Anderson remodel uproots students

by Rachel Guillermo
Asst. News editor

Anderson Apartments is one of Central Washington University’s alternative housing options for on-campus living. It has all the conveniences of a typical apartment, a good location and is considered by some students as one of the better places to live on campus.

The Observer recently received an anonymous e-mail stating that Anderson will soon undergo renovations for the 2004-2005 school year and that its tenants had until April 26 to find alternative living situations, without university assistance.

"That is totally false," Stacy Klippstein, university housing and new student programs director, said. "We have done everything we can to help students. Initially, way back in November when we decided to make these changes, we sent out little cards asking people whether or not they wanted to move out early."

Students who wished to move out at that time were put first on wait lists to get into other apartments, such as Student Village, or were moved immediately into Wade Apartments, which were made available to single students to live in resident family living.

"We were always open to students who came into our office and said 'Yeah we’re willing to move. Can you find us something?'" Klippstein said.

Housing’s plan was to get as many students out of Anderson as soon as possible so that Facilities Management could make minor repairs and paint some units before summer use.

"As of June 12, we’re trying to fill Anderson with summer students," Klippstein said. "We also have the CHIC students who come in and work with the chip lab. We’ve always housed during the summer in Anderson, so we have to have certain places in Anderson to be ready for that.”

Students who wished to remain in Anderson are to be consolidated with others in Anderson so that the needed repairs can be done to the open apartments.

Housing, as of April 5, has identified those tenants and notified them of the consolidation request and time.

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When plan A fails, what is Plan B?

by Erik Swenson
Staff reporter

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) has a table set up today in the Samuelson Union Building as part of a national campaign to provide information and gather petition signatures urging the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to approve nationwide over-the-counter availability of emergency contraception medication (EC).

On Dec. 16, 2003, the FDA’s Reproductive Health Drugs Advisory and Nonprescription Drugs Panel voted 23 to four to recommend that the FDA approve the emergency contraceptive pill called "Plan-B." If approved, a full dose could cost between $30 and $40, according to the FDA. The decision was scheduled to take place Feb. 20 but the FDA decided to delay the approval date for 90 days until May 20.

The Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF), the parent organization of FMLA, says EC is available without a prescription in Washington state as well as New Mexico, California, Maine and Alaska. Debbie Castro, West Coast representative, making tons of cash and living in paradise.

“Agencies and firms will be telling us about ways they manage crisis situations.”

On Saturday, several speakers from corporations such as Microsoft and Wagener-Edstrom, as well as speakers from corporate, non-profit and agency firms will give sessions, educating students on crisis management.

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Student worker of the year honored

by Marcus Tubert
Staff reporter

Asia University America Program (AUAP) student assistant Irina Lyamin's main goal in life is to help others. Along the way, she also wants to run a 20-mile marathon, hike the Pacific Crest or Appalachian, visit Germany and Japan and meet more of her relatives.

Winning the Central Washington University 2004 student employee of the year award may not have been one of Lyamin's major goals, but she definitely appreciated it.

"I'm honored, but it's more than that," Lyamin, senior computer science and biology major, said. "It shows my supervisors really appreciate me. It's good to be appreciated." Patti Schell, senior AUAP secretary and Lyamin's direct supervisor, said when she heard about the award, everybody who worked with Lyamin wanted to nominate her.

"She's special," Schell said. "It's her characteristics. Number one is her love of life. She's always there to support you and to her parents for instilling such a strong work ethic.

"One of the neat things was when we had the presentation of the award here in the office," Kakar said. "She was clapping and cheering, she had no idea it was her. She was just looking around to see who would have won this. She's always there to support everybody else.

"Lyamin has been working in the AUAP office since September 2002. She initially began working there because she needed a job, but it has developed beyond that.

"I fell in love with the whole reason why there is this department," Lyamin said. "To help the international students come here and experience a whole new culture. (My favorite part is) meeting students from Japan and other countries. Just interacting with them.

"Lyamin lived in Narva, Estonia when Lyamin was 12. There are now 12 children in Lyamin's family.

"Lyamin graduated from Daystar Christian Academy in Moses Lake. According to her co-workers, Lyamin's love of life is apparent whether she is doing something she loves or cleaning out a cupboard. "Irina is an amazing person and she brings a lot of personality to her job," Kakar said. "She makes everyone feel happy. She brings a certain amount of happiness and brightness to the office."

"Lyamin is quick to express gratitude to her supervisors for recognizing her and to her parents for instilling such a strong work ethic."

by Nicki Kukar
AUAP acting director, appreciates Lyamin's hard-working and selfless attitude.
Three times to catch civil rights speaker

by Amy Gegoux
Staff reporter

Reverend Wayne Perryman will be at Central today talking to clubs about black American relationships and political parties. Students have three different chances to hear Perryman talk about the history of the Democratic and Republican parties during the civil rights movement. The Reverend will speak at 4 p.m. at Club Central, 7 p.m. at the Black Student Union (BSU) meeting and 8 p.m. at the College Republicans meeting.

"I heard him speak once before," Zach Marques, senior public relations major, board of directors vice president for political affairs, said. "He is one of the best or the best speaker I've ever heard."

He just released a new book, "Unfounded Loyalty," which takes a close look on what happened with each political party during the civil rights movement. The book looks at facts that have been overlooked or not talked about in an objective manner.

"I hope people come to hear him talk because he will enlighten us and help us gain a different perspective," Cindy Figueroa, senior communications studies major, vice president for equity and community service/BSU adviser, said.

Wayne Perryman has worked with children, professional athletes, gang members and major corporations. He has written many publications and has worked within fields that have helped him gain the knowledge regarding his speaking topics.

"I want students to gain knowledge," Harold Powell, senior communications studies major, president of the BSU, said. "It will broaden my perspective on political parties, especially with election time coming up."

For more information on Perryman, visit his Web site at www.wayneperryman.com or hear him speak April 15.

PRSSA: Central hosts regional conference

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Waggener-Edstrom is hosting a banquet luncheon and there will be a gala social at the Ellensburg Inn Saturday evening for conference attendees to have fun and network with students from other schools.

The sessions held on Sunday will focus on professional development such as mock interviews and resume enhancement.

"Every student in their major must know about crisis communication," Scott Iwata, senior public relations major and chapter president of PRSSA, said. "You get to network with industry professionals and meet peers that will be your peers in the future."

Many students attending the conference are excited for the opportunity to meet people working in the industry and learn about how those professionals deal with a crisis in their careers.

"Attending the workshops involving crisis management will help me in my career where I will need to have skills in dealing with a crisis," Adam Criswell, juniorunde - cided, said. "I am excited at getting the opportunity to hear from and speak with an agency that I could possibly work for. Making those connections now is really beneficial in getting a job after college."

PRSSA began planning the event last fall and created several committees of PRSSA members to make arrangements for the regional conference.

"There are 13 chapters of PRSSA in the nation, divided by regions," Pendry said. "The chapters bid on it (hosting the regional conference) and we were chosen."

