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Sid W. Morrison

Why did the CWU Board of Trustees hire Dr. James Gaudino to lead Central now and into the future? Even though the process behind the answer is complex and involves many people and steps, the answer is simple: he is the right person for the job.

That was the unanimous position of our very diverse board, a group that seems to be able to take different approaches to almost any subject, but is totally dedicated to the university and its well-being. Most everyone on campus and in the broader CWU community participated in some way in the process of narrowing a broad field of candidates to replace our highly respected Dr. Jerilyn McIntyre. The trustees asked the search committee, chaired ably by Dr. Wendy Bohrsen, to bring us four finalists, working from a list of criteria derived from the university's strategic goals. I might add that these goals were established in a broadly based process several years ago to set the course for the future of the university.

One of the twists that the trustees tossed to the search committee was to include a "nontraditional" candidate in the final four, that is, someone with outstanding academic credentials, but not following the usual administrative path of serving as a provost or president of a university. In our eyes, the role of the university president is changing in today's challenging environment, and the future of CWU is increasingly dependent on collaboration, partnerships, innovation, and funding from many sources.

In rereading the above paragraph, I find myself saying, "that is Dr. Jim Gaudino." He is nontraditional in that he was dean and creator of the highly successful College of Communication and Information at Kent State University, has been CEO of a major higher education communicators association in the nation's capitol, and this list goes on. He came with the highest recommendations from colleagues at Kent State; even though they didn't want to lose him, they knew he was so good they couldn't keep him.

If I were to list one pivotal thing that swayed the trustees toward Dr. Gaudino, it was that he is a great communicator. Maybe I shouldn't say this, but I can't recount how many folks on campus said that they came to our separate forums for the four finalists with the attitude that they weren't prepared to like this Gaudino fellow, and left with the sense that he was the leader we need. He fit the job that must be done for Central; you told us that, and we agreed.

Little did we know at that time that the budget crunch in our state would provide an unprecedented set of hurdles for our new leader, and all of us. I have been with him in numerous settings, including with the presidents of all the universities in the state, and I find them looking to him for guidance on communicating to elected officials and the public the need for both higher education quality and access, and strong state financial support.

Time measures a lot of things, and your trustees will be closely involved in working with our new president as he proceeds with his plans to shape the future. I am impressed, and other trustees have shared the same view, with his vision to make the future match the strategic goals we have all helped write. It won't be easy, but it will be good. We hired the right leader.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sid Morrison". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sid W. Morrison  
Chair, CWU Board of Trustees



# CWU GRADUATE PERSEVERES DOWN THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

A total of 2,555 students received bachelor's and master's degrees from CWU during 2008-09. Logan Seelye was one of the most unlikely members of the Class of 2009.

At CWU's 118th Ellensburg commencement, Seelye, 22, served as one of the event's student speakers. He addressed the graduates as they assembled on a college football field, a field on which he had hoped to compete.

That dream ended July 1, 2003 as Seelye, a junior-to-be at Spanaway Lake High School, participated in the final day of a prep football camp at Central. He had just made a mid-air tackle, a hard one—and his last. He was unable to move after it. His sixth vertebra had been broken and he was paralyzed from the chest down.

Despite his serious injury, Seelye did not—and would not—give up on his dream of attending college. During his commencement address he explained that “self-discipline and commitment have played such an important role in my life.” And, while it easily could have, Seelye says he did not—and would not—allow the memory of his injury to affect his choice of a college.

“The reason I decided to come to CWU was familiarity,” he said. “I came out here a couple times before the injury and just liked the ‘feel’ of the campus. Also, after the injury, I wanted to attend a campus that was far enough away from home, but still kind of close.”

While officially considered a quadriplegic, Seelye gets around his apartment with the aid of a walker and drives a specially modified vehicle. “It’s because I committed myself to doing so—to walking again,” he explained. He’s hoping for even greater improvement.

Seelye graduated with a bachelor's degree in information technology and administrative management. While pursuing his studies, he also co-founded a Web design firm. And he recently married his girlfriend of eight years, Jordyn Riley, another member of the CWU class of 2009.

“We have all come far in the past four years, but not because we were lucky, not because we took the easy way out. But because we worked hard and committed ourselves to doing something great: graduating from Central,” Seelye told the graduates.

Seelye and Riley were two of the 1,305 graduates who participated in the on-campus commencement on June 13 at Tomlinson Stadium, which included graduates of CWU-Moses Lake, CWU-Wenatchee, and CWU-Yakima. In addition, 380 CWU graduates from CWU-Des Moines, CWU-Lynnwood, and CWU-Pierce County took part in the university's annual westside graduation ceremony the next day at the S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium in Seattle's Benaroya Hall.





HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan administers the oath of office to Sims (left) as Sims' wife, Cyan Topacio, looks on.

### Alumnus Appointed to Key Role in Obama Administration

CWU alumnus Ron Sims, '71, was named by President Barack Obama to be the deputy secretary at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. He now manages the day-to-day operations of HUD's 8,500 employees and \$39 billion budget. Secretary Shaun Donovan has assigned Sims to oversee HUD's critical role in protecting economic prowess and improving the quality of life for the residents of metropolitan centers while cutting emissions and preparing for a warmer world. He served twelve years as King County executive and eleven years as a councilmember. Sims is the 2006 CWU Distinguished Alumnus for the College of the Sciences.

### Governor Names Two New CWU Trustees

Governor Chris Gregoire has appointed Annette Sandberg and Kate Reardon to the CWU Board of Trustees. Sandberg owns and currently serves as CEO

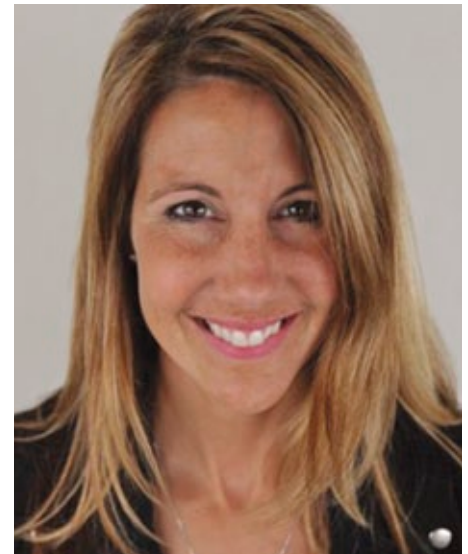
of TransSafe Consulting in Virginia, where she provides consulting services to private and public organizations regarding transportation, public safety, and security.



Annette Sandberg

Sandberg became the first woman in the country to lead a state police agency when she was appointed chief of the Washington State Patrol in 1995, a position she held for six years. Her career with the Washington State Patrol lasted for seventeen years.

A Washington native, Sandberg received her bachelor's degree in law and justice from CWU in 1983, a law degree from the University of Puget Sound School of Law, and a Master of Business Administration from City University in Bellevue. In 1998, she was named CWU's Distinguished Alumna for the College of the Sciences.



Kate Reardon

Reardon, the City of Everett's Public Information Director, received her CWU bachelor's degree in social science in 1994. She has also served as a member of the CWU Foundation Board of Directors.

In Everett, Reardon developed and manages the Mayor's Advisory on Diversity Board and the Mayor's Youth Council, is vice president of the Deaconess Children's Services board, serves on the Center for Career Alternatives Board of Directors, and volunteers as a youth basketball coach for the Family YMCA and Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County.

An award-winning print journalist who has been published internationally, Reardon was named the Greater Everett Business and Professional Women "Woman of the Year" in 2004.

Sandberg and Reardon both participated in the CWU Board of Trustees' annual retreat, held July 30-31 on the Ellensburg campus.



Jill Wakefield

## Alumna Named Seattle Community Colleges' First Woman Chancellor

The Seattle Community Colleges Board of Trustees named Jill Wakefield, '74, as its chancellor at its March meeting. Wakefield will be the first woman in the district's history to become chancellor when she assumes the post in January 2010. During her many years at South Seattle Community College, and as president since 2003, Wakefield initiated such programs as a sustainable construction program, an applied bachelor's degree in hospitality management, and a health care training program.

## CWU Student Crowned National Rodeo Queen

CWU communications junior Jamie Virden was crowned Miss Rodeo USA for 2009 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She is the first Washingtonian to receive



Jamie Virden

the honor in the pageant's forty-three-year history. In her new role as Miss Rodeo USA, Virden will travel more than 100,000 miles during the year, promoting International Professional Rodeo Association rodeos and her message of community service. Virden also received a \$5,000 college scholarship, which she plans to use when she returns to Central. Virden hopes to cover rodeo for ESPN after graduation.



Susan Johnson

## CWU Alumni, Faculty Receive Top Washington State Educator Honors

CWU alumna and Cle Elum-Roslyn High School language arts teacher Susan Johnson was named the 2009

Washington State Teacher of the Year. Johnson, who graduated from Central in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in English, serves as co-director of the Central Washington Writing Project.



Mike O'Donnell

Mike O'Donnell, former assistant principal for Cle Elum-Roslyn High School, and a 1999 CWU graduate, was named the 2009 Washington State Assistant Principal of the Year by the Washington Association of Secondary School Principals, a component board of the Association of Washington School Principals. In February, he represented Washington State in the National Association of Secondary School Principals' State and National Assistant Principal of the Year Program, where he was a finalist for the national prize.



Dr. Martha Kurtz

Dr. Martha Kurtz, science education department chair, was awarded the 2009 Washington State Higher Education Science Teacher of the Year award. Kurtz has taught at Central for



fourteen years, focusing on chemistry and science education. She is also the director for the Center of Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education. Kurtz was named CWU's Distinguished Professor for Service in 2008.



(Top row, l to r) Garrett Gibson, David Igelmund, Michael Yellam, Jake Wells, and Bill Bender (Bottom row) Michael Crook, Ian Knowles, and David Kortekaas

### Construction Management Team Places Second In Nationals

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) announced that Central's team was one of just nine nationwide to place at the National Student Championships at AGC's 90th Annual Convention and Expo, which was held in San Diego, California. CWU, which came in second, was the only school from Washington State to place at the national level. Central's construction management team earned a trip to nationals after receiving first place in the regional competition.

The team was made up of David Kortekaas, Marysville; Michael Crook, Spanaway; Garrett Gibson, Gig Harbor; Jake Wells, Pendleton, Oregon; Michael Yellam, Burien; David Igelmund, Medina; and alternate Ian Knowles, Graham. Bill Bender, construction management professor and department chair, coaches the team.



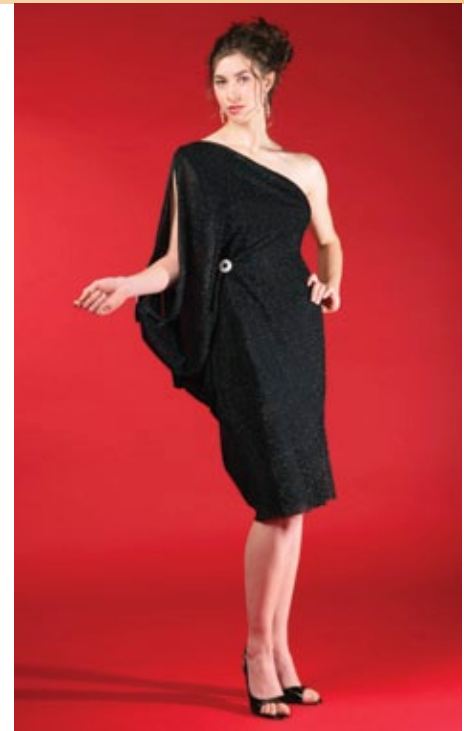
Earl Klugh

### Grammy Award Winning Musician Plays to CWU Audience

Acoustic guitar player Earl Klugh performed in the Music Building Concert Hall on May 7, presented by CWU's Performing Arts and Presidential Speaker Series. Klugh has performed worldwide, collaborated with top musicians, and has been nominated for thirteen Grammy Awards. In 1980, he won a Grammy Award for best pop instrumental performance for his album, *One on One*. This year marks the release of *The Spice of Life*, Klugh's first full-length release in nine years. In all, he's released thirty-five albums since 1976.

### Professor Emerita Wins National Design Competition

Carolyn Schactler, CWU professor emerita, took top honors at "Little Black Dress—On the Red Carpet," a national design competition held at the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art on the campus of Kansas State University in February. Schactler, who



Carolyn Schactler's "Little Black Dress," modeled by her granddaughter, Ila.

led CWU's apparel design program for twenty-eight years, was a top designer at last fall's International Textile and Apparel Association (ITAA) annual design competition. Her designs have also earned top honors at the ITAA competition in seven previous years. Schactler was named the 2008 Distinguished Alumna for the College of Education and Professional Studies. In 1996, CWU recognized Schactler as the Distinguished Professor for Research/Artistic Accomplishment and Invention.

### Book Highlights Alumni Art

*Crossroads and Connections: Central Washington University Art Alumni Exhibition*, by the CWU Art Department, has been published by Washington State University Press. The book, which details the inaugural Central art alumni exhibition, includes selections from fifty-five acclaimed artists who graduated between 1954 and 1979. The 128-page book features

full color photographs, biographies, and quotes about artistic endeavors that showcase the former students'



stunning creations in paint, sculpture, photography, ceramics, jewelry, and fiber arts. The book, which retails for \$29.95, is available at the Wildcat Shop or may be ordered online at [wsupress.wsu.edu/shop/shopdisplayproducts.asp](http://wsupress.wsu.edu/shop/shopdisplayproducts.asp).



Sherman Alexie

## CWU Hosts New York Times Best-Selling Author Sherman Alexie

In January, multi-award-winning Native American author Sherman Alexie gave a presentation and book signing as the first speaker in the second annual Symposium Without Boundaries series. Two films based on his screenplays, *Smoke Signals* and *The Business of Fancy Dancing*, were also shown.



Governor Gregoire and (to her immediate left) first gentleman Mike Gregoire, and state Senator Janéa Holmquist at proclamation signing honoring CWU Army ROTC.

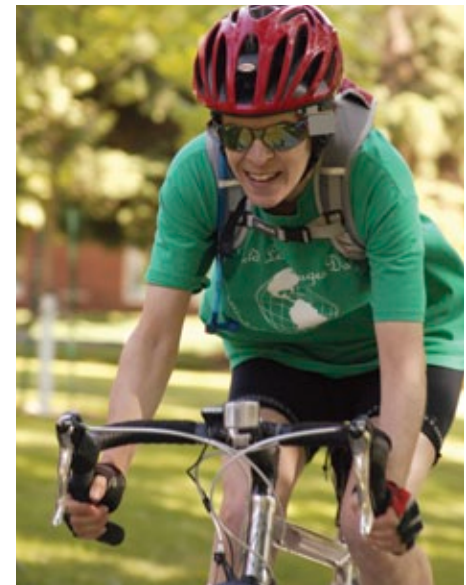
Alexie, a Seattle resident, grew up on the Spokane Indian Reservation in Wellpinit. His stories and novels are snapshots of the modern American Indian reservation's culture—full of nostalgic beauty and power laced with poverty and grief. He brought these realities vividly to life in his 2007 National Book Award winner, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, written for young adults.

