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CWU RESEARCHER RECEIVES NSF GRANT

The National Science Foundation has awarded an \$840,000 grant to Central Washington University for continued research at Soap Lake.

Dr. Holly Pinkart, CWU biology professor and a member of the Soap Lake Conservancy Science Advisory Board, is the principal investigator for the grant. The three-year NSF funding will allow for development of a microbial observatory at the lake.

"Soap Lake is an excellent choice for an observatory because of its unique chemistry," Pinkart says.

The lake, created by the Glacial Missoula Floods more than 10,000 years ago, is atypical in that it consists of two separate water layers that have not mixed for more than 2,000 years. Although both layers are alkaline, the lower layer is more saline. The lake also contains sulfide, which is generally considered toxic for most life forms. Even so, it supports thriving communities of algae, zooplankton and bacteria.

The observatory will allow for study of the ecology and the relatively unknown microorganisms that thrive in the extreme environment, and determine how they affect - and are affected by - the geochemistry of Soap Lake.

Results generated by the project will supplement data available in the search for biological activity on Mars and extra-solar terrestrial environments.

"The observatory will likely lead to discovery of

CWU GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES STUDENT WINS AWARD

Central Washington University student Ashley Streig received the Outstanding Student Paper Award in tectonophysics - the study of rock deformation - at the national meeting of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) in Washington, D.C., May 28-31.

"This is the major professional meeting for solid-earth, ocean, atmospheric and planetary scientists," Dr. Charles Rubin, CWU geological sciences chair, says.

At the conference, Streig made a poster presentation, titled "Evidence for Prehistoric Coseismic Folding Along the Tsaotun Segment of the Chelungpu Fault Near Nan-Tou, Taiwan: Seismic Hazard Along Active Fold Scarps," concerning the 1999 magnitude 7.6 Chi-Chi earthquake in central Taiwan.

A 2000 graduate of Occidental College, in Los Angeles, the Watsonville, Calif., native is pursuing a master's degree in geology at CWU. She is currently in Taiwan, supported by a National Science Foundation summer research fellowship.

It's rare for master's degree students to receive awards of this magnitude, which generally are

novel microorganisms that may be useful in industry and biotechnology," Pinkart adds. "Additionally, this project will allow for significant involvement of undergraduate students."

Pinkart will be among the speakers at the Saline Lakes Science Conference Aug. 26-27 in Soap Lake. Additional information about the conference is available at www.thelake.org.

GORDON NAMED CWU SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Jonathan Gordon, most recently an athletic media relations intern at Ohio University, Athens, is CWU's new sports information director. He began July 15.

Gordon has received 17 excellence awards for his publications from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Sports Information Directors Association (NAIA/SIDA) and the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Since last August, Gordon, 22, has served in the athletic media relations office at Ohio University, where he was the primary contact for four NCAA Division 1 sports. Prior to that, he spent four years as a sports information student assistant at Western Oregon University (WOU), Monmouth, where his responsibilities included redesigning the university's athletic department Web page and serving as host of the cable television program "Wolfpack Week in Sports."

A June 2001 graduate of WOU, Gordon has also served as tournament statistician and press steward for the Oregon School Activities Association, was sports editor for the WOU student newspaper and was official scorer for the Eugene (Oregon) Emeralds Baseball Club. At CWU, Gordon will serve as the primary information liaison for 14 intercollegiate sports.

He replaces Roy Elia, who has served as sports information director since September 2000. Elia is now working to secure sponsorships for the CWU radio sports broadcast program.

presented to Ph.D. candidates, according to Rubin.

LEARNING ON WHEELS PROGRAM TO BEGIN

By fall, the Open Spaces Technology Center (OSTC) "mobile technology classroom" will be hitting the road in Kittitas County.

The mobile classroom is actually a custom-built, 37-foot Winnebago outfitted with a networked, 12-station computer classroom, which will provide outreach technology training throughout the county. It's being manufactured by Winnebago Industries of Forest City, Iowa.

OSTC, a community-based technology training center, works in conjunction with other community organizations, including WorkSource, Phoenix Economic Development Group, Yakima Valley Community College, Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce, City of Ellensburg Recreation Department and the United Way of Kittitas County, to provide access to computers and computer training at locations throughout Kittitas County. The goal is to produce a better-trained workforce and more technology-savvy citizens.

