President Jerilyn McIntyre goes back to class

by Meredith Willingham
News editor

Communication students will have an out of the ordinary professor this spring in COM 333, Communication Ethics. President Jerilyn McIntyre is teaching the class every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

McIntyre received her B.A. and M.A. in journalism from Stanford University, then went on to earn a doctorate in communication with an emphasis in journalism history from the University of Washington.

The president enjoys going back to the classroom after administrative work, encouraging students to take an active role in classroom participation.

"It's a good class. I like classes to be actively involved in discussion," President McIntyre said.

She was originally asked to teach in the communication department by former department chair Phil Backlund, and then was again approached by communication professor Robert Fordan this year.

Communication ethics seemed to fit best with her schedule.

The class is full, and had a waiting list of students hoping to get in. McIntyre hopes to teach more classes as long as her administrative schedule allows.

"It was intimidating at first, but she wants class involvement, that's what she's about, so it will lessen with time," Cara Zamach, junior public relations, said.

Vice-presidents job performance concerns BOD members

by Andrew Patrick
Staff reporter

In a March 6 executive meeting of the ASCWU-BOD, Reggie Ramey, Vice President for Political Affairs, was given a letter asking for his resignation. Citing a string of interpersonal conflicts and a violation of policy, the board banned Ramey from his office, the use of his computer, office supplies, his pay and budget. The Council of Profs overturned Ramey's resignation a week later because parts of the board's motion kicking Ramey out of his office were found to be unconstitutional.

Nathan Harris, Vice President for Equity and Community Service, said Ramey's presence on the board makes it difficult for the board members to serve the students.

"As a majority of individuals, we believe his presence causes contention and his actions negatively affect the board to where it would be preferable to not have him," Harris said.

The board claims Ramey circumvented public relations policy with a letter he drafted to legislators concerning the BOD's opposition to collective bargaining for both teachers and teacher's assistants.

"I'm supposed to take care of public relations issues for the board. Had the letter been passed to my office I would have corrected the grammar problems," Harris said.

The board further claimed Ramey misrepresented them, because not all the members signed the letter.

"Because there was a misrepresentation of the board, there was a misrepresentation of the entire student body," Harris said. "In reality only three of the seven board members signed the letter."

Ramey claims that because he had BOD president Dustin Stahl's signature on the letter, he didn't need to have Harris review it.

"I felt that since Dustin signed it, it was executive order which is granted under the constitution," Ramey said.

Much of the BOD's problem with him could have been dealt with in a more professional manner and feels there is nothing in the constitution saying they have to work together and like each other.

"Basically I feel they're unfounded because the main reason they were trying to do what they were doing was that some of the board members weren't getting along with me," Ramey said. "I think there were other steps that could have been taken to alleviate the situation instead of going straight to this.

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Search for COS dean continues

by Walker Anderson
Staff reporter

The College of the Sciences is about to conclude its six-month search for a new dean. On July 1 the new dean will replace Dr. Barney Erickson, the current interim dean of the College. The selection process for the new dean began Jan. 15. The selection committee, chaired by psychology professor Lisa Weyandt, has narrowed down the field to four candidates for the position.

Samuel Zeveloff is currently working at the University of Utah.

Kenneth Brown, a WSU graduate, wants to return to Washington.

Wes Leid, A Central Alum, is a professor at WSU.

Accounting professor receives educator of the year award

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

There are individuals whose lists of achievements and trophy cases flourish as naturally as a Chia Pet. One such person is Dr. Robert Holfreter, whose list of committees, editorial boards, memberships, and task forces makes Santa's list look puny.

Central Washington University accounting professor Robert Holfreter is one of those individuals. Plaques line the back of his office, and organizations call on a regular basis to ask his assistance on everything from researching to journal editing.

While public service work keeps him busy, teaching is Holfreter's first love. Receiving the Outstanding Educator of the Year award from the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants (WSCPA) was an honor above his other recognitions.

"My first job is teaching and I work as hard at that as anything else. It's really quite an award. I'm very lucky," Holfreter said.

A Central faculty member for nine years, Holfreter was nominated for the award by his accounting colleague, Gary Heesacker. Holfreter is the fourth member of the accounting faculty to receive the award.

"He has done immense amounts of work for both the Midwest and Western regions of AAA. And he does extensive publications, probably more than any other faculty member in accounting anyway," Heesacker said.

The WSCPA award is given for various reasons. Holfreter's professional involvement, coupled with his innovative teaching, made him a good candidate on many levels. He works to introduce new learning models into his classroom to create a cooperative learning experience.

"He is one of the pioneers at this institution, in doing that type of learning in the accounting department," Heesacker said.

Students seem to trust his information and experience. On last quarter's evaluations, one student wrote, "Dr. Holfreter is extremely knowledgeable and very pleasant." Double bonus.

As a new quarter begins, Holfreter continues his busy schedule. New students and fraud research compete for his time. Just the other day, The Wall Street Journal called, asking if he could possibly write an article or act as a resource for another piece in the newspaper.

It's just another day for Robert Holfreter, and he wouldn't have it any other way.

Attention CWU Student-Parents! The Early Childhood Learning Center is now offering evening child care!

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Attacking Iraq is topic of upcoming lecture on campus

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

Five thousand children die each month in Iraq due to water-borne diseases such as typhoid and dysentery. Some individuals and groups blame U.S.-led sanctions and oil embargoes for the perpetuation of these deaths.

The Peace and Justice Alliance (PIA) of Ellensburg, a newly formed non-profit, non-partisan citizens group, wishes to expose the controversy surrounding sanctions on Iraq and inform the public of other issues.