## Wildcat Battalion Receives National Award

Washington state's first gentleman, Mike Gregoire, joined military dignitaries and university leaders at Central in April to award the CWU Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America Award for Excellence. The annual award is presented to the most outstanding battalion in the nation out of 277 programs. Prior to the campus ceremony, Governor Chris Gregoire signed a gubernatorial proclamation on behalf of the Wildcat Battalion.

The CWU unit also received the prestigious MacArthur Award for the best program in the Pacific Northwest in 2007 and 2008. Last year, the battalion was the brigade winner of the

Ranger Challenge and this year won the Pacific Northwest Ranger Challenge competition.



Dean Marji Morgan seen Cycling for Arts and Humanities.

## Cycling for Arts and Humanities Campaign

Faculty, students, and staff from CWU's College of Arts and Humanities (CAH) participated in Cycling for Arts and Humanities from August 30 to September 3. Dean Marji Morgan led the cyclists on a 300-mile trip, from the Oroville area back to Ellensburg, at about sixty miles per day. The cyclists rode to raise money to support



outstanding scholarship and creative work by CAH students and faculty.

In conjunction with the trip, several CWU students organized taco dinners for the cyclists in Tonasket and Chelan. The dinners brought the cyclists together with local K-12 students and their parents.

"The community interaction allowed middle and high school students to see and get to know CWU faculty, administrators, students, staff and alums, and to hear about Central's excellent academic programs," Morgan said.

Even though the ride has been completed, donations are still being accepted at *Support Cycling for Arts and Humanities*.

The goal is to raise \$15,000: ten student grants of \$1,000 each, and two faculty grants of \$2,500, to assist with the travel and equipment/materials that are essential for student and faculty scholars, artists, performers, and

directors to do their very best work. Many thanks to all of those who supported this campaign!



Wildcat football standout Jerome Williams helped students "Read to Succeed."

### Scholar-Athletes Help Students Read To Succeed

Two Central students involved with the Don and Verna Duncan Civic Engagement Center have launched a new program designed to inspire students to read.

"Read to Succeed" is the brainchild of CWU students Erin Mahnke and Kyle McCorquodale. Each quarter, CWU student athletes participate in morning reading sessions with kindergarten-through-fifth-grade students at Valley View Elementary School in Ellensburg. Fourteen football athletes participated in the program fall quarter.

### Central Tweets... and More

For those who like to tweet, CWU is now on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/CentralWashU>. Sign on and become a follower. In addition, the university has initiated a YouTube site (<http://www.youtube.com/CentralWashU>) and has established a Facebook page (search for Central Washington University). And KCWU-TV has also set up a site on BlogSpot (<http://kcwutv.blogspot.com/>) allowing for alumni, community members, faculty, and students to share video ideas and bring creative concepts to life.

## CWU Helps Students in a Challenging Economy

**Students First** is a fund designed to help students remain in school during today's challenging economy by providing scholarships for tuition, books, room and board, and other necessities.

To invest in **Students First**, contact Chris Frankenfield at 509-963-2179 or [frankenc@cwu.edu](mailto:frankenc@cwu.edu), or contribute online at [www.mycentral.cwu.edu/studentsfirst](http://www.mycentral.cwu.edu/studentsfirst).



## Noteworthy

The CWU Distinguished Professor awards were announced at the May 1 Board of Trustees meeting. **Dr. Robert Holtfreter**, accounting, received the service award; **Dr. Roxanne Easley**, history, received the award for teaching; **Dr. Joseph Powell**, English, was honored for artistic accomplishment; and **Dr. Matthew Altman**, Douglas Honors College/philosophy and religious studies, received the non-tenure track faculty award for teaching. They received their awards at the Honors Convocation on June 12.

The collaborative effort between members of Central's **Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA)** chapter and the Ellensburg Downtown Association was honored by the State of Washington Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development as an Outstanding Public Partnership. The award is part of the State Downtown Revitalization/Main Street Program, which has been helping communities revitalize the economy, appearance, and image of their downtown commercial districts since 1984.

**Lila Harper**, English and graduate studies, was awarded a Modern Language Association (MLA) Certificate of Achievement during the annual MLA convention in San Francisco. Her award was based on "distinguished contributions made as a Fellow for *The Modern Language Association International Bibliography 2005-08*." Harper was also appointed senior bibliographer for the MLA's International Bibliography. This appointment is reserved for accomplished bibliographers of longstanding who have demonstrated a high level of scholarship and bibliographic knowledge.

President's office student assistant **Lauren Blesi** was selected as Central's 2009 Student Employee of the Year. A June 2009 philosophy graduate, she was employed by the president's office for two years. Her colleagues recommended her for the high quality of her work, professional conduct, and communication skills.

The 2008 Alumni Association distinguished alumni recipients are **Robert Panerio**, 1953, College of Arts and Humanities; **Robyn Caspersen**, 1984, College of Business; **Carolyn Schactler**, 1949/1975, College of Education and Professional Studies; and **Ron Dotzauer**, 1972, College of the Sciences. The 2008 Special Achievement Award was given to **Eniko Kramar**, 1992. The 2008 Excellence in Teaching Award recipients were: for the College of Arts and Humanities, **Cynthia Coe**, professor, philosophy, and director of the Women's Studies Program; College of Business, **Mark Pritchard**, professor, marketing, with a specialization in sports marketing; College of Education and Professional Studies, **Roby Robinson**, professor of safety and health management, industrial and engineering technology; and College of the Sciences, **Judith Hennessy**, professor, sociology, specializing in gender and poverty, specifically low-income women, family, and welfare reform.

CWU Publicity Center staff member and 2008 alumnus **Justin Beckman** has been awarded the 2008 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award for his installation, *Homestead*. The award was given as part of a partnership between Grounds For Sculpture, a sculpture park in Hamilton, New Jersey, and the International Sculpture Center.

Graduates of the recently accredited **CWU Mental Health Counseling Program** scored in the 99.9th percentile on the National Counseling Examination. According to **Robert Brammer**, psychology professor, scores at this level "would rank CWU within the top ten [schools] in the country." The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs accredited the graduate program in July of 2007.

In celebration of Black History Month, CWU, its Center for the Dream, and the Yakima African American Education Steering Committee presented the **African American Off to College Program** in February. The program introduces university academic and student life programs to African American students in Yakima County. Central's Center for the Dream serves as a hub for the study and advancement of knowledge about Black America, Africa, and the Black Diaspora.

**Joseph Powell**, professor, English, received a \$25,000 National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship for Poetry. Powell, a CWU alumnus, has taught at Central since the early 1980s. He is currently working on his fourth full-length book of poems.

CWU distinguished alumnus **Don Duncan** received the 2008 Distinguished Service Award from Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) Educational Foundation, an international alliance of educators and education supporters. PDK grants the award to those "who have distinguished themselves through their outstanding contributions." Duncan is only the nineteenth PDK member to have earned the distinction since the award's 1983 inception.



## STUDENT PROFILE



CWU student Chris Palmer enjoyed meeting new friends in El Salvador. He also photographed the images for this story.

“The people were the happiest and most gracious people I have ever met. Just saying ‘hola’ to them brought a smile to their faces,” said Alyssa Caudill. “They were extremely receptive and so appreciative of all of our help.”

Caudill was one of a dozen CWU students from the David Wain Coon Center for Excellence in Leadership who took part in a service trip to El Salvador. Despite language barriers, the people of the community welcomed them with gratitude and friendship.

The group stayed in El Salvador from April 3 to 10 to experience the country’s culture, learn its history, and, most important, to perform service work to improve the lives of El Salvadorans.

The CWU students and two advisers joined with other groups from Evergreen Valley and San Jose City colleges. CWU alumnus David Wain Coon, for whom the Center for Excellence in Leadership is named, is president of the two California colleges, a connection that fostered collaboration among the groups.

Students had the opportunity to visit four cities in the region and toured historical museums and landmarks. A memorable experience for the students was viewing a Salvadoran Civil War memorial inscribed with more than 25,000 names of individuals missing or dead as a result of the conflict,

# Destination: El Salvador

*Central Students Promote Global Community*



which raged from 1980 to 1992. The country is in political transition—the people are experiencing the aftermath of the more than decade-long unrest, and in June a new president took office.

“It’s an exciting time for the people of El Salvador,” said CWU student Chris Palmer. “There is a real attitude of hope.”

Central students and advisers, when not learning about the region’s history and culture, were hard at work. They labored in ninety-five degree heat to prepare an abandoned building for conversion to a community youth center. Students scraped interior walls to make way for fresh paint and swept dusty floors. Gangs are an unfortunate presence in the area, and the youth center is an effort to combat gang participation by providing a positive place for young people to socialize.

CWU students also reinforced the banks of an area creek, one of the few sources of water in the dry landscape, and took measures to protect trees from insect infestation. Later, they donated their services to local elementary schools, where amenities were meager.

“The conditions were unlike anything that we deal with here,” said Palmer. “One school we visited in a rural area had only two classrooms to accommodate three hundred students. They don’t have clean drinking water, and the facility’s kitchen was very limited.”

CWU students spruced up an abandoned building to make a community center.



El Salvador Civil War memorial wall

The CWU group provided the children with school supplies, taught them games, and completed a project in which the children expressed their ideas of social injustice and hopes for future change. Those projects have now been made into a large poster featured in the CWU Awareness Maze, which was part of the Human Rights Awareness Tour that ran at Central from April 27 to May 1.

Palmer describes the experience as “life changing,” and he hopes to return to El Salvador in the near future to continue helping the community. He says that experiencing the country’s culture and having the opportunity to help El Salvadoran people has left a lasting impact.

“During the trip we talked a lot about global solidarity, the idea that different countries and cultures can unify,” he said. “It’s really changed my way of thinking. We should seek to become more of a global community and reach out to help areas in need.”





*Anthony Diaz*

# *Tripping the Light Fantas*





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*“All high truth is poetry.  
Take the results of  
science: they glow with  
beauty, cold and hard  
as are the methods of  
reaching them.”*

— Charles Buxton, brewer,  
philanthropist, writer, and politician  
(1823-1871)

About ten years ago, new technology allowed the development of large, flat-screen televisions, far superior in picture quality, size, and weight to the old cathode-ray tube TVs. But consumer demand for the new sets was virtually nil because in the late '90s, the smallest flat-screen TVs cost more than \$10,000!

Thanks to scientists like Dr. Anthony Diaz and advances in the field of display technology, even behemoth wide-screen wonders now cost roughly half that. His work at Central, while not directly geared to commercial applications, is breaking new ground in the white-hot field of materials science and solid-state chemistry.



Diaz, a former research and development scientist for Sylvania Lighting, worked on display technology, developing the light-emitting materials like those in fluorescent lights, yet more efficient and less damaging to the environment. Conventional fluorescent lights, while drawing much less energy than incandescent lights, need mercury, a toxic heavy metal, to work.

“There’s only a small amount of mercury in each bulb, but a million bulbs in a landfill become a significant problem,” he said. Diaz received several patent awards for his work.

Although Diaz enjoyed his work (and salary) at Sylvania, he was drawn to academia because at his core, he is an educator—“I love my job. I love teaching.”



Most of the students Diaz works with are undergraduates, uncommon in this field of study. He often shares authorship on papers with his students and takes them to conferences to expose them to different specialties in the field. Many have gone on to earn advanced degrees.

Rosa Rabinovitz, a third-year student from Belfair who is in the Science Talent Expansion Program, is one of Diaz’s protégés. She was uncertain of the direction she wanted to go in chemistry, until she talked to Diaz, and by the spring quarter of her freshman year, she had joined his group.

“I’ve been working in Dr. Diaz’s lab for three years now, and I absolutely love the work I do!” she enthused. Although she admitted the work could be frustrating, she realized it was good for her to “learn that science isn’t always easy.”

Diaz was recently awarded a \$150,000 National Science Foundation grant to study energy losses at the surfaces of nanoparticles. His work is the type of research that will be performed at Central’s new Research Foundation (CWURF).

Like research foundations at other institutions, CWURF will support Central’s core research mission, help commercialize intellectual property, and establish important partnerships with regional agencies and businesses.

Diaz calls his field esoteric, but points out that materials science is, simply, the science of stuff and solid-state chemistry is about solid stuff—that which isn’t a gas or a liquid. Diaz investigates the properties of certain kinds of stuff, in this case, light-emitting phosphors—a fancy name for things that “glow-in-the-dark.” His research may eventually improve electronics, including high definition plasma displays and solar cells. Diaz’s groundbreaking research has opened up the field in exciting new ways, developing brand new models and techniques.

“We’re dealing with measurements of energy transfer. For example, a phosphor needs energy before it can emit light. We look at how the phosphor absorbs energy and try to understand the different things that happen to this energy on its way to producing visible light. We compare what gets absorbed with what is emitted and make measurements at different concentrations.

“No one has done this type of work before or published this type of thing before with different compounds,” he continued. “We’re creating standards of measurement that will provide a whole new way of evaluating materials.”

The National Science Foundation recently awarded Diaz a \$150,000 grant for related research into the energy losses at the surfaces of nano particles.

Of course, Diaz’s “glow-in-the-dark stuff” is a little more sophisticated than what you’ll find in the toy store, although you see it in everyday items like TV screens, computer monitors, and other lighted displays. His current research involves the properties of

europium, a rare earth element. Europium is the most reactive of the rare earth elements and one of the least abundant. Diaz studies it because it displays a lot of different colors and is a fast emitter—it swiftly converts energy into light.

In his lab, he and his students heat powdered europium in ovens that reach temperatures of up to 3,300 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to melt most metals.

“What we do is ‘dope’ europium into these phosphors, which means that we add a small amount of europium to a solid lattice [structure] comprised of other atoms [like yttrium, boron, and oxygen],” Diaz explains. “To do the doping we cook powdered europium oxide along with the other materials that make up the phosphor. The resulting properties will depend on the charge of the europium once it’s in the lattice. We control that by the atmosphere we use for the firing—either by heating in air or under a flow of other gases such as hydrogen or argon.”

