Central celebrates its 110th commencement ceremony

by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

Central's 110th commencement ceremony will recognize more than 1,000 graduates next month. A great deal of tradition and planning goes into the final product.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, many students will conclude their education. Tracy Schwindt, assistant registrar, has been making arrangements since February for this year's graduation.

"It's one of my favorite events to plan all year," Schwindt said. "We've worked hard to make sure everyone is well prepared and feels welcome."

The ceremony will begin with a group of six juniors wearing silver gowns, called The Silver Cortege. The six students are invited to attend because of their high academic standing. They meet several times before the ceremony to make sure they have all the information they need to usher everybody.

"These students really make commencement happen," Schwindt said.

Nearly 90 faculty members will participate in graduation this year. The faculty is present to celebrate the students' achievements and offer congratulations.

A retiring faculty member leads the participating faculty members each year. The 2001 Faculty of the Year was announced, and the award was presented to Dr. Joseph Estey. Dr. Estey served as the faculty representative for the last three years.

"This year's ceremony will be a special one, with many familiar faces," Schwindt said. "We're looking forward to a successful and memorable event for all involved."
Violence thrives in silence

Column by: Jacqulyn Diteman
Staff reporter

My entire outlook on life changed three months ago when I turned on my television set and heard, "Police need your help in finding a missing woman." The next words attested was the name of one of the first genuine friends I made in Washington when I moved here five years ago.

Although I knew that she wasn't someone who would leave her son or her career, I still held out hope and Tuesday was Take Back the Night, in Ellensburg. With these two events in mind, it is time for me to start moving on with my life. Part of that process for me is writing about a topic that I have learned a lot about in the past two weeks in the midst of a domestic violence. My hope is that at least one person can start the process of making their life better and learn from others.

I have heard so many people put blame on domestic violence victims in a roundabout way. It's a natural reaction: how could someone put up with abuse? Domestic violence is not just physical, but mental abuse as well. The perpetrator slowly takes the victim's core from their body, leaving them as a shadow of their former self. Abuse is about control and control is about brainwashing. Don't assume that you are immune to this epidemic.

Sometime today, go to a populat­ed area and look around. Statistically speaking, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, half of the females that you see will be subjected to abuse by their partner at least once in their lifetime. Every 15 seconds a woman is battered in the United States.

Dr. Phil Backlund, a Central Washington University Communications professor, co-authored a book titled Exploring Gender Speak in which he cited jour­nalist Stephanie Sailer. The truth is that if he hits her, it isn't love. If he threatens to kill her, it isn't love... If he screams at her that she's ugly, fat, a loudy housekeeper, a bad mother, stupid, a whore or frigid, it isn't love. If he checks up on her, accuses her of having affairs (or of wanting to) with every man who looks at her, it isn't love... If he gets drunk, shoves and bruises her, then the next morning, cries, apologizes and promises-again that he'll never hurt her because he loves her more than anything in the world, it is liar. It isn't love.

If you are in an abusive relationship, find yourself again before it is too late, or discover yourself if you never knew who you were. Figure out what you like to do, work on yourself, take your control back. Take any form of abuse seriously and stop making excuses for him. If he places his hands on you and you think that it could never get to the point that your life is in danger, don't be so sure. I, unfortunately, now know that the worst can happen.

According to the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in the last 25 years, there have been over 32,000 women killed by their current or former male intimate partners. In the 90s, Washington averaged 25 women dying at the hands of these men per year. Some victims probably realized the severity of their situation, many probably did not.

There are many resources abused people can turn to. The domestic vio­lence/sexual assault hotline is 925-9384, and the phone number to the Crisis Line in Ellensburg is 925-4164. There are wonderful people there to help you and lead you in the right direction.

If you are a perpetrator, I can't and will never try to comprehend you. I will never understand how you could demean or hit a person you say you love, understand your excuses: it's a vicious cycle, you come from a broken home, you have a drinking problem, there is an anger problem that is all your justifications are: excuses. There are members of my family that broke that same cycle.

You are not only victimizing the person that you claim to love, you are also victimizing everyone who really does love that person. You need help.

If that doesn't sink in, consider that the laws in this country are con­tinuously getting tougher toward people like you. Next time you think about raising your hand to her, think about the little cell you can call home. Don't forget your soap on a rope, or you may receive some pot­ic justice.

If you are reading this column and feel that one of your loved ones is in an abusive relationship, do not ignore it because you don't know what to do. Figure out what is the best thing to do in your situation and do it. Be aware the abuser wears down the victim's self-worth. Having someone to unconditionally stick by them, everywhere, would be the greatest gift that you could give.

By no means do I believe that all men are abusers. The majority of them are good. I don't want people to live in fear, or want them to live with caution.

I transferred to Central and had only been in Ellensburg a month when this happened. Needless to say, college hasn't been the most enjoyable of experiences for me. There have been four people at this school that I am thankful for and I really appreciate. Thank you, you have definitely seen me at my worst, I hope you can see me at my best. Who knows, I may laugh someday about how I've acted. The footlocker bag, the bumps in the night, the wood in the window.

It is time to try and put some of this darkness behind me. Summer is coming; sunshine is slowly coming back.