Students interested in attending the conference can register at 9 a.m. on Saturday in the Student Union Building Owthi Room. The cost is $35 for the two-day conference. For more information, you can check out PRSSA's Web site at www.cwu.edu/-prssa.

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Rosco N. Tolman prepares for the switch from associate dean back to Spanish professor.

Tolman to teach: search for new dean begins

by Berivan Vossify
Staff reporter

The College of Arts and Humanities is beginning to search for a new associate dean. Rosco N. Tolman, the current associate dean, is leaving his position this summer. Tolman became associate dean for Spanish and anthropology at Central Washington University in 1970 as an assistant professor of Spanish.

Their goal is to have someone for his position by the beginning of this summer. Before Tolman leaves his position, the College of Arts and Humanities in Spanish will be at Central today talking to clubs and political parties. Students have three different chances to hear Tolman and benefit from his experience as other people have had.

"I am disappointed that I don't have an opportunity to work with Dr. Tolman and benefit from his experience as other people have had," Colson said. "But I wish him good luck in his future plans."

Colson said. "I am sad that he is leaving, but at the same time I am happy for him."

Tolman received his Ph.D in Spanish and anthropology at University of Utah. He came to Central Washington University in 1970 as an assistant professor of Spanish.

Secretary of the College of Arts and Humanities Dawn Anderson said Tolman is going back to the foreign language department to teach Spanish. The College of Arts and Humanities hopes to find someone before Tolman leaves his position. Their goal is to have someone for his position by the beginning of this summer.

"I am sad that he is leaving, but at the same time I am happy for him," Anderson said. "It has been great working with Dr. Tolman."

Tolman is now teaching Spanish to second year university students.

"We all know how much Dr. Tolman enjoys teaching his class," the administrative assistant, Sandra Colson said.

Colson is new in the college, but she enjoyed her short period working with Tolman.

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Betta Beta Beta, a prestigious national biology honor society, recently initiated 20 students from national biology honor society, beta.org, the mission of Tri-Beta is to initiate met Tri-Beta's requirements into national society extending the boundaries of human appreciation of biological study and appreciation of biology and participating in the local and state universities.

NY Times reporter fills in knowledge through scientific research.

Biologists inducted into national society

by Ben Davis
Managing editor

Best known to New York Times readers as simply a byline, political reporter Katharine Q. Seelye made news herself as she spoke on the subject of presidential campaigns Monday evening at Central Washington University.

A lot (of campaigning) is much more scripted now,” Seelye told more than 150 people in McConnell Auditorium of current presidential campaigns. “The candidates are very tightly choreographed.”

Prior to her presentation entitled “Behind the Scenes of the 2004 Presidential Campaign” in Central, Seelye had spent time on the campaign trail, traveling with Senator John Kerry.

In addition to Kerry’s campaign, she covered then-Governor Bill Clinton’s campaign in 1992, Senator Bob Dole’s campaign in 1996 and Vice President Al Gore’s White House bid in 2000, which lasted more than 18 months.

Seelye’s extensive political coverage has given her insights into the workings of the political machine and after covering Kerry, she faces a tough battle against an incumbent president.

Kerry hasn’t completely defined who Bush is,” Seelye said. “And Bush has clearly defined Kerry how he wants to be a flip-flopper.”

Playing off the theme of being a “flip-flopper,” Seelye said that many times Republicans have crashed Kerry events with flip-flop shoes and banged them together to illustrate their point because the imagery sticks in voters’ minds.

Seelye also mentioned Kerry’s somber nature and use of expository words in describing his policies as a possible downfall for the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee.

Despite this fact, Kerry supporters should be too hopeful.

Most voters are tuned out,” Seelye said. “They’re not thinking about the ins and outs of the presidential campaign.”

Seelye gave an impromptu 20-minute speech, having taken the place of Times Washington, D.C. editor Richard L. Berke who couldn’t make it because of the Sept. 11 hearings in Washington D.C.

She then took questions from audience members using humorous remarks about Presidents Bush and Clinton to better interact with audience members.

Questions included such subjects as Kerry’s reaction to Ralph Nader’s presence in the presidential race, the Times’ investigative practices regarding possible intelligence failures leading to Sept. 11 and former Vermont Governor and presidential candidate Howard Dean’s inauspicious speech.

Despite a variety of questions on different subjects, Seelye focused on politics and said she feels like we’re already in a general election.

“I think it’s a good thing that these repairs are being done to the apartments.”

Peichen Liao, senior business major, is one of the old Anderson residents who has to move out by the end of the month. Several residents reportedly complained about having to move with short notice, although the housing office notified them in November.

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Next year's budget shows increased state interest

by Andrew Van Den Hoek
Staff reporter

On Thursday, April 1, Governor Gary Locke signed the state budget. Within the state budget is the 2004-2005 Central Washington University school year budget, which will be increased as compared to the 2003-2004 budget.

"I think the state is showing a renewed interest in higher education," Libby Street, executive assistant to the president, said. "They are recognizing that it promotes economic recovery and that higher education is more and more necessary for the jobs of the 21st century."

The increase is partially due to Central receiving an extra 125 full time equivalents (FTE). FTE are the measuring stick by which the state decides how much funding to give Central each year.

According to Street and documents from the budget office Web site, the extra 125 FTE brings our school up to 7,959 FTE, increasing the state's state budget, and in doing so change the overall budget.

Central has gained state funding compared to last year, it still has not regained a little more then a quarter of what was lost in 2000.

The task of managing all the technical aspects of Central's budget falls to the Budget Planning and Institutional Research office and the budget director Shelly Johnson. "The process of planning the school's budget never really ends," Johnson said.

Every other year, around September, the school submits a bi-annual operating budget and supplemental budgets in between.

The budget is then reviewed by the higher education coordinating board, the governor and finally the state legislature who gives it final approval.

Though the budget-planning department is in charge of the technical aspects of the budget the actual deciding of budget allocation is worked out between the president, the vice presidents, and the department heads.

Outlined in Central's operating budget priorities are staffing, equipment replacement, goods and services, program development, and competitive salaries for employees, to name a few.

"It's nice to see that Central is making an effort to expand faculty and support staff so they can increase course offering and degree programs," Angela Denend, senior, Spanish major, said. "Hopefully this will help keep class sizes down."

Though the state budget is higher this year, Central will not be lowering tuition and will continue with its outlined 7% increase.

Students with questions about the budget can contact the Budget Planning and Institutional Research office. Students with concerns and opinions about budget allocation can talk to their department heads or their student representatives.

Documents and figures pertaining to the school budget can be found on Central's Web site at www.cwu.edu/-budget/.

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Goldenrod Academy of Fine Arts
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The greenhouse is located Northwest of the Science Building. For more information please contact Alex Mandujano at 899-2773.

