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The Family Day tradition is an ideal way for students and their loved ones to get together and enjoy the University.

Activities Lined Up for Family Day

In one of the highlights of the fall semester, Cal U students will welcome their families to campus and rededicate Herron Hall on Sept. 26.

The 31st annual Cal U Family Day, formerly known as Parents Day, gives families a chance to visit the campus and get a sense of the University experience.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Natali Student Center lobby. Participants can pick up event tickets and a free T-shirt while enjoying a complimentary continental breakfast.

A Family Day Brunch will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Gold Rush Room inside the Student Center.

At 11 a.m., students and guests may attend the rededication of Herron Recreation and Fitness Center. University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. will host the ceremony, which will be followed by complimentary refreshments and recreation center tours.

An 18,000-square-foot addition has expanded the brick building, constructed originally in 1932. At the request of students, about 5,000 pounds of free weights have been added, along with cardiovascular

equipment and workout machines. A 33-foot-tall indoor climbing obelisk and a second-floor walking and running track have been installed.

The recreation center will be open for use once the ceremony is complete. Additional activities will be held at Herron, the Natali Student Center, Manderino Library and Roadman Park.

On the lower campus, Student Ambassadors will lead tours, the University Choir will present a concert at 12:30 p.m. at the Emeriti Faculty Fountain near Herron Hall, and "In Focus: National Geographic Greatest Portraits," a Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services (SITES) display, will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the gallery in Manderino Library.

Tours of the campus radio, television and newspaper centers will be offered, a free movie will be screened, and the popular Kid Zone will provide fun for all ages with games, entertainment and face painting.

Guests will receive a 20 percent family discount on selected clothing and gift purchases made at the Cal U bookstore between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Student Attends Harrisburg Internship Semester

Ashley Altemare, a senior business administration major and political science minor at Cal U, is working in the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives as part of a 15-week internship sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).

Altemare, the daughter of Lisa Altemare, is one of 15 students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program, which provides students the opportunity to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits. Students from each of the 14 PASSHE universities may participate.

A 2005 graduate of Charleroi Area High School, Altemare and the other students participating in the program will attend several academic seminars during their fall

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Record Enrollment Good News for Council of Trustees

Five new members of the Cal U Council of Trustees heard good news about rising enrollment at the council's quarterly meeting on Sept. 2.

Trustees Chairman Leo Krantz welcomed new trustees Annette Ganassi, Larry Maggi '79, James Davis '73, Michael Napolitano '68 and student Ashley Baird, a senior elementary education major.

"Attending these meetings is the most important role of a trustee, Krantz said, "and what you will learn at these meetings is simply amazing."

Provost Geraldine Jones reported that overall enrollment has again reached a record high, with the student population topping 9,000 as the fall semester began. Although numbers won't be finalized until the 16th day of classes, Cal U anticipates an increase of about 6 percent over last year's enrollment.

Both dollars and donors also have increased, reported University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. Total giving for the 2008-2009 fiscal year showed an increase of more than \$1.7 million over the previous fiscal year, and total donors jumped by 735, to 4,490.

Giving for endowed scholarships, which the President believes is the most important area, increased by nearly \$1.2 million.

"Obviously the message is getting



As part of its marketing efforts, Cal U has forged many partnerships with major Pittsburgh organizations such as the Pittsburgh Penguins, Steelers and Carnegie Science Center.

out there, and you have to feel good about that," he said.

Adding to the bottom line is faculty grant activity, which brought in more than \$1.4 million last quarter, according to the provost.

"That's a superb effort that greatly helps this University," Krantz said.

In other business, Dr. Allan Golden, vice president for Administration and Finance, reported on paving in the River Lot and at Roadman Park.

Renovations are nearly complete in

Herron Hall, he added, and he suggested the Trustees tour the expanded Herron Recreation and Fitness Center before their December meeting.

