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Greetings,

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I hope that all of you have already been able to enjoy some much-deserved rest and relaxation this summer or have plans to do so in the near future. For the university, although it is still July, in many ways it has already been a very productive summer.

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We've just completed the last of our freshman orientation sessions and, once again, parents have commented favorably on the quality of the program and the beauty of the campus. One parent who had attended freshman orientation at schools such as Brown and Stanford told me that ours was by far the best!

I especially want to acknowledge all of those in student affairs, academic affairs, and business and financial affairs who make this program the great success it is. I also want to thank the deans and department representatives for making the parents and students feel welcome.

We've also just completed a very productive grant year. Although the official report has not yet been completed, it is clear that our successes this year far outstrip those of previous years. When we closed the books for the 2006-07 fiscal year, we had received \$9.56 million in grants and contracts,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

Discover: Transfer Student Orientation
 Retirement Reception: Dr. Linda Beath, 3-4:30 p.m., Barge 412, refreshments

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Summer second and full sessions close

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

Junior Recital: Steven Cobb, trombone, 3 p.m.
 Music Building Recital Hall

For other August 2007 calendar items, visit [CWU Campus Calendar](#)

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approximately \$2.7 more than in the previous fiscal year. Several exciting new projects were funded this year including the \$2.8 million Yakima WATERS (GK-12: Yakima Watershed Activities to Enhance Research in Schools) Grant from the National Science Foundation (Carey Gazis, Martha Kurtz, Beth Pratt-Sitaula, Ian Quitadamo, and Steven Wagner). This grant stands alongside renewed funding for several existing grants including the CWU College Assistant Migrant Program (Mateo Arteaga, \$407,223), the CWU GEAR UP Program (Beverly Vifian, \$1,980,580), the CWU Native American Fellowship Program (\$210,000, Morris Uebelacker), and the STEP grant (Science Talent Expansion Program; Wendy Bohrson, \$808,259). These are only five of many grants we could highlight. Please join me in congratulating the faculty and staff who developed these proposals and also the staff in the research office for their support of this important work of the university.

In addition, we recently published the results of a study that details the economic impact of Central Washington University on the state and the county. The study, a summary of which you can review at www.cwu.edu/president/eis/cwu-econ-impact-fy06.pdf, was conducted by ECONorthwest out of Portland, Oregon and is based on data for the 2005-06 fiscal year, the last year for which the full complement of data was available. It makes clear that CWU makes a significant economic and cultural impact on the community, including:

- \$370 million in economic output statewide with \$251 million in Kittitas County;
- \$170 million in personal income;
- \$268.5 million in spending;
- \$47 million in state and local tax revenue of which \$2.7 million goes into local sales and use tax coffers;
- \$6.6 million in research grant funding;
- **More than \$1.5 billion in increased lifetime income for the 2006 entering class, resulting in \$382.1 million in taxes and fees paid to state and local governments; and**
- Hundreds of campus cultural events each year, which enhance Central's economic impact and enrich the lives of citizens of the region and students alike.

And finally, we've completed the review of spheres of distinction proposals and made awards to a significant number of initiatives that make this campus distinctive. You'll recall that we have five spheres within which proposals are invited: (I) Interdisciplinary programs and research; (II) Preparation of professional educators; (III) Programs and activities nurturing the development of students; (IV) Activities addressing regional needs and enhancing regional resources; and (V) University centers. As always, there were many worthy proposals and a limited amount of money to devote to them. We stretched resources as much as we possibly could to support the following proposals:

- **William O. Douglas Honors College** - DHC Advisory Committee (I, III);
- **American Indian Studies** - Patrick McCutcheon (I, IV);
- **Strengthening PB&E and CHCI** - Roger Fouts & PB&E program faculty (I, III);
- **Faculty-led Study Abroad Programs** - Heather Barclay Hamir (I, III);
- **Center for the Environment/Environmental Studies Major** - Carey Gazis (Geology), Gina Bloodworth (Geography), Tom Cottrell (Biological Sciences), Lene Pedersen (Anthropology), Chad Wassell (Economics), Anne Johansen (Chemistry), and Scott Lewis (Mathematics) (I, IV)
- **Center for the Dream** - Paulus Pimomo (English), Bobby Cummings (English), Keith Champagne (SAEM), and Maurice Amutabi (History) (I, III);
- **Systematic Integration of Business Ethics** - Greg Cant (I, III);
- **Westside Information Technology Specialist** - Carmen Rahm (AVP for Information Technology Services) and Margaret Badgley (Assistant to the Provost for University Centers) (V);
- **Carbon Reduction Program** - Bill Vertrees and Karen Bicchieri (I);
- **Programs for Non-Traditional Students/University Centers** - Margaret Badgley (Assistant to the Provost for University Centers), Katrina Whitney, (Center for Student Empowerment), Mal Stewman (Center for Student Empowerment), Michelle Cyrus (Sociology) (III, V); and
- **Child and Family Learning Center** - Patricia Gross (Family & Consumer Sciences), and Katrina Whitney (Center for Student Empowerment) (I, III).

