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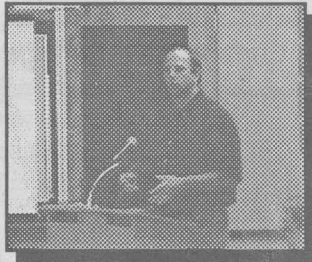
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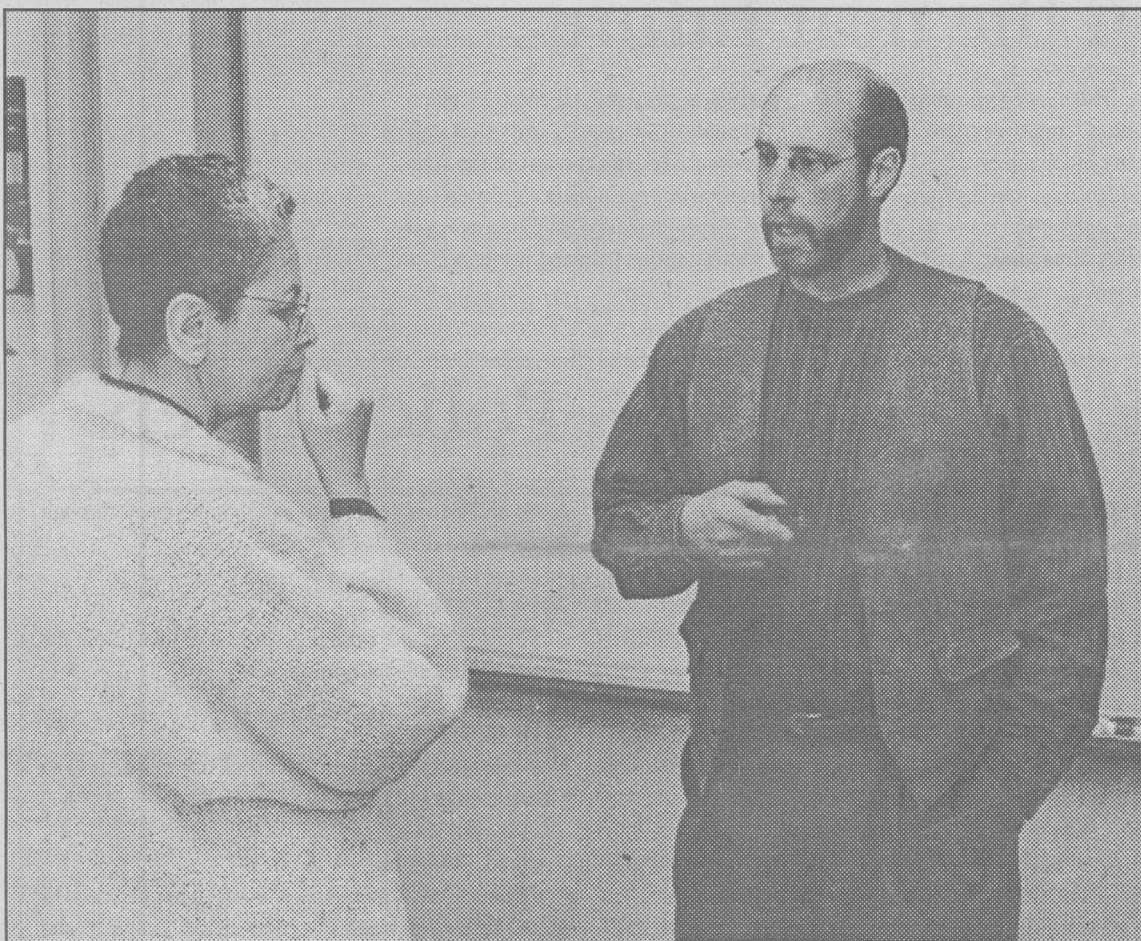
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## NCATE wraps up accreditation review of Center for Teaching and Learning



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Jim DePaepe (right) and Andrea Sledge (left) discuss the NCATE review and possible outcomes for the education program.

### Few weaknesses found in ed program

by Jacquelyn Diteman  
Staff reporter

The National Council for the Preparation of Teacher Education (NCATE) finished extensive review of Central Washington University's Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) on April 11. CTL was put on accreditation probation by NCATE two years ago.

The CTL encompasses the teacher preparation, school psychology, school counseling and school administrator programs at Central.

NCATE representatives examined evidence exhibits that showed that the CTL was complying with national regulations. The panel also interviewed over 200 students, 80 faculty and examined classrooms to ensure that the evidence supported reality.

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## Union members consider strike

by Kiley Sharpe  
Editor-in-Chief

Behind the scenes and exempt from note-taking and faculty meetings, exists a group of people responsible for the upkeep and survival of the Central Washington University. This group is ready to go on strike if their union demands aren't met. Picket lines may begin forming around campus this week.

"We're all about informational, not confrontational picketing," Dale Hubbard, president of Central's local 330 union, said.

Union members represent 225 of the 550 classified staff on campus. Included in that staff are secretaries, office and program managers and facilities management people. They make sure students get registered, have clean facilities and organize campus activities.

Statewide, members of the classified staff union are hopeful for equivalent pay raises. In years past, teachers and state workers have received equal pay raises, but this year teachers are receiving at 3.7 percent increase as compared to a 2.2 percent increase for state employees. Along with this 2.2 percent increase is also an increase in state worker medical benefit premiums of 110 percent.

Hubbard predicts his net per check to be about \$5 more after these increases.

"The people of this state are getting excellent service from employees and not paying the ones who stay and are loyal," Hubbard said. "It's a shame."

Earlier last week, 10,000 of the 19,000 statewide union members ventured out to vote for "labor actions up to and including a strike" in response to the governor's current budget plans. About 80 percent of voting union members voted to continue fighting for equal raises.

The primary objective, according to the strike information packet

## Student IDs no longer Social Security numbers

### Bill awaits governor's signature

by Shane Cleveland  
Staff reporter

Use of Social Security numbers as identification numbers at Washington state universities has raised concerns over privacy and misuse.

Students in the ASCWU Board of Directors, and The Office of Legislative Affairs have been working to change the system. They are key players in a bill proposed to the Washington state

Legislature.

The bill outlawing the use of Social Security numbers by public schools for identification purposes unanimously passed through the state Legislature, and awaits a signature by Gov. Gary Locke. Along with Eastern Washington University, Central is the only other four-year institution to use the Social Security number for identification purposes. The majority of the 32 community colleges in the state do as well. Eastern and Central have both experienced problems with the availability of student Social Security numbers. Most notably, last year, Jim Cadello, a now for-

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## Predictions may cost Central

by Roslyn Biggs  
Senior reporter

While Central students wrack their brains in anticipation of impending midterms, Washington state legislators are studying to determine exactly how much Central's budget for the 2001-2003 biennium will suffer as a result of faulty enrollment projections made two years ago.

Linda Schactler, interim director of governmental relations for Central, said the situation the university faces is the result of a number of factors. Central over-estimated enrollment for the 1999-2001 biennium when it predicted enrollment would increase by 224 students, or full-time equivalents (FTEs), in each year of the biennium.

James Pappas, vice president for

student affairs and enrollment management, said the enrollment growth projections were made by evaluating several factors. Among things considered were Central's average enrollment throughout the previous biennium and a large population of graduating high school seniors in the state. In addition, Pappas said Central planned to establish new programs at its branch campuses, and anticipated increased enrollment in the Puget Sound area.

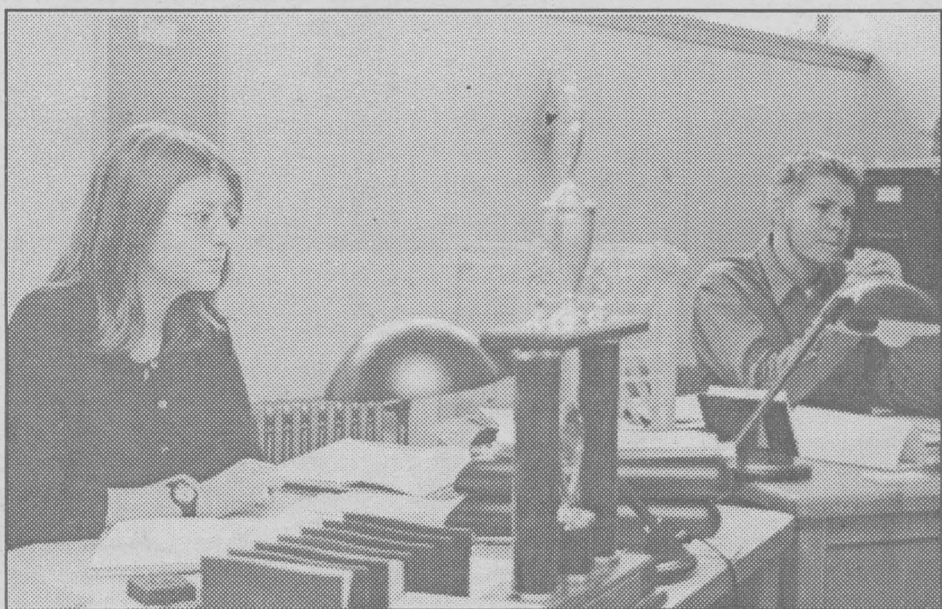
However, Pappas said, as a result of the then-booming economy, many high school graduates opted to go directly into the workforce instead of enrolling in college. Also, many of the new programs Central had planned on establishing at its branch

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# SECURITY: Bill stems from past problems



David Burnett/Observer

Protecting the identity of Central students Ryan McMichael (right) and Tony Ryan (left) are working on a bill to ban the use of Social Security numbers as student I.D. numbers at Washington universities.

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mer professor at Central was jailed for illegal use of students' numbers that he had at his disposal.

"The creation of this bill stems directly from the Cadello incident," Ryan McMichael, ASCWU vice president for political affairs said.

Eastern had a computer stolen from the school holding valuable student information, including their social security numbers.