Their desire is to find alternative solutions to the many unresolved conflicts across the globe and locally.

In an effort to inform the community, the group is presenting a string of events called the Crucial Public Issues Series. The first event, a talk by an Afghan-American woman, took place Jan. 23 and was well received.

The second, Attack Iraq???, is scheduled for April 7. The event includes the award-winning documentary “Hidden Wars of Desert Storm” and a discussion with Bert Sacks, visiting professor at Central Washington University. Sacks visited Iraq seven times since 1996 and knows firsthand the damage and disease plaguing the country.

Desert Storm managed to destroy the civilian infrastructure of Iraq with precision bombing and now sanctions hinder any rebuilding of that destruction.

“My basic objection to sanctions is that they are deadly,” Sacks said in a recent radio interview.

According information distributed by PJA, Sacks said, “In Iraq I visit hospitals in each city where I go. I also visit water and sewage treatment plants and I see their destruction because of sanctions and sanctions. These places are linked with what we see in the hospitals water-borne diseases are killing many, many children."

With numerous conflicts afflicting the Middle East, increasing community awareness of areas is important to the PJA.

Affiliated with the upcoming program is a project to help a Quaker Friends school in Ramallah, Israel. During Attack Iraq???, stuffed grape leaves, baklava, hummus and other Middle Eastern foods will be served and all donations will go to benefit the Palestinian school.

Andrew Cottonwood, a graduate student at Central Washington University and PJA member, believes that corporate media can misrepresent, and exclude much information from its coverage of issues such as foreign policy in the Middle East. Alternative media sources and educational programs like Attack Iraq???, bring new perspectives to current events.

“Once you know about and see non-corporate sources of media, it’s unbelievable and very democratic. And you want to share that,” Cottonwood said.

The budding group has many topics on the table. They attend peace marches and support events in the area such as the Reconciliative Justice Seminar to be held on Central’s campus this month.

In addition to global concerns, the PIA renews to local issues as well. A new jail has been in the works for Kittitas County and group members are keeping track of the issue.

While noting the need for a new facility, group members do not support building a new jail, but are looking for alternatives to the problem. "There is no place for (prisoners) to have any outside recreation; or up for that matter because they are sleeping in the rec. room," Murray said of overcrowding in the existing jail.

The Peace and Justice Alliance believes that the Crucial Public Issues Series will introduce topics of concern and interest to the community. All are encouraged to participate in the upcoming event and discussion.

Attack Iraq???, will take place 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., April 7 at the Hal Holmes Center in Ellensburg. The event is free and more information is available by calling Andrew Cottonwood at 925-2784.

CONFLICT: BOD in turmoil

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responsibility for any of the turmoil experienced by the board throughout the year, Harris said. “I don’t believe the majority of people out there would want to be represented by this board. And not just on this campus or at basketball games, but in Olympia and at conferences across the nation.”

Differences in personalities and leadership styles of the board members have never led to a situation like this, but Ramey says he just wants to serve the students.

“I’m here to represent the students and it makes no sense to have inter-office fights and the best way to do that is to sit down and analyze what’s really going on with the situation,” Ramey said. “Now we just need to find a way to bring all of our diversity together and make the best results for the students.”

While the issue of blame and responsibility for the situation is anything but clear, all three agree that working for the students of Central is the most important thing.

“The closest thing to the truth is that all of these issues involving interpersonal problems are simply extra work,” Harris said. “Not only fulfilling our job duties, but going beyond. In each specific area that every one of the vice presidents of the BOD represents, great steps are being taken on behalf of students. And unfortunately some of those efforts are overshadowed by this spectacle.”

Joe Whiteside/Observer

Students will be digging in their pockets this summer to hand more money over to the university starting this summer.

by Ken Whittenberg
Staff reporter

The Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) hopes to receive an increase for quarterly student fees for the 2003 school year.

SHAC, with the consent of the ASCWU-BOD, has already made a proposal to Charlotte Taltos, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, to increase the quarterly fees for the medical and counseling services by $8 and increase the Wellness Center fee by $7.

“The reserve fund was below $200,000 and right now we’re around $50,000 to $70,000,” Shahl said. "We would like to have a reserve fund around $200,000 and right now we’re around $50,000 to $70,000."

The increase will begin this fall quarter, Bob Trumpy, director of the Health and Counseling Center said. "We would like to have a reserve fund around $200,000 and right now we’re around $50,000 to $70,000."

The fee, which will be a mandatory charge to Central Washington University students, will not affect the students of campus centers located throughout the state.

Health fee to have new name and increase
**Police Briefs**

Compiled by Ben Lewis
Staff reporter

**Vehicle Prowl:**
On March 15, a report was made to Campus Police that a car had been broken into in the H-18 parking lot. The owner, an 18-year-old male student, left the sliding rear window of his '95 Ford Ranger unlocked giving easy access to the thief. A Kenwood CD player and amplifier worth $500 were stolen. Police have no suspects at this time.

**Burglary:**
A 19-year-old resident of Carmony Muto reported on March 15 that his second floor dorm room had been burglarized. Among the missing items were a Kenwood CD player and amplifier valued at $375. There was no evidence of forced entry and police have no suspects.

**Suspected Wisdom:**
An officer noticed a male that he recognized as a person with a suspended license driving a car. The officer stopped the car and made contact with the driver. Upon inspection, the man did not have a suspended license. The officer told the driver that he had recently had his wisdom teeth removed and was on his way to the hospital due to some residual pain. He was cited for the violation and then given a ride to the hospital.

