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Students, cabinet interact at Fireside

by George Howley
Staff reporter

On Monday evening, students arrived at the home of President Jerilyn McIntyre for the spring quarter Fireside Chat. Throughout the nearly two-hour discussion, students with a variety of concerns asked questions of McIntyre and a panel of university decision makers.

The event was broadcast on 88.1 FM The 'Burg, moderated by Jennifer McDaniel, senior political science major. Students listening to the broadcast at home had the opportunity to call in with their questions.

"It was an amazing turnout, and people were excited about a lot of issues," McDaniel said. "The evening had a good flow. I'm very proud."

Along with President McIntyre, the panel included Charlotte Tullos, vice president for university relations and Richard Corona, vice president for business and financial affairs.

The evening began with the panel explaining that budget decisions for Central Washington University cannot be made until the state budget is decided by the Legislature. Ideas for reducing costs and increasing revenues were brought up. It was mentioned that in the future, Central may shut down more buildings during the period between fall and winter quarters to save money. There are also plans to make air conditioning on campus more efficient. The panel also discussed the implementation of the transition from fall to winter term.

Tamra Himmelman (left), freshman undecided, cuts a student's hair in collaboration with the Locks of Love organization. Approximately 45 ponytails were collected, which will be used to create hairpieces for disadvantaged children. "I grew out my hair just for this," Jen Ham, sophomore sociology major, said. Ham grew her hair for 22 months and had it shaved short. "I gave my hair for a good cause," she said.

New requirements mean more writing

by Rachel Guillermo
Staff reporter

Just weeks away from graduation, many seniors prepare to set off into the "real world" with confidence that the education they received has prepared them for the challenges of the future.

The National Commission on Writing in America's schools and colleges reports that most fourth graders spend less than three hours a week reading, which is about 15 percent of the time they spend watching television. In most high schools, the extended research papers, once a senior-year rite of passage, have been abandoned because teachers do not have time to grade it anymore.

"Writing is among the most important skills students can learn, it is the mechanism through which they learn to connect the dots in their knowledge and it is now woefully ignored in most American schools," the report said.

The Central Washington University Faculty Senate is taking a step to educate students with the necessary skill of writing.

Starting in fall 2003 all incoming freshmen will be required to take more writing intensive classes.

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Man breaks into homes

According to the Ellensburg Police Department, on April 29 in two separate, but possibly connected, incidents a male subject entered single female's residences in the north end of Ellensburg while they were asleep. The suspect once again entered the home while they were asleep. The second incident occurred in the 900 block of E. 18th Ave. at 10:45 p.m. The suspect once again entered through an unlocked door and proceeded upstairs to the woman's bedroom. She woke up when the suspect opened her bedroom door, which was left open. She immediately called police.

There are no suspects at this time.

Police encourage residents to keep doors and windows locked and to keep a phone in their bedrooms. They also urge to call 911 first, and anyone who observes suspicious activity should not hesitate to report it immediately.
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"The McNair program and the honors program drew me here," Lindholm said. "I received a full ride from Pepperdine but decided that this would be a better fit, and the idea of going to Pepperdine wasn't very conducive to them (family)."

As a junior, Lindholm enrolled in the McNair Scholars Program and studied under Heidi Szpek, professor of philosophy, who became his adviser.

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After the change, Central students did not have a writing requirement for graduation. In fact, Central was the only school in Washington that did not have a writing component for student's basic skills education.

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BOD hopefuls jockey for positions

by Martha Goudie-Price
Staff reporter

Posters are sprouting like spring flowers, and candidates are buzzing around campus talking to potential constituents. Campaigns for the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors positions have begun.

Seventeen candidates, including one uncontested candidate for the position of vice president for equity and community service, have jumped into the fray, vying for seven positions.

"If you feel passionate about something it's a great place to be," Adam Criswell, election commission chair, said. "It's also a great place to make connections."

"Student government can make all the difference in the world. They work for cheaper tuition and better facilities. For example, the vice president for student life and facilities is in charge of the new SUB-REC project and making sure the jobs are getting done."

David Uberti, sitting vice president for academic affairs, said he learned more about every facet of school life while he was in office than he could have imagined.

"I didn't know how hard it was to make changes, that things had to go through so many different university offices before a change could be made," Uberti said.

"Good luck," Uberti said. "Keep your goals and go after them no matter how hard they are. It's a learning experience, it's a tough job, but you'll have fun and it's worth it. It's what you make of it."

In a primary candidate forum Tuesday, eight of the 17 candidates appealed to about 50 potential student voters gathered in the Samuelsion Union Building pit. Candidates vowed to lower tuition, bring students together in clubs and organizations and raise political participation. Current BOD officers asked pointed questions of the candidates to help determine if they had done their homework.

"Good candidates should have met and talked to the person whose position they are seeking at least a couple of times so they have a clear picture of what they are getting themselves into," Criswell said.

The BOD president is required to be in the office at least 19 hours per week. Other officers are required to be in the office 14 hours per week, but must end up working more than that when they are working on special projects.

The last day to withdraw as a candidate is May 5, and the primary election will be held Monday, May 8.

HAIR: Salons continue cuts through the week

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David Uberti, junior history and secondary education major and vice president of academic affairs for the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors, has been in contact with Locks of Love for over a year coordinating the event.

