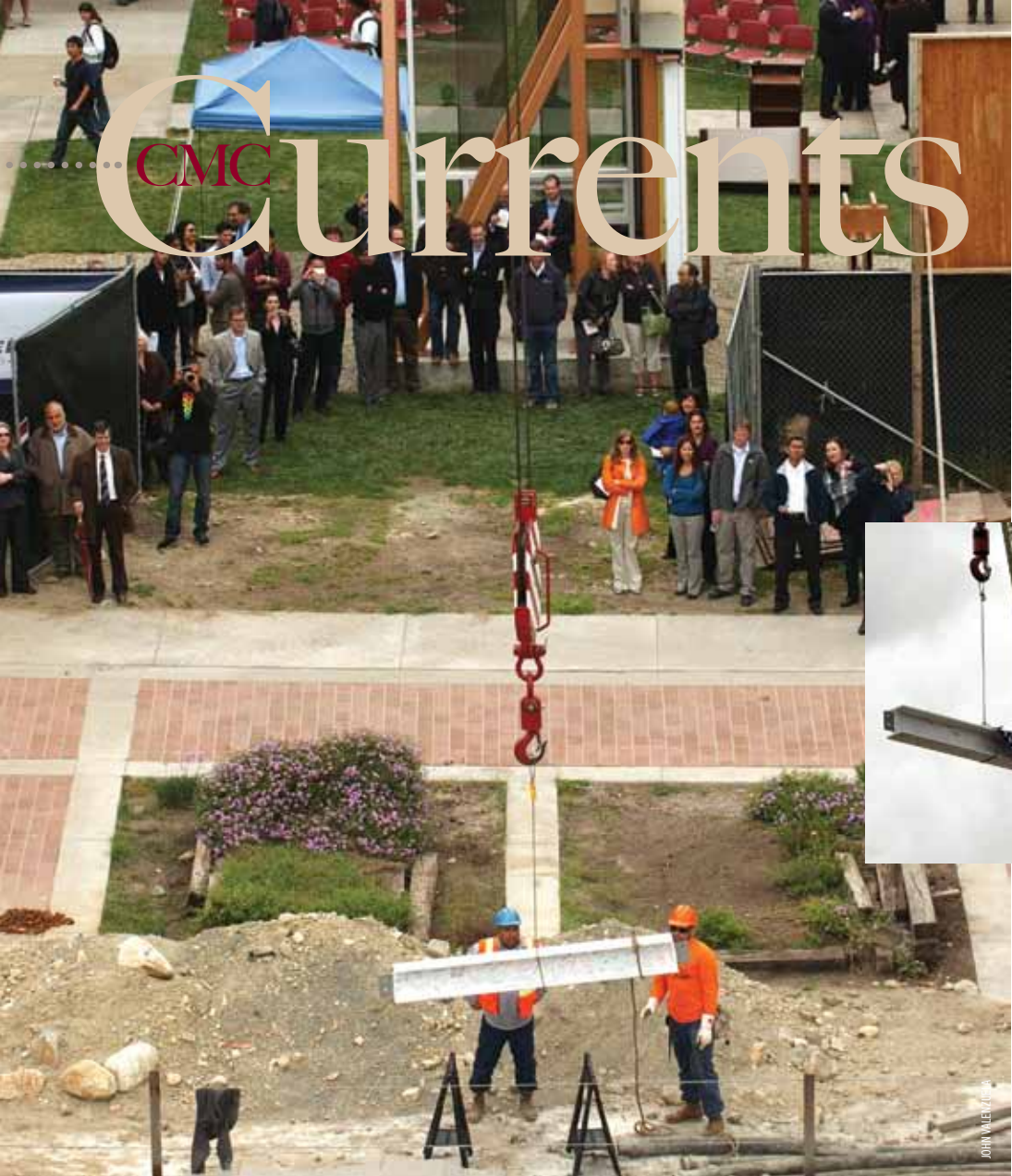


CMC Currents



Kravis Center Topped Out

THE CMC COMMUNITY GATHERED March 31 for the Kravis Center topping out celebration, a tradition among ironworkers to signal the final piece of steel being hoisted into place on a building and a construction project having reached its maximum height. The ceremony included remarks from President Gann and Guy Grenon, supervisor for Bernards Construction.

The Kravis Center, scheduled for completion in spring 2011, was designed by renowned architect Rafael Viñoly (Rafael Viñoly Architects PC) and funded by a landmark gift from The Marie-Josée and Henry R. Kravis Foundation.

For more on the Center, including sketches, drawings, and other images, visit: https://www.cmc.edu/construction/projects_current.php. Or keep pace with the building's progress in real time via project Web cams, which refresh construction snapshots every five minutes: <https://www.cmc.edu/construction/webcams.php>.

As part of the milestone festivities, an American flag and a small evergreen tree—a symbol in the construction field of strength and progress—were attached to the final iron beam. The beam, painted white, was signed by students, faculty, staff, iron workers, donors, trustees, Mr. Kravis, and Mr. Viñoly.

