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Central Washington University

Report finds Central has most graduates teaching

by Jennifer Thompson Staff reporter

Central has the highest number of certified teachers graduating and teaching within the state, according to a new state board of education report.

The report is based on 1992-1993 data. The education placement report, compiled by the Career Planning and Placement Center (CPPC), shows that the percentage of students teaching within the state in 1993-1994 remained

consistent with the previous year's data. In the 1992-1993 academic year 479 teaching certificates were issued and 251 people were teaching within the state. In 1993-1994 that the number was 448 and 232 were teaching within the state. Over half of the remaining are substituting within the state.

"Our graduates are more mobile than other schools. Particularly Eastern whose students want to stay within the Spokane area," said Bob Malde, interim director of the Career Planning and Placement Center.

Currently, Central students are more mobile within the state than the country but that may change soon, Maide said. Oregon just changed its policy and now teachers from six states including Washington can apply and teach in Oregon. While before someone wanting to teach in Oregon first had to receive certification within the state someone is no longer required to do that. This allows teachers from Washington and the five other participating states to teach there.

"I wrote to the Oregon school districts and asked them to send their job listings," Malde said.

Special education, technology and business are growing fields which require more teachers.

"Central has strong programs in technology and business education," Malde said, "Special education is one of our strengths, as far as I know we have the largest program in the western United States. Most school districts would say we have the best."

Unlike some degrees, an education degree has a direct link to jobs, he said.

"It is very easy for people coming out of the program to focus on what they want to do," Malde said.

Assistant attorney general probes appeal

by Toan Nguyen Staff reporter

Teresa Kulik, assistant attorney general at Central, has been asked by John Drinkwater, director of Student Activities to intervene into the controversy surrounding the disqualification of Albie Gee and George Carr, two former candidates to the ASCWU Board of Directors.

Greg Carlson, incumbent BOD president, said Kulik will host a meeting today with members of the Election Commission and Council of Probity, to review the legal ramifications of all procedures taken by the commission and council.

"They'll go over the steps both sides have

taken in the past, and the legality of any steps taken in the future," Carlson said.

Erik Lucas, chairman of the council, said Kulik's information will give the council an idea of the legal aspects its decision will invoke

"The meeting will let us know what we can expect if we make a decision either way," Lucas said. The decision would ultimately be to hold reelections.

Due to lengthy deliberations, he said the council has not reached a decision on Gee and Carr's appeal.

"It's frustrating, because we've spent almost 25 hours this last week debating the whole issue," Lucas said.

Last week, the council heard testimonies

from both sides in a four hour meeting that included members of the BOD, Election Commission, Albie Gee and George Carr.

Gee and Carr explained to the council why they felt they were unfairly treated by the Election Commission.

They said Shawn Christie, chairman of the commission, paid extra attention to their election violations, and was less adamant in pursuing violations by other candidates.

In response to their allegation, Christie said that when he first heard about their violations, he repeatedly gave them the "benefit of the doubt."

In addition, he said he would have followed

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Sims urges

by Jennifer Thompson Staff reporter

Metropolitan King County Councilman Ron Sims spoke to staff and students about the need for activism on college campuses in an address Tuesday.

In his speech he urged people to let their voices be heard.

Sims, who graduated from Central in 1971, said he was an activist while he was on campus because he loved Central.

"Ilove Central so much I don't want it to be second to any university," Sims said. He said it is important for students to

have a voice in demanding funding for education.

"I look back at institutions and all they are all so quiet," Sims said. "I can't believe it, I look at higher education as a place of challenge."

He said the rest of the world knows that the strength of the economic future begins with the strength of the university system.

Students need to let their politicians know that they are important and they care about education, Sims said.

He said he doesn't understand the pervasive silence which exists in higher education today.

"How can you let people go to Olympia and take your futures from you?" Sims asked. He said he doesn't want the campus in

upheaval, rather he wants the university he remembers. "I was glad to be part of a process, our voices collectively could make a differ-

ence, Sims said.

"It wasn't our numbers or our brashness but the leadership of the institution, the president, deans, assistant deans and faculty that made a difference. All of a sudden our voice

students to voice opinion



Chris Urrutia/The Observe

King County Councilman Ron Sims speaks at McConnell Auditorium Tuesday.

and our concerns could be heard."

"Central provided me an environment in which to mature and allows me to sit on the county council today," he said.

"We can't afford to lose the opportunities

which are being snatched away," Sims said. Sims is a three-term councilman; the first African-American ever elected to county government in Washington state.

REPORT A NEWS STORY - WILDCAT TIPLINE 963-1073

Briefly Observed

Central seminar series concludes

CWU's staff science instructional technician Linda Krippner will present a lecture titled "Antarctic Living: A Change of Seasons," at 4 p.m. May 26 in Dean Hall Room 102.

Top juniors named to Silver Cortege

A select group of Central students in junior standing who have achieved academic excellence will lead the procession of graduates in silver cap and gown during commencement. All must have completed 75 credits at Central and selection is based on grade point averages. The main campus cortege students are: Mary Allan from Naches; Onika Garvin from Vancouver; Heather McClain from Kent; Paul W. Schmidt from Gig Harbor; Kevin Spradlin Jr. from Woodinville; and Luke A. Werkhoven from Wapato. Westside campus cortege students are Marcus Abarcus, Kathy A. Gallagher and Elaine Sayre all from the Sea Tac branch campus; Misty Braswell, Jasmine C. Lim and Gordon C. Quick from the Lynnwood branch campus.

Central to have voter registration drive

Central's office of Legislative Affairs will host a voter registration drive for students to register to vote in Kittitas County on local, state and national issues Monday and Tuesday in the Samuelson Union Building. For more information on times and places to register contact the ASCWU office at 963-1693.

ATTORNEY: Council of Probity accused of being biased

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through with other alleged violations, but was not given enough information about the incidents. (who did it, where did it happen, what rule did they break, etc.)

