BOD fills VP's vacated seat

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

Stepping into any new position requires filling someone's old shoes. But sometimes, to prove oneself worthy of the job, a person needs to make those shoes dance. If that's true, the ASCWU Board of Directors obtained a Fred Astaire by hiring Richard Phillips as the new executive vice president of the BOD.

Phillips, a 21-year-old finance and managerial economics double major, applied for the position when the board started advertising the vacancy at BOD meetings and via flyers across campus. The position was left vacant when former BOD member, Steven Erickson resigned.

Dustin Stahl, BOD president, interviewed 14 candidates and with advice from the board selected Phillips to fill the position for the remainder of the year. The duties of the executive VP are extensive and to leave the position empty would have impaired the BOD's ability to serve the students.

"Obviously if that position is part of the constitution and by-laws, it is very pertinent to the functioning of the board and it relates directly to the success of the board as an entire group of individuals," Nate Harris, BOD vice president of equity and community service, said.

One of the primary functions of the position is reporting on all fiscal matters within the BOD and distributing the budget. Phillips is also expected to appoint committee members and act as a voting member of the service and activities committee.

Phillips has experience as former treasurer of Club Senate and also as president of Alpha Kappa Psi.

"I've seen Rick function on the funds council and I think he approaches that big responsibility very equitably and objectively to make sure that the criteria are in line for those applying for funds," Harris said.

Phillips describes himself as meticulous and says he is up to the challenge of making the most of his few months in office. He is working to address problems that have gone unattended and to improve the functionality and efficiency of his position.

Phillips has already created a process to assess what committees across campus are doing and also

Ganges fun in the "sun"?

Junior Charlie Colver, flight technology major, floats in an inner tube down the Ganges behind Stephens-Whitney Tuesday afternoon. Colver's fun times ended when the Campus Police arrived to give him a talking to regarding the legality of his voyage. He escaped without any vicious muskrat encounters, but this week's not-so-spring weather didn't help his tan.

Runnin' and gunnin' with ROTC cadets

by Meredith Willingham
News editor

Central Washington University's Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program has tripled its enrollment in the last year. Major Kevin Wesolowski invited Observer staff to walk in a cadet's boots for a day. Photographer Joe Whiteside and I went Sunday, April 14.

I have never shot any kind of firearm without my dad standing behind me. I have gone hunting with him and target shooting with him, but I never went shooting without him. Something about my dad makes me a calmer person when shooting a deadly weapon. When I was invited to join Central Washington University's Wildcat Brigade for a day in the firing range with M-16's and a SAW (Squad Automatic Weapon), my dad was the first person to raise objections. He asked me ten times if I was sure I wanted to do this. I told him of course, when am I going to get the chance to fire a machine gun? Am I going to join the Army anytime soon?

Every ROTC cadet has to qualify on the M-16 in his or her third year of the program, so the whole battalion drives out to the Yakima Training Center firing range and works on their qualifications.

Freshman Marylynn Adams was participating in her first day of firing an M-16. She had been in Junior ROTC in high school, and had just been awarded a full scholarship. She explained her feelings on military service when I asked her why someone should join the Army as a ROTC
POLICE BRIEFS

Compiled and commented on by Ben Lewis
Staff reporter

Yearbook? Police responded to a call made April 9 from Meisner Hall regarding a suspicious person. The male suspect knocked on the door of a female resident on the second floor claiming he was from the Yearbook Committee. The man was intoxicated and witnesses saw him running to the stairwell after the resident insisted that he leave. (There are no reported concerns of the welfare of drunken people bearing yearbooks.)

Smoke the Bear finally rescued! A report was made on April 13 to Campus Police about a resident of Muzzall Hall having a stolen sign. Police responded and upon contact with the suspect found a Smoke the Bear sign in the window of the resident's room. The sign was stolen from the Department of Natural Resources facility next to the airport. The suspect has not been charged but the case is now in the hands of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Department. (Remember what Smoke the Bear always says, "Only you can prevent sign theft and forest fires of course.")

Ten days, six hours early On April 10 at 10:20 p.m., officers responded to a report involving the smell of marijuana on the first floor of Sue Lombard. The officers called a narcotics dog and were able to locate the room the smell was coming from. They then made contact with the subjects in the room who admitted to having been smoking the herb. A voluntary search of the room revealed two small bags of marijuana. The subjects were booked and charged with possession.

Rummaging from cops = busted! At 1:50 a.m. on April 11, officers on patrol observed a group of males loitering around the SUB. One of the group members was recognized as having a previous burglary conviction. Before the officers could make contact, the subjects began to run. The officers caught up with three people from the group who were found to be intoxicated. They were then booked for MIPs. (With all the MIP charges recently, these guys might have to get their applications for alcohol awareness classes in now so they don't have to wait until next year.)

I can swim - Canoe? On April 13 at 7:15 a.m., officers contacted a male who was attempting to retrieve his capsized canoe from the Ganges. The 26-year-old had an abrasion on his head, a laceration on his right hand and a small puncture wound in the middle of his back. He told officers that he had been canoeing for about two hours before he tipped over behind Quigley Hall. He was very disorientated and apparently had swallowed quite a bit of water. Paramedics worked on the man with an ambulance but the subject said he needed no assistance. (What he really needs is a tetanus shot.)

Police Briefs

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NEW VP: Phillips chosen from 14 candidates by remaining BOD

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ways to meet with them on a regular basis.
"I feel that I'm caught up to a point right now where I can be functional," Phillips said. "I would like to maintain and improve, but upon all the work that Steve has done throughout the year, but I would also like to have some tangible evidence of what I've done to serve the students by the end of the quarter," he added. "I would like to say by the end of the quarter, 'This is what you're paying for, this happened because I was able to serve in this role.'" And the biggest way I would be able to do that is by this parking task force," Phillips said.