Eight CMC Students Named Fulbright Scholars

The Fulbright Program was established by Congress in 1946 to increase understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchange. Each year, 900 grants are awarded for projects in over 140 countries worldwide. CMC congratulates its 2010 award-winners:

Amber Ariate '10, from Tucson, Ariz., will conduct research in the Philippines, analyzing how remittances from overseas workers can promote community development.

Hailing from Portland, Ore., **Rebekah Binns '10** will teach, continue her study of Arabic language, and volunteer with literacy programs in Jordan.

Courtney Dern '10, of Evergreen, Colo., awarded one of two teaching fellowships in Norway, will teach, volunteer, and conduct research on Norway's early childcare system and its influences on the Norwegian workforce.

Francesca Ioffreda '10, an international relations and economics major from Arlington, Va., will research economic development in Colombia, focusing on Colombia's urban cash transfer program.

Phoenix native **David Nahmias '10** was awarded a Binational Business Fulbright to acquire professional experience with a Mexican company or non-governmental

organization and to enroll in graduate courses at a university in Mexico.

Gambier, Ohio, native **Camille Sheffield '10** will teach and work with students to create an oral history of their community in Venezuela.

Max Sterling '10, of Naperville, Ill., will teach and coordinate creative writing workshops in Argentina.

Katie Walker '10, an international relations major from Bakersfield, will study ethnic relations in Estonia.

Gary Bisantz '56 and family at the dedication of the Bisantz Family Tennis Center.



Debaters Win National Title

What better way to end an extraordinary partnership than by outdoing 123 of the country's best debate teams to win the U.S. national debate title? That's how the year came to a close for Charles Sprague '10 and Jesse Blumenthal '11, the undefeated duo who overcame undergraduate and graduate students from Stanford and Yale in the grand final debate to win the U.S. Universities National Championship in April at the University of Denver.

In their final debate, Sprague and Blumenthal were asked to defend the proposition that terrorist suspects should be tried in U.S. civilian courts.

The two joined forces after Blumenthal returned from a fall semester in the Washington Program. Competing throughout the United States this spring, they won every invitational debate tournament they attended, says coach John Meany, director of The Claremont Colleges Debate Union, including the largest events on the East and West coasts.

"Their success this semester was extraordinary," Meany says. "It is matched by only a few of more than 100 award-winning Claremont debate teams in the past 20 years. It is quite remarkable for a debate team to win more than one major event in a year."

This was the third year that Sprague placed in the top 10 at the national championship. He finished second in 2008 and ninth in 2009. Blumenthal also was a previous winner at the tournament, finishing 10th in 2008.

"Debate has been a transformative experience," Sprague says. "I have had the opportunity to travel to China, Turkey, Thailand, Ireland, Canada, the United Kingdom, and throughout the United States to compete against undergrads and graduate students from the best universities in the world. It has tremendously improved my critical thinking and public speaking skills. Participating at these events has been one of the most enriching experiences I've had during my time at CMC."

Bisantz Family Tennis Center Wins City Design Award

The Bisantz Family Tennis Center has received an Excellence in Design Award from the Claremont Architectural Commission, in the category of New Construction and Sustainable Landscaping.

The Excellence in Design Award is part of a program established by the Claremont Architectural Commission in 1980 to recognize and encourage high quality design projects by publicly recognizing completed projects that best exhibit the standards of design excellence.

Joanne Jo, assistant planner for the city of Claremont, says the Bisantz Center was selected based on the quality of construction and careful site configuration. Specifically, commissioners were impressed with the way CMC handled the removal of existing oak trees on the premises: the number of trees before and after the project didn't change. Commissioners also noted the College's attention to landscaping, a combination of water-efficient native plants and drought-tolerant varieties, Jo says.

The Center also won the 2009 Outdoor Tennis Facility of the Year Award from the American Sports Builders Association.

Mock Trial Team Earns Honors

CMC's Mock Trial team finished in the top 20 of their division in the American Mock Trial National Championship, April 16-18 in Memphis, Tenn. "Our members put forth amazing performances," says Abhi Nemani '10, recipient of two All-American attorney awards with perfect 20 ranks on the Prosecution, and 17 ranks on the Defense. Teammate Dani Spencer '12 received an All-American witness award for playing a Russian movie star, with 17 ranks on the Defense, and CMC received its second consecutive honorable mention for the Spirit of AMTA Award, which, says Nemani, recognizes sportsmanship and friendliness.



Nirant Gupta '11 Awarded a 2010 Truman Scholarship

TRUMAN SCHOLAR NIRANT GUPTA '11, recipient of up to \$30,000 for graduate study from the Truman Foundation, joins a select group of CMC students (nine in the past 20 years) who also have won the award.

Gupta plans to pursue a joint J.D./M.P.H degree en route to becoming a public health policy maker. While the scholarship will help pay for school, Gupta also notes other benefits: "The Truman, above and beyond the money and the prestige, is about a group of people who are going to go change the world," he says. "I'll be connected to some of the most dedicated, intelligent young public servants in the nation. The network, rather than the money, is the real prize here."

