Neighbors beat Brooklane fire

photo courtesy of Central Washington University Campus Police

Stereo melted from the heat of the fire in Brooklane apartment B-5.

Controversy surrounds evaluation books

by Heather Bell
Staff reporter

Controversy continues to surround the proposal for student evaluation books. Evaluation books, suggested by the Associated Student Body of Central Washington University (ASCWU) would complement the student registration book and the course catalog. The evaluation booklet would contain information such as course objectives, required books, number of study hours involved with a course and student comments on the instructor. "Something has to be rethought," Lila Harper, English instructor, said. "When students fill out SEOI evaluations, they are told the information will be confidential." The main concern among faculty is the section regarding student evaluation comments. Instructors want to be represented fairly. One negative and one positive comment do not necessarily give an accurate description of an instructor. They may receive only one negative comment out of many evaluations. "We need to make sure the overall picture is represented," Harper said. In addition, if comments come from SEOI forms, it violates the privacy of a student. SEOI forms are surveys students fill out at the end of each quarter about a specific course. It entails a series of questions followed with room for comments. The forms are given out with the expectation all information will remain confidential. A number of faculty members at Central are concerned this information will be used in the suggested evaluation books.

One faculty member pointed out that any comment printed must be attributed to a specific individual that must be named. All comments would have an author. This not only goes against student policy, but may influence them to edit comments.

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Central celebrates Women's History Month

by Jennifer Perkins
Editor-in-Chief

Several organizations on campus are teaming up to celebrate March as Women's History Month.

"We want to bring awareness of what women have done to this campus," Monica Apodaca, student coordinator of the Diversity Education Center said. "A lot of women are not recognized for their accomplishments."

The Center for Student Empowerment and the Diversity Education Center are planning a program called "Silhouettes: Women at Central." People can nominate any woman from Central, such as a friend, professor, co-worker, or alumni to show their admiration and appreciation of her personal accomplishments.

The ballot box and nomination forms are located in the SUB near the ATM machine. Each person who is nominated before March 28 will have a picture and the nomination put on a cardboard silhouette. The silhouette will be displayed along the mall the first week of spring quarter.

Apodaca said the idea was derived from the National Women's Hall of Fame website which recognizes several women from throughout history for their accomplishments.

In addition to the silhouettes project, the Diversity Center will also set up displays in the SUB's Chief Owl room during the beginning of spring quarter.
FIRE: quick action minimizes damage to apartment complex

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"All I saw was the whole front window engulfed in flames," Machel said.

Neighbors had already called 911, but Machel knew the fire department would not get there in time to save the apartment complex unless he did something. Machel grabbed the fire extinguisher from his apartment and ran over to Oord's apartment. Oord grabbed his fire extinguisher and they went over to the burning apartment. Oord went to the back of the complex to see if the fire had spread throughout the apartment and try to locate where it was. It hadn't yet, but it was quickly expanding.

"It was a very hot and very quick fire," Steve Rittereiser, Central Washington University public safety director, said.

Machel knew he and Oord had to get to the fire. They decided that if the fire did not break the front window, they would. "My thought was 'if this gets into the ceiling then this whole place (apartment complex) is gone,'" Machel said.

It didn't take long for the intense heat of the fire to break the front window. Machel and Oord quickly attacked the fire with the fire extinguishers they had. It beat the fire down. Within a couple of minutes it flared back up. Machel and Oord retrieved the fire extinguishers from the apartments on either side of B-5. This time they were able to knock the fire down. As they finished using the extinguishers the Ellensburg Fire Department put out the flames that were left and cooled the hot spots in the apartment.

"The fire was not an electrical fire. It was a fire caused by the contact of the couch and a baseboard heater," Rittereiser said.

Ellensburg Fire Marshal Al Nielsen said there was a lot of clutter in the apartment that could have also contributed to the fire.

The fire completely destroyed the couch beneath the front window and charred the front room. The popcorn ceiling blistered throughout the room. The popcorn had not been burned away. Plastic items such as a stereo, compact discs, downstairs thermostat, and the smoke detector upstairs melted from the heat. Burnham lost $25,000 in personal property; the apartment sustained $15,000 in damage.

"We're very fortunate the house was unoccupied at the time," Oord said.

Mar. 3, 2 p.m.
A vehicle in the I-13 lot had a flashlight, a nylon cassette case and 14 cassettes taken. Entry was gained from an unlocked passenger door. The flashlight and cassettes are valued at $170.

Mar. 4, 9:38 a.m.
A 64-year-old male was arrested for a DUI in the 300 block of 8th Ave.

Mar. 2, 12:45 a.m.
A vehicle in the H-15 lot had a window damaged, 50 CDs and 2 CD cases taken. A custodian later found the CDs in a trash can.

Mar. 2, 12:25 a.m.
A vehicle in the E-13 lot had a window damaged, 50 CDs and 2 CD cases taken. A custodian later found the CDs in a trash can.

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HOPFULLY YOU WON'T BE.
Central's first woman president shares her experience

The following article is an email interview between Jerilyn McIntyre, Central's president and Melissa Mitchell, assistant news editor, in observance of Women's History month.

What do you do in an average day? I don't have an average day. My days vary quite a bit, with no set routines characterizing any of them. My schedule is filled with appointments, meetings and other activities. Here's a sample:

The President's Cabinet and President’s Advisory Council meet every Wednesday morning. Other important groups whose meetings are regular but not weekly include the Faculty Senate and the CWU Board of Trustees. On a more occasional basis, I attend meetings of such external groups as the Higher Education Coordinating board and the Council of Presidents; and I meet from time to time with local government and community leaders.

I have open office hours for anyone in the university community who wants to talk to me. These are scheduled whenever there is time available.

I visit faculty and staff offices and departments on campus whenever I am invited. I give lots of speeches. Some are more formal, for community groups and on-campus gatherings as at this fall's Foreign Language Day. Others are brief and more informal.

What are some of the most positive aspects of Central?

Actually, we've already tried to include students more actively in decision making and planning processes, and have worked closely with leaders of student government. I'd like to see more students become involved in campus life and governance. I hope they'll share their ideas in upcoming discussions of CWU's strategic plan and other initiatives that are underway on campus. In the future, I want to meet informally with students in living groups and in other campus locations, to hear their ideas and concerns.

What is your favorite part of the Ellensburg Community?

Here, too, it's the people—and the variety of activities available. The rodeo is fun, of course, but there are also many wonderful arts and music events throughout the year. The outdoor activities available in the region are outstanding.

One of my goals is to make sure we (CWU) shares news of our strengths and our accomplishments among ourselves and people around the state. We've enjoyed dinner parties and receptions hosted by a variety of important groups whose meetings are fairly easily by e-mail. While I'm not always able to reply to their messages, I read all of them and answer them as frequently and as promptly as I can.

How do you think the school could make the students feel more included in the decision process?

I want to meet informally with students...to hear their ideas and concerns.

