

Students Attend National Student-Athlete Leadership Conference

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Student Athletics Advisory Committee co-presidents Coury Clemens '07 and Cory Edgmon '06 represented CMS at the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Regional Leadership Conference, *Connecting the Rhythms of*



Clemens and Edgmon

Leadership, in Dallas. Accompanied by men's basketball coach Ken Scalmanini, they joined 250 student-athletes from across the nation to address topics including diversity and inclusion, best practices, sports wagering, and campus integration.

As SAAC co-presidents, Clemens and

Edgmon serve as liaisons between team members, coaches, and administrators, and voice student input on upcoming NCAA legislative decisions. This involvement sets the College's program apart, Clemens and Edgmon discovered at the conference. "Because people at CMS know the importance of the end goals of SAAC community service and meetings, they are willing to donate their time," says Edgmon. "Being a student comes first for athletes here, and involvement is part of that."

Seamus Heaney Set for Commencement Address, May 13

Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney will present the address at the College's fifty-ninth annual commencement ceremonies.

Awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1995, Heaney's most recent publications include a translation of *Beowulf* (2000), and a collection of poems, *Electric Light* (2001). Heaney also has translated *The Burial at Thebes—a Version of Sophocles' Antigone* (November 2004, Farrar, Straus and Giroux). His newest collection of poetry, *District and Circle*, will be published by FSG in May, the 40th anniversary of his first collection, *Death of a Naturalist*.

Ceremonies are set for Saturday, May 13.

Joint Science Awarded NSF Grant

The Joint Science Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$488,711 from the National Science Foundation for work aimed at increasing the number of science graduates via interdisciplinary teaching and research. The four-year grant, *Increasing Science Graduates Through Interdisciplinary Teaching and Research*, will be under the direction of Newton H. Copp, professor of biology and department chair; Gretchen Edwalds-Gilbert, associate professor of biology; Kathleen Purvis-Roberts, assistant professor of chemistry; Kersey A. Black, professor of





Now, to pry into roots, to finger slime,
To stare, big-eyed Narcissus, into some spring
Is beneath all adult dignity. I rhyme
To see myself, to set the darkness echoing.

SEAMUS HEANEY, *Personal Helicon*

chemistry; Scot A. Gould, professor of physics; and Donald McFarlane, associate professor of biology.

Purvis says many students who pursue majors in physics, chemistry, or biology generally are not mindful of the links existing between the three sciences. "Our hope is that very early on, through an integrated course, students will come to see how all three disciplines fit together," she says.

William R. Lowery Appointed Vice President

William R. Lowery, Ph.D., has been appointed vice president for development and external relations, joining the college Feb. 1.

Lowery brings to CMC a distinguished 35-year career in higher education and advancement. A former partner in the Washington, D.C., office of the international fundraising consulting firm Bentz Whaley Flessner, he has guided more than 20 colleges and universities through major campaigns and fund-raising strategy development. He is particularly knowledgeable in the areas of advancement planning, annual giving, major gift program development, and campaign implementation.

This appointment marks a return to The Claremont Colleges for Lowery, who began his career in 1967 as assistant professor of English at Pomona

College, later serving as director of development and director of annual giving at Pomona. He was also dean of admission and associate professor of English at Pitzer College, and subsequently served as vice president for development and public affairs at Lake Forest College, vice president for external relations



at Carleton College, and dean for college advancement at his alma mater, Wabash College. Lowery is widely respected

throughout the higher education advancement community, having served on many commissions, committees, and task forces of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), as well as a member of its board of trustees from 1991-1994. He has taught more than 3,000 advancement professionals through CASE educational seminars and programs, received its Steuben Apple for excellence in teaching, and was founding chair of its Commission on Philanthropy.

He is a graduate of Wabash College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and received a Ph.D. in English from Northwestern University.