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According to John J. Pitney Jr., the Crocker Professor of Politics and the College's Truman Scholarship faculty representative, the Foundation received 576 nominations from 245 colleges and universities. On the basis of written application materials, the Foundation whittled that number down to 176 finalists from 122 different

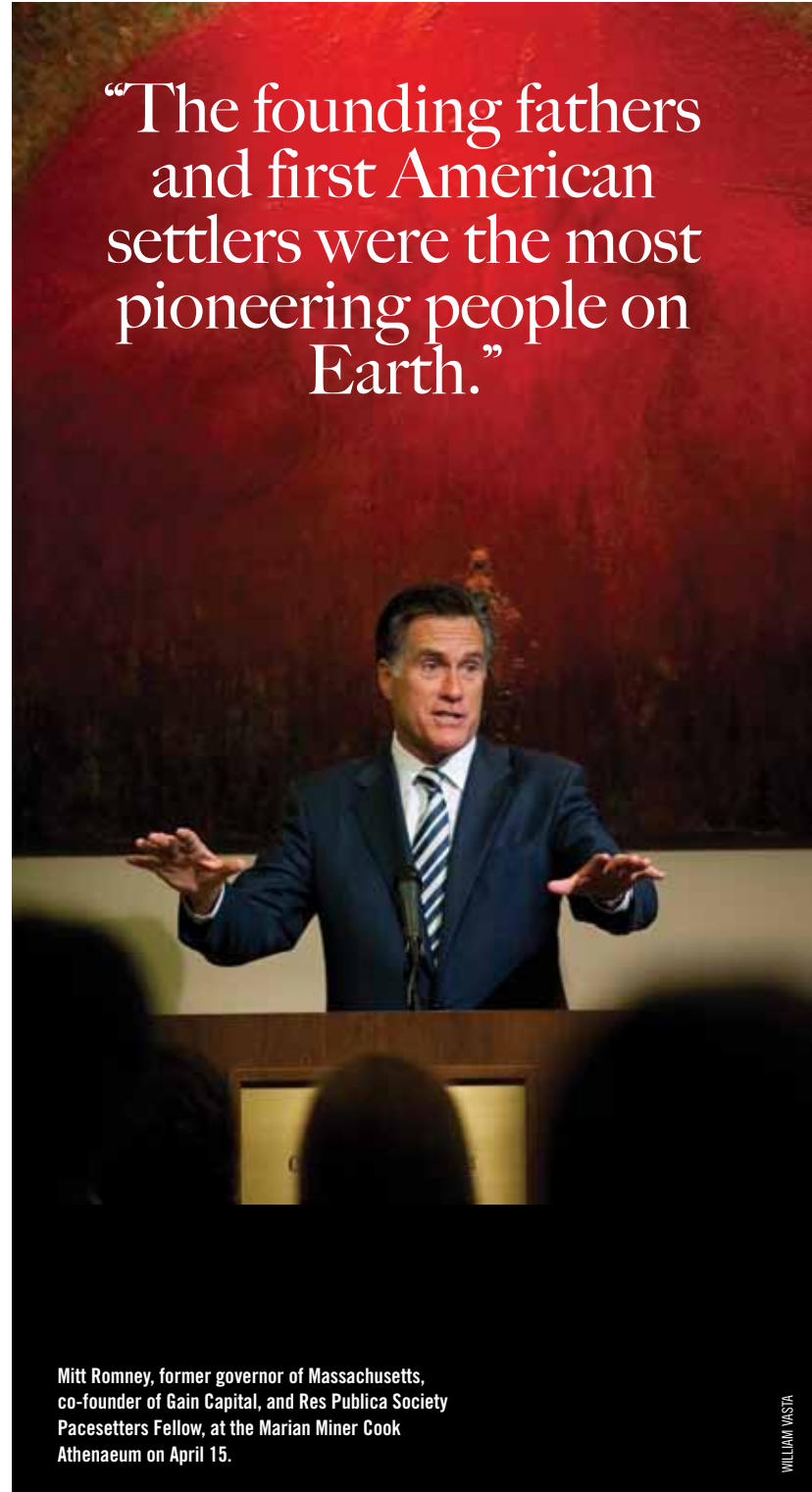
institutions who were then interviewed by regional panels. Of those finalists, 60 became Truman Scholars.

"Like other successful Truman nominees, Nirant had a very distinct cause: fighting obesity among children," Pitney says. "He could scarcely have chosen a more timely issue, which the president mentioned in his State of the Union address.

"Further," Pitney adds, "Nirant has put his passion into action. Thanks to his work as a community service coordinator, many people have benefited from health screenings. His winter internship at the USDA's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion was brief but extremely productive."

Pitney says that even as a political activist, Gupta has kept extraordinarily focused. He chaired the Platform Committee of the California Young Democrats, whose 2009-2011 platform includes support for nutrition and physical education programs that combat the problem of childhood obesity.

Gupta is dual majoring in government and economics with a considerable amount of time spent studying psychology. "I think," he says, "adequate public policy lies at the intersection of these three fields: understanding the economics behind a policy, the politics and laws surrounding it, and the psychological tools used to 'nudge' Americans towards more favorable outcomes."



"The founding fathers and first American settlers were the most pioneering people on Earth."

