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Central Washington University
Lori Chandler fights for her life

Founding Central yoga instructor critically ill at Virginia Mason

by Jacqulyn Diteman
Staff reporter

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Central Washington University's founding Yoga instructor, Lori Chandler. On March 5, still in pain, her daughter, Jessica, a Central Hospital in Ellensburg on March 4 complaining of a sore shoul­ders. It is still too soon to tell if a full recovery is possible.

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Central may adopt general studies program next year

by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

The Curriculum Committee from the Faculty Senate has proposed a B.A./B.S. General Studies Program for Central. This program would allow students to draw from Humanities, Natural Science and Social Science majors to create a non-specific broad based major.

"Specialized disciplines are a twentieth century phenomenon," Toni Culjak, curricu­lum committee chair said. "The General Studies Program harkens back to how college educations have been earned for hun­dreds of years." Today, general education courses can only be found in lower division classes and at community colleges.

Central would be joining the University of Washington, Washington State University, Western Washington University and Eastern Washington University in offering this type of program. Supporters of the program feel it will help Central remain competitive with other schools in the area.
CHANDLER: Benefit account set up to help with expenses

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remained on for three weeks. During this time, there were minor ups and downs.

Things took a turn for the worse on March 30, when Lori developed pneumonia. That was followed by Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), which causes the lungs to lose elasticity and minimizes the ability to oxidize blood. By itself, ARDS has a 50 percent survival rate, and cannot develop ARDS unless the lungs have been under trauma.

After three good days, during the early morning hours of April 8, Lori's right lung collapsed. It happened again while her family sat in the waiting area of the CCU at 9 p.m. that same night. One by one, each of her four children and her husband walked down the long corridor to her room, where they put on their sanitized gowns, rubber gloves and masks to tell their mother and wife they loved her and they were there with her. Although Lori is medically paralyzed and sedated, the family has no doubt she can hear them.

On Monday, Lori's vital signs began to drop. Emergency surgery was performed to add five new tubes that will help her breathe. While the surgery was a risk in her condition, the net result was successful. Her vital signs started to come up. She once again took a step away from the edge.

A benefit account for Lori Chandler has been established to defray some of the expenses the family is incurring. Donations may be made to the "Lori Chandler Fund" at Sterling Savings Bank in Ellensburg or dropped off at the Administrative Management and Business Education Department in Shaw-Smyser, room 223. No flowers are allowed in her room, but cards can be sent to Virginia Mason Hospital, 7th Floor North Critical Care, P.O. Box 900, Seattle, WA 98111.

"This community is amazing," Chandler said. "The support and love that has been shown to our family overwhelms me. We mean it from the bottom of our hearts when we say thank you."

Time to prepare for upcoming BOD elections

By Melissa Mitchell
Asst. News Editor

This year’s election campaign for the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) will kick off on April 17 with the first mandatory meeting for anyone who wants to run for the BOD.

This year's election comes with a few additions and changes to the rules of the game such as posting rules, how campaigns are to be run, and expectations for those who want to be write-in candidates. These changes will be discussed in detail during the meeting on April 17.

In order to be in the BOD and actually get the job, the code must be followed," Mark Kendrick, elections commission chair, said, "including attending all mandatory meetings."

Some changes in the election process include allowing write-in candidates to participate in official election debates along side the candidates who went through the process of becoming recognized as candidates. Kendrick pointed out that write-in candidates may not have to pay the $20 filing fee, but they will not have the advantage of being on all official postings, fliers and brochures of the candidates put out by the commission during the election. Write-in candidates are subject to the same rules, regulations and fines as any other candidate.

Students can pick up election packets in SUB 214 and the last day to file as an official candidate is 4 p.m. April 16. The kick-off meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 17 in Sam’s Place in the SUB. Questions regarding legal campaigning and the packet will be addressed. The campaign will start after the meeting.

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Career Quest 2001 offers employment opportunities
by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

Career Development Services (CDS) is hosting Career Quest 2001 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 18 in the SUB Ballroom and Theatre. “Make Tracks to Career Quest,” is the theme for the 28th annual career fair at Central. Nearly 80 companies are offering summer jobs, internships and permanent positions. All students are welcome. Although some companies will be looking for specific majors, many are not.

All companies are accepting resumes and some are interviewing on campus in the weeks following the fair. To become eligible for interviews you must register on the CDS website, http://www.cwucareer.com. Companies interviewing are listed on the site and are offering only a limited number of interviews. Once registered, you also must sign up for the interviews online. Companies not interviewing are listed on the website also. Since they have been on the Internet, CDS has seen more companies interested in recruiting at Central. They get several returning companies every year. If students are unable to go to the fair, they can drop by the CDS office, Bang 218 for any questions about the services they offer.

“The career fair is the big bang, but we are here all year round for students to take advantage of our services.” — Teri Hendrickson

Immediate Care Center forced to close its doors
by Michael Garcia
Staff reporter

The Cle Elum Immediate Care Center (ICC) closed its doors last week. The ICC was officially closed after the five member board of the Kittitas hospital District No. 2 voted to close the unit because of financial problems. The debt was the result of a billing problem that presumably wasn’t doing a proper job.

A care center is vital for Upper County residents because of the distance to larger cities with more advanced hospital services. It is also important because people can have injuries that are a result from all sorts of activities whether work-or recreation-related. ICC director John Carlson said. The ICC was a 24 hour, seven-a-day mid-level provider of medical services for people in the area.