Individual incidents of identity theft have also occurred. Eastern prints the students' social security number on their identification cards and when one student lost his wallet, he soon found out that someone else had put him \$30,000 in debt on several credit cards.

Due to the immense task of changing all of the records and putting a new system into place, the law would first be implemented in June 2002. The new system will involve randomly selected numbers. It is not planned to use a universal system shared by all the schools in the state.

## BOT plans for the future

by Amber Eagar  
Asst. News editor

On April 13 the Central Washington University Board of Trustees met at Yakima Valley Community College for their monthly meeting.

The room and board rates for the next two academic years, phase two of the Central/Edmonds Community College Higher Education Center and discussion about the repair of Tomlinson Stadium were among the items on the agenda. Issues surrounding the proposed parking fee increase were tabled until the May meeting.

The room and board rates and the higher education center were approved at the meeting. Both passed. The stadium repairs were discussed. The board hopes to have materials to repair the stadium by graduation so that repair can be completed by fall for the football season.

The next meeting of Central's Board of Trustees will be on May 11.

## STAFF: Strike may be on the near future

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union members are receiving, is not to strike. The message the employees are trying to send the governor and legislation is that state workers deserve equal pay raises and benefit

costs need to be maintained.

"I am prepared to walk out," Hubbard said. "I am planning to be at the rally in Olympia this next Saturday to stand with my brothers and sister to protest this poor treatment of state employees."

This Saturday more than 4,000 union employees are expected to rally in Olympia.

Rolling strikes are occurring throughout the state and although at press time there were no walkouts planned, the possibility of a Central

strike is very real. If the 225 union members of Central's classified staff go on strike with the rest of the state there will be a noticeable difference in food, custodial and receptionist service, office help and mechanics.

## \$UMMER JOBS

The Central Washington University Conference Program has several temporary conference service assistant positions available. These positions are expected to begin the week of finals (no later than June 9, 2001) and will terminate on or before September 15, 2001. Preference will be given to student employees, temporary employees and persons who are currently enrolled spring quarter of 2001 as full-time students with plans to enroll as full-time students at Central during fall quarter of 2001.

**Custodial duties include:** sweeping; mopping; vacuuming; dusting; laying out linen; making beds; emptying trash; moving furniture; setting up meeting facilities; delivering and setting up audiovisual equipment. There will be three shifts, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., with half-hour lunch breaks.

**Laundry duties include:** sort and spot linens for washing; load and unload washers and dryers; iron, fold and prepare clean linens to be sent out to various departments; and keep laundry room and machinery clean at all times. There will be two shifts, 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., with half-hour lunch breaks.

All shifts run seven days a week. Shifts and days off vary according to workload.

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## Police Briefs

**April 9, 3:54 p.m.**

A hit and run was reported in the I-15 lot. A vehicle hit another vehicle as it was backing out of a parking space.

**April 9, 6:41 p.m.**

A vehicle was broken into in the X-22 lot. Two amplifiers and 50 to 60 compact discs were taken. Entry was gained through an unlocked passenger door. Damage is valued at \$1,235.

**April 9, 7:53 p.m.**

Two 19 year-old men were arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at the basketball courts near Davies Hall.

**April 10, 6:55 p.m.**

A Meisner Hall resident's room was broken into and

shoes and a tank top taken. Entry was gained through the unlocked door.

**April 11, 1:28 p.m.**

Clothing from a washer or dryer was taken from the Student Village laundry room.

**April 12, 9:24 a.m.**

A bike was taken from a Brooklane resident. The bike is valued at \$100.

**April 13, 7:15 p.m.**

Officers found an elderly woman on her back at 413 10th Avenue. Her car was not parked properly and rolled back on her. She was transported to Kittitas Valley Community Hospital.



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# CUTS: Enrollment recovery plan tops the list of possible solutions

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campuses did not materialize. Consequently, a portion of prospective students in the Puget Sound area chose to attend branch campuses of competing universities instead.

On the other hand, Pappas emphasized that while certain areas, namely community college transfers, university centers and graduate programs, suffered enrollment shortfalls, Central's freshman enrollments have continued to increase steadily in recent years. Last fall's freshman class was the second largest in a decade.

For each FTE enrolled, the state allocates about \$4,800; this amounts to about \$2.13 million total for the 448 additional students anticipated over the 1999-2001 biennium.

"The 2000-2001 budget said we should have enrolled 7,670 students," Schactler said. "By this spring, it'll be closer to 7,300. As you can see, we're pretty far below the budgeted number."

In addition, last year the Legislature's supplemental budget allocated \$937,000 for 197 FTEs beyond the anticipated 224 per year. This means for enrollment increases

alone, the state funded slightly over \$3 million in the current budget.

The problem the university faces now, Schactler said, rests in the fact that the state has already budgeted this money to Central. Because the anticipated enrollment increases did not materialize, the Legislature could require the university to return the over-allocated funds or it could give Central an opportunity to get enrollment up.

"We're saying, let us pursue an enrollment recovery plan," Schactler said.

The recovery plan involves two steps. First, Schactler said, the university has proposed that the state allow it to keep a portion, \$300,000 of the \$937,000 owed for the 197 FTEs, to be earmarked as immediate enrollment recovery resources. This amount would fund emergency efforts to increase enrollment.

Mike Reilly, director of admissions, said Central plans to do many things to increase enrollment. He said the university would like to hire additional recruitment personnel,

bolster publications for transfer students and establish a toll-free phone line which prospective students could access to get information about Central.

"If there are budget reductions we're still going to be expected to deliver the same level of service," Reilly said. "We are adamant about maintaining an increasing service to students. That just has to be in the forefront of what we do."

Second in the recovery plan, the university has asked the state to rebase its budget on a FTE count of 7,470, a reduction of 397 FTEs from the level used two years ago. Schactler said while Central's enrollment is currently under 7,470, that is a reasonable expectation to

work toward. Similarly, she said, if the state agreed to base the 2001-2003 budget on this number, the university could avoid \$1.9 million in cuts.

Schactler said Central also requested that the state allow it to follow an enrollment recovery model used by Eastern Washington University when it faced similar shortfalls in 1997. In Eastern's case, the legislature agreed to hold in reserve all of the funds associated with its under-enrollment. As Eastern proposed ways to get its enrollment figures back up, the state reallocated the funding.

Schactler said that in Eastern's case, the plan spawned a reorganization and allowed the institution to recover from a potentially devastating situation.

"That was a great precedent," Schactler said. "We have a lot in common with Eastern, and we'd like the opportunity to do that."

Central won't know for sure what kind of cuts will need to be made until the Legislature releases a final budget sometime this spring.

We have to wait and see," Pappas said. "This probably won't unravel until the end of this month or maybe even May."

"We're saying let us pursue an enrollment recovery plan."

— Linda Schactler

## REVIEW: CTL awaits decision

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There were 20 rigorous guidelines that the CTL had to meet and all were met. During the closing meeting, Kenneth Moore, chair of the NCATE board of examiners (BOE), acknowledged that Central "is in very good health."

Two weaknesses that were found in the program were minority recruitment and minority retention. The CTL has a nine percent overall minority rate, while the rest of the school has a 13 percent rate. For Washington State colleges and universities, the figure is around 24 percent.

"We were pretty sure we would show weakness there," Jim DePaepe, CTL interim Director said. "The faculty feels good about this because they were pushing for higher minority enrollment and that is something we've been working on."

Rebecca Bowers, Dean of the College of Education and

Professional Studies (CEPS), established a Diversity Committee last winter. This committee will develop strategies for recruitment and retention efforts.

DePaepe added that there were steps that students and staff could make to diversify the campus, including spreading the word to friends and family about the different programs that Central has to offer.

DePaepe has chaired several NCATE BOE's over the years. He said there have been at least four weaknesses at each review. He further stated it is rare for an institution to have all standards met and so few weaknesses cited.

Every five years, members from NCATE travel to accredited institutions to review the school's curriculum. One of the reasons that DePaepe believes that they were put on probation in 1999 was because the past NCATE coordinator put together an electronic review and the team couldn't properly access the information.

For this review, the CTL ensured that all information and evidence was in paper form.

Ray Wells, NCATE assistant, Ben Trout and Meredith Miller, both graduate assistants and DePaepe compiled over 2000 pieces of evidence over the past several months.

"We worked very hard on this," Trout said. "I was very relieved that everything went so smoothly and ended up being so positive."

NCATE's findings will be articulated in a final report and sent to the university in ten days. Within 30 days, the university will have an

opportunity to write a rejoinder, which allows the university to represent further evidence to support or disclaim the findings of the BOE report. The probation will be lifted, or accreditation lost entirely, after the NCATE Unit Accreditation Board meets for a final analysis and decision. The final word should reach Central in October.

"This program is very, very good and deserved a good review," DePaepe said. "All we did was put the evidence together that told the story."

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# Students plan ahead and enlist in ROTC

by Janelle Aucutt  
Staff reporter

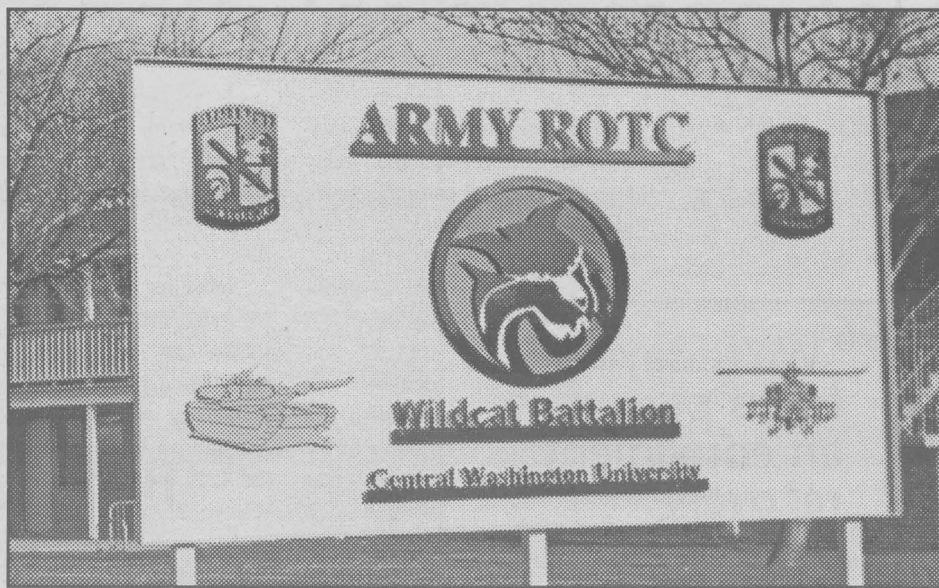
Interest in the military is changing and Central's ROTC program has the numbers to prove it. Central's ROTC projected enrollment for fall 2001 is 90-100 students, compared to 50 students involved this year.

