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Students prep for graduation

by Amy Gegoux
Staff reporter and
Emily Dobihal
News editor

Graduation is just around the corner — are you ready? If the answer is no, the Grad Finale event may be able to help.

Setup and sponsored by the University Store, Grad Finale, in its fifth year, is a virtual one-stop shop for graduating seniors.

"The students can get everything done at once," Steve Wenger, University Store manager, said. "It makes it easier for them."

It's a combination of the departments students need to visit in order to prepare for graduation. Representatives from Financial Aid, Registrar, the Alumni Association, Career Services, Campus Life, university giving and the bookstore are on hand to help students. Jostens also has representatives taking orders for such items as

class rings and graduation announcements.

Tina Morefield, Registrar services administrative assistant, said from their booth students can check on degree applications, honors information and graduation eligibility.

"They'll know if they'll participate with honors," Morefield said.

The bookstore is selling caps and gowns at their table. They also offer diploma frames and a new item called a stole of gratitude.

"It's something a student can give to a mentor or financial supporter to say thanks," Wenger said. "The individual wears it at graduation."

Jerrol's also stocks supplies graduates can purchase.

"We have graduation announcements, thank you cards, diploma frames, books on how to pursue careers, and more," Rolf Williams,

The Grad Finale event in the SUB pit gives graduating students an opportunity to take care of necessary final arrangements before commencement, and offers the extras.

manager of Jerrol's Book Supply Co., said. "One book that I recommend is 'What Color is your Parachute?' by Richard N. Bolles. It is a career guidance book."

If students missed Grad Finale yesterday, it's also open today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Career options at job fair today

by Aaron Miller
Online editor

With graduation upon them, many Central Washington University seniors are starting to wonder what they are going to do next. Today is their chance to get ahead at the 32nd annual Career Quest sponsored by Career Services, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 22 in the Samuelson Union Building (SUB) ballroom and theatre.

With nearly 70 employers from

across the northwest offering internships and careers, organizers plan on this being one of the biggest Career Quests ever.

"Every company is hiring for something and a lot of companies are hiring for multiple positions," Allison Bethune, interim recruiting coordinator for Career Quest and Central alumna, said. "Our goal is for 1,200 students to walk through Career Quest, up from last year's 750."

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New software cracks down on campus file-sharing

by Melissa Newman
Staff reporter

Students who are illegally ripping music on campus are going to get burned.

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) are cracking down on illegal music and movie downloading on college campuses.

"These companies are notifying universities across the nation when

they discover individuals illegally downloading copyrighted material such as music and movies," Carmen Rahm, senior director of information technology services (ITS), said. "When we receive the notification, the university has 72 hours to investigate the problem."

Many students have discovered that programs such as Kazaa, Napster and Aries are no longer working for downloading media files.

"We began testing a new software

program called Audible Magic on March 8," Rahm said. "It monitors all file transfers on Resnet, especially p2p (peer to peer) files, and looks for copyrighted material. It checks the file against a database, much like virus software. If the file matches known copyrighted material, the software stops the transfer."

On April 8 alone at Central, Audible Magic discovered and blocked 6,751 copyrighted media

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Ex-cattlemen, vegan talks organic farms

by Marcus Tabert
Staff reporter

People might think the most unlikely person to speak against irresponsible farming methods in the United States would be a former corporate chemical farmer.

Howard Lyman was a fourth-generation farmer with a successful farm in Montana where he raised thousands of cattle and thousands of acres of crops.

This Friday he will speak on "The Sweet Smell of Sustainability" at Central Washington University.

"I was educated in modern agriculture, and I can tell you from firsthand experience, it is not sustainable," Lyman said on his Web site, www.madcowboy.com. "I saw the organic soil go from a living, productive base to a sterile, chemical-saturated, mono-cultural ground produced by my so-called modern methods."

A tumor in his spinal cord requiring surgery caused him to reevaluate his life and give up most of his farm. Lyman became an activist and author focused on sustaining the earth's resources.

"He's not just some crazy vegan

crusader who has no experience with the cattle industry," Leslie Webb, director of the diversity center, said. "That's the bottom line why I think he's fantastic. He has experience and he has a background in it. He's witnessed firsthand and he was part of the industry."

Lyman is the president and founder of Voice for a Viable Future, a non-profit educational organization, and has lobbied for American's family farmers in Washington D.C. In addition, he helped pass the National Organic Standards Act and was head of a number of high-profile awareness campaigns, including the "Beyond Beef Campaign."

In 1996, Lyman went on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" to discuss the safety of American's meat supply as addressed in his 1996 book, "The Mad Cowboy." He informed Winfrey that it was legal and common in America for cows to eat body remains of other cows. Winfrey vowed never to eat beef again.

A group of Texas cattlemen filed a lawsuit against Lyman and "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in response. The cattlemen lost the case and the media exposure led to the

Department of Agriculture banning cow remains in cattle feed.

In "The Mad Cowboy," Lyman predicted that mad cow disease would be discovered in the United States within 10 years. The recent case of mad cow disease in Mabton, Wash. has made his presentation relevant and timely.

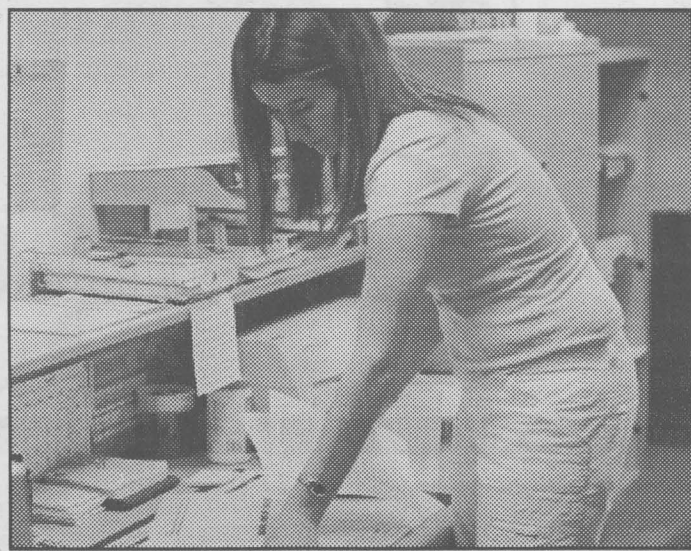
In order to prevent the destructive pattern of the meat and food industries, Lyman's goal is to educate and inform people.

"He's not out to make everyone a vegan and vegetarian," Cynthia Murray, career counselor, said. "That's certainly not his stance."

Lyman will give a presentation at 4 p.m., April 23 in Hebel Auditorium, with a question and answer session to follow. A community roundtable discussion with Lyman will be from 3-5 p.m., April 24 in Black Hall 201. Admission to both events is free.

The Peace Café is hosting a vegan community dinner Saturday evening after the discussion.

The meal will be stuffed Portobello mushrooms with a salad and is by ticket only. Tickets can be purchased for \$7.50 at the Peace Café.



Luke Probasco/Observer

Student Employment office assistant Betsie Sieverkroop was one of 11 nominated for the Student Employee of the Year award.

Student employee of the week

Editors note: This profile is the second in a series recognizing on-campus student employees during Student Employment Month.

by Bob Kirkpatrick
Staff reporter

Who: Betsie Sieverkroop
Major: information technology
Status: senior
Position: student office assistant

Trying to find time to study, having a semblance of a social life, and working, can be tough on one's disposition, but not for senior informa-

technology major, and office assistant for student employment, Betsie Sieverkroop.

"I like to work," Sieverkroop said. "It takes up some of my time. Working at Central allows me to apply the skills I've learned in the classroom to the real world."

Sieverkroop, one of 11 nominees for the Student Employee of the Year award has worked for the student employment office for little

more than two years. In that time she has proven to be an invaluable employee.

Some of her accomplishments include developing and maintaining databases and creating spread sheets that monitor the reimbursement of wages for work study and off campus employers.

Sieverkroop has also developed user and training manuals for the work-study program and posts job listing on the student employment Web site.

"She's very good at understanding the whole picture," Barbara Bisson, office assistant lead for stu-

“She’s very good at understanding the whole picture...”

Barbara Bisson
Student Employment staff

dent employment, said. "We're going to miss her a lot when she is gone. Betsie has such a positive attitude and is pleasant to work with."

Sieverkroop, graduating in June has plans to work

for a non-profit organization or the government as a database manager.

"I like what those companies do," Sieverkroop said. "They have good ethics. It's not all about the money."

CAREER: Connect with employers

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Bethune made sure advertising was a top priority this year by reaching out to the residence halls, handout flyers when students bought books, hanging banners in the SUB as well as public service announcements on The 'Burg and KXLE radio stations.

Bethune said she hopes another selling point to students is the large array of door prizes being given away this year.

"We have received donations from Mary Kay, Rodeo Bowl and The Tav, plus many more local companies," Bethune said.

There are career and internship opportunities for all majors with companies ranging from AFLAC Insurance to Boeing. Many companies will remain on campus today and tomorrow to conduct interviews in

the SUB and Barge Hall.

