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Provost candidates tour Central's campus

by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

Two finalists for the position of provost/senior vice president for academic affairs at Central concluded their visits to the Ellensburg campus this week.

David Soltz and John Miller met with school deans, department chairs and administrators while touring the campus and participating in forums open to the community students and faculty.

An 11-person search committee, representing all facets of the university chose these individuals from a pool of over 70 applicants.

Soltz, dean of the college of natural sciences and professor of biological sciences at California State University-Los Angeles, visited April 17-19.

A small crowd of faculty members gathered on April 18 for a forum where Soltz discussed his academic passions and answered questions.

"I have a lifelong passion for learning and teaching," Soltz said.

Having an extensive background in the sciences led Soltz to focus on making students independent learners and encouraging experiences outside of the classroom.

Soltz supports and inspires faculty to explore and take risks, and he would like to provide resources for opportunities in outside research.

Soltz sees Central as a very good comprehensive university and better than our reputation might suggest. He has the impression that people think students come to Central because they do not get accepted at other universities in the state.

"I want the image to reflect the quality of the university," Soltz said.

Miller, dean of the college of

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State employees make a point with Thursday strike

Picketing on Eighth Avenue, custodian Juan Svendsen (left) and many others, support the statewide strike by Washington State employees last Thursday.

State employees will be on the primary ballot is the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

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Along the lines of maintaining good communication, McMichael added public relations duties for the board to the duties for the Vice president of equity and community services.

For more information on the candidates see page 7.

Proposed BOD constitution changes to be in primary election

by Melissa Mitchell
Asst. News editor

Students who want a say in how the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) do their jobs in years to come should vote in the primary election on Tuesday, May 1.

The primary election has two purposes: a runoff between candidates for positions with more than two candidates running, and voting on proposed constitutional amendments.

The only board position that will be on the primary ballot is the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The candidates are Alyssa Scarth, Joe Estey and Kayte Anchors.

The ballot will also include proposed changes ASCWU-BOD to the constitution, like allowing the BOD to make any changes the current year, rather than waiting a year as the bylaws now state.

Changes to bylaws would need a two-thirds vote of approval from the BOD plus a 14-day period for reaction from the student body. If students want to challenge the amendment, they would need to gather signatures from 10 percent of the student body. The BOD would respond to the signatures by holding an election to vote on the proposed amendments.

"This amendment would make it fairly easy to make non-controversial changes such as job descriptions," Ryan McMichael, vice president for political affairs said. "While more controversial changes would still be difficult."

The other big change includes job descriptions for members of the BOD. McMichael and the other board members want to change the descriptions to match the actual duties performed by the members, as well as adding a clause requiring each board member to attend various student councils at the extended degree centers.

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Where and when to vote

The primary election is on Tuesday, May 1.

Locations:

Online: 12 a.m. (midnight) to 7 p.m.
SUB (Student Union Building): 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Holmes West: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
The DuoOut (south end of Studio East): 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
CWU Library: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Nicholson Pavilion: 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

REMINDER: Picture ID is needed to vote at one of the polling places or groupwise account access is needed in order to vote online.
Student exploration leads to strict evening access for students to McConnell Auditorium

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Vendors placed at the entrance doors of McConnell Auditorium remind theatre students of new regulations.

"We hope that students realize this is a serious academic environment and they are expected to behave and perform civilly in and out of the classroom," Keith Munro, assistant vice president for student affairs, said. "People need to abide by all of the university's rules and regulations, along with the city and state laws, while they are attending this university."

Steven Bowen, a former candidate for the position, will not be visiting Central on April 25 to 27 since he accepted a position at another university.

The next stop by the search committee is a review of the candidates' strengths and weaknesses drawn from the meetings and interviews held during the candidates visits at Central. The committee will consider their findings to President Jerilyn McIntyre, who will make a final decision.

The search committee hopes to have a finalist named by the June meeting of the Board of Trustees for approval.

Feedback from anyone who met the candidates can be submitted on the Central web site through the vice presidential searches link to assist the search committee in their review.

The people who wrote in the book were detained by the police for questioning to determine if this was a police matter, a university matter, or both.

Criminal charges were not filed, nor were any of the students expelled or suspended. Some had to make restitution for items that were damaged and most had to write letters of apology.

"We don't believe that real mayhem was the purpose and so we didn't pursue the case criminally," Steve Rittereiser, campus police chief, said. "Some students came into the building at night and did things like play put-put golf in the halls or attempt sexual advances on the roof."

Police did, however, tighten security around the steam tunnels that run underneath the campus.

McConnell Auditorium has always had an 11 p.m. closing time, but that hasn't been strictly enforced in the past. Where people used to come and go freely to the auditorium, there are now signs around the building stating no one is permitted in the building without written authorization after 11 p.m. Anyone found in the building without approval may be subject to criminal trespass charges.