OSTC, through the Central Washington University office of continuing education, has received funding from the U.S. Department of Education and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a portion of which is funding development and operation of the new mobile classroom.

For more information about OSTC and its community technology services, visit www.cwuonline.org/ostc.

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CENTRALIGHTS

(Editor's note: Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit information to the Centralights

section. Please let us know what you are doing professionally. If possible, please e-mail to (campusbulet@cwu.edu).

Charles **REASONS**, Law and Justice, received a Certificate of Appreciation and gift at the annual Kittitas County Action Council (KCAC) appreciation day for volunteers. He chairs the volunteer board of directors, which oversees the agency of 40 employees and \$2 million budget. KCAC provides services throughout the county for those in need.

Robert **HOLTFRETER**, Accounting, attended a Leadership Conference sponsored by the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants (WSCPAs) in Stevenson, Wash., June 7. He is a member of WSCPAs's advisory council and also serves on the board of directors and is president-elect for the Yakima chapter.

Jay D. **FORSYTH**, Accounting, presented his paper "Evaluation of Management Disclosures on Expected Cash Flows for Fifty NYSE and NASDAQ Companies" at the 22nd International Symposium on Forecasting in Dublin, Ireland, June 23-26.

Lila **HARPER**, English, has completed this year's bibliographic indexing, having covered 10 journals for the Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (Cambridge University Press) and three festschriften for the Modern Language Association.

Bobby **CUMMINGS**, English, was elected to the executive committee of the Conference on English Education (CEE), a constituent group for teacher educators within the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). Committee members serve four-year terms. Cummings also is director of the Central Washington Writing Project and a Washington state writing assessment trainer. NCTE, with 75,000 individual and institutional members worldwide, is dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of English and the language arts at all levels of education.

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NOTICE CORNER

IN MEMORY

Dorothy Purser, professor of physical education at Central Washington University, passed away Sunday, July 28, at her Ellensburg home with her family at her side.

A Rigby, Idaho, native, Purser, 71, joined the school's faculty in 1957. Because of a mix-up that resulted in too many dance teachers being hired for one position at the then Central Washington College of Education, Purser, who was expecting to teach ballroom and folk dancing, was switched to instructing first aid.

That proved to be a boon to the university. Purser expanded first-aid instruction from the "band-aid and splint state" to emergency medical technician (EMT) training and paramedic preparation. Through her work, the CWU program is now nationally accredited and internationally recognized.

CWU 'STEAK AND LOBSTER FEST' SLATED

Central Washington University's fourth annual "steak and lobster fest" will be held Friday, Sept. 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the university's newly renovated grounds building at the Jongeward Plant Service Building.

The event is designed to enhance campus climate and boost morale and, this year, to dedicate the grounds building, according to Ed Snyder, facilities planning and construction services project coordinator, who serves as event organizer.

"While it's designed for the university personnel, members of the community are also welcome to attend, but they better bring along a hearty appetite," Snyder says, with a laugh.

Last year 250 people attended, and about 300 are expected this year, Snyder says. Those attending can enjoy a New York-cut

Her contributions reached far beyond just the campus community. Purser was a volunteer instructor for the American Red Cross, American Heart Association and Washington State Department of Labor and Industries; education advisor to the Washington Medical Association and co-author of the Washington state EMT test. In addition, she was named the Washington State Department of Health emergency medical services instructor-coordinator of the year in 1991 and 1998.

She also taught swimming, lifesaving and water safety, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and aquacize classes; and served as a coach for the CWU basketball and field hockey teams, as well as the Yakima Steelers, a women's amateur fast-pitch softball team, which she led to three national tournaments. Her Wildcat basketball teams lost just four games in her first 11 seasons as coach.

Her community service work earned Purser the university's 1983 Distinguished Professor in Public Service award. She also was named to the CWU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985; honored by the Associated Students of CWU as a "prominent community figure" in 1991; and named a "woman of achievement" by the CWU empowerment center in 1999.

Prior to coming to Ellensburg, Purser taught in Arco, Idaho. She received her bachelor's degree from Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, and her master's of education degree from the University of Idaho, Moscow.