"The amount of students coming through career services goes up significantly this time of year," Bethune said. "A lot of students don't understand how to make a great resume or how to be prepared in an interview, so we offer workshops in both."

Danielle Jones, freshman accounting major, thinks it's never too early to start looking for a career.

"I want to go and just kind of check it out," Jones said. "Hopefully I can get some connections for next year and possibly get an internship."

Career Quest is thriving this year despite the threat of a competitor, Tech Mecca. Tech Mecca was a platform originated by the Associated Students of Central Washington University's Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD) as a way to give stu-

dents a job fair consisting of technology based jobs.

"It was supposed to be our competition," Bethune said. "They didn't realize how hard it is to get employers and because of that, Tech Mecca is not happening and is not an issue."

With Tech Mecca out of the way, Career Quest has been able to bring new and diverse companies.

"We have a lot of new companies this year to cover all four of the colleges on campus," Jaqualyn Johnson, director of Career Services, said. "We always take recommendations from students, friends and relatives about new companies because they are extreme assets to the students."

For more information about Career Quest contact Career Services at 963-1921 or visit their Web site at www.cwu.edu/~career.



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Gail Jones honored as Central Bridge Builder

by Rachel Guillermo
Asst. News editor

Alumna Gail Jones has had a relationship with Central Washington University for more than 30 years, not only as a student but also as a "builder" of what Central is today. To honor that relationship, Jones will receive this year's "Bridge Builder Award" during a reception at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25 in the Samuelson Union Building Ballroom.

"Gail is involved in terms of establishing scholarships and supporting the alumni associations," Dan Jack, executive director of alumni association and director of alumni relations, said. "She is a very strong supporter of what we do. Gail is an ardent fan of ours and we are fans of hers."

The Bridge Builder award was started six years ago as part of a reception for scholarship recipients and for the donors who have provided the scholarships through the Central Washington University Foundation.

"When I structured the event I thought it would be a nice way to honor a specific person every year by having an award. And that's why I called it the Bridge Builder award," Catherine Scarlett, assistant director of associates and stewardship, University Relations, said.

The award was created to honor people who have influenced others to either make gifts or to create opportunities for students through scholar-

ships. The award is not only given to alumni of Central, but is open to all who have shown interest in providing scholarships either from themselves or from others.

Jones retired as executive director of alumni association and director of alumni relations nine years ago, but is

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She has been very supportive...
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Catharine Scarlett
Associates and Stewardship
asst. director

still heavily involved with the university.

"Gail is actively involved in our activities and she knows a lot of the people on the alumni board," Jack said. "She still stays in contact with us on a continuous basis."

During her time at Central, Jones has established many scholarships and programs that are still used by the university today.

The alumni brick and the class tree programs are two of the programs that Central students today would recognize most around campus.

During Central's centennial cele-

bration in 1991, alumni were given the opportunity to purchase a brick with their name engraved on it.

The bricks are displayed in the courtyard around the fountains between Shaw-Smyser and Barge Hall.

The class tree program was also initiated by Jones and continues at Central. Different classes purchase a tree and donate it to the campus.

"Many of the students comment on how pretty the campus is," Jack said. "They love the trees, they love the shrubs, and they love the Japanese Garden. What students don't know is that all of the trees around here are supported by the alumni association. Many of the trees were planted in honor of a class. If you look you'll see a plaque at the bottom of it and you'll see what kind of tree it is and what class donated it."

Jones' dedication and hard work have provided many opportunities for Central students.

"She (Jones) has been very supportive and many of the people that worked with Gail were from the class of 20's and 30's," Scarlett said. "She's coordinated a lot of reunions for these people. And I think it's nice to recognize somebody when there is still a lot of people who remember her and are still around to today."

For more information about the Building Bridges reception or about creating scholarship opportunities for Central students, call 963-3083.



Police Briefs

Compiled by Ben Davis
Managing editor

IS THAT FRANCISCO?

April 17

A male subject in Kittitas called the reporting person's mother and left a message threatening to kill her.

NOT A GOOD DAY

April 19

A person in Kamola Hall was worried that his 21-year-old friend had taken sleeping pills and drank alcohol. The subject was conscious, breathing and alert. It was unclear whether he had taken the pills, but a bottle of rum was partially gone.

HI HO SILVER, AWAY!

April 19

A Reecer Creek Road resident called to report that a female subject was trespassing on her property while riding a horse. The subject has been told several times not to ride her horse on the property.

ELLENSBURG CHAINSAW MASSACRE

April 19

A shed on Woodhouse Loop Road had reportedly been broken into. A chainsaw was missing from the shed.

LOSING MY RELIGION

April 19

Friends of a male subject in Beck

Hall were worried that he might be suicidal. The subject had lost his faith, went to church for the last time the previous day and taken down religious posters. He had also recently bought a knife.

DEMOLITION DERBY

April 19

A person reported dump trucks speeding eastbound on University Way. A silver dump truck with a white cab and gold lettering on the side nearly hit the person.

AFRAID OF DADDY

April 19

A male subject ran into a 14th Avenue residence and stated that he was scared because his step father was chasing him. The juvenile's mother came to the residence and yelled at him to come out, but he refused.

FOLLOW THE LEADER

April 19

A female subject reported that three males were following her around campus in the area of the Language and Literature building.

REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE

April 19

A person on Walnut street reported receiving harrassing phone calls.

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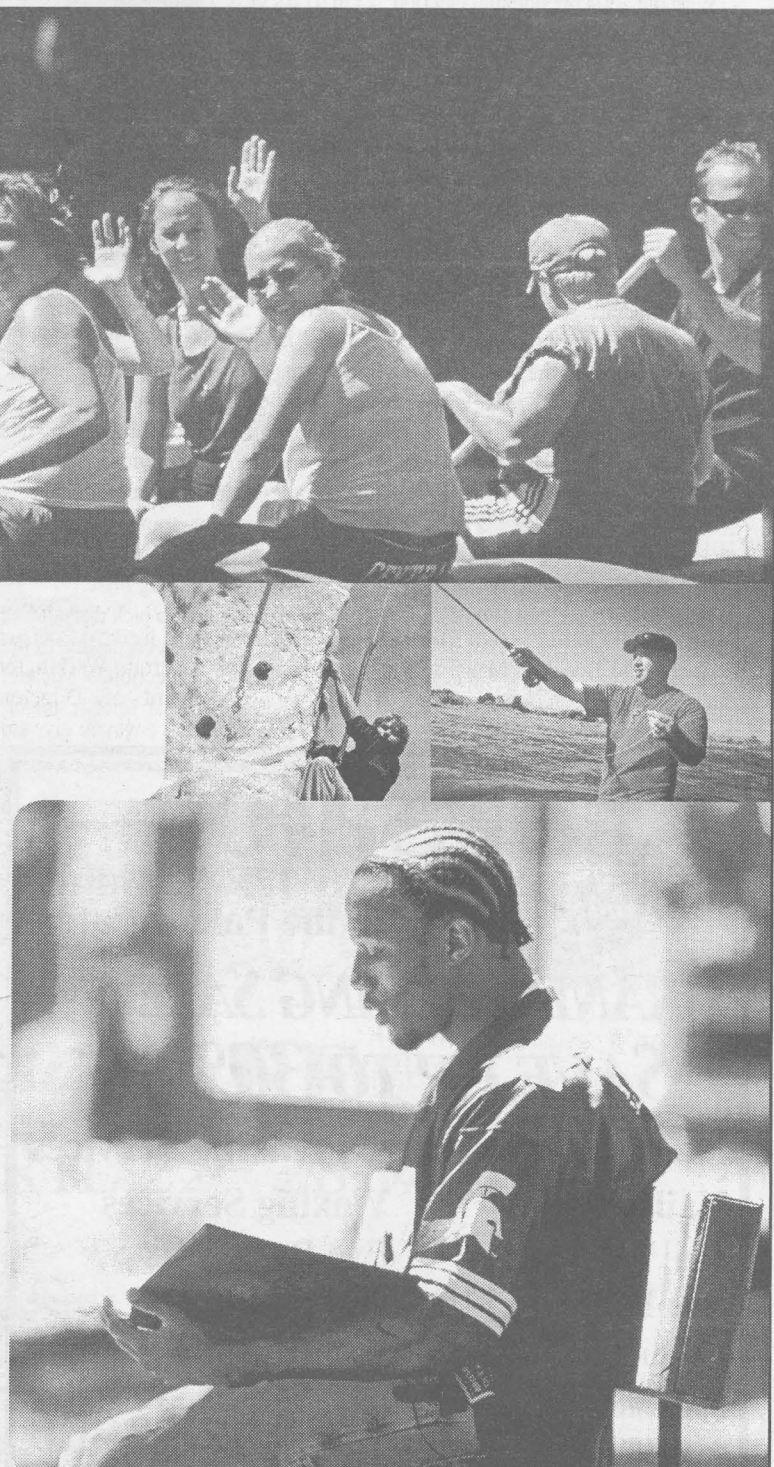


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E-burg police get three new Impalas

by Erik Swenningson
Staff reporter

Gleaming white metal with reflective red, white and blue striping, a cursive-script font to let you know who owns it and a light-bar to top it all off.

