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First-year students participate in a candlelight vigil in the Quad as part of their first weekend on campus. The students spent the first four days learning about the University through the Cal U for Life orientation program.

## Cal U Welcomes New Students

**F**irst-year students got to know the University with a four-day orientation designed to make them a part of Cal U for life.

After moving in on Aug. 27, the students rode buses to Roadman Park, where they were greeted by Iceburgh, the Pittsburgh Penguins mascot, and met Penguins' forward Pascal Dupuis. Live radio broadcasts and a variety of performances added to the fun of the President's Welcome Picnic. Student learned a few Cal

U cheers and traditions before taking in the Vulcan football team's season opener against Saginaw Valley State.

At orientation sessions on Aug. 28-30, student leaders addressed important topics such as personal finance and time management. They also learned about the Cal U mission and the well-known supporters of the school.

The weekend culminated with a New Student

Convocation and candlelight vigil on Aug. 30. To illustrate the power of "paying it forward," a dollar was collected from each student attending the gathering, and, with the help of the Foundation for California University, six \$500 scholarships were awarded.

All Cal U students will have the opportunity to interact with University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. at the Fall Student Convocation on Sept. 15, beginning at 11 a.m. in the Performance Center of the Natali Student Center.

## Geology Students Explore the West

**F**or the second consecutive summer, Cal U students earned three credits and a lifetime of memories in the Field Course in Geology.

Led by Dr. Kyle Fredrick, assistant professor of Earth Science, 18 students spent 15 days driving from the Cal U campus through Wisconsin, into South Dakota, through Wyoming and finally to Idaho's Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve.

Dr. Chad Kauffman, also of the Earth Science Department, accompanied the group as well. Cal U supplied three vans and absorbed the cost of fuel; students paid for their food and lodging, either at camping sites or hotels.

All students had completed an Introduction to Geology course before the trip.

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Drs. Kyle Fredrick and Chad Kauffman, from Cal U's Earth Science Department, led the field experience for 18 Cal U students who traveled across the country during a 15-day journey.

## Educator Revisits the Newsroom

**W**hen Margo Wilson integrates multimedia journalism into her editing class in spring 2010, she can offer her students recent firsthand experience.

An associate professor in Cal U's Department of English, Wilson spent nine weeks this summer as a multimedia intern at the Washington *Observer-Reporter*.

As part of her internship, Wilson taped and/or edited 15 videos for the O-R's website and did other work under the direction of online editor Harry Funk and other staff, including the paper's Mobile Journalists, called MoJos.

She videotaped a barge going through Lock and Dam No. 4, in Charleroi, from a bridge 60 feet above the Monongahela

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### Move-In Day 2009!

First-year students took part in a Cal U tradition when they arrived for Move-In Day on Aug. 27. Volunteers greeted students and helped to move their belongings into the residence halls. University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. and the Cal U administration thank the many students, faculty, staff and community members who volunteered to welcome the new students and their families.

## Back to School Job Fair Set for Sept. 10

Cal U students will have the opportunity to meet with local employers at the third annual Back to School Job Fair, to be held on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Performance Center in the Natali Student Center.

The job fair gives students the chance to connect with local employers to discuss part-time jobs and internship and co-op opportunities. The job fair is free to both employers and students, who will be casually dressed for this informal event.

Employers seeking to fill part-time, internship and co-op positions can register online at: [www.calu.edu/careers/btsjobfair/registration.jsp](http://www.calu.edu/careers/btsjobfair/registration.jsp). Questions about the event should be directed to Career Services, 724-938-4413 or [careers@calu.edu](mailto:careers@calu.edu).