"I've been growing my hair for a year and eight months," Uberti said.

He had 10 inches cut, which is the minimum length necessary to make a donation. It takes 10 to 15 ponytails to make a hairpiece and Uberti collected about 45 from the event.

Uberti teamed up with Central's Marketing Club to promote the event. The Marketing Club also helped involve local salons with the event. Eight local salons participated in the event and will continue to cut hair either for free or at discounted prices through May 2 for Locks of Love donors.

"In general, people thought it was a great idea," Uberti said.

"Many nice kids are at Central," Karolyn Marchel, operator and stylist for 18 years at O-Vations salon, has been sending hair to Locks of Love for years. She and some of her fellow stylists from O-Vations donated their time to cut hair.

"It made me feel good seeing how many nice kids are at Central," Marchel said. "It was a good experience."

Those who wish to donate hair to Locks of Love, can contact one of the following salons: O-Vations, Sport of Kings Barber Shop, Mango's Day Spa and Salon, The Mane Attraction, Salon Fenix, Artistry of Eileen & Co. and Hair by Roseann. Contact Locks of Love at 1-888-809-1588 or visit www.locksoflove.org or www.locksoflove.com.

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Members of the Election Commission answer questions at Campaign Kick Off meeting in the SUB last Thursday.

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by Emily Duplexis Staff reporter
It may sound fishy to some stu­
dents, but Central's fly fishing course is considered a real catch among the
students enrolled.
Notably, the course provides a unique and exciting spin to the usual
P.E. classes offered in the spring.
The class meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. in the fishing lab. Instruc­
tor Jack Mitchell teaches stu­
dents the basics of fly fishing along with an understanding of the correct
terminology, types of tackle, fly fish­
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centation.

Central also will receive money for operating costs. The governor's office is proposing $79.8 million, the Senate $79.8 million and the House $77.9 mil­lion. Mcintyre put her vice presidents to work calculating the monetary
needs of the school and students through cost analysis.
The cabinet's job is to identify how much revenue would be needed
to increase enrollment, while, at the
same time, meeting the maintenance
needs of campus buildings and equip­
ment.
While all this is done, the cabinet
must also find ways to cut costs and
raise additional revenue.
Central requested $49.86 million for the capital budget from the state for
this biennium (two year budget cycle). There are 22 students enrolled in
the course and it has been full for the

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Photo illustration Michael Bennett/Observer

Cost saving suggestions, revenue boosting ideas top presidents to-do list for state's proposed budget
by Ken Whittenberg Staff reporter
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We don't expect to make it all up. Maybe not in the first year or the sec­
dard. But we're in the process of transforming the school," Corona said.
Corona added that there will be cuts in some departments, but he wouldn't say which departments would see cuts. "It depends on the priorities of the cabinet," Corona said. "Whenever there's a reduction from the state, you have to combine the reductions with cost saving. That's what we're doing. Someday the revenue will come back from the state and the national econo­my will get better. We're setting our­selves up for the future."
CHAT: Largest turnout, questions range from budget to meal plans

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voluntary retirement and sick leave for interested employees.

Chriset Palenshus, junior geography major, was pleased that the discussion was not dominated by the issue of student parking, as in previous Fireside Chats, but still took the time to say students need to walk to class.

Also discussed was Central's growth plan for the next several years. The university's enrollment is expected to peak at about 8,000 full-time students in Ellensburg, and 2,000 at the university centers.

There was concern among the audience that such a rapid growth would cause Central to lose its appeal as a small campus. The panel assured the audience that Central would retain its closeness despite the projected growth.

"Central is a special place, and we want to keep it a special place," Corona said.

Later in the evening students asked the panel when they would be able to register online. Corona said that online registration will be available by this time next year.

There were also concerns that the on-campus meal plans were not giving students a good deal.

The panel promised to look into the allegation that students were being overcharged and explained that dining services has to be completely self-sufficient. The high cost of the meal plan is to pay for food, facilities and the wages for nearly 200 student employees.

There were several questions regarding full classes, cancelled classes and the problem of students having to extend their education because they have to wait to get into required courses. However, David Soltz, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, was unable to attend. As a result, the questions went unanswered.

Toward the end of the evening, student David Hoffman urged fellow students to vote in the upcoming Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors elections (ASCWU-BOD). "Last year less than 10 percent of the student body turned out to vote," Hoffman said. "I would encourage all students to get out and vote this year."

The night ended with the announcement of candidates in the upcoming BOD election. "I felt the whole evening went very well," Mark Michael, candidate for BOD president, said. "The panel did an excellent job of answering the questions."

Wildcat news bites

Compiled by Observer staff

BRINGING DOWN THE WALL

All are invited to participate in tearing down the brick wall today at 4 p.m. in the Samuelskus Union (SUV) Amphitheater. Each brick on the wall has been painted by various students and community members as part of the Diversity Center's "Writing on the Wall Project."

FILM SERIES

The Progressive Student Union will continue its film series by presenting the film "Manufacturing Consent (Activation Dissent)" at 7 p.m. on May 6 in Black Hall room 151.