—Jerilyn McIntyre

The people. My husband and I have truly enjoyed meeting CWU faculty, staff and students. Even though we've been here only a few months, we feel very much at home. We have learned, how many outstanding programs there are at CWU—sources of real pride both for the university and in various communities. We've heard some of the most positive stories from CWU alumni, who are incredibly loyal to Central and grateful for the educational experience they had in Ellensburg or at our centers. One of my goals is to make sure CWU shares news of our strengths and our accomplishments among ourselves and people around the state.

What is your professional goal for the future?

To help Central achieve everything that it is capable of achieving. I think it has the potential to be recognized as one of the top comprehensive universities in the west—perhaps even in the nation. When my career at CWU is over, I intend to devote my time to writing.

What are your personal goals for the future?

To make sure that, even with all of demands of my busy professional life, I don't neglect my family and my friends.

What has been the biggest challenge so far?

The enrollment shortfall, and its budget consequences.

As the first female president in Central's history, how have you been received by the community?

I've been received very well by virtually everyone.

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**WOMEN: Club Central hosts Women in Film series tonight at 8**

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"It's hard to really get Women's History Month recognized on campus because it happens so late in winter quarter, and when spring quarter begins everyone's busy." Apodaca said. "We try to do as many programs as we can, but it's a challenge."

In addition to the silhouette project, the Center for Student Empowerment brought in Jane Elliot to speak last Tuesday. "She was so outrageous and right on," Stephanie Barnett, ASCWU Vice President of Academic Affairs, said. "She was amazing." Elliot spoke to a large crowd in honor of Women's History Month.

**SPRING: programs help retain students**

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President for Student Affairs, said, "They're impacting many students together because college students have issues that can affect their academic success."

The Center for Student Empowerment and Club Central are also collaborating to show Women in Film series tonight at 8 p.m. in Club Central. The series includes eight short films and is open and free to the public.

**BOOKS: BOD to cover printing costs**

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Another concern surrounding the books is cost. With nearly half a page of information dedicated to each individual course, the cost of printing will be high. ASCWU will be responsible for the bill, according to Jessica Sutton, ASCWU Vice President of Academic Affairs. Many faculty members have also argued information about any course is already available when a student seeks it out. Retaining a course syllabus ahead of time and finding out the required textbooks in a relatively easy feat.

"I really don't know if (the evaluation books) will give you that much more information than is already available," Harper said. Whether the proposed evaluation books are printed or not, it seems some changes will have to take place first to ensure student's rights will be protected.

**CEPS up NCATE for accreditation review**

by Melissa Mitchell

The College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS) is reaching the final stages of preparation for an accreditation revisit this April.

On Friday, March 8, Kenneth Moore, team chair for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education board of examiners (NCATE) will be on campus to set up the logistics for the board's visit April 7-11. The accreditation visit in April will affect all programs for students who are preparing for careers in schools such as teachers, school counselors, school psychologists and educational administrators.

Central is fully accredited with probation, Rebecca Bowers, dean of the college of Education, said. "This is a required revisit to eliminate probationary status."

Jim DePaepe, interim director of the Center for Teaching and Learning said they CEPS will need help from students for the April visit. "We want to involve students to the greatest extent possible," DePaepe said.

While accreditation through NCATE is not required for Central educate and graduate students with degrees from the program a probationary accreditation status causes a degree from an institution with this status top be worth less than programs that are not on probation. When Central was notified of the probationary status, the university filed an appeal and it was denied. The majors issues, according to an Observer article published in January of last year, cited by the NCATE committee were the lack of scholarly activity by the faculty, low-quality program folios, and varied amounts and types of the for student teachers.

CEPS received probationary accreditation status NCATE during the review conducted Fall of 1999.

**GALA forum: "Nature vs. Nurture: Sex and Gender"**

Today at noon in the SUB Pit there will be a discussion about theories ideas and beliefs about gender and sexuality. Keith Champagne will moderate for guest speakers.

Suggestions wanted for evalua tion forms.

"What kind of questions would you like to see on teacher and course evaluation forms? If you have any suggestions contact Jessica Sutton at 963-1693."

**Communications students receive award**

The communications department congratulates Erin Nickels and Rick Dowak for their success at the 2001 Student Productions an Script writing contest.

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**SPECTACULAR Eyes on news**

Observer prints last page of the quarter.

This issue of the Observer is the last of winter quarter. The next publication date is April 5. The staff wishes everyone a fun and safe spring break.

Crisis Line seeks volunteers

Spring volunteer training for the Crisis Line will take place April 6, 7 and 8 in the Worksource office on Mt. View Road. Those interested in volunteering for the Crisis Line need to fill out an application by April 2. Call Noel Knise at 925-2169 for more information.

Tax help available

The Office of Continuing Education is offering a free workshop on Quicken Turbo Tax from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sat. Mar. 17 in Shaw-Smyser 214. The workshop will be conducted in PC format. The registration fee is $39.99, which includes all software. For more information or to register call 963-1504 or TTY 963-3323.
Suicide in College: A mysterious problem

Although suicide related student deaths are relatively low, the Student Health Center has many prevention and warning signs. Common Misconceptions About Suicide

MYTH: People who discuss suicide will not commit the act.
FACt: Up to 3/4 of those who take their own life have communicated their intent beforehand.

MYTH: Suicide is committed without warning.
FACt: The person considering suicide usually gives many warnings, such as saying that the world would be better off without him or her or giving away their most valued possessions.

MYTH: All who commit suicide are depressed.
FACt: Many of the people who take their lives are not depressed. In fact, some people appear calm and at peace with themselves.

MYTH: To commit suicide is crazy.
FACt: Although most suicidal persons are very unhappy, most appear to be completely rational and in touch with reality.

MYTH: Suicidal people clearly want to die.
FACt: Most people who commit suicide appear to be ambivalent about their own deaths. Others are suffering from depression or alcoholism, which, if alleviated, reduces the suicidal desire. For many people, the suicidal crisis passes, and they are grateful for having been prevented from self-destruction.

MYTH: Asking the person, especially a depressed one, about suicide will push him or her over the edge and cause a suicidal act that would not otherwise have occurred.
FACt: To ask about suicide can give permission to talk about what the person might harbor as a terrible, shameful secret, which could lead to further isolation and depression.

MYTH: Thinking about suicide is crazy.
FACt: Between 40 and 80% of the general population have thought about committing suicide at least once in their lives. Key to Prevention: Most suicidal people don't really want to die. They just want their pain to end. There are several signs to watch for that may indicate someone is thinking about suicide. The more signs, the greater the risk. A previous suicide attempt. Current talk of suicide or making a plan. Strong wish to die, preoccupation with death, giving away prized possessions. Signs of serious depression, such as moodiness, hopelessness, withdrawal. Increased alcohol and/or other drug use.

Recent suicide attempt by a friend/family member. Other key "risk factors" that increase the likelihood of suicide attempts are: Readily accessible firearms. Impulsiveness and taking unnecessary risks. Lack of connection to family and friends. People of all races, creeds, incomes and educational levels attempt or complete suicide. About 80% of the time people who kill themselves have given definite signals or talked about suicide. The key to prevention is knowing what the warning signs are and what to do to help.