Ellensburg City Police officers put older patrol cars out to pasture almost two weeks ago in favor of three new steeds with a sleek look. The department bought three Chevrolet Impalas with a new graphics package for use on patrol instead of the traditional Ford Crown Victoria/Police Interceptor with black-block letters and stripes.

Captain Ross Green of the Ellensburg Police Department said, while the Crown Victoria is the favorite among patrol officers, it costs about \$21,000 per car. The Impalas cost \$16,000, a savings of \$5000 per car.

"In these economic, times it was the responsible thing to do," Green said. "We had to keep three patrol cars a year longer than normal (to get the new cars)."

A company in the eastern United States called Signrite, gave the department several graphic designs to choose from for the new cars, Green said. After some changes to the design were made, Signrite would send an electronic picture of the car with new markings on it. The designs were then given to Police Chief Bob Richey to approve. Richey said he was not a fan of the old design. Richey has been in law enforcement for 32 years, hired by Ellensburg in 1977 and became the chief in January 2001.

"It's real easy for that vehicle to become a barrier between the public and the officer," Richey said. "The new striping scheme, obviously, has that patriotic flair to it. To me, it's a little bit more appealing to the eye and maybe presents a more open or approachable image."

Jesse Houser, sophomore construction management, said he has seen the design on the new cars once.

"I didn't like the old design, it didn't look as professional," Houser said.

Richey said he spoke with col-



Luke Probasco/Observer

The Ellensburg Police Department's new Chevrolets display an updated graphics package, replacing block lettering.

leagues that already had the Chevrolet car as part of their fleet before deciding to buy them. The Yakima Police Department has about a half-and-half split between the two kinds of cars. All of the Ellensburg cars in the old striping will be re-marked with the new design, Richey said, and he plans to give the Impalas a good trial run to see how they hold up and perform before buying any more of them.

"It really doesn't matter what they (police cars) look like, as long as they do the job," Pamela Mitchell, senior law and justice major, said.

The cars are vastly different. The Ford is bigger, has rear-wheel drive and is powered by a V-8 engine capable of reaching speeds near 130 miles-per-hour. The Impala, by Chevrolet, is smaller, front-wheel drive and pow-

ered by a V-6, making it a few miles-per-hour slower than the Crown Victoria. Richey said speed should not be an issue to Ellensburg officers, since he would rather not have them drive at those high speeds due to the risk to both the officers and the public.

Richey said the front-wheel drive should be helpful in getting around in the snow during the winter season. Other benefits of the new cars will be improved gas mileage and projected maintenance costs will remain comparable to the current cars.

Richey said the average life span of a patrol car in Ellensburg is about three years. The marked units are on the road almost 24 hours a day, seven days a week and average 28,000 miles a year.

Political minds pick Kerry VP

by Andrew Van Den Hoek
Staff reporter

With the 2004 presidential election inching closer, attention is turning to whom John Kerry will choose as his running mate. Though many are speculating on who his running mate will be some believe Kerry will not make this decision any time soon.

"Waiting to choose is keeping everyone guessing," Patrick Wicklund, president of Central's student Democrats said. "Picking his running mate now would give him a temporary boost in the poles but then that would taper off. He wants to strategically pick his running mate when it's most helpful to his campaign."

His field of candidates is wide and all bring a different strength to the table. In interviews with democrats by The Associated Press, there are a number of candidates whose names have come up. Kerry's final major rival in the primaries, Sen. John

Edwards of North Carolina impressed many with a positive, well-fought campaign. Edwards also shows a great deal of charisma that stems from his experience as a trial lawyer. The only downside to Edwards as a candidate lies in his lack of experience, with only 5 year's in public office according to the Associated Press interviews.

Some students in the political science department think you should look no further then last years election to find Kerry's running mate.

"Kerry is going to pick a candidate from a state that was borderline in the last presidential election," Michael Skiff, senior political science major,

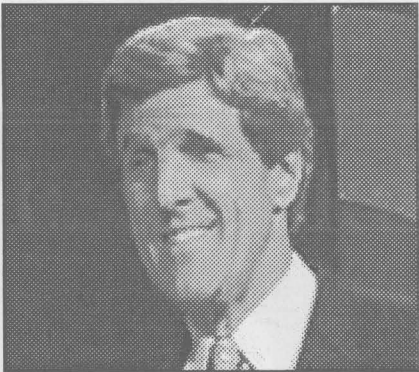


photo courtesy of Adventures with Kerry

said. Candidates like Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack would serve this purpose well, considering his state barely went to the democrats in the 2000 presidential election.

However, the key to victory for Kerry may not lie in swaying the favor of states, but possibly appealing to whole gender or ethnic groups, stated the AP report.

"New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson would appeal to many Hispanic voters" Skiff said. In choosing Richardson Kerry might appeal to nations largest, fastest growing minority group. "Richardson also has the benefit of a great deal of foreign policy experience as a United Nations

Ambassador" said Skiff.

So how much does a choice in running mates effect an election?

"The research, for years, on the impact of vice presidential running mates suggest that there is not much impact," Prof. Jim Brown, political science department chair, said. "In other words, the research seems to suggest, that if a presidential nominee chooses someone who appears to be weak, it doesn't necessarily hurt that person's chances. Similarly if a presidential candidate chooses someone who appears to be strong, it doesn't necessarily help their chances either."

Prof. Brown is also quick to point out that this doesn't necessarily mean that same thing will apply to this election.

The candidate will face a strong opponent in the form of the current Vice President, Dick Cheney.

"He is very intelligent," Zachary Marquess, ASCWU vice president for political affairs said. "He is a tremendous debater."

MUSIC: Downloads slow network

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"I believe the university should limit illegal downloading only because it slows everyone down (Internet users)," Joanna Hunt, sophomore English education major, said. "They should not regulate what we do (online), but they are a service provider and they need to do something about it."

Originally, Resnet had begun to control file sharing when it received e-mails and letters from students complaining that the network was too slow. ITS discovered that students were advertising their music downloads to people outside the network. Resnet then became jammed with users from outside the campus sharing files with Central students.

"Compare file sharing to being stuck behind thousands of semis hauling large illegal loads and clogging I-90," Rahm said. "They are driving five miles per hour and other cars are stuck behind them."

Consequences given to students downloading copyrighted material can range from a verbal warning or removal of Resnet privileges.

"Sony Corporation and the RIAA have subpoenaed students into court and fined the students \$17,500 for music piracy," Stacy Klippenstein, director of university housing and new student programs, said.

For the future, ITS is looking into a new version of packet-shaping software that will give a specific amount of bandwidth to each individual on Resnet.

ITS has seen a significant increase in available bandwidth on Resnet, now that students cannot download media files through the network.

"I don't think it's right that they have the power to regulate what we do on the Internet," Shara Lozott, sophomore public relations major, said. "But they are trying to keep the Internet from becoming slow and it is beneficial to all of us."

Students who have questions regarding music file-sharing on the Resnet network can contact the ITS office in Boullion 202 or call at 963-2924. The Web site is www.cwu.edu/~its.

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The BOD according to itself

Editor's note: This article is the first of a series reflecting on the outgoing BOD administration through their eyes.

by Bob Kirkpatrick
Staff Reporter

With the academic year ending, a review of the performance of student body representatives is in order. At the beginning of the year, the Associated Students of Central Washington Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD) spent part of the summer at a retreat where they focused on being a team, defined the roles of the board members and worked on individual communication.

"It was a good starting point, but the honeymoon ended and it altered the euphoria for the job and working together," John Drinkwater, senior director of campus life and adviser to the BOD, said. "I think on an individual basis they did incredible work."

Some of the accomplishments Drinkwater emphasized were the creation of the Central Student Political Action Commission (CSPAC), the work done by the equity and service department, the club senate and student life for their contributions regarding the new student union/recreation building.

As a whole, the BOD experienced the growing pains of maturation. Complications arose when confusion abounded over issues of Convergence, community mentors and the lack of a mission statement, causing a rift between three of the seven BOD members.

"The board didn't function very

well as a group, but we were able to accomplish individual department goals," Zach Marques, vice president for political affairs, said. "As a whole, I wish we had more opportunities to work with the administration."

Two of the major accomplishments from the office of BOD President Mark Michael were the Battle in Seattle and raising the bar for future administration regarding school spirit. According to Drinkwater, there are plans for a Four Corners monument to be placed on campus with a continually lit flame signifying the spirit of Central.

"Regardless of what political issues we had with the administration and student body, I'm extremely proud of being a part of Central Washington University," Michael said. "I was disappointed with the pace at which things moved forward. With such a short time in office and all of the breaks and holidays in between, you really only have six months to prove yourself."

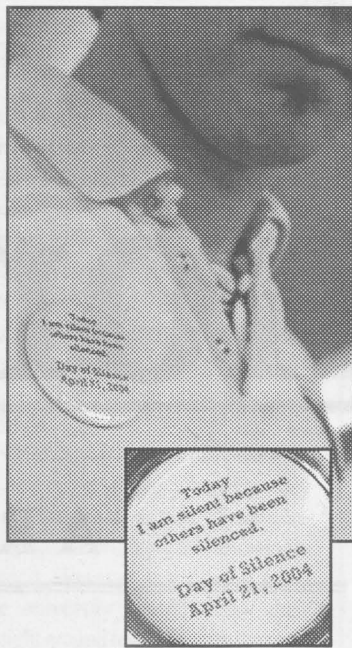
Michael will not be seeking a second term in office, but will help others on a consulting basis.