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System worked: Founding fathers proud

It’s difficult to stand up for your convictions when you have eleven angry people telling you you’re wrong. It’s even harder when the media has caught onto the fact that eleven angry people are telling you you’re wrong. And it’s harder yet when you’re 79 years old and the press seems to be portraying you as a snooty old lady without a brain in your head. But 79-year-old jurist Ruth Gordon stood up for her convictions in the trial of two Tycos executives accused of fraud and 31 other counts for bilking their company of $600 million. Gordon, a former history professor and lawyer, didn’t think the defense proved their case in the six-month dict, and they wanted to go home. You can hardly blame them, but you can’t just go with the majority because it’s easier.

Gordon voted her conscience. How could she otherwise, she said, in a “60 Minutes” interview. She said that she was doing what the founding fathers would have wanted her to do. The 12-person jury, which dates to English common law, is set up to make that a representative cross section of the community makes a common sense and fair decision free from outside attempts at intimidation.

Gordon made what she considered a common sense decision based on her belief the defense didn’t prove their case, but was then intimidated by a phone call asking her who had brought her out, and a letter condemning her lawyer and her decision to vote for acquittal. The judge finally declared a mistrial. Although my perception of Gordon was initially influenced by what I read in the newspaper and saw on the news, once I heard her interview I thought she was articulate and intelligent. I didn’t doubt that she had been in a tough spot, but didn’t cave. It makes me wonder how many jurors across the country give in to pressure from other jurors to avoid anyone being angry at them. How many of us can withstand the pressure of our peers when we’re the odd one out. It’s a situation we all face, all through our lives, in business, in church, in our homes — and in the jury box.

Although the trial ended in a frustrating mistrial, the system worked. One person stood for what she believed. It’s called integrity.

Martha Goudey-Price

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If you have integrity, nothing else matters.

— Alan Simpson

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

By George, readers respond

Modern doesn’t equal better

In response to George Hawley’s “Terrorists for Kerry” article in the last issue, I found his opinion sad and disturbing. It wasn’t so much that he thinks it necessary to invade other countries for America to feel some false sense of security (or is it just to flex our muscles at the world?). What stunned me the most was his complete disregard for other cultures. He wrote, “The Islamic world will be stunned me the most was his complete disregard for other cultures. He wrote, “The Islamic world will be dragged — kicking and screaming if necessary — into modernity.” So I began thinking about what modernity must stand for. Is it America’s wasteful need for excessive consumption, creating global environmental problems (we consume 40 percent of the world’s energy?), or is it our stance against nuclear weapons (though we use depleted uranium bombs in Iraq leading to many of our own soldiers developing Gulf War Syndrome)? Is it modern for healthcare to be unavailable to a significant portion of our population, when healthcare is free in many, if not most, first-world nations? I guess what I’m getting at is that being modern isn’t necessarily equitable to being better.

It’s not that I’m anti-American, rather I would like some advance- ment towards the positive in this nation, and this won’t happen with Bush chasing terrorists around the world. Finally, I want to add that Muslims retained much of the world’s knowledge and learning during the Middle Ages when Europe had regressed into Feudalism. At that time, they were the ones that were “modern.”

Martina Michalek
Senior
Geography and English

Hawley accused of being a bigot

War cannot always be avoided. People cannot always be appeased. The world over, and America itself will not succumb to the conservative ideals: All countries should bow to America. America should be the tavor of this world. America is a country of dreams.

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Recently, America started to mean something different to me. I cannot be found in many other areas of the world: safety. This does not, however, change the way I think about people like George Hawley. People like Mr. Hawley are one of the reasons this country is not safe. People who make scapegoats of others simply because their agenda is more important than the facts are dangerous. You may see yourself as some high and mighty being, Mr. Hawley, but you are not.

There is something fundamentally wrong with you using your position to misinform. You stated in tally wrong with you using your you are not.

The Washington state high school educator of 30 years, I have never hesitated to recommend Central to many of my senior students. However, I do not feel that I can recommend Central any longer without reservations as to what will be dropped next. Along the 1-5 corridor of Washington, there are presently 4,689 registered swimmers of the ages 6 to 18 who are all potential athletes and students at many colleges and universities. There are probably a considerable number of swimmers in the Washington. Those people obvious won't be attending public universities in Washington with swimming being cut. Please reconsider the previous decision that has been made.

Linda Crowley
Parent of Central sister
Megan Crowley

Swim teams create success

I am appalled that CWU cut the swimming programs. Swimming is the cornerstone of a world of sports. The athletes have worked extremely hard in the Olympic games are swimming, track and field, and gymnastics. These sports are also heavily televised and covered.

Swimmers tend to be the best students. They get good grades, are willing to make tough commitments, and are hard workers. Swim teams create the best of all people.

John Millen

Don't get babies from want ads

When I see the classified ads in the Observer from couples who want to adopt a baby, it makes me angry. First of all, it's tacky. Secondly, classified ads are for students that want to sell something, etc. not for couples who want to adopt. Third, the ads make the couples seem like vultures circling the campus for unplanned pregnancies. My request is simple, please reconsider your advertising policy and get another route, do not advertise for babies in a school newspaper.

Clay McRidle
Junior

"English major"

"makeover needed"

This letter is in response to last week's article about the award winning "Ellensburg Extreme." First, just because this show has won awards does not make it ok or worthwhile. Countless actors and movie stars have won awards for terrible work (see Halle Berry) and simply being "award winning" doesn't mean it's award deserving or even watchable. Such a show as "Ellensburg Extreme," a show which manages to disappoint on a weekly basis. Central's football and basketball teams will not be wards on a program that is admittedly "for the most part, unscripted, unplanned and very spontaneous." The producers who seem interminably hold a hand on this show would switch the focus from production, which apparently takes two hours to time, planning and imagination, then perhaps students wouldn't have to be ashamed of this show, which intentionally, or not, represents our school and community in a negative fashion. A well-edited piece of garbage is nevertheless a piece of garbage. "Ellensburg Extreme" needs an extreme makeover, a view which has been reprinted by everyone I know who has seen even part of one segment.

While I have no personal interest in this show, I do know that I know Central is full of talented and imaginative people who could entertain and make us all proud. So hang up the 'towels' guys and let some fresh blood take over.

Mike Normoyle
Junior
Pol. science and philosophy

Guest opinion

Music majors ecstatic about new building

We would like to thank Mr. Barry Roy Hunt for bringing the new music building to the attention of all students. Hertz Hall, our current facility, is, in fact, a "cracker-box box" with windows that are not even usable. While the entire department is ecstatic that we will be receiving a new state-of-the-art building, we in particular are ecstatic that the new building is in addition to what we found in the past, and feel we deserve a facility that is not falling apart at the seams.

Unfortunately, there is often a segment of the population that fails to grasp exactly how these projects are paid for, and seek to connect their donations to personal gain. We in the music department are not asking for additional revenue for our university. We simply want a facility that is worthy of our talent.

