BOD election is next week
Candidates debate key issues Tuesday

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

Roughly 650 people voted in last Thursday’s primary election for the Associated Students of Central Washington University (ASCWU), far surpassing last year’s voting numbers.

“We are very optimistic because we had such a good turnout in the primaries,” Kristal Brown, election commission chair.

The primary serves only to narrow each position to two candidates, which will then be voted on at the May 16 election.

For presidential candidate, Owens Barrios, and VP for student life and facilities candidate, Allison Worrel, the race was cut short when they didn’t receive enough votes to move on to the general election.

“I’m confident that the two remaining candidates are both completely qualified for the position,” Worrel said.

Both Megan Fuhlman and Shawn Findley advanced in the race for VP for student life and facilities receiving 43.3 percent and 32.2 percent of the votes respectively.

Findley was seen passing out pixie sticks with his name attached as a tactic to get some votes Thursday.

Presidential candidates Nate Harris and David Hoffman received 50.3 percent and 33.1 percent of the votes respectively.

“I feel as though honestly I am the most qualified and experienced candidate, otherwise I truly would not be running,” Harris said. "I don’t believe necessarily that my candidacy has much to do with myself marketing myself as much as it has to do with my obligation to service.”

The next step for the candidates for all positions is to prepare for the general election.

More debates and forums are scheduled, but strategy and marketing also play a role in making the candidates memorable.

Each individual is allotted $150 to spend on campaigning. Those who ran and advanced in the primaries are allowed an extra $50 to continue their campaign. Two hundred dollars worth of paper, treats and pencils can be very persuasive.

BOD president Dustin Stahl shared a few tips for a winning campaign if any candidates are at a loss for ideas. His list included bigger posters, listening to students no matter how absurd their ideas, being available, reminding friends when to vote, having a team on hand at every polling site and of course “you gotta get candy.”

Another key ingredient to success is having connections and knowing people across campus. Working and living in residence halls has helped many candidates collect votes.

“I think even though it’s not the best reason for selection; it’s about the people you know,” Fuhlman said.

Some candidates haven’t given much thought to campaigning so far. Only three of the seven BOD positions will be voted on in the general elections. The positions for executive VP, VP for clubs and organizations, VP for academic affairs and VP for equity and community service each hold one candidate.

“It’s too bad that there are so many positions unopposed. It’s the same people always being involved with student government,” David Uberti, candidate for VP for academic affairs, said.

Although victory is assured for those candidates, each is busy serving students in various offices and

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by Walker Anderson
Staff reporter

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It’s a good place to get experience,” Mark Giannoble, Central Washington University student and county firefighter, said. To get the job, a person must be at least eighteen years old, score at least a 70 percent on a written test and pass physical tests. The physical tests include carrying a dummy across a balance beam and hauling hoses up a practice tower, to determine if the person has the strength to become a firefighter.

If selected for the program an applicant will live at Fire District 2’s firehouse rent free. The living quarters in the house are much like that of an upscale Central dorm. Two people live in a room and there is one bathroom that everyone shares. Four of the five people living at the house are Central students, and all of them plan to be professional firefighters.

The trainees do not receive pay because of their volunteer status; they are paid based on a stipend system.

The program is designed for people to have a job or go to school,” Erik

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Emerging technology spawns major

by Andrew Patrick
Staff reporter

Our reliance on computers and their accompanying technology hasn’t yet resulted in the cataclysmic demise of the human race as depicted in James Cameron’s movie, "The Terminator". Instead, curriculums have been changed, computers have been incorporated into every class and the Department of Information Technology and Administrative Management will offer a new degree fall quarter.

The information technology (IT) field has exploded in the last five years, riding the Internet wave to be among the most lucrative high tech professions on the market. "The economic forecast for the state of Washington and nationally indicates a demand for IT workers at all levels,” Wayne Klein, chair of the Department of Information Technology and Administrative Management (ITAM) said.

The demand for well trained IT professionals with the problem solving, analytical and interpersonal skills one gets from a four-year college were not being met by any state institution.

Community and technical colleges provide hands-on training in applications, but not business communications and human relations skills. Four-year colleges in Washington provide the opposite set of skills and it was impossible to transfer those community college credits to any four-year institution. "This degree will serve any student who wishes to transfer from a community college that has a strong background in IT and wants a four-year degree,” Klein said.

New specializations in Information Technology, Administrative Management and Retail Management and Technology will provide specialized hands on training.

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International student aids Portland’s homeless

by Ken Whittenberg
Staff reporter

Sungeun Lee had a very different spring break than most Central Washington University students this year. Lee went to Portland, Oregon, to spend time with and help feed the homeless.

“I was looking for a new experience and I saw the paper at the SUB and decided to sign up,” Lee, an English as a Second Language (ESL) student, said.

Lee left with nine other Central students to spend spring break in Portland.

The program Lee took part in was operated through the Service Learning and Volunteer Center.

“Told to know about U.S. homeless,” Lee said.

A native of Korea, Lee has worked with orphaned and disabled children in Korea. Lee already has a degree in tourism from Hanyang Women’s College in Seoul and is studying at Central to learn more about American life.

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activities on campus.

Both Brandy Peters, candidate for VP for equity and community service, and Karina Bacica, VP for clubs and organizations candidate, have worked closely with the current BOD and are excited about the year ahead.