Tips for helping victims:

• If you are trying to help someone, do not leave messages with family members or on an answering machine voice-mail unless you know it is safe.
• Always ask first if it is safe to talk and whether you should call the police. The batterer may be present in the home and the battered no longer lives in the same home. Develop a system of coded messages to signal danger or the batterer's presence.
• Obtain the victim's verifiable confidential. Do not disclose addresses, telephone numbers, or information about the children without permission. Batterers often track down their former partners through parties or businesses.
• Send mail only when you know it is safe. If the person being abused fails to return your calls, write a simple letter requesting a response without disclosing that you are contacting that person because of concerns about the domestic violence (do not use letterhead).

If Officer responded to a fire alarm in the C-wing of Bart Hall. There was no fire and no one was injured.

May 8, 9 a.m.

There was an accident in the Q-14 lot. Two vehicles were backing out of parking spaces at the same time and backed into each other.

May 9, 12:10 p.m.

The bookstore reported receiving a forged gift certifi­cate.

May 9, 10:20 a.m.

Employees at Michaels Daycare called police because of a confrontational parent.

May 10, 10:55 p.m.

A 20-year-old woman was harassed by an acquaintance of hers. The acquaintance was yelling up at her window and pounding the door of her Student Village residence.

May 10, 2 p.m.

A City of Ellensburg utility truck backed into a car driven by a 21-year-old woman in the O-5 lot.

May 10, 10:55 a.m.

A 21-year-old woman reported a rape that occurred in Nov. 2000.

May 10, 11:50 a.m.

A vehicle hit a car as it was backing out of a parking space in the S-10 lot.

May 11, 1:50 p.m.

A 20-year-old woman backed her car into another car driven by a 21-year-old woman in the S-10 lot.

May 11, 5:28 a.m.

Solicitors approached a 20-year-old woman on the foot­bridge near the library. The solicitors were soliciting credit card applications.

May 12, 1:48 p.m.

Officers responded to a call in the G-16 lot of two dogs left without water or adequate shade in the back of a pickup truck. The dogs were taken to the ani­mal shelter and the owner of the truck contacted.

For more information on campus crime and updates on cases visit the campus police Website at www.cwu.edu/police.
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"Violence against women should be treated as a significant social problem," Jerilyn McIntyre, Central Washington University president, said.

The activities began in the afternoon with a workshop entitled "Ending Sexual Oppression." It was an interactive workshop which focused on how to take a stand against sexual violence. The activities continued later in Club Central where Papa John’s donated free pizza and Bellingham’s Swamp Mama Johnson provided entertainment. After the performance, President McIntyre gave a speech entitled “What Does Empowerment Mean?” The march began at about 8 p.m. outside the SUB and ended at the Barge courtyard. People marched through campus as a group shouting chants like “Sextists, racists, anti-gay, we won’t let you take our streets away,” “Survivors unite, take back the night” and “hey hey ho ho domestic violence has got to go.” The night ended with a candlelight vigil in the Barge courtyard. People marched through campus as a group shouting chants like “Sexists, racists, anti-gay, we won’t let you take our streets away,” “Survivors unite, take back the night” and “hey hey ho ho domestic violence has got to go.” The night ended with a candlelight vigil in the Barge courtyard, where some people stepped forward to share how violence and abuse had affected their life. For some, it was personal; for others, it was an effort to support a cause. Regardless of the reason, they all came together and supported each other. “I hope those that are victims feel empowered to step forward,” McIntyre said.

The coordinators for Take Back the Night believe that through education there will be hope for future generations in the fight to reduce the amount of violence and abuse towards women.
Automatic faucets are best for conservation

by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

The threatening drought facing the state this summer has brought attention to automatic faucets in Black Hall, which are designed to conserve water.

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One other significant advantage of hands-free faucets is improved sanitation. Bacteria are easily spread from person to person at sinks. If a person does not have to touch anything, there is nothing to worry about. Health care facilities have begun to use the faucets to reduce cross-contamination that would otherwise result in thousands of illnesses and deaths every year. If anyone comes in contact with a faucet which will not turn on or off, Facilities Management would like to be notified. Call 963-3000 to report problems.

Former professor Kenneth Hammond receives Alumnus Award for 2001

by Amber Eager
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finishing a meal at a small café in Morocco when her table was suddenly surrounded by children. She realized they wanted her leftover food. This made her more aware of how much one person can contribute and the impact that one person can have on others. "You may not be able to solve all of the world’s problems, but you can lend yourself and your material possessions to make the world a more human place," she said. "You need to check yourself and check your human-ity throughout your life."

Her values were instilled at an early age by her parents and her grandparents. Her role model is her late grandmother, whose husband died during the Depression, leaving her alone with four children.

Anderson-Ramsdell’s favorite quote as an adult is by Karen Macow,” she said. “I’m at the time of my life where doing what matters is the only kind of work I care to do.”

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It's your own fault (and mine), let's kick it in gear and quit complaining

As Central's academic year winds down, everyone needs to reflect on the passing quarters and take responsibility for their own actions. Students, faculty and university staff need to quit passing the buck and just own up to their mistakes and misfortunes.

Students blame contributing (and non-contributing) factors too much toward their academic demise. "I can never get a computer in the lab," "I had practice," "I had a game," "I'm just really stressed," "The teacher sucks," "The class is just soooo boring" and so forth. Everyone has used excuses about why tests were failed can be handled elsewhere.

Faculty need to live up to their expectations and take responsibility just as much as students do. If they expect students to be on time and present at the top of the hour then, they need to be as well. Also, what is the deal with all of the out-of-town conferences going on that teachers are taking off for? Are we paying for movies, busywork and guest speakers, or actual teaching?