I know there are a lot of vegetarians and vegans who have strong beliefs about why they don't eat meat and other foods that may kill animals. Let's face it, not everyone has strong convictions about why they became a vegetarian or vegan. They do it for other reasons.

I believe that some people do it just for the attention. It makes them different from other people so they are known as "the vegetarian." These people are not the ones who are experimenting with -- no not weed, vegetarianism.

I think the people above are giving them a bad name. So quit fooling yourself and face it, not everyone has strong convictions about why they became a vegetarian or vegan. They do it for other reasons.

I don't believe that a liberal would abandon the chance to make a conservative look foolish! Sure it wasn't the liberals' choice for America to be there, but now that we are, we might as well actually fix something, beg the UN to help us out with the humanitarian effort and try to rebuild some semblance of intercontinental relations, and apologize for murdering thousands more Iraqis than were killed in 9/11, because we are a civilized first world nation and not a pack of oil-crazed murderers.

And since we're remembering things on election day, Mr. Hawley, let's all remember the chamber of dismembered bodies of our fellow American civilians swaying in the desert breeze from a bridge in Fallujah, and then remember which president declared our "Mission Accomplished," effectively giving those people the "all-clear" to be there.

What's their effect?

by Aaron Miller
Online editor

Over the past three years at Central Washington University, I’ve run into many people with strong opinions about everything from religion to equality for homosexuals. I would like to address something that I have seen many people experimenting with--not even weed, vegetarianism.

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Expand your vocabulary

by Ben Davis
Managing editor

If you’re like me, then you probably hear four-letter words on a daily basis. Yes, I use them—even in public.

But as students at an institution of higher learning, we should be taking time to expand our minds and vocabularies beyond those words we found so fascinating in middle school.

Don’t get me wrong, former Indiana basketball coach Bobby Knight once said the “f-word” is the most expressive word in the English language. What a disgrace. In fact, I’ve been known to sound like an HBO special on occasion, as many on the Observer staff can attest.

The use of bad language boils down to respect. Would you talk like that around your parents or grandparents? Some of us might. But most of us realize that it’s not appropriate.

So the next time you think about dropping an “F-bomb” remember that professors, faculty members and even students are old enough to be your parents or grandparents.

VOicing Opinions

Terrorists love conservatives, too

by Gayle Duncan
Staff reporter

Spain wants to get their troops out of Iraq. Fine. If you’d recall, right-wing conservatives were content to “go it alone.” We’re one step closer to getting our chance.

"Terrorism for Kerry"? Really. How is a terrorist conservative, too, and (uncertain about other things) here’s why:

It seems that every time a prominent conservative opens his or her mouth, it is merely to fuel the hate between America and, well, most of the world. And when it gets right down to it, can you blame them for being pissed off at us? When Ann Coulter is quoted saying of the 9/11 hijackers, “We should invade their countries, kill their leaders, and convert them to Christianity!” even moderate Muslims would be offended. If we repeatedly demonstrate that we will go to war against Islamic nations to reflect their people, recruitment would be terrorists becomes a piece of cake.

In a logical world, it doesn’t make sense to attack a country that contributed NO terrorists to the 9/11 hijacking, and give millions upon millions of dollars to Saudi Arabia, who contributed 15 of the 18 9/11 hijackers. To “combat terrorism” we invaded a country that had no ties to the terrorist attack on the United States? How is that bad for terrorists?

Conservatives seem to have “misunderestimated” liberals. Do you honestly think that a liberal would abandon the chance to make a conservative look foolish? Sure it wasn’t the liberals’ choice for America to be there, but now that we are, we might as well actually fix something, beg the UN to help us out with the humanitarian effort and try to rebuild some semblance of intercontinental relations, and apologize for murdering thousands more Iraqis than were killed in 9/11, because we are a civilized first world nation and not a pack of oil-crazed murderers.

And since we’re remembering things on election day, Mr. Hawley, let’s all remember the chamber of dismembered bodies of our fellow American civilians swaying in the desert breeze from a bridge in Fallujah, and then remember which president declared our “Mission Accomplished,” effectively giving those people the “all-clear” to be there.
Bright metallic art, comfy chairs and smooth drinks that moisten the palette with an array of fruit and vegetable flavors: this is the atmosphere at the new Billy Mac’s Juice Bar and Gallery. The establishment is located on 4th Street, next to The Tav.

I had the pleasure of drinking one of their pineapple-strawberry-apple smoothies. With a wedge of lime on the side and a seat by the window, it was a relaxing place to meet with fellow students to discuss a class project. Not only do they serve a variety of fruit and vegetable drinks, but bagels, salads and soups are on the menu as well.

A little high priced, though not any more than your morning mocha or latte, you can stop in for a drink to go or enjoy a healthy lunch with friends.

I decided to try Billy Mac’s for one of my class group meetings instead of the normal hot spots. The air emanated the smell of onions when I first came in, but the eye-watering experience just added to the quiet charm of the place.

“Blueberry-mango-apple is good,” Rachel Tynan, sophomore public relations and broadcast journalism major, said. “It’s much healthier than my morning coffee.”

Tynan’s comments about the taste just strengthened my own opinions as I continued to savor my drink. Our group’s meeting was spent in happy concentration as we all slurped down our tasty beverages.

I am willing to bet that I will be visiting this new place frequently as summer approaches. If coffee isn’t your thing or you want to try something new with a little bit of spice on the walls and a zest to its drinks, then stop by Billy Mac’s Juice Bar and Gallery.

Billy Mac’s is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays.
by Gayle Duncan

Scene reporter

Late night programs are not just reserved for the dining hall anymore. Tomorrow night, Central Washington University will host its first “Up All Night” event featuring live bands, local comedy and various game tournaments, including Dance Dance Revolution on the big screen. Admission is $5 at the door.

“It’s three hours of entertainment featuring two live bands, Novatemp and Red Light Ambition, a student comedy showcase with special guest emcee Brad Upton, game tournaments and lots of food,” Melissa Newman, senior public relations major, comedy Club Central programmer and co-organizer of the event, said. “The entertainment areas of the Central activities programming department, At Washington State University, they also have an ‘Up All Night’ program that actually runs later into the night. But it’s just a way to get students together and hanging out.”

Shawn Findley, senior communications major and organizer of the event, wants “Up All Night” to be ongoing.

“Our actually thinking about doing one a quarter,” Findley said. “This is just a test run to see if there’s any interest. If we find that there is a want for this type of thing and we get enough participation, it’s something that can keep growing. It can go later into the night with more games. And we’re looking for any feedback that could point us in the right direction for the next ‘Up All Night.’”

The lineup for the evening is as follows: At 10 p.m., Novatemp, a rock band comprised of Central students, will take the stage and the games will begin. At approximately 11 p.m., Red Light Ambition, an emo band from Seattle, will perform. At 12 a.m., the live comedy showcase will begin. It features nationally acclaimed comic Brad Upton as the emcee. The Tri-Cities native is a veteran of television comedy shows on the MTV, A&E and Showtime cable networks.