While a few months isn't enough time to make a big impression, Phillips is interested in sharing his interpretations of the job and the BOD's responsibilities with any prospective candidates for next year. He hopes to impress upon individuals the importance of the BOD in protecting and benefiting students, while also improving the value of the college experience.

"He's already, I think especially for me, defined what the executive VP is supposed to be doing and exactly how powerful the committees working with him can possibly be," Harrington said.

As organizations and committees across campus are strengthened and become more active, Phillips hopes that this activism will spread throughout the student population.

Wellness Center hosts Area 1 spring conference

by Jaime Custeneda
Asst. news editor

Central Washington University’s Wildcat Wellness Center hosted “Wellness Round-up: Baechle and Gamma Area 1 Spring Conference: Baechle and Gamma are alcohol awareness organizations. College’s from around the region were invited, and representatives from eight colleges were in attendance. It’s not every year that Central gets to host an event like this," Cody Michelle Harrington, junior public relations and sociology major said. "Last year the conference was held at Eastern." To be considered, a college or university organization must place a bid outlining reasons to host an event on its campus. It must include conference goals, an itinerary, hotel rates and a proposed conference budget. When the Wildcat Wellness Center’s proposal was written, it emphasized the Ellensburg Rodeo and its importance to the community.

The rodeo theme was incorporated throughout the weekend. Upon their arrival, delegates, advisors, professors and facilitators received a trustee’s badge. It served as their personal merging. Harrington said those in attendance had an opportunity to experience the Central Washington University College Rodeo Saturday night.

"We wanted to show them what Ellensburg is like," Nicole Oson, graduate student in health promotions, said.

The conference gave health education from schools throughout Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and Washington a chance to gather and exchange ideas with each other.

"I thought there was diverse amount of topics covered," Stephanie Bachs, Western Washington University Internship advisor, said.

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"I think it helps you grow up, and really see what the world's about," she said. "I think it's good to serve your country because you live in it, and people do things for you, and you need to give back. So many people lost their lives for me, and I'm willing to do the same."

I chose to shoot last Sunday with many of the freshmen and sophomores who didn't have the pressure of making their qualifying scores.

My photographer and I started out our Army experience by being issued BDU's (Battle Dress Uniforms) and Kevlar helmets. We didn't know how to make ourselves look tough in our BDUs. Everyone else seemed to.

Our vans left Peterson Hall around 8 a.m. Sunday, and we drove to the firing range. I have never felt such a cold, biting wind when I stepped out of the van. I also had never felt such a heavy hat. I was instructed to keep it on at all times, under threats of a severe penalty. The penalty was unspecified, but I was scared enough to keep it on for six hours straight.

The cadets spread out in the fifteen lanes, with a senior cadet in charge of safety for each lane. The two SAW's were at the end of the range, and we were lucky enough to shoot first on these bad boys.

The "safety" at the lane helped me with setting the gun on my shoulder, and then while I was firing wildly above the target, had the kindness to shout out "Lower! Lower!"

"The only terrifying moment of the day came when I was in a foxhole, firing the M-16 for the second time. I had just fired off two magazines; I looked down at my feet, and the floor was crawling. I was standing on a family of mice. It should have been called the mousehole instead of the foxhole. I had been proud of myself the whole day, but at that moment I was unnerved. I cleared my weapon, looked up at the safety, and told him to pick me up and get me out of there right now. He obliged."

I don't think I ever came close to hitting a target all day, but it didn't matter. I saw firsthand the way the Wildcat Battalion worked, and had the opportunity to talk with a few of the first-timers on the range. ROTC is all about leadership, and the firing range was one of the final leadership opportunities for the seniors before they graduate and get commissioned.

"We train these young men and women in leadership training, and we do that hand's-on," Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Mark Souza said. "We put them in a position where they have to make decisions."

ROTC classes are offered without any military commitment through 100 and 200 level classes. Any Central student may take the classes to get a feel for the Army and an understanding of the leadership skills the program fosters.

Major Kevin Wesloski watches over cadets from the firing range control tower at the Yakima Training Center.

Have a story idea? Let us know - drop by the Observer office Bouillon 222 or call 963-1073. We would love to hear from you!

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Cadets helped to pick up shells and extra material on the range after the day's shooting was over.

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Stewart McGurdy, junior, fires at a target 50 yards away on the SAW range.

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Coca-Cola, Alumni and BOD establish scholarship

by Walker Anderson
Staff reporter

Central Washington University student government alumni and the Coca-Cola Company will fund a new $1000 scholarship.

Coca-Cola will match funds raised by the Board of Directors and Alyssa Scarth, vice president of academic affairs, who is organizing the project. So far Scarth has raised $2,000, $500 has come from the Coca-Cola Company. Coca-Cola would give up to $500 more but Scarth wants the scholarship to take care of its self by contributions by alumni of the student government.

"We would like for the scholarship to be self-supporting via donations from alumni," Scarth said.

Scarth said half of the money raised will go into an endowment to help cover any insufficient donations for future scholarships.

"We would just like to provide some more money to students," Scarth said.

Scarth, an out-of-state student says she understands what it feels like to be strangled by lack of funds.

"This project is my personal goal," Scarth said.

The scholarship selection committee consists of Jon Drinkwater, faculty advisor for the student government, Dr. Charlotte Tullos, vice president for student affairs, two faculty members from scholarship office and herself.

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Talk of the town...

Have you ever been the victim of vandalism?

"Dude, that sucks. We’ve had our mailbox blown up like eight times."
- Amanda Hale
Elementary education sophomore

"I wouldn’t say they (Ellensburg) has a bad vandalism problem, no worse than anywhere else."
- Katie Kozlowski
Spanish and anthropology senior

"I have never been the victim of vandalism."
- Marni McMahon
Elementary education junior

"Yeah, people steal a lot of bikes and throw them in the Ganges."
- Deandre Rivers
Business administration junior
Recycling difficult for residents of 18th Street

by Andrew Patrick
Staff reporter

The goal of Earth Day is to get people thinking more about the environment and while many residents of Ellensburg recycle, residents along 18th Street don’t have that option.