"We tried to bring a business approach mentality to the BOD, but I guess politics don't work that way," Michael said.

Mark and his brother Dan will graduate next year and plan to attend Gonzaga. Both still wish to be involved in politics in Washington.

"This has been a laboratory for experience," Drinkwater said. "They are learning and growing."

Attention will be drawn away from the past administration, as visions of hope and the excitement of elections fill the air with anticipation.



Lindsey Jackson/Observer

A Central student displays a button worn by supporters of yesterday's event.

Day of Silence

Students on Central's campus participated yesterday in a Day of Silence to demand policy changes and call attention to the silencing and barriers facing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students in higher education.

Robert Hanson, GALA Political Affairs coordinator, said participants took a temporary vow of silence from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. People then gathered in the SUB Amphitheatre to discuss feelings about the day. Following this, people broke plates with messages on them such as "oppression," "discrimination," "hate crime" and "silence." Hanson said the focus of this year's Day of Silence was the improvement of the campus environment.

The Day of Silence is sponsored by the United States Student Association and the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network.



Around the University

Central chief awarded

Central's Police Chief, Steve Rittereiser, was honored yesterday at a ceremony in Pasco by the Washington State Crime Prevention Association with the Sheriff of the Year award. Tomorrow he will receive a second honor, given in Bellevue, the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs Gerald L. Swain Award. It was established to commemorate a committed activist working "outside of the box" to end sexual assault. Rittereiser has worked for Central public safety and police services since 1982. He was named to the chief's post in 1991.

Students march on DC

The Central Washington University Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) will be sending two students to Washington, D.C. to participate in the April 25 March for Women's Lives. Participants will march to guarantee that women worldwide can exercise their reproductive rights through access to safe abortions, birth control, reproductive and pre-natal health care, safe delivery and accurate sex education. To learn more visit www.MarchforWomen.org or email Central's FMLA at CWUfeminists@hotmail.com.

Far East beckons to students

Become an International Peer

Advisor (IPA). The Asia University America Program (AUAP) at Central is now accepting applications for the position of IPA for the 2004 Fall/Winter cycle (Sept. 2004 - Feb. 2005.)

The IPA helps to ensure that each student's stay in the US is a rewarding cultural, educational and international experience. The IPA works to integrate Asia University students into campus and community life. The AUAP is holding an information session at 9 p.m., Tuesday, April 27, in Barto Lounge for those wanting to learn more regarding requirements and responsibilities.

Parents share career

Today is Take Our Sons and Daughters to Work Day. According to a letter from Gary Locke, the activity helps children better understand what parents do at work while broadening exposure to future careers. It also reminds employers of the importance of their workers' obligations as parents.

Parking closure, plan ahead

The 30-minute zone in the H-6 parking lot near Hebel Hall is closed today due to buses loading and unloading for the Central Gear Up program campus visits. The H-6 lot will be closed April 23-24 for bus parking for the Central State Solo and Ensemble Competition.

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Read the fine print

Little known fact: Employers of America (EOA) are seeking employees who, as college students, are able to read, comprehend and implement the college catalog. If the college graduate has done that, EOA assumes he/she will make a good employee, having all the requisite skills necessary for the job, regardless of major.

Second little known fact: A conspiracy between EOA and college and university administrators (CUA) goes something like this:

EOA: Make sure there are so many prerequisites students are continually confused. Change the catalog every other year, so that when it comes time to graduate, the degree checkout office uses the wrong catalog. Degree checkout will send letters to prospective graduates eight weeks before graduation that say, "You have 13 classes to complete in the next eight weeks." (I'm exaggerating. In my case, it was three classes.)

CUA: Great idea! We'll also be sure degree checkout sends the letters so they arrive on a Saturday afternoon, when students are the most relaxed and not expecting bad news in the mail. (In my case, I hyperventilated.)

EOA: Here's a good one. Most students are confused by the catalog so they will go to their advisers. Make sure that none of the four advisers the student feels compelled to see, or the CAPs review, or anyone else on campus, informs transfer students they need one year of a foreign language to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree—until eight weeks before graduation (this happened, but not to me). This also applies to any other obscure fine print requirement.

CUA: Good one. We'll be sure to make the student feel it's totally his or her responsibility even though advisers share the responsibility to confirm or deny the courses a student is taking or plans to take, which will lead to completion of their degree.

EOA: Okay, here's another thought. Be sure every degree program has at least two one-credit required courses. The purpose of these one-credit courses is not necessarily to learn, although that could certainly be a bonus, but to see how much work a student is willing to endure for one credit. One credit courses actually equal three or four credits worth of time, but never, ever tell the student that. Discerning students will soon discover they are in one-credit hell.

CUA: We'll also make sure that courses seniors need in their major to graduate are scheduled at the exact same time and that prerequisites needed to graduate are offered with only one instructor for 350 students. That will make it impossible for everyone to get in.

EUA: Great job, CUA, you are providing us employers of America with high quality students who have learned the fine art of jumping through hoops, following bureaucratic red-tape, and reading fine print.

—Martha Goudey-Price

ARTIST'S EYE



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to Ryan Cavanaugh

[Earlier I received an e-mail from Ryan Cavanaugh, president of the College Republicans asking me why I left the talk given by Star Parker.]

Sorry on a certain level for leaving early. I went there with an open ear. Some of what she said was on target especially how welfare results in the subjugation of the poor. If she had stayed on focus, I probably wouldn't have left. But then she went off the subject putting down gays, ridiculing people and being extremely pejorative toward "liberals" (a term she never defined but seemed to be using as a blanket term for anyone who disagreed with her "God-given truth"), I had to leave. This was not a debate (as suggested in your e-mail). Under such

a forum I would have certainly stuck around for the opportunity to present an alternative view.

Turning anyone's personal life story into public policy is extremely dangerous and foolhardy for an open society. Should we take what worked for her and force it upon all people? I have had a different experience, and yes, my family was in poverty and on welfare (food stamps). Welfare helped me, my mother and my four siblings to survive my father's abandonment. But because people continually gave her dirty looks, after some months, she stopped using it and rather went heavily into debt with relatives. Mind you, my mother was working and all the children in the family (once of age) worked as well. I always wonder what it would have been like for my family and myself if relatives were unable or unwilling to help. Is there abuse in the

welfare system? ABSOLUTELY! Should it be fixed? OF COURSE! Remember, it was during the Clinton administration that welfare was reformed. Liberals agree. Should it be abandoned? NEVER! To use a current popular saying, "Shit happens" and people need to survive circumstances beyond their control. In fact, if you extend the conservative logic that all people should be left to their own devices, then we should stop drug coverage for our seniors, unemployment benefits for those out of work, Medicare and Medicaid, Social Security, etc. In fact, we should also get rid of the massive subsidies our government routinely extends to corporations estimated at \$250 to \$300 billion (yes, a "B") annually (Derber 1998).

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But the bottom line is that I did not go to be preached to about God nor insulted. God is a personal thing. My relationship with my creator is my business. That she had to find God in order to get out of welfare is great for her. But it was not welfare reform that got her out of poverty. If I want to be preached to I'll go to church, synagogue, or mosque on the appropriate day. And if I want to be insulted ... well, I don't know where to go for that but wherever that might be I can assure you I will avoid it. I felt Star Parker was the worst type of representative for the conservative cause. Condescending, insulting, intolerant. Why would you want her as your spokesperson except for the fact that she's black and you can point to her as a converted "enemy"?

Nelson Pichardo
Associate Prof. of Sociology

Plan B not 'Plan A' for readers

Story had a 'huge' error

As a resident of Ellensburg and with a spouse that recently graduated from Central, I regularly read the Observer. I was recently appalled at the lack of information provided in your article "When Plan A fails, what is Plan B?" Although the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance would like you to think that they are doing Central students a favor by lobbying and encouraging contraception and emergency contraception they are, in fact, hurting them.

I understand that "things happen" and that nobody is perfect however, there was a huge factual flaw in your article. You wrote that emergency contraception works in two ways and then only listed the ideal way in which Plan B works, delaying ovulation and thickening cervical mucus. However, there is a much more ugly picture to paint about Plan B. It also causes abortions. Plan B works to 'prevent the implantation of an already fertilized embryo. In basic terms, that means it stops a baby that was conceived.

As a strong woman myself, I believe that true feminists would want all women to know fully and understand what they are doing to their bodies. Unfortunately, much of the Pro-Choice movement is more about "rights" and less about taking care of the actual woman.

On a final note, I have discovered a group in Ellensburg that is very interested in informing and taking care of every woman, Care Net. They offer free pregnancy tests and factual, whole information on all issues regarding women today, including Plan B.

I pray that everyone, women and men, faced with the possibility of an unplanned pregnancy can find the grace and information needed to make a choice that is educated and complete.