We are always complaining about something or making excuses for our actions. People seem to suffer from the motto "ignorance is bliss." If that is true, then why aren't more people happy? The big concern this time of year is graduation credits. People all too often fall into the trap of "I didn't know." People seem to suffer from the motto "ignorance is bliss.

"I never knew I needed that class" or "Why didn't someone tell me I was two credits short" and similar phrases are heard everywhere as the deadlines and pressures of the end draw near. Figure it out already!!

There is no excuse for those who blame everyone but themselves for their misfortunes. Take a stand today and take responsibility for yourself! Understand that you are in control of your own life and you are the one taking the decisions. If you choose to not be educated about those decisions and let others handle things for you then suffer the consequences.

—Kiley Sharpe
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impact the quality of life for future students.

These facilities are student-owned, which also means they are student-funded, so it's time to talk about fees. In the survey there were three different SUB options and two recreation options. All options and fees levels had good support, but the strongest support was for the $55 SUB option (65%) and the $90 Rec option (56%). At today's cost those fees build exactly what we want, but what we realize is that by the time the buildings are both open it will all be inflated and it doesn't buy the same buildings. In order to keep all the programs and services you need in a facility we will need to inflate each fee a 3% year until the building opens. This means that in 2004 when the Rec. Center opens the fee will be (not to exceed) $95 for full-time students and in 2006 when the SUB opens it will be (not to exceed) $64 for full-time students. From that point on the fees will be flat, staying at that level for the life of the buildings. If the facilities open sooner or if there is another funding source fees can be lowered.

It is important to remember that, 1) students really want these buildings and the new services that will go in them, 2) the students are supporting these fees, because they want higher quality facilities and services, and 3) our competitors are also looking at similar facilities and fee levels, but we are at a disadvantage. We have lower enrollment.

If you have any comments or questions please contact Maren Oates in the BOD office SUB 116, 963-1693, or ascwu@cwu.edu.

—Maren Oates

Students at loss with out McMichael

The elections are a week old, and while most students won't give a second thought about what happened last year until next year's elections, there are a handful of student leaders on this campus still reeling from the outcome last spring.

Any person with the determination and willingness to subject themselves to the scrutiny of the election process obviously has attributes that make a strong student leader, but Ryan McMichael is shoulders above his contemporaries. His tenacity and knowledge of the internal workings of the student government a second thought until today, when restaurants around the campus still reeling from the outcome last spring. Ryan McMichael is shoulders above his contemporaries. His tenacity and knowledge of the internal workings of the student government was one of the most compelling reasons why he was reelected. This election was not a contest of ideas, but who could plug in the most hours each week or which officer could find the best excuse for not fulfilling their duties.

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—Rick Olson

ASCWU does little for students

I would like to comment on the "Observance" posted by someone in this week's (05/10/01) Observer. I am concerned about the opinion that just because students don't vote, they don't care. In my case, this is definitely not true. I choose not to vote because it seems so futile to do so. Number one, the ASCWU has absolutely no power to change anything. When the student body and it is unfair that the student voice is so squelched, including students, especially students. This university needs strong student leaders to help guide it in the direction that the students want it to go. The growth of Club Senate, the $2 million budget of the S&A Committee, the passing of House Bill 5309 (prohibiting the use of students' social security numbers as identification), the QOL Project, cwulife.com, Club Madness and our new Peer Mentoring Program are direct results of student support giving incredible amounts of time and energy to making these things a success. Meanwhile, we sit accused of taking cushy jobs and was left wondering, "what the hell was the point?" I was getting pretty tired of John Hieger's utter stupidity. I am going to comment on the "Observance" posted by someone in this week's (05/10/01) Observer. I am concerned about the opinion that just because students don't vote, they don't care. In my case, this is definitely not true. I choose not to vote because it seems so futile to do so. Number one, the ASCWU has absolutely no power to change anything. When the student body and it is unfair that the student voice is so squelched.

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—Tiffany Sibley

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Dr. Perry's lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the William O. Douglas Honors College at 509-963-1858.
Students to sail for the blue seas of Indonesia

by Jaimee Castaneda
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's summer Bali excursion has been set. The requirements for the mission include being able to recognize a monkey's interaction with other monkeys and tourists, as well as distinguishing the different noises that each monkey makes.

This trip is part of an anthropology class taught by Professor Dr. Agustin Fuentes and assisted by communication instructor Devi Sinely.

"I loved the whole experience and that's why I started the program," Professor Fuentes said.

Training for this summer occurs during spring quarter, which gives students from Central, Yale, University of Nebraska, Whitman, University of Michigan, University of Guam, and the University of Bali for the basic education needed for participating in the fieldwork of Indonesia. The training includes language prepping basic, a two-week video lecture and exposure to anthropology and primatology.

Once spring quarter is conquered, students will fly to Bali to begin the hands-on training that they have worked toward all quarter. The intense five-week summer experience will officially begin June 16 and runs through July 22. During this time, students will begin the day early and end in the evening. In the afternoon students will have the opportunity to explore the forest and come face to face with the primates as they begin the study process.

Fuentes also said that the program is not all work and no play because the students will have opportunities to visit temples, experience different foods, and learn about the different cultures that exist in Asia.