"I believe you will be incredibly impressed with this facility, and it will be one of the most popular places on campus," he said.

The recreation center will be dedicated at Family Day, Sept. 26.

Dr. Lenora Angelone, vice president for Student Development and Services,

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Cal U students will benefit from the newly remodeled Media Access Center in the Student Union.

MAC Gets a Makeover

Pam DelVerne is clearly proud of the newly renovated Media Access Center. “We have gone from a computer lab housed in a repurposed retail space to a true interactive learning and multimedia space,” said DelVerne, Student Association Inc.’s director of New Media Services and the activities transcript coordinator.

Located on the first floor of the Natali Student Center, the MAC now includes an eight-seat interactive learning area with a large-screen TV monitor and 10 individual computing stations, including a supervisor’s station.

Fresh paint and wood trim make the area more appealing.

“The renovation is really quite impressive,” DelVerne said. “We envision the interactive learning area being used by a group of students collaborating on a class project, by MAC staff for conducting

workshops, or simply as informal overflow seating for students using personal laptops.”

The center houses the SAI web team, as well as the Activities Transcript Program, which enables students to document out-of-classroom experiences officially.

The MAC will continue to loan audio and video recording equipment to students who wish to create multimedia projects for class or personal use.

“Obviously we are excited about this new beginning,” said DelVerne. “This facility provides students with the opportunity to utilize, integrate, apply knowledge, and develop well-honed skills in preparation for the workplace. It’s important they know about us and take advantage of what we have.”

A formal rededication of the center is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 30. For more information call 724-938-4515.

Ryan Wins Geography Award

Associate Professor’s ‘Stellar Record of Scholarship’ Called An Inspiration

Dr. Susan Ryan, associate professor in the Department of Earth Sciences, will receive the Distinguished Scholar Award from the Pennsylvania Geographical Society when the PGS meets Oct. 23-24 at West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

Ryan directs Cal U’s Tourism Research Center and the undergraduate and graduate tourism programs at Cal. She and Cal U adjunct faculty member Sean A. Hayes recently co-authored “Your Agritourism Business in Pennsylvania: A Resource Handbook,” published by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania.

“We congratulate Dr. Ryan on being selected for this prestigious award and laud her outstanding contributions to the discipline of geography,” said Mary J. Sacavage, chair of the PGS Awards Committee and director of Alvernia College’s Schuylkill Center. “Her stellar record of scholarship is an inspiration for all geographers.”

The Distinguished Scholar Award is given to an individual with substantive research, publications and professional development in geography. The PGS exists to promote effective geographic teaching, research and literacy at all levels and in all settings.



Dr. Susan Ryan will be recognized by the Pennsylvania Geographical Society, receiving its Distinguished Scholar Award next month.

Student Interning in Harrisburg

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semester internship. Each of the students also will complete an individualized research project as part of the program’s requirements.

Nearly 500 students from PASSHE universities have participated in THIS since the program began in 1989, each gaining valuable insight into the workings of state government at the policy-making level. Interns have worked with dozens of state agencies, as well

as in the offices of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the attorney general.

Cal U students who are interested in THIS may contact Dr. Mohamed Yamba, 724-938-5716 or yamba@calu.edu. They may also contact Karen Primm in the Internship Center at 724-938-1578 or primm@calu.edu



Ashley Altemare

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reported that Cal U’s six on-campus residence halls and off-campus Vulcan Village housing are at full occupancy. Programs for residents on both the upper and lower campus are intended to keep students focused and substance-free.

Student assistants in the residence halls and at Vulcan Village go through 75 hours of training that includes crisis management.

“Our professional student staff is working diligently to provide our students with a wide array of programs and activities,” Angelone said. “They are promoting and integrating the mission and goals of the University and creating the best living environment possible.”

A multimedia presentation by Angela Burrows, vice president for University Relations, offered more good news.

“Whenever possible, University Relations has looked for ways to build synergy for value-added results,” she said.

