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Central Washington University  
Lind Hall, Room 115  
Ellensburg, WA

Dear Ms. Diavolikis,

I am writing to share with you my regret at having moved several copies of The Observer away from the main entryway of Shaw Smyser to a place near the elevator. Although the copies were not destroyed, stolen, or removed from Shaw Smyser, I do understand why Observer reporters and you were upset. My actions were impulsive and will not happen again.

Free speech and freedom of the press are basic American values and essential to sustaining democracy. As well, these values are the bedrock of academic freedom. It is incumbent upon all members of the university community to steadfastly promote freedom of thought and speech and to encourage robust and insightful electronic, print and digital student news coverage. I will redouble my efforts to do so.

Often, making a mistake is the best form of learning. I made a mistake and have learned much from that mistake. In hindsight, I should have more fully taken the time to consider my action. I apologize.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Stinson, Dean  
College of Business

Cc:

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