**1st Degree Theft:**
The Central Athletic Department reported that a LCD portable projector system had been stolen from the building. The equipment, valued at $1600, had actually been missing since January of this year. Again, no suspects.

**Missing a bike?:**
Some good news (for a change) in the world of stolen bikes. Ellensburg police were able to identify a 17-year-old male in conjunction with a string of bike thefts. This led to the recovery of 15 bikes known to be stolen from Central's main campus. Police are in the process of notifying owners and are initiating charges against the suspect. Police are also pursuing the suspects' accomplices.

**D Street Rampage:**
On the night of March 22, an unknown person or persons decided that there were far too many signs on D Street and took it upon themselves to remove several of them. The next day, signs were found uprooted or broken at the base. The perpetrators might have been a little disgruntled from not being able to find a seat on Safe Ride.

**No Wallets in the Weight Room:**
A 21-year-old male reported that items had been stolen from his wallet on March 26 from the weight room in Nicholson Pavillion. The victim had put his wallet inside a shirt and left it in the weight room while he did his workout. The shirt was subsequently removed from the room and was later found in the hallway. The wallet was missing a small amount of cash, a debit card and the victim's driver's license.

**Drunked Teen:**
At approximately 1:30 a.m. on March 30, an officer on patrol noticed a group of people involved in a dispute in the I-15 parking lot. At that time, police dispatch received a call of a fight in the same area. The officer responded and made contact with the group. During contact, the officer ascertained that one individual was intoxicated and underage. The 19-year-old admitted to being drunk and was charged with a MIP.

**Foreign Language Department facing possible changes**

by Shane Cleveland
Asst. news editor

If academic programs could be included on the endangered species list, Central Washington University's Russian foreign language program is going the way of the dodo. At the March 26 Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors meeting, Jackie Shelton, a Central student, informed the board members that Liahna Armstrong, dean of the college of arts and humanities, had plans to discontinue the Russian foreign language program. Such a development could leave students with no end means to a major or minor already in progress and a professor without a job.

Armstrong, however, has said that majors and minors in Russian will continue to be offered. "The program, the instruction and the courses will still be available," Armstrong said. Some concern about the status of the program has been expressed because of budget shortfalls and low enrollment in the program. Twenty students are enrolled in spring quarter Russian courses, nine of which are declared majors or minors in the program. "We are concerned because the enrollments are relatively low and they have been relatively low. But we've made the decision that we need to continue to offer courses in Russian, and we will," Armstrong said.

While reduction of the curriculum and instruction may be necessary, Armstrong, foreign language program head, said it is important to maintain the framework of the program. "We are concerned because the Russian is gone, what's to stop them from taking away one after the other," Lemkee said.

Lemkee was concerned that the elimination of the Russian program would have at Central. "We don't want to lose the international students, foreign language majors, and other majors. Once Russian is gone, what's to stop them from taking away one after another," Lemkee said.

For the time being, the Russian program, though slightly reconfigured, will remain intact. Yet, more demand in the future could allow for growth instead of decline, and Armstrong urges everyone to participate in foreign language courses to reap the benefits they offer.

"I am a passionate believer in the value of foreign language studies...I would strongly encourage as many as possible, students to enroll in foreign languages because it is so illuminating, it connects them to the rest of the world," Armstrong said.

**Army ROTC sends cadets around the world and back**

by Jaime Castaneda
Asst. news editor

Central Washington University's Army ROTC selected eight students to participate in a variety of combat training and summer internship programs. The top ten percent of students enrolled are eligible as well as those who are of certain merit criteria.

"The more students we have, the more internships and training slots we are given," Captain Kevin Wesolowski, Army ROTC enrollment officer, said. The students will have the opportunity to travel to various destinations.

"When they go there, they will be integrated with active duty Army such as Rangers and other special forces," LTC Mark Sooza, said Air Force Mountain Survival Combat Survival Training (CST), located in Colorado Springs, Colo., teaches soldiers survival techniques in the most demanding situations.

The U.S. Army Air Assaults School, held at Ft. Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, focuses on combat assault operations involving the U.S. Army rotary-wing helicopter.

The Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) program/internship includes basic training, an expert rating, and advanced leadership skills.

The Air Force's Airborne School is held at Fort Benning, Ga., and is designed to teach cadets about using a parachute and will also develop leadership, self-confidence, an aggressive spirit through mental and physical conditioning. Students will also be able to experience jumping from a parachute from an airplane in flight.

Students will also have an opportunity to study in England with the British Army ROTC.

"Through this program, it will allow me to get hands on experience before I'm out there having to perform in the real world," said Chey Wassom, junior exercise science major, said.

Those selected include Robert Ridgernet, sophomore physical science major; Adam Nixon, freshman physical science major; Gabriel Bowns, freshman technical management major; Anthony Pickert, sophomore physical science major; Lawrence Baber, junior physical science major; James Chineto, junior political science major; Mislowski and Rudolfo Baca, junior technical management major.

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**BOD needs to focus on the important things**

I consider myself to be among the majority on the Central Washington University campus. The majority of what you may ask? The majority of students who don’t have a clue what the purpose of the student government is and exactly how student government positively affects the student body.

The only time news comes from the direction of the Central Washington University Board of Directors, it seems to have a negative spin on it. Resignations and impeachment hearings have recently headlined the soap opera called the ASCWU-BOD.

Maybe it’s simply the nature of politics to have scandal involved on a consistent basis. Perhaps no one knows what good it accomplishes. Whatever the case, it’s hard for an organization to gain respect, when the only information generated, limited at best, is negative.