"ROTC students are looking further down the road for career success and the military leadership training helps them get the better jobs," Captain Kevin Wesolowski, ROTC Enrollment Officer, said.

Wesolowski credits the interest in the ROTC partially to a change in military myths. Years ago, ROTC students were seen as people who didn't really fit in and were different from other students. These days, students and parents realize the military is changing and ROTC can be quite beneficial. ROTC students see the military as job training.

"Students realize businesses would rather hire people with leadership training than spend money to train these people," Wesolowski said. "The United States Army is the most powerful army in the world and students want to be a part of that."

ROTC is also a good way to pay for college. Last year, Central had 15 ROTC students on scholarships, which equaled \$55,000. This year ROTC has awarded over \$124,000 to 50 students. The 40 transfer and high school students



Aaron Zerby/ Observer

ROTC enrollment is expected to nearly double next fall. Anyone interested in the program should contact Captain Kevin Wesolowski, ROTC Enrollment Officer.

ROTC expects to recruit next fall will bring an additional \$36,000 to Central, for a combined total of \$160,000.

Wesolowski attributes this surge in enrollment to a number of factors. There has been more focus on recruiting in recent years. The economy plays a major role in ROTC numbers.

Graduating seniors are having a more difficult time finding jobs. The starting salary for a senior graduating from Central is \$18,000-\$24,000. A graduating Second Lieutenant's starting salary is \$32,000. Included in this salary is housing, medical and insurance.

"The military has a bigger emphasis on

quality students and training," Wesolowski said. "Students and employers are starting to see that."

Retirement benefits are another draw for Central students. After participating in ROTC, a student only has to commit to four years of military service after college, either on active duty or reserve. After 20 years in the military, people are eligible to begin collecting on their retirement package. There is no need to wait until they are 65 years old.

100 and 200 level military science courses are available to everyone for leadership training. Upper level courses, which include basic training, are available to all students who are physically qualified and maintain a 2.0 GPA.

Wesolowski says the ROTC program is different than any other program Central offers. The ROTC staff and eight instructors account for the program's good retention rate. They serve as counselors, mentors and advisers to the students in the program.

"If someone in the faculty notices a student failing they will set up academic counseling session and get them set in an academic schedule to get them back on track," Wesolowski said.

Any students interested in Central's ROTC program or have questions are encouraged to contact ROTC Enrollment Officer Captain Kevin Wesolowski in Peterson Hall.

## Attachment overloads Groupwise System

by Michael Garcia  
Staff reporter

Groupwise, the Central Washington University internet system, experienced a major crash April 2. The collapse was the result of a student who tried to deliver some type of email with an attachment.

The crash ultimately affected the Groupwise system for approximately two hours. Although students were not totally affected by the crash, that is email access was not harmed but web access was. Those who felt the most devastation were Central administrative departments. Communication between departments was not happening because the system crash blocked primary mail sending and web access. Also, the crash was not following personnel to log in to their systems.

The file that was sent was approximately a 144mb file, which is quite a large file. Greg Deluca, assistant programmer for the computing and telecommunication services department, said the file could have been a number of things, such as: a photo, video, web site or some other type of attachment. The file was not read correctly by one of the post offices within the internet system. Although the system failure occurred, Deluca said Central's computer system as a whole is a highly advanced system.

"When a serious problem occurs the system immediately knows and if the system can't communicate within the computer it automatically alerts the staff at CTS by sending messages via cell phones" Deluca said.

It took approximately two hours for CTS to find the problem and fix it.

## Who's who in 2001 BOD Elections

Last Tuesday was the last day to register as an official Candidate for this year's Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) please choose only one candidate per position.

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### Dates to Remember

- April 20 Last day to register as a write-in candidate for the primary
- April 24 Debate at noon in the SUB Pit
- April 25 Debate following the RHC meeting in the Barto Lounge
- April 26 Last day to withdraw from the primary

There will be a debate at noon on April 24 in the SUB Pit for the candidates in the primary elections well as a second debate after the RHC meeting April 25.

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# Exciting opportunities await students in enrichment courses

by Shane Cleveland  
Staff reporter

Wilderness Emersion, Goddesses of India and Biological Fermentation do not sound like typical classes students might find at Central. Thanks to the new Enrichment Program these and other unusual topics will be available to students for the first time this quarter.

Enrichment courses are one or two credit classes offered in one of two three-week sessions and cover a topic not found in any of the existing classes.

Roy Savoian, dean and professor of economics, first proposed the addition of enrichment courses in fall 2000. The Enrichment Program is similar to a program existing at Adams State College in Colorado where Savoian was formerly employed. The interest and excitement generated by the faculty for this program enabled classes to be offered this spring.

In their haste, advertising of the courses suffered along with enrollment.

Of the 35 classes scheduled, seven had to be cancelled and well over half of the classes have less than half of the maximum enrollment. Once students learn more about the program and its existence, enrollment is expected to increase.

The faculty create the courses

themselves and submit them to their department for approval. For example Savoian taught a business leadership class at Adams State College based on characters in American Literature.

The enrichment courses draw from interests and talents of the faculty. They can expand their teaching by using knowledge they have from other disciplines and apply it to their department.

"It enriches the learning experience for students and faculty," Savoian said.

Curriculum Committee Chair Toni Culjak helped develop and get approval for the program. Culjak said many of the faculty, including herself, are looking forward to teaching classes they have never been able to teach, to develop interests they have more fully and introduce them to the students.

Culjak wants to explore how the program can be integrated into activities around the campus, since the classes can be a weekend long, a week long or three weeks long. A course dealing with Native Americans can be held during Native American Week. Similarly, a course can be held during Black History Month and incorporate the activities taking place that celebrate it.

"We can take advantage of the resources on campus in a different way," Culjak said.

Culjak said even though the faculty is in favor of the program and many of them are interested in teaching these courses, they have to do it on a reduced pay scale.

"It's generous of the faculty because the pay is terrible," Culjak said.

On adjunct faculty pay, the most a professor will receive is \$600 per enrichment course. The money for these courses is provided by the provost office and in no way affects the other classes traditionally offered by the departments.

For students, the enrichment courses provide an easy way to get those one or two extra credits needed to fulfill requirements for a quarter. The enrichment courses are considered free electives. They do not count towards general education, major or minor requirements. A total of eight enrichment credits may be counted towards a degree. Satisfactory or unsatisfactory credit will be given instead of letter grades.

Course topics will change every quarter as faculty continue to submit ideas. Depending on the success of a class, it may be offered again. There are no plans to offer the classes this summer, but they will be available fall quarter. A pre-registration list of the fall courses will be available at the office of the registrar. For registration information, contact the registrar at 963-3001.



Andrea Vanhorn/ Observer

Mark Pickeral, owner of Radio Records, was asked to the 'Burg's Advisory Commission, which is responsible for helping make decisions on how the station is run.

## 'Burg seeks new view points with board

by Michael Garcia  
Staff reporter

Central's alternative radio station, the 'Burg, is attempting to form an advisory board.

The advisory board will provide input to assist the station in complying with policies of the FCC, the federal department that licenses radio and television stations. The board will advise the station on what is appropriate for the local community and what is acceptable to be aired. But the newly formed board "will not be calling all the shots," Chris Hull, station manager, said. Hull also said that The Burg's programming and present format will stay the same.

The advisory board that is in the works will consist of nine to 13 members including faculty, some members of the community (primarily business owners) and students.

"We want to make sure that the students will want to participate," Hull said.

Hull said he hopes that five or six students would fill spots and of those spots, he hoped that those students who did choose to fill those spots were diversified in their backgrounds.

If anyone is interested in becoming a board member or would like information, packets and surveys are available at the Burg's office. People may also contact Hull at 963-2282.

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## Observance

### Garbage in the Ganges—muskrats glow after dark

The people who live in the valley do so because they love the surroundings and the town. For the most part, students who come to Ellensburg enjoy the outside recreation opportunities and the fresh air (now that Schaake's, the beef processing plant, is gone). Family values and hometown pride run deep in locals, and they should with those who have come to call Ellensburg home for four years.

College students complain about not getting any respect from locals, how the Frontier is a "locals only bar" and how there is never anything to do here except drink.

Community members, as all of us know, have complained repeatedly about puke on the sidewalks, urine in the alleys and vandalism downtown. It is unfortunate that a few being stupid make us all look bad.

The same stupid few who commit these acts are also the ones who leave their beer cans in campus parking lots, smash bottles in the middle of roads and torch couches in the middle of the Ganges (if you remember from a few years ago).

Lately, I have noticed a ton of garbage caught in our very own Ganges. Walking back from the parking lot several days ago, I noticed a handful of beer cans, water bottles, a colander and even a VCR in a small tributary of the Ganges. For God's sake—a VCR?? If you're going to throw something away, then throw it away; don't throw it in the Ganges.

The Ganges not only adds beauty to our campus but also character and wildlife. I'm sure many of you have seen the duck family that happily lives there and occasionally muskrats can be seen frolicking in the area.

Often times, those who don't know any better don their swimsuits or flip off their shoes to splash around in the water in the summer. If you don't already know, I'm telling you now, the Ganges is an irrigation ditch, meaning the water is not clean, safe, drinkable and it rarely even smells decent.