Eligibility requirements for next year's event includes:

- All candidates be at least 18 years of age and have a grade point average of 2.7.
- Students must submit an application essay, go through a personal interview and pay a grand total of $2,250.
- The requirements for the mission to Mexico have been set. The requirements for the mission to Mexico is a two-week video lecture and exposure to anthropology and primatology.
- An estimated 1,100 shoppers helped raise over $7,000, according to event organizers Jim and Liahna Armstrong. Liahna Armstrong, Chamber's executive director, said, "It's a wonderful tribute to the integrity of the community." The unsold items were donated to charity organizations including Kittitas Valley Food Bank and Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence.

Million moms marched to Super S for "the" garage sale

by Paula Colucci
Staff reporter

Thousands of Ellensburg residents and visitors alike enjoyed the music, raffles, games, food and inexpensive priced wares at the Chamber of Commerce's Mother of All Garage Sales on Saturday, May 12. An estimated 5,000 shoppers helped raise over $7,000, according to event organizers Jim and Liahna Armstrong. Liahna Armstrong, Dean of Arts and Humanities, chaired the eight-person committee planning the event.

Paranoid deal-seekers found waterbeds, futons, clothes, furniture, Christmas decorations and cards, computers, books, toys, movies, exercise equipment, a ping-pong table, and even a knitting machine. People came well before the sale officially opened at 9 a.m. to ogle at the merchandise.

"They started circling last night [Friday] as we set up," James Armstrong, the Chamber's executive director, said.

Additional booths added variety to rummage experience. Several non-profit organizations including Kittitas Valley Community Hospital, were present to raise funds as well. First Christian Church sold homemade goodies for their own fundraiser for their upcoming mission to Mexico.

Adopt-a-Duck was selling raffle tickets to win a computer and Internet service. An ongoing free-throw shooting contest raised money by offering a chance to win one of two basketball hoops as the prizes.

Bargain shoppers flocked to the Super S parking lot last weekend as merchandise of all sorts piled up for the biggest garage sale to hit the city in a long while. All sale items were donated by the community and the sale was sponsored by Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce.

Hot summer fashions set to strut this weekend

The Hot Summer Nights Fashion Show is sponsored by Central's Fashion Merchandising and will be held at 7 p.m. this Saturday, May 19 in the SUB Ballroom.

Some of the fashions on display are from retailers such as Maurice's, The Bon Marche and Mountain High Sports. Models will be sporting this years latest trends in sportswear, swimwear and formal wear.

Aside from the fashion show, there also be door prizes and a live auction.

Students looking for a new take on this summer fashions should stop by and help support the Fashion Merchandising Club and their events for next year. Admission is only $2 for students and $3 general admission to check it out and get in style.

Burning questions answered by Dr. Drew

by Kim Nowacki
Online Photo editor

Yesterday, it got easier for students to buy tickets for the biggest event to hit Central since Bill Bellamy four years ago. Students with a Campus Connection card can swipe their card at the Dugout in Holmes East and instantly get Dr. Drew tickets. Dr. Drew from radio and MTV's "Lowline" will be at Nicholson Pavilion tomorrow night to speak and answer questions from the audience about love, drugs and relationships.

Scott Drummond, assistant director of Campus Life, said he is surprised that not very many students have taken advantage of advance ticket sales. Drummond also said that Dr. Drew will be the real test to see if Central will support big names.

True interaction is the goal of the event with microphones placed in the audience to allow for live, personal questions. No written questions will be accepted.

Following the show, Dr. Drew will sign copies of his book, "The Dr. Drew and Adam Book: A Survival Guide to Life and Love." Copies are available at the book store and limited at the show.

"Just as our eyes need light in order to see, our minds need ideas in order to conceive." - Nicolas Malebranche
Contact them while they’re still a local band. Left Hand Smoke, native to Seattle, is ready to take the big-time. The band recently released their second album, entitled “So Many Faces,” and it rocks.

For those not familiar with the group, Left Hand Smoke is led by brothers Ben and Will Mish. They self-titled debut album. Their sound started the group in 1998, releasing a second album, entitled “So Many Faces,” and it rocks.

The group is looking to put on a show here, since they are primarily a college band. Hop on their web site lefthandsmoke.com and give them your input on a cool venue (1,000+ capacity) in town.

Many Faces you will find on their debut release. “Noise Like Tambourines,” “Step Outside,” and “Tastes Like Fishing” are all here for the new listener to enjoy. The only classic missing off these guys may not be as easy to see. Their shows gets larger each concert, and the group is looking to put on a concert in Yakima recently.

In 1998, he received his secondary teaching certification. Morgan's inspiration comes from a number of factors, including society and other successful artists. Society and cultural norms have inspired Morgan to incorporate everyday objects in all of his work. John Caderquin, an artist that works in the future realm designs illusions out of wood, and Wendle Castle, a well-known artist/furniture maker are his main sources of inspiration.

Morgan is looking for a full-time university teaching position. “This is a very competitive field because there aren’t too many courses taught in the country as well as hiring positions,” Morgan said. Morgan also said how he would like to see wood design offered as a possible major.

Next month, he will be hosting his thesis art exhibit that will feature all of his artwork. The event will take place June 8-12 in the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery.

Check out the full story and inside details of the concert at Observer online.
 Annual music festival bombs over Barto
by Eileen Lambert
Staff reporter

The 3rd annual Miss Comstoc is coming, new and improved. Sponsored by the Hot Lava Burn Monkey club, it has been extended to a two-day event, hitting the local scene the weekend of May 19 and 20, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no charge.