The center held three hospital beds and one more in the x-ray room that was available for a patient when needed. The center was staffed by one physician assistant, a nurse practitioner, and a registered nurse, making it possible for two people to be at the center at all times. The facility’s advanced life support ambulance unit remains running although the center is closed.

This center is an important part of Cle Elum and surrounding areas of the Upper Kittitas County. It is especially needed in Cle Elum, because of the 1,800 residents. A majority of these residents are retired individuals that need the services of the care center for quick and close emergency medical care, care would be readily available Cle Elum Mayor Gary Berndt said. Being a recreation area, can well be defined as an injury waiting to happen with skiing and snowmobiling in the winter and hiking, biking and horseback riding in the spring and summer and hunting in the fall. "Cle Elum is in the planning stages on becoming an outdoor recreation area," Cle Elum Mayor Gary Berndt said.

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New music building may begin as early as 2003

by Kristie Hylinger
Staff reporter

More than 200 music majors are enrolled at Central Washington University, trying to earn a bachelor of arts or master's degree. During this time, students spend many hours in rehearsals and in practice rooms. The life of a music major is cluttered with the stairs in search of the rumored available practice rooms; there are 27 of them but one would never know. If a practice room is available, a mesh of sounds from other instruments will be heard before and after the door closes.

"I don't like using the practice rooms because they are small and stuffy with bad lighting, also it's hard to concentrate because you can always hear everyone else practicing," Cormac Pope, music student, said.

There isn't always an option for students to practice at home when living in an apartment or dorm. Music majors don't have time to wait for a practice room, so some opt to practice in a closet space or storage area. The practice rooms, closet space, and storage areas are unventilated and either over or under heated.

A lot of students have to balance their schedules around a work schedule.

"There are only specific hours I can practice because of work and other classes," Jean Ackerman, vocal jazz, said. "If a room isn't available to practice, then I can't complete my required homework."

A new music building could be built fall 2003 if the State Legislature funds the music department with the $25 million to build the facility.

Hertz Hall was built in 1963 designed to occupy 150 students in the majors and minors program. Today it holds 260 music majors and 20 minors who use four classrooms, 27 practice rooms, two rehearsal rooms and one performance hall.

According to state regulations a classroom is at its full capacity when being utilized 22 hours a week. The classrooms in Hertz Hall are utilized 28 hours a week. The performance hall is used as a classroom 37 hours. On top of those hours, the performance hall is used for the community for leadership training seminars, church gatherings, Miss Teen USA, Kittitas Valley Youth orchestra, Honors choir and the fall faculty meetings and all the faculty from the university.

Music majors are required to take at least two hours a day. There are not enough offices for all of the instructors. They either use another building or use a storage space as their office.

When percussionists are practicing, noise fills the east wing of the building interrupting private and vocal lessons.

There are difficulties scheduling dress rehearsals and performance dates for over 200 music majors who need to perform a recital as part of graduation requirements. It is difficult to schedule classes and recitals with so many people working around mandatory performance groups like orchestra, jazz band and choir.

"A big impact is scheduling rehearsals and classes. There are fewer any lack spaces and never enough practice rooms and students can't warm up for private lessons," Tom Gause, a professor who teaches trumpet said.

No rehearsals in the nearby rooms can be held while a performance is on stage because the sounds can be heard. This is also due to poor acoustics.

The design of the new music building will be 17,000 square feet larger. This will provide more space for classrooms, 37 practice rooms, a larger concert hall will be built to accommodate the huge crowds during choir and orchestra festivals, and a smaller will be built to suit the smaller crowd.

The new facility will meet modern needs by providing a computer lab dedicated to computer composition. There will also be distance education, electronic music and a recording studio.

The new music building will be located on the empty lot on Nicholson Boulevard next to Hogue. Students will be in walking distance and more parking is available on the street and nearby parking lot. Hertz Hall has a small parking lot and half hour parking which doesn't begin to satisfy the number of people who need a parking space during a major performance.

Plans for the proposed new music building may never reach fruition. The state would have to allocate $25 million dollars towards the project.

"If the funding is not in the House budget this July, the project will be delayed another four years. If a new facility doesn't go up there is no way the music department can expand. We'll have to send away potential music majors," Andrew Spencer, associate department chair and director of percussion studies, said.

STUDIES: New program could help or hurt Central

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First defeated in January, a revised proposal was tabled for further discussion at the April 4 meeting of the Senate. Physics professor Michael Braunstein moved to table the proposal, "I fear for the overall academic health of the university," Braunstein said.

Braunstein worries that the program would take away from the small majors, such as physics. No matter the size, Braunstein feels that they are essential, and he is not convinced that Central is willing to make sure they stay in place.

The proposal suggests students who originally begin in the General Studies Program may find that their interests lie in one of the traditional majors and finish their degree there.

"If a course specific for the music majors may not be acceptable for use outside the major," Spencer said.

Braunstein also had concerns about the academic integrity of the program. If students develop focused and disciplined majors, he thinks the program could be a positive addition.

Spencer wants proof that the program will not attract students looking for powder-puff degrees. The proposal assures the program is as academically challenging as the traditional majors, and requires all prerequisites be met in the normal fashion for upper division courses.