Even so, the Ganges adds flavor to our campus and our section of it should be kept clean, or at least free of junk from college kids. It's one of the things that the community and campus share that brings a smile instead of a snide remark from both sides.

The surrounding area is pretty much all Ellensburg has going for it—don't ruin it by throwing your junk on the ground. Do your part: throw your old electronic equipment in the trash instead of the Ganges and the world will be a better place.

—Kiley Sharpe

## Cartoon by Tim Austen



## Letters to the Editor

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### Monkey boy ravages downtown

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regard to Aaron Clifford's guest column "Palace Café or Fortress of Pain?" in the April 12th issue of The Observer. I think that Mr. Clifford is way off base. I find it unfortunate that the owners of the Palace Café have to resort to placing barbed wire on the metal supports of their awning. One would assume that by the time a person reaches adulthood that all of those childish urges to swing from monkey bars would be gone. The owner of the Palace should not have to protect his very expensive awning because some drunken college student cannot keep from swinging on it like an ape. Evidently this has been a problem in the past or else there would not be barbed wire up there in the first place. If someone is dumb enough to jump up and grab a hold of one of those bars to swing on, I say he gets exactly what he deserves, Mr. Clifford.

Sincerely,  
Angela Akehurst

### Sexual issues at the heart of many

Dear Editor,

Sexual issues are tearing our communities apart today as never before. The issue of homosexuality threatens to fracture the very foundation of this great nation, as the issue of slavery did a hundred and fifty years ago. We naturally turn to the Bible for guidance, and find ourselves mired in interpretative quicksand. Is the Bible able to speak to our confusion of this issue?

Last week in The Observer there was a letter written to the editor deal with the issue of homosexuality. It seems the author of this letter used the bible to further her own prejudice, using religion as a cover.

Some passages that have been advanced as pertinent to the issue of homosexuality are, in fact, irrelevant. One is the attempted gang rape in Sodom (Gen. 19:1-29). That was a case of ostensibly heterosexual males intent on humiliating strangers by treating them "like women," thus demasculinizing them. (This is also the case in a similar account in Judges 19-21.) Their brutal behavior has

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# LETTERS: Opinions continued

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nothing to do with the problem of whether genuine love expressed between consenting adults of the same sex is legitimate or not. Likewise, Deut. 23:17-18 must be pruned from the list, since it most likely refers to a heterosexual prostitute involved in Canaanite fertility rites that have infiltrated Jewish worship; the King James Version inaccurately labeled him a "sodomite."

Putting these texts to the side, we are left with two references, all of which unequivocally condemn homosexual behavior. One which was discussed by the author of the letter from last week's issue was Lev. 18:22 which states the principle: "You [masculine] shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination" (NRSV). The second, (Lev. 20:13) adds the penalty: "If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death; their blood is upon them." Such an act was regarded as an "abomination" for several reasons. The Hebrew pre-scientific understanding was that male semen contained the whole of nascent life. With no knowledge of eggs and ovulation, it was assumed that the woman provided only the incubating space, hence the spilling of semen for any non-procreative purpose—in coitus interrupts (Gen. 38:1-11), male homosexual acts, or male masturbation—was considered equivalent to abortion or murder. (Female homosexual acts were consequently not so seriously regarded, and are not mentioned at all in the Old Testament.) One can appreciate how a tribe struggling to populate a country in which

its people were outnumbered would value procreation highly, but such values are rendered questionable in a world facing uncontrolled overpopulation.

Old Testament texts have to be weighed against the New. Consequently, Paul's unambiguous condemnation of homosexual behavior in Rom. 1:26-27 must be the centerpiece of any discussion. "For this reason, God gave them up to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural, and in the same way also the men, giving up natural intercourse with women, were consumed with passion for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the due penalty for their error." No doubt, Paul was unaware of the distinction between sexual orientation, over which one has apparently very little choice, and sexual behavior, over which one does...

...It is unlikely that this letter will even begin to scrape the surface of this issue. However, it is time for us to get past using the bible to further our own prejudice against other people. GALA is not an organization that deserves people's criticism. It is an organization that is fighting for equal rights for every person, black or white, Christian or Muslim, straight or gay. We all deserve to be equal, don't you think?

—Sean Soth

Due to space we regretfully were not able to print this Letter to the Editor in full. Please see the Observer Online, for the full version.

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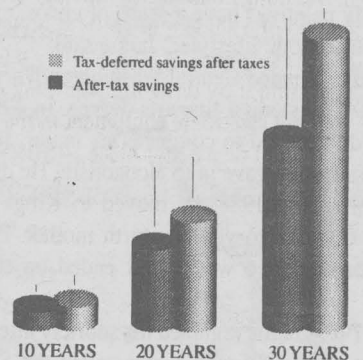
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## Announcement

### Yoga class to benefit Lori Chandler

Lori Chandler's yoga students will continue to offer yoga classes for interested community members. Louise Wright of the Jazzercise Center is providing the space free of charge. Advanced students will lead the classes and the suggested donation of \$5 will be donated to the Lori Chandler fund at Sterling Savings. Classes will be held on Wednesdays beginning May 2, 2001 at the Jazzercise Center at 307 W. 1st Ave. from 7 to 8 p.m. All persons with at least some yoga experience are invited to attend. For more information call Linda Morrison 968-4288.

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## SCENE

## Quote of the week

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"If you're not in it, you're out of it."  
-Joey Ramone



Michael Bennett/Observer

Jim Jaime returns to Central with an art show through the end of the month.

## Former addict turns craving into craft

by Andrew Fickes  
Staff reporter

A paintbrush, a blank canvas and a selection of colors—these are the tools of an artist. How these tools are used, though, is at the artist's discretion and how Jim Jaime, a Hispanic artist based in Yakima, uses them is unique. For the month of April, Jaime will showcase his unique artwork in the SUB's Owhi room as part of the Diversity Center's scheduled events. The Diversity Center has designated April as Chicano month.

Every time Jaime approaches a blank canvas with a brush dappled in paint, he brings no preconceived ideas for what he is about to create. He said he allows God to guide his hand, not knowing what the end product will be. His paintings are abstract, vibrantly colorful, and totally open to interpretation.

"My paintings have a sense of chaos, expressing my previous chaotic lifestyle," Jaime said.

Jaime attended Central Washington University in the mid 70s, pursuing a fine arts degree. In 1977, with only 14 credits needed to complete his major, Jaime gave up his passion and gave in to alcoholism. He dropped out of Central and in 1988, he moved to Kings Mountain in North Carolina to visit his birth mother. He planned to stay for only two weeks, but ended up staying for 10 years.

In 1993, Jaime regained his sobriety after his first session at a rehabilitation center called the Serenity Club. Jaime asked for two sons to live with him and began painting again in 1997. In 1998, they returned after Jaime received a call from his high school sweetheart. After Jaime saw her paintings, it inspired him to keep doing his paintings.

Jaime has been back at his art for the past four years, living in his hometown of Yakima. Since beginning again, he has created 150 paintings. Jaime still has that craving for alcohol and addictive energy, but instead of giving in, he redirects it into his artwork.

"Instead of buying a half case of beer, I go out and spend my last \$5 on paint tubes and brushes," Jaime said.

Jaime is now bringing his message of recovery and his artwork to local high schools. He is also taking classes at Yakima Valley College to receive a drug counselor certificate this summer. Jaime will return to Central next fall to complete his fine arts degree. After graduating, he hopes to apply art therapy to drug counseling.

"I'm enjoying my life. I have a second chance at my art and my life," Jaime said. "I'm hanging on to God's coattails, and I'm letting him take me where he wants to go."

## AISES expands awareness

by Paula Collucci  
Staff reporter

Central students will experience the sights, sounds and tastes of American Indian Science and Engineering Society's (AISES) second annual Native American Awareness Week April 23-28. In an effort to increase appreciation, Native American Awareness Week will celebrate Native American culture. The week will offer art displays, demonstrations, distinguished presenters, panel discussions, story telling, Title IX Native American dancers, a frybread-salmon bake, and movies.

"This is much bigger than last year...the students did all the planning," Elizabeth Sauer, president of Central's chapter of AISES said.

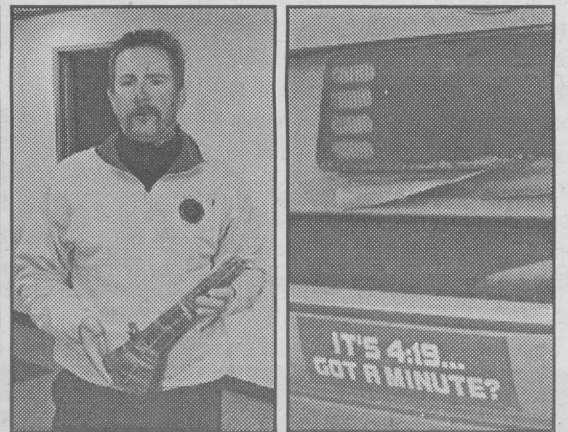
Among the many activities planned is the guest performance of John Trudell and the Bad Dog Band on Friday, April 27th at Davis High School in Yakima, Wash. "[He] has been heavily active in the Native rights community," Sauer said.

Trudell initially received media and government attention when he became actively involved in protesting the government's treatment of Native Americans, including serving as chairman of the American Indian Movement (A.I.M.) from 1973-1979. Trudell is "a poet, a leader for Native American rights, and a powerful speaker." He is also a notable musician, having toured with Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan, Rod Stewart, John Lennon, Jackson Browne, and winning the 2000 Native American Music Award.

The week is held in April because it is the beginning of powwow season.

"In telling people about the event, a lot of people aren't aware that there is a Native group on campus," Sauer said, "We also purposely stuck with recent issues—even in our movies."