With the fun factor increasing as the weekend approaches, the garbage dumps will fill with beer cans, bottles and other items that could have been recycled, taking up valuable space for real garbage.

For 15 years the city of Ellensburg and Central’s campus have had a recycling program enabling residents and students living on campus to make a choice about what goes to the dump and what gets reused through recycling. Waste Management, the contractor for the city and Central, coordinates the pickup and disposal of solid waste and recyclables.

Despite their success with recycling programs for the city and Central, Waste Management has yet to come up with a recycling system for the multi-level housing complex that would still need to be emptied. Mike Boos, a junior law and justice major and resident of University Place, said because college kids drink so much beer, recycling is important.

“I’d have a separate bag if they had separate bins. I’m not willing to make a big effort, but if they had a curbside pickup or something, I’d do it,” Boos said. “Having a recycling center would be a really good idea. It would be so much aluminum coming back.”

Christina Parsons, a senior education major and resident of Ashton Court, said she would be willing to make an effort to get her recycling to the proper area if given the chance.

While the lack of recycling for apartment dwellers fills up part of the landfill with items likely to never break down, the recycling programs on campus is enjoying unparalleled success.

John Storlie, of Central’s facilities management, said the success of recycling on campus is due in part to the visibility of recycling bins on campus.

“You’ll notice in entrance of every building where you see the pop machines, you’ll see recycle containers right near by,” Storlie said. “I think we’re doing probably the aluminum and paper close to 70 percent efficiency. We’re way over half. We have so many containers out there and we’re trying to make it so easy for people to throw it here (in the recycle) instead of here (in the garbage).”

Surely the presence of the Solid Waste Transfer Station accepts aluminum cans and processes them for recycling. Those without services have to bring recyclables to the station themselves.

Tyler King, a senior finance major and resident of University Place, said if the structure was set up, he would recycle.

“I think recycling isn’t just for hippies anymore,” King said. “If they supplied the tools for recycling, I would do it.”

Storlie said the next generation of people is going to be crucial to the effectiveness of recycling programs.

“They’re teaching them more and more in school about recycling and giving things back to mother earth,” Storlie said. “Maybe in 25 years, whenever a generation is, it will get better and better.”

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Letters to the Editor

Police brief deemed offensive

Dear Editors:

I am writing in response to the offensive "police brief" appearing in the April 11 edition of The Observer. It appears that staff reporter Ben Lewis attempted to be humorous in describing the theft of feminine hygiene products from this campus disguised as humor.

I'm sure most of us have at some point in our lives, toilet-papered or egged cars and houses, if not worse infractions. I won't deny experimenting with such forms of entertainment in my youth. But when you pack up your bags for college I think it's time to leave all that behind.

With the weather warming up, a rash of vandalism has swept through the neighborhoods north of campus.

In my apartment complex alone, I have seen a vast array of immature acts. On a weekly basis, the glass containers holding fire extinguishers are shattered and the extinguishers themselves are often stolen. They're replaced on Monday only to have the same thing happen again the next weekend. My roommate's car has been keyed, others have been toilet papered and some have had their windows broken out. Bottles are consistently thrown over the fence into the adjacent apartment complex, or left for someone to drive over in our parking lot.

I've even been rudely woken up in the middle of the night by someone bashing a mailbox with a bat.

Now I know this could actually be high school kids out on the town having their fun, but I would say that it is a pretty safe bet it's not. Anyone who has been in the areas of 18th Street or 19th Street knows very well that there's not much of anything but college students living in the area.

Maybe some of you missed out on your youthful opportunities to cause havoc and destroy other people's property? If that's the case, I think you just need to let it go. Maybe some people just can't control themselves when they get a little intoxicated? In that case you probably shouldn't be drinking.

I'm not saying don't party or go out and have a good time. Just stop and think the next time you are about to destroy someone else's property. At the expense of sounding like my mom, how would you like it if your car just got keyed?

I always say I never want to grow up, but in reality you have to grow up in some ways. Even things done off campus reflect on the kind of students that attend Central Washington University. Remember you are in college now, try to act like it.

—Kevin Endejan

Four way stop frustrations

Dear Rachel,

You have made some important points regarding four way stop intersections on the April 11, 2002 issue of The Observer. I agree with what you have said. I would like to comment on frustrations with four way stops that I have experienced here in Ellensburg and many other places.

Imagine that you are at a four way stop with cars at all streets in the intersection. The cars to the left and right are proceeding through the intersection because they were there before you (and the car in the oncoming lane opposite of you). Now you proceed because it is your turn to go. However, the next cars start to come through.

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Revisions made to ideas of baseball etiquette

Casey Steiner
Sports editor

I was in a bad mood the last time I was on a baseball field, and maybe I was just looking to vent some form of my frustration after a recent trip to Safeco Field. But after having a couple of weeks to reflect, I would like to apologize to sports fans everywhere about my proposed banning of the wave.

With a little bit of soul searching, I now realize the lore of the wave. It is an integral part of sporting events in the Northwest, which is where I'm told the wave began.

As a baseball fanatic, maybe you and I both love and appreciate the game the way I do. Maybe I should accept that the fans who yell, kids run around and some fans have been timing when running to the bathroom.

This brings me in a recent letter to the editor by Central Washington University alumnus Tim Botterl, which was printed in the Observer. Mr. Botterl helped me realize my error in vision. Thank you, Tim.

I wonder, however, why he had to sickle things personal. If you're reading this, Tim, my dad, a regular reader of the Observer and a very kind man, would love to receive an apology from you. Say what you want about me and my opinion. Everyone is entitled to their own. But, there is no need to attack my family when you're at it.