“I’ve worked with Emily all year. I’ve learned a lot through visiting the branch campuses,’ Bacica said. “I choose this position because it’s the position that I feel sees the most students.”

Though unopposed, the candidates participated in Tuesday night’s debate to familiarize students with their positions for the coming year.

The next forum is scheduled for noon, May 14 in the SUB Pit. Students should be prepared to see more of the candidates in the coming weeks as they continue their campaigns.

If you’re in the right place at the right time you can witness some student artwork, for a short time.

From 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesday May 15, Lynette Montgomery’s advanced drawing class will be creating temporary art pieces across campus.

The pieces will remain for a few hours.

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Police Briefs

Compiled by Shane Cleveland
Asst. news editor

Garden graffiti
7:45 a.m. April 26
A bench in the Japanese garden was found to have a broken board, and rocks and ornamental pieces were drawn on with chalk in an apparent act of vandalism. The replacement of the bench board cost an estimated $20 and the chalk was washed off.

Knife wielding tire hater
2 p.m. April 26
A Brooklane Village resident reported that a tire on a 1997 Ford van had been slashed at the apartment complex sometime between 10:30 p.m. on April 21 and 7:45 a.m. on April 22. Damage was estimated at $104.

Vehicle vandalism
12:05 p.m. April 27
The owner of a 1993 Chevy Cavalier reported that the driver side taillight was broken sometime between 7 p.m. the day before and noon that day. Damage was estimated at $75.

Tagged
10:30 a.m. April 29
Facilities Management reported that graffiti in orange, black and white spray paint was found on an electrical transformer, a dumpster and a garbage receptacle outside Randall Hall. The vandalism, which occurred sometime between the 25 and 29 of April, caused an estimated $75 in damage.

Stolen bike
4:16 p.m. April 29
A woman's red mountain bike was stolen from the north side of Holmes Dining Hall sometime between 6 and 7 p.m. on April 25. The value of the bike was estimated at $100.

26 and 30, the car was scratched down the driver side and the driver side taillight was damaged. The total damage was estimated at $1,250.

Halloween in April
9:20 p.m. April 30
A Student Village resident reported that an egg had been thrown at the resident's door but were unable to see any perpetrators.

Knife wielding tire hater
2 p.m. May 1
An officer patrolling the H-18 parking lot investigated the discovery of broken glass in the area of a white Chevy pickup. The glass came from the broken driver side window of the truck. The owner was notified and upon arrival verified the theft of CDs, a CD player and a cell phone and charger. Blood found at the scene led police to believe the suspect had been injured during the robbery. They were unable to locate any possible suspects who may have sought assistance at area hospitals. Total loss and damage was estimated at $790.

Vandal vs. bathroom stall
7:36 a.m. May 4
A toilet partition was pushed over in the third floor men's bathroom of Al-Monty Hall. The partition was not damaged, but the surrounding drywall it was fastened to was. The cost of the damage was estimated at $22.

The weather outside is frightful...
Unusual spring conditions brought cold temperatures and sporadic snowfall Monday. Ellensburg strayed from its average temperature for the month of May of 55 degrees and its average precipitation of about .5 inches.

NEW MAJOR: Prepares students for futuristic careers

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"I think the changes needed to happen to stay current with every-thing that's happening and so we try to distinguish ourselves outside the college of business," Jennifer Fountain, a graduate pursuing her masters in marketing education, said. "I think it's their job as pro-fessors to offer the most dynamic classes, most current technology and most knowledge they can to their students.

The merger between technical computer training and retail management and technology education students they will receive a 21st century education preparing them for occupations in all aspects of retail sales.

"It's a really nice marriage. I'm in a department that's already strong in IT, and now I can take the retail component and fit it in nicely," Robert Lapino, associate professor of the department of ITAM said. "My students get the technical skills they need complemented with the management and marketing skills they have."

Fountain said the department does a good job combining itself with advertising, communications, fashion merchandising and retail, helping students excel in their careers.

"It's linking them directly with careers so with whatever classes they take or program they're in they see that link and they see it reinforced," Fountain said. "I think the one thing this department does that's really cool is it teaches us that information is changing all the time."

With technology changing con-stantly, the career and job opportuni-ties presenting themselves to recent graduates has expanded, leading to some unforeseen conse-quences.

"When we look at our follow up data, we see all kinds of job titles. It allows a person to sell them-selves based on their communica-tion, people skills, problem solving, critical thinking skills and their technical skills," Klein said.

Jason Pellicer, a senior retail management major said because the range of businesses needing profes-sionals with IT experience, he defi-nitely feels like he's ahead of the crowd.

"I think in giving me an advan-tage because I'm coming out of it with a group of all these new sys-tems that will be implemented real-ly soon," Pellicer said. "Everyone from small businesses all the way up to big corporations is moving in this direction."

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University enacts new marketing strategy

by Ken Whittemberg
Staff reporter

Even though enrollment for fall quarter 2001 exceeded Central Washington University's expectations, a full court press will be put in motion to expand the student population even further.

Central's marketing committee is working with Desautel Heg Communications to develop a marketing campaign that will elevate the university's image throughout the state.

The campaign is in the early stages. The first step will be for Central's marketing committee and Desautel Heg Communications to develop an integrated marketing campaign -- a synchronized message throughout all the facets of the media changes Central will use to convey their new message.

