Sept. 26, 3 p.m. PSAC-West game against Clarion University. For the most current information on all Cal U sports teams visit www.calvulcans.com.

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