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Retired Col. Patricia J. McDaniel '77, the first African-American woman to join the Army ROTC program at Cal U, recently returned to her alma mater and participated in many activities, including offering the keynote address at the inaugural Women's **History Month**

Groundbreaker Recalls ROTC Training

he first African-American woman to join the Army ROTC program at Cal U was invited back to campus recently to share her story as part of Women of Accomplishment: An Oral History Project.

Patricia J. McDaniel '77, a native of Pittsburgh who now lives in

Austin, Texas, is a retired colonel with more than 31 years of active and reserve service. She holds three master's degrees — in business administration, public administration and strategic studies — and a Juris Doctor degree.

The Cal U Women of Accomplishment project is an initiative of the Women's Center and the Teaching with Primary Sources Center for Oral History. The Office of Women's Studies is helping with the interview process, developing curriculum related to the project and coordinating student participation.

The goal is "to preserve their legacies, share their stories and inspire other women to pursue worthy and noble goals," said Nancy Skobel, Women's Center director.

"I would not be anywhere near where I am today without Cal U."

— Patricia J. McDaniel '77

McDaniel was the keynote speaker at the inaugural Women's History Month banquet, and she sat down in the CUTV studio for an interview with Dr. David Lonich that will be archived in a collection in Manderino Library. She also met with current ROTC members.

"I was honored to be asked to participate in this project, and I thought it would also be great to come back," McDaniel said. "I would not be anywhere near where I am today without Cal U."

McDaniel was commissioned in December 1977 into the Women's Army Corps with "permanent detail" to the Military Police Corps. Among her assignments were platoon leader, company commander and operations officer. She was appointed as a judge advocate and held positions including defense counsel, senior defense counsel, legal liaison officer and an executive officer in the Office of the Judge Advocate General.

She was mobilized for a year to serve as chief of the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service, where she supervised more than 300 judge advocates. Today, McDaniel is a

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Cal U Rolls Out Learning Management System

ver the next few months, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) will introduce a new Learning Management System across all 14 state-owned universities. At Cal U, that means that students and faculty no longer will need to learn two different software platforms in order to access important class information.

University Technology Services, in collaboration with Academic Affairs, has to announced that Desire2Learn will replace BlackBoard at Cal U, beginning with the summer session in June. It will take the place of eCollege at the start of the fall semester.

Becky Nichols, director of Applications and Academic Support, expects a smooth transition to the new web-based software.

"Users will notice a slightly different look to the page, but the concept remains the same," explained Nichols. "It will be much easier for everyone when we have one consistent approach across the entire campus."

The change to the Desire2Learn system will affect every academic offering at Cal U, including Global Online classes, web-based courses on the undergraduate and graduate levels, and traditional face-to-face courses.

UTech Services is creating empty "shells" that faculty will use to add course content, including syllabi, due dates for specific assignments, quizzes, links to outside reading material and so on. An email distribution list for the class will be available to help students and faculty connect, and discussion threads will enhance class collaboration.

Some new features with Desire2Learn include increased customization of the shells, rubrics, competencies and checklists.

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Pike Run Stocked for Annual Fishing Festival

California stream will be stocked with hundreds of trout for the 15th annual Pike Run Youth Fishing Festival, set for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Rotary Park, off Route 88 (Third Street) in California.

The free event is open to boys and girls age 15 and younger. Participants must bring their own fishing gear, and an adult must accompany children under 13.

The Pike Run Fishing Festival Committee, which for years has provided entertainment and food for the event, will stock the stream with nearly 800 rainbow, brook and golden trout, some as long as 21 inches. Young anglers and the public are encouraged to participate in the stocking of the stream during the early afternoon on Friday.

In addition, students from a Cal U parks and recreation class will hold a special fishing session from 3-7 p.m. Friday as a service-learning project

for physically challenged and special needs children

Registration for the fishing festival begins at 7 a.m. Saturday. The weigh-in will be held when fishing ends; prizes and trophies will be awarded immediately. Besides excellent fishing, participants can look forward to family-friendly games, raffles, fishing contests and many other activities during the festival.

"This annual event demonstrates the valuable contributions of our students make and positive impact they have on the California Borough and the surrounding area," said Dr. John Confer, an adviser for the festival who directs Cal's Parks and Recreation Management program.

"This is the largest and longest-running California area community recreational activity, and everyone involved in the event learns about environmental stewardship."

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The largest and longestrunning California area community recreational activity, the Pike Run Youth Fishing Festival, takes place for the 15th consecutive year this Saturday at Rotary Park.

