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Civil Liberties in Wartime: Focus of Constitution Day

How are civil liberties affected when a nation is at war? The Cal U community will examine this topic at a Constitution Day program set for 11 a.m. Friday in the Performance Center inside the Natali Student Center.

The purpose of Constitution Day is to ensure students in the United States are gaining an increased knowledge and appreciation for this valuable and important document of freedom.

Following welcoming remarks by Provost Geraldine Jones, Dr. Michael Slaven of the Department of History and Political Science will present a tribute to the late Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia.

Byrd introduced the legislation mandating Constitution Day observances at all educational institutions that receive federal funding. Schools across the country celebrate Constitution Day on the anniversary of the



Cal U's Constitution Day program will begin with a tribute to the late Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia by Cal U faculty member Dr. Michael Slaven.

document's signing on Sept. 17, 1787.

"It is because of Senator Byrd's love of county and sense of history that all educational institutions commemorate this special day," said Dr. Melanie Blumberg, a professor of political



science and campus director of the American Democracy Project.

A panel of Cal U faculty members will discuss "Civil Liberties at Time of War." -Speakers and their topics are:

•Dr. Aref Al-Khattar, of the Department of Justice, Law and Society — "Ethnic Profiling During Time of War."

•Dr. Craig Smith, also of the Department of History and Political Science — "War and the Supreme Court: A Historical Perspective on Constitutional Interpretation."

•Dr. John Cencich, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research — "The Applicability of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 to the Detention of Unlawful Combatants."

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Teamwork Plays Starring Role in Debut of Desire2Learn

etting Cal U's new learning management system, Desire2Learn, up and running was quite a production. But thanks to a team of dedicated faculty members, administrators and staff, the new software platform has been launched successfully.

Representatives from a variety of disciplines cleared their busy schedules to attend meetings, listen to input from faculty and students, and facilitate training sessions over the course of the past six months.

During the spring and summer, course shells were migrated from both previous systems to Desire2Learn, ensuring that course content would be available in the new system for the start of the fall semester.

Face-to-face classes, one-on-one workshops and online training were facilitated through the Faculty Professional Development Center.

Becky Nichols, director of Applications and Academic Support and coordinator of the Desire2Learn project, said it really was a team effort.





President Angelo Armenti, Jr. talks about *Cal U Fusion* during the fall 2010 Faculty Convocation inside Morgan Hall Auditorium.

Civility Rules at Faculty Convocation

ivility was the watchword at the Fall 2010 Faculty Convocation, where the newly elected president of the local Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties (APSCUF) pledged to act in accordance with Cal U's core values.

"Civility requires that we express ourselves in ways that demonstrate a respect toward others," said Dr. Michael Slavin, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance. "I promise to behave with civility, and I thank you for your trust."

Citing the high cost — both financial and personal — of faculty grievances, Slavin announced a plan to examine the evaluation process. By taking a proactive approach, he said, the association and the University may find a way to better resolve their differences.

Desire2Learn, which helps to deliver course content and other information, takes the place of both the Blackboard and eCollege learning management systems. "Everyone worked so hard to meet our deadline and make the transition as smooth as possible," she said.

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Party in the Park The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus will perform at this year's Party in the Park on Sept. 18 at Roadman Park. The fifth annual celebration kicks off the 2010 home football season. See story on page 3.



Citing a prediction by University President Angelo Armenti, Jr., Slavin noted that a third party will address issues related to the new parking plan, which went into effect Aug. 30. Two hearings on the matter have been scheduled this fall.

After being introduced by Provost Geraldine Jones, President Armenti reviewed a handout showing that 147 faculty members have not registered for parking.

Of the 124 faculty who purchased parking permits, 96 were given spaces in their preferred parking area. An additional 91 faculty have registered and are on a waiting list.

"Spaces will become available, and the faculty has always had first preference," President Armenti said. "If you have not registered for parking, please do so."

Despite the region's economic challenges, enrollment at Cal U continues to grow. Figures from the first day of classes show the head count up by 365, or 4 percent, compared to first-day totals in 2009. Over the past six years, Cal U's total full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment has increased by 43 percent.

