

## **CEPS Newsletter**

### **April 5, 2003**

#### **Dean's Message: Development Officer Bolsters CEPS Future**

Central Washington University is being proactive by adding college development officers to ensure a positive future and advance its mission. Newly appointed, Dr. Connie Roberts will serve as the College of Education and Professional Studies Development Officer. She will align the College's development work with the CWU University Relations staff and seek support for student scholarships, endowed professorships, faculty development, and other departmental and program needs. Dr. Roberts has been a CWU faculty member since 1976 and is a former Faculty Senate Chair. She served in a variety of administrative positions from 1991 to 1999, including vice provost for curriculum, assessment, and academic policy.

As state funding continues to shrink in higher education, institutions are seeking support from the generosity of alumni, parents, businesses and corporations, foundations and friends of the College of Education and Professional Studies. Central Washington University's State appropriations have shrunk from 44 percent of the revenue source in 1992 to only 38 percent in 2001. In contrast, tuition and fees have increased from 22 percent in 1992 to 27 percent in 2001. Grants, contracts, and gifts have increased from 10 percent to 14 percent in this same time frame. According to the Feb. 28, 2003, issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education, "Lawmakers increasingly view higher education as a private good that should be supported more by students and donors, rather than as a public good that deserves state support." As Washington State adopts this position and struggles with current financial challenges, state universities must seek alternative sources of funding to maintain our quality institutions.

Dr. Roberts will work with the faculty in each department to identify funding needs, establish priorities, and develop strategies to seek financial support. Some faculty members have already identified their goals and are working diligently; two faculty members in the construction management program, David Carns and Bill Bender, have secured gifts and pledges of over \$80,000 for an endowed professorship. They are off to a good start. Congratulations to them on this accomplishment.

If you would like to be involved in partnering with CWU or have questions, please contact Dr. Roberts at e-mail: [Robertsc@cwu.edu](mailto:Robertsc@cwu.edu), or phone 509-963-1444, or mail to Central Washington University, 400 East Eighth Avenue, Ellensburg, WA 98926-7415.

#### **Vance Golden Apple Finalist**

A second grade teacher at Spring Brook Elementary School in Naperville, Illinois has been named as one of 33 Chicago-area finalists in the 2003 Golden Apple Awards.

Stuart Vance, a 1985 graduate of Central Washington University in Elementary Education, has been in the Indian Prairie School District for 15 years.

"I've always wanted to be a teacher since I was very young," Vance said. "I always attribute it to my first grade teacher."

With his father in the military, Vance went to many different schools as a child, but one thing remained constant. "I was always very lucky to have really good teachers," he said.

Spring Brook Principal Kathy Pease said that Stuart is loved by students.

"Former Students come back to see him. He's had many families of students in his classrooms," she said. "He's just one of those people who is recognized for his commitment to kids."

Former Spring Brook Principal Carl Pinnow hired Vance for his first job in the district. "he's just enthused about those kids and about learning, and it makes him unique—a good role model for kids," Pinnow said.

When Pinnow was principal at Spring Brook, Vance had researched the concept of looping when a teacher stays with his class from grade one through grade two. Vance is now in his second year of that two-year process, teaching second-graders whom he taught the previous year as first graders. According to Pinnow,

Vance makes learning interesting for his students. "They're motivated. They just come alive in his room. It's a unique ability that a person has," he said.

Vance said learning is all about doing, not just filling out worksheets. "It's all about experiencing learning."

More than 1,000 teachers from the Chicago metropolitan area were nominated for the award which was first presented in 1986. The finalists were honored Feb. 15, 2003 at the Celebration of Excellence in Teaching at the House of Blues in Chicago. The awards selection committee is composed of 70 Chicago-area educators.

From the Naperville Sun, Feb. 5, 2003

### **Construction Management Career Fair**

CWU's Construction Management Program within the Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology held its annual Career Fair Feb. 20 in the Samuelson Union Building Theatre on the Ellensburg campus. This event, hosted by CWU's Career Development Services, is an opportunity to match CWU students with construction firms offering internships and career employment.

CWU annually invites members of the construction industry to participate in attracting CWU students and graduates into their respective businesses. For more information about future fairs, contact Vicki Potts, Recruiting Coordinator, Career Development Services, 509 963-1921.

### **CWU Helps College Preparation**

Sixth and seventh grade students from three Columbia Basin school districts were able to discover more about higher education, thanks, in part, to Central Washington University.

During three consecutive Saturdays in March, students and parents from Wahluke, Othello, and Royal were transported from their district to Big Bend Community College (BBCC) in Moses Lake for a day-long look at post-secondary educational opportunities

The overall mission of GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness of Undergraduate Programs) is to decrease the student achievement gap across economic and social classes. Curriculum for the sessions is based on Washington state Higher Education Coordinating Board materials, and includes information on the benefits of going to college and how to finance a college education.