I'm told, used to be an editor with the Observer, so I have to believe he is a decent writer. I understand the concept of his letter, but the content made absolutely no sense. Ironically, Botterl seems to be exactly the type of fan who annoys me, the person responsible for this revision to my proposed baseball etiquete.

I would like to take a moment to clear a few things up. I have no problems with blowing off steam at a baseball game — I have a tendency to yell and scream myself. I also have no problems with fans standing when something exciting is happening or if the mood just feels right. But please understand that timing is everything.

In a perfect world fans would not be allowed to leave their seat during half-innings and oushers would stop fans from returning to their seats. Most likely, you'd hear an umpire yelling, "Those are really good seats!"

Cell phones would be banned from the ballpark. A beer and a hot dog would be goodbye for five years. You would radiate to assure an open roof and fuit. Randi and A-Rod would return to Seattle to play for the Minnesota Twins.

Unfortunately, we don't live in a perfect world. Randy has a World Series ring, A-Rod has his millions, but his safety has been marred by injury, cell phones are more common than the wood cutter can't be controlled and we all have to get used to fans like Butts Botterl.

Going back to my reasoning that Botterl must be a decent writer and communicator. I have to believe what he wrote were intended to come out the way they did. If so, why don't we all have a belly laugh in unison?

Just reading Botterl's letter made me roll my eyes. Once and for all maybe we can learn a little more sensitive to fans who don't keep up with the game the way I do, but Botterl should really check his facts.

This could be a waste of time, but I would like to point out not to Botterl the inconsistencies in his letter. First of all, I would hope 50,000 people don't attend Mariners games just to do the wave. I don't care what you say; I don't know about the rest of you, but I've never bought a ticket to wave.

I agree with Botterl that the wave is a way to let loose and have fun. But I believe people are putting aside their differences in order to celebrate together the moment they enter the ballpark. Baseball is America's pastime, not the wave. Enjoy the wave, but we can do it during crucial moments in the ballpark.

Next I would like to point out that "The Fan" is still very much alive and attending Mariners games (sorry Tim, so heart attack).

And his Joey Cora comment had me scratching my head. I try to think like a player when I'm playing and Cora would return to Seattle to play for the Mariners. So, let's take a look at a few of his statements.

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Letters, Continued

Got any story ideas?
Drop by the Observer office in Boullin 222 or call 963-1073

Editor's Note

After last week's issue we received a number of calls at the Observer office concerning various subjects.

People obviously have strong opinions on certain events around campus and topics printed in this paper.

I strongly encourage you to write to us and let those feelings be known.

Thanks for your time
Glenn Engels

Guest opinion on Police Brief issue

Maxi-mischief was just light-hearted humor not targeted or meant to offend any group of people.

Okay, I admit it. I thought the "Maxi-mischief" story in the Police Brief was funny. It was a silly story about a silly incident that had a silly comment tacked on at the end. God knows, no one intended to offend menstruating women, non-menstruating women, pre-pubescent girls, or elderly ladies. Nor did anyone intend to offend young men, old men, athletes, couch potatoes, administrators or feminine hygiene product thieves. Have I left any of you out? I'm sure I have, but please understand you were not targeted for offense either.

What has happened to us? Are we all so sensitive that an off-the-cuff comment has to outrage us? I didn't think that Mr. Lewis' statement that "...possible suspects may include any females on campus who seem to have a stomachache" (Emphasis mine) was the saddest words I have heard.

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Shoe tree creates more than just shade

by Brad Montgomery
Staff reporter

Remember when you were a kid and you wanted those expensive shoes and your parents told you money doesn’t grow on trees? Well, evidently shoes do in the backyard at 1907 North Walnut. From bowling shoes to soccer cleats, this tree has just about every type of shoe imaginable.

There is a tradition behind the old, stinky shoes that hang from the shoe tree.

Scoot Sewell, a Central graduate and former resident of the house on Chestnut was looking for something to do on a warm spring afternoon. He called his friend Davis Steffens, a Central senior, and explained his idea.

“Hey, I got some old shoes, I think I am going to throw them in the tree next to my house,” Sewell said.

At this time, Steffens was not a resident at the brown house but he managed to find some old shoes and together the two of them began the tradition of the shoe tree.

By the end of the first week there were five pairs of shoes hanging from the branches of the shoe tree. Eventually, tossing shoes turned into a ritual. Anyone Sewell or Steffens’ friends had old shoes, they were thrown into the tree.

Steffens moved into the house in the summer of 1998, and since has donated at least a dozen pairs of shoes, eventually becoming the authority on the tree.

The throwing of shoes was always an exclusive activity for their friends until they came home from school. Loyola students, the current residents of 1907 North Chestnut do not mind the fact that there are shoes dangling from the tree in their backyard.

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McDonald’s one day and saw a family standing near the tree with shoes in their hands. The family took it upon themselves to get rid of the kid’s shoes in the tree. From that point on, the shoe tree was a community effort.

“It turned into something like a wishing pool, except people were throwing shoes instead of pennies,” Steffens said.

Once the shoes are thrown into the tree, they don’t always stay there. A friend of Steffens, Tommy Burrows, saw a pair of Dr. Martens boots that were in decent shape. He decided to ensure they stayed in good hands, so he grabbed a rake, took them from the tree and cleaned them off. Burrows then replaced them with another pair.

He ended up giving them to his girlfriend and she still has them today.

Most Ellensburg residents enjoy the tree.

However, a year after the tradition began, Sewell and Steffens received a complaint from the City of Ellensburg regarding the shoes. They do not know who filed the complaint and nothing ever came of it.

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Campus Life programmers seek student talent

by Anne Haussker
Staff reporter

Imagine performing in front of a real live crowd, instead of an old basement or garage.

This sounds like a good idea, then Campus Life has the answer.