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by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

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We value your contributions toward making CWU a better place to be. Thanks!
Morning Star Yoga welcomes students

by Janelle Aucutt
Staff reporter

Jeremiah Dahlgren, Ellensburg's new yoga instructor, offers all levels of yoga exercise at his studio, Morning Star Yoga, located on Third Avenue.

Yoga isn’t just sitting on the floor and breathing. It is a system of integrating the body, emotions and mind, which takes the form of physical positions in which breathing and concentration play a major part. That is why Dahlgren feels Morning Star Yoga is so beneficial.

An Evergreen State College graduate and Yoga Institute of San Francisco and Bhutan School of Yoga student, Dahlgren has been also been teaching yoga at Central since January, but doesn’t find the schedule difficult.

“It’s my life right now,” he said.

Dahlgren currently offers class hours Wednesday through Sunday from 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., depending on the day. These hours vary from quarter to quarter, and will decrease in the summer.

In addition to an array of classes, Morning Star Yoga also offers spiritual lifestyle counseling, vedic astrology Chart analysis, herbal consultations, books, props and clothing. Student discounts are also offered with valid I.D.

Dahlgren compared Morning Star Yoga to larger studios.

“It’s much more low key and right neighborly,” he said.

Dahlgren was introduced to yoga by a wandering yoga teacher in England at age 17. Opening Morning Star Yoga has been a continuation of an interest that has been a lifelong passion for Dahlgren.

“It has been a healing journey, the next step to heal, a way to continue growing, and Ellensburg seemed like the perfect place,” Dahlgren said.
Volunteering your time helps the community and your resume

Spring is here and the weather is great. People are trading in their skin and snowsuits for their rollerblades and baseball mitts. Classes are getting harder and harder to sit through as the sun beckons students outside and, in fact, I think the same holds true for profs, whom seem to be awfully hard to find lately.

After a long cold winter, spring is the best time to try new things and get involved in new experiences. Volunteering is the ultimate resume booster and feel good opportunity.

There are tons of volunteer opportunities within the community and university. Many services in town are run strictly on a volunteer basis. Whether your fancy is working one on one with kids or with elderly, there are options all around.

I am currently volunteering with a program called Bridges. It's a mentoring program in the lower Yakima valley helping kids with writing and computer skills. I love it and the experience has been invaluable. Interested people should contact 925-1954 and leave a message.

The Service Learning and Volunteer Center has several great volunteer opportunities coming up. Earth Week is May 8, 9, 10 and 11 and volunteers are needed to help elementary school kids on a field trip to the Naneum watershed. Volunteers would help with stations and assist kids in activities.

Books for Breakfast is another opportunity provided by the center. Every Friday, between 8-8:30 a.m., students are needed to read to kids who receive reduced and free breakfasts at Lincoln Elementary. The Service Learning and Volunteer Center can be reached at 963-1026.

Habitat for Humanity is also very active in the Ellensburg community and on the Central campus. Currently, the group is working on house number six and all volunteers are welcome and needed. To volunteer, please call George Town at 925-4676.

Instead of sitting inside by the air conditioning all day or frying your skin to a crisp by the sun, why not do something useful and fun this spring or summer?

Sincerely,

Dale Hubbard
President, CWU Local 330
Candidates for Vice President for Academic Affairs

I am running for the office of Vice President for Academic Affairs, a position that is very important, and requires much dedication. After some very serious thought, I decided I wanted to take on that responsibility. I felt that it is incredibly important for students to have a voice in their education—and that is my goal. I have a lot of ideas for the upcoming year, including continuing work on the new teacher evaluations, some involvement in the peer mentoring program, and some new thoughts on improving communication between the students and the administration. I feel that a better awareness of the concerns of students in each of the departments at this university will greatly improve our academic life here. If elected, I will support students in their concern and work hard to keep—the students—the focus of the academic decisions made here at Central.

—Alyssa Scarth

Due to the interest in the Christian/homosexuality debate, I have decided to let this issue continue online. All letters will be posted in their entirety at observer@cwu.edu. Letters must follow the Observer guidelines as stated on the top of page 6 in order to be posted.

Kiley Sharpe
Editor-in-Chief

Vince Lombardi once said, "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor." I believe that commitment forms the foundation to what we as students build our lives on. Many people commit themselves to the wrong values, or they do not commit to anything at all. As Vice President for Academic Affairs, I will commit myself to the tasks that are brought forth, and I am determined to build a better team-oriented student government. As an elected representative, I understand the importance of fulfilling my obligations from the perspective of what the student body values and not just attempting to satisfy my personal agenda. I strongly believe that each vote counts, so please make your vote count in the following elections. Thank you and I look forward to serving as your elected representative in the future.