Understanding the properties of europium builds the foundation of knowledge for discovering practical applications and, perhaps, solutions for technological conundrums.

For example, Diaz wants to solve some of the problems of display technology. He’d like to discover why a phosphor sometimes loses its properties. A big drawback to plasma TVs is that the phosphor that creates the color blue in the screen’s display tends to fade after a few years—“We need to find a new blue phosphor.”

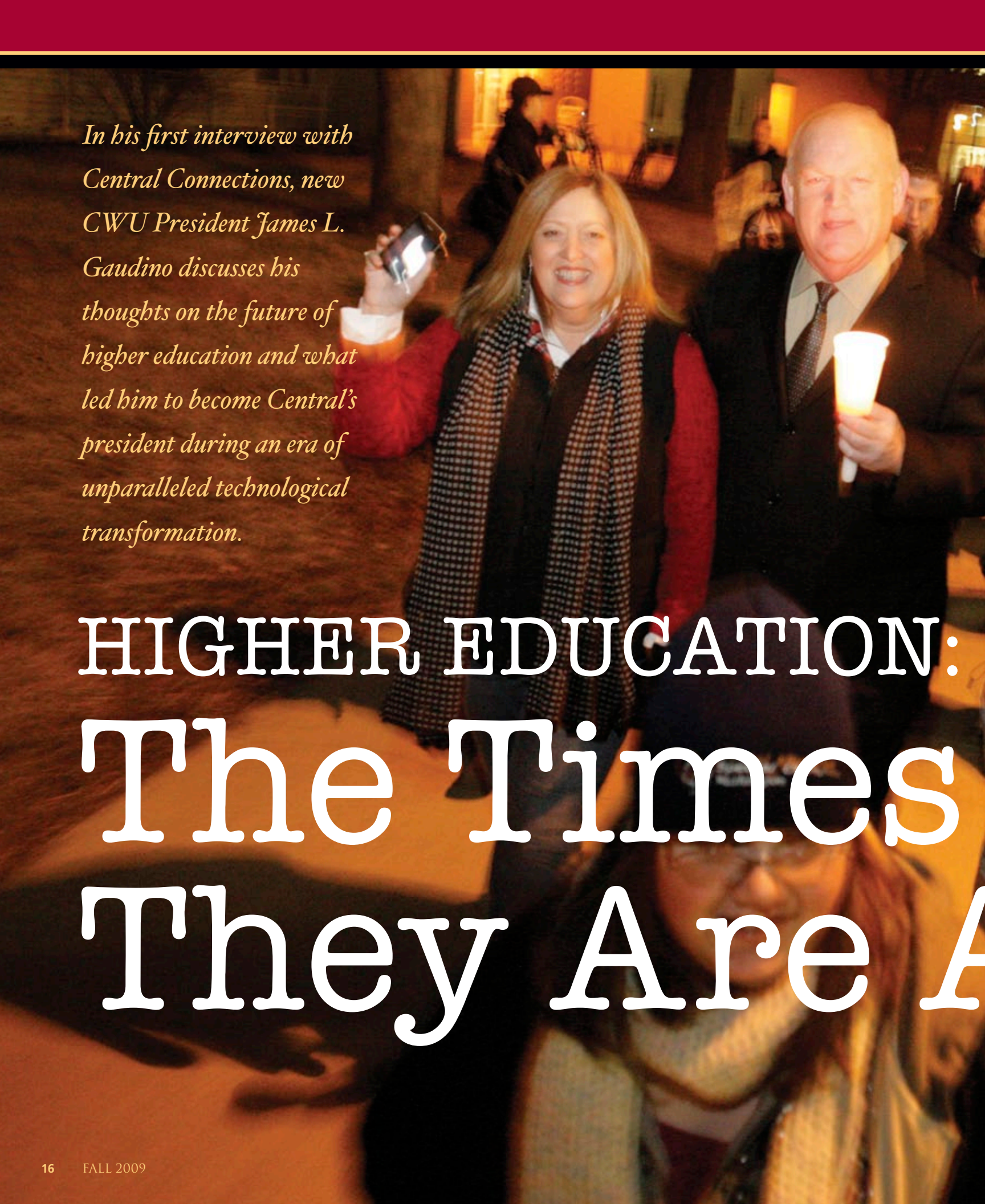
“Display phosphor science is big in Asia; that’s where the technology began. I’m a famous guy in Japan,” he says with a smile, noting that countries like Germany, Japan, and Korea are ahead of the United States in this area.

Ultimately Diaz sees his work as forging the foundation for more advanced technology. Instead of coming up with new materials and looking for applications, he takes a design approach, figuring out what properties of a material are important for an application and then developing the necessary materials. In the years to come, Diaz and his students will be lighting the way for a brighter, better, and greener future.

Student Rosa Rabinovitz has recently been accepted into the Science Honors Program and will continue to work with Diaz until she graduates. She plans to apply for an advanced degree in material science and hopes to work in the industry as a research assistant and be “part of the research community in any way possible.”







*In his first interview with  
Central Connections, new  
CWU President James L.  
Gaudino discusses his  
thoughts on the future of  
higher education and what  
led him to become Central's  
president during an era of  
unparalleled technological  
transformation.*

# HIGHER EDUCATION: The Times They Are A





# A-Changin'





Come writers and critics  
Who prophesize with your pen  
And keep your eyes wide  
The chance won't come again

Bob Dylan, from "The Times They Are A-Changin'"

In many respects, the way education is delivered in the twenty-first century is not all that different from the way it was delivered in the fourteenth century. The basic assumptions remain that information is scarce and vested in well-educated individuals; that it is relatively expensive to transmit from person to person; and it is best done at the same time and place, such as in a classroom. Those assumptions are now being challenged by a generation of digitally savvy students.

"The world we all live in—and particularly students live in—does not fit the old educational assumptions," CWU President Jim Gaudino said. "Information is no longer scarce—it's largely free, and it's ubiquitous. You can use Google and find virtually any fact that you want. There is an almost unlimited amount of information on the Internet. And it is completely separated from time and place."

Gaudino, who officially took the reins as Central's fourteenth president on January 1, will undoubtedly oversee changes—potentially unprecedented ones—in how the university conducts business.

## Higher Education in the Digital Age

"I think we're going to have to adapt to an environment where information is plentiful, free, and immediate; where our job will be to guide students, helping them develop the literacy skills to be able to weed through what is valid and useful on the Internet and what is not," Dr. Gaudino added.

Gaudino is comfortable with new communication paradigms. Before coming to Central, he served as the founding dean of the College of Communication and Information at Kent State University in Ohio. The college is comprised of the schools of communication studies, journalism, and mass communication; library and information science; and visual communication design. Under his leadership, the college grew and became a center of innovation. And innovation will be a watchword during his CWU tenure.

"People my age assume that social contact is limited to face-to-face communication or mediated by a telephone," he pointed out. "But our students amass large numbers of friends in various social networking environments. They text each other in different times and places and maintain strong social contacts as a result of that. So, we're going to have to figure out what is appropriate and how to fully adapt to changes in communication technologies. That's going to be a huge challenge."

That raises the question: Will universities as bricks-and-mortar institutions ultimately cease to exist?

"No I don't think so, but it may be a different kind of bricks and mortar environment," Gaudino speculated. "We will see students who would benefit from the traditional residential

environment, but others will benefit from a more online environment, a hybrid environment, or the university center environment—a combination of the residential and nonresidential environments. Students will be able to pick and choose based on their learning styles, their majors, and other demands on their time. That said, it would be hard for me to envision teaching music online. It's easier to envision taking an intro to psychology class or a basic history course online. So we may see some majors offered in traditional modes and others in technology-assisted modes."

Which means that there will quite likely be an even greater use of and reliance on technology as a learning tool.

"Understanding what the Web and video can do—given time and resources—I could design an online course with informational content that would be far superior to what I could do in the classroom by myself. Then, as a professor, I could devote my classroom time to talking with students to help synthesize the online content, to give them hands-on learning experiences and other exercises. That's the direction I think we should head, because then we will be taking advantage of the best of both worlds to provide an even broader and richer experience for our students."

The reality is, with these advancements, university costs would necessarily increase, because educational technology professionals would be needed on staff to assist in creating high-tech presentations and learning tools. Modernizing several centuries of education tradition in this way will come

at a cost, one that is probably not calculable at this point. It also comes at a time when state resources for public higher education are stretched thin, and today's students are tending not to look at higher education as a means to an end, but in terms of the value of their expenditure.

## The Funding Dilemma

"When I started in education twenty-seven years ago as a faculty member, the bulk of the money with which the university operated was from the state," Gaudino recalled. "Over time we've seen state support go down and the reliance on tuition go up to make ends meet. Students now carry a heavy financial burden.

"Before this budget year, the percentage of CWU's operational budget that the state provided was greater than that provided by tuition. This year we're going to reverse that. The state budget [for fiscal year 2009-10] was balanced largely on the back of higher education. That surprised me because I thought of Washington as being more progressive than that. Of course what should have given me a clue was that Washington has one of the highest rates of associate's degree attainment and one of the lowest of bachelor's degrees in the United States. That means the state is an importer of four-year college educated students. Given our industries and our increasing technology sector, you would think the state would want to invest more in four-year education."

In addition, public funding for education is becoming more tied to educational outcomes and producing graduates to fill specific employment needs and roles. There has been discussion of three-year, year round bachelor's degree programs, allowing students quicker entry into the job market. In some areas, there have been calls to eliminate the liberal arts core entirely.

## On the Liberal Arts

"I think we will continue to see the liberal arts being taught [at public universities]," Gaudino noted. "What I could see is an attempt to restructure the liberal arts into a more integrated set of courses. Some universities are already working on coupling courses together into blocks. If, for example, students are studying English, history, humanities, and philosophy, those courses could be pedagogically and curricularly interwoven and synchronized. In a given week, students would study the history of a given period along with the predominant philosophy, literature, and art of the same time, and could start seeing the cross-influences. You could begin tailoring the liberal arts—not specifically to the major—but to make sure there is an emphasis on the underlying thought and philosophies of a profession. If you do this, I think the liberal arts will become an even a stronger part of a professional education."





“I view my relationship with CWU like that between Native Americans and the earth: I want to build it in a sustainable fashion, leaving it better for those who follow.”

### The New University Student

Along with the challenges associated with how higher education is delivered, and at what cost, is the necessity to meet the needs of a student body that is also in a state of rapid flux. With the baby boomers now getting older, the number of high school graduates is declining. The biggest enrollment drop, in terms of percentage, is likely to be among white students, a shift already in evidence. Asian and African-American student enrollments are predicted to remain relatively static, while Hispanic student enrollment is predicted to rise.

“A larger percentage of the students at Central—and all universities—will be made up of formerly underrepresented populations; we’re going to see different demographics coming into the university,” Gaudino said. “We’re also seeing an increase in the number of nontraditional students coming back to either finish a degree or to retool themselves for a career change, for personal choice, or because their jobs have changed.”

For many of those same reasons, some nontraditional students are also seeking terminal master’s degrees, which are not intended to lead to a doctoral degree. “And we need to be ready to offer them those master’s degrees,” Gaudino said.

Another piece of the enrollment puzzle will involve Central’s strong and expanding ties to international education, both in sending our students abroad and in hosting international students at Central. Having international students come to Central is a way to promote our students’ world experience while maintaining enrollment and keeping costs down.

“But that also has a less dramatic effect on our American students,” Gaudino said. “For example, instead of spending a



year in China, our students get the opportunity to attend class with, say, five Chinese students. Clearly the former has more impact than the latter, but the reality is that we want to do both. If I had my way, every one of our students would spend at least a quarter abroad—the summer being one of the quarters—in whatever country made the most sense for them.”

### On Becoming a University President

Although Gaudino has pondered what the future holds for higher education for years, he acknowledged that directing such educational revisions at the university presidential level was really not a career aspiration.

“Since I was in my thirties, every job I’ve taken I assumed was my last—I’ve never taken a job as preparation for the next one. When I went to Kent State as dean I thought I’d be dean for fifteen years and then retire. However, it seemed that the questions I raised at various levels of meetings were about things outside my responsibilities as dean. So, after a couple of years, the president (Carol Cartwright) finally called me into her office and said, ‘Why don’t you consider becoming a president?’”

Cartwright recalled, “I developed deep respect for Jim Gaudino’s leadership as I observed him as a very successful dean at Kent State. When he told me about the presidency of Central Washington University and described why he was excited about the opportunity, I knew that I wanted to be an advocate for him. I am a firm believer in the need for a good match between what a leader brings and what an organization needs. In my judgment, Jim Gaudino and Central Washington University are a perfect match and I expect he will have great success.”

While Gaudino has spent much of his career in academics, he's also served in national organizations, including as executive director of the National Communication Association. The scholarly society of 7,000 members strives to improve instruction and to produce research on topics of both intellectual and social significance related to human communication. In addition, he has run his own business, been involved in community relations, served as a chief executive officer for upwards of two decades, and, following his graduation from the US Air Force Academy, served with the military in California, Turkey, and Germany. That makes his vita markedly different when compared to those of many other college and university presidents.

"In the academic affairs pipeline, you go from faculty to chair to dean to provost to president," Gaudino points out. "However, nothing in that chain necessarily prepares you for the breadth of responsibilities that the president has to deal with, from legislative activities to community and on-campus activities, student services, athletics, and all the rest. I've done pieces of the presidency in various sorts of jobs. Those positions have provided me with a very broad perspective, and I think that's what a president needs."

When considering the Central presidency, Gaudino says the university's focus on undergraduate education meshed well with his own core belief concerning the role of higher education.

"I've been overwhelmed by the amount of opportunity our undergrads have to participate in research, overwhelmed by the amount of research our faculty do given the teaching loads that they carry and the fact that they don't have the doctoral students that typically are the foundation for a lot of research projects," he added. "I like the consistency of our mission

and the way we focus our programs on a more specific set of activities. There's no question about what we're supporting."

During his to date short tenure, Gaudino has already come to appreciate the collegiality of the administration, faculty, and staff at Central—describing it as "phenomenal" and "better than most universities."

Despite budget challenges and the uncertainty of the future, Gaudino says he couldn't be happier to be in his new post.

"It's an exciting time for me because I don't shy away from challenges. If you were to shy away from challenges, it would be a horrible time to be a president," Gaudino said. "As president you're just a steward of the university for a period of time. Your responsibility is to manage it for a point twenty or thirty years into the future, to move it along in that direction and then let your successors pick it up. You inherit a direction from a predecessor, and you pass one on to your successor; that's my responsibility."