The BOD should look into changing a few things to make their objectives clearer to students and prove it’s not just a form of entertainment. For one, who says you have to do much in one week. Spring break to celebrate spring. Well, you can’t talk to the ducks about your woes. This way you enjoy the weather and study inside during spring break. Bring your studies to the Ganges and study inside during spring break. Join an intramural team to help relieve your stress. Go rafting on the Yakima. Sunshine is good for the brain.

In the future remember to plan ahead for spring during winter quarter and register for outdoor classes. This way you enjoy the weather and earn class credit.

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Kevin Endejan

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**Optimistic views toward spring quarter laziness**

by Andrew Fickes
Ass. scene editor

Open those books. Whip out those freshly sharpened pencils and refilled pens. Prepare your brain for another ten weeks of enlightenment. But wait. Isn’t spring? And doesn’t spring signal a fresh start of new beginnings, not of the same-o-same-o-same-o-same? My idea of a new beginning. Sounds like the sameness with freshly sharpened pencils and good weather. Couple this sameness with the world of academia decided long ago to create a week allowing us to celebrate spring. Well, you can’t talk to the ducks about your woes. This way you enjoy the weather and study inside during spring break. Bring your studies to the Ganges and talk to the ducks about your woes. Join an intramural team to help relieve your stress. Go rafting on the Yakima. Sunshine is good for the brain.

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Observer editors for spring 2002

It's quite the jump from sports editor to editor-in-chief but it shouldn't be that difficult of a transition. Look forward to topics that you can easily relate to. I'll try and stay away from the boring stuff. Feel free to write in and challenge me anytime you want. I'm not afraid of a little controversy. I'll publish all letters sent to me. They might be edited for inappropriate content, but everything is welcome. I'll look forward to hearing from you and have a great Spring quarter.

My (often daunting) tasks here at the Observer include maintaining the computers (a lost cause, I assure you) and herding cats. Most people refer to these felines as "journalists," but for anyone afforded the privilege of managing them, no other term is more appropriate. Occasionally, when we're desperate or when I'm bored, I will write for the paper. This quarter, I'll be covering the antics of the Theatre Department, so if you hear any cries of "Out, out damned reporter" emanating from McConnell, you'll know why.

My job as copy editor is to make sure all copy is fit to print. That means I have a healthy supply of red pens; they cost me $2 a quarter, which is a great price...And because I have to read all the copy, I am in the Observer office most of the time. When I am not in the Observer, I am into black leather and blue hair, candlelight dinners and long walks on the beach. I also love going to Mariner games.

I am news editor this quarter, but I have been editor of the Scene section, sports assistant editor and sports reporter. I too am a sports fan like most of the staff, but I love hockey more than anything else. I love every minute of my time in sports, and I miss it. But I will bring ya'll the news every Thursday.

Pessimists view of springtime

by Rachel Wiersma
Copy editor

Spring is finally here! That means sunshine and longer daylight hours to play. Yeah, yeah, I know school is still in session, but so what? Just show up to your classes enough to not get too busted and things should be fine. Study your syllabus and make sure you are in class for quizzes, test review days and the tests themselves. And definitely show up for things that you can't beg, buy or steal your way out of.

Stay up late and sleep until noon. The sun really doesn't start warming up until then anyway—why be up and moving? Need an excuse to get out of your morning classes? Put that wonderful Health and Counseling Center fee you pay every quarter to use. Make sure you are faking an illness that is hard to detect, i.e. back pain, headache, nausea, you get the idea. They will write you a note.

Drink beer in the middle of the day. Put those refund checks to good use. Those damn math equations didn't make sense when you were sober. And those assigned readings are always more fun when you are under the influence. Trying to focus on the words with double vision is a fun exercise. Serious note: just make sure you don't drink and drive.

Instead of going to that boring biology class, go to People's Pond and go swimming. Why look at organisms in a petri dish when you could have them crawling all over your body? Instead of waking up early for P.E., skip and go to a Mariners game. Cheering on our favorite boys of summer is an athletic event all in its own. Instead of going to that math class that you hate, go to the casino and count cards. My point is, you are still getting an education!

Don't worry about the stresses of school. Relax—go play catch with your friends or go play golf. You have been good all year—you deserve a break before you have to work hard all summer at that crappy job...live it up now!

Something on campus bothering you? Do you have information you want to share? Happy to see something in the Observer?

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Saving lives one mile at a time

by Ashley Edwards
Staff reporter

Running a marathon was not a Gina Thompson's priority her senior year of high school. Now, ten years later, the Central alumna is participating in a 26.1-mile race for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society as a celebration of a cancer free decade.

"My sister actually noticed the lump so I went to the doctor. They did four biopsies that all came out negative," Thompson said.

Despite this, Thompson's doctor suggested that they should remove the lump. A tumor about the size of a golf ball was found on Thompson's thyroid gland. Doctors removed her thyroid gland and one lymph node.

Then, Thompson was in and out of the hospital for about a year doing treatments. The early detection beat the leukemia and she did not have to go through chemotherapy.

"It was very hard and scary...I was so young, I was captain of the swim team and very active and healthy," Thompson said.

Even today Thompson has a hard time talking about her experience.

"I thought that I would get to a point in my life where I would be able to talk about it with out getting choked up," Thompson said.

Since having the disease, Thompson receives newsletters from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which keeps cancer patients and survivors up to date on new treatments and fundraisers. As a celebration of ten years cancer free Thompson decided to participate in one such marathon fund-raiser.

Thompson set an original goal of raising $3,000. She began her fund-raising by sending letters out to everyone she knew explaining what she was doing and asking them to help in whatever way they could.