Club Madness supports charitable causes

by Ellie Giannoulas

Those interested in a quartet of free tuition, $500 cash or other prizes may want to take part in Club Madness.

Club Madness, open to all students, is a recreational event consisting of basic relay activities. The event was discussed at Tuesday's Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors meeting. The BOD hopes the event will promote Club Senate, ASCWU awareness, club spirit, community service and an on-campus unity.

The competition consists of five-person teams representing each student group and organization. Each team must have three members of one sex and two members of the other sex. A point value is awarded for different finishes in each event, which will determine the winners of the competition.

"Club Madness will be a wonderful opportunity to promote club awareness and spirit," Skyler Zoppi, vice president of equity and service, said.

The event is for all student groups including clubs, organizations, residence halls, and university centers. A can of food or $1 donation is encouraged for admission and participation. Food will be donated to the Ellensburg Food Bank.

Proceeds will be donated to Historic Ellensburg, a group working to restore the Historic Train Station. A free barbecue for students will be held Thursday, May 10, at Nicholson 19.

"Prizes are outstanding, and we're working on adding more," Zoppi said.

Prizes will be given at the end of the night, including a grand prize of $500, plaques for first, second and third place, free T-shirts for all participants. Also, free tuition will be raffled off. A free barbecue for students will also take place offering hamburgers, chips and pop.

Club Madness will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at Nicholson Pavilion. For more information contact Mindy Widmyer or Skyler Zoppi in the ASCWU-BOD office in SUB 116.

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CASH FOR TEXTBOOKS
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— Jennifer Perkins

Think long term about Central’s quality of life

After attending a Quality of Life focus group a few weeks back, talking with students around campus and now reading Maren Oates’ guest column in this week’s paper (see page 7), I completely agree with the ideas for improving Central. What clinched it for me was the disk of photos Maren gave me from her recent trip to WSU. Their new recreation facility is AMAZING. The inside of the building looks very open and airy, and the equipment looks very high-tech. I never would have guessed it was at a state college. While I enjoy working out at The Gym downtown, it just doesn’t provide me with everything I need. I often have to wait to use one of the three elliptical trainers and for the weight machines. A college student rarely has several hours to dedicate to the gym due to chaotic class schedules. Exercise is not only physically healthy, it’s an incredibly effective stress reliever. Judging by the pathetic weight room we have on campus, it seems like Central doesn’t currently promote that idea.

So maybe we won’t get to experience the changes put forth by this year’s BOD members, but as Maren said in her column, think about what it would be like if we had come to Central with a state of the art fitness area and SuperSUB. We would have loved it! These changes will improve the quality of life in the school we’ve all chosen for our degree, we’ll be able to enjoy these features. Think long term, not short term.

— Jennifer Perkins

Letters

Article paints Reach Newsletter with a bad stroke

Dear Editor,

I appreciate your coverage of the Reach Newsletter in the last issue, however I take offense to the numerous inaccuracies found in the article.

For one, I’m not sure why Heather Askew found it necessary to neglect the many people on campus who adamantly support the Reach and focus solely on negative views. His comments, however, were grossly inaccurate. The Reach is neither anti-male nor anti-Christian, to refute those accusations, yet neglected to print my comments. Finally, I believe that not one of the things Ms. Askew quoted me as saying actually came out of my mouth— they were all vaguely paraphrased and lacked the clarity with which I believe I expressed myself.

I am not sure why Ms. Askew felt she had to mis-represent the Reach and present the publication in such a negative light, but I feel this article does nothing but poorly reflect on the Observer.

Joanna Horowitz
Reach Editor

Vindicated student expresses concerns about editorials and Bush’s recount

Dear Editor,

The editors of the Reach and Observer have been getting a little out of hand. These publications are not private like the Daily Record and are not allowed to print editorials in the same manner. It is apparent that these college publications need to realize that “The Editorial” is a news paper’s opinion and that means the owner’s opinion.

In January I wrote to criticize the Observer for lack of facts in their writings and went to the Reach’s office to complain about their slandering of the President and their sexist remarks. The Reach blew me off and I received this e-mail back from the Editor. Editor’s note: Editorials are not stories. Editorials are designed to allow writers to

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express their own personal feelings. They counted all chads and dimples behind each topic by reporting unbiased statistics equipment, a center that can provide computer lab, better dining options, high-resolution equipment, a center that can provide better service. Those thoughts running through your mind when you pass the Fred Meyer building, you need to retain them long enough to attach some facts to them. While Fred Meyer may be a "huge department store" by your standards, they are in fact medium to small in most locales. For sure they are small when compared to Wal-Mart. There is in fact no comparison at all. If you lived near a Fred Meyer or took the time to visit them you would find that except for some advertised loss leaders Fred Meyer's prices are as high as you will find anywhere. But even if their prices were less, wouldn't it be better to have the tax money here than in Yakima? As for Albertson's, they will do what they want to do. There is not doubt they will do something since Safeway expanded. Actually, from what I hear, it's the stores operated by Central that are hurting local vendors. Personally I left California many years ago to escape the rabid environmentalists, the overcrowding and the growing immorality to live in Seattle. Since then, the environmentalist, the crowds and the immorality has overtaken me. So I move again. The lesson? Everybody is looking for Eden, but when they find it, they just kick it up. J. Ball

NERO and Antigard aren't the place for drug abusing savages

Dear Editor,

In response to "Students find new club that hurts" (Feb. 15), I was offended. As a member of NERO and Antigard, I found both articles to have truths. Using a picture of Antigard for a NERO article is insulting to both groups. Each is different, please do not mix them up. In a past article about Antigard was the statement that we "look like a drug bust gone bad," this was a practice time, not the weekly meeting in which people are dressed in medieval garb. Information about the group and meeting times was incorrect, and we avoid real violence; people rarely get hurt. As for the NERO article, there are events between October and April, and only two or three events at the White Pass campground. Weapon rules for both groups are strict and must pass continuous inspection. The groups discourage drug use and people who show up intoxicated are kicked out for the well-being of the group. People who become too aggressive or violent are warned or banned. Please make sure the information and pictures are correct so as not to hurt people or groups.

Eric O'Brien

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LETTERS

Dear Observer,

I was impressed by this facility and an understatement. When I walked in my jaw dropped to the floor and I probably looked starstruck. Not only is this a beautiful facility, a center that can provide personal training and massages, and it is filled with courts for racquetball, basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, an indoor track, and many other features. But the best thing about it isn't just that it looks incredible, it's that students literally own everything about that building. They decided what they wanted and what they could pay for. Do you really think the administration came up with the idea for a $20-person hot tub and spa? I don't, and I know they didn't. It was the students, the customers, who went to them demanding better service. Unfortunately, at CWU any non-academic building is at least 30 years old. Not only do we lack quality recreation/fitness facilities, our union building is old, outdated, and unattractive. At least that's what I think, but I need to know what you think. This week many of you are in class during the ten o'clock hour will be asked to take a survey about the SUB and recreation facilities, and I encourage you to take it seriously. Most of our time at college isn't in class, so where do you want to spend your time? Do you want a 24-hour computer lab, better dining options, high-quality fitness equipment, or just a really nice, comfortable lounge area to study, eat or talk to friends? It's your decision!