Or, as Dylan put it:

As the present now  
Will later be past  
The order is  
Rapidly fadin'.  
And the first one now  
Will later be last  
For the times they are a-changin'.



### *Inaugural Events*

*On Friday, November 6, CWU will host a presidential inauguration for the formal investiture of its fourteenth president, Dr. James L. Gaudino. The university will celebrate the occasion with a series of events to honor Dr. Gaudino and the rich history of the institution. All are invited to attend.*

#### **CONCERT**

Faculty and Students from the CWU  
Department of Music  
Thursday, November 5, 7 p.m.  
Music Building Concert Hall

#### **SYMPOSIUM**

The History of CWU and the Community  
Friday, November 6, 9:15 a.m.  
SURC 137 A & B

#### **INAUGURAL LUNCHEON**

Friday, November 6, Noon • SURC Ballroom  
\$10 per person, reservations required

#### **CEREMONIAL INAUGURATION**

Friday, November 6, 2 p.m.  
McConnell Auditorium

#### **PUBLIC RECEPTION**

Immediately following ceremony  
Sue Lombard Dining Room

*For more information, contact the CWU Office of Special Events at 877-649-8707, or via e-mail at [events@cwu.edu](mailto:events@cwu.edu).*





# WARREN STREET:

## LEAVING A LEGACY OF LAUGHTER AND LEARNING

CWU professor emeritus Warren Street, psychology, built a reputation among students as being a class act. A perennial favorite, he consistently received accolades on student evaluations.

“My favorite student assessment came from a student who described my class as ‘lecture with interpretive dance,’” he said with a smile. “I just thought we should try to have fun together and learn something new.”

In 1987, he received the outstanding teaching award from the Associated Students of CWU and in 1999 the Wellington Award for Outstanding Teaching from the CWU National Residence Hall Honorary.

Street came to Central in 1967, fresh out of graduate school in California, at the age of twenty-four. And while it was the Age of Aquarius in Los Angeles, Street found he had to trade a left-coast sensibility for a more easy-going, country frame of mind.

“I had never seen snow tires before, or cowboy boots on anyone who wasn’t going to a costume party,” he remembered. “And I really had to reform my cutthroat Los Angeles driving style to a more laid-back Ellensburg one.”

But Street quickly took to his new home and became involved in a number of endeavors that would prove to leave a lasting imprint on CWU. He was instrumental in bringing Central into the age of academic computing and co-published *CWUsers*, the campus’s first newsletter related to the topic. He received funding from the National Science Foundation to develop a course in social science computing and, with other computer-savvy colleagues, developed faculty workshops to help his peers navigate the brave new world of bits and bytes. Street also served administratively in a number of positions, including acting dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, associate dean of the College of the Sciences, and chair of the Department of Psychology.

In 1975, Street began a long association with the William O. Douglas Honors College (DHC), establishing the *Great Books* foundation for the curriculum, and teaching and serving at its helm for many years. He also initiated the DHC Lecture Series, introducing Justice Douglas’s wife, lawyer Kathy Douglas, as the first speaker.

“The Douglas Honors College gives eager and talented students an opportunity to fully exercise their abilities—it’s demanding,” he said. “It’s a place where they can really expand their knowledge of western civilization.”

On the occasion of his retirement he was “delighted and surprised” that his family, friends, and colleagues created an endowment in his name that directs funds to the Douglas Honors College.

The Warren Street Endowment will provide support for the Warren Street Thesis prize, awarded to a DHC student. It will also fund the Warren Street Scholarship for an upperclass student majoring in psychology who has a strong record of scholarship and excellent faculty references.

“I was so flattered when I learned the fund was created. It was a very appropriate and humbling way of recognizing my retirement. It was wonderful,” acknowledged Street. “But the best gift from the university was the daily contact with colleagues and students. Forty years of daily delight.”



Dr. Warren Street is well-known for his sense of humor and has published cartoons in the *APA Monitor* and several textbooks.



## LEND A HAND TO THE LEGACY

More students than ever rely on financial assistance to pay for higher education. Scholarships, like those established for Dr. Street, help ensure that talented students remain and thrive at Central. Simply stated, scholarships change lives. An investment in scholarships is an investment in the university’s most precious resource—its students.

All active CWU scholarships and endowments accept contributions to increase the size of scholarship awards or the endowments themselves, whichever you choose.

For more information on how you can help students realize their dreams through scholarships and endowments, call 509-963-2160 or 800-752-4378, or e-mail [foundation@cwu.edu](mailto:foundation@cwu.edu). You can also see a detailed list of CWU scholarships and endowments at [www.cwu.edu/~scholar](http://www.cwu.edu/~scholar).



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# CENTRAL'S COLLEGIATE SPORT CLUBS LET EVERYONE PLAY GOT GAME

Fewer than 5 percent of college students play on varsity teams, leaving many skilled and eager athletes looking for a way to play and compete. Central's Collegiate Sport Clubs provide opportunities for students to connect with peers and play the sports they love. CWU's sport clubs began with men's rugby in 1972 and the number has steadily grown over the years. There are now twenty-three teams ranging from rodeo to ice hockey. A total of 394 students competed in these clubs during 2008-09, while more than 600 students are on club rosters.

"It's just amazing. Students are growing more ambitious in terms of their activities, finding other students to connect with, and finding outlets for what they want to do," said Corey Sinclair, Collegiate Sport Clubs coordinator. Sinclair offers budgeting assistance, team management help, and general guidance to teams, but insists, "We give students direction and tools, but they govern and build their own teams."

Students must take the initiative to start a club, according to Steve Waldeck, director of University Recreation. He described the grassroots efforts of a student interested in starting a lacrosse team. The young man carried a lacrosse stick attached to his backpack for weeks to attract the attention of other interested students, ultimately with great success.

Collegiate Sport Clubs also provide an outlet for students with unconventional athletic interests. Many sports not offered in the varsity sector, like bowling and ultimate disc, i.e., ultimate Frisbee, have become established in the CWU community. Students also have the opportunity to connect with peers through more individual sports, like climbing and karate.

Many students just want to meet people with similar interests and get involved. The Dance Cats dance team encourages everyone to attend meetings and enjoy participating whether they ultimately compete or not. Similarly, the rodeo team has about twenty competing members, but sixty students are on their club roster.







## CLUB PLAYER VIED FOR SPOT ON SEATTLE SOUNDERS

Facing the daunting obstacles of fierce competition and an injured foot, Alvaro Valencia almost didn't attend the Yakima tryout for the Sounders SuperSearch. The Disney-sponsored contest offered contestants the chance to secure a spot on the Seattle Sounders Football [soccer] Club 2009 roster.

Valencia didn't think he had a shot at selection, but sitting out wasn't his style. Despite reinjuring his foot during play, Valencia shone amidst the other hopefuls, and was selected from 600 tryout participants as one of ten finalists.



Leadership is the most essential element to a successful sport club. In an effort to help students develop crucial leadership skills, University Recreation has partnered with the Center for Excellence in Leadership to provide guidance for students in this area. The program conducts sessions for students to develop leadership skills, address and resolve issues, and confront challenges in a way that is best for the team. Students can also obtain official leadership transcripts that document their activity on their team. "The motivation and focus that team leaders exercise is definitely an impressive resume item," said Waldeck, "These students gain marketable, real-world leadership skills that are transferable to any field."

Although sport clubs' athletes vary in skill level, and teams are generally more focused on recreation than competitive reputation, CWU sport clubs' teams hold their own off campus as well. The men's rugby team finished the 2008-09 season ranked twelfth in the nation among Division I college teams, including club and varsity. The team went undefeated in league (8-0), while clinching a second straight Division I league title. The rodeo team has had six or more members attend nationals the past two years, including Jamie Virden, who was crowned Miss Rodeo USA this year.

Club members must take an active role in organizing the teams' functions and fundraisers. Central does allocate funding for the club teams. However, when divided by twenty-three, each team's piece of the pie is relatively small. So students step up to help their team to an impressive degree. Over the past two years, the clubs collectively raised \$286,000 of their own funds. Last year, the men's rugby team twice traveled to compete in California, and the cost for each student was around \$1,000. The students, determined to compete, conducted fundraisers and used their own funds to pay for the trip.

"When students finish their time at Central, they won't necessarily remember what games were won and lost, or even if they played in every game," said Bob Ford, associate director of University Recreation. "They'll remember connecting with other students, loving their sport, and putting on the Central colors and supporting their team."

For a complete listing of the Collegiate Sport Clubs currently offered at CWU, visit [www.cwu.edu/-rec](http://www.cwu.edu/-rec).

A December 2008 graduate, Valencia played on the CWU collegiate club soccer team as much as he was able, while also playing on the Yakima Reds team and working toward his degree. He praises club athletes for their skill, but more importantly, for possessing the drive to establish and govern their own teams.

Although Valencia's performance was widely recognized as one of the competition's strongest, he didn't make it to the final round of the SuperSearch. But Valencia wasn't discouraged. His performance throughout the contest has garnered him attention at the professional level, and he has been fielding requests to attend tryouts across the country. "The experience has been worth it just for that," he said. "It was fun and exciting, and now I have a chance at new opportunities."

Until he breaks into the pros, Valencia is very busy working at a Yakima accounting firm, acting as captain of the Wenatchee Fire FC, a professional indoor arena team, and playing on the Premier Development League team, the Yakima Reds.







(Left to right) Rep. Norm Johnson; Jack Bishop, CWU athletic director; Krissy Tandle; Rep. Barbara Bailey; Johnny Spevak; Erin Norris; Tyler Fisher; Rep. Bill Hinkle; Lynde Clark; Adam Bighill; Marcie Mullen; Mary Anderson, aide to Sen. Karen Fraser; Kurt Hammond, legislative assistant to Rep. Cary Condotta; Rep. Brad Klippert. Johnson, Anderson, Hammond, Condotta, and Klippert are all CWU alumni.

## Top CWU Scholar-Athletes Honored by State Legislature

Based on their academic and athletic excellence, seven CWU student-athletes were honored in Olympia by the Washington State House of Representatives on April 6, in conjunction with the 12th annual National STUDENT-Athlete Day. Sponsored by the National Consortium for Academics and Sports, National STUDENT-Athlete Day is designed to celebrate “the outstanding achievements of high school and college student-athletes who have excelled in academics (3.0 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale) and athletics while having made significant contributions to their schools and communities.” The honored Wildcats were:

Adam Bighill, football, 3.7 GPA

Lynde Clark, women’s soccer, 3.4 GPA

Tyler Fisher, track and field, 3.5 GPA (Great Northwest Athletic Conference shot put champion)

Marcie Mullen, cross country and track, 3.95 GPA

Erin Norris, volleyball, 3.4 GPA

John Spevak, football and basketball, 3.7 GPA (All American in football)

Krissy Tandle, track and field, 3.0 GPA (2009 indoor shot put National Champion)

## CWU Inducts Seven into Athletic Hall of Fame for 2009

At the twenty-sixth annual banquet and induction ceremony on May 30, seven new members were added to the Central Athletics Hall of Fame: Walter “Spike” Arlt, Richard “Dick” Armstrong, Kristelle (Arthur) Harrington, Robi Raab, Kenny Russaw, Steve Slavens, and Eric Tollefson.

During Arlt’s twenty-seven years on the CWU coaching staff, nine Central teams qualified for cross-country nationals, with six of those squads placing in the top ten. Arlt was named the District 1 Coach of the Year in

cross-country four times, and three times for track. His Wildcat track teams also won two District 1 titles. Throughout the course of his career, Spike coached twenty-two All-

Americans. A hurdler at Washington State University, he was named the 1960 WSU Athlete of the Year and competed in the US trials for the Rome Olympics. Arlt was one of the first to develop, and still actively works on, computer software for use in coaching through his company Arlt Technologies ([www.arlttechnologies.com](http://www.arlttechnologies.com)).



Spike Arlt

A multisport standout, Harrington helped lead the 1987-88 Wildcat women’s basketball team to the best season in school history as Central posted a 31-5 record and its first—and only—appearance at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national tournament. A dominating rebounder, she still ranks first in single season rebounds (284) and fourth in career rebounds (568). In addition, she is eleventh in career points scored (781). In track and field, with a time of 2:14.41 in the 800 meters set twenty years ago, Harrington still ranks second on the school record list. Harrington was named the Wildcat track most outstanding performer in 1989. She also helped lead two CWU cross country teams to the NAIA national meet, where the Wildcats placed sixteenth in 1985 and in 1988.



Kristelle Harrington

Armstrong was a two-way starter for the Wildcat football team, playing offensive and defensive tackle in 1951 and 1952. He went on to coach high school football, and spent thirty-two years at Snohomish High School, where



he won 243 games and two state titles. Armstrong also coached Everett High to a 17-1 record over two seasons and to a pair of number one state rankings.



Armstrong ca.1954

When he retired in 1994 his 272 career victories made him the winningest coach in Washington State high school football history. He still ranks third on the all-time list. His teams also won, or shared, sixteen league titles, including thirteen in a row between 1976 and 1988. The *Everett Herald* named Armstrong its 1977 "Man of the Year" in sports. In 1978, he was named the Washington State Football Coach of the Year by the National High School Coaches Athletic Association. Armstrong, who died in 1999, has also been honored with a life-size bronze statue at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Everett.

As a high school player, Raab recorded the first hole-in-one at the state championship in 1979 at the Washington Junior Golf Association tournament in



Robi Raab

Spokane, acing the 191-yard, par-3 16th hole. Raab went on to become CWU's first All-American golfer. He set season and career scoring records in 1987. That same year he placed fifteenth at the NAIA national tournament, leading Central to an eleventh place overall finish, the best in school history, and he recorded three of the five best single-season stroke averages. Raab went on to coach girls' basketball at Zillah High School between 1996 and 2004. His Leopards placed fourth at state in 2000, sixth in 2001, and eighth in 2004. Since 2005, he has coached the girls' team at East Valley High School in Yakima. His Red Devils placed fifth at state in

2005, sixth in 2006, and third in 2007. Overall, his teams have made eight trips to state, placing in the top six five times.

Kenny Russaw is still regarded as one of the top wide receivers in Pacific Northwest small-college history. He teamed with quarterback Jon Kitna for what was then the best pass/catch combination in CWU history, helping lead the Wildcats to the 1995 NAIA national football championship. He still holds Central's school record for career touchdown receptions (43) and single season receptions (94). He also shares the school record for single-season touchdown receptions (20). In addition, Russaw ranks second in school history in scoring (264 points), career touchdowns (43), single-season receiving yardage (1,349), and single season total touchdowns (20). He also ranks third in Wildcat history in career reception yardage (2,906), total receptions (194), and single season touchdown receptions (15).