The heated debate ensued as allegations from Shannon Cutler, incumbent executive vice president, and Brian Dolman, president-elect, were brought against the council.

After reading a copy of *The Observer*, one day before its distribution, Dolman and Cutler said they thought the council sounded biased in the front page article en-

titled, "Council of Probity questions elections."

Council members denied the allegations, stating they believed every person interpreted the story a different way.

"Our main concern is letting everyone be heard, and unfortunately, that's prolonged our decision process," Lucas said.

After meeting with Kulik today, he said the council will likely make a decision by the end of the week.

"Everybody's been waiting for this whole issue to get over with. It's time to move on," Carlson said.



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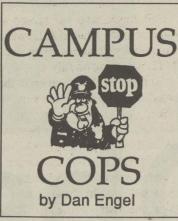
Woman gets bad end of bike collision

Wednesday May 10, 10:55 a.m.

A 22-year-old woman and a 24-year-old man traveling on bicycles on the Student Village Apartment service drive collided head-on when the man swerved to miss a patch of broken glass. Campus police arrived with an ambulance shortly after the accident and found the woman conscious, alert, breathing and complaining that her face hurt. The woman suffered lacerations to the face, two missing teeth and injuries to her right hand. The man suffered minor abrasions to his right knee.

Wednesday May 10, 11:30 a.m.

Campus police received a report that a bicycle, valued at \$450, had been stolen from the Meisner Hall courtyard where it had been locked to itself. "This is the time of year where we see an increase in the amount of bikes stolen," said Steve Rittereiser, chief of Public Saftey and Police Services. Rittereiser attributes the rise in bicycle theft to



the demand for parts in the spring

Wednesday May 10, 4:50 p.m.

Campus police were called to the Nicholson Pavilion softball fields to aid a 25-year-old woman who had sprained her ankle when she slipped in the mud during a softball game. The woman was taken to the Kittitas Valley Community Hospital by a private vehicle.

Thursday May 11, 2:50 a.m.

Campus police were alerted by

Campus police were alerted by

four to six North Hall residents of a fellow resident making a commotion in his room. When officers arrived on the scene, they found that the 20-year-old man had been upset and broke some of his personal property. Upon further investigation they noticed the man had been drinking and was given a minor in possesion of alcohol citation.

Friday May 12, 6:27 p.m.

A Beck Hall resident reported her wallet had been stolen from her room between 2:30 and 5 p.m. Included in the wallet were credit cards, cash, an identification card, and travelers checks. There were no signs of forced entry and the loss was estimated at \$120.



Pinnell, Glessner recognized by NAHB

Construction management majors Kenneth Pinnell and Cynthia Glessner were named in the top 20 National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) graduates as featured in this month's edition of the NAHB's Builder magazine.

Pinnell is CWU's NAHB student chapter president and is also graduating this year along with Glessner.

NAHB student chapter programs are at universities and colleges throughout the country.

Jody Haakmeester and Bonnie Lindgren were also featured in Builder magazine. Both attend the University of Washington.



Fast **Facts**

Nelson to visit Russia, Hungary

CWU President Ivory V. Nelson and Dr. David Hedrick, Central's director of



Nelson

Interna tional Studies and Programs, will be in Russia and Hungary this week through the end of May to conduct negotiations and sign cooperative interinstitutional exchange agreements with universities

in both countries. According to Hedrick, Nelson will sign agreements



Herzen Pedagogical State University in St. Petersburg, Russia, and with Janus Pannonius University in Pec,

Hungary. The agreements will help

encourage increased student and faculty exchange and cooperative research work, he said.

Nelson and Hedrick's trip is paid for by self-support funds from CWU's International Programs budget; no state funds will be used.

Women on books scholarship available

Women on books, an African-American women's book club, is offering a scholarship to CWU student writers of African-American descent for the 1995-96 academic year.

The scholarship will award \$1,000 to help cover tuition, books, room and board.

To qualify, students must be African-American, carry a 2.5 minimum grade point average and pursue a degree in English, journalism or other writing-related fields.

Candidates must write an essay no more than 750 words in length, describing themselves, addressing long-term educational goals and community contributions. Prospective candidates should also include all pertinent information describing how they see their future.

All applications postmarked by the June 15 deadline will be reviewed. One student will be awarded the scholarship on July 14.

Application forms are available in University Advancement, Barge Hall Room 402.

For more information, call Mary Ann Johnson or Tracy Johnson at (206) 626-2323.

Gail Jones retires from Alumni Affairs and Community Relations

by Jennifer Thompson Staff reporter

Gail Jones, who has served as director of the Alumni Affairs and Community Relations office since 1977, is retiring on July 1.

The fact that she ended up in the position in the first place was, "a fluke," Jones said. Jones hadn't intended to work at all but she decided to apply when the position opened with a one-year contract.

Jones moved to Ellensburg in 1968 with her husband, now retired chemistry Professor Jerry Jones, and their three children. At 33 she decided to go back to school and received a degree in English from Central. She worked for six years at the Ellensburg Public Library, developing programs and working as circulation director.

"The position of alumni director for one year was made available because the director was leaving to gethis master's degree," Jones said. "I felt I had done everything I could do for the library and thought one year in the position would be fun."

The previous director came back but after a month requested to leave

again, she said.

"By that time I was so enamored with what the mission of the office was that I decided to apply," Jones said.

"I think that the president at the time was skeptical about hiring a Christian, non-drinker to deal with what was thought of as an old-boys network," she said. "But we have had a successful run of things."

Jones uses the word "we" because she believes the things she has accomplished over the

years are directly attributed to the support of her staff and Central.

"I think we have the best Alumni board in existence," she said.

Jones, a self-described cheerleader and her husband, working as a team have met and worked with great people over the years.