Memorials may be sent to the CWU Foundation - paramedics program, 400 East 8th Ave., Ellensburg, Wash., 98926-7508.

HARRELL IS CWU JUNE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Heather Harrell, accountant principal in the Central Washington University grants and contracts office, has been named CWU's June civil service employee of the month.

Those nominating Harrell said:

- "She is always thorough and accurate with the information she provides."
- "Heather treats everyone with patience, kindness and respect in

steak and Maine lobster lunch for \$19.95, or a steak or lobster only meal at a reduced price, all of which will include potatoes, corn, salad, rolls, dessert and beverages. Volunteer chefs, from throughout the university community, will prepare the meals.

Along with the food, there will be live entertainment and drawings for door prizes, according to Snyder. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The deadline is Monday, Sept. 16, at 5 p.m. To purchase tickets, or for more information, call (509) 963-1864 or for (the hearing impaired) TDD 509-963-3323.

GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNED

Fore. A golf tournament is on the way.

The 6th Annual CWU Senior Open, a nine hole scramble event, Aug. 26 at the Ellensburg Golf Course offers "'unusual' door prizes for all." The tourney is open to CWU Retirement Association members and all CWU employees who consider themselves "seniors."

Golfing begins at 9:30 a.m. Non-golfers are welcome to join the group for lunch at 11:30 a.m., when tourney winners are announced. Green fees are \$10, lunch is \$8 and the entry fee is \$2. Reservations are due by Aug. 16 and can be made by calling Jean Putnam at 925-2062 or Don Schliesman at 925-5279.

SHARED LEAVE

CWU employees may donate leave to a fellow employee who is severely ill or injured or has a family member who is severely ill or injured. "Severely" is defined as serious or extreme and/or life threatening. Recipients must be off work and have used all their paid leave to be eligible. Employees who wish to receive shared leave must notify human resources and submit a doctor's certificate.

Gayle Robbins, student health and counseling center, is in need of shared leave:

Individuals interested in donating leave should request a Shared Leave donation form from human resources. Copies may also be downloaded from the HR Forms section of the human resources home page:

www.cwu.edu/~hr/forms/hrforms2.htm.

Requests must be approved by your supervisor before forwarding the form to

the confusing times of learning a new budget software program."

- Heather shows great personal initiative and excellent listening skills when a "problem" is presented. She develops a 'solution' and explains the issues in terms clear to those not intimately acquainted with the details of the old and new (university financial) systems."
- "She's a gem - clone her!"

During a surprise ceremony Aug. 2 on campus, Harrell received a certificate and \$100 cash award from the president's discretionary fund, through the CWU civil service employee recognition program.

A panel of CWU classified staff members reviews monthly nominations and selects the top nominees, whose names are presented to the employee council, which votes on the employee of the month.

CWU students, faculty and staff, as well as Ellensburg community members, are eligible to make nominations, which may be made anonymously. Nomination forms are available from the CWU human resources office and employee council representatives.

RODEO BOWL TO KICK OFF 2002 CWU FOOTBALL SEASON

The 2002 Rodeo Bowl, featuring Central Washington University and Fort Lewis College, will kick off the 2002 football season and the 80th annual Ellensburg Rodeo on Friday, August 30. Game time is set for noon.

The game, to be played at 4,000-seat Tomlinson Stadium on the CWU campus, will be the earliest football start in Central's history. In last year's Rodeo Bowl, the host Wildcats were defeated by eventual NCAA Division II national champion North Dakota, 17-10.

Fans are invited to purchase the Rodeo Bowl package. For \$25, fans will receive a game ticket to watch the Wildcats and Skyhawks, a Friday admission ticket to the Ellensburg Rodeo, a barbeque meal ticket at the rodeo, and Kittitas County Fair admission. Included admissions in the Rodeo Bowl package are for Friday events only.

"The Rodeo Bowl football game is just one way the Central Washington Wildcats can

human resources. Donated leave is also subject to approval by your department head and human resources.

Annual leave may be donated in eight-hour blocks. Employees who wish to donate annual leave must retain at least 10 days (80 hours) of vacation leave and cannot donate excess leave (that over 30 days or 240 hours) that he/she would otherwise lose at the beginning of the leave anniversary month.

