Faculty reduces student votes

by Shane Cleveland
Asst. news editor

Sex, drugs and student activism are associated with the year 1969, the same year that Central Washington University’s student body was given three voting positions on the Faculty Senate.

Since then AIDS put a real damper on sex, all the drugs are still illegal and now the student’s role on the faculty senate has been reduced.

Three of the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors have been voting members of the faculty senate.

On April 24, the senate voted to lower the number of student votes to one, and delegate the remaining two as ex-officio (non-voting) members.

A non-voting member is allowed the power to hold the floor and introduce discussion.

Originally, the senate code committee proposed changing all three of the positions to non-voting, but after several motions by various members of the senate, one voting position was salvaged for the students.

A substitute motion proposed to uphold the student’s three votes passed, but was amended to reduce it to one.

A further amendment by a student senator raised the number to two, but failed, 19 to 17, demonstrating the possible sway three votes can harbor in the senate.

The final decision to allow one voting student representative and two non-voting student representatives was then proposed and passed.

“This was a political compromise... it would be a misconception if people spin this into the faculty versus the students,” Josh Nelson, faculty senator and foreign language department chair, said.

Todd Schaefer, faculty senator and associate professor of political science, said the senate is supposed to represent the interest of the faculty.

There was concern that the senate is diluted, or misrepresented, by the number of votes given to students when issues concerning only the faculty arise.

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Concerned students question candidates at forum

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

Now that their names are on posters across campus, the Board of Directors’ candidates put faces and ideas to those names at the residence hall association (RHA) forum last Wednesday.

The forum included candidates running for the positions of president and vice president for student life and facilities.

Each position began with three candidates; after today’s primary election, only two will remain in each spot.

The forum provided a look into the aspirations and interpretations the candidates hold for their position.

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Police Briefs

Compiled by Shane Cleveland
Ass. news editor

Hot spot
9:31 p.m. April 19

Officers responded to a fire call in the 1900 block of Brooklane. Upon arrival they contacted three individuals using fire extinguishers to put out a fire engulfing a utility shed adjacent to a residence. The fire department finished off the flames which may have been caused by lit cigarettes in a tin can and inspected the rest of the building for any additional fire. An estimated $2,500 in damage was caused.

Herto del traductor
2:30 p.m. April 19

A student left an electronic English translator unattended in the library and it was taken. It was stolen sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The translator was later found outside the library broken into pieces. It was valued at $350. Police responded but were unable to identify any suspects.

Bike rack vandals
1:17 p.m. April 20

Unknown persons/poersons cut off the interior vertical metal bars off one of the bike racks in front of the library entrance. The bars were not taken, they were left at the scene. Damage was estimated at $20.

Squatter
9 a.m. April 23

Police assisted staff in ensuring a 21-year-old male moved out of High-Green Hall, where he never supposed to have moved in.

Stolen bike
Midnight April 25

A bike which was left unlocked and unattended for about ten minutes outside of the west entrance of Barto Hall was stolen. The red and black men’s mountain bike was estimated at $850. Police urge bike owners to never leave bikes unlocked in any location, even for just a short time.

SENATE: Faculty allows one student vote

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valuable,” Nate Harris, ASCWU/BOD vice president for equity and community service, said. Harris felt the three votes ensured a “diverse student perspective,” and that all the different factions of students would be better represented by multiple voices.

The senate consists of representatives from all the university’s departments. The number of seats per department is decided by department size.

A majority of the departments have only one seat, but six have two and the students have had three. This arrangement gives 37 representatives for more than 500 faculty and three for more than 8,000 students. The university president and the provost are both non-voting members of the senate.

Nelson said the faculty he spoke with in his department were concerned about the number of votes given to the students, but thought it would be appropriate to allow one vote to remain.

“There was the will to create a compromise,” Nelson said.

FORUM: Primary candidates share platforms

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“I want to inform students of where their money is being spent, how it is being spent and why it is being spent,” Barrios said.

In addition to the presidential candidates, those running for vice president for student life and facilities fielded questions about how they plan to reach students, the rift between Central and the community, and how to make the BOD a better organization.

“I will make it my personal mission to make your time outside of class rewarding and fulfilling as you want it to be,” Allison Worrell, candidate for VP for student life and facilities, said.

Communication seemed to be a primary concern of all participants. Each showed interest in extending the knowledge of the BOD and its services through better public relations and increased personal contact with the students and community.

“There are three basic principles that I believe everything should be built on and that is leadership, integrity and communication,” Shawn Findley, candidate for student life facilities, said. Findley is a native of Ellensburg and “grew up immersed in the university,” but he recognizes the friction between the community and university. Every candidate expressed high support of the student service and learning center for providing service and programs that benefit the community.

One specific idea of Fuhlman’s is to set up a lunch “where people can continue to support and serve Central in a new way. It is critical to have enough student voices to give us the information that we seek,” Huckabay said. “I am less concerned about getting votes than being heard. I really hope we keep having the really strong solid input we’ve been having from students.”