"One of the most beautiful experiences my husband and I shared was with Alumnus Ken Miller and his wife Olive," she said. "Miller was here during the '20s and we

spent an evening with him and his wife listening to stories about Cen-

Other unique experiences that Jones has had involved alumni donating money to start endowment scholarships.

"One day an alumus walked into my office and handed me a hearty check out of the blue," Jones said. On another occasion, "An alum established a very large endowment fund and commented they

were doing it because of the efforts made by the Alumni office."

Since accepting the position Jones has been a part of many projects of which she is proud.

Jones served as the chair of Central's centennial program committee.

The committee lasted for five years and helped develop the Alumni walk and the international flag pavilion along with other landmarks and programs on campus.

Jones and her husband plan to travel after her retirement. As a testament to the impact that Jones has on people, alumni from all over the world have invited them to

Jones also said that she plans to play golf with her granddaughter.

"I'm a non-athlete who loves being out on the golf course," she said.

"If I stay retired I also might do some free-lance writing," Jones

Jones said she can walk out feeling everything is in good hands.

"I will stay away for a few years to let the new director develop his or her identity," she said.







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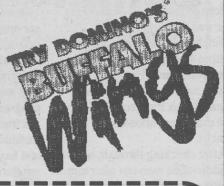
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OBSERVANCE

Change is good

In the last year there has been quite a bit of construction going on in Ellensburg, especially up near 18th Street. Students may see those new apartment complexes being built as an opportunity to move off campus. The school, however, views them as competitors, taking desperately needed revenue away from campus. This week The Observer would like to recognize several of the departments on campus who have taken positive steps to address this situation.

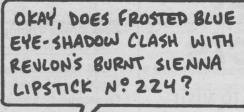
The Dining Services staff has been working hard to improve the preparation and presentation of the food students eat in the dining halls. Tom Ogg, director of Dining Services, recently reported that the remodeling of Studio East will be ready for its grand re-opening

His staff also recently opened two new facilities, The Edge and Espress Yourself. The Edge, located in the Central Cafe, offers health-conscious students vegetarian and low-fat dishes. Espress Yourself is a new espresso bar located on the second floor of the Tower Theatre.

While the Dining Services staff has been expanding its program, the Housing Services staff has been doing a little remodeling of its own. Several of the dorms on campus are slated to be changed from four to three person rooms, allowing more space for the students. More rooms are being reserved for students who want single rooms as well. Improvements are being made to the alcoholand tobacco-free programs and the enrichment program. Plans are also underway to help make the campus more wheelchair accessible, and recently there has been a move to better support the nontraditional students of our community.

The changes, obviously, are numerous . . . too numerous to go into detail here. Suffice to say, it's good to see that there are organizations that are actively pursuing efforts to advance the welfare of students at Central. Though the majority of the improvements won't be realized until this fall, the forethought of the campus in bringing forth these necessary changes is greatly appreciated.

MY ALARM-CLOCK DIDN'T GO OFF, I MEAN, MY CAR WOULDN'T START. IS THERE ANY WAY YOU COULD GIVE ME A MAKE-UP TEST?





N. HARRISON AND K. SIGMAN 1995. TECHNICAL ADVICE BY T. GREGSON



ASCWU election response continues

RHC denies endorsing campaigns

To the Editor:

I would like to clear up a few things about George Carr's informational article in the May 11 is-

Carr mentions several people who wrote letters to the Election Commission regarding his campaign. Carr explains that two of these people are associated with Residence Hall Council (RHC). Ido not deny that both of these people, Timi Reid and Bridget Nagy, are indeed part of RHC.

Reid, who currently serves as ASCWU vice president for Student Life and Facilities, works directly with RHC as is outlined in the Associated Students Constitution. Nagy currently serves as RHC rep from Muzzall Hall. However, none of this information relates to Carr's grievance with the Council of Probity. Reid made extra efforts with RHC to remain impartial in her explanations of the election.

Nagy did not include the fact that she was an RHC representative in her letter to the Election Commission. I appreciate the fact that student leaders, such as RHC reps, are taking pride in their living community and their university when they take action to bring wrongs to the attention of the proper people.

RHC did not entice any person to write letters to the Election Commission or endorse any candidate. Our only involvement in the election process was to host a candidates' forum and encourage people

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Election process corrupt'

To the Editor:

If this school is truly looking for the best people to be on the ASCWU BOD, it is awfully hard to tell. I'm glad I am graduating this quarter because I am ashamed to be at a school where the student government (or at the very least, the election process) certainly appears to be corrupt.

Based solely on their effort and tenacity, I felt that Albie Gee and George Carr were excellent candidates. After I found out who they were and what they were like, I was convinced that they would make a

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East of the dining hall

To the Editor:

Last fall a friend of mine was getting his lunch at Studio East. He was so hungry that he munched down a corn dog before walking through the checkout stand. However, he made sure to only have five items on his tray (six items are the maximum allowed for lunch).

After checking through, a middle-aged man ran after him yelling: "You owe me a point!" Mat did not realize that a 59 cent corn dog was an entree which meant that he had two entrees. Two entrees equal three points (worth three items). Mat surrendered a soda to this overbearing individual.

Some examples of entrees are a small bowl of noodles with spaghetti sauce, small bowl of

macaroni and cheese, corn dog, or the unrelenting chicken sandwich.

This means that two small servings of macaroni (three points), an apple (one point) and an orange juice (two points) is supposed to be worth the price that students pay on the meal program? It must be noted that the frustration becomes worse if the student has hypoglycemia and has to portion his/her food out during the day. And to compound the situation, any student who is unable to eat at a dining hall (for scheduling reasons) must comply to this treatment at the take-out. The dining halls do not have a limit with the amount of food that is served to the students.

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Former candidate's conclusions incorrect

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article in the May 11 Observer; "Former BOD candidate sets the record straight." As a student who has become actively involved in student government, I have taken an interest in the recent uproar in

Prior to reading this article, I had thought that the case was fairly unambiguous.