—Joe Eusey

Everyone knows that there is no "I" in team and I'm all about teamwork and making everyone's voice heard. When I came to Central I felt like I was thrown into the deep end of the pool without knowing how to swim. The communication between the students and faculty was not great. I would like to improve the communication. There is nothing like arriving somewhere and feeling invisible. I would like all students to be seen and heard, so that they feel at home at CWU. After working in the student government office for a year, I feel I know what it takes to represent our diverse student body. Think of student issues as a boat on rough seas and I'm your stability in the storm. Vote Kayte Anchors for V.P. of Academic Affairs.

—Kayte Anchors

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—Kayte Anchors
Noise law brings heat to the bars

By Paula Collucci
Staff reporter

Most students at Central know about the dreaded city noise ordinance and run to turn down the stereo at 10 p.m. Downtown businesses featuring live music have experienced the fear, too.

"We have definitely felt the pressures of the noise ordinance," Duane Poppovic, manager of The Mint Bar and Grill, said.

The Mint offers a variety of live music, including jazz on Tuesdays and an open mic on Thursdays.

"We are trying to revive the live music scene in Ellensburg," Poppovic said.

The Ellensburg City Police said incidents do occur with local businesses, but contend that most noise related calls are to private residences.

"There have been problems with drinking establishments off and on when a door is left open... it obviously increases the volume," Ellensburg Police Captain Ross Green said.

While many opponents of the noise ordinance claim police are just looking for a reason to bust a party, police maintain they are just doing their jobs.

"We would be happy to never have to respond to a noise violation," Green said. "It's not as if we drive around with our windows rolled down; we respond because of an independent party. We are not in the business of taking fun away."

The ordinance is in effect 24 hours a day, not just at 10 p.m. It just goes into special consideration in the evening.

New local business Caffè Eden experienced the infamous $250 fine when it first began hosting live music on Friday, Oct. 20. 2000.

"I have some complaints with how it was handled. But it was resolved amicably," co-owner of Caffè Eden Michelle Kenney said.

"The officer claimed he could hear the music while driving by with his window rolled up," Kenney said.

According to the owners, the police came in and searched behind the counters for alcohol. When they didn't find anything, they fined band member Brandon Brooks of local band Open Theatre in the plaza across from Central Washington University.

"The noise ordinance definitely makes local bands hesitant to play anywhere else but the bars," Brooks said. "If somebody calls and complains, we're screwed."

Caffè Eden did learn something from the whole confrontation - keep the door shut while playing music.

"It was an important lesson," Julie Kinney, co-owner of Caffè Eden said. "We just want a place safe for kids under 21 to dance. I think they (the police) should be more concerned about the many liquor violations in this town instead."

For business owners offering live music, they may find artistic expression may be somewhat muted.

"There has to be some kind of compromise," Poppovic said.

Hollywood kills last locally owned video store

By Andrew Fickes
Staff reporter

Ellensburg's last locally owned video store, AC Video, has closed its doors due to competition from Hollywood Video.

"The people have voted with their dollars and their feet," Larry Sharpe, AC Video owner, said.

After 16 good years and two years of struggle, Sharpe has decided to give in to the inevitable. Sharpe started his business as Video Theatre in the plaza across from campus in 1983. In 1994, he moved it to its present location. One year later, Sharpe added Figaro's Pizza as soon as competition began to show up. Figaro's Pizza has closed as well.

"I'm very loyal to the customers that did stick with us," Sharpe said. "It's been a lot of fun."

Sharpe sold all his video and game merchandise for five dollars each. On May 1, an auction will be held for people to bid on all left over videos, posters, displays and pizza equipment.

Sharpe isn't planning to open a new business in the near future. Before opening AC Video, Sharpe had been involved in nine businesses, one of which was co-owning the Tav in the 1970s. Sharpe is originally from Kennewick and came to Central Washington University in 1964. After graduating, he made Ellensburg his home. Sharpe became instrumental in helping to make the Tav more college friendly.

He has always been very involved in the community. Currently, he is a Rotary Club member and has served on the city council in the past.

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"It was supported by many but not enough."

Much of the merchandise is on sale at 50 percent off. Merchandise that is left over will possibly be sold on Ebay.

"The best that can be said of that staff is that they were a strange and unruly lot."

-Hunter S. Thompson
Now that’s what I call “crap!”

My assistant editor asked me to review a new CD this week. You may have seen it on TV; it’s called “Now That’s What I Call Music Volume 6,” and it guarantees 19 “chant-topping hits”!

I wasn’t able to get as excited by the voice on the commercial, but after three songs my heart began to swell with hate and I began pulling out my hair, so I guess the music did move in some way or another.

To fully tackle a CD of this musical nature, we should shed more blood and sweat from me than I was to pick a fight with Ray Lewis in the midst of a hard rage.

Music like this is for suckers. It’s the handwork of people who like to think for us. Sony Music is the dictator in this case. They are the financial backbone that fuels Capitol Records, Universal and all the other facets of one-dimensional crap that are killing you or somebody you love.

It may seem odd to think that K-Ci & JoJo are killing you, but I promise you they are. It’s not so much the physical damage as it is the mental damage that will cause the person to be a source of bad conversation as a result of their third grade music taste.