The music fest will take over the Barto lawn, a much larger arena than last year’s, which was held in the Stephens-Whitney courtyard and drew between 300-400 people. Attendees this year can enjoy Hot Diggity Dogs provided by Amy Klaussen, and sushi from Terayaki Central.

“We want to provide a good, quality, and free event to show that, hey, it’s not that hard to do,” said Jozef Urban, Omnibenevolent Polypusher of the HLBM club and event promoter and booker.

Jim Nylander will m.c. the event and there will be an extensive lineup of bands, both visiting and local talents. The lineup includes Steve Fisk, headliner, The Thrones, Love is Laughter, Damien Jurado, Type Rose, KARP, Ruby Doe, Canvas, Bunny Foot Charm, Dreckus, Roy Rob, Beaus and Justin Davis. Running concurrently with the event will be an “Inner Beauty” contest. Last year’s Miss Comstoc, Tom Joe, Jr. will be reselling the crown. Both sexes are eligible for the contest, and the only requirement is that contestants are over 18 years of age. Entry forms will be available on a table and participants will be asked to answer three questions, including describing in 50-100 words why they deserve to win the Inner Beauty contest. Our goal is to totally stray away from socially induced thoughts of why people are beautiful-physical beauty is not involved in this competition,” said Geoff Cump, volunteer coordinator.

Dinner and a play for $15
by Staci Miller
Staff reporter

When you hear the word “Italian,” pasta, meatballs, and garlic bread usually come to mind. Now throw American Reconciliation on top of that and you have Central Washington University Department of Theatre Arts’ spring dinner theatre show, “Italian American Reconciliation.”

The event, which begins Thursday and will be catered by Dining Services, includes a romantic-comedy by John Patrick Shanley and directed by Brenda Hubbard, chair of the theatre department.

"Italian American Reconciliation" is a story about a man who must reconcile with his ex-wife in order to move on with his life and love again.

“If you enjoy theatre, or if you don’t like theatre, you’ll like it.” Esther van der Meji, who plays “Janice” in the production, said. "It is a light-hearted, entertaining and funny show." "Italian American Reconciliation" will also run non-dinner shows.

For $6, the non-catered performance will be at 7 p.m. on May 17, 30 and 31 at McConnell Auditorium. For the dinner package, $15 buys the ticket and includes pasta dinner starting at 6 p.m. with curtain at 8 p.m. on May 18 and 19 and June 1 and 2 at McConnell Auditorium. There will also be one luncheon performance on May 20 with lunch at noon and curtain at 2 p.m.

Correction: Susan Rancourt’s name was misspelled in last week’s Observer story on Dr. Robert Keppel. Sorry!
Abandoned animals on death row

by Heather Bell

As Bob Barker says, “Help control the pet population, have your pet spayed or neutered.”

“Don’t adopt a pet on a whim (like at a grocery store) and be sure to check with your landlord first,” Hake said. Of all animals that are taken to the shelter, only 50 to 60 percent are adoptable; the rest must be euthanized.

Of those that are adoptable, only 20 to 25 percent are actually adopted; the others are wild or have bitten someone. “They don’t survive well on their own; taking them to the shelter gives them a chance at being adopted,” Hake said.

As students take their unwanted pets to the shelter, some just ditch the animal in the wild. Many local residents who live in more rural areas of town report seeing a high number of abandoned cats in fields.

Scene Editor’s Top 10 CDs

John’s dope picks
1. Led Zeppelin-II
2. Pink Floyd—Dark Side of the Moon
3. Outkast—Aquemini
4. Black Sabbath—Paranoid
5. Nirvana—Unplugged in New York

Heather’s picks
6. Snoop Dogg—Doggystyle
7. 2 Pac—All Eyez On Me
8. Bob Marley—Exodus
9. Dre—Chronic 2001
10. Blink 182—The Mark, Tom and Travis Show

Think you know something about wasting space? Why don’t you back your talk up and show us what you really got. Join the Observer, 963-1073
Bottled water company keeps miners looking for a heart of gold

By Jeremy Larson
Staff reporter

With a water shortage due to hit Washington State and many other regions this summer, it is vital to preserve our water resources. For several years now, a small bottled water company has been helping fend off a mining company's efforts to open the first open-pit cyanide-leach gold mine in the state. The bottled water company feels that water is more important than gold.

The Okanogan Highlands Bottling Company (OHBC) was founded to help prevent the Texas-based Battle Mountain Gold (BMG) Company from mining on Buckhorn Mountain. Buckhorn Mountain is located near Tonasket, Washington.

Modern gold mining processes use tremendous amounts of water and cyanide to leach microscopic flakes of gold from vast tracts of land. More than 97 million tons of earth are blasted for a pickup truck load of gold. If permitted, the mine will create a 117-acre, 350-foot-deep pit to fill with polluted water that will not meet state drinking water standards. This project would take 2,000 gallons of clean water, 10 tons of rock, and 20 pounds of cyanide to chemically leach one ounce of gold, valued at less than $270 (as of May 15).

Located near the center of the Cascadia watershed, Buckhorn Mountain supports a vast diversity of plant and wildlife species. Rare, sensitive and endangered species are found in the area. In addition, the headwaters of seven creeks spring near the summit.

Buckhorn is a favorite hunting, fishing, and recreation area that also serves as an international wildlife corridor and a source of pure water for farms, ranches and homesteads.