Aside from his efforts to keep the student’s votes intact, Harris agrees that the opportunity to be heard is equally advantageous.

“There will be a lot of value to the discussion and dialogue we can provide,” Harris said.

All of these candidates hope to accomplish in office, they all responded a little differently. Findley is seeking change, Worrell wants to be a part of the BOD progressing to a new level and Fuhlman hopes to get more students involved in what they enjoy.

One thing is true for all candidates: if not elected all desire to continue to support and serve Central in any way possible. After the forum, one student said, “I was just blown away by all of you. I’m hearing a lot of great ideas and it’s too bad we can’t lump all of you together.”

After the general elections, only two of these candidates will be elected. But there is more time to hear what they have to say and if students listen they should be prepared to make their decisions come election day.

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Like the swallows returning to San Juan Capistrano, nearly every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday the bars downtown swell with college kids looking for fun. Most people have a good time and remain under control, but a few always seem to get a little rowdy, explosively fueled by alcohol.

In the city's quest to control the downtown bar area, noise ordinances were established to make sure the patrons and bar owners were mindful of other residents. While many feel the noise ordinance has done its job curbing loud, boisterous behavior, some downtown shop owners have raised concerns that it doesn't do enough.

Ellensburg police chief Bob Richey said since the start of school this year 78 individuals have been cited for violating the noise ordinance, with only two being issued downtown.

"We feel that the ordinance is appropriate and adequate and we enforce it through the entire city," Richey said. "Probably the most frustrating issue for downtown merchants is the aftermath of the night before."

Richey said he has consistently worked on communicating his and others' concerns to bar owners, but the number of incidents this year doesn't appear to be higher than previous years.

"Our stats clearly show a stepped up (police) presence in the north end and that may account for less (police) presence downtown," Richey said. "It's kind of a rob Peter to pay Paul situation."

Frank Erickson owns a building downtown and feels strengthening the noise ordinance is one way citizens can take back their city.

"You might say noise is the mantra of hooliganism and vandalism," Erickson said. "Noise itself is vandalism, screaming, shouting, big time noise making is vandalism."

Erickson contends that the bars downtown are alcohol enablers: they are in the business of selling booze and the more they sell the better, no matter what the cost to the downtown area.

"One of the problems is the people that think alcohol can't be controlled. I don't think the band-aid approach the police are taking is working," Erickson said.

Many times shop owners have opened their business in the morning to discover the remnants of a meal someone had the night before in the doorway. Vandalism, vomit and urine are the biggest problems local merchants face after a busy night at the bars.

Laury Stoeser owns Seventh Heaven, a shop along Main Street, and knows first hand the consequences of a night of heavy drinking.

"I don't know if the noise ordinance has anything to do with people puking on my windows," she said. "Usually they're a lot quieter when they're in the process."

Stoeser has owned a downtown business for eight years and knows college kids will do these things, but she still doesn't like it.

"I've had all kinds of issues with the drunks downtown. Garbage in my mailbox, tipping over planters, putting beer bottles on my bumper," Stoeser said. "I'm sure my friends did it in college, I'm not sure anything has changed."

The Mint, which offers beer, hard liquor and live music according to manager Djordje Popovic.

"We are in the business of providing safe culture with trained personnel, cameras and people checking ID's," Popovic said.

Providing an outlet for socializing in Ellensburg and a safe place to party is Popovic's main goal, but he does realize the consequences of over-service.

"We are an important part of the popular culture in this city," Popovic said. "It's illegal for us to over-serve people. We always have people flowing through the crowd looking for people who are too drunk. We would rather keep them here and let them sober up, than kick them out."

The profit from the sale of a drink to someone already inebriated is not worth the hassle, danger to his employees and other patrons and problems which occur when the bar closes.

"There's a way to consume alcohol that is responsible and safe for everyone. The Mint is a safe place," said Popovic. "We have a good relationship with the cops, fire department and liquor control board because we're all on the same team."

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Kristina Speer, senior elementary education major, gears up at Tent-N-Tube with the help of Jeff Bickford, senior law and justice major.

**Tent-N-Tube offers a variety of spring fun**

by Ashley Edwards  
Staff reporter

The sun is shining and the great outdoors is calling. Many students are unable to bring their camping equipment with them to school or maybe they just don’t have any. Central’s Tent-N-Tube can help students with all their outdoor needs.

Tent-N-Tube provides students with great prices for all camping needs. It normally will cost around $40 for two people to go on a weekend camping trip. This price includes tents, poles, foot pumps and a dry bag. The raffling season usually runs from April through September, but for far the rivers have not opened up to raffling enthusiasts.

Tent-N-Tube provides an assortment of different lawn games. The facility has an Earth Ball, volley ball set, Tug-O-War rope, or croquet set for $1.50 or less. The facility also has a selection of games such as pool, checkers, and frisbee. The facility also provides games to students with great prices for all outdoor enthusiasts.