Maureen McNinch
Ellensburg resident

Quote taken out of context

I was interviewed regarding the emergency contraceptive pill called "Plan B". First, I am the Catholic Campus Minister here at Central. I am not the Director of the Yakima Diocese. I am the Director of Campus Ministry for the Yakima Diocese. Most Reverend Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J., Bishop of Yakima, is the person who "Director" of our diocese.

Second, I wanted to clarify the statement "I personally think that everyone has the right to information and we should encourage them to learn about every option," was not put into the context in which it was given. Erik asked me if the Catholic students on campus and/or our ministry would be making any kind of protest to the FMLA who would be having a booth in the SUB. I told him that there were no protests planned and that people have the right to get their information out to the public in this fashion and then I went on to say what I was quoted in saying, that "I personally think that everyone has the right to information and we should encourage them to learn about every option." I also said that the Catholic Church does not approve of the use of any form of contraception. My problem with how it was presented in the article was that someone reading this article, and not knowing our full position, may take the statement as permission to not only gather information about the contraceptives but indeed to use them. The intention of the statement was not and is not to give permission to use contraceptives, rather, that we have the right to information regarding all issues. It is also worth noting that in regards to my two statements, they appear to be me reflecting the Church's viewpoint and then offering my personal viewpoint. That, again, is not the intent and if everyone had heard the full interview they would know that the context of the two statements was not linked as it is presented in the article.

Joe Kiesel-Nield
Catholic Campus Minister

Short notice for Anderson dwellers was irresponsible

I am writing in regard to last week's article about Anderson tenants being displaced. I do agree that the ladies in the housing office have been very courteous and extremely patient with all of us, even when some of us were less than hospitable. They just asked where we wanted to move and found available space for us. However, it was whoever instituted this untimely move that caused many of the Anderson residents to become up in arms.

Most of the former Anderson residents that I have spoken with agree that although we were given plenty of notice that we had to move out on June 13, the new deadline of April 26th that we were informed of on March 30 was an act of complete irresponsibility by the university. Had we been given more time, many of us could have found more functional living arrangements than the

quick decisions we had to make. Had we been notified before spring break, we could have moved during a time when there was no homework or classes to worry about. Instead, we were given short notice, and people like me — who do not have a car, and chose to move away from the construction that was about to surround us — had to impose upon friends to help us.

The university does have the right to tell us to move whenever they deem worthy, as is part of our contract that we willingly and knowingly signed. However, that doesn't mean the university should throw their weight around trying to milk the most money they can out of their residences. Whoever wrote that anonymous email had the right idea — although the university has given us housing to move into, it sure feels like they couldn't care less what they did to us.

Erin Sheppard
Senior
Physics

Don't knock it until you try it

Think twice before knocking vegetarians and vegans!

"Nothing will benefit human health and increase the chances for survival of life on earth as much as the evolution to a vegetarian diet." Albert Einstein

Here are some interesting facts:

—In 2000, over one million Americans died of heart disease. That is more than the death toll of all other major diseases and causes of death combined.

—The average U.S. male is at a 50 percent risk of dying from a heart attack. This risk is reduced to 15 percent by eliminating meat from the diet and to 4percent by eliminating eggs and dairy products as well. This percent decrease from 50 to 4 percent amounts to a dramatic 90 percent decrease in the risk of heart disease pinpointing heart disease as primarily a disease of those on animal-based diets.

—According the Environmental Protection Agency 90 percent - 95 percent of all pesticide residues are found at the top of the food chain in meat, fish, fowl and dairy products. Livestock feed concentrates toxins absorbed by fish and conventionally grown grains, and soybeans.

—99 percent of U.S. mother's milk —from mothers on a meat-based diet —contain significant levels of DDT as opposed to only 8 percent in mothers on a plant-based diet.

—Drug residues from growth hormones and antibiotics cause premature sexual maturity and aid the growth of antibiotic resistant bacteria. Increased yeast infections in women are a related condition

—To grow one day's food for a vegetarian it takes 300 gallons of water. To grow the same day's ration for a meat eater takes 4,000 gallons.

Fad or not... As you can see it doesn't matter why people choose to stop eating meat or to decrease their consumption. It would be wise for your own sake and for the earth that you do not discourage a healthy lifestyle.

Juliete Palenshus
Sophomore

VOICING OPINIONS

Cyclists have a right to be on the road, too

By Patrick Carlson
Asst. Sports editor

A near death experience can really bring ideas into focus. As an avid enthusiast of several sports, I enjoy riding my bicycle around the flat, open roads of the Kittitas Valley. I find it can bring some measure of sanity to the life of fluorescent lights and pop quizzes that we students face everyday.

One day last week, I was out pedaling around, for no other reason than the normally present gale-force winds were absent. This always gets me out the door, as anyone who has ridden a bike uphill and into the wind around here knows. I was riding along, hugging the side of the road, which was cracked and crumbling from the winter frost. The latest tar and gravel layer had yet to be laid. It is fortunate that on windless days, at least for cyclists, we are able to hear the traffic as it approaches from behind. I heard the usual sound of a car coming up from behind me. I turned my head to see how far away it was, only to see a large green pickup truck barreling down the road toward me. This in itself was not unusual, as we all like to drive fast, but this truck was different. Its passenger door was open. This upset me a little as most people could imagine. I swerved to the side of the road, only to find there was no shoulder to save me.

As I was wondering what I what I was going to do, the truck passed me, leaving me about six inches of room, the door still slightly open, and sped off down the road. Whoever was in the passenger seat then closed the door. I have still not been able to make much sense of this incident other than to assume that these people hate cyclists so much that they will risk killing them in order to express their anger. It seems to be a common feeling around the roads of Ellensburg.

Cyclists and runners are seen as some sort of menace to the car-driving population. I have heard on more than one occasion people expressing the view that cyclists have no right to ride where they do. This is untrue. All cyclists, obeying the proper laws concerning stop signs and intersections, have just as much right to the roads as cars. Polite cyclists generally try to keep to the side of the road or shoulder, and always give the right of way to cars.

After all the riding I have done around the Kittitas Valley, it is far and away the guy driving the four ton truck with the 40 foot horse trailer who gives me the most space. Almost always it is the Ford Fiestas and Toyota Corollas of the world that hassle me the most. I can say with great certainty that the overwhelming majority of cyclists don't ride in large slow moving packs, conspiring to keep drivers behind them. Most people riding bikes do it alone, or with their kids. All I ask is that people consider how they would feel in my place. We all want to enjoy the beauty and freedom that living in a community like ours can bring, but I want to be able to do it safely or not at all.

Who can we trust in Iraq?

by Berivan Yousify
Staff reporter

June 30, 2004 is a day much of the world is looking forward to. It is the day the United States plans to transfer governmental control of Iraq to the Iraqi people.

The question is, to whom are we transferring the power? Who in Iraq can be trusted with that responsibility? I don't think even the American officials are able to point out an individual or a group that can handle this authority. During President Bush's last speech, he declared that June 30 is the day for the power transfer, but he did not answer to whom.

I am from Northern Iraq, and I know most of the nine Governing Council well. In fact, I lived under the rule of the current president of the Iraqi Governing Council (Iraq's 25-member Governing Council met for the first time on July 13, 2003. It included 13 people described as Shi'a, five Kurds, five Sunni Arabs, one Christian and one Turkoman, including three women). I don't think any of them desire to take care of Iraq as a country. Each one cares only about their own power. All high-ranking government officials are the family members of the nine leaders in the Governing Council.

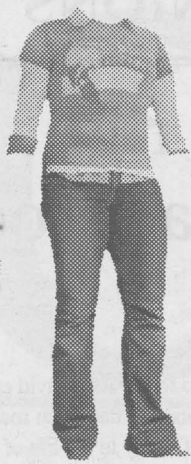
I think it is imperative for Iraqis and Americans to make sure they find someone outside the current political circle. We need someone likely to serve the country and the Iraqi people, not someone who is looking for the power.

I can't imagine having a leader from any religious group such as the Shiites because Iraq is a very modern country and no one is ready to have a theocratic government like Iran. It is very hard to think Kurds would be able to lead Iraq because they are a small majority compared to Arabs. Also, I don't think it is an option to have the Sunnis represent Iraq. The perception is that a significant part of their population remains loyal to Saddam. In this situation there are no good options and it is getting harder every day we get closer to the deadline.

I think the United States government should hold off on the June 30 deadline and first secure the country and find solutions to the safety problems. The first order of business must be rebuilding the economy and giving freedom to the Iraqi people.

Given that it is necessary for the American military to remain in Iraq, why pretend that the new government would be in control? The country will still be under occupation.

Americans presence will ensure fairness in elections and the rule of law. And hopefully give a freedom to all Iraqi civilians. I am not pro-war. I know that a lot of people from all sides of this conflict have been killed. However, we must all work together now to make Iraq a respected member of the world community and a safe democratic country for Iraqi's citizen.