"This is a good way to get involved with your school and meet new people," Josh Baultch, manager at Club Central, said.

Baultch has now been with Campus Life for two years. According to Baultch, this is a great way to get talent noticed and get an unfamiliar name out there. This opportunity to perform at Club Central is open to the community and Central students.

Flyers have been dispersed around campus to invite people to come forward with their talent. A promotion kit should be included with the application, including a black and white picture, demon of the music, and a short biography about style, goals and past music experiences.

"I want to get the awareness out to students that we are here," Baultch said.

Scott Drummond, assistant director of Campus Life, said the focus is on the university and to get more students involved with Campus Life.

Campus Life has been around as long as the college has existed, offering a wide range of programs to students.

"We want students to participate in campus activities, making their life more rounded and fun," Drummond said. "Students needs will be met both socially and educationally.

Black History Month is a great example of meeting students needs socially while tying a twist of education to it.

Cultural activities are a way that education can be mixed in with fun. It is a great way for students to gain knowledge and expose them to different cultures while putting on activities.

Campus Life puts on many events for students to enjoy on campus including performances at Papa John’s Coffee House and Noon Tunes.

"Papa John’s Coffee House is a good alternative to the bar scene, and for underage students,” Andrew Fickes, Papa John’s coordinator, said.

Papa John’s Coffee House is a Wednesday night concert series at Club Central. Noon Tunes are held various days at noon in the SUB and on Wednesdays, help to promote the Papa John’s Coffee House show.

Throughout the school year, Papa John’s Coffee House presents various performers to Central students free of charge, with acts ranging from acoustic folk to rock. Many times, performers are Central students.

Papa John’s is looking for bands, solo artists and acoustic guitar players with a coffee house genre.

"Papa John’s has a great place for acts just starting out," Fickes said.

"It is a way to get experience in front of crowds."

Campus Life encourages anyone interested to come forward. It is an easy location on campus where everyone is invited, making it fun and exciting experience.

"Club Central joins the community together in a relation to music," Fickes said.

This can be beneficial for college bands because it is a chance for their music to be put on the air. The ‘Burg is willing to air their music as well as conduct interviews with the band members prior to their evening noon performance.

Papa John’s Coffee House and Noon Tunes are not just limited to music talents. Acts such as poetry, skits, theatre productions and open microphone night are encouraged.

"We encourage all talents to come forward,” Fickes said.

Applications are available online or call 963-1450 for more information.

Quote of the week

"Now I’m steppin’ out this old brown shoe...baby, I’m in love with you.”

-George Harrison (Old Brown Shoe, 1969)
Central director returns "Jungalbook" to Kipling's themes and setting

by Mark Kendrick
Managing editor

"Jungalbook," a production by the Theatre Arts department, opens tonight at 7 p.m. in McConnell Auditorium. Director George Bellah discusses Central's rendering of the play.

Q: Why did you choose to go back to the Indian aesthetic?
A: Mast's adaptation does not use naturalistic dialogue. When I looked at it, there was nothing in the text that says it has to be inner city, so we can put it anywhere we want. And when I looked at the original stories, I thought it would be interesting to use the Indian aesthetic as a place to start and see what we come up with. We're using flavors of Hindu culture: the color palate, the line of the costumes, the decorations, and the bindi.

Q: In your director's note for this production, you said that this play retains the grit, heart, and emotional weight of the original Kipling stories. What did you mean by that?
A: One of the reasons I wrote that was that, after reading the original stories, I realized that it was nothing like Disney's version. They often take license, usually for a good reason, but in this case, it was "Disneyfied" in the worst way. The original stories are violent. They are very life-and-death: the characters fight and kill and die. It's very primal, and you don't get that at all from Disney's storybook. I wanted to make sure the audience when sitting down to watch this production didn't start thinking Disney because that's often the case.

The "grit" is that life-and-death issue. Mowgli walked the razor's edge: every day for ten years of his life he was been protected from Shere Khan, the evil man eater. The "emotion heart" is the journey of Mowgli. It is a coming of age story. Disney version talks about that somewhat, but this is much more emotional; Mowgli doesn't know who he is. Struggles with "why do I look different," "why don't I fit in," "why does the tiger want to eat me," "why does everyone make fun of me?" "where do I belong?" By the end of the play, he has confronted evil and defeated it and he doesn't know what to do with that.

Q: Are there any characters that bear a heavier burden of communicating either Kipling's or Mast's message?
A: The company talked the other night about the symbolism of the characters. You have parental figures which are very important, and they each represent an aspect of the parent figure. Baloo is the teacher, the educator, the wise person. Akela is the wolf-pack leader; he is honor, pride, up-rightness, lawfulness. Bagheera the panther is the protector who watches over Mowgli and protects him from harm. I purposefully cast the play so that watching the play, kids would have a strong male figure and a strong female figure in those parental roles because I think that is an important part of the message. Since it is a play about a child's personal growth, their loss of innocence, I felt like we needed strong parental figures to guide the process. I think it is a valuable play.

Q: What about the violence?
A: There is probably going to be an issue with the violence. There are two deaths on stage. They are necessary to Mowgli's growth. I suppose someone could see it as promoting violence, but in a very real sense if this is a myth, a legend, which I think this story is, it is really symbolic. The child overcoming evil, confronting their fears, and learning to stand up to it, confront it, defeat it and grow. Violence is very stylized, dance-like rather than realistic, but we don't shy away from it. Our target audience is fourth to sixth graders but of course older is just fine.

Associate professor George Bellah, director of the upcoming production "Jungalbook," discusses playwright Edward Mast's adaptation, and Central's interpretation, of Rudyard Kipling's original Mowgli stories.
New Yakima venue combines good food, fresh coffee and music for affordable price

I could see it in his eyes. I could sense it by his tone of voice. He made sure to thank each of his talented guests. It’s obvious Mike Monahan, the manager of Yakima’s new acoustic performance venue, is proud of what he’s doing and a true believer that his place holds a strong position as part of the local and broader Northwest music scene.