Once all these issues are dealt with, those who support the program see many advantages it can bring to Central. Students will be able to explore their interests and create a degree to best suit their needs. As an example Culjak described students interested in the 19th century. They could integrate several courses from a few majors that highlight the 19th century, such as art, history, philosophy and English.

"If a student knew a specific career they were interested in, they could develop a degree to an exact fit. The program benefits a more general education in a broad area that involves more than one field," Culjak said.

"There are plans to contact students who have not yet declared a major and see where their interests lie. Transfer students who may or may not be ready to declare a major and students who are undecided are thought to benefit from this type of program where they can explore what type of major would fit them. The Curriculum Committee hopes to have their proposal approved at the next Senate meeting later this month, and have Board of Trustees approval in May, followed by a Higher Education Control Board approval in July. If approved, General Studies 289, an introduction to the major, would be offered in the fall. In spring, General Studies 489, an overall review of the students courses would complete the process. After the first offering of each class, they would be offered every quarter. Coordinators and committees for each area of study (Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences) would be put in place to develop and review student goals. After three years, the program would go up for review.
Dean Hall to remain closed

by Janelle Aucutt
Staff reporter

Dean Hall will remain closed until at least 2003 when a request for funds can be made to the Capitol Budget.

Built in 1969, Central's old science building, Dean Hall, has not been used in two years. Dean Hall, located north of the new science building, was largely used for biology and chemistry classes. It has been closed since the opening of the science building in 1998. It now awaits a major renovation, including the removal of hazardous materials.

"We're not talking about bottles of something sitting on the shelves," Ron Munson, Environmental Health and Safety Manager, said. "The duct hoods more than likely have contamination in them and the drain lines and plumbing probably have things that have been split down them in the course of being a chemistry building for 30 years."

Requests have been made to the state on the Capitol Budget Request in the past and denied, including the request made by the Facilities Management for 2001.

"The current planning for the 2003-2005 Capitol Budget Request is to request $8 million to abate and renovate Dean Hall," Bill Vertrees, Central Director of Facilities, said. "The university's priority was for Black Hall and the science building and would rather have garnered money for new buildings than restore an old one. New buildings are a huge priority," Vertrees said.

It has not been decided what function Dean Hall will serve after its renovation.

Dean Hall, now empty, awaits renovation. Out of service since the erection of the new science building in 1998, it may be some time until it plays a role on campus again. Removal of hazardous materials will be priority number one.
New soccer field looking good but Facilities is waiting for grass to grow

Parking is a problem on campus. Great, it’s been acknowledged and everyone knows about it. In an effort to help the parking problem, the parking people are raising the fees on parking passes to collect enough parking money to buy more land to make more parking lots.

Last spring, however, more than 100 parking spaces were demolished in Student Village to make way for a brand new soccer field “still under construction...sort of,” according to Joanne Hillemann, manager of facilities planning and construction services.

So here we are with no parking and no field. But things could be worse, Student Villagers could be fighting off soccer players and fans for the last few remaining parking spaces.

At this point in the construction, almost a year after the soccer field was started, the grass is supposedly still taking root. A local nursery said after hydroseeding, the seed takes seven days to germinate but then it’s growing fast. In the mean time, the soccer players are waiting in the last few remaining parking spaces.

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-Lindsey Smith

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Guest Column:
Palace Cafe or Fortress of Pain?

Barbed wire is rarely associated with anything good, its goal is to create deep, infected puncture wounds in whatever it touches. That's why I was surprised to find that a local business, the Palace, decided to use barbed wire on the outside of its restaurant. Usually people picture barbed wire around a field full of cows or topping a fence guarding a secret government installation.

The part of the Palace that is currently sporting the wicked barbed wire is under the awning. Metal bars span the gap between the wall and the awning, providing support for the structure. Due to their height, size and spacing these bars are reminiscent of the monkey bars that we all played on in elementary school. These bars are also home to the devil's wire.

A poll should be taken. Find out how many drunken students have wrapped their hands around this rusty death trap. So far, I only know of one.

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-Aaron Clifford

Outdoors Editor

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The Equality for Women's Sports Act—which Central got busted for a few years ago, spurring an upgrade in equal sports facilities. A new Title IX request is being submitted in July. If it is accepted, the next improvement to be made may be the women's locker room facilities.

"It's exciting to be able to have a field to call your own—a home field," Elizabeth Medford, sophomore goal keeper, said.

Hopefully the soccer field, softball field and parking lot construction will be wrapped up before Central begins yet another project.

I don't know how long it takes for grass to grow, but as you spend your life walking back and forth from parking lots, maybe you can stop and take a break on the new unused, unfinished field and let me know.

-Kiley Sharpe
Hitch a ride home

College courts is home to people from many walks of life and many makes of burned out automobiles. There is speculation over the future of the trailer park, especially if the University considers purchasing it.

"The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not."
- Mark Twain

Trailer town to some, little heaven to others

by Heather Bell
Asst. Scene editor

Tattered tarps, silk flowers and broken down cars are just some of the items on display in the College Courts trailer park. Many Ellensburg residents try to ignore this visual battery on the community, but "it seems trailer parks are here to stay. What many people see as an eyesore, others call a home. Families and children live in College Courts and there is a great sense of community within the "park." This sense of community does not extend to the rest of Ellensburg, as no one interviewed for this story was willing to give their name. The families that live here are surrounded by fences made of chicken wire and make-shift additions to several trailers. These conditions are of concern to others because they are so unsightly.