The second step is to create an image branding campaign -- an image or phrase people will come to recognize once the campaign is underway.

"The third step is to audit and develop Central's web site, creating an online strategy that fits with the overall campaign," Mark Anderson, director of Public Relations and Marketing, says.

To do that we need to find out what people around the state think of us. We also want to hear from everybody on campus. This campaign starts with them." Anderson said.

Flyers, some of which students and faculty have already seen, are being distributed in classes to assess how current students feel about Central.

"Right now we're gathering input. It will be tabulated and analyzed. The next step will be coming back and presenting three ideas developed from the input and put it before a panel," Anderson said.

Desautel Heg Communications and Central's marketing committee will make final adjustments to the approved version of the marketing campaign before people around the state begin to hear Central's new message.

"The panel will make suggestions on the three marketing ideas -- we'll fine tune the best message and then the campaign really begins," Anderson said.

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Springtime is here and the number of parties is increasing. Graduation is just around the corner. There are plenty of reasons to celebrate, relax and throw back a few, but try to use that common sense before getting into a car. Think about someone else who is going along for the ride, minding their own business. Someone else, who doesn't want to be a part of your irresponsible decision to drive drunk.

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Letters to the Editor

Ellensburg is not a community

College is a once in a lifetime experience and as students we should take advantage of voicing our opinions and attending sporting events. Unfortunately, Central isn't like other universities where events are packed and community support is rampant. This is Ellensburg. We live in a town where cops follow kids from sporting events to parties and locals speak of students with overt disdain.

To describe Ellensburg as a community is to stretch the boundaries of semantics. Community implies a working, or at least non-adversarial relationship between the inhabitants of a place.

Sadly, Ellensburg is a town that has opted to bully a significant por­tion of its residents (by students) and to stifle its own little Martial Law, steeped in hypocrisy. Being a Wildcat shows up before 2 p.m.) At least the cops stop following kids home from games and the locals embrace a little tolerance. Ater all, college is a once in a lifetime experi­ence, and I plan to enjoy what remains of mine. I'm certain I'm not the only one.

Lee Olson
Central’s 2002 ASCWU-BOD General Election candidates

President

Nate Harris

I would like to begin by sincerely professing appreciation to my constituents for the distinct honor I've been given this academic year to serve on the ASCWU-BOD. With an additional opportunity to serve on behalf of my peers as advocate and representative, I am prepared to lead the BOD in a unified fashion as a cohesive and articulate voice in the defense and promotion of student interests while complimenting the efforts and building upon the foundations of the current ASCWU.

I believe in the sanctity of student governance, the power of that collective, and the changing national policy and structure that can manifest through the intentional implementation of those combined qualities. I am poised and excited to provide the continuity, integrity, and unity that is essential to and will enable an ASCWU President’s success in the coming year and I simply ask throughout this election process “Got Nate?”

Executive V.P.

Ryan McMichael

Greetings fellow students! Let me start this off with a question for you to ponder: is CWU providing you with an adequate university experience? Well, all get diplomas when we graduate, but do we also walk away from here with the memory of an enriching, productive, and stimulating chapter in our lives? If you’re suspecting that the answer will be no, then you’re like me. I find it ironic that I’m enrolled in an institution of higher education and find myself intellectually starved. I’m jealous that other universities bring up world leaders on a regular basis and we’re stuck with bi-monthly comedy nights. Finally, I’m tired of the fact that this all has the potential to change and never does. Next year’s Executive VP will have a large say in how millions of dollars of student money will be spent. Vote for someone who’ll spend it wisely. Vote Ryan McMichael.

V.P. for Clubs and Organizations

Karina Bacia

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V.P. for Political Affairs

Jeremiah Hodgings

If elected, I will fight for the issues that are important to you as students. Having had experience working in Washington D.C. as well as Olympia I am fully committed to lobbying on the students behalf for lower tuition, improved facilities, and improving the civic and social aspects of CWU that we all deal with and undergo on a daily basis. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to call me at 963-9074.

In conclusion, I would ask that you consider voting for Jeremiah Hodgings for Vice President for Political Affairs come the May 17th elections. Thank you

V.P. for Equity and Community Service

Brandy Peters

Hello, my name is Brandy Peters. As your V.P. for Equity and Community Service I will accurately express the opinions and ideas of the CWU student body. I will do so by providing fellow students with an open door, listening ear, an open mind and a voice prepared to speak out. I believe that our university will benefit significantly by embracing and celebrating diversity while also addressing issues of student awareness. By encouraging students to participate in service oriented activities I hope to see our college community grow in its understanding of the human experience, while finding its place in addressing issues that are faced worldwide. As a member of the ASCWU/BOD, I will strive to create a unified student governing board that works as a team in the interests of the student body. I represent. So, if you’re looking for a candidate with compassion, enthusiasm, and experience, vote Brandy Peters.

V.P. for Student Life and Facilities

Megan Fuhmlan

One of my goals for this position is to become an outlet as well as a resource for students. I believe that students at the Ellensburg campus as well as those at the branch campuses have the right to be heard, and I believe that I am just the gal for the job. With my immense creativity, my open mind, and my kind heart I can not only provide a "listening ear" and "a shoulder to lean on," but as your V.P. for Student Life and Facilities, I will be ready to take on the challenge of putting the life back into "student life!"