The supposed “muscians” are laughable at best. I categorize them right next to Dr. Jack Kevodkian, in that both render their clients terminally ill. This CD will ruin people who are already of borderline mental health. Let me explain how this CD is calculated to ruin the typical ‘Joe’ out there in MTV land.

First, the CD features the “dive.” (A word I am beginning to associate with shark.) In this case, we got Britney Spears, Destiny’s Child and it is all rounded off with that cornball, now-down Jennifer Lopez singing about how her love doesn’t cost a thing. Tell it to Puffy, J-Lo.

After the “dive” comes the middle of the album which is comprised of more empty music. The uninspired genius behind the Backstreet Boys spew out a track that’s just ripe for an up-tempo Burger King commercial.

The final third of the CD has the high rock. Bands one step removed from joining Striper in this summer’s “Rock for Christ Tour” Creed does their best Pearl Jam imitation in “With Arms Wide Open,” a soft and pathetic falsetto 14 years too late. Lenny Kravitz contributes to the collection, which provides further proof that you don’t need creativity to make it in the recording industry. Kravitz sits a Jimi Hendrix riff and hasn’t looked back since. He goes off to away and like Dave Matthews, he keeps making more and more of the same played-out sorority girl crap that we should’ve grown out of by now.

It seems ironic that the same people who are “topping the charts” today are the folks who will soon be featured on “VH1: Where are they now, one-hit wonders countdown?” Anybody with any sort of foresight will tell you that music this meaningless doesn’t last. Look at disco. The youngest Bee Gee died and eventually Jennifer Lopez will too. Unfortunately for those out there who still hold on to their selectivity, the momentum is against us.

This is just Volume Six, others will follow.

Question of the Week

Do you think Ellensburg should have a noise ordinance law?

- “Not at all, we’ve gotten violations, it’s stupid when it’s all college students. No matter what there is noise,” Lashelle Tipps, psychology major.
- “I’m not there yet, I don’t know,” Mike James, frosh.

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Legendary Punk passes on

It was a gloomy Pacific Northwest Friday afternoon on April 8, 1994. For some reason I had the day off from school and entertained myself by watching one of those not-too-stimulating but fun-to-watch films, Rock & Roll High School. As I shouted a "Gibba Gibba Hey" at the TV, my dad came into the room to tell me he just heard on the news that Kurt Cobain had shot himself. It hurt, but somehow the Ramones' idiotic and ironic presence lessened the blow.

This past Easter Sunday, Joey Ramone, front man of punk pioneers the Ramones, died of lymphatic cancer. That hurt even more than Cobain's death seven years before, probably because without the Ramones, bands like Nirvana may have never existed.

In 1974, four "brothers from Queens calling themselves The Ramones made their way onto a newly emerging scene in the Bowery district of New York City. Eventually dubbed punk rock by Punk Magazine co-founder Legs McNeil, disillusioned musicians, poets and artists found a home in a dingy bar called CBGB. Blondie, Talking Heads, New York Dolls and Lou Reed began performing a bastard form of rock and roll that the Ramones made their way onto a newly found genre. Legs McNeil, disillusioned musicians, poets and artists found a home in a dingy bar called CBGB. Blondie, Talking Heads, New York Dolls and Lou Reed began performing a bastard form of rock and roll that the Ramones made their way onto a newly found genre.

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The Ramones' songs were generally three-minute songs with catchy hooks and moronic lyrics. The Ramones, you thought their songs were silly. The first time you thought you could worship this band. The second time you thought they were sick. "I'm always sickened by disco, it always made me like...like...like sick," Ramone said. Joey, Johnny, Tommy and Dee Dee Ramone pumped out three-minute songs with catchy hooks and moronic lyrics.

Spin Magazine journalist Eric Weisbard said in an interview with the Ramones in 1984: "I was always scared by disco, it always made me like..." Joey Ramone can best be remembered for his trademark leather jacket, ripped jeans, rose-tinted glasses and pumping fist as he shouted the battle cry, "Hey, ho, lets go."

"We were born punks and we'll die punks," Ramone said. Fuck yeah.

Photo courtesy of Ramone's Web Site

Healthy alternatives to Big Mac's and beer.

Behind Mona Lisa's mysterious smile may hide Ellenburg's best kept secret. Her image appears on the sign over the door to Billy Mac's Juice Bar and Gallery, holding her beverage of choice—a juice drink.

Located between the Tav and the Frontier, Billy Mac's offers art and all natural food.

Toasted and covered with cheese, the sandwich was extremely flavorful. The menu includes both large and small portions of Thai influence, its spiciness complementing the understated flavor of the sweet potato. Overall, it made for a healthy and hearty meal.