Mitt Romney, former governor of Massachusetts, co-founder of Gain Capital, and Res Publica Society Pacesetters Fellow, at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum on April 15.

WILLIAM VASTA

Honorary Degree Awarded to Dr. Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah '78 P'10

His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah '78 P'10, the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kuwait, was presented with an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws during a visit to CMC on May 3. Awarded by the CMC Board of Trustees, President Pamela B. Gann, and Vice President and Dean of the Faculty Gregory D. Hess, the honorary degree recognizes His Excellency's contributions and achievements in public service, and for promoting mutual cooperation and diplomacy.

His Excellency is the father of Duaij Mohammed Al-Sabah '10.

His Excellency was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2003, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2005. Prior to these positions, he was the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs from 2001-2003, and he served as the Ambassador of Kuwait to the United States from 1993-2001.

In addition to his senior governmental positions, His Excellency has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development since 2003. The Kuwait Fund, founded in 1961, has more than \$15 billion in total assets, and the object of the Fund is to assist Arab and other developing countries in developing their economies. He was a founding member of the Kuwait America Foundation, a Washington, D.C.-based charitable organization. Its mission is to express gratitude for American sacrifice and strengthen ties among the peoples of the two countries.



His Excellency reunited with Professor Emeritus Jerry Eyrich while on campus.

WILLIAM VASTA



Happy Student and ASCMC president Tammy Phan '11 celebrates with friends prior to Monte Carlo Night.

WILLIAM VASTA

CMC Ranked Happiest College by *The Daily Beast*

When it comes to happy colleges, CMC tops the list, according to *The Daily Beast's* April ranking of the nation's 100 Happiest Colleges. At No. 1 was Claremont McKenna College, which earned an A+ for campus dining and an A for housing.

Were CMC students surprised that their college ranked first—ahead of Harvard (2nd), Stanford (7th), and Yale (9th)?

Nope. They say it confirms what they've known all along. "No one's surprised that *The Daily Beast* has ranked us as the Happiest College in America," says ASCMC president Tammy Phan '11. "From freshmen 'ponding' their friends on their birthdays to seniors bonding during thesis all-nighters in Poppa Lab, it's true: We are the happiest college in America."

CMC Bridge Team Qualifies for ACBL National Collegiate Tournament

In the middle of February, four CMC seniors beat the Princeton, NYU, and Dartmouth bridge teams to advance to the two-day final of the American Contract Bridge League's National Collegiate Tournament, scheduled for July 24-25 in New Orleans.

In hands played online, Raghav Dhawan, Matthew Meyer, Nik Miller, and Ryan Wessels blanked Princeton (20-0) and New York University (20-0), and allowed Dartmouth just one point (19-1). The ACBL Tournament will feature live, face-to-face play: a round-robin between eight teams, with the top four advancing to the semifinals and, eventually, the final.

Trumping the other qualifiers in New Orleans would be big, but in no way easy. The elite company will include Harvard, Yale, Stanford, and the University of Pennsylvania. "I'm not sure how we stack up," Miller says. "But we'll continue our training and practice, and are excited to see how we will do."





CMC Makes Princeton Review’s “Guide to Green Colleges”

Last fall Collins Dining Hall eliminated food trays, cutting back on both the amount of food waste produced and the amount of water used (by not having to wash them).

ACADEMIC FIT, QUALITY OF LIFE, and now “green fit.” A new guide released by Princeton Review (in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council) profiles the nation’s most environmentally responsible colleges and universities, of which CMC is one. The guide uses a numerical score from 60–99 that is based on several data points to evaluate each institution; CMC scored a 93.

What makes a school green? According to Robert Franek, senior vice president and publisher, at least three things: a campus that is healthy and sustainable (this could mean anything from locally grown food at the dining hall to transportation alternatives for students and organically maintained landscaping); a college that is preparing students for the emerging green economy (such as offering academic degrees in green subjects and green research opportunities, and helping grads find jobs in the green market); and a college that is taking action to reduce its carbon footprint through such measures as the construction of new, green buildings, the use of renewable energy resources, recycling and conservation programs, and formal committees dedicated to sustainability.

CMC has taken a number of steps toward

greener living, through policies and programs on campus:

- In 2007, the College joined a national higher education initiative to address global warming. The American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, signed by President Pamela Gann, is a dual pledge to achieve climate neutrality on campuses and to support the capability of society to do the same.
- The same year, the College’s Board of Trustees adopted a policy to design, build, and pursue certification of all new buildings at a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) “Silver” level or higher.

In daily life, students continue to collaborate with faculty at the Roberts Environmental Center on the Pacific Sustainability Index, rating the environmental and sustainability reports of the world’s largest corporations, to borrow bicycles from the College as an alternative to driving, and to enjoy Collins Dining Hall’s locally grown, organic foods.