Fellow student,

David Hoffman

I believe that true leadership is demonstrated through action. This action should be founded upon the doctrine that all of mankind is equal, everyone deserving to be represented by people who will actively seek solutions for all practical difficulties that may occur. I feel that my history of service and leadership exemplifies this understanding. If elected, I will work to find an answer for the excessive parking dilemma that exists on campus. Having discussed this issue with members of the current administration and the Ellensburg City Council, I am aware of the possible solutions and am already turning ideas into action. Also, by working with the Provost’s office I will work to craft a reasonable plan to diminish the difficulties in our registration process.

There are issues needing to be addressed on the main campus and the university centers that must be confronted responsibly.

Sincerely,

David Hoffman

Don’t forget to vote in the upcoming elections to be held Thursday, May 16!

Cast your votes in the SUB or online at www.cwu.edu/~vote
Punk titans rock dome

by Andrew Fickes
Asst. Scene editor

It's a wonder it hasn't been done before. Put two superstar punk bands on one bill and produce a hell of a good show.

After picking up where the Ramones left off, merry pranksters Blink-182 and classic heavyweights Green Day decided to do just that. On April 17, along with Jimmy Eat World, the guys started their Pop Disaster Tour in Bakersfield, Calif.

Last Wednesday, May 1, the tour visited Tacoma and the bands had no problem transforming the Tacoma Dome into a punk's paradise.

In a recent Rolling Stone interview, Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day described his band and Blink-182's sound as both fitting into the darker side of pop culture. Last Wednesday, Tacoma, shrouded in a blanket of charcoal clouds, became that luminous darker side.

Following a short-lived thirty-minute set by Jimmy Eat World and an anxiety-driven forty-minute wait, America's modern-day saviors of punk, Green Day, finally entered the pop disaster arena with all the fanfare they could muster. The stark red curtain curled away and Armstrong, bass player Mike Dirnt and drummer Tré Cool sprinted to their instruments amidst a barrage of wailing sirens. It was the highly anticipated signal that Green Day had finally returned to the stage. Either that or a cataclysmic disaster was about to strike and Green Day was giving fair warning to fans.

Not since the release of "Warning" in 2000 has Green Day committed to a full American tour. During the off-and-on break, Armstrong has enjoyed married life and raising a family. But domestication did not fade him. On stage, the spunk and crude edge of yesteryear was still vibrant in the short, stylish punk star.

Throughout Green Day's 75-minute set, Armstrong cracked out hit after hit while behind him fire erupted, beat on, from the stage floor. Armstrong never stayed in one place too long and never led his glance away from the audience. His adoring fans ate from his hands like pigeons on a New York City sidewalk.

"How many old-school Green Day fans out there?" Armstrong asked. "What do you want to hear?"

For Green Day, the show was all about the fans. From the set's opening notes, the trio gave exactly what everyone wanted and shot through three career hits: "Longview," "Welcome to Paradise" and "Hit5in' a Ride." The trio even let the audience sing most of the lyrics.

Regardless, Armstrong and the guys managed to compose a decent back-up band made up of three very lucky guys.

Guitarless, Armstrong took the mic and bursted out a tune to the three-chord structured song. Afterwards, the fat, jolly man gave Armstrong a big bear hug and for a second, Armstrong was out of sight.

"When I Come Around," the second-to-last song of the set, ended with destruction. While Armstrong rang out a delay effect on his guitar, Dirnt smashed his bass guitar to the stage and Cool jumped through his drum set. An encore was out of the question.

However, one song was missing from the set. Dirnt and Cool left the stage and Armstrong appeared front and center to answer the call. On soft distorted guitar, Armstrong added a more punk feel to the monumental "Good Riddance." Lights illuminated the dome, and Armstrong punctuated the song's ending with a ground breaking strum, leaving the audience in a sonber tone. It was a perfect ending for Green Day's triumphant return.

Blink-182's set included a little more bang for the buck. In an attempt to overthrow Green Day's stage show, Blink-182 heightened the pyrotechnics and during the festive "Happy Holidays," green and red confetti shot out onto the mob pit.

Wanting to make it more about the music than anything else, Mark Hoppus and Travis Delonge set their sexual commentary aside, except for one comment that could not be denied.

"The very first song a girl showed me her breasts," Delonge said. "That was out of line. Now I have an erection and I'm afraid I won't be able to play the next song. I guess I will anyway."

Blink played their current hits "The Rock Show," "First Date" and "Overthrow." It's a wonder it hasn't been done before. Put two superstar punk bands on one bill and produce a hell of a good show.

"My parents spent $50,000 on higher education and this is how I repay them."

—Mark Hoppus (Blink-182)
BLINK: Barker plays drum solo for the gods

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"Stay Together for the Kids," plus fun favorites like "All the Small Things" and "Adam's Song."

Opting out of instrument abuse, blink decided on an earth-shattering drum solo by one of punk's most talked about drummers, Travis Barker.

Barker, supported by a hydraulic lift, coasted out above the audience on his drum kit. While performing his solo, the drum platform rotated upside down.

Although Blink's set was a little faster paced than Green Day's, their musicality was a couple notches below. Green Day, for all the work they've put into punk, should have headlined the show.

Openers Jimmy Eat World played a near 10-song set with hardly any rock talk between numbers. Jimmy Eat World's style rings '80s sonic pop flare and attitude, incorporating chant choruses and tight harmonies. Each of their songs sounded like an over-achieving rock ballad and all hope was lost until the end when the band performed their radio hit "The Middle," an optimistic song for the unfaithful.