Kenny Russaw

Steve Slavens still holds the Central school record at 200 meters (21.0 in 1972). As a Wildcat, he ran on a foursome that set the school record in the 4x100 yard relay in 1972 with a time of 40.9. He also placed fifth at the 1970 NAIA national meet in the 440 yard relay with a time of 41.2, and fourth in the 4x100 yard relay in 1972 (41.1). He was the District 1 champion at 100 yards in 1971 (9.8) and at 220 yards in 1972 (21.1). He also ran on two district 440-yard-relay championship teams (1971 and 1972). He recorded a career best of 10.5 in 100 meters, which



Steve Slavens

still ranks ninth in school history. More recently, he has had a highly successful coaching career at Fife High School, with his teams winning the state track and field title in 1985 and finishing in the top ten five times. His Trojan teams have won multiple league and district championships. Slavens also coached Fife to three high school state powerlifting championships. A power-lifter himself, he has won two national powerlifting titles.

Eric Tollefson was a 1994 NAIA All-American in cross country, with a ninth place finish (the highest ever by a CWU athlete), and he placed third at 5,000 meters at the



Eric Tollefson

national meet to earn 1996 NAIA Track and Field All-American honors. He was a six-time NAIA national qualifier: three each in cross country and track. Tollefson still ranks third on the CWU all-time list in the 10,000 meters and steeplechase events and fifth at 5,000 meters. He won the district 10,000-meter title in both 1993 and 1995, and took the district 5,000-meter and steeplechase crowns in 1996. He later developed into one of the finer long distance runners in the United States. In the 2000 Olympic Trials, he placed thirteenth in the 10,000 in a time of 29:13.72 (his best at CWU was 30:04.69). He is also a past winner of the prestigious Penn Relays 10K.

The Central Washington University Athletic Hall of Fame was initiated in 1983 and charged with "recognizing and honoring the accomplishments and memory of exceptional CWU athletes, teams, coaches, members of the athletic staff, and others for their distinctive achievements..." Visit [www.wildcatsports.com/halloffame.html](http://www.wildcatsports.com/halloffame.html) for a list of all members of the CWU Athletics Hall of Fame.





Mike Reilly

## Reilly, Tandle Named Student-Athletes of the Year

At the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Mike Reilly and Krissy Tandle were named CWU's top male and female athletes of the year, respectively.

Mike Reilly was named the 2008 Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) Offensive Player of the Year in football. The record-setting quarterback, who signed a free agent contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers, helped lead the Wildcat football team to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II playoffs for the second straight year with career-best passing numbers of 3,706 yards and thirty-seven touchdowns while completing 67 percent of his passes. He was also the runner-up for the Harlon Hill Trophy as the country's top Division II football player. Reilly was also voted the 2008-09 GNAC Male Athlete of the Year.

Krissy Tandle was the first student-athlete in Central's eleven years as a



Krissy Tandle

member of the NCAA Division II to win a national championship. She claimed the women's indoor shot put title in March. An unprecedented four-time GNAC champion in the event, she entered this past winter's national championships as the top seed and subsequently claimed the title with a throw of 48 feet, 9½ inches. She also qualified for the 2009 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships, where she placed twelfth overall with a throw of 44 feet, 5½ inches.

## CWU Softball Field Renamed in Honor of Gary and Bobbi Frederick

Central's softball field is now officially the Gary and Bobbi Frederick Field. It was rededicated before Central's final home softball doubleheader of the 2009 season, a ceremony at which a new sign, spanning the width of the scoreboard in left-center field to commemorate the new name, was unveiled.

The field was renamed in honor of Dr. Gary Frederick and his late wife

Bobbi, who passed away December 8, 2008, due to complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

"What means so much to me is that my wife is up there [on the scoreboard] with me," Frederick said. "It's a huge honor and I'm really humbled by it."

In addition to the field dedication, Central players and fans donned yellow t-shirts in remembrance of Bobbi, whose favorite color was yellow. Team members also wore yellow armbands emblazoned with the initials "B.F." throughout the entire 2009 season to honor her.

Frederick, who will return for his sixteenth year as the Wildcats' head softball coach, just completed his forty-fifth year overall as a student-athlete, coach, or athletic administrator at Central. The field renaming efforts were spearheaded by current members of the CWU softball program and financially supported by contributions from several donors, including Frederick's five children.

Frederick, who turned 72 in July, began as a football student-athlete at Central Washington College of Education in 1955. He played three seasons of football and twice earned all-Evergreen Conference honors. A 1959 graduate of Central, Frederick had an eight-year stint teaching and coaching at three high schools in the state of Washington before returning to Ellensburg in 1967. He led the Wildcat baseball program for eleven seasons and its women's basketball program for eleven seasons. He also spent eighteen years as the university's director of athletics, overseeing five of the school's seven all-time National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national team championships. In all, Frederick has been a coach and/or athletic director at Central for all but



one of the past forty-two years, and at one point earlier this decade, was the winningest coach in school history in all three sports he coached.

Frederick is a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame (1997 induction), and a three-time inductee into the CWU Athletics Hall of Fame. He was inducted as an individual into the CWU Hall of Fame in 1999 and has also been inducted as the coach of two Wildcat teams—the 1968 baseball team and the 1987-88 women's basketball squad. Both teams made their program's first-ever national tournament appearance under Frederick's guidance.

Central had its most successful softball season in school history this spring, which included twenty-nine conference wins, a second-place finish in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, and a school record thirty-three victories.

## Students Overwhelmingly Pass Fee Initiative for Wildcat Athletics

With an 84 percent yes vote, the Central Washington University student body resoundingly passed a fee increase of seven dollars per quarter as part of the Associated Students of CWU spring student elections.

"It's very gratifying to know that our students have spoken in favor of athletics in such an overwhelming manner," said CWU Director of Athletics Jack Bishop. "We are all challenged by current financial difficulties, so we want them to know how much we truly appreciate them for their support."

The approval means the quarterly student athletics fee will increase from \$35 to \$42. The \$35 fee had been in place since 1997, the year before the Central Washington University athletics department became a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II.

## CWU Softball Player First Wildcat to Receive NCAA Division II Award

Central senior shortstop Liz Wallace became the first Wildcat in the school's eleven years as a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to receive an NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Award. Wallace, a member of Central's prestigious William O. Douglas Honors College, recorded a 3.93 grade point average while pursuing her degree in education. She is student-teaching this fall.

The selection process is based on the student-athlete's academic

performance, athletic achievement, and involvement in campus and community activities, along with consideration of his or her financial circumstances. The awards are provided to student-athletes who are receiving athletics financial assistance, but have exhausted their eligibility.

A four-year starter, Wallace finished her career starting a school-record 182 games and is second on Central's



Liz Wallace

all-time hits list with 158. She earned honorable mention all-Great Northwest Athletic Conference honors and was selected to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA)/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District VIII College Division Team as a senior.

Wallace also gained national acclaim during the 2008 softball campaign when she and teammate Mallory Holtman carried Western Oregon University's Sara Tucholsky around the bases after Tucholsky injured her knee after hitting her first—and, as it turned out, only—collegiate home run. The act of sportsmanship earned Wallace and Holtman an ESPN television Excellence in Sports Performance award for Best Sports Moment of the year.





## Central Washington University vs. Western Oregon University

**Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009**

**Qwest Field • Kickoff at 6 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$15, \$25, and \$35**

On sale now at the Wildcat Shop at [www.cwu.edu/~store](http://www.cwu.edu/~store)  
and at Ticketmaster at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

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## 2009 CWU Fall Home Sports Schedules

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
<b>FOOTBALL</b>			
Sat.	Sept. 19	AZUSA PACIFIC	1 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 3	DIXIE STATE*	1 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 24	HUMBOLDT STATE* (Homecoming)	1 p.m.
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>			
Thurs.	Sept 24	ALASKA*	7 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 26	ALASKA ANCHORAGE*	7 p.m.
Thurs.	Oct. 8	SEATTLE PACIFIC*	7 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 10	WESTERN OREGON*	7 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 31	NORTHWEST NAZARENE*	3 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 7	WESTERN WASHINGTON*	7 p.m.
Thurs.	Nov. 12	MONTANA STATE BILLINGS*	7 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 14	SAINT MARTIN'S*	7 p.m.
<b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b>			
Thurs.	Sept. 17	MONTANA STATE BILLINGS*	4 p.m.
Thurs.	Oct. 8	WESTERN OREGON*	3 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 10	NORTHWEST NAZARENE*	11 a.m.
Wed.	Oct. 14	WESTERN WASHINGTON*	3 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 17	SAINT MARTIN'S*	11 a.m.
Sat.	Oct. 31	SEATTLE PACIFIC*	Noon

\* denotes Great Northwest Athletic Conference event

Home cross country is held at Apple Ridge Run in Yakima, football at Tomlinson Stadium, volleyball in Nicholson Pavilion, and women's soccer at the CWU soccer field.

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Wildcat action, visit  
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The CWU license plate makes it clear that you're not one of those lesser species. You're a Wildcat. Best of all, over half of each year's renewal fee goes directly to the Alumni Association scholarship fund to help send a new generation of Wildcats to college.

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## From the Director's Chair The Battle Lives On!

The Battle in Seattle, the football clash between the Wildcats and arch-foe Western Vikings, seemed headed to the morgue in January when Bellingham administrators pulled the plug on their school's

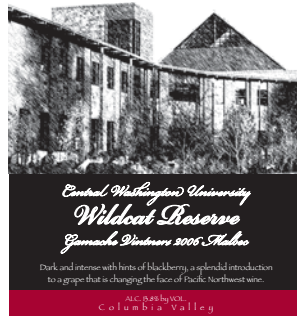
Alumni Relations Director Jim Armstrong century-old football program. The move was also a blow for Central fans who relished the pro-stadium ambience of Qwest Field, the spirited pre-game party (and—for some—the spirited halftime, and post-game parties), and of course the boundless joy of whipping Western.

As it turns out, the Battle will still rage this October 17, only the foe will be Western Oregon University and not Western Washington. For the most part, fans seem agreeable to the switch. While nothing will ever replace the sweetness of vanquishing the Vikings, Central's alumni can still enjoy a big city/big stadium game against an able opponent. And about that pre-game party . . . to celebrate the start of a new tradition, the Alumni Association is moving its gathering to the popular Pyramid Alehouse. It's not too early to practice chanting "Pooooor Wolves."

A year ago, the Alumni Association stepped tentatively into the burgeoning world of Washington wine with Wildcat Reserve, a complex cabernet from Gamache Vintners. The result was a sellout. This year we return with a second collaboration with Gamache by offering one of the country's most exciting new regional wines—Malbec. Once a fairly obscure grape, Malbec has found the perfect soil and climate in the Pacific Northwest, producing wines that have critics reaching for superlatives. And Gamache's Malbec, intense and dark with a strong hint of blackberry, is one of the best. Like last year, the 2009 Wildcat Reserve will be available at three locations and also online. Visit [cwu.edu/alumni](http://cwu.edu/alumni) to check for availability.

Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat,

*Jim Armstrong*  
Jim Armstrong  
Director of Alumni Relations



## Upcoming Alumni Events

**October 17:** Battle in Seattle, Qwest Field, Seattle, Alumni pre-game gathering, 3 to 5 p.m., Pyramid Alehouse, Brewery & Restaurant, 1201 First Ave. S. (CWU football vs. Western Oregon, 6 p.m. kickoff)

**October 23:** Homecoming Banquet, 6 p.m., Sue Lombard

**October 24:** Wildcat Alley, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front on Tomlinson Stadium

**October 24:** The Cat's Den Hospitality Tent (membership required), noon through "fifth quarter," Tomlinson Stadium (CWU football vs. Humboldt State, 1 p.m. kickoff)

## November 5 and 6 CWU PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION EVENTS

**Concert featuring Faculty and Students of CWU Department of Music**

Thursday, November 5, 7 p.m.  
Music Building Concert Hall.

### Symposium

The History of CWU and the Community  
Friday, November 6, 9:15 a.m.  
SURC 137 A & B

### Inaugural Luncheon

Friday, November 6, Noon • SURC Ballroom  
\$10 per person, reservations required

### Ceremonial Inauguration

Friday, November 6, 2 p.m.  
McConnell Auditorium

### Public Reception

Immediately following ceremony  
Sue Lombard Dining Room

**December 5:** The Snowball Express, a train excursion for alumni with kids or grandkids, steams from Elbe to the flanks of Mt. Rainier and back. Santa will meet the train. Adults \$15, kids \$10. Register at 509-963-2762 or [events@cwu.edu](mailto:events@cwu.edu).

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## ALUMNI PROFILE

# A Wine Romance



From grape to goblet, CWU alumni are a big part of the Washington wine industry.

Long before CWU's prestigious World Wine Program was launched, Central alumni were becoming the *premier cru* in the vineyard and beyond. Below are stories of just three of the many Wildcats who are contributing to the production and enjoyment of the grape.

### *Wildcat Reserve and the Gamache Brothers*

The fourth generation of this Washington farming family began its venture into viticulture in the early 1980s. With their first *vitis vinifera* planting in 1982, Bob and Roger Gamache founded what would become one of the elite vineyard sites in Washington State. With an exceptional combination of soil, climate, and vine, the Gamache brothers at first grew their premium grapes for a number of wineries such as Chateau Ste Michelle. Then, in 1995, they began to explore producing wines themselves. In 2002, they established their own label and since their first bottling, the Gamache Vintners have garnered awards and accolades for their singular vintages.

Last year, the brothers teamed up with Amy Mumma, director of the World Wine Program, to create a special wine for Central's Alumni Association. The result, Wildcat Reserve, was a resounding success. Wildcat Reserve was made from 100 percent cabernet sauvignon grapes, hand-selected and harvested from the Gamache's and cousin Paul Champoux's older vines, in the heart of the Columbia Valley American Viticultural Area (AVA) (see sidebar). This special collaboration was one of the few original wines offered by an American university.

"We're going to do it again this year," said Roger, who earned his bachelor's in CWU's leisure services program in 1979. Several members of the Gamache family have either graduated from or attended CWU at one time or another. Although he has been in the business for decades, he still "feels like a little kid," excited by the constant in-the-field scholarship that winemaking requires—"it's been a great learning curve."

"It's been a lot of work and a lot of thought, and a constant evolution of learning," he continues. "Along with other Washington vintners, we're competing with the best wines in the world, and that's huge. We just want to keep making better and better wines."