Faculty Bookshelf

William Ascher, the Donald C. McKenna Professor of Government and Economics, has written *Bringing in the Future: Strategies for Farsightedness and Sustainability in Developing Countries* (University of Chicago Press, 2009) and co-written *Knowledge and Environmental Policy: Re-Imagining the Boundaries of Science and Politics* (MIT Press, 2010), which examines the incorporation of formal science and other important types of knowledge (including local knowledge and public sentiment) into the environmental policymaking process. The book's analysis is designed to be valuable both to scientists who want to make their work more accessible and useful to environmental policy and to policymakers who want their decisions to be informed by science but have had difficulty finding scientific knowledge that is useful or timely. Ascher also has co-edited *Physical Infrastructure Development: Balancing the Growth, Equity, and Environmental Imperatives* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), to which he contributed one single-authored chapter and two co-authored chapters.

Consequentialism, the theory that morality requires us to promote the best overall outcome, is the default alternative in contemporary moral philosophy, and is highly influential in public discourses beyond academic philosophy. In *Beyond Consequentialism* (Oxford University Press, 2009), Professor of Philosophy **Paul Hurley** argues that the standard consequentialist account of the content of morality cannot be reconciled to the authoritativeness of moral standards for rational agents, and that the consequentialist case for grounding the impartial evaluation of actions in the impartial evaluation of outcomes is built upon a set of subtle and mutually reinforcing mistakes.

Kenneth P. Miller, associate professor of government, has written *Direct Democracy and the Courts* (Cambridge University Press, 2009). Direct democracy has surged in recent decades as, through ballot measures, voters have slashed taxes, mandated government spending, imposed term limits on elected officials, enacted campaign finance reform, barred affirmative action, banned same-sex marriage, and adopted many other controversial laws. Miller's book demonstrates how the courts have used an expanding power of judicial review to invalidate citizen-enacted laws, and how the resulting conflict between the people and the courts threatens to produce a popular backlash against judges and raises profound questions about the proper scope of popular sovereignty and judicial power in a constitutional system.

Jonathan Petropoulos, the John V. Croul Professor of European History and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of Great Britain, along with Professor Emeritus **John Roth** and Pomona faculty

member Lynn Rapaport, has edited *Memory, History, and Responsibility: Reassessments of the Holocaust, Implications for the Future* (Northwestern University Press, 2010). The book, the ninth volume in NUP's Lessons and Legacies Series, contains the highlights from the Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights' 2006 Lessons and Legacies Conference.

Eric Puchner, assistant professor of literature, has written *Model Home: A Novel* (Scribner, 2010). In this debut novel, a family struggles against becoming a broken home while living in a model home.

Despite comparisons between Erasmus and Voltaire having become common-place in the course of the nineteenth century, Professor Emeritus **Ricardo J. Quinones'** *Erasmus and Voltaire: Why They Still Matter* (University of Toronto Press, 2010) is the first study to bring them together in their careers, their works, and their historic afterlives. Each was a force for change in his time and thus ranks among the masters of modern liberalism. Beginning with the continuities between the Renaissance and the Enlightenment, Quinones joins Erasmus and Voltaire as voices of moderation and reason that remain capable of addressing the philosophical crises of twentieth-century thought.

Keri Walsh, assistant professor of literature, edited *The Letters of Sylvia Beach* (Columbia University Press, 2010). Sylvia Beach, the revolutionary publisher of *Ulysses* and proprietor of Shakespeare and Company, left behind a trail of correspondence with major figures: Joyce, Gertrude Stein, Hemingway, Ezra Pound, and Alfred Knopf among them. One of her most historically significant letters—a protest against the pirating of *Ulysses* by one Samuel Roth, signed by dozens of noted literati, from T.S. Eliot to Jose Ortega y Gasset, which created an international sensation and serves as a reminder of the centrality of intellectual proprietorship long before the Internet age—appears as an appendix.

David K. Yoo, associate professor of history, has written *Contentious Spirits: Religion in Korean American History, 1903-1945* (Stanford University Press, 2010), which explores the role of religion in Korean American history during the first half of the twentieth century in Hawaii and California. He argues that religion is the most important aspect of this group's experience because its structures and sensibilities address the full range of human experience. Framing the book are three relational themes: religion and race, migration and exile, and colonialism and independence.



During the 63rd Annual Commencement ceremony, 296 CMCers—including 20 M.A. in finance graduates of The Robert Day School—marched side by side to Pritzlaff Field, heard remarks from guest speaker Henry R. Kravis '67, received their degrees under a 120 x 210-foot white tent... then congratulated and said warm good-byes to their classmates and friends.

Perizzolo Wins Two NCAA Titles

By Gordon Voit

After her third and final year at CMC, swimming sensation Annie Perizzolo's list of accomplishments sounds more like an aquatic rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" than a resume: 13 SCIAC titles in five different events, an unprecedented three CMS Female Athlete of the Year awards, two NCAA titles, 13 career All-America honors, and an undisputed spot atop the Athena athletic pantheon.

As CMS Director of Athletics Mike Sutton says, Perizzolo's time in the maroon and gold will have an impact on the athletic department long after she leaves campus. "Not only is she the best now but she's one of the best ultimately," Sutton says. "Her success says to prospective student-athletes, 'You can excel at your highest level. If you have talent and apply yourself, the support is here.'"

And maximize her talent, Perizzolo did.