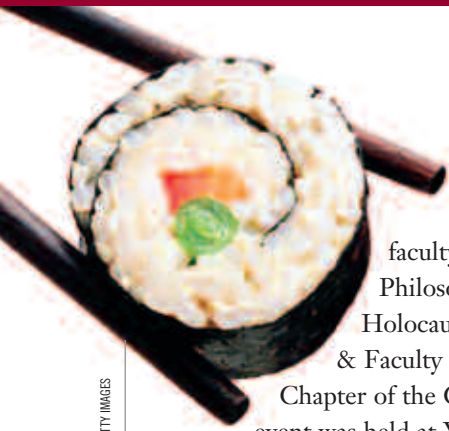
Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai, founder of the Green Belt Movement, will speak at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum on April 26. Maathai, recipient of the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize, is an elected member of the Kenyan parliament and assistant minister for the environment and natural resources.

Athenaeum
April 26

CMCAA is hosting an exclusive visit to the Getty Villa, March 19, for alumni and their guests. The Villa is an educational center and museum dedicated to the study of the arts and cultures of ancient Greece, Rome, and Etruria.



CMCAA March 19



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Alumni and Faculty Reunite in Hollywood

“There’s something about a party that attracts the CMC faculty,” said John Roth, the Edward J. Sexton Professor of Philosophy and director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, ushering in the Alumni & Faculty Cocktail Party, hosted Sept. 10 by the Los Angeles

Chapter of the Claremont McKenna College Alumni Association. The event was held at Yamashiro restaurant, high in the Hollywood Hills. More than 200 guests, including more than 40 faculty members, came together to catch up, relive memories, sing along with Ward Elliott, the Burnet C. Wohlford Professor of American Political Institutions, and consume several thousand pieces of sushi displayed in sumptuous formations. The event was organized by chapter co-presidents Laura Simón and Steve Tao, Michael “Woody” Zellner, and Paulette Geragos, all Class of 1985, Laura Grisolano ’86, Paul Ireland ’05, and David Murphy ’04. Event benefactors included Zellner and his employer, Sony Corporation, Jeff Klein ’75 P’08, and Trustee Harry McMahan ’75 P’08 P’09.

Reconnecting alumni and faculty was the event’s central theme. “The CMC faculty is so special,” said Paul Schulz ’85. That’s why you have such a strong bond with professors you haven’t seen in twenty or thirty years. That bond is really unique.” It’s so unique that after the keynote presentation and a toast from Darrell Smith ’74 P’00, everyone sang along loudly with Elliott, who sang and chimed in with percussion and instrumentals to maintain the flow of the music—in this case, “Happy Together.”

“The evening was fabulous testimony to the rapport of CMC students and faculty,” says Simón. “We’re especially grateful to the organizing committee, whose more than six months’ work resulted in a very special evening.”

Roth, who represented the faculty on the organizing committee, said, “I am confident that everyone there went away feeling proud and pleased to be part of the CMC family. Never in my experience has there been a better CMC event—period.”



Los Angeles chapter co-presidents Laura Simón and Steve Tao, both Class of 1985, and CMC president-elect Laura Grisolano ’86.



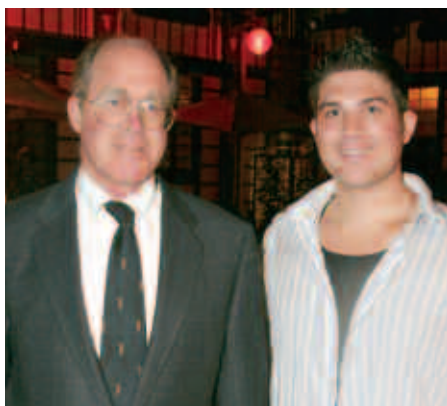
Faculty Member: Robert Faggen, Barton Evans and H. Andrea Neves Professor of Literature

Student: Enrique Alvarado ’03

What’s your favorite memory of this professor? I took an English seminar from Dr. Faggen, and I was very afraid because everyone had told me how strict he was. The first day, he gave the most memorable lecture I had in four years at CMC. When we were starting the Book of Job, I asked Professor Faggen why he thought God punished Job. He looked at me, looked at the entire class, and said: “Enrique, you want me to tell you what God was thinking? I’m arrogant, but I’m not that arrogant.”