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Red Horse still kicks after one year of serving the Ellensburg community

by Ashley Edwards
Staff reporter

Take a step back in time and go grab a bite to eat at the Red Horse Drive In. The eatery celebrated its one-year anniversary on Saturday, May 4. To celebrate the event, customers were able to buy one meal and get the second half off.

The gas station, which is located in front of the drive-in, has been there since the 1920s. When Bruce Crossett bought the gas station in 1995 he decided to add the drive-in. Crossett is a collector of classic memorabilia and has decorated the property with Coke and 7-Up signs, along with old Mobile Oil products.

Inside the Red Horse customers will find many pictures of classic cars that were taken beside the popular red gas pumps. The name Red Horse comes from the Mobile Motor Oil products and adds to the theme of the restaurant.

Eating at the Red Horse is like taking a step back in time, an entertaining and unique dining experience. The automobile theme carries on into the menu where customers will find meals such as the Fuel Injection Burger and the Checkered Flag Chicken.

The food is excellent and the prices are reasonable. All meals come with a drink and steak fries priced less than $8.

Something that people won’t find at most restaurants is specialty drinks. Customers can treat themselves to a vanilla or cherry Coke or a cherry 7-Up at the drive-in. For dessert, root beer floats and hard ice cream sundaes are favorites on a hot summer day.

"The food is great and the atmosphere is fun," Lindsay Cyr, first-time customer said.

Currently the drive-in is offering a deal for customers. Those who purchase nine meals will get the tenth free.

Macbeth brings sex and violence to Tower Theatre

"...Sword fights, axes, shields, sex, blood, murder, witches, disemboweled, screaming, ghosts, murderers, an evil king."

by Mark Kendrick
Managing Editor

Think "Braveheart," with all of it's gore and glory. Now imagine you're completely immersed in the action with nothing between you and the action except the occasional broadcast onbcc or battle scene. Somewhere between the plot twists, evolving characters and stirring dialogue, you realize that this is Shakespeare as you've never thought possible.

The Central Washington University Theatre Arts department will "Macbeth" in the Tower Theatre, an immersive environment with flexible seating that places the audience on stage with the actors.

"The Tower Theatre is usually something for a small, intimate production," director Brenda Brandt Hubbard said. "Macbeth is certainly a large production. There are 100 people in the cast playing a total of about 35 or 40 roles. That's a lot of people in a small space, but the designer opened it up so that we have the seating on two sides in a traverse style."

The open style is essential to accommodate the complex fight choreography planned for the production when as many as 16 actors will be fighting on stage at once.

Hubbard actually wanted to cast more people on the stage, but Theatre Arts professor George Bellah, who is coordinating the eight scenes and training the actors, advised otherwise.

"He took a sword and said, 'I want to show you the action I'm going to do.'" Hubbard said. "He started spinning around his head and I went 'Ahhhhh!' and decided that we don't want to make the audience too nervous."

The unique setting style "difficultifies the experience", in Hubbard's opinion because the audience can see the action on stage as well as the reaction of the characters.

Many believe that the language in Shakespeare's plays is too lofty and archaic to comprehend. Hubbard acknowledges that language is the biggest challenge in the play. But he points out that Shakespeare was meant to be heard, not read.

"It is always easier to hear Shakespeare than it is to read or speak it or act it," Hubbard said.

Another element is the set, which is actually a backyard where actors, who play Macbeth, Macbeth agrees.

"With the interpretation being acted out, you can understand the language," she said. "I've never done Shakespeare before. I have learned it from the ground up, from scratch."

The play is currently being interpreted, then interpreting styles, then performing, then interpreting the language, then interpreting speech.

Both Hubbard and Ry Sherrell, the guest artist and Central grad who plays Macbeth, believe the play is very current and exciting.

"If someone thinks this play is dry and boring after they see it. . . . they were sleeping," Sherrell said.

We have sword fights, axes, shields, sex, blood, murder, witches . . . "Macbeth is an incredible play.""Macbeth opens today at 7 p.m. and runs through May 15. For tickets and show times, contact the box office at 963-1774.

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Schroeder inspires and entertains

by Jill Klepack
Staff Reporter

Students gathered anxiously to watch Central's very own singer/songwriter/guitar player Josh Schroeder perform last Wednesday on the Meisner Hall lawn as part of Papa John's Coffeehouse On Tour.

The multi-talented musician gave an astounding performance, showing off his acoustical abilities on the guitar, backed up by strong vocals, which first hooked and then impressed the crowd.

Last summer, Schroeder and his Peat Moss Band performed before Dave Matthews' final concert at the Gorge.

"Dave Matthews was quite an experience. We did a ride gig there and they said we had the most people they had ever seen. We sold a bunch of CDs after we were done. We didn't get to meet Dave, but if we open again maybe we will actually get to meet him," Schroeder said.

Schroeder serenaded students with songs he wrote himself such as "Picasso" and "Fading." "Picasso," named after the famous artist, showed Schroeder's appreciation for fine art and "Fading" had meaningful lyrics and mellow guitar sounds that made this an enjoyable song for everyone.