Despite an early aversion to all things pool-related, Perizzolo developed the equivalent of an acquired taste for swimming, culminating in her decision as a senior in high school to eschew the likes of soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey to swim full time. Three years and countless victories later, Perizzolo and her effervescent personality took home the CMS women's swim program's third and fourth national titles by winning the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke events at the NCAA Division III National Championship Meet in Minneapolis. The pair of victories helped the Athenas capture a program-best fifth place finish at the meet, and served as the capstone on a career forged by steady yet accelerated training that enabled the relative newcomer to drop time consistently in her three years in a CMS uniform.



Perizzolo's title in the 100-yard event marked the greatest improvement in her career, as she jumped from fifth place as a freshman to first as a junior. "I touched the wall and I was terrified to look at the clock," Perizzolo says of the final heat. "I actually didn't look. I stared at the wall...and then I heard my teammates screaming."

That win was paired with a first place finish in the 200-yard event, which previously had eluded Perizzolo, who finished second in the event in both her freshman and sophomore seasons, by the narrowest of margins.

Perizzolo credits Coach Charlie Griffiths with unearthing the All-American talent that lay below the surface, but he is quick to reflect the credit back to her, attributing Perizzolo's drop from a time of 1:05.91 to a SCIAC-record 1:01.84 in the 100-yard event to her ability to channel the exhilaration she gets from her new favorite sport. "I thought that there was the possibility that, with some more focus and intense training, she could get really fast," Griffiths says. "But swimming is a pretty time-consuming and exhausting sport, and you need to find fun in practice and workouts and competition. She's able to do that."

Teammate Emma Jones '12 says that the team's fifth place showing is largely due to the infectious enthusiasm with which Perizzolo trained and competed. "Annie swims really well when she's having fun and being goofy behind the blocks," Jones says, "and in practice she's always having a crazy good time."

Because the Management Engineering major is part of a program in which she spends three years at CMC and then two at another institution (Perizzolo recently chose Manhattan's Columbia University), the 2010 campaign was her final chance to shine as a CMS athlete. Perizzolo says that a positive attitude was the focus for her this March in Minneapolis. "I had fun with every race, and I was happy every time I was behind the blocks," she says, "whether I was dancing or putting on fake tattoos with my teammates."



Director of Athletics Mike Sutton '76 processed with the faculty during Commencement 2010.

Sutton Receives Contract Extension

Director of Athletics Mike Sutton '76 has been given a five-year extension on his contract and will continue to run all CMS athletic operations. In a message to the CMS community, CMC President Pamela Gann said that Sutton is dedicated to "the integrity, sportsmanship, and competitiveness of our varsity athletic programs; the experience of our student-athletes in every sport; the quality of the coaching; and the integration of athletics into the broader academic and extra-curricular experiences of the students." Sutton's five-year term began July 1.

Men's Rugby Club Wins DII National Title

The Claremont Rugby club took home the DII National Title by beating Temple 25-19 on May 2 in Palo Alto. The Dragons, comprised of students from Claremont McKenna, Pomona, and Pitzer Colleges, captured their first-ever national crown after a grueling six-round playoff. Flyhalf Nick Regas was named MVP of the final for head coach Jeremy Ognall's crew. The win over Temple capped a run that saw the Dragons beat the likes of Miami (Ohio), Vermont, St. Louis, UC-Santa Barbara, and Loyola.



CMS Athletics: Year in Review

FALL

Women's Cross Country

Jennifer Tavé's (SCR) All-American showing at the NCAA Championship meet keyed a 22nd place finish nationally for the Athena cross country team. The appearance marked the twelfth such appearance for the program, and came after the Athenas tied with Pomona-Pitzer for second place in the SCIAC and placed third in the West Region meet. Tavé, a native of St. Germain, France, became the 11th All-American in program history.

Men's Cross Country

The men's cross country team placed 15th in the NCAA Championship meet in Cleveland behind the performances of Brian Kopczynski '11 and Kramer Straube (HMC). The California natives finished 53rd and 55th overall, respectively, to lead the Stags in the program's eighth national appearance. The squad also took home its second consecutive SCIAC crown and a West Region title.

Football

Coach Rick Candaele's squad showed significant improvement in the 2009 campaign, improving their record to 5-4 after a 2-7 season the previous year. A trio of seniors led the way for the Stags, including running back DJ Lillard, defensive back Brock Olson, and linebacker Dan Picciotto. Lillard led the offense in rushing, racking up a team-high 767 yards and five touchdowns. In changing to the triple option on offense, Candaele's team saw four players rush for over 200 yards, and 1,994 as a team. Picciotto led the team in tackles with 60 and sacks with five and a half, while Olson led the team in interceptions with four.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team continued its recent success on the national stage, reaching the second round of the NCAA tournament before losing to Hardin-Simmons University, 3-1, on the Athenas' home turf. The loss came against a Hardin-Simmons defense that had allowed four goals in 20 games leading up to the second-round matchup. In the opening round, conference-champion CMS defeated UC Santa Cruz in a 2-1 come-from-behind win keyed by junior Laura Hagen's goal in the 69th minute. Hagen served as the on-field leader all season for CMS, scoring 14 goals and seven assists which earned her SCIAC Player of the Year honors.