## Geology Students Explore the West on 15-day Journey

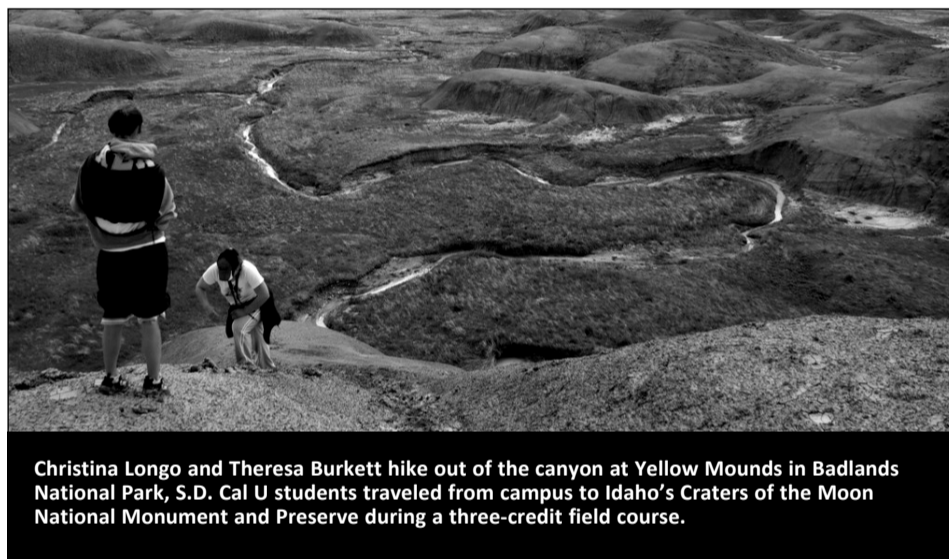
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Fredrick uses samples, photos and student accounts of the journey to enhance his introductory and mineralogy courses. “It gives the students an opportunity to see some of the things that are different from what you see out here (in Pennsylvania), and it also gets them excited about geology and its diversity,” he said.

The impact of the field course was evident in two classes he taught last spring, Historical Geology and Geomorphology, Fredrick added.

“Everything they learned in those two classes really sinks in once they’ve been on one of these field trips, because so much of what we learn in those classes is visual and regional,” he said. “You can show the students landscapes and explain the formations around here, but they really can’t understand the broad perspective of the courses until you see a lot of different areas.”

One highlight was visiting the Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming. The eastern side of the mountains contains sedimentary rocks between 50 million and 500 million years old; rocks in the



Christina Longo and Theresa Burkett hike out of the canyon at Yellow Mounds in Badlands National Park, S.D. Cal U students traveled from campus to Idaho’s Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve during a three-credit field course.

center of the range are more than a billion years old.

“That was neat, because you go back in time and then forward in time on the way across the range,” said Fredrick. “The students get to see that march through time.”

The students also conducted mapping exercises with more than 40 students from the University of Buffalo Geological Field Camp.

Fredrick said Craters of the Moon

and Grand Teton National Park were two breathtaking locations.

At Craters of the Moon, students hiked to the top of a cinder cone and viewed the whole landscape.

“That was incredible, just beautiful, stark and different than anything any of us had ever seen,” he said.

In Grand Teton, the travelers climbed from about 7,000 feet above sea level at the park’s entrance to much higher mountain elevations.

“To go from 7,000 to 13,000 feet so quickly is absolutely spectacular. Most of the students were blown away and said it was their favorite spot,” Fredrick said.

Last year’s trip ended at the north rim of the Grand Canyon, in Arizona. Next summer’s journey will take geology students northeast through Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire, into Maine and back through New York’s Adirondack Mountains.

“If students go on this trip for multiple years they can see different parts of the country each time,” Fredrick said.

“We had a good group that meshed really well,” he said. “Safety was the No. 1 priority, and everybody came home safe. Everybody seemed to learn something out of it, and everybody seemed to have fun. Those were my three priorities.”

The participating students were Samuel Ambrose, Michelle Balukin, Daniel Bird, Theresa Burkett, David Danko, Brittany Dawkins, Harley Doane ’09, Jocelyn Farrell, Daniel Florian, Rachel Frohman, Amber Hill, Christina Longo ’09, Lindsay Mellars, Carl Opel, Matthew Owens, Kaitlin Thomas, Amanda Wallace and Kristen Wesolowsky.

## Educator Revisits the Newsroom as Journalism Intern

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River. And she took footage of a young couple that operates a fireworks factory on the second floor of their century-old wooden barn in Smock.

Wilson intends to chronicle her experiences in a journalism/English pedagogy journal.

“Working at the Observer-Reporter helped me realize once again how much I love journalism,” Wilson said. “Although I was thoroughly amused and a little bit alarmed by some of the things I did, I also was helping tell the stories of what’s happening in our community. And that’s important work.”

Wilson enhanced her experience by visiting the annual conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. The conference touched on newspapers’ role in the digital age and how small-to medium-sized universities are teaching multimedia journalism.

Her trip was funded by grants from the FPDC and

Irene O’Brien with additional support from Cal U’s College of Liberal Arts

“It’s important for aspiring journalists to understand they have to be able to do much more than just write,” Wilson said. “They must understand computers and websites; know how to run a video camera; edit; do layout; know about podcasts, slideshows and digital photography; and be familiar with public relations and marketing. All of these are part of a journalist’s repertoire.”