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MEETINGS

Thursday, March 8

Alpha Phi Omega
SUB 209, 5 p.m.
American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)
SUB, 12 p.m.
Baptist Student Ministries
Cheyenne Baptist Church, 8 p.m.
Circle K
SUB Owlt, 5 p.m.
CWU Horn Club
Hertz, 12 p.m.
International Student Association
International Office, 4 p.m.
Phi Beta Lambda
Shane-Smyser 132, 6 p.m.
Philosophy Club
SUB Owlt, 7 p.m.
Psychology Club
Psych Lounge, 10 a.m.
Student Council for Exceptional Children
SUB 208, 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 11

Catholic Campus Ministry Mass
Mary Grove Center, 7 p.m.
Latter Day Saint Student Association
LDS Building, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 12

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
Hebele 121, 6 p.m.
Swing Cats
SUB ballroom, 7 p.m.
CWU Rodeo Club
SUB 208, 7 p.m.
CWU Green Party
SUB 310, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13

American Choral Directors Association
Hertz 120, 3:30 p.m.
American Sign Language Organization
SUB 7 p.m.
Art Council
Randall 231, 5 p.m.
Jewish Student Organization
SUB 105, 7 p.m.
Marketing Club
Shane-Smyser 111, 7 p.m.
Music Educators National Conference
Hertz Hall, 4:30 p.m.
Washington Student Lobby
SUB 116, 6 p.m.
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship
Mary Grove Center, 7 p.m.
Sal Sal.
CMA Church, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14

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express your own personal feelings. As stated in the Observanc a few weeks ago, we report accurate STO­ries by doing research and in con­ducting in-depth interviews" and "the Observer works to tell the truth behind each topic by reporting unsub­stiated stories". I feel vindicated that my fellow students, you who know those who do the tale can win every day, feel the same as I. Oh, by the way, the Miami Herald fin­ished hard counting those counties in Florida that the Democrats disputed. They counted all chads and dimples they could pay for. Do you real­ly believe me? Check by April 15th. Don't believe me? Check on what they could pay for. Do you real­ly think the administration came up with the idea for a 30-person hot tub and spa? I don't, and I know they didn't. It was the students, the cus­tomers, who went to them demanding bet­ter service. Unfortunately, at CWU any non­academic building is at least 30 years old. Not only do we lack quality recre­ation/fitness facilities, our union building is old, outdated, and unattractive. At least that's what I think, but I need to know what you think. This week many of you are in class during the ten o'clock hour will be asked to take a survey about the SUB and recreation facilities, and I encourage you to take it seriously. Most of our time at college isn't in class, so where do you want to spend your time? Do you want a 24-hour computer lab, better dining options, high-quality fitness equipment, or just a really nice, comfortable lounge area to study, eat or talk to friends? It's your decision!

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MEETINGS

Thursday, March 8

Alpha Phi Omega
SUB 209, 5 p.m.
American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)
SUB, 12 p.m.
Baptist Student Ministries
Cheyenne Baptist Church, 8 p.m.
Circle K
SUB Owlt, 5 p.m.
CWU Horn Club
Hertz, 12 p.m.
International Student Association
International Office, 4 p.m.
Phi Beta Lambda
Shane-Smyser 132, 6 p.m.
Philosophy Club
SUB Owlt, 7 p.m.
Psychology Club
Psych Lounge, 10 a.m.
Student Council for Exceptional Children
SUB 208, 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 11

Catholic Campus Ministry Mass
Mary Grove Center, 7 p.m.
Latter Day Saint Student Association
LDS Building, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 12

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
Hebele 121, 6 p.m.
Swing Cats
SUB ballroom, 7 p.m.
CWU Rodeo Club
SUB 208, 7 p.m.
CWU Green Party
SUB 310, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13

American Choral Directors Association
Hertz 120, 3:30 p.m.
American Sign Language Organization
SUB 7 p.m.
Art Council
Randall 231, 5 p.m.
Jewish Student Organization
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Guest Column: Students have the power to change Central for the better

A couple of weeks ago, I visit­ed the new Recreation Center at WSU. To say that I was impressed by this facility is an understatement. When I walked in my jaw dropped to the floor and I probably looked starstruck. Not only is this a beautiful Title/Headline by April 2nd 5pm

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Local store owner fuels the music movement in the Rodeo City

by Kelly Allen
Staff reporter

The walls are covered with records, posters and memorabilia of everything from the smiling cherubic face of a young Danny Bonaduce to the satanic smiles of a velvety KISS. The shelves and floors are lined with thousands of albums on CD, cassette, and vinyl, as well as posters and movies on VHS and DVD. The place is Rodeo Records. The owner is Mark Pickerel.

Born and raised in Ellensburg, Pickerel has toured the United States and beyond as a founding member of the bands The Screaming Trees and Truly. His indie band, The Dark Fantastic, in which he acts as singer, drummer and chief songwriter, will be releasing its second album on Up Records, titled "Goodbye Crooked Star," in late April.

Pickerel described the band's unusual recording style: "The way we've done recordings is I play the songs for Mike (Elkins, bassist) and Jesse (Sea, guitarist) on an acoustic guitar and, after two or three rehearsals, we would go into a studio and record to a click track or drum loop. After they lay down their guitar parts, I lay down the drum track, which is a complete reversal of everything I've done before. It's kind of a fun approach for me and it's rewarding because it allows me to have the last word as a drummer and better match the guitar parts.

The new album, Pickerel thinks, is a more cohesive effort than the band's self-titled first album. "The songs on this album have a lot more in common with each other," Pickerel said. "The last one was more of a collection of songs I had written over a long period of time. This album is also a little more electric and has more energy to it."

Mark Pickerel (above) keeps busy in his store (above right), Pickerel and the members of his band, Dark Fantastic (right), will be releasing a second album in April.

The band isn't the only musical project on Pickerel's plate, though. He has played on three of Screaming Trees bandmate Mark Lanegan's solo albums. He's been keeping busy in the last year contributing to an album by Jim Carroll, author of "The Basketball Diaries," and touring as a drummer for Neko Case and Her Sinder, though. He has played on three of Screaming Trees bandmate Mark Lanegan's solo albums. He's been keeping busy in the last year contributing to an album by Jim Carroll, author of "The Basketball Diaries," and touring as a drummer for Neko Case and Her

The big highlight of playing in England was recording and playing live on the John Peel Show, which averages about 2.5 million nightly listeners," Pickerel said. "It was probably the first time in years that I really had a case of the jitters. Just imagining that many people listening to every nuance of your playing was pretty intimidating. I was imagining a small tribe in New Guinea with a transistor radio and knowing that anything I did, like slowing down the tempo, would throw the listeners off, but we listened to the playback and everything was okay."