Thompson not only succeeded her, she surpassed it. To date Thompson has raised $3,786.

The Leukemia Society not only helped Thompson with fundraising ideas, but they also got her in touch with online coaches and nutritionists who will help her train for the June marathon.

Thompson is also able to talk to other people planning to run in the marathon. One special feature of the race is that all participants can run not only for themselves; they can run in the honor of another person who is unable to.

The Leukemia Society helps individuals get in touch with their honorary runner. Thompson will be running in honor of Andy Stadnik.

"He has three kids that are about 11-half ages and he is unable to run so I will be running for me but also on his behalf," Thompson said.

Thompson had much support from her family and friends through everything and when she crosses the finish line in June she will have her mom, dad, sister and best friends there to meet her.

While Thompson is nervous about the race.

"I really wasn't sure if I would be able to do it. I mean, I'm a healthy not but I am slow!" Thompson said.

"I told my sister about it and she said that if I got tired she would jump in from the sidelines and carry me the rest of the way."

What is Thompson's advice for anyone who is going through a hard time in their life?

"Hope is the most important thing," Thompson said. "Attitude is everything."

For more information on how to help Thompson in her quest to raise money, go to her webpage www.teamtraining.org/vnt. Her participant ID number is 34191.

In addition money can be donated directly online or Thompson can be contacted by phone at (509) 962-2089.

Cancer survivor Gina Thompson is raising money for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. Thompson will run in a 26.1 mile marathon in celebration of her being cancer free for the past ten years.

Central celebrates Good Friday with Bach

Bach's St. Matthew Passion performance marks debut for Central Washington University's Music Department. Central Bach Club, event sponsor, hopes to provide similar performances for future.

by Andrew Fickes
Asst. scene editor

Central Washington University's Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra completed an enormous task and heartfelt commitment last Friday evening after performing J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion Hertz Music Hall. The event was sponsored by Central's music department and made possible by Central's Bach Club.

It's a privilege whenever anyone has the chance to perform the St. Matthew Passion," Margret Gries, instructor of music and Central Bach Club advisor, said.

St. Matthew Passion, written by Bach in 1729 in his home of Leipzig, Germany, tells the story of Jesus Christ's Last Supper with his 12 disciples and his crucifixion as told by the gospel of Matthew. Since the Middle Ages, Christian churches have told this story through music during Holy Week on Good Friday.

Last Friday, under the direction of Gries, the tradition continued. St. Matthew Passion was written during the Baroque period, a period evoking expressive music concerned with telling a story.

"The music serves to carry the meaning of the text even when there are no words," Gries said.

During Bach's time, he and his contemporaries were asked by the church to arrange passions. In all, there are four passions. There is one for each gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each year, the church would rotate the passions.

Before Bach's St. Matthew Passion, passions were constructed of simple melodies that delivered the text and hymns sung by the church congregation that embellished interpretation of the text.

Bach, in arranging St. Matthew Passion, took it a step further and added orchestras, soloists, arias and recitatives. Soloists embodied the characters of the story; arias and recitatives represented the human spirit and its interpretation of the story's text and orchestras served to create an audio interpretation of the text.

Many of the orchestra instruments used for St. Matthew Passion would rotate the passions.
Dolls unify community with great art at downtown museums

by Ashley Edwards
Staff reporter

What a Doll! will be coming to an end April 27th. Don't miss this chance to see dolls as never seen before. Some are shocking, some are cute, and some may confuse you. All will give a new look at these childhood playthings.

This was the first community-wide exhibit. There were five museums and galleries involved. They were the Clymer Museum of Art, Gallery One, Kittitas County Museum, Children Activity Museum, and Central Washington University's Sarah Spurgeon Gallery.

To date, the community and surrounding areas have embraced the event. The museums have received a lot of positive feedback.

"People enjoyed the different types of dolls and were surprised at how much more there was to it than just a typical doll," said Erin Black, of the Kittitas Historical Museum.

Black was very pleased with the way that the exhibit seemed to unify the community and bring in more revenue. Black defiantly considers the exhibit to have been a success.

"It brought people from all different venues together to create this wonderful thing," Black said.

Mary Frances, who originally came up with the idea, was incredibly pleased with how it all turned out. People from all over Ellensburg and surrounding areas have been coming to see the exhibit. Groups from as far away as Boise and Gig Harbor are stopping in specifically to see this exhibit.

Frances believes that the group accomplished it's three main goals, which were to get all the local museums and galleries in the area to work together.

This keeps a similar theme at all the locations and finally enables them to do more than each would have been able to do individually.

"People were surprised at the diversity of the dolls and were taken aback and pleased with the displays," said Frances.

Central's art students also benefited from the show. Janet Marstine of the Spurgeon Gallery feels that there was a very strong reaction from the students.

"Most have been enthusiastic and receptive to the feminist ideas and images represented," Marstine said.

"What a Doll! is successful because it encourages the viewer to play an active role in the gallery space. I am particularly excited that many art students have been inspired by the exhibition to make their own works that employ doll imagery."

The museums and galleries are all very enthusiastic about doing another community-wide exhibit.

"There are many other subject matters to explore and I hope we will get the chance to do this again," said Frances.

The exhibits hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and noon to 3:00 p.m. on the weekends. Admission is free of charge.