Students can rent camping equipment, Tent-N-Tube rents all the necessities to float the wild waters of the Yakima River. For students, a six-person raft for a day will cost $25. This price includes life vests, paddles, foot pumps and a dry bag.

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Tent-N-Tube accepts cash, Visa, MasterCard, and personal checks for all rental items. Tent-N-Tube is ready and willing to help individuals get back to nature, so do not miss out on this great week. Get some friends and get off campus for a little while. Become one with nature.

Ed Snyder wins “Extra Mile” award and CWU Employee of the Year honors
courtesy of University Relations

Ed Snyder, project coordinator for facilities management, has been selected as the Public Service Recognition Week 2002 “Extra Mile” award recipient from the state of Washington.

Snyder is one of ten individuals statewide to receive this prestigious award. Employees can be nominated for surpassing expectations and making a positive contribution to their work.

Snyder’s award will be presented Thursday, May 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the Lombard Room.

Synder also received Central Washington University’s Employee of the Week award and Wednesday afternoon. Along with the title, Synder received a $1,500 award at the 2002 Service Award Program in Tumtum Dining Center.

He was the Employee of the Month in November of 2001, making him eligible for employee of the year.

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**Peace Corps writers share literary achievements**

Ken Whittenberg  
Staff reporter

The Peace Corps sends people to volunteer in developing countries, and some are so affected by their experience they can’t help but pen their thoughts about their adventures.

Former Peace Corps volunteer visited Central Washington University to read their works and poems to students and faculty last Friday night.

“An Evening of Readings by Peace Corps Writers” featured award-winning writers Peter Chilson and Susan Rich, whose nonfiction and fiction writing focuses on their experiences as Peace Corps workers in Niger, Africa. The evening’s readings also included the works of Steve Horowitz, who runs the English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Central.

“First this is the time an event like this has been held at Central, bringing Peace Corps volunteers to share their stories and experiences with us,” Horowitz, former Peace Corps volunteer, said.

Chilson, a creative writing instructor at Washington State University, read from “Riding the Demon: On the Road in West Africa,” which details his work over seas. The story won the Associated Writers Programs Award in Creative Nonfiction.

Horowitz is ready and willing to take the passengers across the raging river in a truck. When the truck got stuck in the middle of the river everyone bailed out. Horowitz took his belongings and jumped in the river to escape the sinking truck. He was offered help by a local man, but he insisted on carrying Horowitz to town on his back for a few cents as payment. Horowitz was covered from head to toe in mud, and children along the river’s bank laughed hysterically at the mud covered man on the back of a local, and called the pair a double-decker donkey.

Another of Horowitz’s stories detailed an evening when he visited Whirling Dervishes, a mystic sect of Sufi Islam, and saw them perform their dervish dance, which included eye gouging and electrocution. One of his stories tells about drinking with an Azerbaijani schoolteacher. The schoolteacher tried to take Horowitz home to meet his son but is rebuked by the teacher’s wife because they are drunk and it’s two in the morning. Horowitz was left out in calf-high snowdrifts, all alone in a town he hardly knew.

The third reader of the evening was Susan Rich, the author of “The Cartographer’s Tongue/Poems of the World,” winner of the PEN Win/Poetry award and the Peace Corps Readers and Writers award. She’s been published in the Christian Science Monitor, DoubleTake, Harvard Magazine, Massachusetts Review and Poet Lore. Her poems focus on the lives of the poor, travelers, people in the street and beggars.

“My poems and stories seem to always be about the poor and travelers,” Rich said.

One of her poems featured a beggar-woman in a bus station in Niger who was suffering from leprosy. The poem describes how the other people in the station paid the woman, not because of pity, but to move her along. Rich wonders in her poem what it must be like to live life in such a way, having pain, helping you pay because they don’t want you around.

The desire to help people in developing countries inspired Chilson, Horowitz and Rich to venture out on a trip. Their experiences with the people and the environment around them prompted them to write personal stories, helping them and those who read these stories to better understand what is happening in far off countries.

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Debra Acey, of Snoqualmie, was sentenced last Friday for the November death of Central junior Erin Klotz.

Acey was sentenced to nine years for vehicular homicide.

Klotz and another Central student, Tracey Fischer, were driving in the eastbound lanes of I-90 when they were hit head-on by Acey, who was traveling westbound.

Klotz was killed instantly. Fischer suffered severe injuries, and Acey received fourteen months for vehicular assault as part of the sentencing for Fischer's injuries.

An hour after the accident, Acey's blood alcohol level was at .30, more than three times the legal limit.

Nine years is more than twice the standard sentence for vehicular homicide, but Acey's two previous drunken-driving arrests persuaded the judge to hand out the exceptional sentence.

"When she spoke, we knew she was genuinely sorry," Fischer said. "She got the exceptional sentence, so she could get the help she needs, but it's still not going to bring Erin back," Ellicia Thiessen said.