After reading this article, I still feel that this case is unambiguous and am quite surprised at some of the ignorant passages written by George Carr.

I was interested in reading this article and was impressed by Carr's immediate recall of the statement concerning "... victims of conspiracy engineered by Presidentelect Brian Dolman, BOD...."

Why then did Carr continue on to draw correlations (very weak ones at that) of the people who wrote

letters and their relations with

Timi Reid may be Brian's "girlfriend," but she is also in an elected position and obviously well respected by her peers. She is in a position of authority and it is her duty and responsibility as a representative of the students to express

This also holds true for Shannon Cutler and Shawn Christie. As for Clover, Jason and Bridget, it is good that students take the time to get involved. It would be a benefit to this university if more students were involved.

It just so happens that the company Brian keeps are aware, concerned students. Is that a crime? Joe Schmoe probably isn't even aware of the elections and would certainly not write a letter concerning unfair practices concern-

As for Shawn's "apparent authority," 'Is he responsible for your

actions?' Having never run for an elected position, I do not know any specific rules; however, if I did decide to run, I think I would track down a set of guidelines for proper procedures.

Such guidelines would have informed me of the alcohol policy among other policies and procedures that contributed to George and Albie's demise.

"Without intent," sorry, ignorance is no excuse for the law. The article goes on and on. "I will just state the facts, and let you draw your own conclusions." Please do, but please do so in an intelligent manner. Do not bring about irrelevant facts.

The fact that Brian was not cited for the "same city ordinance that we broke" has nothing to do with the case. It is obvious that it was not the "same" according to the actions taken by the Election Commission.

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OP-ED

Questioning our opinions and beliefs

Last week I heard angry comments which made me think of other angry comments and also brought out my own frustration with some people. No names, no names.



Temple A. Stark

Like people who feel diversity is being shoved down their throats; the same people who haven't yet even tried a taste—just looked and said 'yuck.' Or they've been told it will taste bad. Or they've tasted it once and had a bad experience and have let that cloud their mind.

The real questions begin when we question ourselves. Asking why we react the way we do to certain things. Asking why we act the way we do and what motivation we have.

You can't just use the right words, you have to believe in them. People hear the sneer in your voice as you say the words you think they want to hear. You can't just do something for a person because it looks nice. Do it because you want to, or

VOTE: New election urged

From page 4

great team and should be elected. Oh, but you say they broke some rules.

I'm sure everyone was just as appalled when they found out about those horrible violations. So what if they put flyers where they should not have. So what if they advertised beer on their flyers; we are constantly bombarded with beer ads at this school and nobody ever cares. The school was not well served when Gee and Carr were eliminated from the ballot.

If breaking those rules was so bad, then a fine was punishment enough. Disqualifying them two hours before the election was irrational and highly excessive and had no more service than to punish them for hard work. This really looks like a case of "if you can't beat 'em, disqualify 'em." I feel that a new election is requisite for the integrity of our student government.

Scott A. Nelson student

COUNCIL: Welcomes inquiries

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to vote.

I would welcome any inquiries regarding RHC's perceived involvement in the election process. Please do not hesitate to call our office at 963-7210.

Logan Aimone RHC chairman be able to explain why you don't want to.

Explain yourself to interested parties. Some say they shouldn't have to explain themselves. But you have to start somewhere. If you don't think you're doing anything wrong — what then, are you perfect? A reaction I can imagine: No, but you think you are. My response: No way. Of course I don't. There are many lifetimes of understanding I don't have grasp of — but at least I'm reaching.

Do you think anybody will admire you for not attempting to understand?

People think they shouldn't be made to do anything. That's right. It's OK not to participate. But when something comes along, why ignore it? Why ridicule it?

I've heard some answers to these questions and they are, to me, unsatisfactory. Especially since most answers carry anger. This anger is meaningless without an attempt by that person to question it.

But that question is avoided.

People can avoid problems but to do so means their anger has very little legitimacy. They will never find out in their avoidance, how much energy they are wasting.

Another complaint I heard from a couple of different people was "What the hell does 'celebrating cultures' mean?" referring to the Celebration of Cultures festival. Nobody I know, who asked that question, was there. That's strange.

We need to not only listen to others but put ourselves into positions where our hearing is clear. We have to start somewhere. It will take more than my reasoning to sway you against beliefs you've had half your life or more. Society takes a long time to be swayed — many decades. But individuals aren't societies, they can be more flexible.

Nobody is ever going to agree with everybody. But that isn't a race, sex or luck thing. It's a part of humanity.

People may be reading this and dismiss it as somebody who is just trying to be Politically Correct, which has become a code phrase for any new changes which are refused or which people don't understand.

Never have I tried to be PC. I just talk to people in a real way and listen, to see if, how much or why my preconceptions change.

In economic terms diversity is spreading investment over many to guard against loss. The issue of diversity and trying to find a definition shouldn't be devisive. If you think any of this is a personal or a political slam than you are being defensive. Another question goes here — Of what?

Education is life. We can ask ourselves questions but we cannot educate ourselves. We will always need others' minds to do that through conversation, books, etc. Use the vast array of tools available. We are no longer flint axe neanderthals.

Every word here goes both ways, all ways. Always.

Temple A. Stark is a student and an Observer reporter.

HUNGRY: Bad experience pales positive improvements

From page 4

I want to be very clear not to offend all of the nice, friendly and well-respected people (most of whom are students and have to enforce the rules or be fired) who work hard and make the atmosphere at Studio East worthwhile. In fact, I would like to say that the positive changes that have been made since fall quarter are greatly appreciated and that this includes not only the employee attitude, but the occasional free item offer (and not charging a point for a slice of bread).

The following poem reflects a historical perspective on how

ridiculous things can be. After all, just because it's take-out doesn't mean that...

A starving young Mat on a fall's hungry day,

At Studio East with a meager food tray.

One item he wolfs — an innocent goal;

But not in the eyes of the food patrol.