Movie Nights will kick off the celebration, showing *Dance Me Outside*, *Thunderheart*, *Powwow Highway*, *Where the Spirit Lives* and *Incident at Ogalala*. The movies will be followed by a series of panel discussions that address issues such as language preservation, history, culture, and land rights. There will also be a dance exhibition, hand-drum-making classes and a salmon bake. For more information on events contact AISES at [cwu\\_aises@hotmail.com](mailto:cwu_aises@hotmail.com) or 963-7189.



Kim Nowacki/Observer

(Left) A Central student uses a bong to smoke weed. (Above left) Police Chief Rittereiser shows the university's stash of confiscated paraphernalia.

## 4:20 lights up campus

by John Hieger  
Scene Editor

"Marijuana is not a determining factor in committing crimes."  
— *La Guardia Report*

It isn't exactly the great American smokeout the American Lung Association promotes annually, but for many Americans, 4:20 rings in the green season with a jolliness that rivals Christmas.

April 20 is commonly associated with anything marijuana. For many of the 37 percent of the Central population who use marijuana (according to the CWU Core Drug and Alcohol Survey- Form 191), the day represents a universal time to unite and recognize the not-so-pocket-friendly habit of getting high.

"It's the stoner holiday; you hear 4:20 all the time and know it's out there," a Central student said.

Smoking pot has been illegal since the Marijuana Stamp Act of 1937, although use of the drug spanned throughout many generations in the 20th century.

For the present college generation, the renewed interest in marijuana came from a variety of outlets. The revival of the Deadhead movement spurred some to use, for many others the inspiration came from music videos and the rap explosion.

The prevalence of marijuana in popular music brought about a resurgence in the drugs' use among high school students in the '90s.

"We saw that use began to increase in the early '90s," Steve Rittereiser, chief of campus police, said.

Various media phenomena have contributed to the emergence of a younger marijuana subculture. Blatant promotion of its use in popular music surfaced notably in the gangster rap scene of the early '90s; 1992s multi-platinum album, "The Chronic," set a new precedence for marijuana promotion in popular culture. Dr. Dre and the rest of the West Coast rap world infiltrated suburbia with a pro-marijuana effort not seen since '60s "hippie" generation.

"4:20 is a day for all my friends to get together and enjoy the "higher" points of life," Matt Orren, a senior in public relations, said.

The rise in use stimulated a language and subculture that emerged under the illegal narcotic. Slang terms adopted language from urban centers like "indo, chronic and dank," which continue to exist as common vocabulary for the drug in mainstream America.

The origins of 4:20 range from secret police codes to routes through Amsterdam. Some say the mid-70s glam-rockers, Boston, began the phrase with the song, *Smokin'*. Urban legends aside, 4:20 persists as the battlecry of the latest generation of stoners.



# Way Out to party at Elks

by Andrew Fickes  
Staff reporter

After months of planning and promotion, Way Out Records Inc., a Tacoma-based independent record label, will bring a hip-hop show to the doors of Ellensburg's Elk Lodge.

From 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, April 27, Way Out will present hip-hop artists Ananize, Krusal, Strict 9, and R&B artist Javelle. Tickets are \$6 in advance for men, \$7 at the door, and \$4 in advance for women, \$5 at the door. For ticket information, call 963-8642.

"This is one party you don't want to miss. If you haven't had fun all school year, this is the night," Jerome Davis, founder of Way Out Records, said.

The evening's entertainment will include CD and poster giveaways, a sexy thong contest and an open bar for those 21 and over. The show is open to all ages.

Davis started out his company as Way Out Productions in '95. He put on shows for promising artists, hoping it would eventually develop into a label. His wish was answered in 1997, when the production company changed into an independent label. In the same year, he produced a compilation album, "It's Rainin' Dope". The headlining artist, Ananize, debuted on this compilation as Young Gangsta Dog. As a result of his performance, Ananize quickly became Way Out Records' top artist.

At the upcoming show, Ananize will be pushing his newly-released

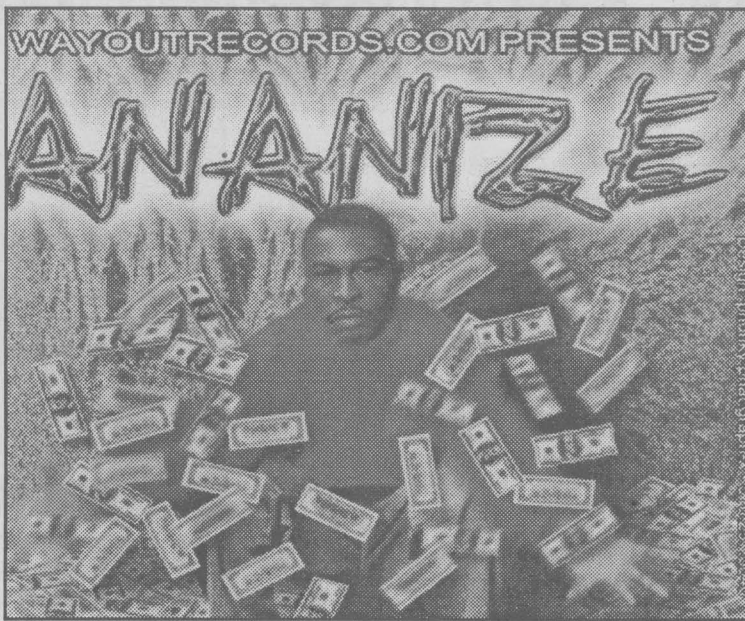


Photo courtesy of Way Out Records

Ananize's debut CD, "What Would You Do?" will be one of several hip-hop acts performing at the Elks Lodge.

debut titled, "What Would You Do?". The CD is being played on 88.1, the Burg, and is sold at Rodeo Records.

"The CD is very radio friendly," Davis said.

Opening for Ananize will be Krusal, Strict 9 and Javelle. Krusal and Strict 9 are both 16 years old, in high school, and were discovered by Davis. Jon-Michael Spenser, known as Strict 9, began performing at age 13 and was given a guest spot on Ananize's debut album.

"Working on the Ananize project gave me a real chance to prove myself," Spenser said.

Javelle is a 19-year-old R&B per-

former. By the age of 21, he plans to be rooted in the music industry and wouldn't mind acting on the big screen.

Davis owes thanks to Richard Penton, his cousin, for organizing Way Out Records' first show in Ellensburg. Penton, a junior at Central Washington University, works in promotions at Way Out Records. He is also the founder of his own company, Composing Chemistry Productions.

Davis is planning to promote his label statewide next fall, beginning with a college tour.

## Aerosmith won't stop



Andrew Fickes

Thank the gods—rock 'n' roll is still alive and kicking. Aerosmith, the down-and-dirty boys of riff-rock, have finally returned with their newest release, "Just Push Play."

After a long break since 1997's "Nine Lives," "Just Push Play" plays to the ears like a breath of fresh air and goes straight for the jugular. Each song, except for the dismal "Fly Away from Here," utilizes elements not heard since the band's glory days of the mid-'70s to early '90s. On this, their 13th release, the band has come full circle and what a relief it is.

Frontman Steven Tyler and guitarist Joe Perry took this venture to heart when they decided to co-produce the album along with long-time collaborators Mark Hudson and Marti Frederiksen. The four headed to Perry's basement studio in Massachusetts to begin writing "Just Push Play," vowing not to return to the outside world until they were finished. During their well-spent time in the basement, the four polished off a slug of classic gems, including the title track, "Trip Hoppin,'" "Under My Skin" and the hit single "Jaded."

On the title track, Tyler has fun handling additional guitar and drums. Perry and guitarist Brad Whitford deliver a classic perfor-

mance that carries the rhythm and feel of "Walk This Way," and Tyler isn't ashamed when he credits it in the closing phrases of the song.

"Trip Hoppin'" incorporates the Tower of Power horn section and Tyler's melodic screeching, heralding back to "Dude Looks Like a Lady" from 1987's "Permanent Vacation." "Under My Skin" finds Aerosmith honoring their '70s counterparts Led Zeppelin. During the bridge, the group breaks from a memorable riff in the verse to a riff familiar to Zeppelin's "Kashmir."

"Jaded," the current song cruising the airwaves, is a testimony of what Aerosmith is all about. The song combines lush orchestrations mixed with thick guitars and loud drums. Tyler journeys into the far reaches of his lyrical realm and soars high on the climatic "my, my, baby blue" chorus.

The group performed for the Super Bowl halftime show, helping to bring in the highest ratings for any halftime show in Super Bowl history. The group also received the International Artist Award at the American Music Awards and was inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.

For these legends, their release couldn't have come at a better time. All Aerosmith fans, or those who are just curious, should pick this one up. Don't hesitate, just push play.

# CWU

## Recruiting Time

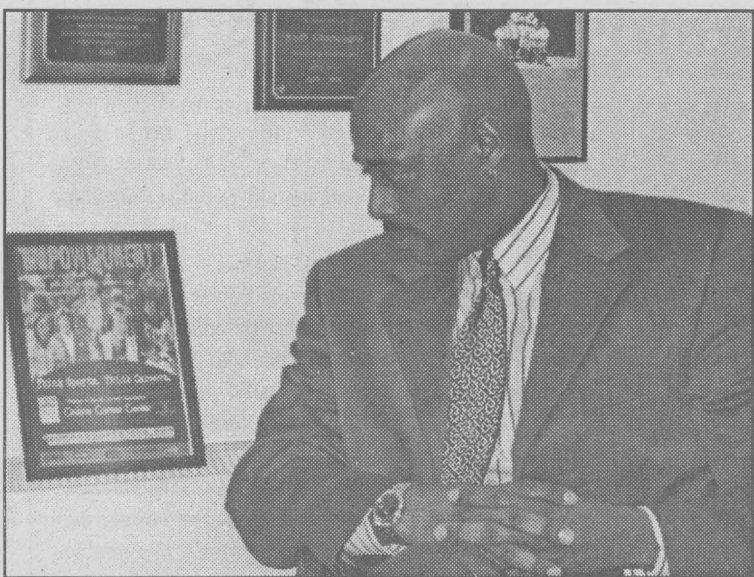
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Andrea VanHorn/Observer

Keith Champagne will join a panel about "real men" today.