"We continue to be attracting bright, young students — Continued on page 3

Forensic Team Finds Unmarked Graves

earning how to use groundpenetrating radar (GPR) lets forensic anthropology students help people in the present connect with the past.

Led by Drs. Cassandra Kuba and John Nass, Cal U students have used GPR to identify an 18th-century fort on private property south of Avella, Pa.; locate unmarked graves at Chartiers Cross Roads Presbyterian Church near Washington, Pa.; and help locate a road leading to a Revolutionary War prisonerof-war camp near York, Pa.

GPR sends radar pulses into the soil to create images of what lies underground. Cal U obtained a GPR unit last academic year.

"It's similar to a Doppler radar that sends out a signal to the atmosphere, but the GPR is facing downward and sends a signal into the ground," said Kuba, chief forensic anthropologist for Cal U's Institute of Criminological and Forensic Sciences.

"The GPR machine bounces off soil of different densities. It can sense if there are objects in the way. It will bounce a signal back. It allows the team to determine if something is below the surface."

On a steamy weekend last month, Cal U's forensics team placed wooden stakes about a meter apart in the cemetery, creating a grid. The following day the team maneuvered the GPR over the area.

Many church members believe that cemetery records are incomplete, and they hope to identify any unmarked graves as the congregation celebrates the church's 200th anniversary.

Names on the gravestones indicate that people of Scottish, Irish or Welsh descent are buried here.

Disturbances in the soil as far as 15 feet underground indicate the possible presence of unmarked graves. Family members may have been buried in wood



Cal U forensic anthropology students Danetta Snook (left) and Adina Necciai operate a ground-penetration radar machine while tracking unmarked graves at the Chartiers Cross Roads Cemetery sites.

coffins placed one atop the other, Kuba said.

"At least the church will know where the people are, and based on the records they have, they can create a memorial stone," she said.

The project is a win-win, she added. The work would have been costly if the University hadn't been able to step in.

"Our students get experience utilizing the device, so it's beneficial to us and the church," she said.

Adina Necciai, who graduated last month while working fulltime with PA Mentor, aspires to do forensics work

with a victim witness unit in a district attorney's office. Her volunteer time with the summer GPR projects along with Danetta Snook and Donovan Marcoux was time well she spent.

"I will always come out on weekends and help, because they need it and I love doing this," she said. "It's been a good learning experience, and it's important to know how to do this.

Snook commented that the cemetery search used a smaller grid than previous GPR projects she had done.

"It's really interesting and neat to see the graphical image," she said. "I have a

photography background, and this ties in."

Laurel King, an elder at the church, said identifying graves had been a goal of the church for quite some time.

"A lot of our families have descendants who probably are buried here, but they just don't know," she said. "This helps them understand and even honor them. We are very grateful for California's help."

Chartiers Cross Roads Presbyterian Church will hold its bicentennial worship service at 11 a.m. Oct. 31. A deed to the Cross Roads property was signed Oct. 31, 1810.



Campus BRIEFS

Convocation Tomorrow

President Angelo Armenti, Jr. will host the 2010 Fall Staff Convocation on Tuesday in the Performance Center, beginning at 2 p.m.

Mission Day Examines Fusion

Free and open to the campus community and the public, Cal U's 23rd annual Health Fair will have nearly three dozen

health care providers and industry representatives in the Performance Center Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Annual Health Fair Set for Wednesday

early three dozen health care providers and industry representatives will be on hand for Cal U's 23rd annual Health Fair, set for 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday in the Performance Center inside the Natali Student Center. The health fair is free and open to the campus community and the public.

Centerville Clinic will be offering flu shots. The cost is \$19, payable by cash or check.

Other exhibitors will be offering information. services, screenings and giveaways. Music will be provided by disc jockey Dr. Glo. Caricatures, massages, temporary tattoos, and door prizes will be available.