The CWU program is funded through a five-year, \$5.74 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

"The grant extends educational outreach into middle schools in our region of the state and offers service and professional development opportunities to a number of our faculty members," Dr. Richard Mack, CWU associate vice president for graduate studies, research and faculty, says.

### **Jefferies Wins Regional Award**

Stephen Jefferies has been named College/University Professional of the year by the Northwest District Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Jefferies, a professor at Central Washington University since 1986, has for the last seven years been director of physical education at the university. In addition to involvement in typical committee and curriculum development assignments, Jefferies led the development of the university's first on-line graduate degree program in physical education, health education, and leisure services.

Jefferies also developed the PELINKS4U Web site. The site was initially developed as a resource for students but has become a popular resource for physical education professionals around the world. It has seen up to 1,500 visitors a day from more than 50 countries.

“Dr. Jefferies is an admirable character full of passion and talent, characteristics requisite to making a positive impact on our evolving profession,” stated Dr. Robert McGowan, chair, department of health, human performance, and recreation.

From March 5, 2003 Ellensburg Daily Record.

### **Wiekling's Magic**

Dr. Robert Wiekling, professor of industrial and engineering technology, has created a unique learning environment in the Power Technical Center on the corner of Alder and Dean Nicholson Way on the CWU Ellensburg campus.

Since his arrival on campus in 1981, Dr. Wiekling has put together the necessary machines and tools to provide students with the practical experience they need to learn industrial technology and mechanical engineering technology. With a jet engine, a hydraulics board, to an automobile engine and more, the Power Tech center is a busy place, alive with the magic of applied learning.

Courses such as MET 310, Hydraulics/Pneumatics, provide an understanding about the control and uses of air and liquid for the transmission of power. MET 310 is one of the courses offered in the industrial technology and mechanical engineering technology majors in the department of industrial and engineering technology.

For more information about programs in the Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology, call 509-963-1756.

### **Bender Builds Balance**

Maintaining a delicate balance. That is how one might describe the work that Bill Bender, professor in the construction management program at Central Washington University, has been doing for Gallery One in Ellensburg. As the owner's representative, volunteer Bender is the man who balances the dreams and visions with nuts and bolts. Bender has acted as the liaison between Gallery One and the architect, contractors, and laborers who are renovating the Gallery.

The \$950,000 project to remodel the first floor of Gallery One's home in the Stewart Building in downtown Ellensburg is seen by some not only as a tremendous boost to the local art community but also a strengthening of the Ellensburg tourist economy.

Bender helped with hiring the architect and contractor and assisted in addressing initial budget and design issues.

“Working with a tight budget has been the most difficult part of the project,” Bender said.

The project has enabled him to provide his construction management students an active model for study. There are challenges in bringing a building more than 100 years old into the future, but Bender and his team are bridging the past with the future.

Gallery One celebrated its Grand Re-Opening Feb. 7, 2003.

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### **Bergman Elected**

Ethan Bergman, professor of food science and nutrition and interim associate dean in the College of Education and Professional Studies, was elected as one of six House of Delegates (HOD) directors. The HOD is policy-forming body of the American Dietetic Association (ADA). Bergman will take office in June 2003 and serve a two-year term. His position as HOD director also places him on the ADA board of directors.

The ADA is the professional organization that promotes the profession of more than 65,000 dietetics professionals in the United States and internationally.

## **Jenkins Presents**

Andrew P. Jenkins, associate professor of physical education, health and leisure services, who teaches in the community health program, traveled to Port Elizabeth, South Africa, to present his paper, "The Use of Storytelling and the Narrative in Health Education" at the Second Annual International South African Wellness Conference Feb. 27-March 12.

Jenkins has been at CWU since 1992 after receiving his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University.

## **Construction Management Competes**

Central Washington University's construction management program entered three teams in the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Management Competition Feb. 12-15, 2003 in Reno, Nev.

Teams in heavy civil, commercial, and residential construction coached by professors David Carns, Bill Bender, and Ken Calhoun, respectively prepared cost estimates, construction schedules, staging plans, and other details based on blue prints which were presented.

The third day of the conference consisted of a job fair. Even though the teams didn't finish in the top three of the 16 teams entered this year, the conference offered an excellent forum for interaction between students and employers.

## **Dobrý den Ako sa máš?**

Central Washington University students to learn firsthand about European global retail management and advertising.

"Good day. How are you?" is a common phrase that will be heard by 15 Central Washington University students who will travel to Central Europe for four weeks this summer. The course, called ***International Comparative Retail Management***, is in its third year at Central Washington University, and is intriguing students and faculty alike. The class was started by Dr. Robert Lupton, associate professor of information technology and administrative management at CWU.

These future leaders will visit local and multinational corporations from five different countries – Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. These types of study-abroad courses have become popular among students as a tool to acclimate themselves for global competition. The world is growing global, and business is under tremendous pressure to become global.

The class is co-sponsored by the CWU Office of International Studies and Programs. Drs. Robert Lupton and Lori Braunstein will accompany the students during the summer, second session (July 24 to August 22).

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