### *Essence of the Grape— Winemaker Dave Forsyth*

"When I first started, I didn't know a chardonnay from a cabernet," said David Forsyth, winemaker for Mercer Estates Vineyard.

Forsyth, who graduated from Central with double master's in zoology and psychology, originally planned to continue his studies in physiology. However, a short break from school convinced him to ply the wine trade. He earned a master's degree in food science and enology from the University of California, Davis, while working at a Napa vineyard.

After several years, he began looking at the wine boom that was happening in Washington. By chance, he heard of an opening at Hogue Cellars, where he rapidly rose to become the chief winemaker. He spent twenty-three years at Hogue, during which time he helped build its reputation as a leader in premium wines. But as the company grew, he began to lose the immediate influence on the various stages of wine production. When the fledgling Mercer Estates tapped him, he left a staff of nearly forty people to become part of a four-person team and returned to an intimate, hands-on approach to winemaking.





Bob and Roger Gamache



David Forsyth



Steve Roberts

“We’re working on a smaller scale, and I get to spend more time out in the vineyards,” he said. “Winemaking is a series of decisions, from what type and where the grape is grown, to the type of barrels, and things come up [such as weather], where you have to change course pretty quickly. At a smaller winery you can make decisions quickly in response to the wine.”

And when you consider that wine has so many organic chemical compounds it is believed to be more complex than blood serum, winemaking becomes a juggling act between taste and technology.

“It’s a mix between science and art fundamentals,” Forsyth continues. “There are the scientific principles of microbiology, chemistry, and physics. And then there’s the desire to shape the wine to make an artistic statement.”

### *Traveling the Wine-Dark Road: Wine Trails Author Steve Roberts*

“I didn’t get the wine bug until late 2005, but it bit me hard,” said Steve Roberts, with a laugh. He was eager to explore the wine country, but couldn’t find any guidebooks to the vineyards and tasting rooms of Washington’s wine

country. “So I decided that what the world needed was a good wine-touring book.”

Roberts, who graduated from CWU in 1974 with a degree in environmental science, approached the undertaking being “incredibly naïve.” He had no idea the project would be so huge. As writer, photographer, and publisher, Roberts eventually visited more than 200 wineries, at times traveling to six or more per day. “I quickly learned to spit [in the tasting rooms]—I had to keep my wits about me!”

Some 30,000 miles later, *Wine Trails of Washington* hit the shelves last year and so far has sold more than 15,000 copies. But that doesn’t mean Roberts is putting the brakes on anytime soon. *Wine Trails of Oregon* was just published, and he is working on a guidebook for Idaho, as well as taking winemaking classes—“Every ounce of free time is taken,” he said.

In addition to being owner/manager of Orca Bay Benefits, a Mercer Island insurance company, Roberts has expanded his entrepreneurship to his new company, South Slope Productions (since most vineyards are planted facing south) doing business as Wine Trails Northwest (<http://www.winetrailsnw.com>).

“I’m not quitting my day job,” he chuckles. “I intend to update [*Wine Trails*] every few years and I’ll see where it takes me.”



In the past three decades, the state’s wine industry has been steadily booming. Just this February, the state licensed its 602nd winery, marking a nearly 300 percent increase in the number of wineries in just the last ten years. Valued at about \$3 billion annually, Washington’s wine industry ranks second behind California in the production of wine. The number of wine grape plantings increased from 24,000 acres in 1999 to an estimated 33,000 this year.

In addition, Washington now has eleven federally defined American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) mostly located in eastern Washington. An AVA is a designated wine grape growing region that is distinguished by geographic features, much like the French Appellation d’origine contrôlée, a geographical indication used to identify where the grapes for a wine were grown, e.g., Champagne or Burgundy.



'67

**Earl HILL** teaches special education at the Creston School District. Hill taught special education in Wenatchee before joining Creston last year. He and his wife, Ann, have two grown children.

'70

**Cris HARMIA** is in his first year as the dean of students at the White Pass School District. His career includes thirty-nine years of teaching both high school and junior high.

'71

**Barry HOGREFE**, MA '76, is a staff engineer for Panasonic Avionics Corporation. He has been with the company since 1995. He and his wife Kathleen have two grown children.

In June 2008, **Jim SCHOELKOPF**, MED '75, retired after thirty-two years in public education. Schoelkopf moved from Salem to Portland, Oregon, where he is employed as a senior research associate for MPR Associates, Inc.

'73

**Jesse FARIAS** is mayor of Wapato. Farias retired from state government in 1999 with more than twenty-five years in the Employment Security Department including serving as a regional director in eastern Washington.

'74

Okanogan High School's athletic director, **Steve CHAMBERLIN**, was named Athletic Director of the 2008-09 Year for District 6. Chamberlin began his career with Okanogan in 1977, and was head boys' basketball coach for seven years and basketball coach for twenty-four years.

**Jane (HERNESS) PARNELL** is the superintendent for Ahtanum View Corrections Center. Prior to her current position, Parnell was an associate superintendent at the Washington Corrections Center in Gig Harbor. She has been employed with the Department of Corrections for twenty-one years.

**Jill (CURFMAN) WAKEFIELD** is chancellor of Seattle Community Colleges. She is the first woman to lead the district of three campuses (North Seattle, Seattle Central, and South Seattle). Wakefield holds a doctorate in educational leadership

from Seattle University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington.

'75

In September 2008, **Jim GILLIE** served as the grand marshal of the Naches Valley Sportman's Day Parade. Gillie is in his thirty-fourth year of teaching special education in the Naches Valley School District. In the Boy Scouts, he has worked as assistant scoutmaster, cubmaster, and committee chairman of Naches Pack and Troop. He has also worked twenty-five years on staff at Camp Thunderbird.

'76

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum will honor **Larry GIBSON** with the 2009 Medal of Courage during Honors Weekend in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The award is presented annually to a wrestler or former wrestler who has overcome what appear to be insurmountable challenges, which may be physical, mental, or other handicaps that make his or her achievements all the more uplifting. Gibson was eleven when a drunk driver struck him. The next three years were largely spent in a hospital, where he survived thirteen operations trying to save his leg, and two amputations that left him without his left leg below the knee. Gibson started a wrestling program in Omak, where he coached the sport for sixteen seasons.

**Robert "Bob" ADAMSON** was one of eight individuals to receive the 2008 Golden Apple Award. Adamson is the principal of Terrace Heights Elementary in Yakima. Since restructuring the reading program and instituting the "Book-It" program, there has been a significant increase in the number of students reading at or above grade level.

'77

**Scott ANDERSON** teaches fifth grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Vancouver. He is in his twenty-fifth year at Lincoln and has been teaching for thirty-two years. His wife **Marianne (BRUKETTA, '75)** is also a teacher.

**Norm REID** and his wife, Laurie, are the owners of Gymnastics Plus in Yakima. Reid opened the business in 1978. He and Laurie were married in 1981. The club has helped numerous gymnasts go on to compete in college, and has inspired some to open their own clubs.

'79

**Keith PHILLIPS** has made a career of the ancient craft of stonecutting. Some of his works include a monument in front of the Tumwater City Hall, sandstone sculptures along Tenino's business district, and Oregon Trail markers in Chehalis and Puyallup. Phillips received training and an apprenticeship during the mid-1980s from master stonecutter Lorenz "Larry" Scheel of Olympia.

**Cathi PARENT WRIGHT's** Ridgefield-based firm, Wild on Wildlife, disseminates information about natural history, conservation, and wildlife. In addition to overseeing Wild on Wildlife, Wright leads education programs and nature walks for the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.

'80

Openwave Systems Inc. has appointed **Ken DENMAN** as chief executive officer. Denman's career spans more than twenty years in the global telecommunications and information technology industries. He recently served as chief executive officer of iPass, Inc.

**Janet (WEEKS) HETHORN** is chairperson of the University of Delaware's Department of Art. Hethorn is author of *Sustainable Fashion: Why Now* and won the Best Sustainable Design award from the Educators for Socially Responsible Apparel Business at the International Textiles and Apparel Association Design Exhibition in November 2008.

**Omar RODRIGUEZ** has recently been named director and executive vice president of Advanced Plan for Health, a company that helps hospitals, corporations, and other organizations manage the health of more than 270,000 employees and dependants.

'81

**Coleen (BITTINGER) RENEE** is an ordained minister, licensed massage practitioner, earth steward, and certified spiritual healer. Renee owns the Skystone Clinic of Massage and Bodywork in Ellensburg.

'82

The Actors' Equity Association has named **Christopher COMTE** the recipient of the 2008 Lucy Jordan Humanitarian Award. Comte is a

membership director for the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists in Seattle.

**Robert "Bob" DOWLING** is director of government sales for VANTOS. His experience includes seventeen years as a special agent with four federal government agencies, including two years assigned to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. Dowling received a master's degree in criminal justice from Washington State University.

**Evelyn MENDOZA** is the new director of human resources for Uwajimaya. Mendoza has more than twenty years of experience in human resources. She has held resource management positions in telecommunications, hospitality, and employment industries.

'83

**Jack BALLARD** is an associate professor of music for Malone University in Canton, Ohio. Ballard received his PhD in music theory and composition from Kent State University.

In November 2008, **Jim COLLYER** was named chief of police for the city of Puyallup. Collyer started as a patrol officer in 1983 and became deputy chief in 2003. He is credited with reducing thefts and drug production in Pierce County's third-largest city. He also launched the Problem Oriented Policing program.

Prosser Public Hospital District recently named **Julie (SMITH) PETERSEN** as chief executive officer. Petersen began working at the hospital as chief financial officer in 2001. In 2008, she was honored with the Prosser Community Distinguished Service Award.

**Bradley POWELL** is chief financial officer for Expeditors International of Washington, Inc. Powell most recently served as president, chief financial officer, and secretary of Eden BioScience Corporation.

**Chistine "Chrissy" (CHINN) YAMADA** is the chief financial officer for Evergreen Healthcare. Yamada joined Evergreen as a controller after fifteen years at Northwest Hospital.

'85

**Lory (KNAPP) HUNTER** and her husband opened the Old Hawaiian Bed and Breakfast in Hilo in 2001. Hunter is an assistant coach at Hilo

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High School, where both of her children participate in cross country.

## '86

At the age of 87, **Virginia (MARTIN) BEAVER** teaches Yakama Sahaptin, one of a family of American Indian languages spoken along the Columbia River, at the University of Oregon. Beavert is one of only 200 people who can converse in the language. In 1997, she earned a master's degree in bilingual and bicultural education from the University of Arizona. She was named a CWU Distinguished Alumna in 2007.

**Craig IMA** recently joined Windes & McClaughry Accountancy Corporation as director of marketing. Ima brings more than twenty-two years of experience holding executive positions in marketing, sales, business operations, product development/management, strategy, and database marketing to the company.

## '87

**Jim SCHLENKER** is chief financial officer for St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, Oregon. Schlenker joined St. Anthony after eight years as chief financial officer at Sunnyside Community Hospital.

**Vaughnnetta (JENKINS) BARTON** has been selected as the executive director for the Foundation for Early Learning. Barton earned her Master of Social Work from the University of Washington.

## '89

**Doug BURGE** is principal of Hilton Elementary School in Zillah. He is also head basketball coach for Zillah High School.

**Jeff HARMON** and his wife, Jill, recently moved back to Ellensburg where Harmon is a pastor for the River Church of the Nazarene, also known as the River, which was founded in 2007. Jill is an interior designer for Shaw's Furniture and Appliance.

**Patricia LOERA** is senior program officer of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Loera manages the foundation's investments to ensure that students graduate "college-ready," focusing especially on the achievement of Black and Hispanic students. Loera received the CWU Special Achievement Award in 2007.

## '90

**Dawn (McLEAN) WEDDLE** is enjoying her first year as principal for Toppenish Middle School. She came from Mabton Artz Fox Elementary where she served as principal for three years. Weddle earned her master's degree from Eastern Washington University.

## '92

**Joseph KENNEDY** is the head of school for West Sound Academy in Poulsbo. Previously, Kennedy headed Riverstone International School in Boise for six years. He has also served as the head of an independent school in the West Indies.

**Heather MADDY** is assistant to the vice president of administrative services at Wenatchee Valley College. She served as a fiscal technician supervisor at the college for the past eight years.

## '94

**John BRANGWIN** has joined 1800DUILaws.com as a DUI lawyer. Brangwin is also a graduate of the National College for DUI Defense at Harvard University.

**Margaret LOWELL RICE** is pursuing a doctoral degree at Heritage University in Toppenish. She is in her first year as dean of students at the Clark County Skills Center in the Evergreen School District in Vancouver. Lowell Rice received a master's in education at Heritage University.

**Sean O'DAY** has been appointed deputy city manager for Salem, Oregon. O'Day earned his law degree from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College in May 2000. He also serves as judge advocate for the Oregon National Guard. O'Day and his wife, Christine, live in Salem with their two children, Kennedy and Colin.

## '95

**Ted MACK** was one of nine contenders for the 2007-08 Washington State Teacher of the Year award. Mack is a self-contained special education teacher at Discover Elementary in Moses Lake.

In 2008, the Washington Art Educators named **Michael McClUN** the Secondary Art Teacher of the Year. McClun teaches high school art at Wenatchee High School.

The Safeco Insurance Foundation has promoted **Mark DEDERER** to director. Prior to joining Safeco Insurance in April 2007, he spent nearly eight years as vice president and manager of Washington community relations at Wells Fargo.

In October 2008, **Bret RUTTER** was admitted into the partnership at Moss Adams LLP. Moss Adams has twenty locations in Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, and New Mexico.

## '96

**Elizabeth (GLASER) CHURCH** is a third-grade teacher at the Dandan Elementary School in Saipan, MP. She was the school's Teacher of the Year nominee for this year. Church began teaching at Dandan in 2000.

**Linnea (MITCHELL) NICOULIN** graduated from Bellevue Community College Nursing School. She is employed with the Evergreen Hospital Family Maternity Center.

**Kelley SCHOEN** teaches fifth grade at Bridgeport Elementary. Schoen taught in California for ten years prior to moving back to Washington last year.

## '98

**Joanne RENAUD** earned a degree in illustration from Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. Renaud is also a graduate of the University of Ulster in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

## '99

Sunnyside Community Hospital has promoted **Martha (HERRERA) RODRIGUEZ** to chief financial officer. She has been the comptroller at the hospital since April 2007.

## '01

**Sara (KASER) HUME** teaches math at Ridgeline Middle School in Yelm. Before Ridgeline, she taught algebra and geometry at Puyallup High School. Hume earned her master's degree in teaching from Grand Canyon University in 2006.

