



## Editor's NOTE:

### A farewell thanks to our readers, and a special thanks to the Observer staff

BY DARCY WYTKO | Editor-in-Chief

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I wouldn't trade my time spent as Editor-in-Chief of The Observer for the world. No one in recent memory has been the editor for an entire academic year, and I hope for their own sake, no one ever is after me.

Working on the paper has been like going to battle every week for a year. People hate you. People love you. People blame you. People don't even know you. I imagine it's a lot like politics. Nothing has taught me more.

I've always been one to learn things the hard way, so here is what my experience has taught me:

It's okay to fail.

Things don't have to be perfect. Some things in your life are out of your control, and that's okay.

Not everyone has to like you. You can't please everyone, and that's a good thing.

Don't sweat the small stuff and don't take crap from anyone. You don't have enough time to.

Do what you think is best. You're the one who has to

live with yourself at the end of the day. Whatever you feel in your heart and your gut is usually what's right for you.

Just because people are in authority doesn't mean they're good or they're right. It doesn't mean they have the best interests of those under them in mind either.

You can disagree with people you love. You can even fight with them. You just have to forgive each other and move on. Getting past disagreements makes your relationships powerful, like a broken bone that heals stronger than it was before.

Through The Observer, I have forged the most unlikely friendships I've ever had. I've heard that a person's friends in college are their friends for life. I hope that's true. To my staff, I love you and thank you. To Cynthia Mitchell, you've been an incredible adviser. I couldn't have survived the year without your support.

After I graduate, I'm going to hug my mother and

thank my family. Then I'm going to go to sleep for a week and dream up something new for my life.

I know that I always want to be a person of vision. I want to find something I love and do it until I die. I'm still not sure what that is. I don't make plans. I don't stay in one place. Someday I may have to, but I don't today. I'm endlessly curious, I enjoy the big human questions about why we're here and what we're doing and I'm not afraid of much. I'm excited about my unknown future.

To all graduates, congratulations. To the next generation of Observer staffers, I send you my best wishes. May you learn as I did, and may you make as many wonderful friendships as I did along the way.

The Observer isn't the best college newspaper in the world, but it has been the best thing I've ever done.



## Senior Farewell Let's blow this popsicle stand!

BY ABBY REYNOLDS | Copy Desk Chief

When I sat down to write my farewell piece, I started thinking about all of the endless support from my family and friends. All the people I am going to miss, all the professors who have guided me. All of the experiences I have gained and all of the memories I have made. I was trying to figure out how to squeeze all of these things into a few hundred words. So I am going to give it my best shot. Here it goes.

To my family and friends, dad, you were a never-ending support system of confidence and love. You always told me I was "the girl" and that I could do anything. You will never know how much you mean to me. Thank you. Mom, thanks for the late-night talks. You always knew what to say to make me feel better after a terrible day at school. Your encouragement means more to me than you will ever know. Thank you.

Megan, bestie, you and I have been through thick and thin and back again and I wouldn't have had it any other way. You are more than my best friend, you are my sister. Trevor, we

haven't always seen eye to eye on things, but you would always answer your phone at the perfect time. Thanks for everything; my life wouldn't be the same without you. Hannah, you are one of the greatest people I have ever met. Thanks for the weekend barrel-racing adventures and dollar-menu date nights. And just remember no matter how far I go I will always just be a phone call away and I pinky promise I will be back for your wedding; I wouldn't miss your big day for the world. Brittany, Julia, Alex, Julie, Haley and Steven, you are all wonderful people and college wouldn't have been the same without you. I love you all very much.

To the people I am going to miss: Katie, you have the best taste in music. Ryan, your hair is perfect no matter what anyone says. David, your impressions never fail to make me laugh. Kevin, I am now a true believer that you are God's gift to women (I have seen it). Matthew, you give the best hugs. Amanda, please keep yourself safe when I am gone. Katharine, geocaching won't be the same without you. Brian Iiyama, I am so proud of you for finishing your movie and I can't wait until you're famous and I can say "my dog loves that man!" And last but not least, Darcy, you have become one of my best friends and I wouldn't trade our "Fringe" and pizza days for anything. All I have to say is John Stamos.