Rodeo Records, which celebrates its tenth anniversary in August, serves as a great source of inspiration to Pickerel as a musician. The students and locals who shop there certainly keep him on his toes. "They keep it interesting, just because they're from so many different parts of the world," Pickerel said. "They keep it interesting, just because they're from so many different parts of the northwest and the world," he said. "We're constantly asked to locate music that we're not familiar with, which is great because it turns me on to all kinds of new music which influences me as a songwriter." As if on cue, our interview was interrupted by a phone call from someone looking for an East Indian artist whose name they can't spell.

The store also gets a good amount of business from dealers looking for records of all genres to spin, including DJ Muggs of Cypress Hill. Rodeo has also seen a few other famous faces shopping for rare recordings including Thurston Moore from Sonic Youth and Beck, as well as Seattle favorites Jeff Ament and Matt Cameron.

So students looking for entertainment, and who wish to support their local, independently owned record shop, need go no further than Rodeo Records to fulfill their music, movie, and room decoration needs. Try to stump the owner with something he's never heard.

Wildcats to flee Ellensburg for sunny skies and soft sand

by Andrew Fickes
Staff reporter

A warm and cool, breezy day with a view of turquoise blue water describes the beauty and feeling of the Caribbean island of Barbuda. It is inhabited by only 1,200 people and characterized by high sugarbeet, hidden caves, and warm beaches. The experience seems to be found only in dreams, but Associate Professor of Anthropology Steven Hackenberger and resource management student Gregg Wilson are making it a reality.

Both are planning a four to eight-week-long internship program in Barbuda for interested Central Washington University students. Students involved in the internship will receive Cooperative Education 400 credits.

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BARBUDA: Internship opportunities available in paradise

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Barbuda Council in the village of Codrengton. The Barbuda Council are the equivalent of county commission. They act as employers and assign projects to the students. They receive reports on the students' progress from Wilson. Codrengton was the name of the first plantation owner on the island back in the 1800s. He owned the entire island, and the 1,200 Afro-Caribbeans living in the village now are descendants of his slaves.

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Students involved in the communications, graphic arts, leisure services, ecology, history, and anthropology departments are especially encouraged to join the group.

For those who are interested, the next mandatory meeting is at 7 p.m., Mar. 13 in Farrell Hall, room 317. For further information, write to Hackenberger at hackenbe@cwu.edu or call Wilson at 963-8277. Costs for travel plus room and board are still being finalized, but Hackenberger and Wilson believe it will be very reasonable.

Sun and sand abound in the beautiful island paradise of Barbuda, where Central students are offered a chance to earn intern credits and study under the backdrop of the Caribbean sun.

Student bands to square off for a shot at the title

by Kelly Allen
Staff reporter

Central Washington University students' music acts will square off on Saturday when Club Central hosts the Battle of the Bands. Five bands consisting of Central students will perform their songs in a bid for the grand prize privilege of playing the Pizza Stage at the Gorge Amphitheater as well as a concert here at Central.

Competing bands are The Peat Moss Band, Absolute Elsewhere, Better Left Unsaid, Movinmtns (Moving Mountains), and Captain Ice Weasel and the Beautiful Superfriends of Jeebus. Special guests Layman's Terms from Seattle will also perform. Campus Life program manager Josh Baulch hopes students will come out and support the acts.

"This is a good opportunity for bands to get some exposure, and for people to dance and have some fun," Baulch said.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 10, at Club Central. Tickets are $3 for Central students and $4 general admission.
I remember loading up my car and feeling excited yet scared. I was going to college. I couldn’t believe that I was on my way to a new life. Would I like it at Central? Would I like my roommate? Did I really have to share a bathroom with the whole dorm? I didn’t feel like I was old enough to be in college, but I was, and I loved it. I had no curfew; no one would ask where I was going or what time I’d got home. This is what independence was. I couldn’t get enough of it, until I got homesick.

I missed my family, my friends, my dog, my bed at home, everything that I had known and left behind. I wanted to go back. I didn’t like my roommate, I didn’t like dining hall food, and I didn’t like my classes. I hated college. I wanted out. It wasn’t right, but independance wasn’t. I could do whatever I wanted, as long as I realized that I was responsible for my actions.

Ah ... another lesson in life, but this one from a totally unexpected source, my father. Who would have guessed that your parents really do know what they are talking about? He taught me that everyone has a choice in life, regardless of the situation. This is by far the greatest lesson of my life, and I didn’t learn it from a book or a professor.

September again ... back to Ellensburg, and into a new apartment with a new roommate. This time was going to be different. I had matured into a different person and had left behind all of the things that I didn’t want to say good-bye to my new friends. We taught each other a lot about who we are and who we wanted to be, we just discovered that living together didn’t work out.

Again summer came, and it was back home to rules. But something had changed when I arrived. I was an adult now. I didn’t have rules like I did before. I had free rein in my life. I could do whatever I wanted, as long as I realized that I was responsible for my actions.

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Graduate students present skills
by Jerry Mookstauer
Staff reporter
The art department will be hosting an exhibition for Central graduate students. Heidi Mofford, an art graduate from Central, will be hosting a collection of her finest photographs and all paintings.

"This should appeal to a broad audience in its expression of a culture shared by many," Cynthia Krieh, painting and drawing professor, said. Central graduate students from the art department who produce studio projects as their thesis option can show their projects in this exhibition.

The exhibition will take place at 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Sarah Spurgin Gallery, Randell Hall room 136.

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The Dusty 45's will rock The Mint Bar & Grill with special guest Manuela.

Dusty 45's to rock Mint
by Rachel Wierma
Asst. Scene editor
Mix rockabilly, swing and punk and the finished result is the Dusty 45's, a popular group from Seattle.

This Saturday, the Dusty 45's will play The Mint Bar & Grill with special guest Manuela, who will open the show. The party starts at 10 p.m. with no cover charge to cramp your style.

Since forming in 1997, the Dusty 45's have released a CD entitled Shackin' Up. The local band has toured from Vancouver, BC, to Texas, earning them local and national recognition.

what's happening

thursday, 3/8
-Green Party Film Series: "This is What Democracy Looks Like", 6 p.m., Club Central
-Job Recruiting: Alaska Heritage Tours, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the SUB Pit
-Theatre Arts Presents: Original One-Act Festival, 7 p.m., Tower Theatre, $3 for all seats
-Atom Films: Women in Film, 8 p.m., Club Central free
-Drop-in Orientation Group, 4-4:50 p.m. at the Lounge at the Student Health and Counseling Center, free

friday, 3/9
-Theatre Arts Presents: Original One-Act Festival, 8 p.m. in the Tower Theatre, $3 for all seats
-Movie: "The Patriot", 7 p.m., Caltech Campus Ministry house
-saturday, 3/10
-Battle of the Bands, 8 p.m., Club Central, free
-Theatre Arts Presents: Original One-Act Festival, 8 p.m. in the Tower Theatre, $3 for all seats
-Women's Fastpitch: CWU vs. Simon Fraser University, 1 p.m., Softball field, free

monday, 3/12
-Happy Birthday Jen Perkinson

finals week

tuesday, 3/13
-Classic Film Series: "Mr. Hudson's Holiday" (France), 7 p.m. in McConnell Auditorium, $2.50 for a single admission or $8 for a five film bargain pass
Central crew shoots up Super One

by Andrew Fickes
Staff reporter

Cameras rolled and customers looked on as local film producer Devi Snively and her crew of Central Washington University faculty, students and community members transformed Ellensburg’s Super One Foods from a grocery store to a place for the stars last Saturday night. On location in the aisles of Super One, Snively began the filming of her new short film, “A Soap Opera.”