Prominent media placements, including articles in national publications such as The Chronicle of Higher Education, have helped to raise Cal U’s profile, and President Armenti’s appearances on local television shows have spread his



The overall success of the Vulcan Village off-campus housing complex was discussed during the recent quarterly meeting of the Council of Trustees.

message about declining funding for public higher education.

The presentation also touched on the web team’s expanded social media efforts and new marketing partnerships with the Carnegie Science Center and the Pittsburgh Penguins and Steelers.

“We’re looking for multi-dimensional partnerships that offer scholarship dollars and internship opportunities for our students,” said

Craig Butzine, Ca U’s director of Marketing.

Although the state budget impasse continues to cause concern, President Armenti offered words of encouragement to the Trustees.

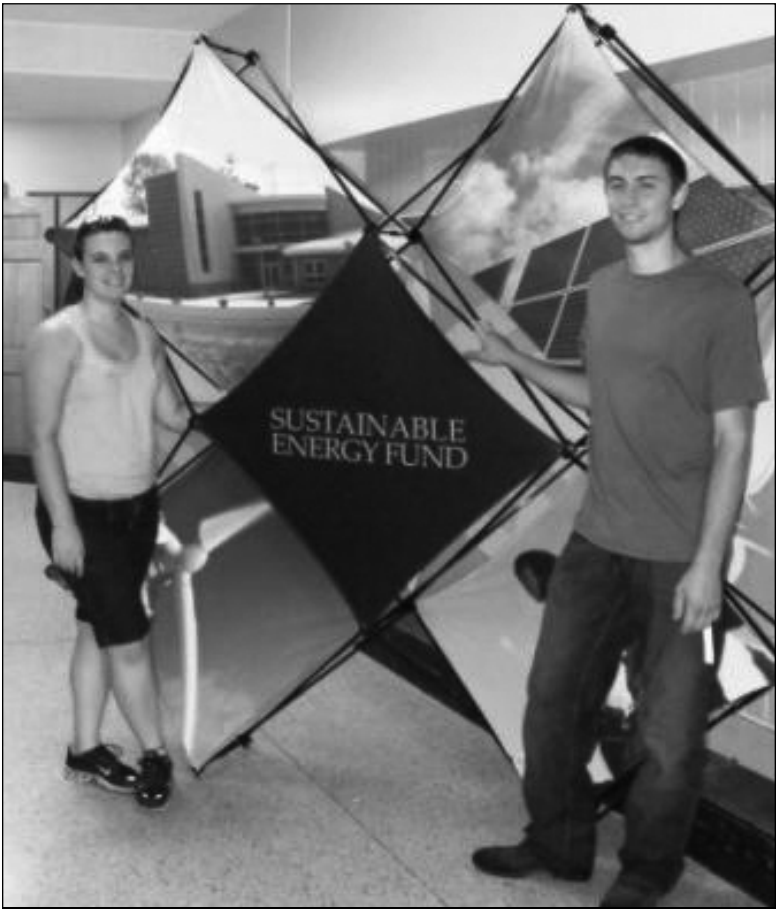
“Clearly students and their families are finding our university very attractive,” he said. “Despite the uncertainty and some adversity, we are doing very well.”



Join the Army

Adam Olson, a senior majoring in liberal arts, waves the flag for Armenti's Army, a student group that supports Vulcan sports teams. Students can show their Vulcan pride by wearing customized Armenti's Army T-shirts, available in the Student Government office and all home football games. For details, contact Student Government President Jackie Davis at DAV3591@calu.edu.

Professor, Students Attend Sustainable Energy Conference



Christina Evans and Nick Szczerba, along with Cal U faculty member Dr. Laura Hummell, attended the 2009 Sustainable Energy Conference, where they looked to share and re-create renewable energy projects at Cal U.