Mat checks five items through — the righteous thing to do.

Lord Food-Miser yells: "You owe me a point!"

Student burned (entree curse) — lousy food joint.

Dean Olson student

FACTS: Decision fair

From page 4

The secretary being paid overtime also has absolutely nothing to do with your case and is merely good business practice on Shawn's part. I am glad the article presented me with the facts and I had a chance to respond. I have that the students

with the facts and I had a chance to respond. I hope that the students Carr wishes to represent read his article and judge from it who would

be best serving their interests. This whole incident has been a "trifling" experience indeed. George and Albie were in the wrong and rightfully disqualified. I believe that his article only strengthens the Election Commission's decision.

Skip Fabritius student

LETTER WRITERS

All letters must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday before the week of publication date. Letters must be typewritten and less than 300 words.

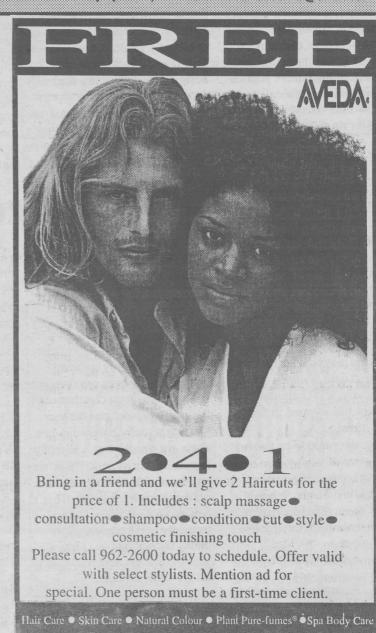
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Rock climbers reach for the top

by Temple A. Stark Staff reporter

It's your first time and you're scared. But you still madly want to get started. Your heart is beating hard, HARD, as you get the protection ready. Relax, it's only rock climbing.

Finding out about rock climbing is easy; there are more climbers on campus than one might expect. But it is important to find people who are experienced.

"Go out with some friends who already know how to climb so there's somebody who can guide you besides a piece of paper," said Alycia Nickerson, an employee at Mountain High sports shop and frequent climber.

"You can learn quicker if you are going out with somebody who knows what they're doing," Central computer technician Fred Stanley said. Stanley is a legend among campus climbers who know of him. In 1975, he and others attempted a new route up K2, the second highest mountain in the world, but fell short of the summit by about 5,000 feet.

Rock climbing isn't mountain climbing however.

There are two main types of rock climbing: alpine and sports climbing. Alpine climbing is essentially sports climbing with a lot of hiking added in, Marty DeVietti, rock climber, and Mountain High employee, said.

Sports climbing is more popular. It has a number of subcategories which include bolted and natural protection routes. Bolted routes are the easiest to begin on. Bolts are permanent anchor points



Rock climber Jenn Williamson conquers another route in Icicle Canyon, a hotbed for climbing in the Leavenworth area.

previously drilled into the rock. do not drop very far.

where climbers use their own need. equipment to do the same job as

equipment are what make up a Climbers attach themselves to the climber's "rack." There are the bolts in case something slips they essential cams, nuts, carabiners and slings, plus other specialized Natural protection routes are pieces which a beginner will not

All of these are also used on bolts. These small pieces of bolted routes since bolts can be far

apart. A rope, harness, helmet and rubber shoes are the only other parts of the basic equipment.

Everybody does not have to start out with all the equipment since everyone cannot climb at once and equipment can be shared.

The first person to go up the

route and secure the rope at the destination point is the "lead." It is the lead who has to worry about attaching him or herself to the rock and "taking a bomber" (i.e.,

A belayer is the person who can prevent the fall, or lessen it, by holding the rope and pulling in the slack. Regular communication between the two is good so both know what is happening.

Once the rope is secure, every other climber to follow climbs "top rope." This means almost assured safety for the climber as long as the belayer is doing his or her job.

The challenge is still there

"You just climb the rock as if you no rope," Alex VanLaningham, an eager climber, said. "If you fall, that means without the rope you'd be hurting. It means you failed."

Two other things to keep in mind. "Bring layered clothing so you can be the right temperature all the time," DeVietti said.

And, as for nourishment: "Eat a big breakfast and snack all day," DeVietti said. Also, bring plenty of water.

There is a guidebook to all the climbs within about a 50-mile radius of Ellensburg called "Leavenworth Rock Climbs" by Victor Kramer.

For those just starting out, Nickerson recommends "How To Climb" by John Long and "Freedom of the Hills" by the Mountaineers.

"How to Climb' explains the basics of everything," Nickerson

Tom Sawyer injured: And the show goes on

by Shay McGraw Scene editor

The old theatre phrase "break a leg" took on new meaning for the CWU theatre arts touring production of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" when Aaron Steen, who plays the lead role, hit the injured list.

But luckily, CWU alumnus Jay Whittaker has stepped in for the injured Steen.

During the prelude to the first performance of what was to have been a six-show engagement at West Valley High School in Yakima, Steen slipped and twisted his ankle coming down the stairs toward the stage. It was not until he attempted to carry on with the demanding choreography of the show that Steen realized his injury was more serious than he had originally thought.

"I thought I was OK," Steen said.

"I started the opening dance, and as soon as I came down on my show was in Olympia for a 10foot I knew that I was really hurt." performance engagement, where Steen hopped off stage and the the show played to more than performance, as well as the next 5,200 students from throughout five scheduled, were canceled. According to Steen's physician, his ankle is severely sprained. He spent several days on crutches and will remain on crutches until the final two weeks of the tour.

"It was a really hectic day here when we found out," director Brenda Hubbard said. "But we have been able to find solutions, and the tour will continue. That's the nature of live theatre-anything can happen and often does."

West Valley, which serves as a host location, agreed to reschedule the six performances into four. They were scheduled for May 8 and May 12, with a three-day booking at The Liberty Theatre in Toppenish in between.