Honors Program Co-hosts 'Intersections'

he Cal U Honors Program joined Robert Morris University as cohosts of the Intersections Undergraduate Research Conference, held Friday at RMU's Sewall Center, in Moon Township, Pa.

The event highlighted intersections between various academic disciplines, research and methodologies.

With the support of a Portz Grant from the National Collegiate Honors Council, the conference featured videoconferencing with honors programs at other institutions, such as Northern Kentucky University. Selected presentations were videotaped for an online archive.

Dr. Andrae Marak, interim director of Cal U's Honors Program, said the conference resulted from a yearlong collaboration with RMU.

"The purpose was to allow our students who are ready to take part in national and regional conferences to have something that sort of steps in before they go to these bigger-level conferences, so they can practice their craft, hone their skills and get more exposure," he said.

"We reached out to other area honors programs, and this was a sub-regional



Dr. Andrae Marak and the Cal U Honors Program collaborated with Robert Morris University to co-host the Intersections Undergraduate Research Conference. Next spring's conference will take place on the Cal U campus.

conference for southwestern Pennsylvania."

Cal U will host the Intersections conference next spring.

Marak emphasized that students play a major role in this event — and not only by presenting papers.

"This is not the equivalent of what happens at these national conferences, where it's a bunch of professors putting them on with the students not playing much of a role," he said. "Here the students play a central role in the whole process. They even choose which papers are used and then published afterwards. In that respect, it's a significant advantage over the bigger conferences."

More than 40 papers were presented, and Cal U students contributed the greatest number. Presenters included Jade Berkley, Jeanne DiNovis, Becca Geiger, Louis Hartz, Desiree Helterbran, Seamus Hutchens, Berajah Jayne, Amy Johnson, Anne Komacek, John Locke, Priscilla Lupo, Andrew Marra, Emily Martik, Vic Masciarelli, Chad Morrow, Eric Peccon, Justin Piper, Bridget Rogan, and Jennifer Wherry.

Dr. M.G. Aune, of the English Department, chaired a panel that focused on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the subject of an honors course at Cal U.

"Dr. Aune and other teachers focused on students producing original work and research in the honors classes we offer," Marak said. "From there they took their work and shared it. A great deal of what was presented came right from our curriculum."

Several students not enrolled in the Honors Program also presented, based on faculty recommendations.

Earth Day Activities Set Thursday

Paculty from the departments of Biological and Environmental Sciences, Earth Sciences, Elementary Education, Art and Design and Communication Studies are collaborating with students on a variety of activities to celebrate the 40th Earth Day on Thursday.

- Noon: composting demonstration and a sustainable smoothies booth, both outside Frich Hall
- 1 p.m.: Organic farming lecture, Frich 202
- 2 p.m.: compositing demonstration, wormbox composting demonstration and sustainable smoothies booth, all outside Frich Hall
- 2:45 p.m.: 40th birthday cake, outside Vulcan Theatre in the Natali Student Center
- 3 p.m.: Screening of the movie "No Impact Man" in Vulcan Theatre by the Cal U Eco Learning Community (raffle and door prizes afterward)
- 5 p.m.: On-campus sustainability campout outside Frich



Hall and Leave No Trace demonstrations by Venture Outdoors. Registration is required

• 6 p.m.: Earth Day graffiti mural painting at Jozart Studios, California,

• 8 p.m.: On-campus campout continues with acoustic blues band

In addition to these events, displays related to Earth Day will be set up throughout the Frich Hall lobby and outside along the sidewalk.

Members of the student chapter of The Wildlife Society will travel to The Wilds, a nonprofit conservation center in Ohio, on Saturday to plant trees and restore the habitat for free-ranging endangered species.

Students from local school districts may visit campus for Earth Day activities, as well.

For more information, contact Dr. Carol Bocetti at bocetti@calu.edu or 724-938-5967, or Dr. John Confer, at 724-938-4211 or confer@calu.edu.

Pike Run Festival Marks 15 Years

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Confer also praised fellow Cal U faculty member Dr. Harrison Pinckney for leading Friday's fishing session.

Festival co-sponsors include the Student Activities Board, the Department of Earth Sciences, and the Parks and Recreation program at California University, as well as the Cal U Eco Learning Community in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, California Rotary Club, Borough of California and the California Borough Recreation Authority.

For more information, contact Confer at 724-938-4211 or confer@calu.edu, or Zane Reinard, Pike Run Youth Fishing Festival program chair, at 814-573-1699 or rei4825@calu.edu. Interested participants can also visit the Pike Run Youth Fishing Festival website at http://workforce.calu.edu/confer/Projects/Pikerunfish.htm.