Be warned, if you do go during the lunch hour, Billy Mac's is a woman operation, and you might have to wait awhile to get your food. If you're not in a hurry, you can take a look at the colorful paintings, sculptures, and crafts decorating the interior, some of which are for sale. If you're crunched for time, you can call ahead and order your food. Billy Mac's is located at 115 W. 4th, and can be reached at 926-6260.

Weekend happenings at the bars

by Jaimee Castaneda

Staff reporter

To make the weekend scene more happening, local bars are putting on an array of exciting special events to entice them in.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights the Oakrail provides karaoke. Lee Anderson and the 90 Proof Band, a country western band, will be performing 9 p.m. on Friday. The Liquid Lounge offers daily drink specials such as two drinks for the price of one. The bar will be hosting its first 9-ball tournament on Friday, April 27. This pool game provides entertainment. The bar will be hosting its first 9-ball tournament on Friday, April 27. This pool game provides entertainment.

The Mint Bar and Grill will be hosting a DJ from Seattle, LSDJ, which will be featured live by the 88.1 FM, Central Washington University radio station, from 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Friday, April 27. On Saturday, Magic Codova, a surf rock band from Seattle, will be providing entertainment at the Mint Bar and Grill.

Saturday, April 26

• Drop-in Relaxation group, 4-5 p.m., Health and Counseling Center, Wickerath Lounge.
• Native Awareness Week Panel discussions, Environmental Resources Management and Anthropology student associations in the SUB.
• Provost Forum. 3:45 p.m. in the Sue Lombard Room.
• Student forum for candidates for Vice President of Academic Affairs. Noon in the SUB pit.
• State Solo and Ensemble Contest.
• Open Mic night at The Mint, 10 p.m.-close.
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April 26-May 2 Events

Thursday, April 26

• Drop-in Relaxation group, 4-5 p.m., Health and Counseling Center, Wickerath Lounge.
• Native Awareness Week Panel discussions, Environmental Resources Management and Anthropology student associations in the SUB.
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Peer mentors make freshmen comfortable

by Janeene Cusateneda
Staff reporter

Peer mentoring, a program currently run by freshman Christine Lusier, is designed to match freshmen up with upperclassmen. It was envisioned by Jared Fielding, ASCWU Vice President, in hopes older students would show freshmen around campus.

This quarter, Lusier has stepped in and helped put the program into full swing. Lusier felt incoming freshmen or new students would appreciate having older students show them the ropes around campus.

"I think that this is a great program and that everyone can benefit from it," Lusier said.

The growing membership consists of 40 mentors and 35-40 freshmen involved.

Mentor training consists of meetings that cover issues such as confidentiality and communicating in a classroom environment and with peers.

"The program does not have a set curriculum for the tutors, but we are trying to work on that," Fielding said.

Galleries provide Art Walk

by Staci Miller
Staff reporter

Fridays are a time for relaxation and the start of a long-deserved weekend. The first Friday of every month is also a time to visit Art Walk, hosted by local art venues.

Art Walk is a free exhibit for the public to view new art of all types, and showcases works from local and regional artists.

On May 4, Gallery One will showcase works from Socorro Reyes's Claywork from Mata Ortiz, In Passing V by Kimiko Atkins, and selected high school students from around Kittitas County.

Nancy Spada, a pottery representative from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, will be on hand to answer questions and will be showing a video about pottery. The gallery, located downtown at 408 1/2 North Pearl in historic Ellensburg and will be open from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 4.

Historic Ellensburg Society raises funds for old depot

by Andrew Fickes
Staff reporter

Good food, good music, and fast feet is what the Historic Ellensburg Society's annual awards benefit, being held Friday at 7 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, is all about. This year, the event is co-sponsored by Central Washington University's SwingCats.

The society wanted the awards benefit to appeal to all ages and saw the SwingCats as a perfect solution.

"They have been very enthusiastic and helpful in publicizing this event," Flo Lentz, founding member of the group, said.

The purpose of this year's awards benefit is to raise money to help restore Ellensburg's train depot. The evening will include beginning swing lessons provided by the club's 12 member exhibition team.

The evening will also include a SwingCats DJ providing swing music, a performance by six members of the Central Jazz band, and a potluck dinner. Attendees can swing all they want throughout the evening.

The Historic Ellensburg Society is a 100-member group, founded in 1997. Its interests are in the historical preservation of Ellensburg's old buildings.

"We are really interested in encouraging the university to designate its buildings as a historic district, especially those along Eighth Avenue," Lentz said.

The restoration of the Ellensburg train depot, which was built in 1910, is their current project. It was originally a Northern Pacific trainline, used by Central students for travel purposes until the passenger service was suspended in 1980. The society is raising money to buy the depot in order to help restore it. The group would like for the depot to retain its passenger service.

"The society distributes awards to those in the community who have helped to restore places of historical importance. Awards will be given to Olmstead Gardeners, Bob and Marilyn Fairchild, and Tom Hamburg, owner of Showplace Antique Mall. Olmstead Gardeners work on restoring the historic gardens at Olmstead State Park. Bob and Marilyn Fairchild are owners of Fairchild's Art and Framing, located in an old house they worked to restore. The owner of Showplace Antique Mall recently restored the front of his building.