“We had to go to the corporate level for permission to film there,” Snively, a Central adjunct instructor in humanities, communications, and anthropology, said. “They were really nice about it.”

Snively started the script for “A Soap Opera” within days after her last successful showing of “Jump,” her independent film that was produced and shown during fall quarter to Central students.

“A Soap Opera” is a musical with elaborate staging and art designs. Snively has never done a musical before, so this is new territory for her.

“It’s one of those films meant to just entertain,” Snively said. “There’ll be dancing bananas and French maids.”

Snively’s goal in producing the film is to give experience to students on the crew. Her intention is to encourage them to start film projects of their own. Once students have done a collection of films on their own, Snively wants to put on a campus film festival.

Preparing for a fantasy scene, Laura DiMarco adjusts Bill Chandler’s bow tie.

Snively and her crew will film “A Soap Opera” in various other community facilities such as a doctor’s office and a laundromat. They hope to be finished with production sometime next quarter.

Framing the shots and checking the set, Devi Snively sets up her next scene.

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The film will premiere in Black Hall and then go on to various festivals.

For those of you who missed out on “Jump” or are dying to see it again, it will be shown within the next month on the Internet on 1 Film.

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Exploring the neighborhood: For every whiff of manure, there's the unappreciated Kittitas County blessing

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only does Ellensburg get a fair share of snow in the winter and warm weather in the summer, it's also surrounded by hills that change with every season creating a barrier of snow, grass, or desert from the rest of the world. The beauty and familiarity of the hills provide a sense of peace and comfort.

Another benefit of the town was brought to my attention as fall quarter began and I realized that I could ride my bike anywhere in town. Riding a bike through town may seem trivial, but it's an important factor considering that the first year here I was utterly car-less. Might I warn you, though, that the wind is a major pain in the behind when a two-wheeled, foot-pedaled hot rod is your source of transportation.

To my dismay, a small amount of the manure rumor was true. When the wind blew just right, it was as if I were inhaling the fumes every season creating a barrier of snow, grass, or desert from the rest of the world. The beauty and familiarity of the hills provide a sense of peace and comfort.

I like the small town atmosphere of Ellensburg complete with friendly people, a slower pace and familiar faces. I never thought I would experience a town where people actually say hello to strangers passing on the street and let others go before them at four-way stops. However, the 20 mile per hour speed limit is a source of constant irritation. Yeah, yeah so the atmosphere is nice and the people are great, but what is there to do?

Why are we all here (besides to get a college education)?

The dining selection in Ellensburg, although now missing a Red Robin or similar burger joint, includes these restaurants, along with many others. Where else can you get a real Rodeo City Barbecue dinner served with their authentic barbecue sauce or Mama's Cookin' Cajun, where Cajun style breakfast is served by Mama herself. Then there's always Campus U-Totem, the burger joint that's just want to go sledding. On the way home it's nice to stop in at Roslyn for some Village Pizza or a beer at the Brick. Sometimes, I like to hold out for a hearty steak at the Palace, a burrito at El Caporal, or even some pasta at The Valley Cafe.

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Long “Green Mile” is worth watching

When watching a film based on a Stephen King novel, the expectation is that it would be scary or weird. “The Green Mile,” deviates from those norms. The three-hour movie stars Tom Hanks as a young prison guard named Paul Edgecombe. The film begins with a search party looking for two missing girls. It then flashes forward to many years later when Paul (Dabbs Greer) is watching a tabloid talk show on television at a retirement home. He begins breaking down as he tells his girlfriend Elaine (Eve Best) about a significant time in his life.

The movie goes back to 1935, with the arrival of John Coffey (Michael Clarke Duncan) to Louisiana’s Cold Mountain Penitentiary. Coffey is on death row because he was convicted of killing the two little girls. The supervisor for death row, also known as “the green mile” because of the floor color, is Paul Edgecombe. The green mile is the last stop for convicted killers before they are executed by the electric chair.

Supernatural events begin when Edgecombe collapses during work one day. Coffey grabs Edgecombe and cures him, taking away his medical problems. The plot thickens and, in many ways, a soap opera begins. As the story continues, Edgecombe comes to believe Coffey is a good man and doesn’t deserve a death sentence.

The heavy plot is lightened by a mischievous mouse, which repeatedly eludes capture by the guards prior to becoming the companion of a prisoner named Delacroix (Michael Jeter).

While Hanks gives a great presentation, there are others that help contribute to the full effect. The villains (Sam Rockwell and Hutchison’s Wetmore) both deliver believable performances. Rockwell brings pure evil to the role of Wild Bill Handcuff, which adds depth to the movie.

This is Frank Darabont’s second Stephen King prison tale; the first one was “The Shawshank Redemption.” Overall, this movie is one that I enjoyed watching, and I would definitely recommend renting it.

The available jobs include Yellow Stone Park, Mt. Rushmore, Glacier National Park, and the Gorge Amphitheater. Some jobs are even overseas.

For these, though, it is common to visit the student Employment Outbound offers work and travel programs over the summer. One of its destination countries is Australia. Applicants stay for a period of four months, but must find their own job and provide their own housing after the first two days. Jobs pay only minimum wage and the program fee is $365. This does not include travel.

Within the last week, many job recruiters have come to hire students. Alaskan Heritage Tours will begin the next phase from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 8 in the SUB Pit. The Gorge Amphitheater recruiters will follow at noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4 and from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 5 in the SUB Pit.

“Summer jobs are a good way to save money, apply your skills, and enjoy the outdoors,” Miagkova said.

If you were having difficulty on an important test and could safely cheat by looking at someone else’s paper, would you do it? Why or why not?

“No because I think the professor is always looking at me.” Shauna Kissner, Communication, Junior

“No, because I wouldn’t want to take the chance of getting caught. The consequences aren’t worth the risk.” Cristin Cantrell, undecided, freshman

“Yes, I think you can cheat if you don’t get caught. You have to have good eyes.” Antonio Reeves, Communication, Junior

“No, I’d be afraid of getting a zero.”