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Jodie Foster delivers Oscar studded role

Steve Moore on the trombone and Jodie Foster delivers Oscar stuPed role

April 4, 2002 - Scene - Observer

Staff reporter

Club Central in the Student Union East Dining Hall, accompanied by Building at noon, accompanied by that night at the Dugout in Holmes to protesting the WTO in Seattle, the "Panic Room" is her best yet. But her performance in "Seven," 'The Fight Club" and "The Lambs." But her performance in "Panic Room," was directed by David Fincher, who is well known for directing hit movies such as "Seven," "Fight Club" and "The Lambs." Her modern-day folk tunes filled the audience in by telling a story with emotions seeping from her songs.

"I wanted to write a concept album," Veirs said. "I decided that a story around a girl's travels in the American west should be it." The album's major themes lie in the realm of adventures (train travel and desperate situations) and transience (how things change). Transience is an evident focal point in her music as she points out in the song "Moving Along." It's a song about needing to keep going and not being ready to settle down," Veirs said.

"Veirs' music style comes from a platform of punk, rock, and funk band music. Either strumming on the guitar or picking away at her banjo, she draws the crowd in by telling a story with the pitches in her voice and the true emotions seeping from her songs. It's like folk music with a modern, mainstream sound," Andrew Fickers said, Papa John's Coffee House coordinator. "She uses it (banjo) in a very smart way. You need to listen to her CD, too. It's very different (from her live performance). Her music is very watered-down here (live) because it's lacking the computerized and more in-depth sounds that are on the CD."

Veirs said she also favors the advantages the album provides over her live performances. "The CD has some interesting experimental effects in it. Some of them are real sparse like today and some are real lush with five or six musical pieces or musicians in it," said Veirs. "The Triumphs and Travails of Orphan Mae" is currently available at Ellenburg's own Rodeo Records for $14.86. It is also on rotation at 88.1 FM.

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By Lauren McKean
Staff reporter

Singer-songwriter Laura Veirs shared a little bit of her life and artistry with Central Washington University students last Wednesday by way of her musically catalogued life.

From trekking the desert of Tibet to protesting the WTO in Seattle, Veirs has accumulated a plethora of events and experiences to sing about and hardships. Her performance was a diary of personal testimony of life, adventure, passion, conflict, power and hardships.

"The Triumphs and Travails of Orphan Mae" is a heart-felt documentory composed of various down-to-earth elements.

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PASSION: Bach Club hopes to enhance music students' experience

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were selected specifically for certain parts of the text. One such instrument was the viola da gamba, which, when plucked made a staggering sound. It was selected by Bach to emphasize the heavy burden of the cross upon the shoulders of Jesus Christ. At the time, the viola da gamba was considered by Bach to be an instrument not regularly used in the 18th century. Bach was someone who didn't event a new style of music," Gries said.

"He was someone who took the art in their homes," Reuben J.C. Edinger, director of the Central Washington Gallery of Art said.

"More and more people and venues have become more involved in the Art Walk over the years."

The Art Walk will take place April 5 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The Clymer Museum of Art and Valley Cafe will be open until 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Central Washington University's very own Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, along with other galleries, museums, and businesses within the community will feature artwork.

"The Art Walk is a great way for students to explore the diversity of artistic expression that Ellensburg cultural institutions and businesses promote," Janet Marsine, director of The Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, said.

"...it is thrilling to see the art become so important..."

Dick Elliot

The Art Walk benefits both the artists and businesses participating in the event.

"This event benefits the artists involved in two ways. It is a better promotion of the artwork that is hanging so the artists get more exposure and also the artists have a chance to observe others' displays and learn from them," Diana Tacker of The Clymer Museum of Arts said. "The businesses benefit because it brings the community into the business district during nontraditional business hours."

The Art Walk features much more than just art.

"The Art Walk features all kinds of performing arts such as fine art, music, and poetry readings," Edinger said.

Salon Fenix will be serving refreshments and there will be wine and appetizers at the Valley Cafe.

Local resident, Dick Elliot comments on his experience at the Art Walk. "I have lived in this town for a long time and it is thrilling to see the art spontaneously become so important in this community."

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Bill Chandler with special guest speaker Dharma
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Central Baseball at St. Martin's College
Noon
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Peace and Justice Alliance of Ellensburg presents "Hidden Wars of Desert Storm" 4 p.m.- 6:30 p.m., Hal Holmes Center 201
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Monday April 8
Swing Cats
6:45 p.m.- 9 p.m.
SUB Ballroom
Central Track
WWU Open

Tuesday April 9
Senior Salute
10 a.m.- 6 p.m., SUB
Yakima Room
Central Baseball vs. St. Martin's College
1 p.m., CWU baseball field
History Club Booksale
9 a.m.- 3 p.m., SUB Pit

Wednesday April 10
CAH Faculty Speakers Series
4 p.m.- 5:15 p.m.,
Black Hall Room 114
GRE (Graduate Record Exam) Workshop
3 p.m.- 6 p.m., Mary Grupe Center
GALA
6 p.m., Owthi Room

Thursday April 11
MEMS Conference
Courson Conference Center

THEATER: Workshop has become effective recruiting tool for Central

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products from the recent Betty Evans One-Act Festival and 10-Minute Plays that, Caul said, "gave them an opportunity to see our students' work."

"It's a lot of hard work but it's also a morale booster," Caul said. "Freshmen get to see friends from their high schools, and it's nice for our students because they can demonstrate their skills and knowledge in a way that normally would not be seen."

The program has become one of the most effective recruiting tools for the Theatre Arts department. Many of the students currently enrolled in the department's majors were first introduced to Central through Central Exposures.

"We've been at it for nine years now," Caul said. "About one-third of our current students came to Central through this program. We had 14 incoming freshmen this year, which is the largest for us in recent history, and at least three-quarters of them attended a previous Central Exposure." The program is also helping attract out-of-state students. Caul also indicated that attendance was actually lower this year than previous years due to Central's earlier-than-usual spring break and the tight Theatre Arts schedule this quarter. In the past, as many as 350 students had attended the conference. "That I know of," Caul said, "no [other University] does this program the way we do."