"The song 'Fading' is mostly about dealing with heartbreak, like I am fading here without this person," Schroeder said. "I try to write songs that people can really relate to. This song actually goes one step deeper and deals with Christianity."

Schroeder was a hit among the crowd. The audience bombarded him with one request after another. If fans had it their way, Schroeder would have performed all night long.

"He has good charisma on stage, like Elvi Presley of the fifties he has body language. At the same time he is performing, he is communicating with the audience," event coordinator Andrew Fickes said. "He never fails to impress us and the audience."

The crowd was pumped when Schroeder sang his original hit "Yo-Yo," including an improv performance by drummer Marshall Bilodeau.

The two musicians were remarkable as a duo. "It was an excellent show," quality technician Josh Baulch said. "I think Josh is somebody that will go pretty far."

Schroeder wrote lyrics not only to entertain, but also to inspire students wanting to pursue a career in the music industry.

"I have tried my best to be an inspiration to all students who dream about doing something great with their lives, and something that has a positive affect on people. Music is a large part of everyone's lives and it teaches us in ways that nothing else can," Schroeder said. "I try to write songs based on my own experiences, hoping that in some way I can inspire or help others who might have had a similar experience."

So what advice did he have for Central students? "Try to stay true to yourself. Don't conform to what society thinks you should be. Everyone is an individual and that is the most important thing to remember in pursuing your dreams," Schroeder said.

Schroeder will be on the electric guitar along with the Peat Moss Band in concert, May 31, on Burt Hall lawn. Tickets are free so bring a friend and come one with the music!

Local guitarist James Dunnig will perform at Holmes East Dining Hall Dagout at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22 for Papa John's.

Kuki-Chan strikes fortune

As we all know, Ellensburg isn't exactly known for its diverse restaurant selection, so when I heard about a new "authentic" Japanese restaurant opening in town I knew I had to try it.

"Business has been surprisingly good so far," Yuki Kikuchi, Kuki-Chan owner, said.

Kuki-Chan is an authentic Japanese food take-out restaurant located on Eighth Avenue across from the Central campus. The location is great because it is centrally located in a popular place and close to campus making it a quick and easy trip.

"We are counting on the traffic running across Eighth Avenue to bring in many customers," Kikuchi said.

Upon entering the restaurant I was immediately approached by an employee with a huge smile asking what they can get for me. It was nice to see the friendly service there.

In the past I have left restaurants thinking that I will never go back because of the rude service, but this obviously is not the case at Kuki-Chan. I believe that happy, cheerful employees will help the restaurant attract more customers and keep them coming back in the future.

One thing that everyone is eager to know about a new restaurant is the food quality. I returned home to find my chicken teriyaki bowl to be hot, fresh and full of flavor. It was piled high with chicken with plenty of rice and a unique sauce over it.

I thought the food was incredible, it was definitely authentic and was a taste I had never experienced before. I have eaten at many Japanese restaurants but never actually tasted the authenticity of the food.

Another important aspect in restaurants is the waiting time for the food. I was pleased to discover that it was quick and efficient with only a five minute wait.

The one thing that did catch me off-guard was that they didn't have sushi on their menu.

I thought an authentic Japanese restaurant should have sushi, so I was pleased to hear that starting in June they add it to the menu.

Kuki-Chan offers a great variety of choices. To start off your meal you can choose from tasty appetizers such as pot stickers or tempura. For the main meals you can choose from a variety of pork, chicken, shrimp and vegetable dishes.

I knew money is a big concern for many college students. I found the food fairly priced, ranging from $3.50-

For more information on Kuki-Chan or anything else related to Japanese food, feel free to meet Yuki Kikuchi at the restaurant located close to campus.
Louise Rose puts jazz into annual festival

by Lauren McKean
Staff reporter

Slide trombonist Ron Wilkins and pianist/vocalist Louise Rose filled Hertz Hall with snazzy jazz vibrations to get the boogie on for Central Washington University’s annual jazz festival last Wednesday.

Rose took the stage first at the Gula Jazz Concert. She was full of colorful tones, a strong and sensual voice and an unpredictable wit, sitting at the piano and performing song after song after song.

The wonderful thing about her music is that her songs are anything but monotonous, with a variety of gears and with different variations of responses from the audience. Rose, originally from Norristown, Pa., is currently living in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. She is like a chameleon, catering to her array of ambitions through investing time in numerous organizations and professions.

In addition to her musical talents, Rose has made herself known as a motivational speaker, facilitator, mentor and humorist through her careers as a police officer, Baptist missionary and sociology teacher. A good part of her music was sweet and seductively slow. It’s like imagining a person sitting at a piano in the middle of a smoky bar, alone, playing their emotions and singing their thoughts into the hazy, dim-lit room. Other songs were upbeat and pinching to get you out of your seat and swing dance.

Accompanying Rose’s music was a quick and witty demeanor. She was having fun with her music along with the involvement of the audience. During one song, she had the audience sing back to her after each time she played her part.

“I had a great time. I really did. My experience was that people were there to experience it and have fun. Even though some of the youngest were tired, they were still wonderful. I was tired, too,” Rose said.

The more comfortable Rose was with the audience, the more they felt the true and personal entertainment of the night.

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Thomas Kemper’s Jazz Festival is an annual event sponsored by Central’s Music Department and has been running for at least 20 years.

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The up-and-down season resembling the hills in Kittitas County has ended on a peak.