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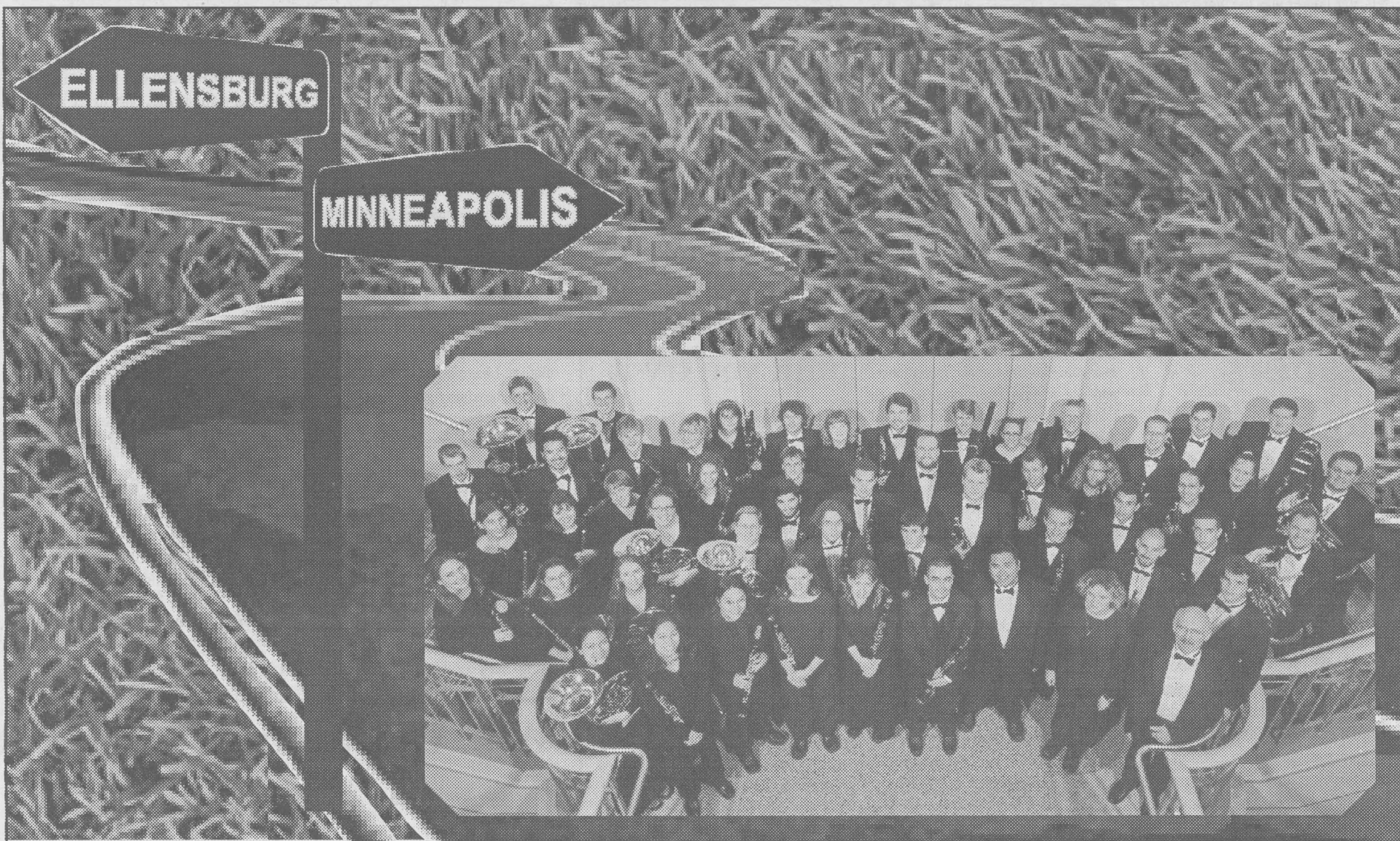
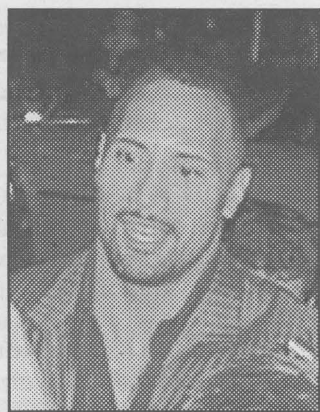


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Winding their way to Minneapolis

by Paul Kobylensky
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's wind ensemble took off last Thursday for Minneapolis to perform in the 59th annual MENC national conference.

The ensemble attended and played at the MENC's (or National Association for Music Education) conference under the direction of Larry Gookin, Central director of bands.

The conference consisted of five days of performances by four selected schools as well as music education exhibits and workshops.

During the MENC's Northwest Regional Conference last year in Portland, Ore., Willy Hill, MENC president, was impressed with Central's performance enough to offer them a spot to play this year at the national conference.

Because of Gookin's track record, Peter Gries, music department chair, wasn't surprised by the invitation.

"Larry's groups get invited so frequently that it's like... (shrugs)," Gries said.

Even with Gookin's excellent background, the ensemble had to

work hard to prepare for the prestigious event.

"We've got some pretty difficult music," Jason Fukura, senior music education major, said.

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Larry Gookin
Director of Bands

The works are pieces by Johann Sebastian Bach, John Philip Sousa, Percy Grainger, David Maslanka and Leonard Bernstein.

"It was a really outstanding performance," Gookin said. "We got a standing ovation at the end. I've been doing this for 30 years and you can count on one hand the concerts I'll remember. This is one of them."

Gookin isn't the only one who will remember the event.

"It was pure nerves until I played the first note," Adam Pelandini, jun-

ior music education and performance major, said.

Some were more at ease with their performance.

"I was happy with my sound and solo," Kevin Niles, freshman music performance major, said. "I made a few mistakes...you learn from them."

There were plenty of things for the ensemble to do when not performing.

"The Army brass quintet performed," Gookin said. "A number of the students went to the Minnesota Symphony."

There was also an expo at the conference where many different musical companies setup exhibits.

While the trip may have been musically enriching, it definitely wasn't cheap.

"The trip will cost about \$40,000," Gries said last week before the ensemble left. "We have about 55 to 60 players and a few faculty going as well as 20 other students."

The MENC student club donated money for the trip and additional funding was provided by the student affairs' department.

The wind ensemble will be performing at 8 p.m. on May 20 in Hertz Hall.

The sound of recitals

by Sarah Heath
Staff reporter

There is a frenzy that comes along with the fresh spring air each year, and that frenzy is known to music majors as recital time.

According to the student catalog, all music majors are required to be part of a major ensemble, which can include the wind ensemble, symphonic band, marching band, choir, chamber choir or university orchestra. There are a few exceptions to the rule, such as being away on student teaching. Students must also enroll in private lessons, and pass a piano proficiency exam before graduating.

"Recitals are required because each of the music degrees have a performance standard which students are required to attain," Peter Gries, chair of the music department, said.

The recitals must be one hour or less in length and two dress rehearsals are allowed before the final presentation. Recitals cost the performing students \$40, which helps fund the costs of creating programs for the event and recording a CD, as well as general funding costs

of putting on so many performances. Students have the option of holding a reception after their recital with refreshments.

"Part of being a musician is performing," Jesse Reynolds, sophomore music education major, said.

Students are not only required to give a recital; they are required to attend at least seven recitals as audience members as part of the curriculum.

Next year, students will be giving their recitals in the new music building currently under construction. The building will include a 150-seat recital hall, a 600-seat concert hall and 30 individual practice rooms.

"We're excited, because Hertz Hall is seriously lacking in the needs of music students," Hilliard said.

Reynolds thinks the new building is needed for several reasons.

"Sometimes we don't have enough halls for recitals," Reynolds said. "And in the peak hours, there are people practicing in elevators, the bathroom and the halls."

For more dates, visit www.cwu.edu/~music/calendar/calendar.html or contact the music department at 963-1216.

Women learn to fight back

by Kayla Knott
Staff reporter

A young woman is walking home from a party late at night, when someone suddenly appears up ahead. Trying to avoid panic while assessing the situation and preventing possible danger, she wants to run screaming through the dark to safety.

RAD can help.

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD), is a comprehensive self-defense course that teaches women awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance. RAD is not a martial arts course. It was developed to teach women of all ages and abilities, hands-on defense training that includes the basics of stance, yelling, movement, blocking, striking and kicking.