Next year, Caul plans to celebrate the program's 10th anniversary and bring in alumni who are currently working in the field to show "that you really can make a living in theatre."
Wildcats close out homestand

by Matthew McMannan
Staff reporter

As students get back into school mode after spring break, the Central Washington University baseball team is in full swing.

The Wildcats - out-slugged the Central Washington University baseball team in full swing.

The team recently finished an eight game homestand, losing the first three, but then winning four of their next five.

"The season has been so-so up to this point," junior outfielder Jake Burns said.

The Wildcats lost a pair of exhibition games to Big Bend Community College, 10-7 and 18-4.

"The fact that they were a community college shouldn't matter," head coach Deji Storey said. "The guys didn't realize how talented they were and didn't take them too seriously."

The Wildcats lost the first of three games to Prairie Baseball Academy 9-6, but won the next two games, 15-8 and 21-14.

In the first victory over Prairie, senior Andy Bayne had two home runs including a grand slam.

"In the first game, we were not ready to play, but in the second game we got out there and expected to win," Ochoa said.

Next up for the Wildcats is the University of Hawaii-Hilo at 9 a.m. tomorrow in sunny Modesto, California for the Tournament of Champions.

"We are looking forward to going down there and getting experience against some tough teams," Ochoa said.

In the opener, WWU took control early by scoring two runs in both the third and fifth innings. The Wildcats could come up with just four hits in the game.

"The only Central run came in the sixth inning off of junior pitcher Jill McCarthy's bat. She lined a two-out double, which scored junior shortstop Marie Mitchell."

In the nightcap, the Wildcats came out with a sense of urgency and eventually came out on top in the 10 inning. Senior third baseman Mickey Lloyd blasted an RBI single that helped put Central up for good.

Pacing the Wildcats offensively was Ochoa who went two-for-five.

On the mound, McCarthy pitched a beauty, allowing no earned runs, five hits and fanning four.

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Not only is the team having a fun time playing, the fans are also enjoying the team's great effort and enthusiasm.

"I like going out and watching them play because it shows that they go all out and play with heart and discipline," avid fan Megan Wade said.

Baseball: April 6-7 @ St. Martin's 12 p.m.
April 9 vs. Albertson's College 1 p.m.

Softball: April 5-7 @ Crossover Tournament (Modesto, CA)

Track: April 6 @ WWU (Vernachia Invitational)
April 7-8 @ WWU Open

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The Wildcats had a five-run sixth inning to break open the game. Junior Shane Neighbors came off the bench and had two RBI singles. Senior right hander Sam Mirkovich gave a stellar performance in relief of freshman starter Isaac Finch, giving up four hits and one earned run while striking out two.

In the second game, senior right hander Josh Roberts came out of the bullpen to post an impressive shutout performance in four and two-thirds innings. Roberts scattered five hits and had three strikeouts.

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Central Sports participation

By the Numbers

7,500
estimated number of students who attend
Central

378
total number of Central athletes.
5% of the student body participates in sports.

206
total number of male athletes at Central.
55% of all athletes participating are male.

172
total number of female athletes at Central.
45% of all athletes participating are female.

91
total number of men on the football team.
44% of all male athletes participate in football.

90
total number of athletes on the track and field team.
23% of all Central athletes are on the track team.

51
total number of women on the track and field team.
29% of all women participate in track.

Athlete of the Week

Alicen Maier

Police
local sport:
track and field

Notable:
Maier finished 20th at the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, California in the 1500 meters. Her time of 4 minutes and 33.19 seconds bettered her school record and placed her second, by tenths of a second, in the national standings for that event. The time also placed her in the Central Washington University school record for the 1500 meters her freshman year, along with a fifth place finish that year at nationals in track. Her senior year at Selah High School, Maier placed third at state in the 800 meters.

She said it: "I'm surprised how well everything is going," Maier said. "My goals for the season are to run a 4:27 and finish first at nationals." "She ran a great race and gave a great effort." Joe Whiteside/Observer

Get rid of the wave

There is a certain etiquette to baseball. Or at least there should be. I would like to propose two simple rules for every fan attending a baseball game. Ban the wave and sit down.

Sounds simple doesn't it? But things that are simple aren't always easy.

I can't say there are too many things on Earth that I truly hate. Sure, there are a few people from my past I don't always have nice things to say about but I don't believe I'm one of those people. I believe that things are simple aren't always easy.

I hate the wave. I hate it with a passion. Always have. Always will.

In case you don't know what I'm talking about, the wave is like reverse dominoes. The wave starts the first row of spectators, and then it makes its way to the second row, and then to the third row and so on.

One of my earliest memories of the wave involves a certain sweaty, overweight, old man, who spent his evenings starting the wave during Mariners games in the Kingdome. People would cheer, smile and point at him as he made his way toward their seats in the "Homer Dome." Not me.

I remember my heart sinking at the sight of "The Fan," as he was called. I remember pulling at the shirt sleeve of my dad, asking if we could move seats to one of the many thousand empty ones around.

Why that guy was called "The Fan," I still don't understand, since he never watched the game - he was more worried about the people in the stands than the men on the field.

Next comes the biggest gripe I have about the ever-annoying wave. Get out of the way. Some people actually want to watch the game. Think of the little people who can barely see you over your shoulder when you're sitting down, let alone when you're standing up or flailing your arms about a pitch. Rule number two - sit down! I beg of you. And get a grip on your kids. If they can't sit still for nine innings, don't bring them.