In the courtroom, Thiessen gave a timeline of what Klotz could have accomplished and achieved in the nine years Acey would spend in jail.

"It helped close that chapter, so now we can focus on going forward and trying to celebrate Erin's life," Thiessen said. "Klotz was a music major and rock climbing enthusiast, who grew up in Kennewick. She hoped to become a conductor."

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If you care about your school at least a little, but not enough to get tangled up in those big words, vote for someone who does. It's that simple. It doesn't take much effort to learn about the candidates and what they are planning to do for you. Who is going to make your life at Central better? Just find out and let them do the dirty work.

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 Voting, if you give a damn

by Emily Bonden

Staff reporter

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Central needs more student involvement

Unmotivated? Lackluster? Lazy? Apathetic? I'm not sure which of these words best describe the attitude of the general student population at Central Washington University. It just seems to me that nobody really cares about anything on this campus. We're a small campus in a small community. Should it be that hard to get people motivated to get out and support their school? I guess it shouldn't be a shock to me that nobody has had an opinion on any editorials written in the past four weeks, when hardly anyone (except diehard fans) go to school sporting events. Then there's a minute group of people who vote for the student government elections, which I may add begin today.

There is no excuse for Nicholson Pavilion not to be full to the brim with a home basketball game. So what if during the football game it's 40 degrees outside with a slight drizzle. That's part of the joy of football season. I don't see the weather stopping other universities from drawing large crowds. It shouldn't take a game against Western Washington University to get people to come out and show support. Students really have no excuse for not going to these games. What else is there to do in Ellensburg? It's not like the games take place at 11 p.m. and are going to get in the way of the bar scene. Your student identification card will even get you into the games for free. What does it say about the spirit of this school when the number of retired citizens outnumber the students at Central sporting events?

Moving on to the importance of the student government elections. For those of you who are going to be here the next year or the next few years (myself not included), you may want to consider taking a sudden interest in what's happening on this campus. The ASCWU-BOD can be a very beneficial tool for students to use when there are concerns on this campus. They represent the voice of the student body. After all, these people do get paid a sufficient amount of money to do what they do, so it's important that the right people are elected for the job.

The majority of my frustration with attitudes on this campus probably stems from the lack of involvement by students in response to the Observer. I find it hard to believe that nobody had a single comment in response to topics covered so far in this quarter's Observances, negative or positive. It takes a tamer joke in the police briefs to get people riled up enough to voice their opinion. Although the lack of motivation on Central's campus directly affects my job, it's something I noticed even before I took this position.

Come on, get out there and show a little interest in this university. College is a once in a lifetime experience and being involved with the school in some way, whether it be sports, government or university related activities, is a large part of that experience. Don't miss out.

—Kevin Edejean

Letters to the Editor

President explains next year's possible tuition increase

To the Editor:

A recent article in the Observer by staff reporter Ken Whitmer discusses the tuition increase that I will propose to the Board of Trustees at its May meeting. As I read the article, I noticed a few points that deserve additional clarification.

Ken is right in saying that the tuition increase is in response to the legislature's decision to cut state support by 5%. A 5% cut constitutes a reduction in our budget of $2,249,000. Recognizing that institutions could not sustain a cut of this magnitude without seriously jeopardizing programs, legislators also gave university governing boards the option of "offsetting" the state cut by raising tuition. To fully offset the cut, CWU needs both to have more students next year than this year, a goal we feel confident we will reach, and to set a higher tuition level than we had planned. Instead of the planned 6.1% increase that had been approved by the Board of Trustees for next year, I will recommend an increase of 13% for resident undergraduate students. This action will keep our tuitions close to those of our sister institutions in the state, although comparisons are somewhat difficult to make because the institutions include or exclude non-tuition fees in different ways. Tuitions at Washington's public baccalaureate institutions are about in the middle of those charged at similar public institutions across the nation.

Our primary goal in allocating next year's resources will be to provide students with courses, programs, and services they need to complete their education in a timely way, to bring faculty salaries in line with national norms, and to improve Central Washington University's reputation.

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with their peers at sister institutions, and to maintain the physical plant and campus infrastructure. The legislature has finished its budget work for the upcoming year and, short of an additional downturn in state revenue, we believe we can project our income for next year with some confidence. However, as Ken points out, we can’t project the budget for the biennium after this, and we recognize that additional revenue shortfalls may result in additional cuts to higher education. We are only now preparing our 2003-2005 budget request in which we will ask the state to reinstate support for the students we currently are serving without state support and to provide support for the additional students we anticipate in the next biennium. We also expect to ask for assistance in serving the needs of low income and first generation students and in serving the state’s workforce needs in the areas of teacher education, business, and computing. In next year’s conversations with the legislature, we’ll argue strongly against additional cuts because we believe our students are now bearing an excessive share of the cost of their education. At this time, though, we have no idea of the level of support we can expect from the state or of the subsequent changes in program offerings or student tuition that might result from their decisions.