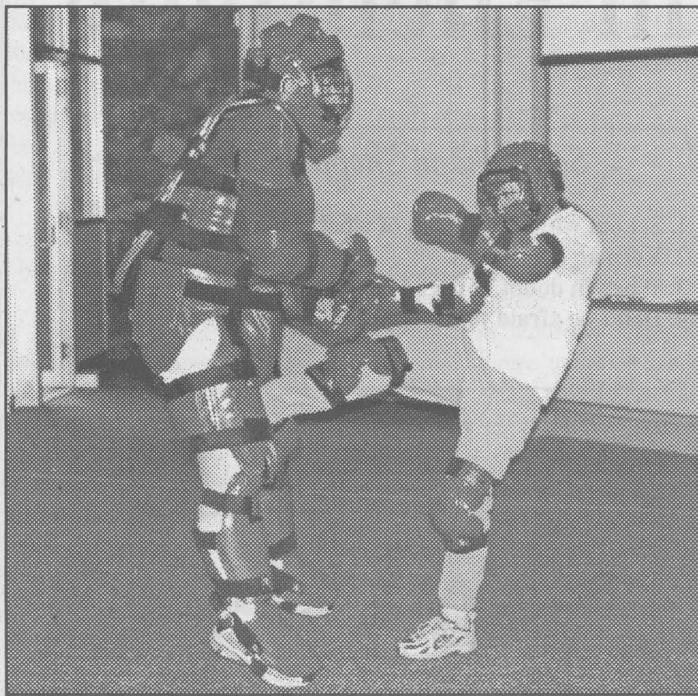
The program was started by former police officer Lawrence N. Nadeau in 1989. After discovering that one out of every eight women will be assaulted, Nadeau felt women needed to be taught to use their minds, as well as their bodies, for self-defense. His program focuses on awareness and the reduction of risk. RAD is now taught by certified instructors at more than 400 colleges, law enforcement agencies and crisis centers.

Central police officer Jason Koch volunteered to attend the RAD instructors' school last year and has already taught the program twice on campus.

"We felt that the students needed more options of defense," Koch said. "It is also an educational course that teaches you to avoid danger."

A student RAD program occurred last weekend. The first class was only for faculty and staff of Central. It was free to anyone interested, and included a 12-hour course that lasted three days. On the last day of class, students were able to put their skills to the test using a simulation-training suit.

The RAD Aggressor is a total body protective suit designed for self-defense training at moderate force levels. The suit was built specifically for RAD by a martial arts equipment company. Simulation training is not a mandatory part of the course, but it is often the most enjoyed part of the program. The women get to experience what it would be like if they were attacked and forced to use physical defense.



Lindsey Jackson/Observer

Sonia Mason, junior elementary education major, spars against an attacker during RAD, a self defense class.

"It really builds confidence," Blue, junior health education major, said. "I didn't know I could kick the crap out of someone."

On completion of the course, the students received a handbook outlining the physical defense program and offering extra reference for ongoing personal growth.

"It was a requirement for my class (that I attend)," Kaci Pipkin, junior pre-paramedic major, said. "But I'm glad I took it, I learned a lot more than I thought I would about the techniques of self-defense."

For information about the program, visit www.rad-systems.com. For information about upcoming classes call Nicole Dunn, Central health educator, at 963-3213.

Tips for safety

90% of self-defense is avoidance

When walking at night:

Stay near lighted areas.
Know the streets/routes you take.
Hold your keys in your hand- if you are attacked, jab the person's eyes.

If followed, take extra turns, but stay in familiar areas.

At parties:

Always stay in groups.
Never leave a friend behind.
Be aware of your surroundings.
Be assertive if someone is bothering you.

When in doubt, call the police.

Film series scheduled

by Sally Wright
Staff reporter

Imagine two lines of people, one leading to painful, violent working conditions with very little food or water, the other leading to certain death. Which would be worse, the choice itself, or the fact that someone else is making it?

For survivors of the Holocaust, this scenario is likely to be one vividly remembered, wondering as they neared the decision-maker which line would be their fate. While the Holocaust happened several decades ago, the stories still live on and hate is still prominent in society as a whole.

Central Washington University assistant professor of religious studies, Heidi Szpek, is putting on a Holocaust speaker series this quarter.

"(The Holocaust is) what happens when people don't appreciate diversity," Szpek said.

In an attempt to educate people about the Holocaust and perhaps answer questions, the series will consist of three speakers and hopefully a few movies as well.

One of the speakers, Leo Hymas, was a liberator in the United States Army who was drafted when he was 18 years old. Trained as a heavy machine gun operator, Hymas was in combat in eastern Germany when his infantry division liberated Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald.

"Four of us, American soldiers, were the first to cut the wires and enter the camp," Hymas said.

For the past eight years, Hymas has been volunteering as a speaker at the Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center (WSH-ERC), and has taught students

abroad about the Holocaust.

"We need to keep talking about it, we need to keep the dialog going," Szpek said. "Maybe we can move toward a greater tolerance, a greater respect for varying traditions, and maybe we can teach people not to hate."

Another speaker in the series is Thomas Blatt, a survivor of Sobibor death camp. According to the WSH-ERC, Blatt escaped from the ghetto in Izbica, Poland, but was caught and put into prison when he was 15 years old. He escaped from the prison and returned to Izbica until April 28, 1943, when Blatt and his family were taken to the Sobibor death camp.

Peter Metzelaar, a child survivor from Holland, will be speaking about his experience with the Dutch Underground and fleeing from place to place for protection.

"My life has been significantly changed for the better by my experiences," Hymas said. "What little I had to do with overcoming that great Nazi evil, hard as it was, (it was) the best thing I have ever done. Would I do it again? Of course!"

The speaker series is free and is open to the public. For more information, contact Szpek at 963-2839.

Series Calendar

Leo Hymas, liberator
7 p.m. Monday, April 26,
SUB theatre
Peter Metzelaar, child survivor
7 p.m., Wednesday,
May 5, McConnell Auditorium
Thomas Blatt, Sobibor death camp survivor
3:30 p.m. Monday, May 24,
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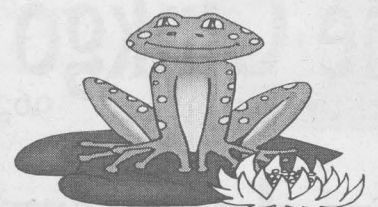
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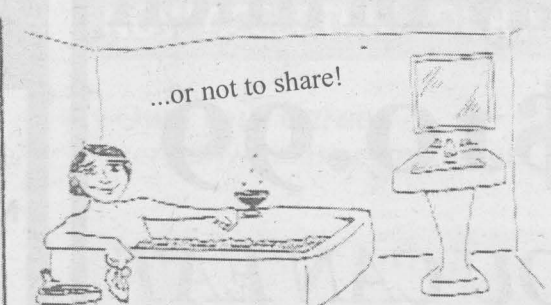
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Thrifty 101: The look for less in Ellensburg

by Amy Lynn Taylor
Asst. Scene editor

I have a dilemma: Spring is here but I am out of cash and my winterized wardrobe is in need of resuscitation - we're talking some serious CPR (Cheaply Priced Revamping) or I will be stuck wearing turtleneck sweaters well into June.

I've heard it said more than once that it is impossible to find decent clothing without leaving Ellensburg. Unfortunately I can't just whiz over to Seattle every time that I want to expand my wardrobe. It's time consuming and too costly for my teeny budget.

So, last Thursday I headed downtown with Observer photographer Tieh-Pai Chen in search of some second-hand spring fashion. I was on a mission, not just to find some great clothes, but to find them for cheap...really cheap (my wallet is still recuperating from purging its contents to buy textbooks and have fun over spring break).

We hit up several second-hand clothing stores in the downtown area including Threads and Needles, Hidden Treasure Within and Goodwill.

At Threads and Needles, I was particularly excit-

ed about a gorgeous, classically cut black dress and an awesomely stylish tank. The best part was I could get the dress for \$22 and the tank for only \$11. The selection of men's clothing was also pretty impressive. I saw some nice button downs and some excellent casual pieces.

At Goodwill I found some super trendy, bright pink, pointed toe stilettos for \$4 virtually identical to some that I have seen in magazines like Glamour over the last few months.

So it seems to me that if you take a little extra time to really look, you can find some trendy clothing in Ellensburg without paying inordinate amounts of cash.

If you can't find what you want around town, the items you are looking for may be only a few mouse clicks away. Online auctioning giants like eBay have an impressive selection of second-hand threads and since they have thousands of articles of clothing to choose from, it is highly likely that you will find something that you like. Granted, the fact that you can't try things on before you buy them is a significant disadvantage, but before you shop make sure you know your measurements and have a good idea what size you wear in items similar to those you are looking at. And the beauty of online auctions, is that if it doesn't fit, or you only wear it once or twice, you can always turn around and put it back up for sale.



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People's Pond gets cleaned up

Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park, more commonly known as People's Pond is ready for spring cleaning after being closed for the winter months. The lakeshore and surrounding area have become cluttered with garbage and debris.

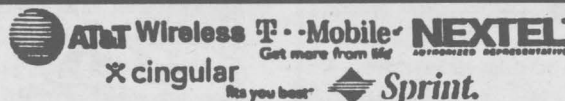
In order to give the area a face lift there will be "Get Down and Dirty at the Pond," a volunteer event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 24. The event is being held in honor of Earth Day 2004 and will

not only focus on cleaning up the area, but volunteers will be planting native vegetation and restoring trails.

The first 150 volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and be invited to a free barbeque as well as being entered into a raffle for prizes from Starbucks and the University Store.

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LOCAL SCENE

Compiled by Becky Unger
Staff reporter

Friday, April 23-Saturday, April 24

State high school solo and ensemble music competition, all day, Hertz Hall.

Friday, April 23-Sunday, April 25

Bird Woman, The Story of Sacagawea - 7 p.m. on Friday; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. Sunday, McConnell Auditorium \$5.