"The club is very happy to be supporting the Save Our Station cause," Jeremy Cavner, president of SwingCats, said. "Friday will be a really enjoyable night of swing dancing, and Historic Ellensburg is really welcoming CWU and other students by the reduced price they're offering."

Tickets for the event are $10 for adults, $17 for couples and $5 for students. They are available at Meadowlark Farm, Mr. G's, Gifts of the Crow, Ellensburg Mercantile, Grayson Lane, Downtown Pharmacy and Walter's Floral.

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Children and adults alike enjoyed the festivities at Ellensburg's Arbor Day Celebration. The festivities included: tree planting, fun and educational activity booths for kids, games for pets and humans, deejayed music and catered food. People's Pond also opened on this day.

The children danced, and the trees kept time.

By Jeremy Larson
Staff reporter

The third annual Arbor Day festivities at Irene Kitchart Park signaled the true beginning of spring and the yearly opening of the park. Almost half of the people in attendance donned shorts and t-shirts Saturday April 21.

The five-hour event started at 9:30 a.m. and featured events such as papermaking, forest fire prevention, bird identification, and a pinecone toss.

Children ran around playing football and Frisbee. People and their pets also enjoyed a variety of deejayed music, from George Clinton to Wang Chung.

There was a large turnout for the city-sponsored event. Arbor Day 2001 was catered by Central dining services.

"We made about 650 burgers, including garden burgers," catering manager Geri Palmer said.

A booth called "Rock Stars Need Trees Too" was attended by volunteers from Central and Wenatchee Valley College (WVC). The booth was used to show children "how wood affects every part of our lives, including music," Marcus Gaffe, a WVC sophomore said.

The booth featured a guitar, violin, various flutes, and a tambourine.

"This entire forest is a symphony waiting to happen," Gaffe said, pointing to the trees around the lake.

Other people from the local community enjoyed the area in their own way. On the nearby Yakima River, Central sophomore Drew Sneyd and a friend took advantage of the nice weather to get some kayaking in.

"We started about 10 miles up-river from here," Sneyd said.

The pair of kayakers planned on stopping by the barbeque when they got out of the river.

"We parked at the lot downstream, so I think we might go," Sneyd said.

Even at the river, the music from the gathering could be heard.

Back at the festival, youngsters learned about erosion and played in the sands on the shore of People's Pond.

Another activity for children was introducing five new, young trees to the park.

Vincent Rasulo, the self-appointed interim president of the Associated Students of Central Washington University's Green Party, helped the children and the trees were ready for planting. Rasulo and others helped the children fill in the holes with dirt and gave the latest residents of the park (the trees) their first drink.

"It was fun to see the kids having a good time on a nice day," Central freshman Kimber Badertscher said.

The temperature for the day was in the 60's and rain showers stayed away for the annual celebration.

"Everybody had fun tonight; everybody Wang Chung tonight," Badertscher said.
Tracksters blaze for glory

by Dane Estes
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's track and field team is now on the home stretch of the 2001 season. Having competed at the 30th Annual Pelluer Invitational, hosted by Eastern Washington University last Friday, the Wildcats will compete one more time in the regular season before heading to Western Oregon University's home track for the Pacific West Conference Championships on May 5. The team gained momentum at Eastern, turning in some outstanding performances against a field largely comprised of NCAA Division I schools.

"This meet put us in the mode of being ready for our next meet, and to take advantage of the opportunities we have left," head coach Kevin Adkisson said.

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Railsdown bows out in the snow and wind

by Kevin Exedejan
Asst. Sports editor

Last weekend, in blizzard-like conditions, the Central Washington University rugby squad battled for the right to compete in the Final Four.

In the first contest Saturday against North Carolina, Central exploded for 52 points and limited the Tar Heels to just 17. The victory moved Central into the championship game against Penn State University on Sunday. With a win, the Wildcats could have moved onto Virginia to vie for a national championship.

However, Central came up just short of this honor, as Penn State barely squeaked by with a 14-12 victory.

"I'm so proud of everybody, but we could have easily beat them," club president Tony Pacheco said. "It was a great game.

"Conditions definitely hurt us for our style of play, but it helped them (Penn St.)," Pacheco said.

This is as far as the rugby team has ever advanced. Central last visited the Sweet Sixteen in 1998, but lost both of their games.

Next for the team is a Central Alumni game at 1 p.m. on May 12.
Freshmen pitcher Tessa Waterbury warms up during Tuesday's practice while assistant coach Lloyd Christiansen looks on. Central plays Humboldt State Friday in Arcata, California.