As for everyone else in the newsroom, thank you for making my time on The Observer a great part of my life. You all hold a

special spot in my heart. However I won't miss Tuesday nights. Best of luck to all of you!

As for the professors who have guided me -- Cesar Garcia, Cynthia Mitchell, Patrick Deffenbaugh,

Toby Staab and Kate Horowitz -- you have all had a large impact on my life. Thank you for all of the time and effort you have put into me. I promise I won't let you down.

The experience I have gained and the memories I have made are all priceless. I can't even begin to recount the amount of things I have learned or the memories that will stay with me forever. If I have any advice for all of you, it is to make the most out of your experience here. Don't be scared to make mistakes and learn from them. Be yourself and remember that you are in control of your future.

Well, Central, it has been a crazy ride. Thanks for everything.

## Dear Editor,

If possible, I would like an opportunity to reply to Ms. Joni Pinkney's thoughtful remarks made in the May 27 Issue of the Observer regarding the whole roasted pig at the CWU Luau.

To reassure your readers and Ms. Pinkney, none of the food made for that evening's luau was wasted, especially the roasted pig. As a surprise for the performers and volunteers, the roasted Kalua pig was served to those who ate last that evening. Thanks to Dining Services Director Dan Layman and Executive Chef Kevin Camarillo, CWU Pacific Islander American students and other volunteers that participated in the festivities, were able to experience the full tradition (in fact, one of the most important) of a luau feast--the preparation and roasting of a whole Kalua pig. Dining services with great generosity and sensitivity involved our Pacific Islander American students from the planning of the menu to allowing the performance at Holmes Dining room of the most authentic rituals and dances from our Polynesian heritage. The Kalua pig was a culmination to a communal dinner many students spent many months preparing and practicing.

I appreciate and respect Ms. Pinkney for suspending her personal preferences and beliefs to engage in the diverse and varied experience of Polynesian luau. By taking part in this communal feast, we hope CWU was able to "taste" the richness of its Asian Pacific Islander American legacy.

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First, I'd like to say that I enjoy reading The Observer every week. You do a fine job as Editor-in-Chief to deliver an entertaining and informative paper to the campus. However, I was very disappointed in your one-sided view of the recent layoffs and reductions in hours that was printed in the May 27, 2010 edition of the Observer. As a staff member here at CWU and a former student, I feel very badly for each and every person that has either been laid-off or had a reduction in hours here at CWU. The budget cuts that we have had to endure are not easy for anyone. My heart goes out to Ms. Caul, because I know what an asset she has been to this university and to the theatre arts department.

But, it's unfair to wholly put the administration into a negative light and imply that President Gaudino did not take people's lives, families and time here at CWU into consideration. It is clear to me that the welfare of the faculty, staff, students and the Ellensburg community has been his top priority from the very beginning. You interviewed Ms. Wedekind, the local president of the PSE union, who stated that "our voices have not been heard." Just because you don't get what you want, does not mean you were not heard. The article in the same edition, written by Anthony James, titled "Staff protest cuts with no bargaining" states that "two proposals offered by PSE include cutting 2.5 days a year for all of the more than 800 civil service employees and 9.26 days for the 150 PSE employees" were rejected. The problem with this is that not all employees are represented through a bargaining unit, and as far as I can tell PSE has no authority to bargain for non-represented employees. It stands to reason that their proposals would be rejected. As Sherer Holter stated in the Ellensburg Daily Record on May 27, 2010, PSE was demanding to bargain the furlough bill offered by the Governor, in which all state agencies could adopt 11 furlough days a year for employees. CWU chose not to adopt the furlough days and the administration had the right to reject that option as their plan to fill the budget gap. Why would PSE feel that they could successfully bargain against a bill that was not even adopted by

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