Wilson hopes for continued collaborative projects between Cal U’s journalism program and the Observer-Reporter. Liz Rogers, the O-R’s managing editor for news, is a graduate of Cal U’s professional writing program.

The Cal U journalism program and the *Valley Independent* newspaper in Monessen also collaborate on projects. Some journalism students at Cal U have written for an online magazine published by the Uniontown *Herald-Standard*, as well.



Margo Wilson will offer her students firsthand experience this academic year after serving nine weeks this past summer as a multimedia intern at the Washington Observer-Reporter.

# THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

APRIL 21, 2009 / 4:00 p.m., LRC Auditorium

The California University Forum met in regular session Tuesday, April 21, 2009, in the LRC Auditorium. Presiding Officer Hoover called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

The following senators were in attendance:

Dr. Lenora Angelone  
Ms. Cinthia Arcuri  
Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr.  
Dr. Mohamed Benbourenane  
Dr. Bill Biddington  
Ms. Ashley Briggs  
Dr. Leonard Colelli  
Ms. Sharon Elkettani  
Ms. Rebecca Giles  
Dr. Allan Golden  
Dr. Joyce Hanley  
Mr. Tom Hasbrouck  
Ms. Mercedes Himmons  
Mr. Ryan Jerico  
Ms. Geraldine Jones  
Dr. Kevin Koury  
Dr. John Nass  
Ms. Rebecca Nichols  
Dr. Nancy Pinardi  
Dr. Susan Ryan  
Mr. Paul Sible  
Mr. Matthew Weiss  
Dr. Brian Wood

The following were also in attendance:

Mr. Douglas Hoover, Presiding Officer  
Mr. Loring Prest, Parliamentarian  
Mrs. Dana Turcic, Recording Secretary  
Prof. John Cencich, Chairperson, Safety and Social Equity

The following senators were absent:

Mr. Rick Bertagnolli  
Dr. Jane Bonari  
Ms. Angela Burrows  
Ms. Danielle Dever  
Ms. Kay Dorrance  
Ms. Fran Fayish  
Dr. Arcides Gonzalez  
Mr. Keith Kappel  
Dr. Chad Kauffman  
Ms. Adraine Lewis  
Mr. Donald Marszalek  
Mr. Josh Mrosko  
Ms. Christine Schlieper  
Mrs. Jenifer Sigado  
Ms. Marguerite Smith  
Dr. Linda Toth  
Dr. Jacqueline Walsh  
Dr. Tom Wickham  
The agenda was presented, approved and the meeting proceeded

Presiding Officer Hoover stated that the approved Forum minutes of March 17, 2009, are available on the Forum website ([www.calu.edu/forum](http://www.calu.edu/forum)) or Public Folders in the Microsoft Outlook. A hard copy of the executive committee minutes of April 7, 2009, is included in the senators' packets for informational purposes.

## Presiding Officer's Report

Presiding Officer Hoover presented the suggested dates as passed by the executive committee:

## Forum Meetings dates

2009/10:

September 1, 2009  
January 19, 2010  
October 6, 2009  
February 16, 2010  
November 3, 2009  
March 16, 2010  
December 1, 2009  
April 20, 2010

Presiding Officer Hoover noted that due to the late start of the Fall 2009 semester, if there is no objection, it is recommended that the first meeting date of the University Forum be changed from September 1 to September 8, and that the first Executive Committee meeting take place on September 1. Presiding Officer Hoover stated that with those changes, it is moved to approve the University Forum meeting dates as amended.

## Forum Meetings dates

2009/10:

September 8, 2009  
January 19, 2010  
October 6, 2009  
February 16, 2010  
November 3, 2009  
March 16, 2010  
December 1, 2009  
April 20, 2010

Approved by unanimous consent.