BMG proposed to use the 1872 Mining Law and purchase rights to use public land for less than $5 an acre. Despite years of legal actions and appeals by other locally involved groups such as the Colville Confederated Tribes, the Okanogan Highlands Alliance, and other conservation groups, BMG continues to appeal the ruling by the Washington State Pollution Control Board (WSPCB) that declared the mine illegal. The board felt the mine would permanently harm the water rights of farmers, ranchers and local residents beyond legal limits.

In 1999, Washington State Senator Slade Gorton attached a rider (an amendment) to the Kosovo relief bill that was passing through Congress. Its purpose was to make a legal loophole for the mine. The rider was added to the emergency appropriations bill written to help pay for the war in Kosovo and to repair hurricane damage in Central America. Gorton wrote the bill less than an hour before it passed.

While the bill was approved, the mine has still not been allowed by the state agencies in charge.

OHBC's bottled water, labeled “Water More Precious Than Gold,” uses a unique idea to promote the repeal of a federal law written in 1872 that encourages multinational mining companies to purchase national forest lands. The bottle carries information about the Crown Jewel Project and what consumers can do if they are against the mine. The OHBC suggests mailing the empty bottle with a letter inside to legislators to get their point across. This "message in a bottle" is one of the ways that OHBC is trying to preserve water in the state of Washington.

OHBC donates 50% of its profits to grass roots organizations that are actively helping to protect the environment.

"The retail value of pure drinking water can be as much as $13,400 for 2,000 gallons. Polluting that much water and selling the gold would net less than $275 for an ounce of gold," Buffalo Mazzetti, general manager of OHBC said. 2,000 gallons of mountain water would be used to produce each ounce of gold.

OHBC’s water is bottled in Oregon. Operating on a limited budget, OHBC wanted to create a market and awareness for their product before investing money into a bottling plant. OHBC decided to wait until enough profits were made to construct the new plant.

BMG became a wholly owned subsidiary of Newmont Mining Corporation following a merger in 2000. In a recent phone conversation, a representative of BMG stated that the company still had an interest in the "Crown Jewel Project," as the potential mining project is known, but was unable to comment further at this time. By October 2000, Newmont had contributed $42,250 toward the electoral races for Slade Gorton (who lost) and George Nethercutt, both of Washington.

OHBC will continue selling "Water More Precious Than Gold" in an effort to prove we can have a profitable and sustainable locally based business, while we protect our environment and serve the needs of our community," Mazzetti said in an article for the Sound Consumer. Until further notice, OHBC and the Okanogan Highlands Alliance battle cry will continue to be "pure water is more precious than gold."

Want to know more about important local environmental issues and water disputes? Look online at www.tidepool.org. Interested in the environmental issues of the West? Follow them by reading the High Country News online at www.hcn.org.
Central track

Trackin' along to nationals

by Dane Estes
Staff reporter

For all but a handful of Central Washington University track and field athletes, the season is over. "The season was pretty good overall; we had a really strong team this year," junior sprinter Josh Delay said. "Next year we hope to finish first at conference, and get more people to the national meet. That's what Central's all about." The few team members who hit provisional marks must anxiously wait to see if they made it on the final list of athletes to compete in the national meet held May 24-26 in Edwardsville, Ill. The final list of entries will be posted in the next few days. Last weekend at the Seattle Pacific University Last Chance meet, no additional Central tracksters qualified for nationals, but the team finished on a positive note. Wildcats who earned first place finishes include: Sarah Forrey in the 3,000 meters with a personal best of 10:09.49, Joe Smith in the long jump with a personal best of 22-5, and Beau Ross in the triple jump with an effort of 46-0. Head coach Kevin Adkisson was pleased with the outstanding efforts turned in by a number of athletes, and commented Leah Villegas, Julian Trevino and Jason Bush in particular had tremendous personal bests at the meet. Villegas was the first Central female athlete to break the 59-second barrier in the 400 meters in recent school history with a clocking of 58.75, earning her a third place finish. Trevino finished seventh with a personal best effort of 49.79 in the 400 meters, and Bush placed third with his personal best mark of 1:56.99 in the 800 meters. Adkisson was also impressed by the Nickels sisters' season's best efforts in their respective events. Linsy had a clocking of 4:51 in the 1500, while Erin finished tenth in the 800 in 2:22.07. "It was nice to see so many people improve, and run the races they were capable of running," Adkisson said. Central has provisionional national qualifiers in seven events, the women's 800 meters, 1,500 meters, 3,000 meters, 3,000 meter steeplechase, 5,000 meters and pole vault. Erik Lanigan is the lone male qualifier in the high jump. The athletes competing in Illinois will have this weekend off, before making their last stand against the best NCAA Division II athletes in the nation.

Wildcat baseball

Central season comes to a halt

by Meredith Willingham
Staff reporter

Central's baseball season ended with a 27-27 record after two first-round losses in the NAIA Region I baseball playoffs. The early exit was a disappointment for the team, but the improvement from last year's record and the young team gave head coach Desi Storey something to anticipate for the future. "I'm looking forward to next year. Hopefully we can build on things for next year," Storey said.

The Wildcats opened up their playoff run last Thursday in Monmouth, Ore., playing against Cascade Conference champs Western Oregon University. Central struck first with a run in the bottom of the first inning when junior first baseman Seth Hill earned an RBI. Hill was 2-for-5 with two RBIs for the day. Senior shortstop Justin Williams had an RBI in the second and senior outfielder Ryan McCarthy followed in the third to give Central the lead, 3-2.