## Panel to talk testosterone this afternoon in the SUB

by Staci Miller  
Staff reporter

What does it mean to be a "real" man?

Does it mean you have to go out every night and drink with the guys? Or does it mean you are staying home on a Saturday night with your girlfriend watching "Sleepless in Seattle?"

"What it takes to be a real man" is one of many seminars during spring quarter the Student Empowerment Center is hosting. The seminar will be held at 3 p.m. today, April 19, in the Owhi Room in the SUB.

Program leader for the non-violence campaign, Torrance Heidelberg, wants this to be an interactive seminar filled with audience participation, questions and movie clips.

He will be showing excerpts from the Jackson Katz film "Tough Guis" and will have keynote speakers on hand. Other speakers are Keith Champagne, Augustin Fuentes, Owen Dugmore and Phil Backlund.

"What it takes to be a real man" is a seminar focused on men and violence as portrayed within society. The focus of this seminar is to change stereotypes and to teach men how to be well-rounded individuals.

Heidelberg wants to show men that they can be sensitive and still be viewed as "real" men. They will also show that there are many factors such as, the media that can make a man think otherwise.

"What it takes to be a real man" is a seminar focused toward men, but women are encouraged to attend as well.

## Ellensburg offers some support for Earth Day and environment

by Eileen Lambert  
Staff reporter

Having a day set aside to recognize environmental awareness was the vision of Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson. He proposed the first nationwide environmental protest to "shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda."

April 22, 1970, marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement. On this day, 20 million Americans turned out to demonstrate for a healthy sustainable environment. Supporters took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums. Massive coast-to-coast rallies were organized, as well as protests on thousands of college campuses. Participants united in protesting the deterioration of the environment.

This year, several Central clubs will salute the earth by urging students to "Wear green on 4/20." This "green" campaign is sponsored by the Green Party and College Democrats as a show of support for

Arbor Day and Earth Day. They will host a discussion on current environmental issues at noon on Friday, April 20, in the Sub Pit.

Self-appointed Green Party interim president, Vince Rasulo, says his organization feels people don't care enough about the environment and environmental protection.

"We want to spark people's interest, motivate them to get involved in something that affects themselves and everyone else," he said.

Central no longer has an Environmental Club since the departure of its previous advisor, and no other recognized club has stepped up



Aaron Zerby/Observer

A fallen branch helps to block the steady flow of garbage on a campus stream.

to show its support for Earth Day. The Service Learning Center will take over the slack with Arbor Day and Tree City USA celebrations, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at Irene Rinehart Park.

Thirty one years later, Earth Day seedlings struggle to take root, as the Central clubs and community continue to neglect our "Green Day."

## Steak joint finally sends Safari to pasture

by Kelly Allen  
Staff reporter

It looks like Ellensburg residents will still have to leave town for runny sauces, sticky pastas and octopus chips that nearly resemble Italian food.

The Olive Garden is not coming

to town.

The future of the old Red Robin building, most recently occupied by Safari Burger, has finally been decided. Craig Smith of Thayer-Case Realtors closed the deal two weeks ago with a family in Oregon, putting an end to rumors of the site being targeted for a new Olive Garden restaurant.

rant.

"The Olive Garden rumors are not true," Smith said. "It's going to be a steak and seafood restaurant and it will be independently owned."

Though the name of the new restaurant has not been announced, look for it to open in the next few months.

National Alcohol  
Awareness Month!

## April 19-25 Events

To have an event posted,  
email bellh@cwu.edu

### Thursday, April 19

- AISES movie night, "Where the Spirit Lives." 6 p.m. in the SUB Chavez Theatre.
- Recital: David Beck and Orchestra. 8 p.m. at Pleasant Grove High School.
- Walk Away Your Blues; a drop-in walking group. 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Health and Counseling Center Wickerath Lounge.
- Zheng Shengtian opening address on contemporary art in China. 7 p.m. in Randall 117.
- Career Quest Interviews in the SUB.
- Registration deadline for "Club Madness." Contact Mindy or Skyler in SUB 116 or at 963-1693.
- "The Honorable Urashima Taro," matinee performance for Ellensburg Students only. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., April 18-20, McConnell Auditorium. All seats \$3.
- "What It Means to Be a Real Man." 3 p.m. in the SUB OWHI room.
- Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 19-20, SUB Ballroom. Call 962-4062 for an appointment.
- Biology Department presents, Dr. Marc Slattery from the University of Mississippi. 4 p.m., Science Building, room 147.
- Tsunami of Service, "Praiseworthy Painted Pots." Volunteers assist elementary school students in painting pots. 12:30-2 p.m., SUB room 104. Transportation provided.
- Tsunami of Service, "Pinewood Derby." Tree planting ceremony. 2-4 p.m., SUB room 104. Transportation provided.
- Live DJ and dancing at the Liquid Lounge.

### Friday, April 20

- ASCWU-BOD last day to register as a write-in for Primary election. Deadline is 4 p.m.
- Music: Snelling Competition. 1-5 p.m. in Hertz Hall.
- Piano Recital. 8 p.m. in Hertz Recital Hall.
- 4:20 celebration.
- "The Honorable Urashima Taro." 7 p.m. in McConnell Auditorium. \$5 per ticket or three for \$10.
- "Contemporary Traditional Chinese Painting in Context." 1-5:30 p.m., Randall 117, free and open to the public.
- Natural Science Seminar, "The Wisdom of the Genome," by Steve Verhey. 4 p.m., Science building, room 147.
- Faculty recital, "Lion on the Loose," by John Pickett. 8 p.m., Hertz Recital Hall.
- "Big Chimpin," Activities to benefit chimps, decorate sun glasses for the Chimps. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., meet on the patio right outside the SUB.
- Hawaiian Night at the Liquid Lounge. Drink specials for people dressed up.

### Saturday, April 21

- Arbor Day Celebration, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Irene Rinehart Park.
- "The Honorable Urashima Taro," 2 p.m., McConnell Auditorium. \$5 per ticket or three for \$10.
- Catholic Campus Ministry is going to the Mariner's game in Seattle vs. Anaheim.

### Monday, April 23

- Second Annual Native American Awareness Week begins.
- Walk Away Your Blues; a drop-in walking group. 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Health and Counseling Center Wickerath Lounge.
- AISES movie night, "Incident at Ogalala." 6 p.m. in the SUB Chavez Theatre.
- Rory Flintknife, alcohol ban on the Yakama Reservation. 11 a.m. in the SUB Theater.

### Tuesday, April 24

- Native American Week Panal Discussions. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the SUB Yakama room.
- "Building Your Self-Esteem." 4-5 p.m., Health and Counseling Center, Wickerath Lounge.
- Geological Science Seminar, "Middle Ocean Ridge Black Smokers: Biogeochemical Cauldrons on the Seafloor." 12 p.m., Lind Hall room 215.
- Baseball: CWU vs. Concordia. 1 p.m. double header, CWU field.
- Faculty Recital: Vijay Singh and Mia Spencer. 8 p.m., Hertz Hall.

### Wednesday, April 25

- Native American Week Panal Discussions. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., SUB Yakama Room.
- Papa John's Coffee House. 8 p.m., SUB pit.
- Faculty Recital: Vijay Singh. 8 p.m., Hertz Recital Hall.
- Communication film festival. 6:30 p.m., Black Hall, room 150.



## Verdict is in, the casino is a winner

by Paula Collucci  
Staff reporter

Amateurs and card sharks alike found food, fun and drink Friday night at Ellensburg's new bar and card room, Cleopatra's Wild Goose Casino. The casino had a huge turnout for their opening.

The casino was packed with students, Ellensburg residents and freeway travelers alike.

"A couple of people won big," Vina Lane, casino dealer said.

The blackjack, Caribbean stud and Spanish 21 were popular.

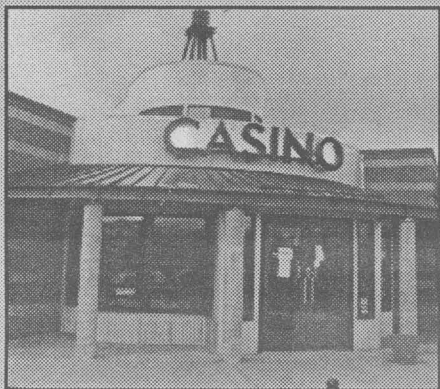
For those hesitant to gamble, interesting food was an option. Delicious varieties of sandwiches, steaks, crayfish and even escargot were served.

"No, I don't think I like it," Will Campbell, Central art major said after eating some escargot. "The crawdads are pretty good."

Two sisters followed their mother to the Wild Goose.

"My mom is a gambling addict, I'm here to make sure she doesn't go over," Hope Noland, Ellensburg resident said.

"I came for the beer," Shana



Michael Bennett/Observer

New casino lucked out on Friday the 13th, its opening night.

Nolandsaid.

Even if you don't know what you're doing, the casino dealers are here to help.

"We'll teach you how to play," Russell Lahaie, casino dealer said.

So why did people come to the Wild Goose?

"There's a new casino in town. I live in Ellensburg, what the heck. I'll play \$20 and that's it," Carson Payne, Central business and finance major, said.

"Everybody I have talked to was having fun," Linda Minerich, casino dealer said.

With the addition of the new casino, residents 21 years of age and over will have a new place to try out food and their luck.

## ROTC boosts confidence

by Jaimee Castaneda  
Staff reporter

The ROTC will offer a crash course in what it takes to be a leader through its paid internship program this summer.

Structured in a military environment at Fort Knox, Ky., the internship helps familiarize students with the fundamental necessities in becoming an army cadet or officer. These necessities for cadets feature basic soldier skills, land navigation, team building exercises, first aid, marksmanship and leadership drills. All of these will be taught throughout the course.

Running in six different cycles, the first session will begin June 7. Each cycle runs for five weeks.

"I think that this is a great opportunity for students to develop themselves and their confidence," Captain Kevin Wesolowski, aviation and enrollment officer, said.