Dr. Laura Hummell, assistant professor of technology education, and Cal U students Christina Evans and Nick Szczerba recently attended the 2009 Sustainable Energy Conference on the campus of Lafayette College, in Easton, Pa.

Conducted by the Sustainable Energy Fund (SEF), the conference brings together various stakeholders in sustainable energy, including educators and students, entrepreneurs and labor, policymakers and activists.

Cal U was one of more than 35 universities represented at the weeklong conference.

"This conference allowed students and their professors the opportunity to learn more about numerous renewable energy projects they could re-create at their own universities," Hummell said.

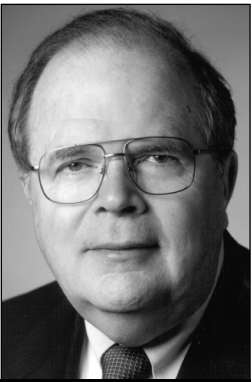
The event concluded with a public exhibition with sustainable energy vendors and various field trips to see various alternative energy operations, featuring family activities, solar-powered vehicles, and fun-filled competitions.

The SEF is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes energy efficiency, renewable energy and education initiatives in Pennsylvania.

McCormick Named Chancellor Emeritus

The Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education has conferred the status of Chancellor Emeritus upon founding Chancellor Dr. James H. McCormick, who served PASSHE as chancellor for its first 18 years.

McCormick began his tenure as interim chancellor on July 1, 1983, the first day of the State System's formal existence. He later was selected by the Board of Governors to serve as chancellor and



Dr. James H. McCormick

held the position until June 30, 2001, when he left to become chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

He previously had served for 10 years as president of Bloomsburg State College and for eight years as a professor and administrator at Shippensburg State College, both now

PASSHE universities. He is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

As the first chancellor, Dr. McCormick helped to establish the strong foundation on which the State System was built. Working in tandem with founding Board of Governors Chairman F. Eugene Dixon Jr. for nearly two decades, McCormick was responsible for developing many of the policies and practices that continue to guide PASSHE today.

"Chancellor McCormick left an outstanding legacy," said Board of Governors Chairman Kenneth M. Jarin. "The State System continues to reap many of the benefits from his leadership and his close collaboration with the late Fitz Dixon. They were a great team and certainly helped get the State System off to a great start, for which we are all grateful."

"I am honored that the Board of Governors has chosen to recognize me in so meaningful a way," McCormick said.

"Because the system was new, it was a time that demanded considerable creativity and change. We were about the business of finding our way and making a better way for the system's students. I am grateful to have had so many fine and loyal colleagues with me in the system office and in university leadership at that time. The governing board was a source of support, as well as direction – often inspiration. The memory, accomplishment and significance of those years will remain with me forever."

McCormick was instrumental both in the creation of the State System and in the development of its first strategic mission statement and first two strategic plans. He helped to design and implement several system-wide capital construction programs and successfully advocated for significant increases in state funding levels that led both to the expansion and revitalization of the State System's 14 university campuses.



Highlighting this year's Family Day's festivities will be formal ribbon cutting for Cal U's renovated and expanded Herron Recreation and Fitness Center.

Activities Set for Annual Family Day

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At 1 p.m. on the upper campus the Vulcan Huddle tent sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations will help rally fans at Roadman Park. The complimentary tailgate will feature music, raffles and giveaways.

The four-time defending PSAC-West champion Vulcans football team will host PSAC-West rival Clarion University at 3 p.m. at Hepner-Bailey Field at Adamson Stadium.

Cal U's men's soccer team will open the day's athletic competition by hosting Bloomsburg

University Roadman Park beginning at noon.

"Family Day at California University is a truly special time — an opportunity for you to build memories together as you explore the many activities and events here on campus and in the region," President Armenti said. "There is truly something for everyone on this day's busy schedule, and we welcome everyone to spend the day at California University."

For a schedule of Family Day 2009 events, visit http://sai.calu.edu/family_day/2009/, or call Paul Fazio, associate dean for Student Services, at 724-938-4553.