Thanks to all of you who took the time to develop thoughtful proposals and congratulations to those who were successful this year.

As each of you begins new work, new initiatives, or new chapters in your own lives, I hope you will stop for a minute to accept the appreciation due you for the important role you play in the success of this university. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jerilyn S. McIntyre
President

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CWU TOP STORIES

CWU FEDERAL CREDIT UNION WARNS OF SCAM

Sue Schwab, manager of Central Washington University Federal Credit Union (CWUFCU) wants to caution you about a scam from someone calling themselves "NCUA."



"We have been notified that many CWU e-mail addresses have received an email from "NCUA" requesting confirmation of their identity," says Schwab. "This is a scam. This is not from the actual National Credit Union League nor does it have any affiliation with the CWU Federal Credit Union or your CWU Federal Credit Union account."

Schwab adds, "We would like to assure you that we have not, and will not, request your personal identification information over e-mail, nor have we given out our membership list."

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CWU STUDENTS WIN SOLAR DRAG RACE, AGAIN

For the second straight year, a team of Central students took top College Division honors at the third annual "World's One and Only Solar-Powered Drag Race," sponsored by Dr. Jim White, the Chelan County Public Utility District's sustainable natural alternative power program manager.



CWU engineering technology graduate student Sean Jackson, from Issaquah, along with mechanical engineering technology seniors Tyler Foster, Thorp; and James Protzeller, Gig Harbor, built this year's entry. Jackson was at the controls when the dragster completed the one-quarter kilometer course in 104 seconds, at a speed of just under five-and-a-half miles an hour.

Solar drag racing uses only sunlight that can be captured by the vehicle; no batteries or other pre-charged energy devices are allowed. From a dead start, the racers use the solar power to accelerate down the straight track. The race, held June 23 at the Confluence Technology Center in Wenatchee, also featured competition in open and high school divisions.

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CWU KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE ON MAMMOTH DIG

For the third straight year, a team of students and professors is participating in the Wenas Creek Mammoth Field School near Selah, looking to uncover more bones and associated materials associated with a woolly mammoth first discovered there in February 2005.



The interdisciplinary summer field school incorporates methods from paleontology, archeology and geography in order to place what's recovered in the appropriate geologic context as a way to learn more about mammoths, their environment, and what else was present during the time in which they lived.

Even those not participating in the field school can now keep tabs on the research. Through a partnership involving CWU's Web Office and Fairpoint Communications, a fixed Web camera is now trained on the site. The page automatically reloads every 30 seconds. The mammoth cam is one of several campus Web cameras available for viewing at www.cwu.edu/~cams/. The mammoth Web cam site also links to the project's main Web site.

"I want to thank Tanner Marcus and Doug Fessler of Fairpoint Communications for their funding, equipment, and technical support and Carmen Rahm, Lynn Linnell, and Jim Pruitt for their funding, equipment, technical, and labor support," says Jesse Days, CWU Web developer. "I also want to thank Andrew Miner and the Department of Geological Sciences for the loan of some crucial solar array equipment."

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WIRELESS ACCESS NOW AVAILABLE AT FARRELL HALL

Completion of wireless access to Farrell Hall has brought the CWU wireless access project "sort of" to a close, according to Carmen Rahm, assistant vice president for information technology. Rahm says "sort of" because "the wireless project will never truly be completed."



"We continually monitor the usage of all wireless access points across the university so that we can proactively identify when a wireless access point (WAP) has a high level of utilization that would require the addition of more WAPs in that area," he notes. "This is a continual effort to assure that the bandwidth of our wireless network stays current with the increasing utilization by students, faculty, and staff."