Earlier in the same week, the the area. As in Ellensburg, student feedback pegged the show a huge success.

That's the nature of live theatre – anything can happen and often

- Brenda Hubbard, director

Steen's replacement, Jay Whittaker, received his bachelor's degree in theatre arts at Central in 1994. Whittaker has been accepted to enter Southern Methodist University's master of fine arts,

professional actor training program on a full scholarship. Since the program only takes new students every other year, Whittaker has been taking the year off until he begins the program this fall. During his stay at Central, he appeared in numerous roles, including Kenickie in "Grease," Alceste in "The Misanthrope," Halley in "Master Harold and the Boys," and Leonardo in "The Merchant of Venice." Whittaker was also a member of the Laughing Horse Summer Theatre company during the 1994 season, appearing in "Dead Wrong" and "The Glass Menagerie." This summer he will be appearing at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival.

"We are very fortunate to have found such a talented member of our alumni pool to step in," Wesley Van Tassel, theatre arts department chair, said. "It's also

good to know that our students feel a sense of loyalty to the program and are willing to help the department through what could have been a major crisis otherwise."

The cast and Whittaker arrived in Ellensburg May 4 and rehearsals began immediately. After an intensive weekend of study and rehearsal, the group was back on the road and performing at West Valley Monday morning.

"Jay is a real pro," Hubbard said. "I have every confidence that the show will go off without a hitch."

Steen, meanwhile, has headed for his home in Prosser to recuperate.

So while "break a leg" seemed to be the theatre adage of the week, the theatre arts faculty, staff, students and alumni proved another adage to be even stronger: The show must go on.

ROSSEYED CAT - CONSID

Art show reflects on chaos

by Jason Vandenberg

Staff reporter

She is fearful of the present and concerned about the future, and she shows this concern in her art. Her name is Norma Conrad, and anyone interested in seeing her work first-hand may do so at noon Wednesday in Randall Hall Room 231

Conrad's presentation is called "Chaotic Reflections on Women, Art and Power." Her speech will focus on the piece titled "Ancient Memories." A mixture of poetry and sculpting makes this piece come alive.

"This piece is affirmation of personal truths and beliefs in the sacredness inherent existence of every being: woman-body, manbody, child-body, animal-body, plant-body and earth-body," Conrad said.

The piece will also be shown June 24 at the National Women Studies Association in Oklahoma, near the site of the recent bombing.

"I picked this piece to counteract the energy that has been built around the Oklahoma incident," she said.

Some of her other works being displayed are images derived through computer art and face paint, but there is no limit to the kind of art she does and the resources she uses.

I really feel a strong need to express what I am feeling in my art.

-Norma Conrad, art student

Conrad is a 43-year-old single mother of two, and has been involved in artwork since she was 5. She admits that although her work is entertaining, this is not the only reason she does it.

"Artists do art because they have to," she said. "I really feel a strong need to express what I am feeling in my art."

Conrad was born and raised in Wenatchee, Wash. In the late 1970s she became a student at Central. In 1979, she graduated with a degree in art, and married shortly after.

"I got temporarily distracted from my art when I moved to Minnesota with my husband," Conrad said. It was there where she gave birth to her two daughters, one 11 and the other 13, both living with her now.

Chaotic Reflections is the first display that Conrad will actually give an oral presentation on. Although active in the art world since early childhood, Conrad has always been a bit hesitant to express her talent verbally. After moving back to Ellensburg and returning to school, she finally feels that her love for art is beginning to move forward.

Admission to the presentation is free, and anyone interested may attend. Conrad said there are ancient memories common to all, and asks for all to come hear and see the story behind the art.

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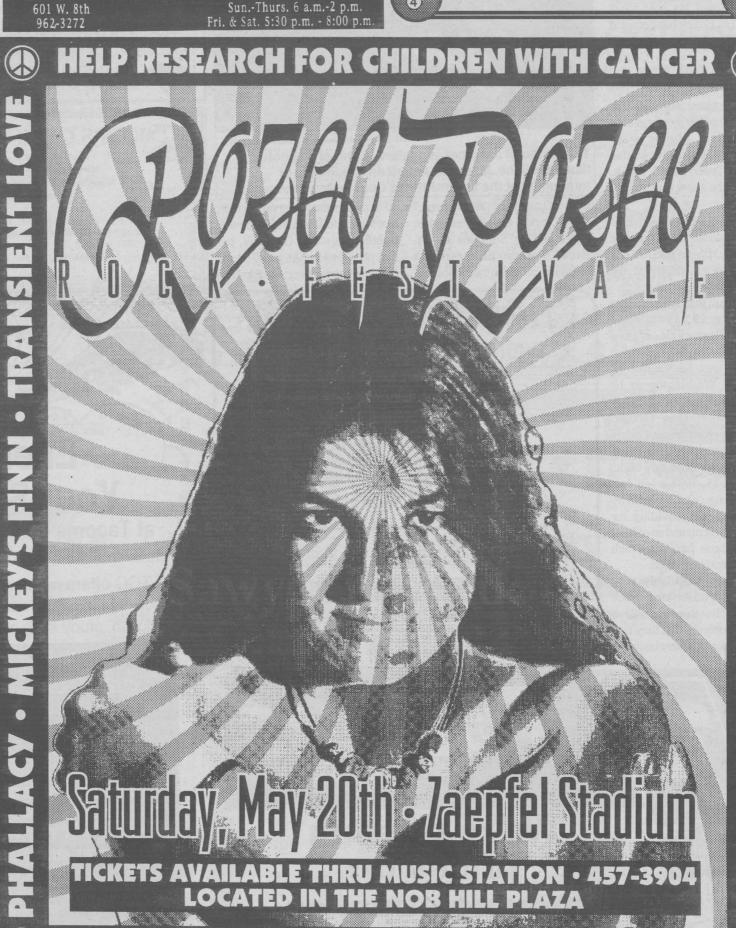
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Courthouse exhibit depicts history

by Temple A. Stark Staff reporter

A new exhibit of photographs, depicting the experience of interned Japanese and Japanese Americans living in America during World War II, is now on permanent display at the Lower Kittitas County Courthouse in Ellensburg.

