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FOOTBALL TEAM RAISES MORE THAN \$5,500 FOR VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

Instead of catching up on class work or just taking it easy on what would have been game day last Saturday, the Carnegie Mellon football team solicited local businesses and malls in efforts to collect monetary donations for victims and their families affected by the terrorist attack last week.

—The final count totaled \$5,535.05 after numerous individuals and businesses responded with generous contributions.

—"The coaching staff is very proud of the guys," Head Coach Rich Lackner said. "This was a great team effort. The guys wanted to do something in a positive way to help the victims of the terrorist attack and they did."

FIVE SCS STUDENTS WIN "SIEBEL SCHOLARS" AWARD

The School of Computer Science (SCS) has announced that five of its students have been named Siebel Scholars for 2002: **Deepayan Chakrabarti** (adviser: Christos Faloutsos), **Timothy Eck** (adviser: Randy Pausch), **John Langford** (advisers: Avrim Blum and Sebastian Thrun), **Gregory Steffan** (adviser: Todd Mowry) and **David Wilkinson** (advisers: Dimitrios Apostolopoulos and Yoky Matsuoka).

—The Siebel Scholars program was established at Carnegie Mellon and 10 other schools in the U. S. Carnegie Mellon received a \$2.5 million gift to recognize students who have distinguished themselves through academic achievement. Each student receives \$2,500 and his/her unit receives \$22,500 to help pay educational costs.

NEW "PRESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE" FORMED

A Carnegie Mellon Presidential Assessment Committee has been formed to gather information and perceptions of interested constituencies of the university—ranging from students and faculty to government and community leaders—and to prepare recommendations to assist the president and Board of Trustees in the university's continuing pursuit of excellence. The committee comprises Faculty Senate appointees Cliff Davidson, Joseph Kadane, Patrick Larkey, Joann Maier, Raj Reddy and Teddy Seidenfeld and trustee members Carol Brown, Henry Gailliot, Justin Johnson, Thomas McConomy, Kears Pollock and Charles Queenan Jr. Trustees were appointed by Erroll Davis Jr., Board of Trustees chairman.

—During September and October, committee members will interview individuals and small groups on campus to develop this assessment. If you are not contacted for an interview over the next two months and wish to be interviewed, contact either Kears Pollock at kearspollock@aol.com or Joseph Kadane at kadane@stat.cmu.edu.

MENINGITIS AND INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

Student Health Services, in conjunction with VACCESSHealth, will conduct a Meningitis and Influenza Immunization Outreach Program for all students, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2, Rangos I, University Center (UC). No appointment is necessary.

—The fees for the vaccines are \$80 (meningitis) and \$19 (influenza) and can be billed to the student's account. Free information is available at 1-877-4-VACCESS.

UPDATE ON PARKING POLICIES

Debra Hamlin, Parking Services coordinator, has sent the following message to the campus community: "During the year, we follow policies for lots with parking gates that protect the interests of permit holders and still make parking available outside normal working hours to people without permits.

—"To do this, all parking lots (except the East Campus Garage, Warner Hall, CFA) will be opened at 5 p.m. on weekdays, all day on weekends and on official holidays, when the university is closed." But they will not be open "during mid-semester breaks, when most employees still come to work, even though classes are not scheduled.

—"Campus parking meters are not enforced after 5 p.m. In addition, certain lots are enforced on a 24-hour a day, 7 day per week schedule."

NEWS BRIEFS

—The next scheduled blood drive is 9 a.m. to 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 26 in the Connan Room, UC.

—The Graduate School of Industrial Administration's (GSIA) Donald H. Jones Center for Entrepreneurship will start its fall Technology Commercialization course Monday, Oct. 1. This non-credit marketing course is designed for technologists and entrepreneurs who are, or will soon be,

involved with a startup company. Information: John DiRicco, diricco@andrew.cmu.edu or 412-268-7758.

PERSONAL MENTION

—**Kathleen M. Carley**, a professor in the Department of Social and Decision Sciences and director of the university's Center for Computational Analysis of Social and Organizational systems, has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Sociological Association's Sociology and Computers Section. The award committee said that Carley's work "has exemplified the use of computers to enhance our understanding of social life."

—Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has named **Kiron Skinner**, an assistant professor of history, political science and public policy, to the Defense Policy Board. The board is made up largely of private sector experts who advise the secretary of defense on defense policy issues.

—Chemistry Professor **Krzysztof Matyjaszewski** is the winner of both regional and national awards presented by the American Chemical Society (ACS). He will be honored by ACS with its Pittsburgh Award on Oct. 10. This summer Matyjaszewski also received the national ACS Award in Polymer Chemistry sponsored by ExxonMobil Chemical.

—**Marlene Behrmann**, an associate professor in Psychology, has received the American Psychological Association's Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contributions to Psychology in the area of behavioral and cognitive neuroscience.

—The university's Corporate and Foundation Relations office has announced the appointment of grantwriter **Peter Cohen** to its staff. Cohen comes from Harvard University where he was a senior writer and editor in the development office.

—**Tom Kerr**, associate professor of law and industrial administration, emeritus, has been named chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action Workers' Rights Committee. The committee's first meeting will be held Saturday, Sept. 29 in Pittsburgh at the U.S. Steelworkers Building.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

—**Friday, Sept. 21**: Make-up date for the 21st annual "Pretty Good Race." 4:30 p.m. The 5K course in Schenley Park is open to all persons in the SCS and SEI community, including grads, undergrads, staff, family, etc. For information about the race, see <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~prettygoodrace>

—**Thursday, Sept. 27**: The Chemical Engineering Department presents the 2001 Herbert Toor Chemical Industry Lecture. "Innovation Processes Provide Competitive Advantage in the Petroleum Industry." Alfredo M. Lopez, vice president of research and development, ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company. 4 - 5 p.m., Singleton Room, Roberts Engineering Hall. Information: www.cheme.cmu.edu/events/sept27.html

—**Thursday, Sept. 27**: Graduate Women's Gathering. 12.15 - 1.15 p.m., Rangos 2. Learn how to develop confidence, lead your academic life independently, feel secure and find your identity within your discipline. Register online at www.cmu.edu/adm/apaa/gpo/women/GWG.html



—**Friday Sept. 28:** The Morris H. DeGroot Memorial Lecture. Sir David Cox, University of Oxford. 4:15 p.m., McConomy Auditorium, UC. A reception follows in Rangos Ballroom 3, hosted by the Department of Statistics to honor the memory of its founding head, Morris H. DeGroot. The lecture is in conjunction with the workshop "Case Studies in Bayesian Statistics." Friday - Saturday, Sept 28 - 29. Information: www.stat.cmu.edu/bayesworkshop/

—**Monday, Oct. 1:** President Jared Cohon's Address to Staff. Noon, McConomy Auditorium, UC.

—**Monday, Oct. 1:** Graduate Student Professional Development Seminar. Learn how to take on leadership positions, enhance your interpersonal effectiveness and review how to establish supervisory or mentoring relationships. 6 - 8 p.m., Rangos 3. Register at www.cmu.edu/adm/apaa/gpo/graduates/PD.html

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