I have lived in several trailer courts, and this is one of the best," one College Court resident said.

"It's safe here, everybody watches out for everybody else," one College Courts resident said.

The College Courts consists of 26 units: trailers, campers and cabins. The park has been operating for "many, many" years, according to the College Courts manager, and was formerly a gas station. Most residents live here due to affordability, the rent is $200 to $300 per month.

I have been trying to get cars towed out of here since last summer," manager of College Courts, said.

Residents do not seem to mind the conditions.

Chinese art occupies Spurgeon

by Andrew Fickes
Staff reporter

A three-year dream came true last Monday evening in Sarah Spurgeon Gallery. Central Washington University art professor Cynthia Kriebel and her colleague, exchange professor of Chinese painting, Chen Lin, unveiled their highly anticipated exhibition titled Mo Yun Shi. The exhibition features the art of five accomplished literary artists from the Chinese Province of Anhui and will run until May 2. The artists are Chen Lin, Feng Guangdong, Liu Jichao, Yang Huidong and Zhai Zongzhu.

The exhibition's opening reception quickly filled to capacity. The refreshments and Chinese traditional music helped to satisfy the mind and soul, and visitors took in the beautiful works of art.

"The turnout was excellent," Jim Sahlin, director of the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, said. "People from a lot of places came and stayed for a long duration of time."

The turnout included people from Seattle, Yakima, Wenatchee, Goldendale, and Ellensburg.

"I'm very moved that so many people came to the exhibition," Chen said. "After working with Cindy for so long and seeing it come together, I'm very excited."

Kriebel first met Chen while doing an exchange professorship in art at Anhui University in 1997, where Chen teaches traditional Chinese painting. After Chen introduced Kriebel to the paintings of Feng, Liu, Yang and Zhai, Kriebel and Chen began brainstorming the idea of bringing their work to the United States.

"This exhibition took on a life of its own," Kriebel said.

Feng, Liu, Yang, Zhai and Chen answered questions about their craft throughout the evening.

Feng, Liu, Yang and Zhai arrived last Thursday and on Sunday, April 8, they visited the Yakima River and Snoqualmie Falls.

"On my return to China, I will paint the landscapes I remember from here," Liu, a traditional artist of Chinese landscapes and chair of the department of Anhui Institute of Education, said.

Chen and the other artists expressed gratitude to the university, the community, and especially to Kriebel for her dedication.

"She is like a bridge that helped to connect our two countries," Chen said.

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Residents do not seem to mind the conditions.

"I have lived in several trailer courts, and this is one of the best," one College Court resident said.

The land the trailer park sits on is for sale and has been offered to Central in the past.

"It is always a possibility in the future," Rich Corona, Associate of Vice President and Financial Affairs, said. "The

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Downtown hosts arts

by Paula Colucci
Staff reporter

Culture seekers found variety at the Art Walk on April 6. Photography, artworks, independent films, performance art and music, including mixing from a former Beastie Boys DJ, DJ Dynamo, D, filled the streets of Ellensburg.

The non-profit association Yr Space sponsored the imaginative additions to Art Walk.

"Yr Space is a group of Ellensburg citizens and college students," Mark Pickerel, the group's president, said.

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Life of the sacred Ganges
by Eileen Lambert
Staff reporter

The Hindus believed the Ganges River, in India, has inherent healing and other holy properties. To this day, Ganga water is used to cleanse any place or object for ritualistic purposes. Despite many imitations, the Ganga water is not known to rot or stink if stored for several days. This doesn’t hold true to its local namesake, the Ganges River.

The Ganges, as it is affectionately known to the Central community, is known to the city of Ellensburg as the town ditch. The Ganges is an irrigation ditch privately owned by the Ellensburg Water Company, established in 1885. Realizing the ditch has senior water rights, a status that assures their diversion of water from the east side of the Yakima River ditch in 1886 and, despite financial obstacles, was able to start construction of the canal in 1889. The first canal to be constructed in the valley, it runs the entire length of town, diverting water from the east side of the Yakima River and irrigating 7,000 acres of land.

This year, in light of a much-publicized drought, the Ganges is unlikely to look much different than it did at this time last year. The company that owns the irrigation ditch has senior water rights, a status that assures their water allocation will not be affected. The murky flow of water as it makes its way through campus is average. Because the natural system is variable, averages are also variable making this a normal year.

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Roger Satnik, a Central alumnus currently working as a Geographic Information Systems Technician for the Kittitas Reclamation District, says this is definitely a low-flow year. The KRD runs water through a Bureau of Reclamation contract that enables it to deliver water to its landowners.

When landowners irriagate their property, the excess water runs off into tributaries or into down gradient canals, such as the Cascade Canal. The Ellensburg Water Company collects assessments for the ditch and oversees the administration of their water. Currently, there is no system to gauge water levels, so it is not known how much of an impact, if any, this low-flow year will have on irrigation.

The Ellensburg Ganges, not as sacred a source as its Indian counterpart, has played a key role in shaping irrigation in the lesser valley. In a dry year, the lesser water reserves may affect its appearance but won’t diminish our Town Ditch.

The “Town Ditch” is known as the Ganges to many students at Central.

Depp does ‘Blow’

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General Tso marches down Main Street

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There are three Chinese restaurants in town: Panda Garden, China Inn and the Golden Dragon. I decided to do everyone a favor by checking them out and save patrons from a potential night of tasteless food and bad service.