The exhibit is comprised of 30 black and white images that Dorothea Lange captured on film between 1942 and 1945, while working for the War Relocation Authority (WRA). The WRA had been set up by executive order to enforce and organize the transportation of those who, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, were considered the enemy.

The photographs are in the courthouse due to the motivation and organizational skills of Judge Tom Haven and his wife, Sara Ames. Judge Haven has presided over Court No. 181 for for 4 years and has been a Kittitas County resident for 15 years.

Haven said he considers Lange to be "the greatest documentary photographer of her age, probably any age." Her photos were originally published in a book titled "Executive Order 9066" which, Haven said, the show is primarily based on.

"We saw the book, and from then on tracked down who had the negatives, " Haven said. "They turned out to be mostly at the National Archives."

The Japanese internment began on February 19, 1942 when President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which cleared the way for California, Oregon and Washington to be declared "strategic areas." This resulted in more than 110,000 people of Japanese descent being placed into camps which, in many cases, were not completely built.

On August 11, 1988 a bill was passed by Congress and signed by President Reagan, providing for reparation payments and an official apology to those families which had been directly effected.

"People were justifiably very nervous, and I understand that," Haven said. "But this didn't solve any of the problems that they had (Those interned) were business



Photo courtesy of Museum of History and Industry

This photo of a mother and infant is one of 30 photos illustrating the Japanese American experience of internment at the Lower Kittitas County Courthouse.

people, farmers . . . they were us." justice of the Supreme Court. Clark, along with President Reagan, is quoted in the exhibition.

He makes the observation that, Tom Clark is a retired associate in addition to Japan, America was fighting Italy and Germany, but that people of Italian and German descent were never rounded up

"Some people would say the only difference was that the Japanese were of a different race, and maybe, Idon't know," Haven said.

away from here thinking," Haven continued, "is that discriminating against people, based on race or national origin is unacceptable.

People were justifiably very nervous . . . they were business people, farmers . . . they were us. -Judge Tom Haven, Kittitas County Court

"How do we learn from something like this," Haven asked. I think one way we learn about it is to understand, to see and to teach it.

"What I want people to come

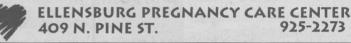
"On the most basic level, that's the overall message of the presentation."

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INTERNS: What about the future?

From page 8

For Judge Haven the intended message has a clear purpose.

"With the payments made and the apology already made by the government, there really is only one issue left, and that is: What can this teach us about the future?

"We're getting into an era when people are saying and thinking and doing a lot of hateful things, and any way we can stop and look at what we're doing, and what we're saying, is positive," he said.

The exhibition can be seen between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. outside Lower Kittitas County Courthouse Room 181.

Biathlon draws fierce competition

Sy Seoil Pace Staff reporter

Runners and cyclisis hat the pavement last Saturday for the third annual Spring Fling Biathlon, hosted by the Psychology Club. The biathlon consisted of a 5-kilometer run and a 25-kilometer bike race that began at the 18th Avenue and Alder Street ballfield.

Ted Hancock, president of the Psychology Club, said winners came from four different categories.

Men's solo winner was Kevin McGinis with a time of 1:03:53; Dave Millet and Travis Ross won the men's team category in 1:03:43; Larry Mattson and Jenny Gunstrom,

first-place co-ed team, finished in 1:10:43; and Lori Clark, first-place women's solo, completed the race in 1:18:41.

"This is the first year the biathlon attracted businesssponsored athletes," Hancock said, "so the participants were more serious than last year." Businesses from Seattle and Ellensburg sponsored racers this year.

The biathlon is expected to grow in popularity due to this year's success, and is planning for greater publicity in national publications next year.

The Spring Fling Biathlon will be on the second weekend in May at the same location next year.

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SPORTS

Wildcats take 'lucky' 13 to NAIA nationals

by Kurtis J. Wood Staff reporter

Seven national qualifiers and six free entries will represent Central at Asuza Pacific University, east of Los Angeles, during the NAIA national trackand-field meet May 25-27.

Junior heptathlete Megan Prkut said she hopes the heat in California is bearable. Some of the other athletes share the same feeling about the weather at nationals.

In his second year running the steeplechase, Gonzalez will head to California for his last chance of placing at nationals.

"I named Cande Gonzalez Sub Shop athlete-of-the-week," said Bob Guptill, sports information director for University Advancement.

Training two hours a day, Gonzalez said the last 800 meters of the 3,000-meter race are the toughest.

"I do more training in the offseason," said senior Eric Tollefson, distance runner. He said he trains year-round and has focused on the 10,000meter, because that is his strongest event.

Tollefson will represent the 'Cats in both the 5,000- and



10,000-meter runs.

Junior long jumper Rob Rising said he sparked an interest in the field event when he was in kindergarten. "It feels like you're gliding," he said.

Rising also remembers using his dad's 12-foot Stanley tape measure to mark how long his jumps at the old high school jump pit in Goldendale, Wash. Junior Veronica Persons high jumped 4-10 in junior high. week will mark her fifth With steady improvement, heptathlon competition. about two inches each year, she ing 5-6.

her jumps this year.

Ranked 11th in the nation,

Next Thursday, junior now leaps a national-qualify- decathlete B.J. Wilson will try to outpace the six athletes Persons still has another sea- ranked above him. Wilson has son of competition to surpass boasted personal record scores in the multi-event this year.

"Each school, by right of Prkut said she is in a close point membership, is allowed five spread with eight of the other free entries in both the men's national competitors. Next and women's division at the national meet," Guptill said.

For the men's team freshman Tony Hoiby will toss the discus and senior Brent Hooper will run in the steeplechase.