What’s your favorite memory of this student? I remember Enrique asking very challenging questions about the nature of metaphor. He would also ask very challenging, almost impossible, metaphysical questions.

How did what they taught you affect what you’re doing now? I think the precision he wanted in writing was the thing that helped me the most.



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Faculty Member: Ward Elliott, Burnet C. Wohlford Professor of American Political Institutions

Signature Song: Teen Angel

Student: Sean Telles ’02, Pellerin Multimedia Inc.

Signature Song: Steal My Kisses

What’s your favorite memory of this professor? Singing together, of course.

What’s your favorite memory of this student? Singing together, of course.

How did what they taught you affect what you’re doing now? Is “be yourself” too cheesy?

How about “To thine own self be true”?

Faculty Member: Marc Massoud P'89, Robert A. Day Distinguished Professor of Accounting

Students: Gisele Baykal '01, post-production media; Kheder Baykal '99, Countrywide Financial

What's your favorite memory of this professor? Kheder: He was able to emphasize practicality. I hire a lot of people, and the number one thing I look for is people who understand the real world—people who can apply practical ideas and not just theory. That's something I really learned in Dr. Massoud's classes."

What's your favorite memory of these students? Both of them were very highly motivated and able to exceed expectations.



How did what they taught you affect what you're doing now? Gisele: I worked for four years as a consultant at Deloitte, where you really have to understand business and finance for real-world companies. When we were recruiting, we also used what we learned in Dr. Massoud's classes. He introduced us to a lot of companies we wouldn't have known about otherwise. Coming out of his classes, we were really prepared for the real world. We really understood business. He's also great for networking."



EVAN AGOSTINI/GETTY IMAGES ENTERTAINMENT

Salman Rushdie, one of the most successful, controversial, and celebrated novelists of his generation, will speak at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum on March 2. While on campus, he will also meet with students, including Professor Robert Faggen's short story class.

His novels have won critical acclaim and widespread commercial success, while his ideas have stimulated, galvanized, and provoked.

Rushdie is the author of such well-known books as *Midnight's Children* and *The Satanic Verses*, deemed sacrilegious by Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, who issued a *fatwa* against Rushdie in 1989. Rushdie went on to produce some of his most compelling work, including *The Moor's Last Sigh* and *The Ground Beneath Her Feet*,

while the death sentence was still in place. His most recent book is *Step Across This Line: Collected Non-Fiction, 1992-2002*, which contains a collection of articles. In most of his works, Rushdie draws on his unique upbringing and personal history to make bold statements about modern life.

In 2004, Rushdie was named the president of The PEN American Center, the largest branch of PEN International, the world's oldest human rights organization and the oldest international literary organization. As president, he will continue to work to dispel national, ethnic, and racial hatreds; and to advance literature, defend free expression, and foster international literary fellowship.

Rushdie's new novel, *Shalimar the Clown*, was released in the fall of 2005 to widespread acclaim. He is the winner of numerous international literary prizes and awards, including the Man Booker, the "Booker of Bookers" Award for the best novel to win the Booker Prize in its first 25 years, the Whitbread Prize for Best Novel, the *Prix du Meilleur Livre Étranger*, the Budapest Grand Prize for Literature, the Mantova Prize in Italy, the Austrian State Prize for European Literature, and the London International Writers' Award.

Food for Thought

From fine dining at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum to dropping in at Collins Dining Hall, CMC places emphasis on beautifully prepared food served in a welcoming environment.

Breaking bread with friends, colleagues, and mentors is essential to CMC's dynamic and collegial atmosphere, according to Class of 2005 President Jacqueline Dadakis. In her commencement address in May, Dadakis said, "One reason I think of CMC as home is that we are a very tight-knit family. Going beyond institutional requirements, the faculty members are surrogate parents, grandparents, and friends. At how many Athenaeum dinners have you sat and talked socially with a professor? This extra attention and extra care encouraged our development into whole human beings."