Q&A with softball coach Gary Frederick

Central coach reflects on his career and on his 500th win

by Meredith Willingham
Staff reporter

Q: How was it reaching your 500th win as a head coach here at Central?
A: I guess you've got a pretty good opportunity to reach 500 if you're able to recruit good players, especially when you've been here so long. I didn't realize it, but actually my tenure here has spanned over five decades. Women's basketball—I actually took it for one year, when I became AD the woman that was coaching it quit, so there was an opening there.

Q: What is your favorite memory about coaching?
A: My favorite memories are of the players themselves. If I had to pick one out, it would probably be my first year here coaching baseball at Central. There hadn't been much emphasis on baseball before. The field looked more like a sandlot in the middle of the city. No one really cared about it, and that year the team ended up winning the right to go to the national championship and actually finished third in the nation. I had recruited a few players but a lot were already here. The fact that they achieved that was pretty thrilling.

Q: How do you feel about the 500th win compared to your first win?
A: You know, you don't think about those things. When you're in the game, you're coaching because you enjoy being around the individuals involved, and if you can get good athletes, then the wins are going to come. You've got kids that are willing to give up their own personal goals for team goals. Each win you have, there is some satisfaction. Actually, the 500th win I was not aware of, but I was aware that we were approaching 100 wins in softball. Basically, you get an honor, but it also honors those players that have sacrificed so much for so little.

Q: How has Central changed since you first started?
A: When I first came here, Central was growing very rapidly. In 1960, the only buildings up here were Nicholson Pavilion and Kennedy. When I first came here, a lot of the expansion was from the young men coming to escape the mandatory draft. Then they dropped the mandatory draft and the enrollment dropped. The campus used to be divided by the railroad, right across the Japanese Gardens. It pretty much separated the campus. Where Black Hall is now, that used to be the athletic fields. That was where baseball was. We've won over a hundred games in each one.

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Softball takes to the road

by Thaddeus M. Leschoni
Staff reporter

For the first time since March 2, Central Washington University’s softball team went above the .500 mark. On Friday, Central snatched powerhouse Simon Fraser University’s five game win streak in Surrey, British Columbia.

Central took both games of the non-league doubleheader with scores of 6-3 and 3-2.

In the first game, the Clan scored out to a 2-0 lead with runs in the first and third innings.

Central rallied however, on the strength of senior Sara Schumacher’s lead-off home run in the final inning.

"It’s like something sparked us in the first game and basically we refused to lose the ball game," Schumacher said.

Junior Heather Hill said the team dug really deep, pulled it together, and showed a lot of heart.

"This is something we’ve been meaning to do all year," Hill said.

In the nightcap, Central got off to an early lead with two unearned runs in the second inning.

Another run in the fifth inning, coupled with sophomore pitcher Stephanie Hogan’s shut-out for 6 2/3 innings, ensured the victory.

Two days later at Tomlinson Field, the Clan showed why they have recently been ranked second in the latest NAIA national poll, beating the Wildcats 3-1 and 13-4.

In game one, Simon Fraser had two runs in the second inning but Central came back in the fifth inning, posting a run on a hit by senior Jill Powell.

The Clan pulled away in the sixth inning on a RBI single by Kristine Taylor.

The nightcap had a promising start as Central posted three runs in the first inning on a run-scoring double by Powell as well as a two-run triple by junior Jen Brown.

Central’s scoring run ended in the fourth inning when they scored their last run on a double by Brown.

Simon Fraser dominated thereafter, scoring all 13 runs in the second, fourth and seventh innings.

"I guess we just didn’t have as much focus on Sunday as we did Friday," Schumacher said.

"Offensively, we were hitting the ball well, but we just made errors on routine plays at crucial times.

Last week, freshman pitcher Cerie Ochoa was ranked in the top ten in saves in the NCAA Division II.

This was the last home game for the Wildcats. The team has remaining games at Humboldt State and Western Oregon this weekend.
Wildcats teeter on the edge

by Meredith Williams
Staff reporter

The Wildcat baseball team was disappointed last weekend in Caldwell, Idaho after losing three of four games to third-place Albertson College. More importantly, the Wildcats lost valuable ground in the NCAA Northwest Conference standings. The Wildcats were shut out in game one against Albertson, 5-0. The Wildcats managed only three hits, coming from senior outfielder Tim Atkins, junior first baseman Seth Hill, and junior catcher Brandon Templar.

In game two, the Wildcats had a brief rally in the second inning, pulling ahead of the Coyotes 2-1. Albertson regained the lead in the bottom of the second, going on to win the game 5-3. Central produced 11 hits compared to Albertson’s six, but couldn’t seem to drive the runs home. The Wildcats lost 17 runners on base in the two games on Saturday.

Hill hit his third home run of the year in game two. Senior shortstop Justin Williams, senior outfielder Mark Brownlee and junior outfielder Bill Kilmer each had two hits in the second game.

Sunday, senior right-hander Marc Parrish led Central to a game one win as he put on a near perfect performance. Parrish threw a complete game, striking out 12 and only giving up five hits. “I had a really good day,” Parrish said. “We played really confident. We played with the confidence we need to play with every day. There was a playoff atmosphere in the air.”