Participating organizations include: The Children's Home of Pittsburgh and Lemieux Family Center, Centerville Clinics, Dr. Bernard Doloback Dentistry, Aetna CHIP, AVI Foodsystems, Fayette Podiatry

Associates, SPHS Care Center, Redstone Pharmacy, Pennsylvania Breast Coalition, West Penn Hospital Burn Center, Central Blood Bank, Chestnut Counseling Center, Greenbriar Treatment Center, First Step Family Chiropractic, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission Inc., The Real You, Beauti-Control Spa Products, Big Brother & Big Sister of Laurel Region, Orthopedic and Sport Physical Therapy Association, Mon Valley YMCA, California University Counseling Center, Monongahela Valley Hospital, Martinelli Eye and Laser Centers, Washington Women's Shelter, Canonsburg General Hospital, Valley Women's Hospital, Avon, Physical Therapy Institute, Coffee Connections, Options Resources Center, and Adagio Health.

For more information, call Fran Fayish at 724-938-5922.

Cal U Fusion will be the focus of the University's 12th annual Mission Day, set



Daytime classes will be canceled that day so that students, faculty, staff and alumni can discuss the

for Oct. 6.

University's new mobile initiative for teaching and learning.

Evening classes may be canceled at the instructor's discretion.

Sessions continue from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning and ending in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

Mission Day allows all members of the University community to engage in dialogue, share ideas, voice recommendations as equals in order to advance the institution's mission and goals. Look for more details on Mission Day XII online at www.calu.edu and in future issues of the Journal.

Party Features The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus

alifornia University of Pennsylvania will kick off the 2010 home football season with its fifth annual Party in the Park and a performance by the nationally known rock band The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus.

The party gets started at noon Sept. 18 in Roadman Park, on Cal U's south campus.

A Welcome Back Picnic hosted by University President Angelo Armenti, Jr., a performance by Uniontown band Stereotype and a live broadcast by radio station The X all begin at noon, with music by the Pittsburghbased band Gene the Werewolf at 1 p.m.

An alumni tailgate party begins at 1:30 p.m. under the Vulcan Huddle tent.

The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus will perform from 2-3:20 p.m. The first of the group's three albums, "Don't You Fake It," was certified gold in late November 2006. Recent albums include "Lonely Road" and "The Hell or High Water."

The party concludes with a 3:30 p.m. football game at Adamson Stadium's Hepner-Bailey Field, where the nationally ranked Cal U Vulcans take on their PSAC-East rival, East Stroudsburg University.

Cal U students, faculty and staff may attend the Party in the Park free with a valid CalCard. Picnic guests pay \$6.35 for adults, \$3.75 for children ages 7 and younger.

Current Cal U students with valid CalCards may attend the football game at no charge. Game tickets are available at the gate. Cost is \$8 for general admission seating, \$5 for students who do not attend Cal U.

For more information, contact Jenifer Sigado, director of student orientation programs and the University Welcome Center, at 724-938-1626 or sigado@calu.edu.



President Angelo Armenti, Jr. addresses the faculty inside Morgan Hall Auditorium.

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looking to move onto higher education, and you (faculty) play a very significant role in this," the President said.

About 1,600 students attended orientation Aug. 26-29, President Armenti reported. In addition to learning about University traditions and the Cal U for Life program, one orientation session focused on *Cal U Fusion*, a campus-wide mobile technology initiative that has begun to explore innovative ways to use handheld devices as tools for teaching and learning.

Cal U Fusion will be the topic of Mission Day on Oct. 6. "Mobile technology is definitely going to transform higher education," said President Armenti, as he

demonstrated a number of applications that might be used in the classroom.

"With *Cal U Fusion* we intend to bring 21st-century technology onto our campus and into our classrooms. Our students deserve nothing less — and participation by you, the faculty, is essential for this to succeed."

During her welcoming remarks, Provost Jones noted the retirement of five longtime faculty members who combined to give 150 years of service to Cal U students. The provost recognized retirees Edward Brown, Debra Clingerman, John Shimkanin, William Yahner and John Vargo.



Maggy Aston, a drawing professor in the Department of Art and Design (left), and Craig Fox, a philosophy instructor in the Philosophy Department, share a laugh while learning about how *Cal U Fusion* applications can be used in classrooms.