Central students Scott Yingling, Tom Jackson and Liz Eshisnki will be featured at the showcase. “I’m doing a couple of minutes of stand-up routine,” Eshisnki, sophomore Theater Performance major, said. “I work with Scott Yingling in The Scott and Derek Show (a local improvisational troupe) and Scott knew I wanted to do stand-up, so he’s sort of been my mentor on this.”

For more information on “Up All Night,” contact Newman’s office, 963-1450 or e-mail her at newmanme@cwu.edu.

Top 5 Albums

Source: Billboard Magazine
1. “Confessions” - Usher
2. “Danita Jo” - Janet Jackson
3. “NOW 15” - Various Artists
4. “U Gotta Feel Me” - Lil’ Flip
5. “Hokin’ on Bobo” - Aerosmith

Top 5 Albums

Source: Nielsen Media Research
1. “American Idol” (Tues) - 23.4 million viewers
2. “Apprentice” - 22 million viewers
3. “ER” - 19.9 million viewers
4. “American Idol” (Wed) - 20.5 million viewers
5. “CSI” - 19.5 million viewers

‘Ellensburg Extreme’ Update

by Kevin Tighe

“Extremely” is back from break and better than ever. As you might have seen last week in here, we’re all out and about in different locales around the world, bringing you what’s extreme about everywhere else, other than Ellensburg. We’ve got the Suburban White Boys tearing it up on the set this week for your musical delight, and even a new intro. Remember to watch every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night, both at 7:30 and 11:30 p.m. on ECTV Charter Cable channel 2. All episodes are available on our Web site. If you are a band that is interested in playing on “Ellensburg Extreme,” check out our Web site at www.ellensburgextreme.com.

Box Office Top 5

(April 9-11)
1. “The Passion of the Christ” ($15.2 million)
2. “Hellboy” ($10.8 million)
3. “Johnson Family Vacation” ($9.3 million)
4. “U Gotta Feel Me” - Lil’ Flip
5. “NOW 15” - Various Artists

Papa John’s Coffee House calendar

Compiled by Paul Kobylewsky

Staff reporter

April 21
Orxion
8 p.m. SUB Games Room

April 28
Singer Songwriter
Jimmy Anto
8 p.m. SUB Games Room
Preview at 1 p.m. in the SUB Pit

May 5
Myraid
8 p.m. SUB Games Room
Preview at noon in the SUB Pit

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Dating 101: Being a first rate first date

by Amy Lynn Taylor
Asst. Scene editor

In 7th grade, I went to my very first dance. Hanging out with the other girls on the sidelines, I was having a great time until a Boyz II Men song came on, and a guy from my class asked me to slow dance. I accepted and while I may not remember the finer details of that dance, I clearly recall how I felt: awkward.

I really didn’t know exactly what I was supposed to be doing. I had seen school dances on “Saved by the Bell” and read about them in Teen Magazine, but somehow could not get the hang of being natural in a semi-romantic situation with a boy that I did not know very well.

I’d like to say that I left that girl-meets-boy discomfort behind, along with my incredible talent for producing window-shaking belches and while it might be argued that eating and talking at the same time is stellar proof of your self-confidence, I clearly recall how I felt: awkward. Some suggestions on how to make it through the night.

1) Smile and mind your manners. Being on your very best behavior is only going to score you points. First dates aren’t the best place to showcase your talent for producing window-shaking belches and while it might be argued that eating and talking at the same time is stellar proof of your incredible talent for producing window-shaking belches and while it might be argued that eating and talking at the same time is stellar proof of your ability to multitask, you are probably best saving these impressive skills for some other time.

2) Communicate thoroughly. Make sure that both of you are clear about when and where you are meeting. Also, be sure that you communicate in advance about how you should dress for the occasion, who will be paying for the majority of the evening and any other vital details.

3) Plan activities with both people in mind. Just because you think that a night on the couch watching “Chapelle’s Show” and guzzling beer is the ultimate in romantic evenings, doesn’t mean that your date will. When planning a first date, try to do something that appeals to both of you. This increases the odds that you will both enjoy yourselves and make it to dates two, three and four far more likely to happen.

4) Think ahead of time about great conversation topics. One of the worst things about first dates in the incredible amount of time wasted in awkward silence. Go on your date prepared for a lot of conversation. Study up on your current events. Find out what your date is interested in, such as sports or music. Learn some basic information on the topics so that if they start talking about their interests, you can better follow what they are saying and look interested instead of just staring at them vacantly.

Come up with some creative questions to fill silences like, “If someone was to make a movie about your life, what famous actress/actor would play you?”

5) In your conversations, do not, under any circumstances, bring up:
   * Bad relationships
   * Family/personal problems
   * Work-place gossip
   * The negative aspects of your date’s looks/outfit/choice of career/etc.
   * Including your date in any of your long term plans such as marriage or backpacking through Europe (this just isn’t healthy practice).
   * Your susceptibility to bizarre skin conditions.

Discussing such topics is not conducive to starting a new relationship. In fact, if you dwell on them too much, your date may get up and run for the door.

6) Don’t forget to relax and enjoy yourself. Be flattered that someone was interested in you enough to spend their time and money to get to know you better.

7) Treat them with respect and at the end of the night, tell them how you truly felt about the evening. Being honest is the best way to close a date.

Around the arts and entertainment world

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Get Out of Town

Friday, April 16
Common Heroes with Edilson and Farewell AdditionDoors - 6 p.m. The Graceland, Seattle 57

Saturday, April 17
Earth Day Extravaganza - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tacoma Nature Center Free
Jet City Improv - 8 and 10 and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. University Theatre $8 students/seniors, $10 general public

Sunday, April 18
Open Mic Night - Sign up at 6 p.m., music from 7-11 p.m., EMP’s Liquid Lounge Free, 21+

Monday, April 19
Greta Matassa Quartet - 8 to 10 p.m. Historic University Theatre $8 students/seniors, $10 general public

Thursday, April 15
"Imaginings" by Robber’s Roost Dance Co. - 7:30 p.m. Morgan Performing Arts Center. $8 general admission, $7 students and seniors

Friday, April 16
Up All Night - Bands, game tournaments, comedy showcase and food, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. SUB games room $5

Saturday, April 17
"Imaginings" 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. SUB games room Free

Sunday, April 18
Faculty Recital: Margret Gries, 3 p.m. Hertz Hall

Monday April 19
Bicycle (live band) - 4 p.m. SUB Free

Tuesday, April 20
Kittitas Valley Youth Orchestra Concert - 6:30 p.m. Hertz Hall
String Quartet Recital - 8 p.m. Hertz Hall

Wednesday, April 21
Papa John’s Coffeehouse Presents Orion with User’s Guide - 8 p.m. SUB games room Free

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by Sarah Heath
Staff reporter

Peterson Toscano, writer and director, brings his one-man show, “Doin’ Time in the Homo No Mo Halfway House - How I Survived ‘reparative therapy’,” April 18 to Ellensburg as part of a national tour. The show is based on Toscano’s real life experience of struggling with childhood issues and gaining acceptance from others are important aspects in accepting yourself. The ex-gay movement came about in the late 1970s and 1980s, when attempts to make a homosexual “un-gay” became known as “reparative therapy.” However, the American Psychiatric Association claims, “There is no published scientific evidence supporting the (effectiveness) of ‘reparative therapy’ as a treatment to change one’s sexual orientation.” Toscano brings his experiences with this into the show.