Basketball Star Chose Teaching Over NBA

Editor's Note: Cal U will hold its 15th annual Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet Oct. 16 at the Performance Center. For reservations, contact Montean Dean at 724-938-4418. Throughout the fall, The Journal will profile each of the 2009 Hall of Fame inductees.

While he was a student at Cal U, star basketball player J. Patrick Hobart '68 was friendly with University presidents Michael Duda and George Roadman, as well as President John Watkins, then an English professor.

When Hobart returns to campus next month to receive the University's highest athletic honor, he hopes to meet current President Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr.

"California has always made tremendous choices with their presidents," said Hobart, who played for the Vulcans from 1963-1964 through 1966-1967.

"I don't know Dr. Armenti personally, but you can just see what he's done. I also read a quote from him in the newspaper saying he feels the athletic programs are 'the front porch of the university,' and I loved that quote. He's done a great job."

Hobart took a back seat to no one during his playing days. He averaged 21 points and 16 rebounds per game in 1966-1967, helping the Vulcans win the first of the program's PSAC-West titles.

The previous year Hobart averaged a whopping 18 rebounds and 16 points per game.

Hobart's 531-point single-season total in 1967 still ranks 14th in school history, and he finished with 1,109 career points. A two-time All-Conference selection, Hobart also earned All-State and All-American honors in 1967.

He was the first of just three men's basketball players in school history to score more than 1,000 points with more than 1,000 rebounds.

Considered a small man for the sport at 6-foot-2, Hobart played big for longtime head coach and 2003 Cal U Hall of Fame inductee Myles Witchey. He speaks highly of his collegiate coach, although the two

had their share of confrontations in the tumultuous 1960s,

"He was pretty strict, and things were different back then," said Hobart. "Coaches were not as liberal. He was a young man, I was just a kid, and we just did not see eye to eye at times."

"I don't hold anything against him now, because he's a good man and really started the winning tradition here. I was a free spirit, you could say, and would have been better off playing today."

Hobart earned his bachelor's degree in education from Cal U and did his student-teaching in 1968. He was selected by the Phoenix Suns in the 13th round of the NBA Draft but opted for a teaching career instead.

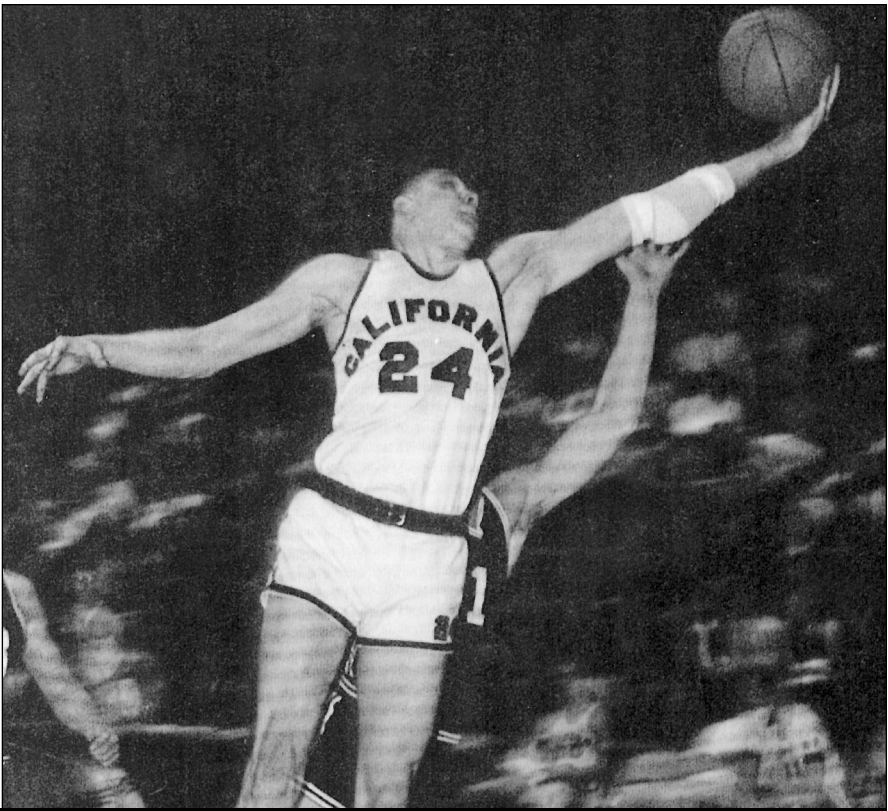
Hobart worked as a teacher and guidance counselor at Brentwood High School for 35 years before retiring in 2003. He earned a master's degree from Cal U in 1976 and his guidance certification from Duquesne University.