The vice presidents and I, along with the members of the board of trustees, regret the tuition increase for next year that is necessitated by the decrease in state support, but we believe our paramount duty is to maintain access to and opportunity for higher education for the citizens of the state.

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Tenacious D's mix of comedy and rock bodes well with fans at Seattle's Paramount

Last Thursday, April 25, Black and Gass performed for a sold-out, energizing audience at Seattle's Paramount Theatre. As they walked onto the stage with their guitars in tow, both took a moment to eye their cult following, but also to appreciate the sheer beauty that is the Paramount.

"I think it's the most beautiful in all of the land," Black said. "Fitting for a king, wouldn't you say? It's a shame we'll have to burn the motherfucker down."

Complete with sing-alongs, crowd participation, an LSD trip, a terrible lyrics. "Lots of awesome songs are bullshit," Black said. "You'd be upset if I told you some of them."

Following this word of advice, Black and Kyle performed a short rendition of a classic: Brian Adams' "Summer of '69."

Now caught in a tangent of wisdom, Black went on to dispel the myths of the rock 'n' roll lifestyle. "All your fantasies about rock 'n' roll are bullshit," Black said to the packed house with his now-famous stare. "Involuntary, vocal drum and guitar solos."

During their closing song, a cover of the Beatles' classic "The End," Black performed Starr's memorable drum solo, vocal style. Incidentally, this is when I was almost brought to tears. Give it up for J.K. Give it up for J.B. Give it up for "D."

Opening for the "D" was the Moldy Peaches. Also a duo act, Peaches' simplistic style does out melodically like a stoned robot. Their lyrics warrant sexual craving but are sugar coated with Simon and Garfunkel harmonies.

After the show, photographer Michael Bennett and I worried our way backstage for an autograph and a short chat with Black and Gass. I tried my best to arrange an interview, but their manager said Black was tired and had received a massage the day before.

Tenacious D vows to return following the production and release of their next CD and make Seattle their first stop on tour.

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Music livens Barto lawn

Last Wednesday, Barto Hall lawn was transformed into an outdoor amphitheater for a Papa John’s Coffeehouse campus tour stop. This week’s featured artists were Ehren Ebbage and Angela LeCompte.

The event was informal and entertaining with Ebbage opening for LeCompte, playing the raw acoustic guitar. Ebbage is currently a member of the band Orange based out of Eugene, Ore. Orange is an original rock band with a funk jazz twist.

After finishing a concert tour with his band, Ebbage decided to go on tour with LeCompte. He felt that touring solo would give him a chance to work on writing songs as well as getting the word out about his band.

With the combination of his guitar and melodic voice, Ebbage created an original sound. His early musical influences came from the music his parents listened to such as the Beatles and Stevie Wonder, which left a solid impression in his mind.

Ebbage was the featured artist of the evening, battling the wind and dropping temperatures while performing her set.

Also from the Eugene area, she played the keyboard and performed solo. Her original style could be compared to that of Allison Krause or Sarah McLachlan. LeCompte enjoys writing songs and inspirations come to her often while she is driving.

“Connect the Dots” is a song written and performed by LeCompte; this particular piece exemplifies her creative style. She played the keyboard flawlessly and her voice created a beautiful sound which was very relaxing. LeCompte has the ability to reach many different tones with her voice, a lot like the artist Jewel who has made the “naughty baby girl” voice a trademark.

LeCompte has been around music almost all her life and has been involved in a variety of musical endeavors including a jazz duo and musical theater. She received a college degree from the University of Oregon in classical music.

She recently released a CD, which includes drums and bass to complement her keyboard and vocals. LeCompte enjoys playing in a band but also does not mind performing solo.

“I like the energy of the group, but it is fun to have the freedom of being solo. So if I want to slow down or speed up I can,” LeCompte said.

Ebbage and LeCompte will be continuing their tour around the Northwest with their next stop in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

The Papa John’s Coffeehouse campus tour will continue throughout spring quarter each Wednesday. Time and locations will be posted on Central’s website: www.cw.edu.

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Gorge alcohol ban upsets summer concert goers

by Anne Hueziker
Staff reporter

Summer is in the air and people are rushing to get tickets for upcoming concerts at the Gorge. Warm weather, camping, friends and cracking open a beer and partying, sounds like a great way to kick off the summer, right?

This summer things will be a little different. The new rule is that drinking will no longer be allowed at the Gorge campgrounds. Now, I know you are thinking what in the world are they talking about, and why would they do that?

It is no secret that the Gorge is a huge party spot that attracts a lot of young adults and things are bound to get a little out of control.

"I don't see why you can drink at any other campground but all of a sudden they are telling us that we can't drink anymore at the Gorge campgrounds?" You pay money to camp and it's not like people are really going to stop drinking," Alexis Draper, junior communication, major said.