Pat Wilson, Computer Science, Junior

“No, it’s plagiarism.” Iruru Mori, Psychology, Junior

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Located in British Columbia, in the Canadian Okanogan, Silver Star is at least a six-hour drive from Ellensburg. The drive goes almost completely through the Okanogan, which provides unending mountain scenery and viewpoints. Upon arrival at Silver Star, it is clear that what lies ahead is well worth the time spent in the car. With 107 runs and over 3,000 skiable acres, Silver Star offers an assortment of terrain and trails for snowriders of every level.

Breaking for lunch was a pleasant change from the cafeteria-style mountain food that is typical at other ski resorts. The pedestrian-only village at Silver Star, along with most of the lodging, has ski-in, ski-out access, and features an array of dining choices. There is a cafeteria, but there is also a deli, several family restaurants, an Italian restaurant, a cafe, and a bar that serves fairly appetizing food. We dined at Bugaboos Cafe, and thoroughly enjoyed the homemade soup (served in a homemade bread bowl), sandwiches, and baked goods.

If skiing or snowboarding doesn't sound appealing, there is an extensive list of other winter sports offered at Silver Star. There is a tubing area with a rope tow, an ice skating rink, and world-renowned cross-country ski trails. Snowmobiles and snowshoes are available to rent, and guided tours on both are offered. Furthermore, non-outdoor activities such as live theatre, massage therapy, yoga and other aerobic classes are conveniently located in the village.

"Silver Star is a great destination because it offers something for everyone," Sarah Munkres, freshman undecided, said. "If you don't feel like skiing, you don't just have to sit in the lodge all day. You have choices."

After a day on the mountain, most snowriders pack the only bar in town, the Vance Creek Saloon, to relax, tell stories of the day's adventures, and dance to live music offered every Friday and Saturday. The patrons share two common bonds: a love for the mountain and a love to have a good time. The atmosphere is friendly and fun.

"Silver Star is an affordable destination. Lift tickets are $48 Canadian per day, which may sound expensive but the exchange rate is currently 38 percent. The cluster of condos and hotels all centrally located near the village and reasonably priced. Many are located directly on the ski slopes and can be skied to and from, right up to the front door. Many offer hot tubs and exercise rooms, too.

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March madness starts tonight for Central

by Jacqulyn Ditman
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University women's basketball program ended their best regular season in 12 years by sweeping both opponents in last week's games. In doing so, they guaranteed a position in the NCAA West Regional Tournament to be held tonight at Cal Poly Pomona.

The NCAA West Regional Tournament starts for Central tonight at 8 p.m. in Pomona. They are pitted against archrival Western Washington University. Western swept both games against Central during regular season. The winner of that game will go on to play top-seeded Cal Poly Pomona in one of the regional semi-finals on Friday.

The opportunity for postseason play was on the line last Thursday against Northwest Nazarene University Crusaders. The top six teams in the west travel to the tournament and Central was clashing onto fifth position.

Redemption was also on the minds of the athletes. The Crusaders trampled the Wildcats 89-71 when the two teams met earlier this season in Idaho.

"We took it to heart that we lost out there," junior forward Jenny Dixon said. "Our team does a great job when revenge is factored in." Central jumped out to a quick lead when sophomore guard Meggen Kautzky started the game off with back-to-back successful three-point shots.

NNU came back with a lay-up by senior guard Chelsie Hall and then a steal by junior guard Anna McGarrah. Junior forward Amber Hellberg stole the ball from Kautzky, passed it to McGarrah, who assisted senior forward Rachelle Downie's successful lay up. NNU led by one.

That was NNU's biggest lead of the entire first period. Dixon put five more back into the Wildcats with a shot that put Central up. They kept the lead the rest of the half.

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Central to within two. She rebounded on the other end when Hellberg missed and was immediately fouled. Willis made both attempts at the line, tying the game with four minutes left. Central took final control of the game when Shaw was fouled and made one of two shots, pulling the Wildcats up by one.

With one and a half minutes to go, junior guard Dawnta LiaBraaten scored on an assist from Dixon.

The Crusaders were left with no other choice but to foul the Wildcats to salvage the clock and hope for missed free throws. Both Willis and Kautzky were fouled and both made their shots.

Central was up by seven with 30 seconds left on the clock when the Wildcats nearly jeopardized the Crusaders' playoff picture. With 12 seconds left, Hellberg made a three-point shot and then quickly stole the ball. McGarrah went behind the perimeter and made the basket with one second left on the clock. They had pulled themselves to within one, but that wasn't enough. The Wildcats went up with a score of 68-67.

Shaw led the game with 19 points, Kautzky had 16 and Willis added 11. All three players ended the game with six rebounds.

LiaBraaten also contributed significantly to Central's win with nine points and two rebounds.

"Dawnta did a great job defensively," Central head coach Jeff Whitney said. "It was probably her best defensive game of the season."

The Crusaders had three players scoring in double digits. Kollmann led her team with 14, Hellberg had 13 and center Kasha Lawrence added 12 and had a game high eight rebounds.

Both teams were plagued by turnovers. NNU had 34 and Central with 27.

"Today was a good one for us. It was a defensive battle and offensive-ly neither team played very well," Whitney said. "They are a high scoring team and they usually score in the 80-plus range. Our goal for them was to keep their score down."

This was the lowest scoring game of the regular season for the Crusaders. Saturday's game against the Seattle University Redhawks held a lot of significance for the Wildcats. It was the first time since the 1987-88 season that Central had a chance to win 20 games in the regular season and it was the final game of the season.

"Last year we ended the season with 19 wins; we were so close," Whitney said. "It would be nice to get 20 wins." The game on Saturday was the last three seniors would be playing in Nicholson Pavilion. Willis, guards Cherae Walker and Carrie Waddell are saying goodbye to Central as they graduate and move on to other endeavors.

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Baseball doesn’t wait for warm weather

by Meredith Willingham
Staff reporter

Batting frigid temperatures, a soggy field, and icy-cold wind, the Wildcats won three of six games on their weekend homestand. With the snow melted off of the field, the arrival of baseball season in Ellensburg seems finally to be here.

"It was nice to get outside and play ball in our home yard," junior outfielder Arlo Randall said.

On Friday, Central split their first doubleheader of the weekend with the University of British Columbia. They lost the first game 6 to 4. Junior first baseman Seth Hill went 4-for-4 and sophomore catcher Joe Reed went 3-for-3 in the loss. The Thunderbirds scored two runs in the eighth inning to win. Junior pitcher Kevin Jamison was credited with the loss.

The Wildcats rebounded in the second game, coming alive in the fifth after four scoreless innings.

Hill had a leadoff single and junior outfielder Aaron Tennis pinch ran for Hill. Tennis advanced to second after sophomore catcher Joe Reed was hit by a pitch. Senior outfielder Ryan McCarthy tripled to right center field, driving in Reed and Tennis for the Wildcats’ first two runs.

British Columbia scored once in the sixth and once in the seventh inning to tie up the game. Central broke the tie in the bottom of the seventh inning to win. Junior pitcher Kevin Jamison was credited with the win.

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Central high jumper Erik Lanigan tied for fourth last weekend at the University of Washington Preview with a height of 6'-4.75".