There are no obligations to join the ROTC because the purpose of this program is to help students develop their leadership skills, resulting in a personal growth. This is not a boot camp or basic training.

The internship pays \$700, provides airfare to and from the site, food, lodging, and eight transferable credits. Students in attendance are

eligible to apply for a two-year scholarship. Last year eligible students were awarded during camp.

To qualify for this internship you must be a U.S. citizen, between the ages of 17 and 30, enrolled full time in school with at least two years left, have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 and not have had any convictions.

Following the application process, an interview and a free physical will be conducted before uniforms will be issued out to those that qualify. If these qualifications are met, interested students should contact Kevin Wesolowski at 963-3581.

### Question of the week

#### Do you think drugs are a problem at Central?

- "No, I've never seen drugs being over used at Central," Bliss Carlson, senior special education major, said.
- "Only when you can't find them," Ian Bjornstad, senior lesiure services major, said.
- "It's a growing problem, espeically abusing Ritalin," Brian Clemmer, junior law and justice major, said.
- "The problem is the cops," Lonnie Hyde, senior community health major, said.

## Along came a thriller



Staci Miller

Most movie goers know what it is like to watch a film that keeps you glued to your seat and makes you afraid to go to the bathroom for fear that you might miss the best part. Well, that is one way to describe Morgan Freeman's new movie "Along Came a Spider," also starring Monica Potter. This new flick packs loads of surprises to keep every movie goer frozen to their seat.

Freeman plays Dr. Alex Cross, a retired Washington, D.C., detective who gets involuntarily tangled up in a kidnapping case after he finds a piece of evidence in his mailbox. Dr. Cross is teamed up with Secret Service agent Jezzie Flannigan

(Monica Potter) to help crack the case. Together, they try to add up the pieces of scarce evidence left behind by methodical predator Gary Soneji (Michael Wincott) to lead them to the kidnapped Megan Rose, daughter of a U.S. Senator. Soneji's seemingly flawless kidnapping is part of an elaborate scheme to get into the history books, but Alex Cross is determined to make sure that does not happen.

If you are looking for the stereotypical cat and mouse chase in "Along Came A Spider," you are going to be pleasantly surprised. I felt this film threw some unexpected curve balls that left me wanting more. The way the plot is twisted and turned is sure to leave anyone paying to see it one more time.

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# OUTDOORS

## Hansen Pit remains stagnant despite efforts from both sides

### County may divide land to reach compromise

by Jeremy Larson  
Staff Reporter

Earlier this year, Kittitas County commissioners began holding hearings on the fate of an area one mile south of Ellensburg on Canyon Road. The area is known as Hansen Pit, an abandoned gravel pit. Kittitas County has been trying to decide if it should sell the 103-acre parcel as surplus. Mining operations ended in 1991, but approximately 450,000 yards of gravel remain on the property. The property value was assessed at \$230,000 in an appraisal by Auble, Jolicoeur & Genry in November 2000.

"Four or five years ago, we couldn't give the property away. Today we don't dare," Commission Chair Perry Huston said.

The Hansen Pit area is a wetland connected to the Yakima River. Some local developers propose turning the area into a recreational resort. Others hope to turn the pit into a park or a salmon habitat. A dike, separating the ponds on the property from the river, fell into disrepair as a result of past flooding and a lack of maintenance. The Hansen Pit area is a flood plain and some people want to commit to repairing and preserving the dike.

The Kittitas County commissioners met Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at the county courthouse to discuss the future of the site. During the Tuesday business meeting, the commissioner voted to continue deliberations at the next meeting.

Paul Bennett, county director of public works, proposed sub-dividing the site. Discussion "has focused on the pits and the pond area," Bennett said, "with all the conversation taking place at these public hearings, a lot of this has truly been centered around the property around the pond and has not really talked about the separate 25 acres." Bennett went on to say "We may want to consider, (if we decided to split the property), then having a separate discussion of whether or not we should actually just declare one of the split parcels, the 25 acre parcel, as surplus."

County Commissioner Bill Hinkle wants to sell the land.

"We can't develop a parks department," said Hinkle, "We can't afford to expand services."



photo courtesy of Kittitas County Archives

Hinkle feels that in order to make any gains in environmental stewardship the county has to "harness property rights," and "utilize market forces wherever we can."

The question of what to do with the property has been the focus of controversy in the county. Kittitas County asked for and received input on the fate of Hansen Pit from groups and county residents.

The decision may be a compromise, an element that some residents felt has been missing.

"What strikes me most in this matter is that there has been little discussion of a compromise and, to me, a compromise is ... nothing but a win-win situation for the residents of Kittitas County," Ellensburg resident Tom Crawford said in a letter to the Ellensburg Daily Record.

Six members of the Ellensburg High School Environmental Club were on hand for the meeting. The club is concerned with the county's handling of the Hansen Pit issue and wants to see the area turned into a park.

"We're discussing the issue at this time. I think that sub-dividing it [Hansen Pit] and keeping some of the property is better than selling it all, but we'll see," club president Rachel Mack said.

During public meetings in March,

testimony was divided. Continued public ownership and a natural state for a park and salmon recovery convey the environmentally concerned message of one side. The other side wants to have the acreage declared surplus and sold at auction to a firm that will preserve and restore part of the site and develop other areas.

Stone Ridge Development Corp. would like to develop the area. If

Stone Ridge can convince the county to surplus the land, possibilities for the area include a golf course, a resort community, a center for medical research and a Christian retreat center.

Huston said the real question on the issue is "Is there benefit in the county retaining ownership of the property?"

Hansen Pit also contains a rail-



Joe Whiteside/Observer

The Kittitas County commissioners discuss the future development of Hansen Pit during a meeting that was closed to public comment (top). An aerial view of the controversial property. (left) Note the close proximity to the Yakima River.

road right-of-way through a portion of the property and a gas pipeline as well. No matter what decision is made, any future owners will not simply develop the property without limitations.

The next public hearing on the issue will be in May. Written statements are also being accepted.

"I will endure one more public hearing on this case," commissioner Max Golladay said.

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# sports

## Wildcat Sports

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Softball:	April 20 @ Simon Fraser University
Track:	April 20 @ Eastern Washington University Pelluer Invite



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## Rugby wrangles to the top, heads to "Sweet 16"

The Central Washington University Rugby team travels to Wyoming this weekend to compete in the "Sweet 16." Central will play University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Saturday and if victorious, they will play either Penn State University or the University of Wyoming for the right to travel to Virginia for the "Final Four." Because the rugby team is a club at Central instead of a varsity sport, they are allowed to declare themselves Division I and compete against the top schools in the nation.

# Bittersweet week for softball

by Thabiso M. Leshoi  
Staff reporter

The last week has been one of ups and downs for Central Washington University's softball team.

On Thursday, the Wildcats swept St. Martin's College 3-2 and 8-4 in a Pac West Conference doubleheader, earning head coach Gary Frederick his 500th win as a coach at Central. This historic moment came in the second game of the doubleheader.

On the down side however, less than a week after they lost two games to the Western Washington University Vikings, Central was again swept by the same Viking team Saturday at Tomlinson Field.

Western took the first game of the doubleheader 7-3. In the nightcap, the Vikings won 5-1. In the first game, both teams exchanged unearned runs in the first inning, however, Western soon pulled away. The Vikings put the game away in the fifth inning with four runs, capitalizing on Central errors.

"Western deserved to win both games, they hit the ball well and had good pitching," said Frederick. "Conversely, we didn't hit the ball very well and lacked in defense."

On Tuesday afternoon, Central swept the Seattle University Redhawks 6-3 and 7-4. Going into the seventh inning of the first game, the score was 3-2. Freshman Annie Franks hit a three run home run that gave Central a comfortable lead.

In the second game, senior Jillian Powell set another school record in home runs with nine,

beating her own record of last year, when she had eight. Seattle kept it close in the second game when they were down 5-0, going into the sixth inning. They scored three runs and made it 5-3. Again, Franks came up with a two run double to extend the lead. In the seventh inning, the Wildcats put the game away with one more run.

"We played well offensively although we had a couple of errors," said junior Jenn Brown.

See **SOFTBALL**, Page 14

## Playoff hopes alive

by Meredith Willingham  
Staff reporter

The Wildcats took sole control of fourth place in the Cascade Conference after beating Eastern Oregon University three times in a four game series.

Last Saturday's doubleheader was swept by Central as they beat the Mountaineers 7-5 in game one and 12-6 in extra innings in game two. In the first game, senior shortstop Justin Williams and senior third baseman Jeremy Fox both hit home runs. Senior Marc Parrish pitched a complete game, allowing six hits.

In the second game, Central scored six runs in the top of the tenth to break away from Eastern Oregon, and sophomore pitcher Brandon Klump was credited with the win.

The Mountaineers came out swinging on

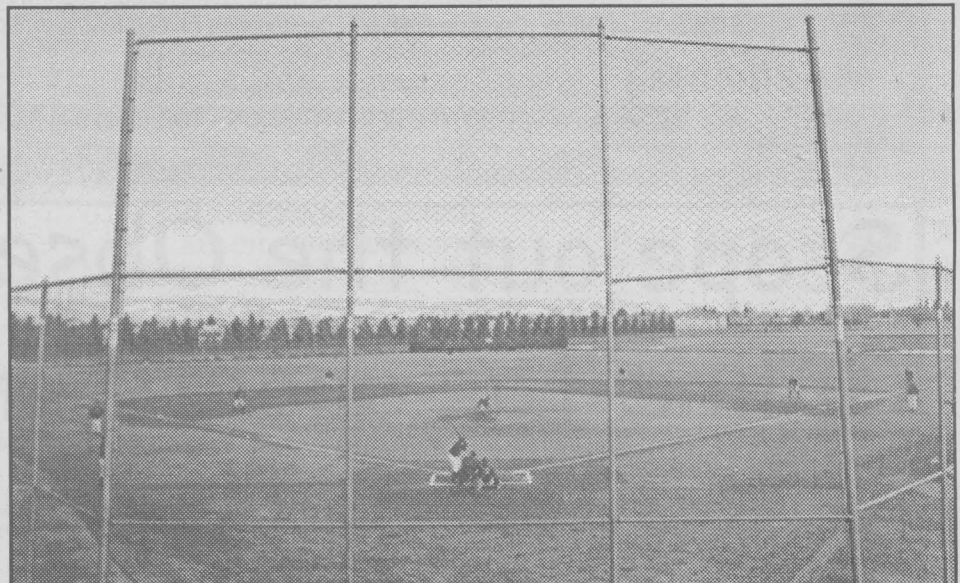
Sunday as they crushed the Wildcats 16-7. Williams went 3-for-3 and scored two runs in the loss. Sophomore Quentin Cobb was credited with the loss, surrendering ten runs and eight hits in only 1 1/3 innings.