GEOGRAPHY AND LAND STUDIES COLLOQUIUM

Cindi Bell will be presenting "Sim City 2 a Reality: How the CommunityVirt Model Can Influence Resource Management Decisions" at 4 p.m. on May 8 in Lind Hall room 104. Refreshments will be provided.

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP SPEAKER SERIES

All are invited to attend the lecture, "From Enron to Ethics: Corporate Ethics Programs - Trends and Opportunities," at 1 p.m. on May 8 in Shaw-Smyser room 115.

FACULTY SPEAKER SERIES

Phil Backlund of the communication department will be presenting, "Culture, Communication, and Cantonese: Reflections on a Year in Hong Kong," at 4 to 5:15 p.m. on May 8 in the Science Building room 216.

SCIENCE SEMINAR

Karl Lillquist from the department of geography and land studies, will be presenting "The Glaciers of Mount Hood, Oregon: Historic Fluctuations and Relationship to Climate," from 4 to 5 p.m. on May 9 in the Science Building room 147. The presentation is part of the Natural Science Seminar Series.

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President Jerilyn McIntyre and her cabinet deserve a lot of praise. They don’t have to hold a quarterly Fireside Chat. They could stay and “Chat” not bad

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was the only current BOD member in attendance.

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Letter to "shut down the Wellness Center." It was simply to involve the campus in discussion, and my intentions were to see to it that money was well spent in the very best way possible.

What I'm saying now is rather difficult and a hefty blow to my own pride. I was wrong. Not for questioning, challenging, or trying to take an active role but in my methods.

Patrick Wicklund
Junior
Political science major

MILLS' COLUMN

"Being skinny isn't everything"

Although I agree with Ms. Mills on the subject of women dressing for their body types, I have to disagree with how she went about speaking her mind of it.

As one of the many women who is not - and never will be - a size 4, I found that article mildly annoying because of the comments about dieting, weight-loss, and eating disorders.

Yes, our society has an adoration of skinny people, but I truly think that it is much less of a problem than it has been in the past.

Clothing stores such as Lane Bryant and The Avenue have allowed for people of sizes 14+ to dress just as well - if not better - than their 5% body fat brethren. I know a number of women who are size 24+ who shop in these stores and look a lot better than some women who are half their size and shop in the more mainstream stores.

Don't get me wrong, I am just as excited as the next person when I don't have to special order a pair of jeans because the store doesn't stock a big enough size, but I also understand something else - you are not your dress size.

I know people who have beat out more attractive and much skinnier people for jobs because they dressed better and because they had the qualifications that the other person did not.

Being skinny isn't everything, and it never will be. People are seeing others for what they are, and not for the packaging they come in.

There, will always be people who judge a book by its cover, but there are a growing number of people who take a closer look before making any sort of judgment.

Erin E. Sheppard
Junior
Physics Major
Astronomy Minor

APRIL 17 EDITION

Writer "misses point"

I just read the April 17 edition of the Observer, sixteen pages long:

• Five sports pages,
• Three pages of Indigo Girls' activism, multiculural celebration and victimhood celebration,
• A page celebrating drug use, kinky sex and porn, and anything you can use,
• A page trashing Christians, Christian students, and the Resurrection (Easter),
• A long editorial celebrating fun while degrading the work ethic,
• A smattering of genuine, whore-sounding, some-sexist, and, of course, the "Police Briefs."

No wonder our schools and our education system is in a crisis. We all know that article mildly annoying because of the comments about dieting, weight-loss, and eating disorders.

I don't know Ben Davis, but when he called Gene McConnell's story "sad," he misses the point. Losing your family, your marriage, your job, all your friends, and all community respect is beyond sad. What's left? Porn? That's the emptiest relationship in this entire world! Ben, try living with life with no relationships except for all the porn you could stomach. Pathetic!

I'm grateful that many Central students, faculty and employees seek to end drinking and reject the hedonistic, narcissistic lifestyle that the Observer glorifies. Our survival, and that of our culture and our nation, depends on right choices. The Observer paints a grim picture of where we are headed.

James A. Powell, M.D.
WA State Chairman,
Marriage Savers

OBSERVATIONS

Bowling club strikes back

I have a couple of things to say about the Observer and its staff.

First, a correction needs to be made. The bowling club's treasurer's name is Doug Fulop, not Doug Sudbury.

Second, in response to Jacob White's "obscure ramblings," if you are going to slander someone or a club on campus, do your research. It was stated that the bowling club "worships false idols" and holds "their meetings in an alcohol environment that is in close proximity to children." If worshipping false idols means that members of the bowling club look up to and strive to be like professional bowlers, then I guess that it's true. As to the tally of where meetings are held: bowling club meetings are in Lind Hall Room 215 on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. not at the bowling alley. Yes, the physiology act of bowling has to be done at Rodeo Bowl until the university takes over WSU and UW and builds a bowling alley in the SUB.

Finally, if the "reporters" at the Observer wonder why so many copies are found in garbage and recycling bins all over campus, the answer is the poorly written and under-researched articles.

Darlene Boggs
Junior
Community Health major

44 DAYS TOO MANY UNTIL GRADUATION

Ponder this

"I can resist everything except temptation."