The Wolves sealed the victory with the winning run in the eighth inning. A single, followed by an RBI double to right-center field gave the Wolves the score of 7-6. Central was able to rally one more time in the ninth, but was cut short when Williams was caught stealing. "I was disappointed, but we played really well Thursday," Storey said.

The Wildcats faced elimination Friday morning when taking on Albion College. They lost the game 9-2, thereby ending their season. Alberson scored first when rightfielder Casey Macomb hit a two-run homer off junior starter Rick Leyes in the third inning. The Coyotes scored again in the third, making it 3-0. Central was able to answer in the fifth with one run scored by junior courtesy runner Josh Roberts. Junior catcher Brandon Templer had singled to right and then advanced to second on a Coyote error. Roberts was put in as a courtesy runner for Templer. McCarthy advanced Roberts one more base to third when he grounded out, and junior left fielder Willie Knitter drove Roberts home with a single to right-center.

The Coyotes promptly scored three more runs in the bottom of the inning to bring the lead to 6-1. Alberson scored three more runs in the seventh inning to bring the lead to 9-1. Central was able to score only one more run. Senior third baseman Jeremy Fox scored when Hill singled to left-center field. "They didn't quit, and the guys stayed after it," Storey said. "Nine players end their career in the game, but they have many memories to reflect back on.

"We had a great year, and I'm proud of the way they played," — Head coach Desi Storey
Q&A with Michael Farrand

Soccer coach shoots toward 2001 season goals

by Thabiso M. Leshoai
Staff reporter

Central Washington University women's soccer coach Michael Farrand just finished his first season, leading the Wildcats to a record-setting year. I spoke to Farrand about his first year at Central and plans for the upcoming season.

Observer: Last season was your first as head coach. Did you expect it to go as well as it did?

Farrand: Coming in a day before the season began and having a meeting where 20-plus girls have never seen me before and you come with a whole other idea of soccer should be played, I'm proud of the team. They've done something that I think very few women could have to adjust to me as quickly as they did, to have as successful a year as they did; setting school records in most wins, shutouts, consecutive minutes without a goal. That's a record that may not be broken for a long time. I think we have a great group of girls. For me as a first year coach, to change schools and come up here, it's been a dream year. I couldn't have asked for a better year.

Observer: Do you expect to top or go as far next season?

Farrand: I would expect every time we roll out to be better than before. I know earlier during the spring training when we played, I told the girls that every time I come out to coach, I expect to win. I have confidence in them and in what we are doing. Expecting less I think gives us a chance to make excuses for not doing well. So I expect us to do just as well if not better next season.

Observer: Did you lose any seniors going into next season?

Farrand: We lost a trio of girls who were very important to us. Jenny Merkel, who led the team in scoring, Jynell King, who also helped in scoring and Dana Hansen, who set a school record for most starts in a career at 75. All three of them played a significant amount of time and scored a great number of goals so we are going to miss that.

Observer: How are you going to adjust to these losses going into the season?

Farrand: We've tried to recruit a little bit more speed because we lack speed. We have a couple of girls coming in who are from smaller programs but have speed and a talent for scoring goals, so we are excited for them. We also have a Division I transfer girl coming back to the state of Washington who led her school in scoring as a freshman. We have a goalkeeper transfer back from a Division I school so our goalkeeper situation as far as depth wise and competition is probably better than anybody else up here. So we have three girls who should contend and play for a significant number of minutes. Basically we've gone anywhere and everywhere to find girls who fit our situation.

Observer: So overall you are confident with the state of the team right now?

Farrand: I'm confident as far as defense because we've turned just about everybody in defense and our goalkeeper situation is stronger. I have confidence in the girls we had before because they've been a part of the program now for a full year, so I think the talent we have now will help us a little bit more. It's different from what we had before, but it's still going to be good.

Observer: How has your spring practice been going?

Farrand: It's still hot and cold. Some days we look really good, some days not so good. We've been in the weight room, but we've also been able to train almost year-round, which is a first for the girls. We've made some progress and I think it's just a matter of getting used to a new style and rhythm, but I think the girls have done well.

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The Yakima Shockwave play hard at a recent game at the Sun Dome, which has not provided a great home field advantage for them. They are 1-3 at home and 2-1 on the road this year. The Shockwave hope to improve on their disappointing inaugural season when they return home on May 25 to play the Louisiana Rangers at 7 p.m.

Hopes for Central roller hockey on rough ground
by Meredith Willingham
Staff reporter

The tennis courts located next to the Japanese Gardens will probably not be turned into a roller hockey rink this year. The rink was planned over a year ago, but the proposed Quality of Life building is supposed to be built on top of the courts. University Recreation Manager Steve Waldeck said with the cost of $6,000 to $7,000 for repaving the courts and installing boards around the edge, the money would be better spent elsewhere.

"We don't want to throw funding away when it will be replaced by the building," Waldeck said. The university is looking into just installing boards and not replacing the asphalt, but it depends on how skate-worthy the existing court is. The reduced cost of making the rink without new concrete would probably help the new roller hockey club to get off the ground, and they would have the opportunity to play hockey on campus.

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May 17, 2001 — Sports — Observer

Saving money at the Safe

After attending a game at Safeco Field, you may feel like your wallet has lost a sufficient amount of weight. It's not even the ticket prices that are leaving people feeling like they have just been mugged in a back alley of Pioneer Square. The food and beverages at one of the 62 concession stands or two restaurants can end up costing more than a pair of tickets.