Track starts strong at University of Washington Invitational

by Phil Prothero
Asst. sports editor

The Central Washington track team jumped into action last weekend in Seattle at the University of Washington Spring preview.

“It was a great day in terms of conditions for distance running, but it was a little cool for our sprinters and jumpers,” head coach Kevin Adkisson said.

Adkisson was pleased with some good placings despite the cold weather. Central came home with two first place winners and 24 top ten finishers.

Junior distance runner Alicen Maier broke a school record and qualified for nationals in the 3,000 meter with a time of 9:57.93 which was good enough for third place.

“I was a little nervous since I’ve only ran the 3,000 once, but I just wanted the school record,” Maier said.

Senior sisters Sarah and Amy Forrey also finished in the top ten. Sarah clocked a 10:07.98 for sixth place and Amy squeaked in a ninth place finish with a time of 10:15.68.

Junior Leah Villegas grasped a sixth place finish in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:00.08.

On the men’s side sophomore Chris Peterson and sophomore Justin Lawrence teamed up for a pair of first place finishes. Peterson soared 21’ 0.75" in the long jump to earn top honors. Lawrence managed 45’ 9.75” to take the triple jump. Sophomore Beau Ross claimed second place with a distance of 44’ 3.25’.

“I felt a little rusty going in, but it was a great starting point,” Ross said.

“We’re really happy to get the first meet out of the way,” Adkisson said. “We just wanted to get everybody competing and find out where we’re at.”

Central will travel to Pacific Lutheran University for the Salzman Invitational this Friday.

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This is Whitney’s fourth season as head coach and all of the seniors came to Central playing under him.

“It’s exciting and cool,” Willis said. “At the same time it’s really sad and it’s a chapter closing.”

The game closely related to what a game between Michael Jordan and a high school freshman might look like. Central dominated, devastated and blew the Redhawks out of the sky. The final score was 76-42.

Central beat two school records Saturday. They were fewest field goals in a half and fewest field goals in a game.

The Wildcats held the Redhawks to just four field goals in the first half. Seattle University was able to shoot only nine times the entire game. The rest of their points came from free throw shots.

Shaw led the game with 17 points and 10 rebounds. LilaBraaten added 16 points and Walker ended with 14.

“I felt it — sadness, frustration,” Willis said.

After the first injury, the season was thought to be over for Willis, but she rehabilitated for six hours a day in the training room. The routine included rigorous conditioning to heal and strengthen her ankle.

Kristen came back to play again, but wasn’t quite ready. She hurt herself in her first game back by pushing herself too hard.

“It’s frustrating,” Willis said about her second injury. “I think ‘If I can walk, why can’t I play’?” She added: “You think, ‘where do you fit in on the team?’ when you’re injured. But the coaches and all the players are there to keep your spirits up.”

More rehabilitation followed her second injury until she was at last healthy enough to return and stay in the lineup.

Willis is majoring in elementary education and will graduate next fall after the student teaches. She said she chose elementary education because she has always been around children and likes to be in a position to teach them by teaching.

Willis is unsure about her future, but will probably become a substitute teacher after getting her certification. She also wants to coach basketball for kids in the third grade.

Willis does not have much free time during basketball season, which she said, “helps me stay focused with my schedule.”

In off-season she likes to hang out with friends and be with her family, who is from the Tri-Cities.

The Wildcats are focused on tonight’s game versus Western Washington in the first round of the Western Regional Division II Tournament in Pocatello, Idaho.

Central is zero-for-two against Western this year and is hungry for revenge.

“What matters is now,” Willis said.
With a victory over Saint Martin’s Friday, Central could only hope for key losses from Alaska Anchorage and Cal Poly Pomona, to give them a position in the NCAA tournament. Even if the scenario played out this way, there was no guarantee the then eighth ranked Wildcats would make it to the playoffs.

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Tickets for the men’s tournament are eight dollars for adults and three dollars for students. They can be purchased by calling ticket manager Bob Hofstetter at (360) 650-2583 or the Washington University Cashiers’ Office at (360) 650-2930.

The game begins at 6 p.m. tonight and can be heard on 1240 AM, or accessed via the internet www.cwu.edu/-cwualum/.

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Central found itself trailing by seven with 16:13 remaining. Nealey came off the bench and knocked down a pair of three-pointers to keep Central close.

The game remained neck and neck for the rest of the contest. With 39 seconds left on the shot clock and trailing 69-68, junior forward Justin Thompson attempted two free throws. Thompson sank his first. His second was off the mark but freshman forward Tyler Mitchell snared the offensive rebound and laid it in to give Central a 71-69 lead.

“Mitchell’s rebound was absolutely huge,” Sparling said.

The Saints tied the game with 10 seconds left on two free throws by senior guard Jeremy Landram, but Central refused to let their playoff hopes come to an end.

Thompson was fouled in the act of shooting with two seconds remaining. He missed his first shot, but his second swished through the net, sealing the win for the Wildcats.

Thompson finished with 18 points and 14 rebounds.

“Who would ever tell you you could win a ball game shooting 31 percent from the field, 17 from the three point line, and 64 from the free throw line?” Sparling said.

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Central’s softball team hosted its annual Wildcat Fastpitch Invitational at Columbia Playfield and Horn Rapids last weekend. The three-day tournament started Friday, Mar. 2, and went through Saturday, Mar. 4. During the first day of the tournament, Central started off well, beating Linfield University by a score of 8-1. However, the Wildcats were unable to hold their momentum to gain the win during their first game against Western Washington University in the games that followed.

“We hadn’t been outside, but two days so far this season,” head coach Gary Frederick said.

Humboldt State University Athletics and Simon Fraser University Athletics had the same record of 3-0.

Simon Fraser was the only team to lose a game on Saturday, Mar. 3.

“Simon Fraser had the best offense,” Frederick said. “They have one of the strongest pitches in the division.”

The second day of the tournament resembled the first. Central beat Montana State-Billings in their first game with a score of 10-2. The game was close until the Wildcats scored four runs in the fifth inning and three more in the sixth.

Senior Jill Powell helped to pace the offense with three hits. Sophomore Stephanie Hogan had an outstanding game, pitching four scoreless innings and collecting a home run and two hits, including a double. Hogan added a home run and two doubles to her offensive performance.

In its final tournament game, Central trailed Eastern Oregon University 1-0 until Powell delivered a three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning, giving Central the victory.

“We got some games under our belt we made a lot of improvements from the first game to the last one,” Frederick said.

Central was unable to take a victory from Western Oregon University during their second game of the day, losing 2-1. The Wildcats scored their only run in the seventh inning on a RBI single by Powell.

Freshman Annie Franks and Lantau hit two home runs and had five RBI’s each. Lantau added two doubles to her performance.

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PacWest Basketball All-Stars
Five Central basketball players were named to the PacWest All-Star Team. The Wildcat men were represented by forward junior Justin Thompson, who was named Newcomer-of-the-Year as well as to the PacWest’s first team, and senior guard Damien Champion earned honorable mention.

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