— Oscar Wilde

Back to the future

Sentimental feelings

by Jacob White
Scene editor

With midterms approaching my liver has begun to swell in Pavlovian anticipation of the post-test diet of cheap beer, and not since the last episode of Seinfeld have I found myself feeling so sentimental. Despite my best efforts I will actually be graduating in a few short months and thus leaving my undergraduate life behind me.

I came to Central Washington University as a result of a short application that most likely could have been filled out in cryos. Despite my apathetic attitude, the mediocre mystique that can only derive from a college located in a town known for cows and wind, has managed to won me over.

While I am yet to buy a cowboy hat or cut off my production of sperm with a pair of Wranglers, I have embraced a town I once loathed. I came here with no intentions other than acquiring a degree, developing a tolerance for alcohol and helping to fund Starbucks' world domination.

Instead, I have discovered that there is something great in a town where you can get recognized as "that 'He said' guy" while buying pornography at the local mini-mart. As annoying as a lack of anonymity can be, it is great to know that no matter what beer swilling party you stumble into, you will see someone you know or who knows you, and a free beer will be offered as if it was a part of a customary hand-shake.

Ellensburg has also surprised me by being one of the few college towns that does not put up a facade of pretentiousness (i.e., Western) that usually surfaces in trendy coffee shop conversations and protesting anything that makes money.

Instead, the students of Ellensburg choose to opt for the idleness of down-loading porno with the school's Ethernet and watching reality TV, until something truly worthy of protest arises, such as Fred Phelps. When the students of Central and the community of Ellensburg do put down their beloved Bud and/or buy it makes their message that much more poignant.

As hard as it's going to be for me to leave this town behind, I feel that I have taken Ellensburg for all it's worth in the past four years. While I would love to prolong my undergraduate career, my fear of being a 25-year-old working on my first degree is enough to spur me on to another college, where I hope to increase my body's tolerance for alcohol and continue to fund the world supremacy of Starbucks. But whenever the wind blows my palate will no doubt salivate for the sweet taste of a Busch Light and a 7-11 "Biggest Bite" smothered in nacho cheese.
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Jay Leno set to perform

Central gets another big name for homecoming.

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Photos by Michael Bennett/Observer

The Elks Lodge was transformed into the "Plaboi Mansion" on Friday, April 25 thanks to Club X-tasy. Once a month, Club X-tasy puts on a dance at the Elks Lodge where Central students under 21 are allowed to escape the monotony of another weekend spent cruising the dorms. The 21-and-over crowd was allowed to consume alcohol from the two bars, located within the bi-level club. Patrons were treated to live performances by Strick 9, Crucial and Quality.

Loudermilk at Thunderbird

No Touching Ground lands up-and-coming band.

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Raising the Bar

by Sophia Gutierrez
Staff reporter

Ladies lounging in lingerie, consuming copious amounts of alcohol and an atmosphere suggesting anything goes, illustrates the stereotypical Playboy party scenario.

Since most people won't ever be invited to the Playboy mansion, Way Out Productions decided to bring it to Ellensburg with their second annual "Plaboi" Mansion Pajama Party. The party took place on Friday, April 25 at Ellensburg's one-night-a-month nightclub, Club X-tasy, located at the Elks Club on Fifth and Main. Partygoers lined up before 10 p.m. to get their "frisk" on and have some fun.

The party featured a bi-level, multi-deejay event featuring two bars, including a VIP bar and lounge. The VIP option gave patrons the opportunity to break away from the noise and relax in a dim, laid-back atmosphere.

"VIP lounge is romantic, but at the same time energetic with a smooth hip-hop feeling," Gemmy Hudson, senior philosophy major, said.

The contrast between the upstairs and downstairs dance areas was immense. Women in itty-bitty shorts and tiny tops getting their freak-on, surrounded by a mob of guys and gals that actually wore clothes was the scene on the downstairs dance floor. Upstairs, people stood around and socialized with drinks in hand. The downstairs dance floor was humid and lively, while upstairs, the bar was the place to be.

Partiers in the upstairs area did not seem fazed by the number of people crammed into the small bar area, so long as the bartenders were quick to serve them.

Few partiers (mostly male) actually wore pajamas for the event, disregarding the purpose of the "Plaboi" pj party. The "dressed-down" dudes wore pajama pants, robes and some had pipes resembling Playboy icon, Hugh Hefner.

Way Out Records Vice President and senior marketing major, Richard Penton, was pleased with the turnout despite the low "dress-down" participation level. Penton plans to offer prize money for the best dressed at the next themed dress-up party.

Live performances downstairs by Strick 9, Crucial and Quality turned up the heat and excited the crowd. Other entertainment included a dance contest where ladies showed their moves on stage and let the crowd choose its favorite. This party's "booby shakin'" winner was local Daily Record employee, Stephanie Nowak.

Attendees traveled from as far away as Tacoma, Spokane, Tri-Cities and the greater Yakima Valley for the event. Radio advertisements on 107.3 KFEM and Hot 99.7, the distribution of flyers and word-of-mouth helped recruit partiers across the state.

Nick Kranz, Yakima Valley Community College sophomore, came to the festivity with some friends from his school. Kranz heard about it through flyers he saw in Yakima.

"It's nice to have a place to hang out and not have to worry about anything," Kranz said.

These "urban" hip-hop parties are not a new phenomena in Ellensburg. The late Tom Craven was the original founder of the Player's Ball parties at the Ellks for many years.