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Washington has history and tales of the past

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Windmill has history and tales of the past

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by Jamee Castaneda
Staff reporter

Harry Rice, the original owner of the Windmill, had a dream of having a successful Texaco station, auto repair shop, and a unique形状 that would leave lasting impression with visitors. Centered in 1929, the Windmill has definitely left an impression on the Ellensburg community throughout the decades. With the help of Lee Rice, Al Sauce and many others, Rice was able to accomplish his dream. Rice's grandson, Danny Thomas, current owner of the Windmill located at 108 S. Main Street, hopes that someday his grandfather's dreams will be fulfilled again.

"It was the thing in those days...to build a structure that would leave you talking and wanting to come back," Thomas said.

Along with its unusual appearance, the buildings chose a color scheme that would complement the windmill. A black and white checkerboard pattern. Its construction was a labor-intensive project because the men primarily used ladders and spackling. In addition to the gas station, overnight cabins called Auto Court were built to travel cabins could stay overnight for $5. They were located in the lot where the Circle K gas station now stands.

While functioning as a service station, Rice's family had a use for the building.

"In the late '30s, early '40s, my uncle used to live up there," Thomas said.

While in high school, the two boys used it as a "home away from home." They would stay up there every once in a while and escape from the outside world.

The closure of the cabins came in the 60s because Rice and his wife were in their mid-60s and running two businesses was getting to be too much. After Rice died, the Thomas family purchased the windmill with the hopes to keep his dream alive.

As Windmill Espresso, it was rented out in the early 90s. Like Rice, the women that rented it had a new concept for the windmill, painting it with shades of pink, purple, green and blue, with hopes of attracting the interest of passersby. Curious travelers would then step in for an espresso or to browse around the gift shop. A series of renets that tried to establish a successful espresso business ended up giving up. The Windmill then became vacant for two to three years before the owner decided to rent it out to the current tenant. The renets use the inside of the windmill into the office for their business, Precision Auto Repair.

"There's a lot of sentimental value with the Windmill," Thomas said.

Because the Windmill possesses a lot of precious family history, Thomas doesn't plan on selling it. He hopes to pass it down to his daughters in hopes that they too will preserve the structure for others to see.
Part II: The spring break saga picks up in Sin City

Last week when we left off, Team Rad and the other spring break road trippers had boarded a plane to an unknown destination. When the plane landed we were in Sin City. That's right, VEGAS, baby. Two tour buses took us from the airport to the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. We each got $40 and two nights to get our rig on.

Perhaps I should explain the phrase “get your rig on.” It was first coined by Murphy, a bartender at the Mint. The phrase can mean anything from getting drunk to going to the bathroom to getting dressed. However it’s used, it must be shouted and proceeded with pounding your fist on the table.

After our two day rodeo, Megan, a sorority girl from WSU, said she would marry Joe. It was first echoed by Murphy, a bartender at the Mint. The phrase can mean anything from getting drunk to going to the bathroom to getting dressed. However it’s used, it must be shouted and proceeded with pounding your fist on the table.

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At dinner, each team got up and told of their adventures thus far. Joe explained the tux was because he had never been married, so his goal for the time away from Team Rad was to get married. Joe and Kyoko out-side the Silver Bells Chapel. poor Joe was left at the altar.

We take showers, eat our food and drink from the bar in Circus Circus. We sat there for two wonderful hours watching the circus and playing a little game I like to call “who’s in the mob?”

The next day we made our way to the more shady end of Las Vegas Boulevard. Joe, Jevfro, Kyoko, and I left Joe at the Sahara playing $1 blackjack as we checked out the gift shops. Just as we were about to hail a cab and rest our tired feet back at the hotel, we found the most magical place in all of Las Vegas - the rotating bar in Circus Circus. We sat there for two wonderful hours watching the circus and playing a little game I like to call “who’s in the mob?”

On Wednesday, we sadly left Sin City and returned to our dirty, smelly van. Red Bull gave us some money and sent us on our way. Team Rad said its goodbyes and headed in different directions.

Our team decided to get the hell out of Nevada as fast as we could and headed northwest. We hadn’t been out of Red Bull’s sight an entire day before we ran out of gas in the middle of nowhere in the middle of the night. The magic eight ball I purchased for the trip had predicted as much. Now here’s a little wisdom I’m going to pass on to you. If you’re stuck in the middle of nowhere in a child-molesting looking van, don’t have five people stand on the side of the road, waving their hands frantically and shouting for the passing car to stop.

Eventually a semi-truck stopped and gave Joe a ride to the next town (45 miles away). The rest of us passed the time by telling first-time drunk experiences and best beer stories. Finally, at 3:30 a.m., Josh returned with gas. Not with a plastic gas jug, because all the gas stations were closed, but with a local in his Subaru Brat with a 50 gallon gas tank and pump on the back. Seventy dol-lars later we were back on the road.

Thursday, we made our way to Vancouver, Wash. to my parents’ house. We took the time to relax, take showers, eat their food and drink all their beer. By Saturday night I was back in my own bed and grateful for the time away from Team Irresponsible.

Here are some tips to remember as the summer season approaches: remember your clothes, bring a magic eight ball for important decisions making and a reserve can of gas, take lots of pictures, eat only at local establishments and don’t get pulled over with a shitload of Robitussin.