As it was part of a total rewire of the wired network, there were no significant obstacles in adding Farrell to the wireless network. Most of the work in that building had to do with pulling new cables to all the offices, along with expanding the number of wired ports for faculty and classrooms. Wireless benefited by "piggy backing" on the project, which is one of the reasons that Farrell was one of the last buildings to go wireless.

"The upgrade to Farrell's wired network has been on the books for several years," Rahm points out. "Waiting to install wireless as part of this technology upgrade was a logical decision to reduce overall cost and to disrupt the occupants of the building once instead of twice."

Dean Hall, which is currently closed, is the only remaining building within the university's core that is still without wireless networking. That will change when the building's renovation is completed next year.

Depending on funding availability and cost-to-benefit ratio, Rahm stated that there are other areas that may get wireless in the future, including Tomlinson Stadium. However, the university's residence halls are not likely to make the list.

"Most of our residence halls are older, and their design doesn't make implementation of wireless an easy task, for the limited benefit that will result," Rahm says. "It would take a lot of 'wire' to implement a wireless network in the residence halls."

For more information about wireless access at CWU, visit www.cwu.edu/~wireless.

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"EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH" FOR AUGUST RECOGNIZED

Sandra Stewart, career services program assistant, has been honored as the university's June civil service "Employee of the Month." During a recent surprise



ceremony, she received a certificate and \$125 from the president's discretionary fund, through the CWU civil service employee recognition program. Those nominating Stewart said:

- "Sandy exemplifies the meaning of customer service. She consistently goes beyond service expectations to help students, staff, employers, faculty, and the community. She consistently exceeds expectations with her database management, record keeping, and accountability. Employers have commented on her level of professionalism and genuine concern for students' welfare."
- "Sandy is always looking for ways to streamline procedures and enhance efficiency. This year, she changed the process of collecting data by e-mailing each graduate in our Wildcat Career Network database besides making contact by phone. Sandy had the idea of researching each school district online and reading the school board minutes to see if the new hires were CWU students. This step proved invaluable to securing results. Last year, we heard from 49 percent of education graduates. This year, Sandy reached 76 percent response rate. Sandy's goal for next year is 90 percent response rate."

Initiated by the CWU Civil Service Employee Council, the award recognizes university civil service employees who foster a personalized environment that supports the university community as well as Central's mission.

University students, faculty and staff, and members of the Ellensburg community, are encouraged to make nominations for the Employee of the Month award. Nomination forms are available at the CWU human resources office, employee council representatives, and online at: www.cwu.edu/~hr/ec/.

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CWU PHONE RATE INCREASE TO BE SEEN IN AUGUST BILLS

As of July 1, monthly rates for campus phones increased \$3 to \$28 a month. The increase will first be reflected in July phone bills which departments will receive in early August. The increase means a department with 10 phones will see a price jump of \$30 a month (\$360 per year). Phone rates for residence halls are not included in this increase.

The additional revenue is needed to cover the additional costs of providing

university telephone service, replacing outdated equipment, and absorbing higher labor rates and service costs, which have gone up since the previous monthly rate of \$25 per phone was implemented in 2003.

For specifics on departmental costs, call Susan Gardner, in the Telecommunications Office, at ext. 3438, or e-mail her at gardners@cwu.edu.

CENTER FOR STUDENT EMPOWERMENT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Center for Student Empowerment is seeking volunteers for its second annual Welcome Carnival for non-traditional students and their families. The event is slated for Saturday, Sept. 29, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Empowerment Center is especially interested in showcasing unicyclists, mimes, clowns, jugglers, and magicians. If you or someone you know has a "carnival attraction" talent or would be willing to volunteer to staff food and games booths, contact Lisa or Mal at the Center for Student Empowerment at ext. 2127.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A SHARED LEAVE DONATION

The following individuals are in need of shared leave: Don Allen, Information Technology Services; Randy Parks, Business Auxiliary Custodial Services; Kerry Green, Information Technology Services; Nancy Paquette, Dining Services; and Wendy Sienia Nunez, Wildcat Shop.

CWU employees may donate leave to a fellow employee: 1) who is suffering from or has a relative or household member who is suffering from an extraordinary or severe illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition; or, 2) who has been called to service in the uniformed services; and, where the fact of either 1) or 2) has caused or is likely to cause the employee to take leave without pay or terminate his or her employment.