In Toscano’s online biography, he said, "Humor is like a pot holder to handle issues and memories that are too hot to handle with my bare hands.” He feels that dealing with childhood issues and gaining acceptance from others are important aspects in accepting yourself. The ex-gay movement came about in the late 1970s and 1980s, when attempts to make a homosexual “un-gay” became known as “reparative therapy.”

The performance is sponsored by a national organization of Methodist churches and individuals, known as the Reconciling Methodist Church of Ellensburg. Reverend at the First United Methodist Church, both in policy and practice. Members of this group have been involved in showing support for Karen Dunemann, the openly gay Reverend at the First United Methodist Church of Ellensburg. In charge of coordinating the show are Charles and Does Haight, who volunteered for the job and are excited to see it come together. “I think it’s an excellent educational tool, to educate people of the specifics of sexuality,” Chuck Haight said. “And I hope they get a laugh out of it, because it’s supposed to be a very humorous show.”

The Diversity Education Center (DEC) is working to prepare for their next big act. Supported by the DEC, the production entitled “B4T,” Before Testosterone will be performed by Imani Henry and fellow participants. The production focuses on transgender issues. The main objective of the production is to help the audience explore transgender issues according to race, sexuality and gender. Henry incorporates theatre, two videos and a slide show throughout the presentation.

For more information about the DEC call 963-1368.

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‘Detective’ hits off-key note

Robert Downey, Jr. leads an all-star cast singing and dancing in Icon Production’s recent independent film attempt, "The Singing Detective." At first, the movie, based upon the BBC miniseries of the same title, appears to be a sophisticated glance into the 1950’s era. Sadly, the movie never gains momentum and leaves the viewer with a poor impression. What should be an instant indie hit instead falls into the category of remakes lacking true oomph.

Downey stars as Dan Dark, a detective fiction author, who is bedridden in a hospital due to severe piorias. Bitter at the world and lacking the physical strength to move, Dark retreats into his own fantasy world, in which he is a homicide detective with a cover as a lounge singer.

However, Dark is not the only singer in the film, as others around him, both in the reality and fantasy realms, break into song and dance.

In his fantasies, Dark is led astray from his singing to investigate the murder of a prostitute, played by Carla Gugino of the television drama series "Karen Sisco.”

The two ruffians responsible for the murder, Jon Polito and Oscar-winning actor Adrien Brody, are impeccably cast, leading to some of the film’s most entertaining moments. The notorious bad guy played by Jeremy Northam, repeatedly dozes Dark in the film.

Downey does an impressive job portraying Dark as a bitter, emotionally stunted man angry with himself and life in general. The graphic images of Dark lying covered in festering blisters present throughout the film can be construed as symbolic of Dark’s personality. While it pains the filmgoer to see Dark’s exterior, more pain is inflicted by Dark upon himself than by the outside world.

Unable to see past his own miserable existence, Dark lashes out at anyone who attempts to converse with him.

This includes his psychiatrist, Dr. Gibbons, played by Mel Gibson, Icon Production golden boy. Gibson portrays Gibbons’ character magnificently; their interactions with Dark are essential to the film. Dark’s sessions with Gibbons allow the viewer to see past Dark’s rough exterior.

The soundtrack to the film is faultless, lending many 1950s pop hits to scenes that help in boosting the film’s faltering plot line. While Dark hallucinates the cruising hospital staff, other shady sides to Dark’s character emerge. At one point in the film, a nurse, played by Katie Holmes, emphatically sere-nades Dark while massaging his blisters, while other inadequately clothed nurses prance by, all to the tune of “Mr. Sandman.”

This film is not for the casual filmgoer who expects another one of the many mass-produced Hollywood flowers and fluff films. Rather, this is a dark, graphic film that will confound viewers rather than enlighten. While the acting remains unquestionably high quality, given the caliber of the actors involved, the plot line taken from the original series’ premise falls short of a truly satisfying film experience.

Diversity Center explores transgender issues

by Observer Staff

The Diversity Education Center (DEC) is working to prepare for their next big act. Supported by the DEC, the production entitled “B4T,” Before Testosterone will be performed by Imani Henry and fellow participants. The production focuses on transgender issues.

According to Leslie Webb, director of the DEC, this is an “education” program, meaning it teaches through entertainment.

“We have transgender populations here on our own campus, and it is increasing,” Webb said. “We want to bring it to the surface.”

For those interested in attending the B4T program, it is scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 20th, in the Samuelson Union Building ballroom.

This spring the DEC is also sponsoring Environmental Justice week, April 19-25. Cinco de Mayo week, May 3-7, Indian Country week, May 10-14, Pride and Disability Awareness week, May 17-21.

According to their website the DEC “encourages, enhances and supports a campus environment that welcomes, celebrates and appreciates cultural differences and similarities.”

The DEC has a resource library open to staff and students that includes diversity related texts as well as several magazines and newspaper they subscribe to. A Peer Mentorship Program is available to assist first quarter students.

For more information about the DEC call 963-1368.
Central finds Easter basket full of wins

by Mike Leeper
Staff reporter

Easter weekend came and went before we knew it and while Central Washington University students may have been busy eating Cadbury Cream Eggs, the Wildcats baseball team was having a great weekend against the conference leading Wolves from Western Oregon University (WOU). The Wildcats took three of four games this weekend to extend their conference winning streak to 15 games this weekend.

In the first game Saturday, the Wildcats won, in convincing fashion, 9-3. Jeremy Mannion threw an outstanding game scattering six hits over 8 1/3 innings. Willie Kahn led the offensive onslaught for the Wolves going 4 for 4 while driving in a run. Beside the one run driven in by Kahn, the rest of the run production was all in the middle of the lineup with the three through seven hitters driving in the other eight runs.

Scott Wilson and Gordon Chubb each drove in two runs.

Wilson has been nothing less than unreal in the last week. He was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Week and deservedly so, by going 14 for 27 (.519) and driving in 11 runs on 12 hits. Kahn had a great day going 2 for 4 on Saturday and is now batting .447 on the season. Kahn and first baseman Brian Thomson each drove in three runs on the day for the Wildcats. Thomson also went deep in the first inning to drive in two of his three runs on the day. Eric Carlson struggled on the mound, only making it through 2 1/3 innings and surrendering five runs, all earned, but out of the bullpen came Brian Esparza and he pitched the rest of the game and silenced the bats for Western Oregon. Esparza gave up only two hits over 4 2/3 innings while striking out five Wolves bats. The sweep of both games Saturday put the Wildcats in a dead-lock for first place with WOU, with both teams sharing a 4-2 conference record.