Papa John goes hip hop

by Jaime Castaneda
Staff reporter

Papa John’s Coffeehouse will sit up the hip-hop scene with a free evening of local and visiting talents. This event is sponsored by Computing Chemistry Projects that will feature special guests, Organic Produce and Mr. D.O.G., as well as headliners The Physics.

Opening first is Organic Produc-e followed by Mr. D.O.G.- a.k.a. Shawn Peterson. The Physics combines the talents of two brothers, Gathgi - a.k.a. Lightbeatz and Njoguapa-a.k.a. Monk the Wordsmith, as well as Justin Hare, a.k.a. Well Versed. Together, they produce a smooth and soulful sound. Since 1997, the group has been playing in the Seattle area and is on the verge of a label con-tract. They have written songs with various artists such as Vitamin D and the Four Fifths. Studying at Central Washington University, Hare is a junior finance major and Gathgi Gishuru is a junior com-puter science major.

These performers will showcase their hip-hop skills 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in the SUB at Club Central.
Welcome to Hell: A painful journey through Devil's Gulch

"Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell." Prov. 5:5

The steps to hell near Cashmere and traverse around steep cliffs and sheer rock pinnacles, while maneuvering through the long narrow valley gorged by Mission Creek. The valley is aptly named Devil's Gulch for the abrupt, bare valley walls, towering crags, and the baking temperatures during the summer months.

Located on the backside of Mission Ridge directly north of Ellensburg, Devil's Gulch is a long and gradual climb through scenery that is breathtaking. It proves that not all the devil plays a hand in Hell. Generally hikable May through October with a high point of 4,800 feet, the hike can also be connected with Mission Ridge for a loop trip 17 miles long. Earlier this week, on a mild day with the sky a pure, intense blue, I drove over Blewett Pass to experience Devil’s Gulch.

My first ominous glimpse of what Satan himself had in store for me came before I reached the lonely mountain road. I saw no signs of civilization, human or otherwise, until a sign that read “Innate Creek Above” came into view. It was somewhat unnerving to know that I would be alone, in a canyon formed by the devil, with no signs of life or even convicted felons as my sole source of company. Would there be no one to hear my cries?

Undaunted, I parked my car, double-checked my alarm, and began to walk. The trail begins at the base of the valley, nine miles up a well-maintained road out of Cashmere. There are several trails, but each is meticulously marked to avoid confusion. The trail climbs slowly, gaining only 1,750 feet in eight miles. For the next two miles, the trail climbs on steep switchbacks and traverse around steep cliffs and sheer rock. At 7.5 miles, the trail crosses Mission Creek a final time, and begins a steep switchback up the back slope of Mission Ridge.

The trail emerges on the crest of Mission Ridge, then follows the ridge crest back down to the trailhead. The slope was white with snow. However, after attempting this segment of the trip, I realized that, at this point in the season, I would need an ice axe to progress up the steep slope with no real visible trail. I have heard the loop is spectacular, with wide meadows and panoramic views, and I suspect it will be clear enough of snow for hikers to traverse in less than a month.

A turned around to take the long hike back to the trailhead, mostly annoyed (and admittedly slightly unsettled) at the thought of having to retrace my steps through the snow-covered trail and re-ford Mission Creek. But as I ambled towards my car and civilization, took a few deep breaths, and drank in the views around to see what was behind me at the slightest noise. However, after attempting this segment of the trip, I realized that, at this point in the season, I would need an ice axe to progress up the steep slope with no real visible trail. I have heard the loop is spectacular, with wide meadows and panoramic views, and I suspect it will be clear enough of snow for hikers to traverse in less than a month.

To reach the trailhead, drive Highway 97 to Cashmere, follow Division Street to Mission Creek Road. Follow Mission Creek Road to the pavement’s end. Ignore the homemade “No Trespassing” warning spray painted on the side of an ancient refrigerator (as well as the dozen or so decaying vehicles parked in the yard) and take the left fork. Park at the signed trailhead, and cross Mission Creek to enter the valley of the shadow of death.

The rocky crags around Devil’s Gulch (top) and some patches of snow on the trail (bottom) are a testament to the devil’s landscape a second time, it was worth it.

KEEN on Kittitas Valley

by Jeremy Larson
Staff Reporter

The Kittitas Environmental Education Network (KEEN) will be hosting its second annual “Get Intimate with the Shrub-Sedge” event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at the Umtanum Creek BLM recreation area. Shrub-Sedge is free to the public and funded through donations.

Shrub-Sedge 2001 will include nature walks led by local experts with topics ranging from “Earth Origins and Ethno-Botany/Native Plants” to “River Bugs & Fish” and “Flowers & Alpine Trees.” Hands-on activities such as nature journaling, fish floats, art in the shrub-steppe and interactive displays are also planned.

KEEN is a non-profit organization with goals to increase knowledge and awareness of the local environment and promote responsible use of natural resources. One of KEEN’s primary objectives is to start a natural history center in Ellensburg. Architect Terry Pelham, a member of the Northwest Ecobuilding Guild, has agreed to help design the Natural History Center.

KEEN also sponsors relationships with individuals, organizations, and schools to create and become involved in projects that enhance and preserve Kittitas County’s natural heritage and resources.

Thanks to a grant from the City of Ellensburg Event Seed Fund, KEEN is on its way to finishing this annual event. However, the group is still looking for donations and volunteers to make Shrub-Sedge 2001 a success.