Penton became friends with Craven through working the "Off The Hook" shows on 88.1 FM The 'Burg, and has been facilitating urban parties ever since. Penton's first party was Spring Freak Fest 2001.

Portions of the proceeds from these events are donated to the Kittitas County Action Committee (KCAC) and the Elks Youth Foundation.

"I just want to make a difference," Penton said.
Members of Alder Road include (from left to right) Ben Meyer, Paul Kobylensky, Matt Wheeler and Thomas Evans.

Alder Road invades D Street for Arbor Day

by Rachel Mills
Staff reporter

On Saturday April 2, D Street made room for Alder Road. No need to pull out road maps and make corrections, Alder Road is one of the latest student bands to emerge from Central Washington University.

Last weekend the band played at the Service-Learning and Volunteer Center’s Arbor Day celebration in the Science Building.

Eschewing DJ’s and canned music, the Service-Learning and Volunteer Center chose live music for the annual event.

“I like live music,” Kyle Hayward, sophomore recreation management major and coordinator of Arbor Day, said. “It’s more personal.”

Larinda Anderson, Service-Learning and Volunteer Center Coordinator, was responsible for finding the band.

“I found this remarkable student band at a fundraising event for Gustafson,” Anderson said.

Alder Road performed a series of covers ranging from Van Morrison’s “Brown Eyed Girl” to Billy Idol’s “Mony Mony.”

“We are your musical bitch,” Paul Kobylensky, junior journalism major and guitarist for Alder Road, said. “We’ll play anything people like.”

The constraints of the Science Building left little room for movement, but some children and the life-size shark, “Sharky,” found space to dance for “Sweet Home Alabama.”

Alder Road’s music provided the backdrop for more than 20 booths filled with crafts and educational stations.

“It sounds pretty good and it’s not distracting at all,” Kristian Azezeh, junior construction management major and Arbor Day volunteer, said.

Matt Wheeler, senior law and justice and sociology major, plays guitar and provides lead vocals for Alder Road. On bass and back-up vocals is Ben Meyer, senior music and business major. Thomas Evans, junior percussion performance major, plays drums.

All members are experienced performers and have been playing their instruments for at least nine years.

Although their name leaves no doubt that they hail from Ellensburg, only Wheeler lives on Alder Street.

“We had a gig coming up and we had to have a name,” Wheeler said. “I figured that (Alder Road) was the street that I lived on in college.”

Alder Road has only been together for a few months; however, they have already played several venues including Papa John's Coffee House and the Mint, gaining a small following of fans.

“I like the music they play and they are all pretty good,” Marty Parrish, senior law and justice major, said.

Alder Road has more shows tentatively planned. Dates and venues will be posted around campus.

Orchesis opens

Local dance company is set to perform

by Emily Dobihal
Staff reporter

Choreographer of Arbor Day, said. “It’s more personal.”

Orchesis, this is everyday conversation. After months of preparation, Orchesis, led by instructor Therese Young, is ready to perform its “Spring Concert.”

The company was designing the overall visual appeal, more than just the dancing was considered. The set will be a simple curtain backdrop. The audience will see lighting effects and a variety of costumes, depending on the mood of the piece. The message conveyed is that there is something in dance that will appeal to everyone.

This year’s performance comes after a one-year hiatus. The Orchesis recital poster depicting a dancer’s back and reading “Back by Popular Demand,” plays off of this break.

“People missed the company performance, and we’re very happy to see it back in action this year,” Young said.

The spring concert will be performed for free at 8 p.m., May 1 to 3 in the Nicholson Pavilion dance studio.

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Central gets a chin up on 2003 Homecoming

by Ben Davis
Asst. Scene editor

Last October, Central Washington University students got a taste of the big-time when comedian David Spade’s show sold out Nicholson Pavilion.

Building on that success, Scott Drummond, campus activities director, recently completed negotiations to bring Jay Leno, comedian and host of NBC’s “Tonight Show,” to Ellensburg on Oct. 18 for Central’s homecoming festivities.

“He (Leno) expressed interest in doing some college touring,” Drummond said. “Timing and money worked out to our advantage.”

Drummond said that he was able to book Leno thanks in part to the success of last year’s show, which proved that Central could put on a program that would spur the interest of students and community members alike.

In addition, Drummond booked Leno through the same company as Spade.

One of the complaints heard after Spade’s performance last year involved the issue of seating.

“I thought the seating was terri­
ble,” Amanda Forsey, junior biology major, said. “A lot of people left because of it.”

Drummond has addressed this issue and as a result the setup for Leno’s performance will be different than that of Spade’s. Leno will also perform at Nicholson Pavilion; how­
er, seating arrangements have been altered to make the venue more audi­
ence-friendly.

According to Drummond the stage will be set up along the west­
side of the main gym instead the north side, as was done for Spade. This layout is meant to improve sound quality and sightlines for audi­
ence members.

“Almost everyone will face virtu­
ally straight on,” Drummond said. “We’re expecting this event to sell out in much quicker fashion.”

Drummond said he’d like to con­
tinue to bring big-name talent to
Ellensburg.

“As long as the support is there, we can keep doing it,” Drummond said. “We’re still trying to establish ourselves, but the support has been there.”