“Don’t worry, Monahan has no room to talk. On the night of the coffeehouse’s grand opening last Jan. 5, over 130 patrons entered the door. The number surpassed the venue’s capacity, which holds roughly 100 people. Since then, Monahan said the coffeehouse has averaged 60 patrons per Saturday evening.

I was in for more than a Dr. Seuss hat that is, deep experience with folk rock.

The coffeehouse is housed in the basement of Glenwood Square, Yakima’s community mini mall complex at 510 Tieton Drive. From 1990 up until 1999, Glenwood Square acted as the local fruit warehouse. In 1997, Monahan’s brother, Tim, purchased the warehouse and completely renovated it, naming it The Coffeehouse at Tim’s Basement, making it a smoke and alcohol-free environment focused fully on music. “We’re trying to provide a venue where people can grow musically and people can enjoy the variety of performers and the talent that exists within the Yakima area and throughout the valley,” Mike said.

Mike is no stranger to the coffeehouse-type venue. For six years he served on the coordinating committee for the Leavenworth Community Coffeehouse before moving to Yakima in 2001. Mike’s coffeehouse in Yakima, like Leavenworth’s, is a non-profit venture supported by volunteer labor.

The layout of the Yakima coffeehouse is conducive for a diverse audience and a family-friendly atmosphere. Mike continues his brother’s “comfort food” by serving a $2 bottomless pit of coffee and all the snacks one wants for 25 cents each. With the lights turned low and candles centering each wood-furnished table, an intimate setting is conveyed.

“The atmosphere is just fantastic,” Deanna Dozier-Quine, a patron and resident of Yakima, said. “It’s laid back and there is no pressure.”

The coffeehouse is open on Saturday nights from 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. and since the grand opening, Mike has coordinated an eclectic range of entertainment. He prefers acoustic singer/songwriter performers and bands. Styles have ranged from bluegrass to folk to Celtic.

On Saturday, April 13, I entered the coffeehouse for the first time. The wooden stairs winded down to the basement of Glenwood Square. From Enumclaw, graced the performance stage for the first time as the 8 p.m. headlining act. His act included an impressive rendition of George Harrison’s Beatles classic, “Taxman.”

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It’s great to be under the microscope and people are listening,” Jones said, referring to the evening’s tentative crowd. Mike said this is all due to the alcohol-free and smoke-free environment. Without the drug, the audience is more focused on the music, Mike said, which is his ultimate goal.

Halfway through Jones’s performance, Mike passed “the hat” around, a Dr. Seuss hat that is, deep enough to accommodate the wealth of cash offered by patrons. The headlining performer receives the donations.

Mike said the success of the coffeehouse lies with everybody. This underlines the coffeehouse motto: Together we can make it happen. Together we can keep it going.

Although the coffeehouse doesn’t pay the bills, it does fulfill a lifelong passion for Mike.

“Mine is golf,” Mike said. “Some play golf. Others fish. I manage a coffeehouse.”

To create a more impressive sound system, Mike is seeking a benefactor to help purchase a pair of Mackie speakers. Those interested in helping Mike purchase these speakers, who would like to perform either headliner or open mic, or who would like to volunteer, may reach Mike at (509) 962-6871 or by email at them@msn.com.

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Local musicians present rock style opera of Christ's last days on Earth

By Lauren McKeen
Staff reporter

Brothers-in-law Michael Johnson, 26, and Joe Johnson, 30, are very passionate about the rock opera production they wrote. "The Passion," based on the final days of Jesus Christ, which had its debut last Friday and Saturday night in the Samuelson Union Building. "The Passion" is a term that describes the story of Jesus' ministry on Earth during his final days. The timeline of "The Passion" covers the Last Supper to the Crucifixion. The basic story is accounted in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the first four books of the New Testament.

The Johnsons took a unique approach with their production, including the resurrection of Jesus Christ. "I always felt like there was something missing (in other musical performances)," Michael said. "Either musically it wasn't quality or it might be great music but really watered down and lacking content. So it basically converged into us wanting to do this story because it's what we believe and it's truly us. It was a sense, not of 'We want to do this production, what should we do?' It was 'We can't do it on another thing.' There was kind of something compelling us to do this - someone compelling us." Setting a rock beat for the opera of Christ's last days on Earth

One and a half years later, they started coming up with ideas. "I fell asleep every night dreaming about it and woke up every morning thinking about it," Jeremy said. "I'm realizing that people will come away and this will be their picture of Jesus. It's pretty nerve-racking." The room was packed both Friday and Saturday nights for the premiere, and the audience was filled with familiar faces. "I think that "The Passion" was wonderfully done and I know the writer himself (Joe)," Carrie Snodgrass, Central alumna, said. "This piece has become their music." Friends, family, and community members volunteered for a variety of parts and roles that contributed to materializing this idea. Jeremy Johnson, Michael's brother, played the part of Jesus. The final work was a culmination of people's dedication and devotion to relate a sacred story from the Bible to the viewers. "The response and the audience..." Michael said. "I've heard so many good things from people, that it's either clarified or opened up their eyes to a new aspect of the stories they've heard over and over and over again, saying 'Jesus is more real to me now than he was before because he was portrayed in that way.'" Jeremy accepted the role of the portrayal of Jesus that Jeremy used in his acting. His main objective was to show the audience how much Jesus loved people by dramatizing that emotion on stage. "My brother just did awesome (playing the role of Jesus)," Michael said. "He was perfect for the part from the beginning and I kept telling him that but he wouldn't believe me at first, but we decided he'd do it anyway. The finished product I could not be more satisfied with. Overall, it's just amazing." Jeremy accepted the role of Jesus realizing what an enormous task he had on his hands. "I felt asleep every night dreaming about it, and it woke up every morning thinking about it," Jeremy said. "When you try to portray God's son, it's a fine line to walk...I'm realizing that people will come away and this will be their picture of Jesus. It's pretty nerve-racking." The room was packed both Friday and Saturday nights for the premiere, and the audience was filled with familiar faces. "I think that "The Passion" was wonderfully done and I know the writer himself (Joe)," Carrie Snodgrass, Central alumna, said. "This shows him and his expression of art. The actors and actresses were awesome, especially the way Jeremy portrayed Jesus. It was a really good combination of music, singing, life and drama." Check out the latest from Tim Allen and Enrique Iglesias at www.cwu.edu/observer

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College cowboys clash

by Observer staff

Roping, riding and racing were all featured at last weekend's College Rodeo at Kittitas County Fairgrounds. The Central Washington University rodeo club put on the event.