It has gotten to the point that I won't sit in the cheap seats at the Kingdome. If I can't afford good seats or there aren't any left, I probably won't attend the game.

I've learned my lesson. The cheap seats are often filled with families and as anyone who has attended a sporting event can attest, families are the worst to sit by. Unless they use proper baseball etiquette.

When I was a kid my dad wouldn't let me leave my seat. From the first pitch to the last, my butt was planted in that seat. Sometimes we would move to a better seat since the Kingdome was often half empty. But even then we would only move between innings. Thinking back it's pretty amazing my dad was able to sit in his seat as long as he did with as much beer as he drank during games.

My proposal is simple, but apparently not so easy. If fans wanted the time to use common courtesy, attending games could become even better experience. Next time you're at a game think about using baseball etiquette. Don't participate in the wave and stay in your seat.

Tracksters dash to Palo Alto

by Sarah Williams
Staff reporter

Central Washington University track & field athletes competed in the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, California last weekend. Nine athletes from Central were chosen to attend the event.

Among the squad members who participated at the event were Central graduate student Davina Strauss, who hails from Sydney, Australia, and junior Alicen Maier.

"I need to get a few more weeks in so that I can qualify for Nationals and beat my jump of 19 feet from last year," Strauss said.

Strauss placed eighth in the long jump and Maier placed 20 in the 1500-meter with a GNAC-best time of 4 minutes and 33.19 seconds. She barely missed a national qualifying mark in the time with a rate of 2 minutes and 14.08 seconds, less than 1/10 of a second off of the provisional mark of 2 minutes, 14 seconds. Her time in the 1500 meters broke her own record.

"Alicen has a great performance, she ran a personal record for herself, and this was also a good confirmation of her return to the top level of her sport after being out last year due to health problems," Central head coach Kevin Adkisson said. "Her performance last weekend at Stanford really sets her up for a great performance later on when they go to the National Meet."

Senior Josh Delay ran a season-best 35:43.67 in the 10,000 meters. "Josh is really close to beating his personal record," Adkisson said. "He's right in the middle, it's a good sign of things to come later on in the season for her." Senior Josh Delay ran a season-best 22.32 seconds in the 200 meters. "Juniors Ben Rogers recorded a personal best time of 21.56 seconds in the 200 meters. The women's 3000-meter team placed third at the Spring Break Meet."

"We were really pleased to get a few more guys who beat first time around," Adkisson said.

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"Why that guy was called "The Fan," I still don't understand, since he never watched the game - he was more worried about the people in the stands than the men on the field."

"Next comes the biggest gripe I have about the ever-annoying wave. Get out of the way. Some people actually want to watch the game. Think of the little people who can barely see you over your shoulder when you're sitting down, let alone when you're standing up or flailing your arms about a pitch."

Rule number two - sit down! I beg of you. And get a grip on your kids. If they can't sit still for nine innings, don't bring them.

It has gotten to the point that I won't sit in the cheap seats at the Kingdome. If I can't afford good seats or there aren't any left, I probably won't attend the game.

I've learned my lesson. The cheap seats are often filled with families and as anyone who has attended a sporting event can attest, families are the worst to sit by. Unless they use proper baseball etiquette.

When I was a kid my dad wouldn't let me leave my seat. From the first pitch to the last, my butt was planted in that seat. Sometimes we would move to a better seat since the Kingdome was often half empty. But even then we would only move between innings. Thinking back it's pretty amazing my dad was able to sit in his seat as long as he did with as much beer as he drank during games.

My proposal is simple, but apparently not so easy. If fans wanted the time to use common courtesy, attending games could become even better experience. Next time you're at a game think about using baseball etiquette. Don't participate in the wave and stay in your seat.
Athletic trainer voted into NATA Hall of Fame

by Susan Bunday
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At age 15, Ken Kladnik took a suggestion from his high school football coach and ended up finding a career. The advice, to become a student trainer rather than a football player, led Kladnik to the field of sports medicine. After graduating from Central Washington University with a degree in health education 29 years ago, Kladnik is the athletic trainer for Wildcat athletes and one of six trainers that will be inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association’s (NATA) Hall of Fame June 17.

“When I found out, I was shocked, a little numb. This is the highest award that can be given to a trainer and to be honored at this stage in my career is extra exciting,” Kladnik said.

The six honorees are being inducted for their contributions to the field and careers in athletic training. Kladnik was nominated for the honor by former Washington State University Athletic Trainer, Mark Smaha.

Once nominated, an application process begins that include several letters of recommendation. Rearing to a point based system, Kladnik feels that he is being recognized for the number of classes that he has taught to students seeking professions in the field of athletic training, longevity and that he has served on numerous national committees, including chairman of NATA’s Research and Education Scholarship Committee.

“One of the first things I noticed about him was how humble he is. He’s been just that about this award,” said Erin Amato, assistant athletic trainer. Kladnik, a 1968 Cle Elum High School graduate, began his career in 1973 when he graduated from Central and received his Master’s from the University of Arizona. Before being hired to work at Central in July 2001, Kladnik served as head trainer at Oregon State, Idaho, Whitworth and Willamette.

Nearing the end of his career, Kladnik is thankful that this award came at the time it did.

“The special part is being at Central. I began my career here and now I will end it here,” Kladnik said. “I will be representing Central and although I have worked at many other colleges, I have always been a Wildcat. My heart has always been here.”

Athletic trainer Ken Kladnck poses in front of an injured Wildcat in the athletic training room.

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