The hitting and running around the bases may have slowed the Wildcats in the first game on Sunday, as Western Oregon came out swinging, and swinging often, collecting 11 runs on 13 hits. The Wolves bats were silenced by a stellar pitching performance from Nick Waschter of the Wolves. Waschter held the Wildcats to three runs on four hits while on his way to a complete game win. Troy Martin had two hits for the Wildcats while Scott Wilson and Brandon Esparza each had an RBI.

The second game, however, was much more fun for the home team, winning a pitchers’ duel, 2-1 over the Wolves.

"We didn't let our performance in the first game effect us for game two," Coach Desi Storey said.

Kevin Olson took care of business on the mound, with a great pitching performance. Olson threw six innings, striking out eight and only giving up three hits and one run for his 5th win of the season. Brian Thomson got the Wildcats going early with his first inning sacrifice fly. The offensive hero in this game was Scott Wilson, whose sixth inning double to right center field.

Lawrence sets Central record, home meet awaits

by Jonathan Mentzer
Staff reporter

The Wildcats ran, jumped, and threw for an impressive showing on Easter weekend as the men's and women's track and field teams competed at the 33rd Annual Pelluer Invitational at Woodward Field in Cheney.

Justin Lawrence, who was named Great Northwest Athletic Conference Co-Athlete of the week, continued his dominance in the triple jump recording 49'8", which is a new school record, virtually penciling Cheney.

Easter weekend as the men's and women's track and field teams competed at the 33rd Annual Pelluer Invitational at Woodward Field in Cheney.

Senior Kevin Olson throws a strike for the Wildcats in their 2-1 victory on Sunday.
Four future Hall of Famers is all I need to say when deciding who will win this year’s NBA title.

If you don’t know who I am talking about, then enter the earth’s orbit once again and reaquaint yourself with Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O’Neal, Karl Malone, Gary Payton and the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Los Angeles Lakers will win the NBA title and you can quote me on that. Who cares about the possible team fighting? Who cares about Malone’s nagging injuries? Who cares about Payton’s garbage mouth? Who cares about Payton’s garbage mouth? Los Angeles Lakers.

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Malone’s nagging injuries? Who cares about Payton’s garbage mouth? Los Angeles Lakers. O’Neal dominates his area the game well; and they have a good supporting cast to seal the deal. Also, the Spurs lack a consistent role and knows Duncan is the man on the court.

T-Wolves fan in the Northwest. Of work to do in a short time. Gary Payton will come through in the clutch when needed.

Indeed, the San Antonio Spurs, Minnesota Timberwolves and Sacramento Kings all have a legitimate chance of winning the title. However, the Spurs lack a consistent third scorer and simply put too much confidence in Tony Parker to have career nights. The Timberwolves will enter unchartered waters and eventually jump ship. The Kings have been running and running and will come through in the clutch when needed.

The script is written and the Los Angeles Lakers will write a fairy ending with their fourth title in five years.

Malone and Payton took less money so they could have a chance to win this elusive world title and complete their career. Payton and Malone have also each been to the NBA Finals, but just didn’t have the supporting cast to seal the deal. Also, playing against the greatest player of all-time didn’t help either (Michael Jordan). Payton and Malone certainly have the supporting cast this time and will come through in the clutch when needed.

After witnessing the amuse-tours, it is now time to see the best of the best for a chance at the ultimate prize in basketball, The National Basketball Association (NBA) Final.

As of press time the final seeding’s are not yet set, but it looks like the Minnesota Timberwolves will be the Western Conference number one seed. However, Minnesota has not won a playoff series ever and with the additions of two-time NBA. A champ San Cassel and Latrell Sprewell it looks like they will get past round one. Don’t get me wrong, I am the biggest T-Wolves fan in the Northwest.

The Los Angeles Lakers and their four future Hall of Famer have a lot of work to do in a short time. Gary Payton will come through in the clutch when needed.

After leaving the final Fast Times at Ridgemont High, Kobe Bryant doesn’t care about Payton’s garbage mouth. The L.A. Laker’s don’t care and they shouldn’t, when they have proven in the past they can win with less. The script is written and the Lakers will come through in the clutch when needed.

By Marie Alkire

University softball team came home up two victories in the Wildcat’s favor.

In other Central softball news, Pitcher Hillary Schmidt only allowed two runs in the game improving her earned run average (ERA) to an impressive 1.94.

The Swordsman Sprint.

In the world record serve of 152 mph on match point helped Waltrip win the Pepsi 300 at Lowe’s Motor Speedway.

Roger Hammond of Great Britain won the Europa Cup.

Swedish team Osasuna defeated Stade Francais 37-32 in the semi-finals of the European Cup.

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Red, White and Roddick: Tennis ace Andy Roddick’s world record serve of 152 mph on match point helped the United States advance past Sweden 4-1 into the semi-finals of the Davis Cup.

Crash and Win: NASCAR driver Michael Waltrip won the Pepsi 300 Saturday, narrowly missing a crash that put the top four cars out of the race with two laps to go.

Swedish Sprint: Magnus Backstedt of Sweden out-sprinted Tristan Hoffmann of Holland and Roger Hammond of Great Britain to win the 102nd edition of the 162 mile Paris- Roubaix bicycle race.

Real bad: David Beckham’s Real Madrid lost 2-0 to Osasuna in the Spanish Primera Liga, falling two points behind Valencia in the race for the league title.

Lucky Boys: Irish rugby side Munster defeated the Italian side Osasuna 37-32 on Tuesday, Saturday, to advance to the semi-finals of the European Cup.

Amateur hour: World champion swimmer Michael Phelps, 19, won the Sullivan Award on Tuesday, given to the top U.S. Amateur athlete. He is the first swimmer to win since 1989.

Have a different opinion than our staff? Tell us what you think.

“Beat the Weekly Sports Geek is a feature that will run in each issue of the Sports section this quarter. The best student response to next week’s topic will be chosen by the Observer staff. Send your 250 to 350 word responses to observer@cwu.edu.”

Next Week’s Topic: Should there be an age requirement to play professional sports?

CORRECTION

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College rodeo ropes in excitement

by Patrick Carlson
Asst. Sports editor

Cowboys and cowgirls from ten northwest colleges descended on the Kittitas County Fairgrounds Friday and Saturday nights, ready to showcase their skills as the Central Washington University rodeo club held its eighth annual college rodeo. The rodeo consisted of nine events, including bronco riding, barrel racing and bull riding.

Bret Bohin, sophomore undecided, placed fourth on Saturday in bull riding and finished fifth overall in the event for both days. Russell Kovalenko, senior business education major, lasted six and a half seconds in his first competitive bull ride.