Yes, in the past there have been times when things get a little out of control at concerts and banning alcohol consumption on the campgrounds seems to be the answer.

Officials at House of Blues refused to comment on the new no drinking standard at the Gorge saying it was too "sensitive" of an issue. Students are obviously not happy with this rule and want answers because they feel like they are punishing everyone for the few people who cause problems at the Gorge.

"How are they going to do this? Is it really worth having that many campgrounds because it might be cheaper to cram a bunch of people in a hotel where we can drink," Draper said.

An overcast day at the Gorge fails to discourage attendees. Legal drinking at the Gorge campground, in past years, has been significant in drawing a younger group.

"People will still continue to drink either before or during the concerts, especially depending on what concert is performing," Brent Armstrong, junior law and justice, major said.

The line up this summer looks great for the Gorge. Some of the bands include:

- Eagles- Saturday June 15 at 7:30 p.m., tickets from $79.80-$140.20.
- The Who- Saturday July 6 at 7:30 p.m., tickets from $61.45-$192.70.
- Ozzfest- Tuesday August 27 at 9 a.m., all tickets $61.75.
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For those of you who didn't get enough strange and freaky state laws, here are some more to satisfy your craving.

- Baltimore has regulations governing the disposal of hog's heads, pet droppings and oyster shells.
- In Belhaven, North Carolina, by town law the sewer service charge used to be "$2 per month, per stool." It was recently changed to read, "per toilet."
- In a case of wishful thinking, a Delaware legislator recently purposed a law that would require every minor to inform his or her parents before engaging in sexual intercourse.
- In Washington state, it is illegal to catch a fish by throwing a rock at it.
- It is against the law in Fairbanks, Alaska to give a moose a beer.

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College of Business informational session in May
by Observer Staff

In an effort to encourage awareness of Central Washington University's College of Business and its offerings, the business department has planned a question/answer seminar and lunch even at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8 at Shaw Student's Room 111.

Central's College of Business offers an accounting, economics and business degree program. Business department faculty will answer questions regarding career options concerning these programs. Faculty want to make sure interested students are on the right track.

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The romantic comedy "Life or Something Like It," directed by Stephen Herek ("Mr. Holland's Opus"), takes a journey through the life of Lanie Kerrigan, the woman who has it all. Lanie, played by Angelina Jolie ("Girl, Interrupted," "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider"), works at her dream job as a TV reporter and is engaged to Cal, a star player for the Seattle Mariners. Everything seems to be in place for Lanie until she is assigned to do a broadcast interview with a street prophet named Jack. Jack the cameraman, played by Edward Burns ("She's The One"), goes along with Lanie to film the interview.

During the interview Lanie does not take prophet Jack seriously in his predictions, until he makes one about her. Jack tells Lanie she only has seven days to live. She realizes if she dies in a week, she will not have experienced everything life has to offer. Lanie has never known what it is like to have fun and to truly love someone. Within a week Pete is able to make Lanie's life complete by eliminating the things she's missing. There is a lot going on throughout the film. As a result, scenes are cut short making it difficult to really get into the movie. Lanie goes from hating Pete with a passion to developing a passion for him. One minute Pete is the last back "go-to-work-when-I-feel-like-it" single guy who has eyes for many women. The next minute he is a divorcee with a child and only has eyes for Lanie. Soon the movie teaches the life lesson "live every day as if it were your last because one day it will be." This lesson will make you take a minute to examine your own life. How much are you willing to risk to live its fullest and find true happiness? A word of caution to the viewer: Following the solutions given in the movie for finding true happiness may end up getting you into more hot water than necessary. It is probably not wise to get loaded and give a newscast in your pajamas, or blow off work for a couple of days just before you are up for a big promotion.

Overall, "Life or Something Like It" is a good movie worth seeing. If you are experiencing life-altering changes after seeing this movie, however, I suggest you either seek counseling or wait until it is available on rent at your local video store. Don't delay. You don't know how long you have.

Alice Deejay’s debut kicks the groove in your move

Alice Deejay’s debut album, "Who Needs Guitars Anyway?" is a strange reminder of how excited and elated a heart in love races when the object of one’s affection walks into the same room.

The overwhelming techno back beat hits every part of your body. The first time I heard "Better Off Alone," an unexplainable energy came over me. It’s not just the lyrics, it’s not just the beat, it’s not just the melody or the meaning. It’s the lyrics, beat, melody and meaning of letting go and going crazy with the music, all in one. That’s the beauty of it every time.

Individually, each element is weak, but the artistic beauty of the mixture hits you "right there." It’s that "right there" that puts you in a trance of movement, heart, passion, aggression and letting go of yourself, boundaries and your comfort zone.