## '02

Registered dietitian **Cynthia (DAVIDSON) ROSENOW** is the staff nutritionist at Columbia Basin Health Association in Othello. She and her husband Ron live in Moses Lake.

After graduating from CWU, **Victor VELAZQUEZ** moved to New York to manage a theater. He recently moved from New York to his hometown of Forks. Velazquez teaches vocational courses at the Quileute Tribal School in LaPush.

## '03

**Adrian DIAZ** was awarded the 2008 Latino Heritage Award by Latino City Employees, a voluntary organization of city of Seattle employees. Diaz has been a Seattle police officer for eleven years. He earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs. Diaz is also an assistant wrestling coach at Chief Sealth High School and the education chair for the King County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Rice Insurance, LLC announced the addition of **Troy HASKELL** to the ownership of the company. Haskell began working at Rice in 2003.

**Autumn WEIS** is the director of public information for Big Bend Community College. She was executive administrative assistant with the Washington State Potato Commission for five years prior to joining Big Bend.

## '04

The Washington Science Teacher's Association named **Amber (FARTHING) HIGGINS** the 2008 Elementary School Science Teacher of the Year. She teaches fourth grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Ellensburg. Her husband, James, '94, is a teacher at Kittitas High School. They have two children: Aaron, 5 and Bailey, 1.

**Zak HILL** recently accepted a coaching position with Eastern Washington University, where he will serve as the quarterback's coach. Hill was the varsity football coach for Hillsboro High School in Oregon.

## '05

**Brendan HALEY** is a language arts/social studies teacher for Tolt Middle School where he also oversees the Title 1 reading program. He has been with the school for two years.

**Matt PETERSON** is employed as a senior accountant for Larson Gross in Bellingham. Prior to his employment with Larson Gross, Peterson worked as a senior associate for a Seattle public accounting firm.



**Evan PICTON** is a research analyst at Wenatchee Valley College. He earned his master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology from the University of North Carolina.

'06

**Elehna (MULLIN) SHORES** is an information services librarian for Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Shores earned a bachelor's degree in German and international studies from Millersville University before earning her master's degree from CWU.

'07

After working for the Miller Brewing Company in Alaska, **Joseph "Joey" BEVEGNI** has returned to Washington and is working for Marine View Beverage in Sumner.

After finishing his state police academy training in Spokane, **Chris BUSCHING** joined the city of Omak as a police officer. Busching moved to Okanogan County nine years ago.

In 2008, **Leland HOLEMAN** purchased the online division of a kite store located in Seattle and moved it to a warehouse unit in Mount Vernon. He

revamped the Web site and reopened it as Goodwinds LLC.

**Friend "Juliete" PALENSHUS** is a tutor for the Latino Education Assistance Development program with Centro Latino.

**Carly SHATTUCK** is studying forensic anthropology at Texas State University. She graduated in the spring of 2009.

'08

**Marqise ALLEN** is a reporter for *The Chronicle* in Centralia, where he covers business, education, and

religious issues. Allen interned at the *Ellensburg Daily Record* and the *Yakima Herald Republic*.

In January, **James "Jay" HOLLICK's** artwork was on exhibit at WSU Tri-Cities. The exhibit, titled "Pecking Order Established," was sponsored by the Digital Technology, Arts, and Culture Club.

The *Port Townsend-Jefferson County Leader* has hired **Melanie LOCKHART** as a reporter-photographer. Lockhart interned at the *Leader* during the summer of 2008.

**Ian McDONALD** is a project engineer for Ferguson Construction in Seattle.

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## IN MEMORY

**David "Dick" ALBERTSON** died September 23, 2008. Albertson and his wife, Donna, were married for fifty-four years. He began his career in Renton as a teacher, then became a principal, and ultimately transitioned into organization development, which occupied nearly thirty years of his life. He taught at CWU before becoming an independent consultant in 1980.

**Johnnie (Beale) BERRING** ('73) died February 12. Berring moved to Washington in 1964 with her husband and six children. She taught second and third grade for thirty years before retiring in 1995.

**Jerry BERSCHAUER** ('60) passed away February 2. Berschauer briefly worked for Grant County PUD on the Wanapum Dam project. In 1963, he opened Jerry's Auto Supply in Wenatchee. He moved to Renton in 1982, where he opened the Fairwood and 4 Corners auto supply stores. After retiring he moved back to the Wenatchee Valley.

**Zena (DICKINSON) BROUGHTON** ('73) passed away November 24, 2008. In 1973, Broughton and her husband William "Bill" were married. The couple raised three children. She worked as a substitute teacher, branch manager for Whitman County Library, and as a librarian for Blue Ridge Elementary and the Moscow School District.

**John BUTKOVICH** ('61) died March 16. Butkovich was drafted into the US Army and served in Central Europe and the Rhineland during WWII. He earned a degree from Oregon State University before attending CWU. Butkovich is survived by his wife, Jean, and their three children.

**Pedro CAVAZOS, Jr.** ('75) died January 24. Cavazos served in Vietnam from 1965 to 1967. He worked for many years in the field of social and community work. He was also the owner/publisher of the *Hispanic News*.

**Bill CHILDERS** ('62) died December 2, 2008. Childers was an art teacher at Bethel Junior High and Bethel High School for several years. He also taught evening classes at Pierce College. Childers and his wife, JoAn "Jo," were married for fifty years.

**Donald CLEMAN** ('58) passed away November 6, 2008. Cleman served in the Korean War as a medical corpsman. He and wife, Neva Jean, were married in 1955 and later had two sons. Cleman taught school and coached swimming in Yakima before taking a coaching position at New Mexico Military Institute. The family later moved back to Yakima, where he sold life insurance for twenty years.

**Gary COUCH** ('71) passed away January 16. Couch served in the army's 3rd Squadron, 7th US Cavalry Garry Owen Border Patrol, Germany in 1967. He retired from Boeing in 2004 after thirty-two years with the company.

**Heather DeHART** ('95, MM '03) died September 27, 2008. DeHart taught in the Puyallup School District, Federal Way School District, and finally, the Bellevue School District where she was the orchestra instructor for the past five years. She spearheaded music festivals, talent shows, and special performances.

**David DOHERTY** ('76) died October 18, 2008. Doherty served three years in the US Army during Vietnam. He retired from Proctor and Gamble. Doherty is survived by his daughter, Anna.

**Kevin DOLAN** ('87) passed away November 22, 2008. After graduating from CWU, Dolan opened an Allstate agency in West Seattle. He leaves his daughter Shealyn.

**Mark DONNELLY** ('96) died January 3. For the past ten years, Mark was a head coach in the Ballard Junior Football program. During that time his team made it to the playoffs annually and held five championships.

**Vera (JACOBSON) DUDLEY** ('65) died November 24, 2008. Dudley and her husband Stanley were married for sixty-three years. She taught business education at Ellensburg High School. She also taught part-time in the business education department at CWU.

**Robert ELLIS** ('61) passed away December 22, 2008. Ellis served in the US Navy during WWII. He and his wife, Mary, were married in 1945 and they raised three children. Ellis taught in elementary and secondary schools before going into administration.

**Maurice FARR** ('04) died April 17. Farr served in the US Army from 1975 to 1978, with an additional three years in the reserves. He was employed with the state Department of Social and Health Services for twenty years. Farr and his wife, Cleo, were married for thirty-three years and they raised two daughters.

**Casey FEROGLIA** ('76) died March 28. Feroglia was head baseball coach and teacher for the Toutle School District, where he was employed for thirty-one years. He enjoyed sports and spending time with his two daughters.

**Catherine (FISHER) FLAGG** ('50) passed away March 1. Flagg also earned a degree at the University of Washington. She settled in Issaquah, where she taught elementary school until her retirement. She enjoyed traveling and saw the world.

**Jerry GARRISON** ('56) died December 12, 2008. Jerry and his wife, Jean, were married in 1954 and raised four boys. Garrison's teaching career began in Moxee and he later taught at East Valley High School. He also coached golf, track and field, and football.

**John GARRISON** ('79) passed away September 20, 2008. Garrison was a Vietnam-era veteran, enlisting in the US Army in 1968. He was honorably discharged in 1971. After graduating from the Washington State Law Enforcement Academy, Garrison worked as a deputy sheriff in Klickitat County and later as a residential counselor for Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health. Recent years were spent managing his parent's orchard.

**Miles GOODWIN** ('51, MEd '72) died January 23. Goodwin served in the US Navy in 1945 and 1946 as a medical corpsman. In 1954, he and his wife, Alice, were married and they raised three sons. Goodwin retired in 1982 as a teacher, principal, and administrator for the Renton School District.

**Beverly (HANSEN) HANNA** ('75) died November 14, 2008. In 1957, Hanna and her husband, James, were married and the couple raised four children. Hanna worked for King County Library, Contra Costa County Library, and Selah Public Library. She also worked in the hotel and hospitality industry before retiring in 1997.

**Mary (PROFIT) HANSEN-JOHNSTON** ('47) died January 2. Hansen-Johnston worked as a teacher for twenty-five years. She then obtained her licensed practical nurse certificate and went to work for Fir Lane Health and Rehabilitation of Shelton for twenty years.

**Myrtle HAUGEN** ('48, MEd '58) died November 8, 2008. Haugen attended Minot State Teachers College for two years before obtaining her bachelor's and master's degrees from CWU. In Wapato, she taught first grade, was a primary supervisor and librarian, and principal of Primary School from 1950 to 1975.

**Dennis KEY** ('84) died December 5, 2008. Key earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Washington prior to obtaining his master's at CWU. Key married his wife, Patricia, in 1960 and they raised three children. Key ran his orchard and worked for Deaconess, then Central Washington Hospital, before retiring in 2003.

**Donna (ALEXANDER) LAKEY** ('54) passed away September 9, 2008, shortly after the death of her husband. She earned a master's degree from the University of Washington in 1971. Lakey taught in the Edmonds School District for twenty-six years, retiring in 1987.

**Donald LARSEN** ('66) died April 4. Larsen served in the Washington Army National Guard from 1959 to 1962. He worked as a caseworker in what was then the Public Assistance Office and then as a vocational counselor with the Department of Labor and Industries. Larsen and his wife, Janice, were married in 1972 and raised two children.

**Karen LENCER** ('08) passed away September 22, 2008. She devoted her life to her husband, children, and grandchildren.

**Robert LODGE** ('65, MEd '71) died December 21, 2008. Lodge taught middle and high school mathematics in Tacoma, Seattle, and in Browning, Montana. He returned to Wenatchee in 1990 and served as bookkeeper for Wenatchee Cycle and Fitness until his retirement in 2000.

**Marnie (McLARRY) LOUGHEED** ('85) died November 17, 2008. Lougheed and her husband, Mike, were married



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in 1960. She earned a master's degree in 1989 from Seattle Pacific University. Her career included fifteen years as a teacher, twenty years with JCPenney, and eight years at the Central Kitsap Junior High library.

**Stan McLANE** ('51) died September 6, 2008. McLane was a decorated marine in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He met his wife, Daphne, while attending CWU. He and his family homesteaded in Ridgeway, Alaska where he started a surveying business in 1959 and retired when he was 80.

**Colin McLaurin** ('02) died January 4. From 2002 to 2008, McLaurin worked as a staff assistant in the office of Congressman Norm Dicks, as a legislative policy analyst with the National Association of Realtors, and, finally, as the director of governmental affairs at the Manufactured Housing Institute.

**Charles McNurlin** ('71) passed away October 12, 2008. McNurlin and his wife were married for sixty-four years. He was superintendent of schools in eastern Washington from 1951 to 1977. He also taught at CWU and then served as assistant state superintendent of school administrators.

**George MORRIS, Jr.** ('42) passed away January 15. Morris and his wife, Mary, were married in 1942. During WWII, Morris was stationed on Guam in the South Pacific. After the war, he began his teaching and coaching career. In 1977, Morris retired but continued to substitute teach until 2004.

**Robert MYERS** ('67) passed away October 21, 2008. Myers joined the US Coast Guard in 1950. He attended Olympic College and Western Washington University, earning his bachelor's degree before obtaining his master's from CWU. He earned his doctorate in education from the University of Oregon. He was the director of special education in the White River School District and later was an associate professor for Eastern Washington University and CWU for almost thirty years, retiring in 1991. He is survived by his wife, Mona, and their four children.

**Carolyn NAKATA** ('83) passed away on September 18, 2008. Nakata taught for many years at the Holly Ridge Center in Bremerton. She developed an expertise in teaching very young children with severe physical and mental disabilities. She was recognized as Teacher of the Year in 1988 by her peers.

**Marion (NIMS) NICHOLAS** ('42) died November 1, 2008. Nicholas taught music in Battle Ground until she married her husband, Robert, in 1944. The couple was married for almost fifty years when he passed away. She worked with her husband in their family businesses, Hollywood Farms and then Stanwood Hardware.

**David NINNEMANN** ('81) passed away October 27, 2008. Ninnemann served in the US Navy from 1963 to 1971, and was stationed in Vietnam and Yokosuka on the Tutuila ARG4 as a radio operator. He was employed for the past twenty-one years at IAC/Muth Woodstock.

**Dorothy NOURSE** passed away January 28. Nourse worked for many years at CWU in the Dean of Men's office and Veterans Affairs. She assisted many veterans returning to CWU from Vietnam.

**Dr. James NYLANDER** passed away May 13. Nylander, emeritus professor of health, taught at CWU from 1957 to 1994. In addition to coaching baseball and teaching physical education, he taught history in the Douglas Honors College. Nylander is noted for teaching progressive courses such as Racism in Sports and Ethics in Sports. He is survived by Donna, his wife of fifty-seven years; his two children, Naomi and Jim; and grandchildren.

**Victoria "Vicky" PARYPA** ('65) died October 1, 2008. Parypa was a teacher for the Centralia School District for thirty-two years. She also taught children how to sew and quilt.

**Tom "Joe" PEARSON** ('94) passed away September 21, 2008. Pearson loved the outdoors and played sports with a passion. He became an avid body builder the last few years. In July 2008 he took first place at the National Physique Committee National Body Building Championships in Las Vegas.

**Miriam "Eloise" (HENDERSON) PEPPER** ('57) died March 25. Pepper taught school for thirty-nine years. After retiring, she enjoyed working with elementary students one-on-one tutoring in reading.

**Beverly (PHELAN) RICHARDS** ('62) passed away March 22. Richards and her husband, Carroll, were married in 1951. She taught first and second grades at Washington Elementary and Hebel Elementary. She also was a substitute teacher for Ellensburg Public Schools. She later taught preschool. Richards was known by many as "Grama Bev."