Hobart also was an assistant coach for two years and head coach for the Brentwood boys' basketball team for four years.

"I played for the same team my whole career," he said.

Originally from Homestead, Pa., Hobart now resides in Munhall, Pa. He is the father of three grown children — Cal alumnae Meghan '98 and Bridget '00, and Edinboro graduate Maureen.

Hobart's admiration for his collegiate alma mater is



A rebounding specialist despite being only 6'2" tall, Hall of Fame inductee Pat Hobart '68 helped the Vulcans win their first PSAC-West championship in 1967.

evident, and he even bought alumni bricks in Old Main Park for himself and his daughters.

"Hall of Fame or no Hall of Fame, I am loyal to California and a Vulcan for life," he said. "I had all the confidence in the world as an athlete, but the professors and administrators here taught me to learn and succeed in the classroom. Their encouragement made a man out of me, and I will never forget that."

"Without Cal U I probably would have been a steelworker in Homestead instead of doing what I loved."

Campus BRIEFS

Contemporary Chamber Quartet Offers Workshops, Concert

Cal U's Music Department welcomes the contemporary quartet Cordis for a performance 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Gallagher Recital Hall, Room 107. The free concert is open to the public.

During the day, Cordis will conduct a series of educational workshops for Cal U students in Gallagher Hall. For more information, call the Music Department at 724-938-4242.

For more than a decade, Cordis has been redefining contemporary chamber music by using custom-made and traditional ethnic instruments to create their signature sound. The ensemble is built



upon cello, concert cimbalom, piano and percussion. Also woven into each performance are one-of-a-kind creations such as electric mbiras, melodica and the world's longest playing cylinder-driven music box.

Brna Speaks at Conferences

Dr. Michael J. Brna recently co-presented at two national conferences.

In August, Brna joined Drs. Ann Ryan Bell and Cindy Rich to present at the National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE) national conference in Detroit. The theme of the conference was "Bridging Literacies: Critical Connections to a Digital World."

Brna is director of Cal U's Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources program. His colleagues represented TPS programs at the University of Northern Colorado and Eastern Illinois University, respectively. Their presentation, *Analyzing Digitized Primary Sources Through Critical*



Inquiry, focused on the similarities between NAMLE's inquiry model and the model used for teaching effectively with primary sources.

Brna also co-presented with Doris Malkmus, archivist/processing coordinator at Penn State University's Paterno Library. They spoke at the National Council for History Education's national conference, "Revolutions in History."

The presentation, *Industrial to Information Revolution: Collaborating to Preserve and Teach with Primary Sources*, focused on the preservation, archival and educational aspects of the digitized Donora Smog collection.

The collection was created in collaboration with the Donora Historical Society to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Donora Smog incident, when pollution from zinc plants in the river town killed 20 people.

Staff Convenes Sept. 23

University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. will host the 2009 Fall Staff Convocation at 2 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Performance Center of the Natali Student Center.

The Staff Convocation, held each semester, gives staff a chance to hear University news firsthand and to ask questions of the President.

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