Presiding Officer Hoover asked President Armenti to respond and give an update to the previous motions passed. President Armenti referred to the following:

January 28, 2009  
Mr. Douglas Hoover, Presiding Officer  
California University Forum

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is in response to the motions passed at the October 7, 2008, meeting of the California University Forum: Motion 2008-81: Article VIII, Section 3, page 13, of the Forum Constitution Be amended to read (changing five ex-officio members to four, deleting the Chair of the Athletic Council): THE ATHLETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE – The Athletic Advisory Committee shall ..... The membership shall consist of three faculty members, three coaches, three students, two staff members (other than coaches), two alumni, and four ex-officio members: the Vice President for Student Development and Services, the Dean for Student Services, the Athletic Director, and the Senior Women's Administrator. As noted in your correspondence to me, the rationale for this amendment is due to the fact that the Athletic Council has been dissolved. Given the circumstances, the need to change the make-up of this

committee is warranted; consequently, I hereby formally accept this recommendation. Motion 2008-82: Recommendation from the Safety and Social Equity Committee: Mindful of its authority under Section 8 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the California University Forum, the Safety and Social Equity Committee (hereinafter the "Committee") recommends that California University of Pennsylvania adopt a policy that provides for the proper training, equipment, and procedures relative to California University police response to active shooters on campus. Further mindful of its charge pursuant to Section 5 of Article IX of the Constitution, the Committee is prepared, by invitation, to assist the administration in the formulation or implementation of any such policy or policies. Your correspondence to me noted that the rationale for this motion is due to the fact that the Safety and Social Equity Committee, chaired by Dr. John Cencich, recommended that this motion be brought forward as a result of the shooting incident that occurred on the Virginia Tech campus; and furthermore, that the Committee requested that a policy be developed, whereby university police would receive training, along with local law enforcement, in response to active shooters on campus. Given the fact that our University police are now armed, and even though they received training prior to being armed, additional training as specifically mentioned above would ensure additional safety precautions for all concerned, particularly our police officers; therefore, I hereby accept the motion as approved by Forum. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Angelo Armenti, Jr.

April 20, 2009  
Mr. Douglas Hoover, Presiding Officer  
California University Forum

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is in response to **Motion #2009-83** passed at the January 20, 2009, meeting of the California University Forum regarding *Proposed Academic Standards for Internships*, which deals with standards based on the recommendations of the Internship Program Review conducted on April 26-27, 2007.

While I agree with the proposed academic standards as presented to me on this matter, I have concluded that Motion #2009-83 deals with procedure, as opposed to

policy and, as such, falls outside the realm of authority of the California University Forum. As a result, however, I will forward these proposed academic standards for internships to Provost Geraldine M. Jones for appropriate and possible consideration, discussion and implementation. Therefore, I hereby deny Motion #2009-83 as approved by Forum for the aforementioned reason. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Angelo Armenti, Jr.  
University President

Presiding Officer Hoover noted that the next Forum Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, in Room 408 of the Manderino Library – the University Community is welcome to attend.

## Public Comments

There were no public comments offered at this time.

## Interpellation

There were no questions offered at this time.

## Strategic Plan – Final Draft

President Armenti presented the Strategic Plan and noted that after input from members of the University community, which resulted in several drafts, he made the final revisions to the document; hence, the notation on page 32 as AA: 20-Apr-2009. President Armenti noted that additional minor changes will be made to the document, such as the correction of typos and certain wording, and as a result of those changes, there will be a very slight difference between the document presented and the document that will be presented to the Council of Trustees for approval. President Armenti noted that the current Mission Statement guides the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will be presented to the Council of Trustees on June 3, 2009, for their review and approval. President Armenti stated that once the Council of Trustees approves the Strategic Plan; the approved document will be shared with the Forum so that they will have the final copy for their records.

Senator Golden moved to approve the Strategic Plan; second by Senator Jones. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. VOTE: Motion carries unanimously

**Safety and Social Equity Committee's Response – RE: Call Boxes/Lighting – Safety Concern**

Prof. John Cencich, Chairperson of the Safety and Social Equity Committee, presented the following response from the committee:

From: John R. Cencich, J.S.D.  
Chair, Safety & Social Equity Committee  
To: University Forum  
Re: Emergency Phones and Lights  
Date: April 21, 2009

Attached you will find a map that indicates the preliminary recommendations on the placement of emergency phones (with black lights) on our campus. These recommendations are made based upon 1) the recommendation from the Safety and Security Committee that our campus be so equipped; and 2) the request from the Forum that we make recommendations on where these phones and lights should be strategically located on the campus.