Jones also named the current faculty members receiving promotions and introduced six new tenure-track faculty — Drs. Jason Kight, Cynthia Persinger, Anthony Rodi, Melissa Sovak, Christina Toras and Julie Warnick. This year's Frederick Douglass Scholar is Michelle Torregano.

Seven to be Inducted into Hall of Fame

This individuals will comprise the 16th class named to the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame.

The 2010 inductees are the late Dr. Michael Duda, president emeritus; Jason Foreman '02, baseball; Dale Hamer '60, official; John Kovalchick '53, baseball; DingDing Lu '03, women's volleyball; Sara McKinney '05, women's basketball; and Kerry Novak-Drilak '97, softball. These former Vulcan standouts will be inducted at the 2010 Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame banquet, set for 5:30 p.m. Oct. 15 in the Performance Center.

Constitution Day Program Set

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Moderator will be Dr. Emily Sweitzer, associate professor of justice and behavioral crime and director of the Justice Studies Program.

"Ever since the birth of our nation, the government and the courts have struggled with the need to effectively protect our citizens from hostile actors during time of war and the competing interest of ensuring the civil and political rights of Americans and enemies alike," said Cencich. "The issues surrounding America's global war on terrorism are by no means novel, yet the answers remain unsettled."

This year's multidisciplinary panel seeks to raise heightened awareness of this controversial subject with the hope that students and future leaders may one day find those answers.

The program is co-sponsored by the Office of the President, the Office of the



Sara McKinney

The inductees will be shown on the scoreboard during the Vulcans' Homecoming football game against Slippery Rock University on Oct. 16. This year's banquet also will

recognize Cal U's 2003-2004 women's basketball team. The Vulcans won the 2004 NCAA Division II National Championship and finished 35-1 overall.

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

For more information, visit the Hall of Fame section of the Cal athletics website at www.calvulcans.com. Profiles of the Hall of Fame inductees will appear in upcoming editions of the Journal.

Provost, the American Democracy Project, the School of Graduate Studies and Research, the Department of History and Political Science, and the Department of Justice, Law and Society.

For more information, call the Department of History and Political Science at 724-938-4054.

Teamwork Key to Desire2Learn

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With one learning management system, students and faculty will no longer need to learn two different systems. Course content for all classes, including undergraduate, graduate and Global Online, now can be accessed through Desire2Learn.

Starting this fall, all 14 universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) will use the Desire2Learn software platform.

"The switch to a unified learning management system such as Desire2Learn not only provides for consistency in technological applications for our students, but also opens up more opportunities for collaboration with other PASSHE schools," said Dr. John Cencich, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

"To add to this consistency, we also recently merged all Desire2Learn administration under the Office of Web-based Programs, which will service the entire University community."

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Trustees Hear About Parking, Enrollment

al U's Council of Trustees toured the Vulcan Garage before gathering for their quarterly meeting Sept. 1. The board was impressed with the 650space parking facility, which opened for the start of the fall semester. Construction of the five-level garage was completed in just over a year.

"To go from piles of dirt to the opening of the parking garage in that short a time is pretty amazing," said Trustee Annette Ganassi.

The University initiated a paid parking system that went into effect Aug. 30, and "the anticipated parking crisis never materialized," said Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. "Things have gone fairly smoothly," he said.

Reporting for Academic Affairs, Provost Geraldine Jones told the Trustees that enrollment has increased by 4 percent over last year's record-setting headcount. Student internships will increase to 242 this fall, compared to 125 last year.

Largely due to the faculty's scholarly activities, 18 grants and contracts were awarded over the past quarter, totaling \$1.4 million. Of the 22 Cal U academic programs recognized by PASSHE, 19 are nationally accredited.

In other business:

•Robert Thorn, interim vice president of Administration and Finance, reported that the first phase of the Loop Road project, which includes the opening of East Street to traffic, was completed Aug. 25. The second phase of the project is under way. Eventually, the Loop Road will carry vehicular traffic around Cal U's perimeter, creating a pedestrian-friendly campus.