As a team, Central finished fifth place overall while Walla Walla Community College took first place honors. After seven rodeos in the Northwest Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, Central sits in seventh place.

"We have a very talented group of individuals who work hard and the sky's the limit for all of them," Central Rodeo Club Advisor Kay Smith said.

Central Rodeo Team Member, Jason Buchanan won Friday's team roping competition and finished second overall.

The updated regional standings have Central's Casey Smith in ninth place for team roping header. Buchanan sits in the fifth place position for team roping header.

Meanwhile, bullrider James Whitescarver jumped up to the tenth place in the region in bullriding after finishing third overall. Whitescarver was Central's top point winner in the Rodeo.

The top ten individuals in each category advance to regionals. Only three rodeos remain on the collegiate circuit schedule.

Central's rodeo club comprises only one female competitor, freshman Jaime Dunsmore, who was unable to accumulate points in this competition.

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Run baby run! Calf roping was one of the challenges featured at Central's College Rodeo held over the weekend.

*Joe Whiteside/Observer*
Bullrider has big day at College Rodeo

by Dave Shimogawa
Staff reporter

Remember the time when people asked you what you wanted to be when you grew up? For Central Rodeo Club member, James Whitescarver, the question was answered in one word, bullrider.

A native of Bothell, Whitescarver joined the rodeo club and practiced extensively throughout the year. By his senior year, he was ready to compete. Whitescarver's outstanding performance at the College Rodeo Team, White River College, qualified the team for the Northwest Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

The University of Idaho Rodeo in Lewiston is the next destination for Whitescarver and the Central Rodeo Team. Whitescarver doesn't only work hard in the corral but in the classroom as well. When not riding, he can be found fishing or hunting.

A law and justice major, Whitescarver hopes to become a firefighter. "It's a great deal of agility and balance," Whitescarver said.

The club plans many trips this year. On April 13, a climbing trip to Mt. Hood, Oregon is scheduled. "If any last minute people want to go, we're totally open to that," Simonson said.

On April 27, they will be heading to the Columbia Gorge to rock climb for the weekend. "Everything for this event will be provided", Simonson said.

On May 11, a trip is planned to the San Juan Islands to go ocean kayaking. A cabin will be provided for the weekend of lodging. On May 18 and 19, there will be a camping trip to Alpine Lakes in the Enhanced Mountain.

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There is no need to be an advanced outdoorsman to participate in this club. All a person needs is the desire to get outside and have some fun in the great outdoors of the Pacific Northwest.

"All people are welcome," Simonson said. "Most of the club members and advisors are beginners themselves; we are all just looking to learn how to do something new!"

Club advisor Bob Perkins is an avid outdoorsman and has climbed mountains including Mt. Rainier. "Bob is a great leader," Simonson said. "He's excellent at working with students and teaching them how to ski, climb, raft, etc."

The club has 75 members attending meetings and events. It costs $5 to join per quarter. This dues, along with fundraising, helps pay for the trips.

The club provides all the equipment that is needed for people on each trip. Also, the Tent-N-Tube in the Student Union Building and Mountain High Sports on Fourth Avenue in downtown Ellensburg rent out equipment.

The club has regular meetings and plans activities fall and winter quarters as well.

In the fall, they try to go on skiing and snowboarding trips, snowshoeing excursions, cross country skiing, sledding, hiking, and any other activities that club members are interested in.

In the fall, excellent weather conditions help when planning trips. In the past, club members have gone river rafting on the Yakima. Last fall the club white water rafted for a full day on the Wenatchee River.

"This was one of the first trips that I got to lead," Simonson said.

The club's next meeting is scheduled for 5:15 on April 17 in the SUB Pit. For more information, contact Brita Simonson.

"Feel free to email (outdoorclub@cwu.edu) or call (963-8374) with any questions whatsoever, we are open to any and all ideas," Simonson said.

Members of the Outdoor Adventure Club enjoy a moment in the sun after a white water rafting excursion.

by Sarah Williams
Staff reporter

Rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking, and other outdoor activities like these are experienced by Central Washington University's Outdoor Adventure Club.

"Our goal is to get Central students into the outdoors more because not many people will get involved in outdoor activities if they aren't planned," Outdoor Club President, Brita Simonson, said. "So that's one of our main goals with this club."

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Central sports quick hits

Track star honored by GNAC

by Stephanie West
Observer

Track athletes cross the finish during a recent practice.

At Central, Whitescarver joined the rodeo club and practiced extensively throughout the year. By his senior year, he was ready to compete. Whitescarver's outstanding performance at the College Rodeo Team, White River College, qualified the team for the Northwest Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

The University of Idaho Rodeo in Lewiston is the next destination for Whitescarver and the Central Rodeo Team. Whitescarver doesn't only work hard in the corral but in the classroom as well. When not riding, he can be found fishing or hunting.

A law and justice major, Whitescarver hopes to become a firefighter. "It's a great deal of agility and balance," Whitescarver said.