DAVID JOHNSTON

"Every great college has traditions," says Adam Bradley, assistant professor of literature. **"Dinner at the Ath is ours. It's about hearing nationally-known speakers, but it's also about striking up conversations at your very own table. It's about the particular blend of formal and familiar, but it's also about the dessert! I'm serious; you can learn a lot about someone over the right chocolate mousse."**

 **WEBSCLUSIVE** Read more about how on-campus dining contributes to the College community at: <http://www.claremontmckenna.edu/news/cmcmagazine/2006spring/>

Faculty Bookshelf

Andrew Busch, professor of government, wrote *Reagan's Victory: The Presidential Election of 1980 and the Rise of the Right* (University Press of Kansas, 2005), a political history detailing Ronald Reagan's 1980 defeat of President Jimmy Carter. The book describes how the election marked a turning point in American presidential history and realigned the demographics of party affiliation.

Roderic Ai Camp, the Phillip M. McKenna Professor of the Pacific Rim, examines *Mexico's Military on the Democratic Stage* (Praeger and the Center for Strategic and International

interrogations, false confessions, lie detection, insanity, jury decision-making, recovered memories, child custody, sexual harassment, prisons, and the death penalty.

How did paranoia come to the center of modern moral and intellectual consciousness? In *Paranoia and Modernity: Cervantes to Rousseau* (Cornell University Press, 2005), John Farrell, professor of literature, brings literary criticism, psychology, and intellectual history to the attempt at an answer, demonstrating the connection between paranoia and the history of struggles over the extent to which we are responsible for our actions.

Susan E. Murphy, associate professor of psychology and associate director of the Kravis

decided cases during his 20-year Supreme Court tenure and reveals Scalia's understanding of key issues including the separation of powers and federalism.

John K. Roth, the Edward J. Sexton Professor of Philosophy and director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, wrote the forward to *Life In The Ghettos During The Holocaust* (Syracuse University Press, 2005). The collection of essays by Holocaust survivors and renowned scholars focuses on Jewish daily life and governance before the concentration camps, including the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, religious life, housing, death, smuggling, and art. Roth also has edited a revised version of *Ethics* (Salem Press, revised edition, 2005), including more than 200 new



Studies, 2005). The comprehensive study details the history, evolution, and changing relationship between the armed forces and civilian leadership in Mexico in the second half of the 20th century.

Psychology Applied to Law (Wadsworth Publishing, 2004), by Mark Costanzo, professor of psychology, offers an introduction to the field of psychology and law. Drawing on research in social, cognitive, clinical, and developmental psychology, Costanzo shows how psychology can be used to enhance the gathering of evidence, improve legal decision-making, and promote justice. Topics covered include eyewitness identification, profiling, police

Leadership Institute, wrote *Power Mentoring: How Successful Mentors and Protégés Get the Most Out of Their Relationships* (Jossey-Bass, 2005). Coauthored with Ellen A. Ensher, the book details how to create or improve mentoring relationships, and to develop a power mentoring network across a range of organizations and industries.

In *Antonin Scalia's Jurisprudence: Text and Tradition* (University Press of Kansas, 2006), Ralph A. Rossum, the Salvatori Professor of Political Philosophy and American Constitutionalism and director of the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, analyzes how Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia has

entries on topics of recent interest; *Genocide and Human Rights: A Philosophical Guide* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2005), in which an international group of 25 contemporary philosophers demonstrate how philosophy can and should respond to genocide, particularly in ways that defend human rights; and, with Jonathan Petropoulos, the John V. Croul Professor of European History and associate director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, *Gray Zones: Ambiguity and Compromise in the Holocaust and its Aftermath* (Berghahn Books, 2005), a compilation of papers from the Center's February 2004 conference.