"Offensively, we never let up, even in the game we lost," head coach Desi Storey said. "I was really happy with the way we played."

In game two, senior center fielder Tim Akins had four hits in the 9-6 victory. Central came from behind in the ninth inning with four runs to seal the win.

"It's good to see some guys swinging well," Storey said.

Central will travel to Idaho to play Albertson College Apr. 21-22 in a four game series. The team's last homestand begins when the Wildcats play Northwest Nazarene Apr. 27, 1 p.m. at Tomlinson Field.



Aaron Zerby/Observer

Tomlinson Field, home to the 19-17 Wildcat baseball team, will host three more games this season; April 24 vs. Concordia and April 27-28 vs. Northwest Nazarene



# SOFTBALL: Looking on the bright side

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"Luckily, we made up for the errors with hits."

Senior catcher Nicole Lantau who has a batting average at .373, said the team has what it takes to win.

"We have to minimize some of the physical and mental errors that we make at times," Lantau

said.

With the season down to about ten games coupled with Saturday's sweep, Central's bid for post season play appears dim. To make the play-offs, Central must finish in the top two in the West Division. The top two from each division make it into the conference playoffs. Currently, Central is in third place with a record of 16-19 overall and 6-8 in conference play. This weekend, Central plays Simon Fraser University.



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Sophomore Stephanie Hogan follows through after a pitch Saturday vs. Western Washington University, while a Wildact batter concentrates on the ball. Central takes the field against Simon Fraser Friday in Burnaby, B.C.

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- Who was the first pro golfer ever to earn a million dollars on the PGA Tour?
- What is Chi Chi Rodriguez's real first name?
- In what season did the NHL start using video tape replay to judge controversial goals?
- Who was the only NBA player to average a triple-double for an entire season?
- What professional sports team holds the record for the most consecutive winning seasons?
- Who is the only pro boxer to win a decision over Joe Louis?

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# Track season comes close to the end; national hopefuls look to the future

by Dane Estes  
Staff reporter

Track and field season is winding down with two regular season meets remaining, and many athletes on Central Washington University's team have their sights set on the conference and national meets. As the team heads outdoors to train, the weather is finally starting to resemble spring.

For Central track and field athletes, the winning races and record-setting performances are not spawned from these pleasant spring practices, but from countless hours of winter training. For these dedicated athletes, the foundation for success was set months ago on the snow-covered roads of Ellensburg, and on a track covered in slush and ice amid freezing temperatures.

For sophomore transfer and sprint standout Jody Binder, dealing with harsh winter conditions is nothing new and has hardly presented a bump on her road to success.

Binder was one of Alaska's top high school sprinters competing for Lathrop High in Anchorage. In her hometown, as with most of Alaska, the severe weather conditions only allow a window of about six weeks for high school track from the time practice starts, to the last event of the state finals.

Upon her graduation in 1999, Binder went to Washington State University on an Air Force ROTC scholarship, deciding not to run track to focus on school work and adapting to college life.

After completing her freshman year as a Cougar, Binder gave up her scholarship and left Pullman for Central.

"I didn't know much about WSU when I made my decision, and just saw it as a way to



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Sophomore sprinter Jody Binder (left) practices with a teammate Wednesday for Saturday's meet at Eastern Washington University's Pelluer Invitational. Binder competes in the 100 meters, 200 meters and 400 meters. At last Saturday's Northwest Relays at Edmonds CC, she won the 100 meters and 400 meters.

leave Alaska to go to school," Binder said.

Binder chose Central for its smaller size and laid-back atmosphere as opposed to Washington State. The decision to move also rekindled her desire to run track again.

"I've always wanted to give track a shot in college," Binder said. "I wanted to be able to look back and at least know that I tried."

Although winter training was not an issue for Binder, she had to make a definite transition from high school competition in Alaska (and taking a year off from running) to collegiate level competition. Binder said the level of competition was a bit of a shock at first, specifically

going up against some of the top NCAA Division I talent in the country at the Stanford Invitational earlier this season.

"It's a whole different world from high school," Binder said. "They don't offer track and field at any of the colleges in Alaska, so I didn't really have a concept of what college track would be like."

Perhaps too modest to admit it, Binder has been running away from the competition instead of running with it. She has been winning races and setting new personal bests almost every weekend.

"At Stanford especially, the level of compe-

tion was impressive. I was just happy to qualify for the meet, and know I was good enough to run those type of athletes," Binder said.

"Jody has really impressed me with her work ethic and performance this year, especially after taking a year off," head coach Kevin Adkisson said. "This year her main focus is on competing well at conference, but in the next two years nationals should definitely be within her reach."

Regardless of whether or not Binder makes the trip to nationals this year or two years from now, she continued her winning ways at Saturday's Northwest Relays in Edmonds. Binder won both the 100 and 400 meters, posting a time of 59.76 in the 400 meters, which isn't one of her main events. She usually focuses on the 100 and 200 meters, as well as the sprint relays.

Despite several recent injuries, the team as a whole combined for 11 victories at the meet. In addition to Binder on the women's side, in addition to Binder, Sarah Forrey won the 3,000 meters. The distance, and middle distance medley teams were also victorious.

Finishing first for the men were: freshman Brice Crowninshield in the javelin, Joe Smith in the long jump, Beau Ross in the triple jump, Scott Alexander in the pole vault, and Erik Iverson in the 110 high hurdles. Central's men also took the 4x400 meter relay.

Also providing a notable performance was David Simmons in the 5,000 meters, who crossed the line as the first collegiate finisher in a personal best time of 15:19.5. Simmons' time was just under 5 seconds behind Uli Steidal of Club Northwest, who was named the male athlete of the meet.

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# Mariners are better off



Rachel Wiersma  
Sports Editor

A l e x Rodriguez may become one of the greatest players in the history of baseball. Evidently, a \$252 million paycheck says so and Seattle Mariner fans are not letting him forget it. The thing is, A-Rod should have been up front and honest with the fans that loved him and stood by him during his tenure in Seattle. Maybe things would be better, maybe not. Maybe he would still be a Mariner, maybe not. Either way, it seemed almost laughable to watch A-Rod gushing during his TV press conference about how much he loves the Seattle fans and how they are just booing the uniform, not him. In all the Seattle/Texas games I have seen this season, I have never heard the crowd boo so loud for a Ranger uniform. Yeah, they were booing the uniform...and the sellout in it!

It was sad to see his talent go, but not the attitude. After Griffey left, A-Rod assumed the role of leader and resident superstar of the Mariners

organization. He was the inspiration and the driving force behind the team. Everyone looked up to him—he was the leader. Now he is gone and the Mariners are better for it. Let him waste his superstar talent with a losing team. (Where did the Rangers place in the league last season?) Instead of booing A-Rod, Seattle should be thanking him for giving the Mariners a real chance at going all the way this year.

Now the Mariners have no real “superstars” on the team and that is how it should be. Everyone is of equal talent. Unlike the New York Yankees, a team that is laden with “superstars”. The Mariner “unknowns” can sail in and possibly take the pennant from under their “superstar” noses. (As long as they work together for a common goal—the ring at the end of the season.) Now is the time for the Mariners to pull together to go all the way.

\*The only bonehead move the Mariners made was signing on cry-baby Al Martin. That guy is a waste of space in left field. Start Mark McLemore and let Martin work on his endorsement deal with Kleenex.

# 2001 CWU baseball stats

## Batting Avg.

Williams	.364
Randall	.333
Trevarthen	.333
Tennis	.314
McCarthy	.306
Hill	.302
Kalasountas	.290
Templer	.289
Reed	.279
Fox	.276
Brownlee	.250
Akins	.232
Kilmer	.228
Cannon	.220
Sherrill	.213
Chamaty	.176
Roberts	.161
Bayne	.108

## Home Runs

Reed	3
Fox	2
Williams	2
McCarthy	2
Hill	2
Templer	2
Cannon	2
Randall	1
Tennis	1
Kilmer	1
Bayne	1

## RBI

Williams	22
Hill	15
Tennis	14
Fox	13
Kilmer	13
Reed	11
Cannon	10
Templer	10
Roberts	8
Akins	7
McCarthy	7
Brownlee	6
Sherrill	5
Bayne	4
Kalasountas	4
Randall	4
Chamaty	3



## Stolen Bases

Akins	9
Kilmer	4
Williams	4
Fox	2
Tennis	2
Cannon	1
Chamaty	1
Sherrill	1

## ERA

Brownlee	2.81
Roberts	3.38
Jamison	5.09
Perry	5.21
Klump	5.45
Leyes	5.80
Parrish	6.12

## Team Statistics

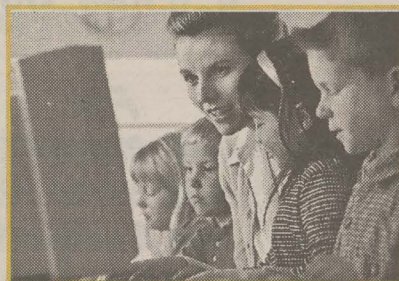
Record:	19-17
Left on base:	277
Team batting average:	.269

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# Around the Horn

Chapman, Thompson, Shaw named Little All-Northwest

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