On a recent excursion to a Mariners game, my girlfriend and I spent $22 dollars for a pair of bleacher seats in left field. That's nothing to complain about, especially since she was in attendance at a Mariners game; my girlfriend and I were at a Mariners game; my girlfriend and I were in attendance at a Mariners game. Beer is a whole different story. However, there are ways around this obstacle.

Safeco Field does allow for baby bottles to be brought into the stadium, which is an open invitation to sneak in your favorite drink. Of course you might need a baby too, so either go out and buy an impressive baby look alike doll or go with someone who has a real one.

Another way to avoid security is to take your girlfriend's or your own large bag or purse and fill it full of drinks. My girlfriend was carrying a large open bag with random stuff in it and the security didn't even bother to check it. Unfortunately for us, we weren't aware of this beforehand. People who had backpacks and closed bags got searched right away. If you're concerned you still might need to check with an open bag, stick some embarrassing paraphernalia on top such as tampons or dirty undergarments and they won't even mess with it.

You can still have a fairly cheap day at the ballpark if you come prepared. Make sure you pack a hefty supply of food or eat before you go. As far as drinks go, have a few beforehand or get a little creative and sneak in your beverage of choice.

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A semiannual occupied Wiegley Field before it was a ballpark.

Each king in a deck of cards represents a great king from history. Spades—King David, Clubs—Alexander the Great, Hearts—Charlemagne, Diamonds—Julius Caesar.

Golfers use an estimated $800 million of golf balls annually.

In a typical season, major league baseball will require 4,800 ash trees worth of Louisville sluggers.

On February 6, 1971, the first golf ball was hit on the moon by Alan Shepard.

Pitcher Joe Nuxhall of the Cincinnati Reds hurled his first major league game in 1946. Nuxhall, the youngest pitcher in major league baseball, was only 15 years old when he pitched the game against the St. Louis Cardinals.

The “hiddle” in baseball was formed due to a deaf football player who used sign language to communicate. This didn’t mean the opposite to see the signals he was using or in turn huddled around him.

The first NFL player to score 38,000 points was Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1989.

The first professional football team to sport an insignia on their helmets was the Los Angeles Rams in 1950, who hand-painted yellow horns on their blue helmets.

The game of volleyball was invented in 1895 by William G. Morgan.

The largest baseball card collection, 200,000 cards, is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The first time the Olympic Games were held in the United States, they were held in St. Louis, MO.

The only father and son to hit back-to-back home runs in a major league baseball game. Ken Griffey, Jr. and his father, Ken Griffey, Sr., both of the Seattle Mariners in a game against the California Angels on September 14th, 1990.

Until 1967 it wasn’t illegal for Olympic athletes to use drugs to enhance their performance during competition.

Until the 1870s, baseball was played without the use of gloves.

Wii Bill Hickok was killed playing poker, holding two pairs—eights and eighties, which has become known as “Dead Man’s Hand.”

In 1866, Dummy Hepp became the first player in a World Series to be a designated hitter (DH) with the initials “D.H.”

In the four major U.S. professional sports, (baseball, basketball, football, and hockey), there are only seven teams whose nicknames do not end with an “S.”


In 1963, baseball pitcher Gaylord Perry remarked, “They’ll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run.” On July 20, 1969, a few hours after Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, Gaylord Perry hit his first and only, home run.

When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play football at home to sellout crowd, the full stadium becomes the state’s third largest city.

Basketball was invented in 1891 by Nasmith. He set out to invent a game to occupy students between the football and baseball seasons.

Baseball's home plate is 17 inches wide.

ASCWU Equity & Services Council

Purpose: To represent students of diverse interests needs, values, and welfare within CWU. We strive to educate and promote awareness among the student body on issues affecting equity and diversity. The ESC engages in community service projects to both the on and off campus community.

GALA
Meetings: Tuesdays 6pm
SUB Chief Owhi

Pridefest Events
Thursday May 17
12:00 in SUB pit. Bill Dubay from the Legal Marriage Alliance of Washington will discuss what makes a family.
5:00 on Barto Lawn BBQ
6:00 Start Gay what Karaoke
7:00 Start Drag show competition between CWU students, faculty and staff. Dating game in between sets of drag competition
8:00 Professional drag kings and queens from the Seattle area will be the finale of the night.

ABLE
Meeting: Tues. May 22nd
5pm SUB 105

Upcoming Events:
Spring Picnic
E.M.P. Seattle Trip

Washington Student Lobby
Meetings: Tuesdays 6pm in SUB 116

- Look for your Spring Newsletter update from the Office of Legislative Affairs
- Congrats on your contributions to the new Senate Bill that bans the use of Social Security #s as Student ID

-Come to our Final Meeting!! 5pm, May 30
- In SUB 105. Everyone is Welcome!!
- For more info: Skyler in SUB 116 or 696-1693

Congratulations to Nate Harris, Chair for 2001-02!!

MEChA
Meetings: Wednesdays 5pm
SUB Chief Owhi
Congrats to the newly elected officers

Wildcat Wellness Center
See Lombard 112
Open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm
“Health Educators Prescribe Wisdom”
X-3213

Safeside
Call 899-0394 for a safe and confidential ride

Center for Excellence in Leadership
963-1524 SUB 106

Evening of Recognition 6pm, June 1st McConnell Auditorium

Service Learning & Volunteer Center
SUB 104 963-1643

Empowerment Center
SUB 218 963-2127

Diversity Education Center
SUB 115 963-1368

Students for an Assault Free Environment
SUB 107 963-2127

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