Sick leave may also be donated in eight-hour blocks. The donating employee must retain a minimum of 480 hours sick leave balance after the transfer. No more than six days of sick leave may be transferred during any 12-month period. An employee's personal holiday may also be donated. Please call human resources, 963-1202, if you need a shared leave donation form.

CWU EMPLOYEES

Civil Service new hires: Colleen Gelatt, Research Analyst III, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; Shane Straga, Maintenance Mechanic II-Carpenter, Facilities Management; Christopher Stebbins, Electrician-High Voltage, Facilities Management; Teresa Youngren, Office Assistant III, Career Development Services; and Veronica Zamora, Secretary, High School Equivalency Program.

Civil Service job changes: Cheryl Coles, Fiscal Technician III, Dining Services; and Kathy Herbert, Fiscal Technician III, Student Financial Services.

CWU JOB OPENINGS

Searches are under way for the following positions. You can access the CWU HR Homepage:

www.cwu.edu/~hr/jobs or the Job Line at (509) 963-1562.

Exempt:

Academic Advisor, Student Support Services, Lynne Imamshah, 963-2026; Associate Registrar, temporary, Tina Morefield, 963-3012; Coordinator, Adaptive Technology Services, Disability Support Services, 963-2171; Director, Dining Services, Marilyn Thompson, 963-2713; Director, Wildcat Wellness Center, Janet Noyes, 963-1626; Manager, Student Financial Services, Susan Lund, 963-2325.

Civil Service: Call human resources at

salute the Ellensburg Rodeo, the community of Ellensburg and the Central Washington region," said Lyndon Wieseman, assistant athletic director for development. "In a very realistic way, the Rodeo Bowl football game will re-invent what the opening day of the Ellensburg Rodeo is all about."

To order the package, call (509) 962-7831 or 1-800-637-2444, or visit the rodeo Web site at www.ellensburgrodeo.com. For more information on the Rodeo Bowl game, contact the CWU athletic development office at (509) 963-1420.

963-1202 for the following:
 Accountant/Accountant,
 Principal/Accountant, Senior, Aug. 26;
 Accounting Information Technical Assistant,
 Aug. 26;
 Cook, Aug. 26;
 Environmental Health & Safety Ergonomics
 Assistant, Aug. 16;
 Food Service Worker Lead, Aug. 26;
 Information Technology Systems Specialist
 II, Auxiliary Services, Sept. 4;
 Recreation Coordinator Supervisor, Aug. 21;
 Temporary Electrician, Aug. 19;
 Supervisor of Grounds Operations, Aug. 28.

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UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Art Exhibition: works of 14 CWU students who recently studied at Anhui University in China, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, Spurgeon Gallery in Randall Hall, through Aug. 30

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Summer Session: Second Session and Full Session End

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Golf Tournament: 6th Annual CWU Senior Open, nine hole scramble, 9:15 a.m., Ellensburg Golf Course, \$12, lunch \$8

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Football: CWU vs. Fort Lewis College (Colorado), 1 p.m., Tomlinson Field

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Holiday: Labor Day

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Volleyball: CWU vs. San Francisco State, 10 a.m., Nicholson Pavilion
Volleyball: CWU vs. Minnesota State University, Mankato, 8 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Volleyball: CWU vs. Sonoma State University (California), 8 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Soccer: CWU vs. Western Oregon, noon, CWU soccer field

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Soccer: CWU vs. Seattle University, 3 p.m., CWU soccer field

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Orientation: New Faculty, 8:30 a.m., Grupe Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Soccer: CWU vs. Western Washington University, 3 p.m., CWU soccer field
Volleyball: CWU vs. Seattle Pacific University, 7 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Football: CWU vs. St. Mary's College (California), 1 p.m., Tomlinson Field
Volleyball: CWU vs. Western Washington University, 7 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Soccer: CWU vs. Portland State University, noon, CWU soccer field

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Art: CWU art department alumni exhibit, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, noon to 3 p.m. weekends, through Oct. 11, Spurgeon Gallery in Randall Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Fall Quarter Classes Begin

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Volleyball: CWU vs. Saint Martin's, 7 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Address: State of the University, by President Jerilyn S. McIntyre, 4 p.m., location to be announced, for faculty, staff and students

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