Parks and Recreation Program Wins Statewide Award

al U's Parks and Recreation
Management program and its
Parks and Recreation Society are
winners of a statewide award from the
Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society
(PRPS).

The program and club received the collegiate Excellence in Recreation Programming Award for their work with the annual Pike Run Youth Fishing Festival.

The award was presented at the 63rd annual PRPS conference, held last month

at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, Pa. Representing Cal U were Department of Earth Sciences faculty Drs. Tom Wickham, John Confer and Harrison Pinckney, along with a number of Cal students from the Parks and Recreation Management program.

Founded in 1935, PRPS is the principal organization promoting quality recreation and park opportunities for all Pennsylvania citizens

The popular fishing event started in 1996. Cal U was nominated for the award

by alumna Lisa Black '98, assistant recreation director for the Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission. During her undergraduate days, Black participated in the first several fishing festivals.

Students Joseph Unger and Jared Fencil were honored individually at the PRPS conference.

Unger, a sophomore from Somerset, and Fencil, a senior from Warrendale, received the Wayne C. Johnson Memorial Scholarship. A 1971 Cal U graduate, Johnson passed away in October 2008. A

Greensburg city councilman and the park maintenance and development coordinator for the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Commission, he received a Distinguished Member Award from the PRPS in 1994.

Through the generosity of his widow, Nancy, the scholarship covered expenses for both Unger and Fencil to attend the PRPS conference.

"Joseph and Jared are fine students and excellent recipients for this scholarship," Confer said.

New PASSHE Logo

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education has unveiled a new logo for use on its printed materials and website. Shippensburg University student Caitlin Wilson created the winning design, which was chosen from among more than 100 entries submitted by PASSHE students. Inspired by the sun, the new logo features the outline of the commonwealth and identifies the locations of the 14 PASSHE universities.



Academic Excellence Days This Week

o showcase the talents of faculty and students, the Faculty Professional Development Committee will present the fourth annual Academic Excellence Days this Tuesday and Wednesday. This year's Academic Excellence theme is "Enriching Professional Development through Collaboration."

A variety of activities designed to stimulate academic excellence will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day in the Performance Center. Dozens of faculty and student presentations will take place during the two-day event.

For more information and each day's schedule, contact the FPDC office at 724-938-4505 or e-mail fpdc@calu.edu.

Anthropology Undergrads Present Research



nthropology students from
Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned
universities will share research
results at the annual PASSHE
Undergraduate Anthropology Conference
this weekend at the Kara Alumni House.

The meeting was organized in 1990 to give anthropology majors an opportunity to learn how to conduct research and present their findings at a conference.

Anthropology professor Dr. John Nass said students present the results of research based on classroom projects, independent study and internships. Both posters and oral presentations are options.

Presentations can be made by individuals or teams of two or more students. Juniors and seniors are strongly encouraged to present either a research paper or a research poster at the conference.

The event prepares students to present their work at other conferences or annual meetings, such as the Mid-Atlantic Archaeology Conference, the Eastern States Archaeology Federation annual meeting, and the American Association of Physical Anthropologists.

At the conclusion of the PASSHE conference, attending faculty meet to select next year's host. Cal U last hosted the event four years ago.

"Hosting the event is a major investment of student and faculty time," said Nass, the faculty adviser to Cal U's Anthropology Club. "Students are responsible for organizing the program, chairing the different sessions, deciding on menus for the attendees and providing entertainment."

Faculty members help to arrange financing and obtain a guest lecturer for the conference.

Information about this year's conference can be found on the department and program websites at www.calu.edu. For more information, send e-mail to Nass at nass@calu.edu.

Game Features Alumni, New Players

al U's football team will conclude its spring drills Saturday by hosting the Black & Red Spring Game at Adamson Stadium's Hepner-Bailey Field.

Presented by the Pittsburgh Pirates and Washington Financial, the game will begin at 1 p.m.

As part of the partnership, Pirates' President Frank Coonelly will serve as the honorary coach at the Spring Game.

Before the game, the Vulcans will recognize Hall of Fame players Elmo Natali '53 and Sam Mannery '92 with an on-the-field ceremony.

At halftime, Cal U will introduce its new players for the 2010 season and announce the recipient of the DeMichela Award for leadership, spirit and hustle in spring practice.

This award is named after alumnus Michael DeMichela '76, an all-conference tight end who was the driving force behind the alumni game event that was contested for 30 years from 1979-2008.

After the game, spectators will be allowed to go onto the field for a photograph and autograph session with the players.

The traditional Spring Game "smoker" will be held after the game at Lagerheads in Coal Center at 5 p.m.