Although the headline is booked, Drummond said he hopes to add an opening act to the performance.

After last year’s mixed reac­tion to Spade’s comedy routine,
Drummond said he’d like to book
another comic to warm up the crowd
before Leno takes the stage.

“A lot of people were kind of dispointed with David Spade,” Bethany
Watson, junior tourism major, said.

Tickets will go on sale to the gen­
eral public on May 15. Prior to that
date, parents and family members of students may purchase tickets in
advance by mail or by calling 963-
3513.

“We actually turned a few people
away at David Spade,” Drummond
said. “We’re expecting this event to sell out in much quicker fashion.”

Drummond said he’d like to con­
tinue to bring in big-name talent to
Ellensburg. 
“People tries really hard, and I think we’re pulling it together,” Stephanie Snobar, senior broadcast journalism major and assignment manager of Newswatch, said.

Newswatch tapes the broadcasts during the afternoon and airs them later that evening.

“On Tuesdays we have Newswatch in brief,” Tokola said. “It’s about 10 to 15 minutes long and is a quick recap of what happens over the weekend. Then we have a more in-depth look at what’s going on in the county on Thursdays. It lasts about 25 to 30 minutes.”

Tuesday’s news is rebroadcast at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights, and Thursday’s news is rebroadcast at 7 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

“Next year we will have the abili­
ty to go live,” Kevin Tighe, senior broadcast journalism major and promotions director, said.

Newswatch will be able to broad­
cast live due to a brand new, all-digi­
tal set that was installed last quarter.

“The last time anything was done to the studio was in the ’90s, so we’ve had the same equipment for quite some time,” Tighe said.

With the new set and new equip­
ment, Fordan is optimistic about the future of the program.

“Perhaps the university will find a way to get us a helicopter,” Fordan said.

Newswatch anchorperson Jessica Spriggs is one of the many Central Washington University broadcast journalism students who help bring community news to Central students, Ellensburg, Thorp and Kittitas.

Newswatch delivers news to more than just Central students

by Natalie Bing
Staff reporter

We interrupt this section to call attention to the breaking news that airs at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday on channel 2, KCWU TV.

“Newswatch looks to provide news for those folks in the city that don’t necessarily get involved with the university,” Robert Fordan, video communication professor, said. “The stories certainly can be campus sto­
ries, but they are driven to the interest of the community members.”

The student-run news broadcast provides information for Ellensburg, Kittitas and Thorp.

“I think it’s a great way to see what’s going on, not just on campus, but in the county,” Stephanie Tokola, senior broadcast journalism major and news director of Newswatch, said. “It’s important to know what’s going on and how it will affect you.”

Although most students partici­
pating in Newswatch are majoring in
some area of communications, all stu­
dents are welcome to enroll.

“You need the basic communica­
tions core prerequisites,” Tokola said. “But we’re always looking for people to sign up.”

Newswatch reporters are enrolled in COM 342A, Wildcat Television I. On-air anchors are part of the man­
agement staff, enrolled in COM 442, Wildcat Television II.
Got Loudermilk?

by Sally Romanowski
Staff reporter

The Seattle music scene is coming to rock Ellensburg as Loudermilk prepares to take the stage on May 3 in a concert sponsored by No Touching Ground (NTG), bringing action where some feel there is none.

NTG, established fall 2002 by Lars Bergquist and Will Trues, is an on-campus movement that adds politics, the arts and other social aspects to Central. NTG members envision Central students having more options for events in which to participate. This weekend will provide one such opportunity.

The Thunderbird will be hosting the concert, which will feature Lemon Green Smith, Papa Roach), The Catheters (Sub Pop, Nirvana, Death Cab for Cuties), Problem with Heroes and Blue Sky Mile.

"Loudermilk's CD does them no justice compared to their live show," Braden Boisse, booking and promotions for NTG, said. "Their live show is supposed to be one of the best live shows in the country right now."

Boisse describes Loudermilk, whose members are originally from the Tri-Cities area, as a harder Smashing Pumpkins. The Catheters, who performed at Central earlier in the school year, were described as a harder Hives or Strokes.

According to Ryan Fishbein, guitarist for the band, Blue Sky Mile, has a wide range of inspirations.

"Our influences range from Jawbreaker to Iron Maiden to The Police," Fishbein said. "A friend once said we were 'techno emo,' or 'techno' for short."

Ryan Middleton, bassist and back-up vocals for Problem With Heroes, said the band falls between genres as well, with indie-rock, emo and hardcore influences.

"Their live show is supposed to be one of the best live shows..."

Braden Boisse
No Touching Ground member

I have seen Loudermilk's origins and to download music from their new album, check out their official Web Site at www.loudermilk.net.

Lesson One: At the risk of sounding like my parents, I must state that driving is used to get people from point A to point B. Vehicles in 2003 are also being used for listening to music, talking on cell phones and road-head. All of these detract from what's going on around you, i.e., my smiling face walking to class. Do you really want to take that away from me?

Lesson Two: I don't care about your tricked-out rides. I try to be sympathetic to those of you whose cool factor depends on spending your days persuing "Car and Driver" for the latest overpriced, unimportant trends to vehicle enhancement. I am not impressed by your new loud mufflers, huge spoilers or the ridiculous lifts you've wasted your money on, so let's save our breaths when they'll be appreciated, shall we? Case in point: I thought I heard a monster truck the other day, but when I turned around to see what was shaking me, I saw a Honda Prelude.