You may donate annual (vacation) and sick leave in eight-hour blocks. A minimum balance of 80 hours of annual leave must be maintained. Excess annual leave (that over 240 hours) that will otherwise be lost may not be donated. A minimum balance of 176 hours of sick leave must be maintained. All or a portion of your personal holiday may also be donated.

Shared leave donation forms can be downloaded from the forms section of the Human Resources home page at www.cwu.edu/~hr/forms/shared_leave_donation_form.doc. Forms may also be requested from the HR office at ext. 1202. Requests to donate leave must be approved by your supervisor before forwarding to HR and are subject to approval by your department head and Human Resources.

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CENTRALIGHTS

Jim **ARMSTRONG**, director of alumni relations, received the 2007 Downtown Legacy Award from the Ellensburg Downtown Association. Armstrong is a founding member of the organization's board of directors.

In the 2007 Washington State Gallery Awards competition, Abbott's Printing of Yakima received a Silver Award for its printing work on the CWU Alumni Birthday Card. The card was designed by Bret **BLEGGI**, graphic designer; Nance **BRACKEN**, distinguished civil servant and former graphic designer; and Mari **HUBBARD**, graphic designer/illustrator from public relations and marketing.

On Aug. 1, Julie **CLONINGER** will assume her new responsibilities as assistant vice president for development. For nearly three years, she has served as the university's senior director of development, where she has assembled an excellent development team, according to Dr. Paul Baker, vice president for university relations.

Dr. Thomas **ECKERT** has been named president of Bellingham Technical College. An Ellensburg native, Eckert received his Master of Science in Counseling Psychology from Central and, from 1984 to 1993, served as an academic adviser and instructor at CWU. He was also a counselor for the Kittitas School District from 1978 to 1979. His brother, Tim, is the regional archivist at the State Archives Central Branch in Ellensburg.

Rebecca **GUBSER**, academic finance manager, has been certificated as a Professional in Human Resources. The certification, by the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI), signifies that Gubser possesses the theoretical knowledge and practical experience in human resource management necessary to pass a rigorous examination demonstrating a mastery of the body of knowledge in the field. HRCI is the credentialing body for human resource professionals and is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management, the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to the human resource profession.

Robert **TRUMPY**, senior director of student health, counseling, and wellness services, has been awarded a doctorate in educational leadership, with a concentration in higher education administration, from Seattle University. His dissertation was titled "The Impact of an Academic Recovery Program on Under performing First-Year College Students' Retention, Grade Point Average, and Credits Earned." Trumpy is also a Washington State licensed Mental Health Counselor and a State of Wisconsin Licensed Clinical Social Worker. In addition to his administrative

duties, Trumpy chairs Central's Student Engagement and Retention Team.

CWU EMPLOYEES

Civil Service new hires: Andy Jackson, Information Technology Technician 2, KCWU Radio; Terry Dirks, Maintenance Custodian II, Facilities Management; Aaron Riechers, Community Outreach & Environmental Education Specialist 2, Science Education; Jennifer Baunsgard, Secretary Senior, Office of the President; Colleen Moore, Secretary Senior, Study Abroad and Exchange Programs; Nicole Mazingo, Program Assistant, Office of International Programs; Amy Zukowski, Research Analyst 2, Budget Planning & Institutional Research; Joshua Turner, Information Technology Spec, Auxiliary Services.

Civil Service job changes: Laura Milner, Associate Dean, COB, College of Business; Tammy Wilson, Fiscal Specialist, Continuing Education.

Exempt new hires: William Yarwood, Director, Facility Planning & Construction Services, Facilities Management; John Swiney, Associate VP for Enrollment Management, Enrollment Management; Esau Caltenco, Support Instructor HEP, HEP; Jenna Hyatt, Director of Residence Life & NSP, University Housing & NSP; Nathan Sanden, Assistant Director of New Student Programs, University Housing & NSP; Kevin Conwell, Director of Accounting, Accounting; Karen Bicchieri, Sustainability Coordinator, Facilities Management; Tracy Pellett, Associate VP Academic Affairs, Academic Affairs.

Exempt job changes: Dan Layman, Director, Dining Services, Dining Services; Ana Maria Martinez, Lead Instructor HEP, HEP; Miriam Bocchetti, Program Director, College Assistance Migrant Program, CAMP.

To view current job openings at CWU, go to www.cwu.edu/~hr/jobs/index.html.

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