“Volunteers are still needed with the event as are donations of such items as child-size work gloves, garbage bags, food items and raffle items,” Jill Scheller, KEEN’s founder and executive director said in a March 26 press release. CNU professors giving talks at Shrub-Sedge 2001 include geology professor Nick Zentner who will discuss earth origins, biological sciences assistant professor Dan Beck, “the snake dude,” and biological sciences assistant professor Living Sun, who will lead guests through “River Tales.”

Additional events at Shrub-Sedge 2001 can be attended by preregistering.

Guests can choose from Bird Watching or Snake Seeking from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and Art in the Shrub-Sedge or Nature Journaling from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. KEEN suggests that participants bring a picnic lunch to share.

For preregistration or attending Shrub-Sedge 2001 can contact Scheller for more information at (509) 933-4482 or by email at keen@earg.org. Preregistration events can also be scheduled through telephone or email. Instructions on how to get to Shrub-Sedge 2001 are available through KEEN’s website at http://www.earg.org/keen.
Ride and rope 'em, cowboy

by Meredith Willingham
Staff reporter

The Central Washington Rodeo Club hosted the annual CWU Rodeo last weekend, with bleachers full of fans braving the cold and the wind to cheer on their local cowboys and cowgirls.

The CWU Rodeo is part of a series of rodeos on the Northwest college circuit. The CWU Rodeo Club puts on the event that comes with an $11,000 price tag. Most of the costs come from renting the arena and supplying stock for the events. The club makes most of its money by selling advertisements in the program and displays within the arena.

"It went great; things went smoothly and it ran really well," Club Senate representative Kevin Hixson said.

The unseasonably cold weather was a factor in how successful the rodeo would turn out, but the numbers were close to last year's total attendance.

"They had around 1,500 people for both Friday and Saturday, and for the weather it was a really good amount of people," club advisor Kay Davis said.

The men's team placed fourth, while the women finished seventh. Currently, the men are in sixth place in the regional standings, while the women are in eighth.

Senior Cori Sizemore was the only female Wildcat qualifier in the long go, placing fourth in barrel racing. She is currently ranked 12th in the region in goat tying. Sophomores Casey Smith and Jason Buchman were paired in the team roping event and placed first in the long go. Smith is ranked 13th in the region, with Buchman right ahead of him in the 12th spot.

Freshman Ryan Stewart had a noteworthy weekend, placing seventh in the long go, third in the short go and first in the overall average for team roping. In calf roping, Stewart placed fourth in the long go, third in the short go, and was third in the overall average. Stewart's roping abilities earned him second place in the all-around and made him the winner of the Kelleher Motors Scholarship, given each year to the highest placing Central rider. Stewart is also ranked third in the region in calf roping, and has a good chance of making it to the National Finals this year.

Stewart has a family history of excelling in rodeo. His older brother, Jason, has competed in several National Finals. Stewart's older sister, Katie, has traveled to the College National Finals four years in a row as a competitor for Central.

The CWU Rodeo last Friday and Saturday included adrenaline pumping events such as team roping (top) and steer wrestling (bottom). The men's team placed fourth and the women's team placed seventh.

Blue 42, hut hut hike! Football is here

by Thabiso M. Leshoai
Staff reporter

The 2000 Football Association co-champions, Central Washington University, held their first day of spring practice last Monday.

Spring ball is 15 practices spread out over 29 days. During the first three days, the players wear helmets and sweats. Thereafter, the players will practice in full gear. "Spring practice is a great time for teaching, because there is no pressure as far as in preparing for a game," head coach John Zamberlin said. "It is a great time to progress, evaluate players, try out some new schemes and build up for next fall."

Spring practice ends with a spring game April 28 at Tomlinson Stadium at 10:30 a.m. The team has already recruited new players, but any walk-ons that impress the coaching staff during spring tune-up will be given a chance when practice ends.

"It has been very competitive and highly spirited," Zamberlin said.

After ending the season on a high note last season, Zamberlin is looking forward to next season with hopes of going all the way again. The team has lost a couple of seniors who helped the team defensively.

"We are going to have good speed on the defense, but we can't be complacent. Everybody has to work on improving," Zamberlin said.

In its final four games last season, Central defeated league opponents Humboldt State, Western Oregon and Simon Fraser, and came within a touchdown of upsetting national powerhouse UC Davis. The Wildcat football team will kickoff the regular season at home on August 31 against North Dakota University.
Central Washington University's softball team swept Seattle University 9-1 and 5-2 in a Pac West Conference doubleheader Saturday at Logan Field. In a non-league doubleheader on Sunday, the Wildcats split two games with the Eastern Oregon University Mountaineers. The team has six remaining games in the regular season. Today, the team plays St. Martin's College.

Softball sweeps into spring

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Spring intramural schedule

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- Open "J" MW 8-10 p.m.
- Open "K" TTh 8-10 p.m.
- Women's "L" TTh 8-10 p.m.

Golf:
- 9-hole golf Mondays
- Outdoor Soccer:
  - Co-ed "T" TTh 4-7 p.m.
  - Men's "S" MW 4-6 p.m.
- Softball:
  - Co-ed "A" MW 7 p.m.
  - Co-ed "B" MW 6 p.m.
  - Co-ed "C" TTh 4 p.m.
  - Co-ed "D" TTh 6 p.m.
- Softball:
  - Co-ed "W" TTh 7 p.m.
  - Men's "X" MW 4 p.m.
  - Men's "Y" MW 5 p.m.
  - Men's "Z" TTh 5 p.m.
- Volleyball-Grass:
  - Co-ed "Q&K" TTh 4-6 p.m.