This is one of those CD’s that is needed to get a party going. Techno music is not a highly respected venue here in little Ellensburg, but it’s something that you just have to try. It doesn’t matter if you don’t know the fancy movements or don’t have a glow stick to dance with. This music is something that you can have fun with. After the album comes a prediction. A word of caution to the viewer: Following the solutions given in the movie for finding true happiness may end up getting you into more hot water than necessary. It is probably not wise to get loaded and give a newscast in your pajamas, or blow off work for a couple of days just before you are up for a big promotion.

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Students soak up IM Sports

by Matthew McManus
Staff reporter

It's the bottom of the ninth in game seven of the World Series. There are two outs, the winning run is on third base and you're up to bat.

Does your competitive desire lead you to fantasies such as this? Unfortunately, 99.9 percent of us will never have the opportunity to live out this delusion of grandeur.

Intramural sports, however, might be the answer to your competitive needs.

"Intramurals are fun to compete in," junior Pat Garmong says.

The Central Washington University intramural program is a sports league that facilitates students who are not part of the university's athletic teams. It provides an opportunity for students to stay active and competitive after their glory years in high school have come to an end.

"Intramural sports are a great venue to compete in," said Recreation Coordinator Supervisor Steve Waldeck. "The programs give the students the chance to be involved with something and to have fun in a good experience." Central offers IM sports each quarter except summer. Softball, volleyball, soccer, golf and basketball are happening now. Different competition levels are available including competitive leagues for the diehard spirit, and coed and recreational teams looking for a good time.

Last year was the biggest turnout for IM sports in Central history with around 1,300 students participating. This year there are close to 1,150 students active in the program.

In the spring, softball is the most popular IM program offered. This year, there are 70 teams competing. There are also 24 basketball teams, eight soccer teams and six volleyball teams. The one problem for outdoor sports has been the windy weather.

"The season has been great up to this point," says recreation Coordinator II, John Duncan. "IMs at Central have had great participation. This is a great way to get a release from academics and to enjoy the weather outside." The University recreation office is working with the SUB-Rec committee on plans for the new Student Union Building and recreation building. The planned facility will be a new recreation facility that would feature a basketball court, a climbing wall, a jogging track and a weight/workout facility. This will be in the middle of campus and should be ready in about two to three years.

Saturday, May 4, the recreation office is offering a free four-on-four flag football tournament. The deadline to sign up is today at 4:30 p.m.

To get statistics or information about intramurals, go to www.cwu.edu/-imsports or call the IM office at 963-3512. The office is located in the SUB room 111, with working hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The department also has a room in Nicholson Pavilion, room 108, with office hours from 5-10 p.m. Or you can call 963-1751 for more information.

Future Wildcats sign up to compete at Central

by Duane Shimogawa
Staff reporter

Sitting through some Cracker Jacks, a typical person might find a prize after their first scoop, but more often than not, it takes a second or a third try before that elusive toy is found.

For the Central Washington University volleyball, women's basketball, and football teams, this recruiting season has been full of treats, and it seems that the coaches are going to reach into the recruiting box to find even more delights.

The Wildcat volleyball team has captured 5-foot-9-inch right-side hitter Hayley Wakefield, a two-time NWAAC Northern Region first-team selection at Whitcom Community College. "She's a well-rounded player and is a great addition to the team," head coach Marie Andaya said.

Ironically, Wakefield's sister, Alexia, played for GNAC conference champion Western Washington University last year.

Other recent recruits include middle blocker LeAnne McIntyre from Westhaven, setter Lindsey Delonte from Yakima, and outside hitter Tara Henslegrzer from Steil.

All three recruits are all-state performers.

After finishing seventh in the final NCAA West Region poll, the Wildcats hope that these recruits will help them improve on last year's successes.

"We have a well-skilled recruiting class that will definitely make our team better immediately," Andaya said.

The women's basketball team signed 5-foot-7-inch point guard/ wing Kelly Quinn. An Alaska native, Quinn helped lead Colony High School to the class 3A championship football team in 2000. He will play either guard or center for Central.

"Myers is a very strong and talentated individual, we're glad to have him," head coach John Zanderlein said.

The Wildcat soccer team grabbed another school standout in midfielder Kristi Grayhill from Edmonds, goalkeeper Christine Nordstrom from Redmond and defender Jamie Bankston from Bellevue.

Grayhill was honored as team MVP this past season and is her school's valienturist. Nordstrom had 18 shutouts in two seasons and on average gave up less than one goal per game. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Bankston earned All-KingCo League honorable mention status her junior season.

"We have three quality individuals in our first true recruiting class," head coach Michael Farrand said.

Central isn't done with recruiting yet and all four coaches expect to find more surprises while sifting through the recruiting box.
Wildcats honored as
Academic All Stars
The Central Washington University softball team had five players named to the GNAC acade-
mic all-conference team this week. Those named to the team include Jennifer Brown 3.69, Jamie Olsufka 3.67, Heather Hill 3.56, Erica Delgado 3.21 and Ciria Ochoa 3.48. Criteria for making the team is a 3.2 GPA or higher.