On the women's team, senior Kara Dodd will race in the 400meter hurdles and junior Rebecca Hill will put her all into the 1,500-meter run.

Sophomore Angie Marchant will compete in both the javelin and the shot put, while junior Nickola Wilson will try to leap for the school record in the long jump. She needs a mere 3/4

This weekend is a last chance meet in Portland, the Adidas Track Classic, hosted by Lewis and Clark.

Coach Kevin Adkisson said the outcome of the meet could result in three other athletes attending nationals.

Sophomore Antoine Butcher, junior Pat Reddick and sophomore Mirranda Saari are competing in the javelin, triple jump and high jump, respectively.

WILDCAT NOTES: Megan Prkut's national heptathlon score is under protest. At press time Prkut was still ranked 11th and going to

Rogers, Richards help baseball team set new marks

Seniors Chris Cruzan and Colby Rogers led CWU's baseball team in hitting and earned run average, respectively, during the 1995 season.

Cruzan, who finished with a career average of .339, batted .365 on the year. He also led the team in at bats (126), hits (46), doubles (10) and sacrifice flies (4). He also ranked second in runs batted in with 23, despite hitting out of the leadoff spot.

Sophomore Andy Purvis was the RBI leader with 26 and also led the squad in home runs with eight, equaling the second highest total in school history. Joe Dawson set the all-time record with 16 fourbaggers in 1988.

Purvis also led the team in runs scored (33), triples (3), total bases (70) and slugging percentage (.625). He tied with junior Ryan Rhoads for the team lead in walks with 22.

Rogers won 10 games and posted a 3.04 earned run average. His career ERA of 3.36 is the ninth best in school history and the best in

nearly two decades since Todd Wyckoff had a 2.71 career ERA in the 1975 and 1976 seasons.

Rogers' 10 victories is the second best single-season total in school history. Former major leaguer Dave Heaverlo set the record of 11 in 1970.

Rogers was denied an opportunity to equal Heaverlo's record when Whitman College elected to forfeit its regular-season finale against the Wildcats on May 9. The forfeit victory gave CWU a 21-20 record and its first winning season since the 'Cats qualified for the NAIA World Series in 1988.

Rogers, who finished with a 12-4 career mark, accounted for half of CWU's on-field victories. In addition to wins and earned run average, he led the 'Cats pitching staff in innings pitched (77), strikeouts (53) and games started (12). He tied senior David Zirkle for the team lead in complete games with

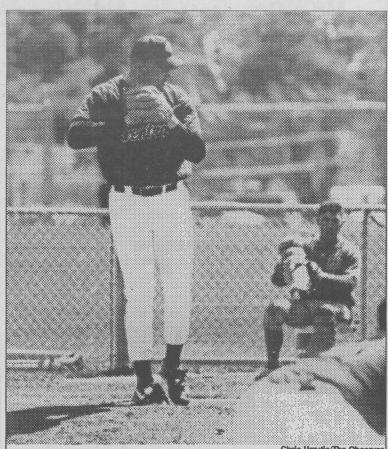
Central set seven school records and tied six others during the 1995 campaign. Senior Jim Richards

accounted for six of the marks.

He set new single-season marks for assists (114) and being hit by a pitch (12). He also set the career mark for hits by a pitch (HBP) with 17. He tied single game marks for assists (9) and HBP (2) and tied the single-season record for most times caught stealing (8).

WILDCAT NOTES: With two seasons left, Purvis already ranks seventh in career triples with five and fifth in career home runs with 10. He also ranks seventh in career slugging percentage with a .539 mark. Junior Dana Beckley, who ranked second on the team in home runs with four, led the team in stolen bases with 12 for the second consecutive season. Beckley now ranks eighth in career steals with 24. Richards finished third in career assists with 179 and seventh in double plays with 33. The Wildcats set a new team hit by pitch mark with a whopping 54 HBP this season shattering the old mark of 44 set in 1988.

-University Relations



Chris Urrutia/The Obse Colby Rogers tailled 10 wins this year; one shy of tying the school record set by a former major league player.

Three Central women named to softball all-star team

by Greg Aldaya Editor-in-chief

Juniors Tessa Timmons, Holly Fulton and senior Linda Cook have been named to the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference (PNWAC) first-team all-star softball team.

Junior pitcher Julie Harbison from Vancouver and junior outfielder Wendy Koch from Kirkland received honorable mention.

Timmons completed the season setting a school-record average of .442 with 214 putouts.

She also set single-season records in hits, 42 and RBIs

Her six doubles this year ties the school record set by Denise Laws last season.

Cook, who was tops on last

year's team with a .397 average, completed her final season with a second-place .429 average and a .414 for her career.

Koch and Fulton also provided strong support for the 'Cats with .317 and .303 batting marks,

respectively.

Harbison led CWU with eight wins and the PNWAC in complete games, finishing all 16 of her starts.

She placed second in the league in victories.

Central finished with an 11-18 record.

- This weekend will be the last chance for 'Cat tracksters to post national qualifying times and earn a ticket to nationals will be this weekend at the Adidas Track Classic to be held at Lewis and Clark College in Portland.
- Wildcat track team members will leave Ellensburg Tuesday to travel to Azusa, Calif. to compete in the NAIA National Championship meet. The meet begins next Thursday and will continue through Saturday.
- The Wildcat Wrestling Club will be hosting an open tournament on June 2 upstairs in Nicholson Pavilion. Weigh-ins will be from 3 to 5 p.m. and wrestling will start at 5:30 p.m. Contact Kevin Pine at 925-6173 for more details.

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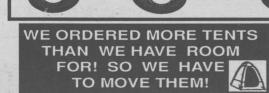






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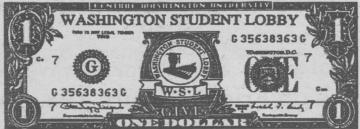
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