**Elvie ROMINE** ('72) died February 27. Romine began his Air Force career in 1948 and retired in 1969 as Master Sergeant, and served with distinction. While on tour in Japan he met his future wife, Setsu. They were married for fifty-five years. After graduating from CWU, he taught special education for the Wenatchee School District for thirteen years.

**Alan "Al" ROSS** ('72) died October 24, 2008. Ross taught and coached at Gault Junior High for four years before joining his father in the real estate business in 1976. Ross and his wife, Debra, were married in 1979 and they raised two children. Through the years Ross coached football, basketball, soccer, and baseball.

**Steve SAARI** ('82) died September 24, 2008. Saari served as vice president and controller for Venture Bank. He and his wife, Janice, were married in 1987.

**Dan SCHWISOW** ('60) passed away March 30. Schwisow and his wife, Anne, were married for forty years before her death in 2000. Schwisow was an educator and coach for more than thirty years, teaching for the Richland School District from 1970-1997. He served in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, recently retiring after twenty-three years of service.

**Thora (PEDERSON) SCHUCHMAN** ('40) passed away January 2. Schuchman and her husband, Leonard, wed in 1942 and they were married for sixty-three years before his death. Most of her teaching career was spent at Stanley Elementary School in Tacoma.

**Rebecca (MORRIS) SHAW** ('07), died February 12 when Continental flight 3407 crashed near Buffalo. She was the flight's first officer. Shaw joined the commuter airline in January 2008 and had flown 2,244 hours with the carrier. The CWU Alumni Association held a memorial for Shaw at the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade show in Puyallup on February 21, and friends have created a Facebook memorial.

**William STEFON** ('51, MEd '57) passed away October 10, 2008. Stefon served in the US Coast Guard from 1951 to 1954. He taught school in Chehalis; Regensburg, Germany; Barstow, California; and Ketchikan, Alaska. He started the wrestling program in Chehalis in 1958. Stefon is survived by his wife, Clarice, and their son, Will.

**Ethel TELBAN** ('35) passed away November 19, 2008. Telban taught for one year in Thorp, then continued her teaching career in Renton. She later earned a master's degree in librarianship, and for twenty-five years was the school library supervisor for the Renton School District. Telban lived Renton's history and for many years, as a founder of Renton Historical Society, made sure that history wasn't lost. She was president of the society from 1966 to 1996.

**Ronna (SWEAT) THOMAS** ('93) passed away March 12. Thomas earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Washington State University prior to attending CWU. Her teaching career was spent with the Lake Washington School District. She is survived by her husband, Garth, and son, Cole.

**Marjorie (CHAUDOIN) TJOSSEM** ('33) died October 11, 2008. Tjossem and her husband, R. Paul, had been married for sixty years at the time of his death in 1997. She was a teacher in Union Gap, Centralia, and Mercer Island.

**Louise (LARSON) TOBIN** passed away March 9. Tobin graduated from the University of Washington in 1956. She earned her master's degree from Oregon State University. She taught at CWU for twenty-five years; during this time, she served as chair of the home economics department for several years.



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**Charles “Chuck” TRIMM** ('53) passed away October 21, 2008. Trimm met his wife, Marilyn, while attending CWU. The couple was married in 1953 and raised three children. Trimm began his teaching career in the Seattle School District in 1954 and retired in 1986.

**Thea (SHEARER) VANDERPOOL** ('42) died February 11. Vanderpool's first teaching experience was in Zillah. In 1948, she and her husband, Doug, moved to Wenatchee, where she taught sixth grade for thirty-four years.

**David WATSON** ('79) died October 14, 2008. Watson served in the US Air Force. Watson was an artist in wood and used his skills measuring

kitchens for Sears, and making furniture and gifts for his family.

**William WATSON** ('62, MED '68) died November 30, 2008. Watson served in the US Army during WWII before beginning a teaching career in the Everett School District. He retired in 1989. Watson and his wife, Ruth, were married for sixty-three years.

**Mitchell “Mitch” WEARY** ('85) died March 8. Weary was an assistant pastor of Greater Faith Baptist Church. He worked at O.I.C., Mills Music, and Epic. Weary also played the piano and sang, performing during church and community celebrations.

**Jean (BERGAMINI) WESTLING** ('27) died October 24, 2008; she was 101. Westling and her husband, Norman,

were married in 1938 and had one son. Westling worked as a substitute teacher on several occasions when there were shortages of qualified teachers. Norman passed away in 2005.

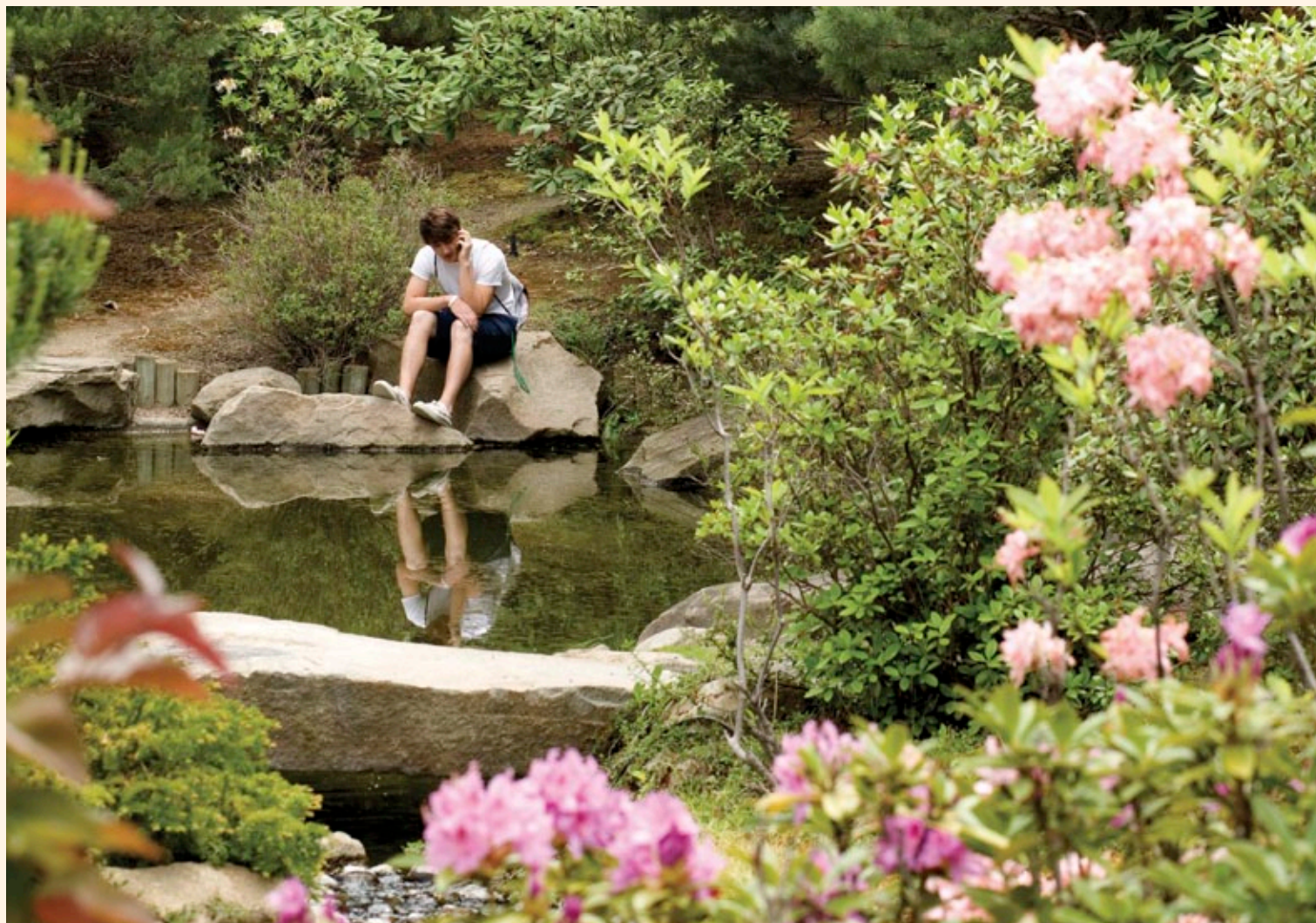
**John WILSEY** ('86) passed away December 3, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Tamela, and two sons, Kenny, 8 and Nicky, 3. He was employed by Boeing for twenty-two years.

**Mary WILSON** ('67) passed away March 15. Wilson met her husband, Steve, while attending CWU and they were married when they were seniors. After graduating, they traveled the world for the next twenty-one years as an Air Force family. She was a choral director at several Lutheran

churches and won a competitive military contract to provide all chaplain music services at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Her career also included employment at Raba-Kistner Engineering and she was secretary of the San Antonio Chapter of the Society of Military Engineers.

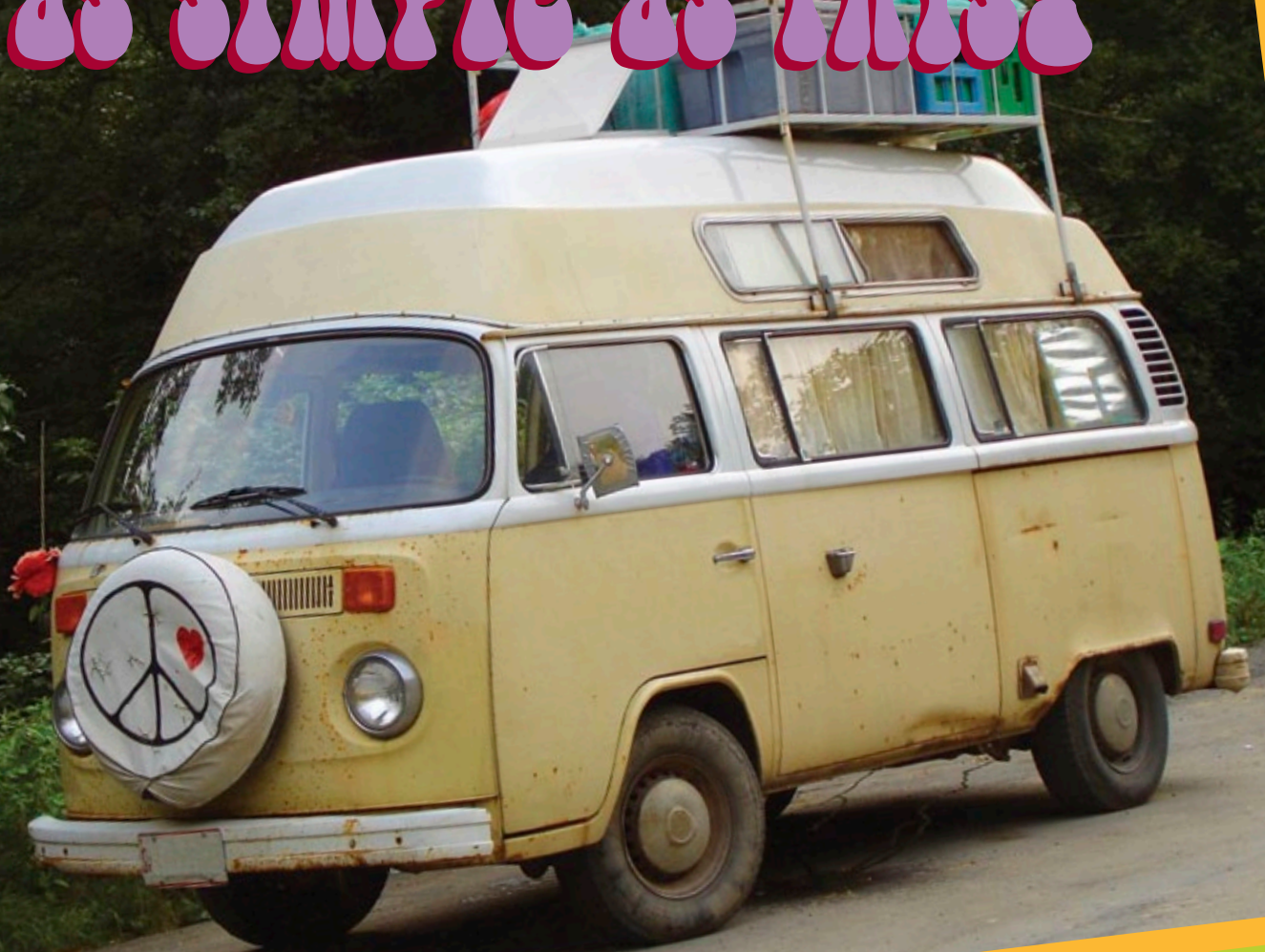
**Lynne (GAULKE) WINTER** ('76) passed away December 17, 2008. Winter and her husband, David, raised two children, Emily and Andrew. She was a homemaker, avid reader, cook, and gardener for the past twenty-one years.

**Doris (KINLEY) ZIKE** ('68) died October 9, 2008. Zike taught for many years in the Naches School District. She is survived by her four sons.





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## *Afterword*

In the few short months since Jim accepted the position as CWU president, we've been overwhelmed by the kind spirit and generosity of the university community. From Ellensburg to Des Moines, Yakima, Lynnwood, Big Bend, Wenatchee, and Pierce County, we've been so gratified by the warmth and sincerity of the people we've met. We are very proud to be associated with the CWU family.

On my first visit here, I was simply awed by the people and the place. As I struggled with a word to describe CWU to my friends, I settled on authentic. According to Wikipedia, authenticity refers to the truthfulness of origins, attributions, commitments, sincerity, devotion, and intentions. By authentic, I mean that the people we meet are honest, genuine individuals with similar hopes and dreams, goals and aims as those we grew up with and have tried to pass on to our two sons.

On the Ellensburg campus and at each of the university centers, we can see and feel the faculty's incredible commitment to student success. The staff's dedication to building a supportive learning environment is evident everywhere we look. And the students, well, the students are just terrific! Our many conversations with them reveal an enthusiasm for life and learning, and a determination to make the very most they can of their college experiences and their own lives.

This all feels very familiar to Jim and me because, like many of Central's students, we were both the first in our families to attend college. We both still remember how grateful we felt to have been given a tremendous opportunity, the responsibility we felt to make the very most of it, and the hope for our own futures that a college education gave us. Gratitude, responsibility, and hope were then, and continue to be now, three keys to the way we try to live our lives.

We feel blessed to have been asked to join the CWU community. We feel a great responsibility to help CWU continue to grow, prosper, and continually improve. And the hope we hold for CWU is off the charts. We are delighted to join the Wildcat family. Thank you all for making us feel so very much at home.

*Katie Gaudio*





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