



Editor's
NOTE:

CWU staff deserves bargaining before layoffs, not being blindsided

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Leslee Caul is losing her job, and she may lose her home.

In an e-mail, she said that on April 27 administration representatives smiled and shook her hand as they honored her with a certificate and pin in recognition of her 15 years of service to Central Washington University.

On Friday she was notified that her position as director for marketing and development for the theater department would be eliminated effective June 30.

Leslee constitutes a single income household. She says that with no other job options here in Ellensburg, she is losing her home.

She encouraged other staff to attend the staff layoff protest yesterday, saying “Don’t go to this rally for me. Go for yourselves. And never believe that you are the ‘safe’ ones.”

Leslee is not alone. A handful of employees have confirmed that they have either been laid off or that their hours are being cut.

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I spoke with Angela Wedekind, the CWU chapter president of the Public School Employees of Washington, on the phone yesterday. She said the chapter has roughly 150 members, many of whom are in secretarial positions.

Wedekind mentioned several secretaries who

were laid off, including a single mother of three.

Wedekind said the actions the administration has taken aren’t fair.

“Our voices have not been heard,” Wedekind said. “We offered the college a reasonable solution, but they wouldn’t bargain with us.”

According to Wedekind, the group was scheduled to attend a bargaining session with Human Resources last Tuesday. They were planning to propose that everyone take smaller furloughs so that no one would have to lose their jobs. Yet when they arrived, they were told that there would be no bargaining. The layoffs were happening.

“The cuts should have been fair,” Wedekind said. “The college hasn’t presented us a plan.”

The least the university administration could do is have the decency to bargain with its employees. Employees who have served the university for decades, like Leslee, deserve better.

Darcy Wytko

LOST tribute word search

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This week we give a nod to one of the most irritating television shows of all time. There are countless questions left to viewers even after the series finale aired on May 23. Curse you ABC!

WORDS CAN BE HORIZONTAL, VERTICAL OR DIAGONAL

E U O L K N X L O M M V G V A
V A F E Y N T F O N S W J O A
W H R E M W N O L D I A R S H
M Z I H U P A U E A T L E H P
I D C W L Y W R V D E T T P F
N R H N U R S T A K N N S Y F
I I A E D A E O R C G E N L E
V V R Z N E L E T A A C O G G
A E D O E B K D E J M N M O C
N S A R P R C S M E R I O R I
K H L F H A E T I I T V K E N
Y A P J M L R A T B C B E I A
J F E Y Q O F T V M E L R H E
O T R B C P H U D O L K M P C
R K T N Y Y I E Y Z E R N Q O

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Word List

- AARON
ASH
BEN
CHARLIE
CHARLOTTE
CLAIRE
DANIEL
DESMOND
DHARMAINITIATIVE
DRIVESHIFT
ELECTROMAGNETISM
FOURTOEDSTATUE
FRECKLES
FROZENWHEEL
HATCH
HAWAII
HIEROGLYPHS
HURLEY
ISLAND
JACK
JACOB
JIN
JULIET

KATE
LOCKE
MICHAEL
MILES
MREKO
OCEANIC
PENDULUM
PENNY
POLARBEAR
RICHARDALPERT
ROSE
SAWYER
SAYID
SMOKEMONSTER
SUN
SWAN
TEMPLE
THEOTHERS
TIMTRAVEL
VINCENT
VWMINIVAN
WALT
ZOMBIEJACKDAD



VISUAL STIMULATION “Details create the big picture.” -Sanford I. Weill

PETE LOS

Dear Editor,

I was a bit disturbed at the beginning of the luau to see the whole roasted pig at the entrance; being an American who leans toward vegetarianism I don’t like to be reminded that we’re eating dead animals. However, I could accept this because I know that a whole roasted pig is part of the tradition. I paused at the entrance to say a prayer for the welfare of the pig’s spirit.

What REALLY disturbed me, though, was to see at the end of the luau that the pig was still there, untouched! If we’re going to kill an animal we can at least have the decency to eat him!

I saw the grill set up outside the SURC so I knew we were roasting a pig, and I saw pork being served. I’ve been to luaus before, and other special occasions where a whole animal was roasted and served, so I was prepared for this. I know that humans are naturally omnivores, and communally sharing the meat of an animal that has been sacrificed for the benefit of the community is an important part of many cultures. But when I saw the pig still whole and untouched at the end I was horrified! I suspect that the spirits were offended also.

Was that the pig that we roasted? Or was it, as someone suggested, a replica of a roasted pig, intended only for display? If it was a real roasted pig, what was served at the luau? And what was done with the meat of the untouched pig? After sitting out all afternoon it may not have been fit to eat; was it wasted? This would be very wrong in view of all the people who are hungry, and in view of the pig’s sacrifice.

Someone else suggested that maybe the meat was carefully removed from the carcass, then the carcass stuffed with straw and sewn up again to appear whole. But what would be the point of that? It would only make it appear that the meat was wasted and the animal’s spirit was dishonored. Usually at events I’ve been to where a whole roasted animal is served, everyone can see the bones at the end; everyone knows what was given so that we could live.

I hope that was a replica and not a real pig. At any rate, I feel that it was in very poor taste (pun intended) to display a whole roasted pig - replica or not - at the end of the event.

Joni Pinkney, Math Instructor

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