Men's Soccer

In its first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 2000, the men's soccer team upset UC Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz, 2-1, in the opening round. The upstart Stags' run ended in a 2-1 loss against Whitworth University in the second round after the Pirates broke a 1-1 tie in the 83rd minute. The Stags' postseason competition came after a SCIAC tournament championship run in which the team fared 8-5-1 against conference foes. Leading the way for the Stags offense was Harrison Doyle '13, who scored 10 goals and one assist for a team-high 21 points.

Women's Volleyball

Despite a 14-15 record, not all was lost in the women's volleyball squad's 2009 season. Junior Allie Macy was named team MVP after leading the Athenas with 238 kills at the outside hitter position. From the back of the lineup, freshman setter Taylor Jones led the Athenas with 927 sets and earned team freshman of the year honors. The duo was also recognized with second team All-Conference nominations. After a three-game winning streak in October at the Fall Classic, the Athenas hit a snag and finished the year by going 1-4 to give them 15 losses.

Men's Water Polo

A surprise run to the SCIAC Tournament championship game provided a glimmer of hope to a men's water polo team that struggled in 2009. There the Stags were able to continue the magic run in which they upset top-seeded Whittier and fell 4-2 to Redlands. The Stags fared 5-5 in SCIAC play but were unable to overcome a treacherous non-conference slate that saw CMS go 8-10.

WINTER

Men's Basketball

Despite a dominant 11-3 record in conference play, and the conference tournament title, the Stags were handed a controversial first-round pairing with at-large selection Chapman on the Panthers' home court. The Stags fell 58-47 in that game, ending an otherwise success-filled 2009-2010 campaign that saw junior Chris Blees win his second consecutive SCIAC Player of the Year award. Blees became the first SCIAC athlete to win the award in back-to-back seasons since CMS's Todd Thomas won in 1986-1987 and 1987-1988. Senior Jason Toney also earned first team All-SCIAC honors for his solidifying presence in the CMS lineup and team-high 66 assists.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team was led by star sophomore Aria Krumwiede in the 2009-2010 campaign. The Scottsdale, Ariz., native finished third in the SCIAC in scoring at 15.7 points per game, and first in three point shooting with a 39.4 percent mark. Krumwiede led the Athenas in the season-ending loss to Occidental in the

SCIAC tournament, scoring a game-high 23 points. The Athenas finished the season at 7-7 in conference, and a 16-10 record overall. Coach Jodie Burton's squad appears poised to do damage in 2010-2011, as Krumwiede and fellow sophomore Taylon Johnson return for an experienced squad.

Women's Swimming

The women's swimming program took another leap forward in the 2009-2010 season. The team finished a program-best fifth at the NCAA Championships in Minneapolis after junior Annie Perizzolo took home two national titles. The native of Aurora, Colo., finished first in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke and became the first Athena to win two national championships. Perizzolo also set a new CMS record by earning her third consecutive CMC Female Athlete of the Year award. All in all, seven Athenas qualified for nationals, and the group finished in the top 15 for the fifth year in a row. Junior Tessa Dover, who finished sixth in the 200 backstroke to earn All-American honors, also made headlines when she took home the prestigious Elite 88 Award, an honor given to one athlete in each of the 88 championship events who best demonstrates academic and athletic success.

Men's Swimming

The men's swimming and diving program also enjoyed a successful year, as the Stags finished 41st at the NCAA Championship meet after four athletes qualified. Blake Weber, a freshman from Redwood City, placed 11th in the 200 freestyle and helped the 800 free relay to 14th place. Weber continued his success by taking 18th in the 200 individual medley and 40th in the 200 backstroke. The program also took home its third consecutive SCIAC title in Long Beach.

SPRING

Baseball

Despite finishing the 2010 season on a four-game winning streak, the Stag baseball team was unable to clinch a spot in the NCAA Tournament and finished the season at 22-17. Senior Steve Dannaway led the Stags with a team-high .450 average and 51 RBIs to go along with 12 steals. The third baseman also earned ESPN The Magazine and CoSIDA Academic All-America honors. Junior Alex Sunderland led the way for the Stags on the mound, collecting a team-high nine wins on the year with a 3.90 ERA.

Men's Golf

CMS added another national champion to its ranks when sophomore phenom Tain Lee took first at the NCAA Championship meet tournament in Hershey, Pa. Lee finished the tournament with a seven under score of 280, three ahead of second place Mitchell Fedorka of SCIAC rival La Verne. Lee was also named SCIAC Player

of the Year, the program's first Player of the Year since Ryan Bogan won the title in 1995 and 1996. As a team, the Stags finished third in the SCIAC Championships in Murrieta with a score of 594.

Women's Golf

The women's golf team finished a successful season on April 25 when they took second place in SCIAC meet No. 4. The Athenas finished in the top three in eight of nine events, including first place finishes at the March 12 SCIAC Meet No. 1 and March 28 Redlands Tournament.