"With the NCAA interpretation last year eliminating (alumni participation in) the traditional alumni spring game, we tried to refocus and make this an event equal to that of the traditional game," said Cal U ninth-year head coach John Luckhardt

"With the Pirates and Washington Financial co-hosting the game, and Cal U recognizing two former greats, we feel this will bring attention to the game and make it an interesting event and a preview of the 2010 season," Luckhardt added.

Natali, who retired in 1991 as Cal U's vice president for student development and services, was the first player in school history to rush for more than 1,000 yards.

The only Cal football player to be selected in the NFL draft, he was a 10th-round pick by Cleveland in 1953. The renovated Student Center was renamed in his honor in 1992.

Mannery was a four-year starting quarterback for the Vulcans from 1987-1990. A 1988 All-American and the 1990 PSAC-West and ECAC Player of the Year, Mannery finished his career with 9,125 yards of total offense, which at the time was the second-highest total in NCAA Division II history. He still owns the school career records for total offense and passing yards (8,680).

The Vulcans, three-time defending NCAA Division II Regional champions, open the 2010 season at Saginaw Valley State (Mich.) on Sept. 4. Over the past three years, Cal U has compiled a 36-7 cumulative record with 20 consecutive divisional victories.

For more information on the April 24 Cal U football festivities, call Leslie Fleenor in Alumni Relations at 724-938-4418.



University Technology Services, in collaboration Academic Affairs, is pleased to announce will replace BlackBoard at Cal U, beginning with the summer session in June.



Learning System to Be Launched

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Support for Desire2Learn will be available around the clock for all users.

"Desire2Learn is a very good system," said Dr. John Cencich, interim dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research and the academic affairs representative for the new technology initiative. "Our goal is to smooth out the transition between the old and the new platforms, and minimize any

bumps along the way."

There's an added benefit to the switch, Cencich said. Since all schools in the PASSHE system will utilize Desire2Learn, there will be an increased opportunity for more collaboration between faculty at the 14 stateowned universities.

Training sessions will be offered through the Faculty Professional Development Center. Registration information and dates and times of training will be announced by e-mail.

Groundbreaker Recalls ROTC Training

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procurement attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"I found something — I found my own voice," McDaniel said about her experience in the ROTC program at Cal U. "Women were held back in so many ways at that time. But cadets were equal. They treated us all the same. We all had to run together.

"Everyone knew the Army wanted equal training for women, and that's what we got. It was my first opportunity of being treated as a full citizen."

"I think we take for granted the path of the women who came before us," Skobel said. "She eloquently told the history of women while intertwining her personal and professional story regarding the successes and obstacles that she endured."

Said Dr. Michael Brna, who directs the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources program at Cal U: "Without studying these archived perspectives, future generations of women at Cal U may not fully comprehend the path others have laid for them or how California University can positively impact their lives."

"It was an honor to have Col. McDaniel back on campus," said Robert Prah, the director of the Office of Veterans Affairs at Cal U. "She has set the bar high (for our cadets)."

Reflecting on her time at Cal U and the early years of her career, McDaniel said, "It was such a time of radical change. I didn't have that many expectations.

"Today, women have so many opportunities."

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

March 16, 2010 / 4:00 p.m., LRC Auditorium

MINUTES

The California University Forum met in regular session Tuesday, March 16, 2010, in the LRC Auditorium. Presiding Officer Hoover called the meeting order at 4:08 p.m.

The following senators were in

attendance: Ms. Jessica Bettilyon Dr. Jane Bonari Ms. Angela Burrows Mrs. Roberta Busha Dr. Leonard Colelli Ms. Jenna Dunmire Ms. Sharon Elkettani Ms. Fran Fayish Dr. Kevin Koury Dr. Tom Mueller Dr. John Nass Ms. Rebecca Nichols Dr. Nancy Pinardi Dr. Kimberly Woznack The following were also in

attendance: Mr. Douglas Hoover,

Presiding Officer Mr. Loring Prest, Parliamentarian Mrs. Dana Turcic, **Recording Secretary**

The following senators were absent:

Dr. Lenora Angelone

Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr.