Lesson Three: Hiring a person (namely myself) with your car will be expensive. This charge is lawsuit heaven, and I have no problem walking you into the pearly gates. According to the web site of personal injury lawyers Rich and Rich, P.C., from New York City, a pedestrian struck outside a crosswalk received a settlement of $400,000. Rich and Rich have settled other pedestrian suits and have acquired up to two million dollars for a client. This is just something to keep in mind, unless you have this kind of money to throw around at the injured victims in your wake or a new body kit worth more than your car.

Lesson Four: There are enough parking spaces for everyone. Okay, so they're not all great spots, but if it's around all the injured victims in your wake or a new body kit worth more than your car.

Want to know more?
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Four basic lessons in parking etiquette

Attention overzealous parkers of Central Washington University. I have a bone to pick regarding parking lot safety and etiquette. The only thing that's kept me from being mowed over in a Central parking lot are my cat-like reflexes.

Everyone these days is in a hurry, so why let something as insignificant as a pedestrian get in your way, right? Wrong; that was a test. If you failed, read the following lessons while you remember the responsibilities of driving a car.

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Lesson Four: There are enough parking spaces for everyone. Okay, so they're not all great spots, but if it's closer than walking, it's an advantage. Before you start swearing and speed-
Softball gears up
Wildcats prepare to face top-ranked Simon Fraser in season finale

by Takeshi Kojima
Staff reporter

For Central Washington University’s softball team, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) top-ranked Simon Fraser University (SFU) will be a challenge. SFU (25-3) has won 20 straight games, beginning Feb. 28.

"They are an outstanding team," Gary Frederick, Central softball coach, said. "They got two pitchers that have won 11 games each and have lost only one a piece. They hit .355 as a team. They are really challenging for us. but we like playing them because they are a fun team to play — great bunch of kids, well coached — so we’re so excited about them on Thursday."

At the same time, the two games will be the final series for eight seniors. Lloyd Christensen, Central softball assistant coach, said they try to get as many seniors as possible in the game.

"Basically, this season I’m getting closer and closer to where I’m not going to be playing anymore," Erica Delgado, senior designated hitter, said.

The double header will begin at 1 p.m. today at the CWU Softball Field. The probable Central pitcher will be Stephanie Hogan, senior pitcher with 2.11 ERA in 119.1 innings. Ciria Ochoa, senior pitcher with 2.49 in 19.2 innings, and Hillary Schmidt, freshman pitcher with 3.61 in 66 innings, will be relief pitchers for the game.

Offensively, Annie Franks, junior third baseman, recorded a .505-slug­ging percentage, ranked third in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC).

"Hopefully we can get two more wins out," Hogan said. "They’re on a winning streak right now. They are doing really well in NAIA. Hopefully, we can shut them down both games."

Last Sunday, Central battled with Saint Martin’s College (SMC) and swept them away in 4-1 and 6-5 victories.

In the first game, the Wildcats took the game with a balanced attack of offense and defense. Patty Martinez, freshman first baseman, hit a two-run homerun in the first inning. In the fifth inning, Franks also hit a two-run homerun to extend the lead. On the mound, Hogan completed the game with one run and four hits.

In the second game, Central took a four-run lead into the sixth, but SMC overtook the Wildcats in the seventh.

(by top) Junior Annie Franks is congratulated by her teammates after hitting a two-run home­run, her fourth of the season. (right) Senior pitcher Stephanie Hogan throws a pitch during her record-tying 22nd career win as a Wildcat. The victory is her 11th of the season.

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This day in history:
1986
Bill Elliot sets record
stock car speed of 212.229 mph.
GET TO KNOW THE BOD.....

This week's featured officer: Nate Harris ASCWU President

Class standing: After having entered Central Washington University as a freshman in Fall Quarter of 1998 I have enjoyed "senior" status for the last two academic years while pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Music.

Goals after graduation: I will be attending Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana, beginning August 27, 2003 to earn a Juris Doctorate in International Law with the intent of continuing my education at the Payson Center for International Development (Tulane University) for a PhD in International Development.

Hobbies: Walking the dog, autodidactic multicultural studies, reading, and wine tasting but anything else would compromise or distract from my passionate dedication to the Associated Students.

Quotes to live by: Gandhi suggests to "be the change you wish to see within the world" which is quaint but in the spirit of our great Republic my personal mantra is to "legislate the future." In the words of Gandhi, "We must be the change we wish to see in the world."

Favorite movie: Dancer in the Dark comes to mind most immediately but I have a terrible memory for movies.

CDs currently in stereo: Moby's "Play," Ani DiFranco's "Evolve," Joni Mitchell's "Hits" and Dvorak's "New World Symphony."

Biggest accomplishment in life: Honestly, I am fairly modest and feel genuinely overwhelmed by opportunities, privileges, friendships, and mentors that conspire to facilitate growth, accomplishments, and successes.

Something you don't know about me: My longest fast totaled 144 hours (6 days). I've played professionally with the Yakima Symphony Orchestra, my eye doctor diagnosed me with a Vasovagal reaction (I pass out easily), and my first name is actually Curtis.