The Central Washington University softball team ended its 2001-2002 home campaign with a sweep of Western Oregon University, 4-2 and 4-0 at Tomlinson Field on Senior Day. The Wildcats honored four seniors; infielder Heather Hill, second baseman Kelly Reed, pitcher Mickey Lloyd, and first baseman Jennifer Brown.

"This year was great and probably the most enjoyable for me," Lloyd said.

The post-season accolades came running in for three other Wildcats. Junior shortstop Marie Mitchell and sophomore designated player Jill McCarthey earned first-team honors in the GNAC, while junior catcher Natalie Kamieniecki grabbed second-team recognition.

Mitchell finished 14th in the conference in batting with a .323 average. McCartney ended the year ranked fourth in the GNAC with a 1.69 earned run average. Kamieniecki threw out 14 runners trying to steal.

In the home finales against Western Oregon, Central pitchers ruled, limiting the Wolves to a total of 11 hits in both games. In the first game, freshman Stephanie Tierney pitched five innings allowing just four hits and striking out two on her way to her first collegiate win.

Central scored all of its runs in the fifth inning, as four different Wildcats knocked in each of the four runs. Junior Jaime Olsufka by way of a single, McCartney on a double, junior Erica Delgado on a ground out, and senior Jen Brown drove in the fourth run by lining a single.

In the second game, Lloyd pitched brilliantly, allowing six hits and striking out two on her way to a complete game shutout. At bat, the Wildcats were led by Brown, who drove in two runs on a double in the third, while junior Stephanie Hogan smashed an RBI triple and scored on an error in the sixth.

Although they finished with an 18-25 record, 11-13 in the GNAC, Central showed resilience by coming back to win their last two home games in convincing fashion after being trounced two days earlier by conference powerhouse Western Washington University, 11-2 and 19-5.

"I am so proud of this team and how they came back to play two solid games," head coach Gary Frederick said.

Next season, 21 players, including nine seniors and four juniors, will return to prove that they are playoff material.

"Our goal next season is to make it to regionals," Delgado said.

The men added to their second place list with a number two finish in the 4x100 meter relay.

For the women, Alixen Maijer led the Wildcats to their fourth place finish. Maijer beat out two-time Pacific West Conference champion Rachel Ross (Seattle Pacific University) to win the 100 meters in 11.84 seconds. Maijer also won the 100 meters with a time of 10.86.

"Both (Lawrence and Maijer) are very capable of improving their marks, and they have a good opportunity in the next couple of weeks," Adkisson said. "They are in great shape and looking forward to the conference,"

"This was bringing rights for next year," head coach Kevin Adkisson said.

It was a solid Saturday performance for the Wildcats, who lost to arch rivals Western Washington University by four points.

Sophomore jumper Justin Lawrence led the men's effort. Lawrence won two jumping events, and matched his season's best in the triple jump when he leaped 48-6.75 feet. His mark of 23-7.5 feet was good enough to give him the victory in the long jump.

"I jumped really good at conference and won both the long and triple jump," Lawrence said. "Now I am going to concentrate on getting some jumps in at Nationals, and hopefully bring an All-American." It was not Lawrence alone that gave the men their third-place finish; it was the points provided by five second-place finishers that gave Central the needed depth to place well at the conference championship.

Josh Delay had two second-place finishes in the 100 and 200 meters. Neil Small earned his in the 3000 steeplechase, while Joe Smith gave Central a 1-2 finish in the 1600 meters. He was also first in the triple jump when he finished behind Lawrence and Jacob Gallaway, who won Central's lone place finisher in the discus.

This date in history:
In 1967, Roger Maris, who wore #9, hit his first National League home run as a member of the St. Louis Cardinals on the 9th day of the month. The home run landed in section 9, seat 9.
Rose Shaw, Central women's basketball

On top of being named to the NCAA Div. II Bulletin All-America fourth team, the Duketronics All-West Region first team and was named GNAC Rebounder of the Year, Shaw was named courtesy of Sports Info team MVP during the team's post-season awards banquet. Shaw scored 1,696 points and grabbed 790 rebounds in her career.

Vin Baker, Seattle Sonics

The $86 million power forward averaged only 9.67 points and 2.67 rebounds in the final three games of a five-game series against San Antonio. Even worse, the "b ig" man spent much of his time with the much shorter Malik Rose guarding him. Some are now hipping Baker has played his final game as a Sonic.

Ken Griffey Jr., Cincinnati Reds

Junior can't get any respect. A fan poll was taken by a Cincinnati television station asking viewers to vote which Reds outfielder should sit on the bench after the return of the superstar in the next couple of weeks. Surprisingly Griffey received the majority -- 74 percent -- of the vote.

Curtis Williams, former Husky

Just two days after his 24th birthday, the former Washington state, who had been paralyzed from the neck down since October 2000, died in his brother David's home in Fresno, California Monday night.

Joe Whiteside/Observer

PITCHING EARNs TITLES

Matthew McManus, Staff reporter

SODO Mojos is what the Mariner nation calls it. The Seattle Mariners are once again showing the rest of the Major Leagues last year was no joke. Seattle is a league best, 22-9, through the first month of the season and are proving that attitude; hustle and competitive spirit can compete with anyone, even the hated "Beaux Bombers".

Pitching and defense are the mainstays of the team. Head Coach Lou Piniella has built this team as a reincarnated version of his early '90's Cincinnati Red teams, which won the World Championship in 1990.