From the tie-down roping to the steer wrestling, this rodeo let fans experience the entire event. "It was really great to see the whole rodeo," Keenan Forrey, junior exercise science major said. "All you see on TV is the bull riding."

The second go-round on Saturday drew an energetic audience, eager to support the competitors in some dangerous events. From international students to amateur videographers, the crowd witnessed the power of the animals waiting to enter the arena. Fans get an upclose view, as the cowboys mounted the broncos and bulls in their steel corals, all to the tunes of Willie Nelson and "La Macarena." The cost of entry also helped.

"It's pretty cool that it's free," Aaron Mann, senior philosophy major said. "There should be more events like this."

Kay Davis, rodeo club adviser, was especially pleased about the turnout of Central students. "We couldn't have asked for a better show," Davis said. "The crowds were awesome."

The bulls and broncos ridden in the rodeo were supplied by Bead Rodeo Company of Ellensburg. These are the same animals ridden by bull riders on the Professional Bull Riders tour. The rodeo was dedicated in memory of Todd Anderson, a four-year member of the CWU rodeo club who lost his life in a house fire in January 2003. A scholarship has been established in his name, which is intended to provide financial assistance to Central students demonstrating a commitment to leadership, community service, and participation in the CWU rodeo club.

Sports Calendar From 4/15-4/19
THURSDAY 4/15

© Anaheim 7:05 p.m.
TV: KSTW
Radio: All games on 1240 AM

FRIDAY 4/16

vs. Texas 7:05 p.m.
TV: Fox Sports NW

SATURDAY 4/17

Central Athletics Baseball
Doubleheader @ Seattle Noon & 2 p.m.

Track and Field Spike Art Invitational
Ellensburg, 10 a.m.

vs. Texas 7:05 p.m.
TV: Fox Sports NW

SUNDAY 4/18

Central Athletics Baseball
Doubleheader @ Western
11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Softball Doubleheader vs. Texas 1:05 p.m.
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Spring intramurals hit off
by Ryan Fay
Staff reporter

Spring is here, and Central's intramural Sports are about to begin. The sun is out and students are beginning to look for outdoor activities to fulfill their needs.

The intramural sports offered in the spring are indoor soccer, outdoor soccer, volleyball, tennis, raquetball, softball, women's flag football, ultimate Frisbee, basketball and badminton. Eleven to twelve hundred students typically participate in spring intramural sports. Most leagues offer two games per week and each game lasts about one hour.

The intramural sports program at Central is designed to provide students and faculty with an awesome recreation and leisure experience," Joe Gazarek, junior tourism management major, said. In the past, softball has been the spring intramural favorite. Once a team is formed, it is necessary for athletes for each sport and has been approved for the team name and roster, they are added to the schedule. Some sports, with, bowling and bocce.

"We believe it has a lot to do with the time of year," Bob Ford, Central intramural coordinator, said. "The Marins are in full swing and when spring rolls around it seems almost natural to get outside and play catch or catch a game. We expect that if you round around campus, students are already out playing pick-up games of softball in anticipation for the intramural season."

Basketball, indoor soccer, vol­leyball, raquetball and badminton games are played inside Nicholson Pavilion, while the remaining sports are played on the fields surrounding Tomlinson Stadium.

All of the leagues are scheduled to compete between 3 and 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday with the exception of the indoor soccer league, which is scheduled for Sunday between 2 and 11 p.m. Schedules will be posted no later than April 23.
The first few games for indoor soccer will begin April 18 and all remaining sports will start April 26 and 27.

Mariners begin season on sour note
by Andrew Grinaker
Sports editor

The Seattle Mariners were swept in their first series of the year by the Anaheim Angels and never seemed to recover.
The following series, the Oakland Athletics took two of three games before the Mariners scored five runs in the 10th inning to escape a second-straight series sweep.
In their five losses, the Mariners were out-hit, out-pitched and just plain outplayed in all facets of the game. In the opening series of the season, unfortunately in front of 50,000 fans, the Mariners 25-13, including two forgetful starts from veterans Jamie Moyer and Paul Abbott.
However, the most heartbreaking loss of the series had to come in the final game. A question mark came into the outfield, Freddy Garcia pitched seven scoreless innings, giving the Mariners a 1-0 lead heading into the ninth inning. The bullpen bungled a Shigtoshia Hasegawa pounded in the ninth inning and the Mariners eventually lost 5-1.
"The only thing I see encouraging in certain situations, we are swinging the bats well," Bret Boone told MLB.com. "We are able to battle back, but right now that's not enough."
The Mariners continued their losing ways by dropping two games to the Oakland Athletics with poor defense and clutch hitting from the A's.
The Mariners avoided their worst start in team history with a win on Sunday Eastern Sunset when the game came alive in the final innings. Down 4-0 in the sixth inning, the Mariners forced starter Mark Mulder out of the game and eventually tied the game against ex-teammate Arthur Rhodes who was charged with a blown save. With the win, the Mariners were the last team in the majors to get their first win.
The Mariners would be unable to mount a winning streak, losing on Tuesday night to the Anaheim Angels, 7-5. Vladimir Guerrero gave the Angels a three run lead through to cheer about with his two-run home run early in the game for the Angels first runs of the game. Rafael Soriano picked up the loss, pitching only one third of an inning giving up two runs on two hits. The Angels scored all seven of their runs in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings, four of them coming from home runs.

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Melting snow brings not only the promise of spring to Central Washington University students, but also the promise of fresh roads, unknown terrain and never-ending adventures to four-wheeling fans. The surrounding hills of Ellensburg hold multiple nature-built terrain parks just a 20 to 30 minute drive from campus. Students with a love of the outdoors and a four-wheel drive vehicle can spend days getting lost in Ellensburg's hills and seeing sights that most don't have access to.

"It's a good way to play around in the outdoors and see places that, if you don't own a four-wheel drive vehicle, you'll never see," Aaron Van Wart, junior political science major, said. "To quote a jeep slogan, 'you'll never have as much of an adrenaline rush doing anything else at three miles per hour.'"

Every year the forest service designates off road trails which open and close depending on road conditions. Most trails open with the warm weather but if the snow remains, the roads stay closed.

"If it's a wet spring, we'll have to hold back or the road turns into a big, old, mushy pit," Leslie Berry, Ellensburg's visitor center manager, said. A multitude of beginner to advanced level trails branch off the easily accessible Manastash Road. According to Mike Johnson, sophomore law enforcement major, Bald Mountain, road 944 off Manastash, is a good trail for beginners. Intermediate trails include Tripod Flats, Shoestring, Buck Meadows and Lily Pond Lake, roads 307, 308, 311, and 637, respectively. For more difficult terrain, try Kaner Flats and Moon Rocks, roads 676 and 695.

"Everything has different terrain and features. It's just more to see, more to embrace," Johnson said. "Travel in packs," Johnson said. "You never want to go alone. If you break something, you can't rely on electronics and it's a long, long walk home."