Biggest accomplishment as ASCWU President: Hiring Tamara Broughton as the ASCWU Publicity Officer and appointing Monica Medrano as the VP for Political Affairs were two of my most successful ventures as ASCWU President. Those two women are outstanding ladies whose combined efforts have contributed integrally to the success and accomplishments of the entire ASCWU Board of Directors this academic year. I'm still congratulating myself on those decisions.

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Intramural sports start out strong
by Andrew Grinaker
Staff reporter

The first week and a half of intramurals is over and success seems to be the only word to sum it up. According to the recreation department, the week ran smoothly and people seemed excited for the intramural season as a whole. With approximately 500 students participating, spring quarter has the largest turnout this year.

“We have more leagues this spring than ever before,” Bob Ford, intramural coordinator, said. “There are more than 150 individual intramural games each week.”

With that many games each week, there seems no better way to cheer on Central students this spring. Whether the sun is shining or the wind needs to be avoided, the intramural department has indoor and outdoor sports to watch.

“We still have several undefeated teams and the competition level is at an all time high,” Ford said.

An estimated 700 of 920 intramural participants play softball and basketball. They continue to bring people out for the sportsmanship, the weather of Ellensburg and the joy of time with friends.

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54 Intramural softball teams

169 Total participants playing in an intramural basketball league

318 Students playing co-ed softball

920 Approximate number of students participating in an intramural sport this season

Petersen leads track into championship
by Matt Youkum
Staff reporter

While the rest of the Central Washington University track and field team was competing at the Oregon Invitational, senior Chris Petersen claimed his first conference championship at the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) Multi-Event Championships at Western Oregon University.

Petersen led the first day of competition by 87 points. A time of 4:39.29 secured his second place finish in the 1,500-meter race and clinched the decathlon title. Freshman Cبرش Watson finished sixth while injured senior Curt Moon ended the day in eighth place.

The Wildcats will host the top competitors from around the conference in the GNAC Championships. Events start at 10 a.m. Saturday at Tumilson Field.

“We are encouraging everybody to come because we won’t have the conference championships again for a long time,” Jody Binder, senior law and justice major, said. “It’s always nice to have the home field advantage.

Athletes are also hoping that the weather cooperates during the championships.

“I’m really excited about this weekend as long as the wind stays away,” Tiffany Picinich, senior elementary education major, said.

Last weekend Central’s top athletes traveled to Eugene to compete in the Oregon Invitational at the University of Oregon. Picinich took third place in the 5,000 meter run, finishing in a time of 17:50.11.

“It was a pretty big personal record for me by about 16 seconds,” Picinich

Wildcat trackster Lindy Mullen established a first-time qualifying mark for the conference meet in the 4,000-meter race with a time of 4:48.36.

The Central women’s team also received peak performances from Ashley Roundtree, Rachel Tynan, Teresa Schlafer and Jody Binder in the 4x 400 meter relay when they finished in second place behind San Francisco State University with a time of 49.32 seconds. The women’s 4x 100 meter team was racing this weekend in the GNAC Championships.

“We’ve been steadily improving all season,” Binder said. “We are just putting the final touches together and working on handoffs for this weekend.”

The men’s 4x 100 team of Justin Lawrence, Jay Thomas, Fabien Coutard and Scott Freymond took third place honors in the race on Saturday finishing in a time of 42.76 seconds. Sacramento State University and Central College finished first and second respectively.

Injury ends Maier’s season
by Matt Youkum
Staff reporter

With an injury far worse than originally thought, Allen Maier will be sidelined for the remainder of the track season.

What was thought to be a strain or small tear was diagnosed as a ruptured patellar fascia in her foot. Maier will spend the next six weeks in a cast.

“I was hoping to be ready for nationals, thinking I could just tape my foot up and run,” Maier, senior sports management major, said. “But I’d rather not take the chance in hurting it anymore than it already is.”

Maier is still eligible for the cross-country season fall track and possibly track and field next year, if red shirt status is awarded for this season.

Sportsmanship has been great over overseas has stood out with their camaraderie, constantly cheering each other on and having a good time.

“We’re all good friends, out here having a good time, enjoying ourselves win or lose,” Will Turtle, junior business major, said.

BASKETBALL

The NCAA tournament is over, the NBA season is winding down, but Central Washington University students are still going strong.

With five different leagues, 32 teams and roughly 175 student players, basketball ranks right after softball in popularity and numbers for intramurals this spring.

Standing out already is the team Death Row Inmates (DRI) who are playing in three of the five leagues, which include the six feet under league, the co-ed league and the competitive league.

The team is led by twins, Miguel and Jose Mata, who have been playing intramural basketball for four years and have won four championship t-shirts.

“It’s just fun to come out and not worry about class,” Miguel Mata, senior Spanish major, said. “Just get out there and play ball with your friends.”

Photos by Lindsey Jackson/Observer
Central takes to the Ice

by Kelly McBride
Staff reporter

The Mighty Ducks had to overcome problems from funding to finding experienced players in order to beat their opponents and it looks like next year will be a team to watch. The club that prides itself on good sportsmanship is coming problems from funding to find the team out of the financial hole, Davis, team vice major and president of the ice hockey club, said.

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