On the evening of February 19, 2008, Drs. Carol Bocetti and Dawn Moeller, along with Jim Hansen and Michael Miles from the campus police, undertook a walk-through of the campus in order to provide these recommendations. Dr. Bocetti and Dr. Moeller are both representatives of the Faculty Senate who, on behalf of the Senate, joined this motion and request for emergency phone placement. Jim Hansen and Mike Miles are both members of the Safety Committee. During the walk-through it was noted that the parking lots are scheduled to be replaced, and plans have already been made to install phones in the new parking lots. Therefore, we did not make recommendations on placement in the parking lots. The following should be further noted:

- The phones should be directly linked to the campus police station with dedicated lines indicating the exact location of the phone in the event the caller is unable to speak. The method of the connection will have to be determined, but professionals recommend fiber connections for optimum results.
- Kara Alumni House has a phone outside of the entrance. A blue light could be placed on it, as it is inconspicuous. An "Emergency Phone" sign could be considered.
- There should be a phone outside of Herron (see star on map beside a question mark), but if a phone is already in the specs, we don't need to recommend this.
- Chief Hansen would prefer that phones are not placed at the entrance to campus

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## THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

September 8, 2009  
4:00 P.M. Morgan Hall Auditorium

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. ROLL CALL

#### III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### IV. MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2009

(Approved by e-mail ballot – refer to Forum website or Public Folders Outlook)

#### V. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Informational Only – Minutes of September 1, 2009)

#### VI. PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

- A. Miscellaneous Information
- B. President's Response to Motion Passed
- C. Notice of Executive Committee Meeting: September 22, 2009 – *University Community Welcome*

#### VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### VIII. INTERPELLATION

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

#### X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

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because of the high likelihood of prank calls. Representatives of the Safety Committee and Faculty Senate take a different view on this, as this is very similar to the situation of silent 911 calls that municipal police deal with on an everyday basis.

- When the recommendations were submitted to the Executive Committee, the support appeared to be unanimous, and indeed, further recommendations were made for the placement of additional phones and lights. These included placement near Morgan Hall and at or near the various parking lots. Accordingly, this recommendation, as previously noted, is a preliminary one, and it is requested that representatives of the Safety Committee, Faculty Senate, and interested student groups be involved as the final stages as these recommendations are implemented.

- In light of the fact that the theory of Crime Prevention by Environmental Design (CPTED)

draws strongly on previous data that relate to the importance of the "perception" of safety and fear, Dr. Dawn Moeller and I plan to undertake a joint study based upon empirical data that can assist policymakers at Cal U as well as serve as a model for other colleges and universities. Prof. Cencich also noted that the recommendations are preliminary because of the on-going construction projects on campus and asked that the Safety and Social Equity Committee continue to be included in the implementation process. Senator Armenti noted that emergency phones will be installed around the river parking lot as part of the parking lot's renovation, which is scheduled to begin in May. Senator Armenti stated that he will request that the design team contact the Safety and Social Equity Committee for input.

#### MOTION:

**That the Forum extends its gratitude to the students who served on the Forum – Ashley Briggs, Danielle Dever, Kay**

**Dorrance, Rebecca Giles, Mercedes Himmons, Ryan Jerico, Donald Marszalek, Christine Schlieper, Marguerite Smith, Matthew Weiss - whose service to the Forum will end with this meeting.**

Senator Angelone moved to approve the motion as presented. Second by Senator Sible. VOTE: Motion carries unanimously.

#### New Business

There was no new business offered at this time.

#### Announcements/Adjournment

Presiding Officer Hoover noted the next Forum meeting will be held on September 8, 2009. There being no further business, Presiding Officer Hoover adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Mrs. Dana Turcic, recording Secretary.*

**MINUTES APPROVED BY MAJORITY VIA E-MAIL BALLOT.**



### Who Needs Snow?

Sean Kennedy, a 2012 Summer Olympic hopeful and trampoline artist for Flippenout Productions, shows off some aerial stunts for students at the Cal U for Life sessions prior to the opening football game at Adamson Stadium on Aug. 27.

## Highmark awards to benefit PASSHE students

More than 150 students majoring in health care-related fields at Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities will be receiving an assist from Highmark Inc. in paying for their education.

Highmark earlier this year donated \$250,000 to the PASSHE Foundation, most of which will be used to fund both undergraduate and graduate student scholarships.

A total of 140 incoming freshmen – 10 from each of the PASSHE universities – will receive a scholarship worth \$1,000 for the 2009-2010 academic year. An additional \$10,000 in awards for graduate study also will be shared among students attending the 14 PASSHE universities.

"In this difficult economic time, this is a wonderful opportunity for each of the PASSHE universities to help encourage and recruit students of both merit and need to pursue their educational dreams in the health care field," said PASSHE Foundation President and CEO Anthony M. Ianiero.

Highmark's donation to the PASSHE Foundation also includes \$50,000 for academic initiatives in the health care field to be offered to the 14 universities on a competitive basis and \$50,000 for general support.

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