Templer and Atkins both drove in three runs in game one. Templar also hit his third home run of the year, and Brownlee hit his first homer of the season.

Central drove in five runs in the seventh inning to seal the game, winning 16-1. “Our offense really lit up in the last two innings; we just shut them down with seven or eight runs,” Parrish said.

In game two, the Wildcats jumped to a 3-0 lead in the top of the third inning before the Coyotes blasted six runs in the bottom half of the inning to take a 6-4 lead. Central came from behind with two runs in the sixth, but Albertson answered with six more runs in the bottom of the inning. Williams and junior outfielder Aaron Tennis both had two hits, and Hill added two RBI in the 14-6 loss.

Central played two games Tuesday at fifth-place Concordia, but results were unavailable at press time.

The Wildcats will begin their last homestand of the year against Northwest Nazarene University Friday at 1 p.m. The series finale will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Tomlinson Field, and will include a tribute to the Wildcat seniors.

April is Student Employee Appreciation Month! Remember to thank a student employee!

To all of the students who work (paid and unpaid) at the Observer: THANKS!
Martin is no crybaby

Last week, a certain sports editor of a certain campus newspaper ripped on Mariner outfielder Al Martin. Come on Ms. Wiersma, not everyone can be like Ichiro or John Olerud and start off the season with a 15-game hitting streak or batting .364. Some players need some time to warm up in the regular season. That's why they play 162 games a year. It's a long season. It's OK to start out slow. As a fellow sports nut you know that some players are notorious for their less-than-stellar season beginnings.

Martin's starting to come around. Did you see the homer he hit Saturday against the Halos? The crowd went crazy, celebrating his first dinger of the season and the symbolic endirg to his "slump." It's as if the fans in attendance had been suddenly transported across the street to the Kingdome .... 1995 ... the tie-breaker against former M Mark Langston and the Angels. Seattle loves the underdog. Face it, we are the underdogs. Just about every sports journalist with a magic eight ball predicted Oakland and Texas to kick the Mariners' asses in the West. We're proving them wrong, and Martin is proving his critics wrong.

Martin's batting average has gone up .166 points to .158 in the past week. No wonder Lou put him in the DH spot Saturday to fill in for Edgar. He had a double, a dinger and a couple ribbies Saturday.

How has he done it? He stopped trying to do all the work himself. Earlier this season, he swung for the fences every time up. As a result, his form suffered. He went 0-for-24 to start the season and got really frustrated. His confidence went down. Now, he has calmed down a bit. He starting going after basehits instead of the long ball and is content just to move the runners over. He is the ultimate team player right now. His confidence has now come up and his swing has come around. He's seeing the pitches better and adjusting accordingly. Can you blame a guy for throwing a fit when he's playing like crap and knows he can do better? Sure, he's no all-star, but he does have something to contribute.

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Dumb quotes in sports history II

"They pay me to practice Sundays! I play for free."
-Greg Buttle, New York Jet linbacker, explaining his contractual obligations.

"If I was going to write myself in, but I was afraid I'd get shot."
-Lincoln Kennedy, Oakland Raiders tackle, on his decision not to vote.

"We train by a parkway, which runs beside a river. If we had a lonely end, he either would hit his car or drown."
-Bill Casper, George Washington football coach, on why he doesn't use a lonely end.

"It wasn't as easy as you think. It's hard to stay awake that long."
-Hugh Campbell, football coach at Whitworth College, after his team had defeated Whitman 70-30.

"Tom."
-Tom Nissalke, new coach of the Houston Rockets, when asked, during a question and answer session with a group of fans, how he pronounced his name.

"You mean in the state?"
-Abi Lennon, University of Texas basketball coach, when asked if he felt his team should be ranked in the Top Twenty this season.

"To win, I'd run over Joe's mom too."
-Matt Millies of the Raiders, upon hearing Joe Jacoby of the Redskins say, "I'd run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl."

"Because she is too damn ugly to have kids yourself."
-Oiler coach Rums Phillips, when asked why he takes his wife on all the road trips.

"He wants Texas back."
-Tommy Luczai, when asked what terms Mexican-baseball pitching sensation Fernando Valenzuela might settle for in his upcoming contract negotiations.

"But the real tragedy was that 15 hadn't been colored yet."
-Steve Sparinte, Florida football coach, telling Gator fans that a fire at a football dome destroyed 20 books.

"I told him, 'Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy? ' He said, 'Coach, I don't know and I don't care.'"
-Lloyd Layden, Utah Jazz president, on a former player.

"Son, look to me like you are spending too much time on one subject."
-Shelby Metcalf, basketball coach at Texas A&M, recounting what he told a player who received four F's and one D.

"I'm not allowed to comment on leary officializing."
-Jim Finks, New Orleans Saints O.M., on what he thought of the refs.

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