Fans often fall in love with the offensive side of the game. I admit I hunger for Mark McGwire, mammoth type of home run, but in an era where every Barry Bonds or Sammy Sosa home run is well documented, pitching is the win.

Today's game is built for the bullpen. Not every team has a true ace like Randy Johnson or Pedro Martinez. Someone who can go out there every fifth day and pitch a complete game. Good starts for today's pitchers are about 5-7 innings. Multitude relief is what makes or breaks a team. If your team does not have relief pitching, don't expect to be playing past September.

The Mariners starting pitching was a key component to last years American League West champion. This year, led by veteran Jamie Moyer, soon-to-be ace Freddy Garcia and newly acquired James Baldwin, the Mariners expect to continue their success.

Garcia is looking more and more like a franchise pitcher, with two straight dominating wins over the Yankees. If Freddy can continue his dominance, the Mariners can match up with the Yankees.

The Mariners need to consider going after another top-notch starter that can help them toward a league title. I expect General Manager Pat Gillick to make a deal near the trade deadline. The starting pitchers need to stay healthy and throw strikes, so the bullpen doesn't get over worked during the marathon of a season. There were only a few additions on the offensive side of the team. Professional hitter Jeff Cirillo was acquired in a trade from the Colorado Rockies and now mans the hot corner.

Last year's Comeback player of the Year, Robin Sierra has been a blessing. With an early hamstring injury to fan-favorite Edgar Martinez, the Mariners were in need of a hot bat. All Sierra has done is lead the league with the highest batting average.

Utility sensation, Desi Relaford has played out-standing whenever called to action. Ichiro, Bret Boone and Mike Cameron are continuing what they accomplished last year in slaughtering American league pitching. If the Mariners want to get to the World Series, they will have to go through the Yankees, who have dismissed the Mariners in each of the last two post seasons. The Oakland Athletics will push the Mariners all year for the divisional title.

Matt's Picks

American League

West: Seattle ...Central......Minnesota East: New York Wildcard: Oakland

National League

West: San Francisco...Central............Houston East: New York Wildcard: St. Louis World Series

Seattle over St. Louis

Here's what I see for the rest of the league. New York, Boston, Oakland and Minnesota are the cream of the American League. New York has it all except middle relief pitching. Their starting pitching is awesome and they just signed super slugger Jason Giambi in the off-season. They will be tough to deal with. The Boston Red Sox have one of the best pitchers in the league, but that will be enough? Behind Pedro Martinez the rest of the staff is a little shaky. Manny Ramirez and Nomar Garciaparra supply their offensive game.

The Minnesota Twins were supposed to be contracted from the Major Leagues last year. Will guess what? They are in first place, scraping their way through the league. They don't look pretty, but they are getting the job done.

The last team I see that can compete in the AL is the Oakland A's. They lost Giambi, but as a team still have great young starting pitching. The A's took New York to the brink of elimination before bowing out in the fifth game of last year's American League Divisional Series.

The senior Circuit has a lot to offer. In The National League East the Mets and Braves will again com-
Wildcat Athletes of the Week

Justin Lawrence

Sophomore Justin Lawrence matched his career best and GNAC best in the triple jump (48'6.25") last weekend at Civic Stadium in Bellingham. He is the first Wildcat to set a mark in the long jump, soaring 23'11.75" for a personal and GNAC best. With the triple jump mark, Lawrence has qualified for nationals but still remains a few inches shy of the national qualifying mark in the long jump. "I'm really excited about qualifying for the triple jump," Lawrence said. "I'm going to try and prove my mark this weekend. I think I'll do really well in nationals. Hopefully, I'll be an All-American, which is the top eight." Lawrence said. "I'm really excited about going to the nationals again," Maier said. "My body feels really good so I think I can improve my time by a lot." Maier looks forward to having some teammates join her at nationals in San Angelo, Texas. "Hopefully the people that are on the bubble will have a good meet this weekend," Maier said.

Alicen Maier

In the inaugural GNAC track and field championship at Civic Stadium in Bellingham, junior Alicen Maier ran away from the competition posting times of 4:31.84 and 10:06.86 in the 1500 and 3000 meters, respectively. Last year, Maier sat out of national competition with injuries, but this year she is healthy. "I'm really excited to go back to nationals again," Maier said. "My body feels really good so I think I can improve my time by a lot." Maier looks forward to having some teammates join her at nationals in San Angelo, Texas. "Hopefully the people that are on the bubble will have a good meet this weekend," Maier said.

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John Thomas

In his last five games, junior John Thomas batted .252 with five home runs and 14 RBI. He also had four doubles, scored 13 and had 34 total bases in the stint. Thomas made history at Central when he blasted four home runs last weekend against Lewis-Clark State College. "I felt good that day. It hasn't set in that I've accomplished it," Thomas said. "Maybe with time it will." Thomas is not concerned with the home runs, he just wants to raise his average. "Two weeks ago I made a goal to hit .300," Thomas said. "Now that I've done that, I feel more realistic at the plate. My confidence is pretty high right now.

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Softball

Co-Ed "A"
Chelan Rules 4-0

Outdoor "B" Rec.
The Redshirts 4-0

Volleyball

Co-Ed "C"
Big Stick 4-0

Open "D" Comp.
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