The club plans many trips this year. On April 13, a climbing trip to Mt. Hood, Oregon is scheduled. "If any last minute people want to go, we're totally open to that," Simonson said.

On April 27, they will be heading to the Columbia Gorge to rock climb for the weekend. "Everything for this event will be provided", Simonson said.

On May 11, a trip is planned to the San Juan Islands to go ocean kayaking. A cabin will be provided for the weekend of lodging. On May 18 and 19, there will be a camping trip to Alpine Lakes in the Enhancement Mountain.

"The weekend before finals week, there will be a big white water rafting trip on either the Wenatchee or Snake River. We did this last year and had a blast," Simonson said. "So take a break from your stress and take a break filled with an adrenaline rush."

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Alicen Maier, Central Track

Maier ran a GNAC season best 10.00.7 in the 3000 meters over the weekend, giving her her third provisional qualification of the season earning her GNAC Female Athlete of the Week honors for the second time this season. She is also the top qualifier in the 1500 meters.

Thumbs up

Central Baseball Pitching Staff

On top of having an 8.08 ERA, Central's pitching staff has managed to give up 210 runs, 273 hits, 74 walks, and 43 home runs in just 177 innings. Opponents are batting .345 against them, while their best starting pitcher owns a dismal ERA of 7.12.

Central individual baseball season statistics

Hitting
Hit Average: 476
Total Bases: 21
On-base %: 90
Hits: 38
Stolen Bases: 6
RBI: 13

Pitching

Earned Run Average: 38.0
Innings Pitched: 12
Walks: 13
Stolen Bases Allowed: 13

Thumbs down

Relief Goosen, golfer

"Do I get green pants for finishing second?" - Goosen said after finishing second to Tiger Woods, who received the honorable "G. C. M. G. Jacket" in the 2002 Master's in Augusta, Georgia.

Quotable

Ron Wright, Mariners

On April 13th, everything went wrong for Ron Wright. In his first major league game with the Mariners, Wright wrote his name in ink in the minds of baseball fans and players. In his three at-bats, Wright struck out, hit into a double play, and also into a triple play. Not exactly the best outing for a man who spent seven years in the minor leagues.

Athlete of the Week

John Thomas

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Baseball splits homestead

by Matthew McManus

Staff reporter

The Central Washington University baseball team split its series against Northwest Nazarene University at Tomlinson Field last weekend. The Wildcats (9-14, 3-5 GNAC) took the first two games of the series against the Crusaders (15-23, 7-9 GNAC) on Friday, but lost the final two on Saturday.

Central showed its offensive power in the first two games, posting scores of 16-11 and 13-4. In the first game of the twin bill, juniors Kyle Baumgartner, John Thomas (GNAC co-player of the week) and Anthony Rodriguez led the Wildcat offense. Thomas and Baumgartner each had two hits and four RBIs. Junior infielder Anthony Rodriguez collected three hits and scored three times.

Senior pitcher Tyler Kerlee hurled seven innings for the win, giving up seven runs on ten hits in his fourth start of the season. Senior pitcher Sam Mirkovich took over in the eighth inning and closed out the ballgame, getting the last six outs.

In the second game Friday, the offense and pitching went hand in hand. Thomas powered the offense collecting two hits, including a grand slam, and four RBIs. His Senior catcher Brandon Temple had two hits and added two RBIs in the win.

In Saturday's games, the Wildcats could not continue their winning ways, as they dropped the final two games to the Crusaders. In game three of the series, Central scored a 5-0 lead by the second inning, but went scoreless the rest of the game. "We need to take advantage of opportunities when they come up," senior Andy Bayne said.

The Wildcats had chances to score in the later innings, but did not come up with key hits down the stretch. Central lost by a score of 8-5.

"The breaks are just not going our way right now."

— Kyle Baumgartner

In the nightcap of the second doubleheader, NNU pitcher James Portor pitched a complete game shutout. "It was very disappointing Saturday after what we accomplished in the first two games," head coach Desi Storey said. "The team seemed to be pressing to get runs and the farther we got behind the tougher it was to come back. We as a team need to play to our capabilities and continue to improve."

Rodriguez went 8-13 in the series, adding two hits in game four. In his sixth start of the year, senior pitcher Paul Arellano pitched the first four innings giving up five runs on eight hits in the losing effort. Roberts and Cutlip finished the last three innings.

Over the weekend, the Wildcats will host a four game series against Western Oregon.
Good intentions fresh in my mind, I immediately put my research to work after last week’s review of the gym.

- I happened to pick the treadmill closest to the window. Not only was this my first mistake, it quickly became my last. How can I spend all my time inside a dark gym, while the sun tempts me from outside? I’m all for getting in shape, but I’ve since

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- priorites, you can also toss around a football, play volleyball or take a swim. If it is hiking you’re interested in, Ellensburg has many opportunities that appeal to beginners as well as the more experienced. With a little scouting around I’ve learned that some good hiking takes place out next to the pond. If you have visions of wilderness rescues at the mention of unpaved roads, I’ve been assured the trails are easy to navigate.

- For water sports, all you have to do is drive on down to Vantage. On Memorial Day, you will find hundreds of college students using the extended weekend to their advantage. Just a word of advice having spent one very memorable weekend there: plan ahead and go early. Activities do take a slightly wilder turn that particular weekend, so pick a different time if sleep and relaxation is your goal.

The Yakima River offers both floating and fishing and will provide all adventurous Wildcats with plenty of entertainment to fill the afternoon. Plenty of places to stop along the river are available to rest or take a plunge from the nearest rock. Inner tubes are available at Test N’ Tube, located right next to Ticketmaster at the entrance to the SUB.

So there you are, a quick guide to surviving Central without too much spring fever. Besides, we deserve a break. We all spent the winter locked inside studying hard and slaving away at the computer, right? Maybe next week we’ll figure out a way to turn that backyard pick up game of baseball into an extra PE credit.
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