•Lenora Angelone, vice president for Student Affairs, told the Trustees that all six residence halls and the Vulcan Village housing complex are fully occupied.

•Angela Burrows, vice president for University Relations, highlighted a number of prominent media placements and broadbased coverage of summer events in her report to the Trustees. The marketing team was commended for their efforts in Cal U's designation as the official education partner of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

•Ron Huiatt, vice president for University Development and Alumni Relations, told the Trustees that nearly \$22.5 million has been committed toward

Semester Gets Off to Sweet Start

he new academic year began with a sweet tradition of tasty treats for students.

During the first week of the fall semester, more than 800 dozen cookies, baked and donated by members of 17 area churches, were distributed in the Natali Student Center by STAND, Students Taking a New Direction.

STAND is an interdenominational campus ministry with a membership of between 80 and 110 students each year. It is led by minister Pete Ware, who is sponsored by the Coalition for Christian Outreach and the United Campus Ministry Council.

This was the fourth consecutive school year that began with free cookies.

"The neat thing about this from the local churches' perspective is they're not just making cookies," said Ware, who is in his third year at Cal U. "I know those in the churches pray for the students and faculty as they are making the cookies, so there's something deeper to this then just baking."

The appetizing tradition was started by missionaries Greg McKim and his wife, Debbie. McKim is pastor of Crossroads Community Church in California, which holds Sunday morning services at Coffee Connections, a coffeehouse on Third Street in the borough. The couple began the cookie project with Assembly of God churches, but other congregations have since gotten involved.

"It's not just about cookies. You have people showing they care," said McKim. "When we started this, we saw



STAND members Emily Obenauf, an athletic training major (left), and Charisse Varga, a languages major, help to hand out free cookies inside the Natali Student Center.

it really helped the campus ministry.

"We just want to start the new year on Cal's campus with an act of kindness that has some cookies with it."

Among the many people McKim singled out for their assistance with the project was Cal U's Dr. Dan Engstrom, associate dean in the College of Education and Human Services.

Helping to hand out cookies for the first time was Emily Obenauf, a senior athletic training major who joined STAND last spring.

"You get to meet new people — and everybody likes free cookies," she said. "Many students have shown an interest in STAND. I love it because it helps you adjust to being away from home. You also get to hang out with a group of people who want you to do well and stay away from trouble."

Ware emphasized that the cookies are served with no pressure to join the group. He also noted that Cal U's Campus Ministry has added another professional minister, Rebecca Verly.

"This is a place to help students grow and explore their Christianity," Ware said.

"We want students to have a Christian faith and to think about the school's core values," Ware said, "what it means to be a good citizen, a person of integrity and character."

Starting the new school year by handing out free cookies has become a community endeavor, McKim said. "A lot of churches are involved, and it has morphed into something bigger, which is what we wanted to happen."

Federal Grant Continues GACO Support

al U's Government Agency Coordination Office (GACO) has been awarded a grant of \$149,515 from the Defense Logistics Agency of Fort Belvoir, Va.

The federal grant will support GACO's work in providing contracting assistance services to regional businesses through Aug. 31, 2011.

With offices on the Cal U campus, in Pittsburgh and at Slippery Rock University, GACO is a Procurement Technical Assistance Center that helps businesses throughout western Pennsylvania to pursue federal, state and local government contracts and subcontracts.

Deborah Wojcik, GACO's director, said the three offices are providing services to 1,643 businesses in western Pennsylvania. These businesses have reported receiving more than 30,079 contracts and subcontracts totaling nearly \$2.35 billion since 1985.



the \$35 million goal of The Campaign to Build Character and Careers, which was announced publicly in June 2009.

•Charles Mance, vice president for University Technology Services, reported that more than 1,200 campus e-mail accounts have been switched to the new domain address. "The Defense Logistics Agency has been a valuable partner in our economic revitalization efforts," said Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. "The agency's funding support for GACO enables us to continue to assist companies in all aspects of government contracting. We are very pleased that they have once again provided funding for our program."

Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. presents a cooperative agreement for \$149,515 from the Defense Logistics Agency to Deborah Wojcik, GACO director.

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