Ms. Ashley Baird

Ms. Brittany Balaz Mr. Rick Bertagnolli

Dr. Bill Biddington

Mr. Richard Bolinger

Ms. Jackie Davis

Ms. Kay Dorrance

Ms. Rachel Fletcher

Dr. Joyce Hanley

Mr. Thomas Hasbrouck Ms. Geraldine Jones

Mr. Keith Kappel

Mr. Josh Mrosko Ms. Ashley Munoz-Briggs

Dr. Susan Ryan

Mr. Gary Seelye

Mr. Paul Sible

Mrs. Jenifer Sigado

Dr. Michael Slaven

Dr. Linda Toth

Dr. Tom Wickham

meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Dr. Brian Wood

Due to the lack of a quorum of Forum senators, Presiding Officer Hoover adjourned the

March 15, 2011

April 19, 2011

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

April 20, 2010, 4:00 p.m/LRC Auditorium

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2010

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

V. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Informational Only – Minutes of April 6, 2010)

VI. PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Miscellaneous Information Forum meeting dates 2010/2011:

September 7, 2010 December 7, 2010 October 5, 2010 January 25, 2011

November 2, 2010 February 15, 2011

B. Notice of Executive Committee Meeting: August 31, 2010 -

University Community Welcome

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS VIII. INTERPELLATION

MOTION: That the Forum extends its gratitude to the students who served on the Forum — Ashley Baird, Brittany Balaz, Jessica Bettilyon, Richard Bolinger, Jackie Davis, Kay Dorrance, Jenna Dunmire, Rachel Fletcher, Ashley Munoz-Briggs and Bryan Tolle — whose service to the

Forum will end with this meeting.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next FORUM Meeting September 7, 2010

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Week of Activities Highlights Fifth Annual Hip-hop Conference

ap star KRS-ONE will share his views on "Media, Film, Scholarship and the Global Impact of Hip-hop" during Cal U's fifth annual Hip-hop Conference. The weeklong event, today through Friday, features panel discussions, a student debate and the annual "4 Elements of Hip-Hop Tribute" at Jozart Studios in California

The conference is sponsored by the Student Activities Board, the Black Student Union, the Frederick Douglass Institute, the Office of the President, the Office of the Provost, the Office of Social Equity, the History Club, the Women's Studies program, and the deans of the colleges of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Services, and the Eberly College of Science and Technology.

2010 Hip-hop Conference Schedule and Speakers

6-7 p.m., Vulcan Theatre, inside the Natali Student Center

First viewing, award-winning PBS documentary New Muslim Cool, starring Puerto Rican-American Muslim hip-hop performer Hamza Pérez.

April 20

11 a.m., Duda Hall, Room 103

Presentation, "Bling-Bling: Financial Swagger vs. Conspicuous Consumption in the Hip-hop Generation," by Brian Willis, financial planner and author of Help I'm Drowning in Debt.

April 21

6 p.m., Eberly Hall, Room 225 Panel presentation, "The Alchemy of Hip-hop Aesthetics, Television and Pedagogy: Classroom Implementation of 'The Boondocks' and 'Chapelle's Show' to Explore Racial Discourse," with moderator Dr. Harrison Pinckney and panelists Dr. Derrick McKisick, Dr. William Boone, Brett Wilkinson and Cliff Coates.

April 22

11 a.m., Duda Hall, Room 103 Student debate, "Is Hip-hop Dying?," Cal U vs. Tidewater Community College, with students Aquene Zechneider, Robert Martin, Ronald Taylor Jr. and Seth O'Brien.

2 p.m., Duda Hall, Room 211 Presentation, "MLK vs Jay-Z: Rhetorical Thoughts, Strategies, & Rhythms of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Hip-hop Music," by the Rev. Earle J. Fisher, instructor of religion at Lemoyne-Owen College.

5 p.m., Jozart Studios, 333 Second St., California

4 Elements of Hip-hop Tribute, hip-hop performance featuring Invincible, a Detroit-based hip-hop artist and activist.

Panel, "Life on the Underground," with moderator Brett Wilkinson and panelists Invincible, Vic Stith, Cliff Coates and Gene

The art of hip-hop DJing, by DJ Aura. Breakdancing performances, starring "Dr. Edmonds' B-Boys."



Freestyle battle, by Cal U students. Graffiti art presentation, by Cal U art students.

April 23

1 p.m., Residence Hall D, multipurpose room

Presentation, "Young, Gifted and Black: The Hip-hop Generation and Academic Success," by Dr. David Canton, associate professor of history at Connecticut College.

2-3 p.m., Vulcan Theater Viewing, New Muslim Cool, featuring Hamza Pérez.

3-4 p.m., Vulcan Theater

Discussion with Hamza Pérez, with moderators Dr. Derrick McKisick and Jennifer Dawson.

6 p.m., Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre Keynote panel, "Media, Film, Scholarship and the Global Impact of Hiphop," with rapper KRS-ONE (a.k.a. Krist Parker), hip-hop pioneer and community activist Claude "Paradise" Gray, journalist Jeff Chang, and filmmaker Maori Karmael Holmes.

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