Real men don't wear pads

by Diane Estes
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's rugby club added another victory to their undefeated spring record Saturday at the "Sweet 16" tournament held April 19 and 20 in Virginia Beach, Va. The Wildcats clinched their spot in the "Final Four" by beating 16th seeded Penn State University for a 31-30 win over Sacramento State University two weeks ago.

The Wildcats will face the University of North Carolina in the first round of play. "If we can stay healthy in the first game against North Carolina, I think we have a very good chance at making it to the 'Final Four,'" Tony Pachecio, club president, said.

If Central can earn a victory in the first round, they will play the winner of second seeded University of Wyoming and 16th seeded Penn State University for a trip to the "Final Four" to be held May 5 and 6 in Virginia Beach, Va.

Pachecio said that rugby is a varsity sport at North Carolina, Wyoming, Penn State and Cal Berkeley, the defending national champions. Central is one of the only clubs to have made it this far.

"We are definitely the Cinderella of the dance," Pachecio said.

The match against Western was Central's last competition before the men head to Wyoming in two weeks.

Baseball is in it to win it

by Meredith Willingham
Staff reporter

The Wildcats started the week off with a bang as they traveled to Whitman College, earning a comeback win of 6-7. Central had a little bit more trouble with a four-game series against Lewis-Clark State College in the latter half of the week, however.

Senior pitcher Marc Parrish delivered the ball in Friday's game against Lewis-Clark State College.

Junior outfielder Aaron Tennis and junior first baseman Seth Hill each banged three-run homers to account for six of the Wildcats' eight runs. Hill hit his home run in the first inning, making the score 3-0; his second home run of the season.

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In the fourth game on Monday, the Wildcats gave a valiant effort, but fell to the Warriors for the fourth time in a row, 10-5.

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Junior outfielder Aaron Tennis earned an RBI for the Wildcat's fourth run in the third inning. Lewis-Clark responded with six more runs and a final record of 6-6 against Central.

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The Wildcats started the week off with a bang as they traveled to Whitman College, earning a comeback win of 6-7. Central had a little bit more trouble with a four-game series against Lewis-Clark State College, but fell 4-3 to the Warriors for the fourth time in a row, 10-5.

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Track and field keeps on rollin''

by Dane Estes
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's men placed second and its women third while posting some outstanding individual marks last Saturday at the 20th annual Ralph Vernacchia Track and Field Meet hosted by Western Washington University.

Western's men won the meet for the fourth time in five years with 137 points. Central's team score was 107 points. Seattle Pacific took the team title for the women with 133 points.

"This smaller meet allowed us to focus on some of the key match-ups between us and Western, as well as Seattle Pacific," head coach Kevin Adkisson said. "We definitely came away with some really good victories in that respect."

Freshman Eric Lanigan set a provisional national qualifying mark, winning the high jump with a personal best of 6-feet-10 3/4 inches.

"I'm very pleased with my performance today," Lanigan said. "I'm still working on getting my approach right on, and I'm hoping to jump 7-feet-1 inch [automatic national qualifying mark] in the next few weeks."

Lanigan was named Pac West Conference Co-Male Athlete of the Week for his winning effort.

Sophomore Scott Alexander, who finished first in the pole vault with a vault of 15 feet, freshman Kurt Weber won the long jump with a mark of 21 feet 10 3/4, and sophomore Erik Ivarson took first in the 110 high hurdles, posting a time of 15.62 seconds.

Junior Neil Small placed second overall in the 3,000 steeplechase with a personal best of 9:28, just over two seconds off a provisional time.

"With about three laps to go I heard my pace and knew that I had a chance at a decent time if I could hang on and stay tough," Small said. "With the steeplechase in particular, you really have to make a decision to stay aggressive late in the race."

On the women's side, Sarah Forrey placed first and second in the 3,000 steeplechase with provisional national qualifying times of 11:24.9 and 11:30 respectively. Sarah's clocking is a new school record in the race. The women's 3,000 steeplechase will be held at nationals for the first time this year.

"It was really great to see our athletes rise to the occasion, and really go out and compete hard," Adkisson said. "Western outscored both men and women this time with the home-field advantage, but we have our sights set on the Pacific West Conference meet which will be at a neutral site."

Central will head to Edmonds Saturday for the Northwest Relays.

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Willie Mays is the only player to hit four home runs in one game and three triples in another.

Babe Ruth wore a cabbage leaf under his cap while playing baseball, and he used to change it every two innings.

The only logo not allowed on a major league baseball is a baseball.

Before 1899, baseball uniforms were seated in padded chairs behind home plate.

The silhouette of the Major League Baseball logo is of Harmon Killebrew.

Major league umpire Cal Hubbard is the only person in both the baseball and football Hall of Fame.

The average lifespan of a major league baseball is seven pitches.

Abner Doubleday, the inventor of baseball, is also credited with firing the first Union shot of the Civil War.

William Howard Taft was the first president to throw out the first baseball before a game.

Roger Maris, who hit 61 home runs in 1961, won only one home run title.