Women's Lacrosse

Despite a pair of hat tricks from Sarah Dick and Madison Shove, the Athena lacrosse team lost to The College of New Jersey 20-8 in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. Dick led CMS with 67 goals and 19 assists on the season for a team high 86 points. Dick and company cruised through SCIAC play with a 10-0 record, losing only twice in the regular season for a record of 16-2 including their first round NCAA victory over Endicott College. As a group, the high octane Athena offense poured in 17.63 goals per game compared to an average of 9.32 for their opponents.

Softball

The SCIAC Champion CMS softball team won the opening game of the Indianola, Iowa, regional against Central College, 8-4, but lost to Linfield, 10-3, and host Simpson, 3-0. The pair of defeats sent the Athenas home after a season that marked one of the high points in the program's history. CMS finished first in the SCIAC in batting average with a .354 mark, ERA with 1.97, and fielding with a .972 percentage. Freshman Harmony Palmer took the SCIAC by storm in her first season at CMS, collecting Player of the Year honors. The infielder earned the team triple crown, leading the Athenas in average (.468), home runs (9), and RBIs (58).

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team took home third place at the NCAA Championships, the program's second top three finish in the past three years. The Stags sealed the bronze with a 5-2 win over seventh ranked Washington University in St. Louis. CMS fell just short of its first bid for a national championship in a 5-4 loss to Amherst in the semifinals. Men's tennis took home its fifth consecutive SCIAC title, and built its conference unbeaten streak to 49 matches.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team finished third in the SCIAC after faring 7-3 in conference play. The Athenas secured the third place finish in dramatic fashion, coming from behind to beat Occidental 5-4 despite being swept 3-0 in doubles play to start the match.

The Athenas took home five of the six singles matches, losing only the No. 1 singles category when Occidental's Krishnaveni Subbiah beat Jaclyn Smrecek (SCR), 6-3, 6-2 in a highly competitive match.

Men's Track and Field

The Stag track and field team won its 19th consecutive SCIAC crown in May after accumulating 175 points in the conference meet. Three members of Coach John Goldhammer's crew placed first in the meet. Senior Florian Scheulen (HMC) took first in the 5000 meters, senior Warren Brown-Pounds took home the pole vault title, and junior Grant Heffernan won the discus throw. Junior Taylor Berliant finished second at the NCAA Championships in the hammer throw with a personal best mark of 204-1. With the throw he earned his second career All-America nomination. Brown-Pounds took home 10th place in the pole vault, senior Ryan Pittman finished 12th in the decathlon, and Scheulen placed 13th in the steeplechase.

Women's Track and Field

The Athenas took home fourth at the SCIAC meet, but made a significant showing at the national championship meet, where sophomores Jennifer Tavé (SCR) and Reny Colton finished 11th in the 10,000 meters and 12th in the heptathlon, respectively. Freshman Carmen Lundell took first at the SCIAC meet in the 400 hurdles, while Colton won the long jump.

Women's Water Polo

The women's water polo team struggled in the 2010 season, faring 10-15 and losing consecutive SCIAC Championship matches to Pomona-Pitzer and Cal Lutheran to end the season. One highlight of the season was the Convergence Tournament, in which the Athenas fared 2-2 against the likes of Azusa Pacific and Iona. The team then struggled in SCIAC play, however, finishing under .500 at 3-4.

National Champions

Tain Lee '12 Golf
Annie Perizzolo '11 Swimming

All-Americans and Honorable Mention All-Americans

Stephen Andron '10 Water Polo
Brian Baier '13 Water Polo
Taylor Berliant '11 Track & Field
Katie Bilotti '12 Swimming
Elsa Cheng '13 Swimming
Brian Chong '12 Water Polo
Andrew Cosentino '11 Swimming, Water Polo
Sarah Dick '11 Lacrosse
Tessa Dover '11 Swimming
Robbie Erani '12 Tennis
Austin Hallett '12 Swimming
Emma Jones '12 Swimming
Tain Lee '12 Golf
Mikey Lim '10 Tennis
Jeff McNerney '12 Swimming
Harmony Palmer '13 Softball
Annie Perizzolo '11 Swimming
Jenni Rinker (HMC) Swimming
Elica Sharifnia '12 Swimming
Jennifer Tavé (SCR) Cross Country
Blake Weber '13 Swimming

SCIAC Players of the Year

Chris Blee '11 Basketball
Sarah Dick '11 Lacrosse
Laura Hagen '11 Soccer
Tain Lee '12 Golf
Harmony Palmer '13 Softball

Sport

SCIAC Record

SCIAC Finish

Baseball 16-12 t4
Men's Basketball 11-3 1
Women's Basketball 7-7 4
Men's Cross Country 7-0 1
Women's Cross Country 6-1 t2
Football 3-3 4
Men's Golf 3
Lacrosse 10-0 1
Men's Soccer 8-5-1 4
Women's Soccer 10-0-2 1
Softball 21-3 t1

Sport

SCIAC Record

SCIAC Finish

Men's Swimming 6-1 1
Women's Swimming 7-0 1
Men's Tennis 8-0 1
Women's Tennis 7-3 3
Men's Track and Field 7-0 1
Women's Track and Field 4-3 4
Volleyball 6-8 t5
Men's Water Polo 5-5 t3
Women's Water Polo 4-6 t4