MLB Managers
Tony Muser of the Kansas City Royals became the fourth manager in the Major Leagues to be fired in the first month of the season. In Major League Baseball history, 60 managers have been fired since the Majors began in 1876.

Welcome to “The Show”
In last Sunday’s game against the New York Yankees, rookie Luis Ugarte headed to second on a hit and ran with a 3-1 count on Mark Mclemore. The pitch was low and outside to Mclemore for ball four, but Ugarte slid hard into second base and passed the bag where he was tagged out by Yankee Derek Jeter to end the inning. Seattle lost to the Yankees 4-3.

Central sports quick hits
Wildcats win series 3-1

by Observer staff
It was a different team playing at Saint Martin’s College over the weekend. The Central Washington University baseball team clicked in hitting and pitching to win the weekend series 3-1. A sweep of Saturday’s doubleheader started the weekend in the right way for the Wildcats, who were led by strong pitching performances.

The pitching staff, which is noted for having a team ERA of over seven, settled down to help Central come away with smiles. Each Wildcat starter went at least six innings. Junior Tyler Kerle opened the series with a complete game 7-4 win to set the mood for the weekend. The pitching staff, which is noted for having a team ERA of over seven, settled down to help Central come away with smiles. Each Wildcat starter went at least six innings. Junior Tyler Kerle opened the series with a complete game, for a 7-4 win. The Central pitching staff gave up just nine earned runs in the four game stint against St. Martin’s, giving Wildcats a series ERA of 2.61. The pitching staff struck out 19 Saints on the weekend.

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Ex-Mariner of the week
Alex Rodríguez (1994-2000)
A-Rod hit the 250th home run of his career Tuesday. At 26 years, 277 days old, Rodríguez is the second youngest player (by eight days) to reach the 250 home run plateau, behind the great Jimmy Foxx. Alex Rodriguez will earn a million bucks for each of those home runs over the next 10 seasons.

Softball splits with Saints
by Observer staff
A split series was the softball story over the weekend at Saint Martin’s College. The Central Washington University softball team split two games against the Saints on Saturday, but came back to win on Sunday and even the series.

On Saturday, the Saints were led by pitcher Nicole Oberg, who threw a complete game, for a 7-4 win. Junior Erica Delgado led Central in game one, going 2-3 with a 7-4 win.

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Mixed emotions over Japanese baseball players

by Sarah Williams

Staff reporter

There are more than 250 Japanese exchange students at Central’s campus and many have a profound opinion on Ichiro and Kazuhiro Suzuki, leaving Japan and coming to play in the Major League. It was a split decision on the baseball stars, with some students happy about them coming here and others upset to see them leave Japan.

"I am just glad to see that they are making such a huge contribution to the Mariners’ team," said Japanese exchange student, Yuki Otsuka.

Ichiro Suzuki is the first Japanese-born position player to join the Major League and was voted American League MVP and Rookie of the Year, becoming just the second player ever to win both awards in the same season. He also received the Gold Glove award in 2001 for his first MLB season.

Although he was named Rookie of the Year in the U.S., Ichiro had been performing at his same high level in Japan for years. Consisting he just turned 28 in October, he likely will be playing on this side of the pond for many seasons to come.

"Ichiro’s batting is something special, something the Major Leagues haven’t seen before. He gives back and forth like he’s on a pedestal," exchange student Keisaku Matsu said. "I am really glad that he got the chance to play in the U.S. Major Leagues. He was the top player in Japan and deserved this opportunity."

Ichiro’s batting rival only that of the retired San Diego Padres’ Tony Gwynn. He is a master at saving the ball and then serving the ball through his hips. With runners on base, he has more holes to shoot for, and takes full advantage of that.

Kazuhiro Suzuki is the second Japanese pitcher to sign with the Mariners, joining Mac Suzuki, who signed with the club on Sept. 5, 1993.

"He played on a team called the Orions in Japan," said Central student Mitsu Hiro. "He was kind and... still is a very good pitcher. I wish he would have stayed in Japan though. We miss him and Ichiro."

Suzuki, though not as famous in Japan as Ichiro, wanted to be a major league player since he was young. He studied English consistently so that he could someday make his dream come true. And it did.

"We call him the Devil in Japan. Not as in a bad devil, but a Godly type of way," student Chihiko Inoue said.

All of the students had one thing that they unanimously agreed on: they like being in the U.S. and watching the players on television and web sites dedicated to their dynamic starships.

Ichiro Suzuki is one of a growing number of Japanese baseball players in Major League Baseball.

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Also burning bright in the track star is sophomore Justin Lawrence. Lawrence, along with Maier, was amongst GNAC athletes to post conference leading marks in Eugene over the weekend.

Lawrence’s leap of 48 feet 6 1/4 inches in the triple jump makes him the conference leader. His mark at the Oregon meet gives him his first conference title. Lawrence had the same leap in the long jump this past weekend.

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