Saturday, April 24

Workshop on African drumming and rhythms - 3 to 5 p.m., American Legion Hall followed by a community celebration of the performing arts and music, dance, storytelling and juggling from 7 to 9 p.m.

Monday, April 26

American Red Cross Blood Drive - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. sign up in the SUB or contact a member of the Arnold Air Society, which is sponsoring the event.

Thursday, April 29

Kittitas County Job Fair - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ellensburg Inn.

GET OUT OF TOWN

Thursday, April 22

Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman - runs April 22-25 Moore Theatre, \$23.50-43.50.

Friday, April 23

TRUCE - 7 p.m. at the Roxy Theatre, Bremerton \$5.

Saturday, April 24

Blondie - 9 p.m. at the Showbox, Seattle \$85.

Sunday, April 25

Leo Kottke - 7:30 p.m., Benaroya Hall, Seattle \$31.

Monday, April 26

Kraftwerk - 8 p.m. Paramount Theatre, Seattle \$100+.

Tuesday, April 27

Dr. Jane Goodall - 7:30 p.m., Paramount Theatre, Seattle.

Wednesday, April 28

AJ Roach - 8:30 p.m. The Tractor Tavern, Seattle, Free.

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Correction

The casino photo illustration in the April 8 Observer was incorrectly credited. The photo was taken by Andy Hanson of the Observer; the illustration design was by Lindsey Jackson, Observer Photo Editor.

"Mix it up" leadership styles

by Candace Young
Staff reporter

The opportunity for students to hone their leadership skills has arrived. The Center for Student Empowerment and the Center for Excellence in Leadership (CEL) are sponsoring "Rewrite the Rules: Men and Women in the Mix," a leadership conference for Central Washington University students, faculty and staff. The conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., April 30, in the Samuelson Union Building.

The event gives participants the opportunity to learn and refine leadership skills and to talk about the responsibilities that today's leaders face.

"We're trying to promote leadership," Beth Diebert, senior business administration, management infor-

mation systems major and program coordinator for CEL, said. "Holding this conference in spring quarter is really important as students move from one year to the next as well as make the transition out of college."

The conference will feature two keynote speakers, Kelly Byrd and Linda Clark-Santos.

Byrd is the president and founder of Teambuilders. She has spent the past 15 years working with families, individuals and businesses, to develop essential leadership skills that will be valuable in their lives.

Clark-Santos is responsible for many leadership roles at Washington Mutual Bank, including diversity, university recruitment, talent management and human resources communication. Clark-Santos also serves as chair of the advisory board for Central's college of business.

"This is a comprehensive leader-

ship training for students, faculty and staff," Diebert said. "In addition to the 24 different sessions that are being offered, there is also a resource and involvement fair that will offer leadership opportunities, community service opportunities and literature to further participant's leadership knowledge and experience."

The conference will emphasize the different leadership styles that men and women utilize in specific situations. The professional track will allow for networking between professionals, along with discussing leadership in professional settings.

"This conference highlights the differences in communication and leadership styles of women and men and celebrates them," Diebert said.

For more information concerning the event, contact the Center for Excellence in Leadership, located in the SUB.

Our 'Man in Hollywood'



Michael Bennett/Observer

Johnny Knoxville (left) and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson were seen by Observer photographer Michael Bennett at the premier of "Walking Tall." Bennett is on assignment in the movie capital.

Central celebrates international cinema with film, lecture series

by Tyler Davis
Asst. Scene editor

Central Washington University will pay homage to the international film industry with the seventh annual Videmus Lecture and Film Series at 7 p.m., Monday, April 26 through Saturday, May 1 in the Science Building, room 147. This year's event features films from Colombia, India, Japan, Mexico and the United Kingdom, as well as a short film from a local filmmaker, to be shown on the final night.

Collaborating on the event are 12 Central education departments, offices and student organizations. Participants include Central president Jerilyn McIntyre, Liahna Armstrong, dean of the college of arts and humanities, and Pedro Bicchieri of the Asia university America program.

For more information, contact program coordinator Djordje Popovic of the Diversity Education Center at 963-1685. Admission is free.

Calendar of Films

Monday, April 26
"Salaam Bombay!"
India, 1988

Tuesday, April 27
"Chaos"
Japan, 1999

Wednesday, April 28
"La Vendedora de Rosas"
(The Rose Seller)
Colombia, 1998

Thursday, April 29
"The Mission"
U.K., 1986

Friday, April 30
"El Norte"
U.S., 1984

Saturday, May 1
"Il Soldato"
U.S., 2004 (original short)

A man playing a woman playing a man

by Gayle Duncan
Staff reporter

Arrested Development on the loudspeaker, a photomontage on the big screen and one man portraying three African-American, masculine, female-bodied women. This was the scene Tuesday night as the Diversity Center hosted "B4T: Before Testosterone," a two-actor show that explores race and sexuality through the lives of black transgendered individuals.

"I'm an activist first," Imani Henry, the writer and actor of the show, said. Henry and fellow actor Kim Howard tour "B4T: Before Testosterone" to venues across the country.

Henry has traveled to numerous festivals, conferences and campuses both with his theatrical show and as a speaker.

"I feel like this year is my year of Ivy League schools," Henry said, "I've been to Yale, I've been to Vassar and I've spoken at Brown University."

One of the characters Henry por-

trays, (all of whom are women who prefer to live as men) gives his life-story to an African-American woman doing research for her doctorate. "Keith" explains how the different members of his family came to terms with his choice to live as a man. As a whole, his family seemed very supportive. The community, however, was a different story.

Another of Henry's characters, after trying so hard to blend in with her community as a man, ends up the victim of a subway station beating by a fellow African-American.

"I was not trying to project that black people were more homophobic than other people," Henry said. "But violence happens within our own communities. It would be a different play if he had been beaten up by white guys."

But perhaps the most tragic character in the show is the one portrayed in the first and last scenes. She becomes so overwhelmed and saddened by her place in life that she eventually commits suicide. As Henry reads Shawana's (Shawn's) words, a small announcement on the

video screen confirms it: Shawn was a real person.

"It's easier to tell stories when you're dead," Shawn said, "You can keep making stuff up and no one's going to argue with a pile of bones."

Henry isn't just an activist for the transgendered; he's currently working on another show "Living in the Light," about the impact of the slave trade.

He is also very involved in a nationwide rally on May 17 to combat the proposed Defense of Marriage Act.

"It is a day of solidarity," Henry said, "If you are an ally of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered movement, this is the day."

The rally is expected to have a large turnout in Seattle.

Henry's activism is second nature.

"I'm building a society that's based on people's needs and not profit. I believe in equality," Henry said, "I believe that only then will we have a true democracy. We can't have a democracy if we don't have equality."

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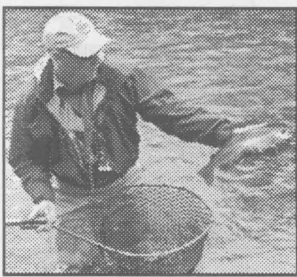
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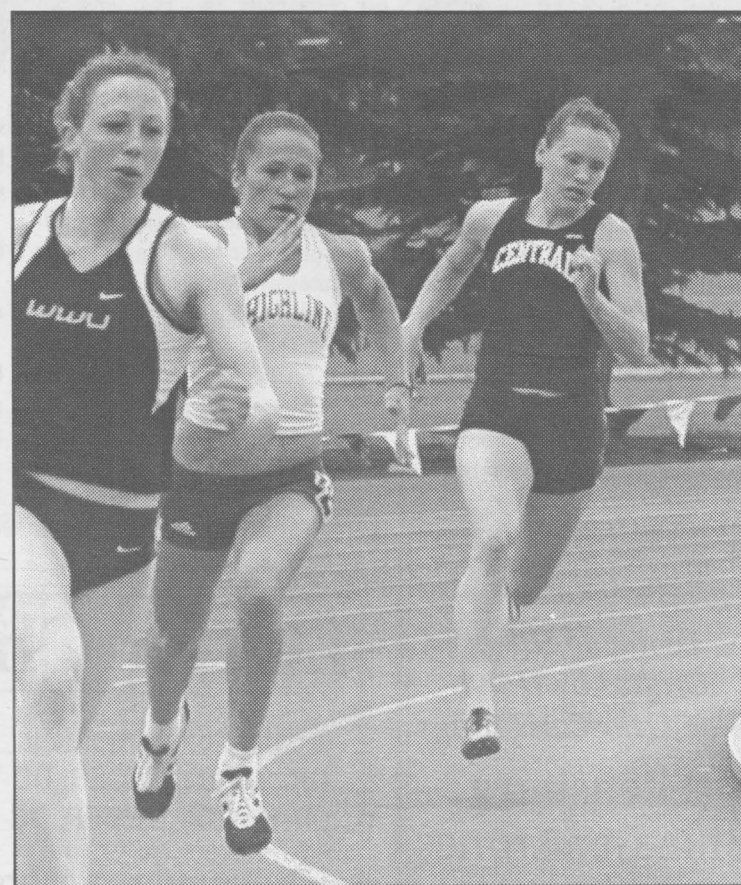
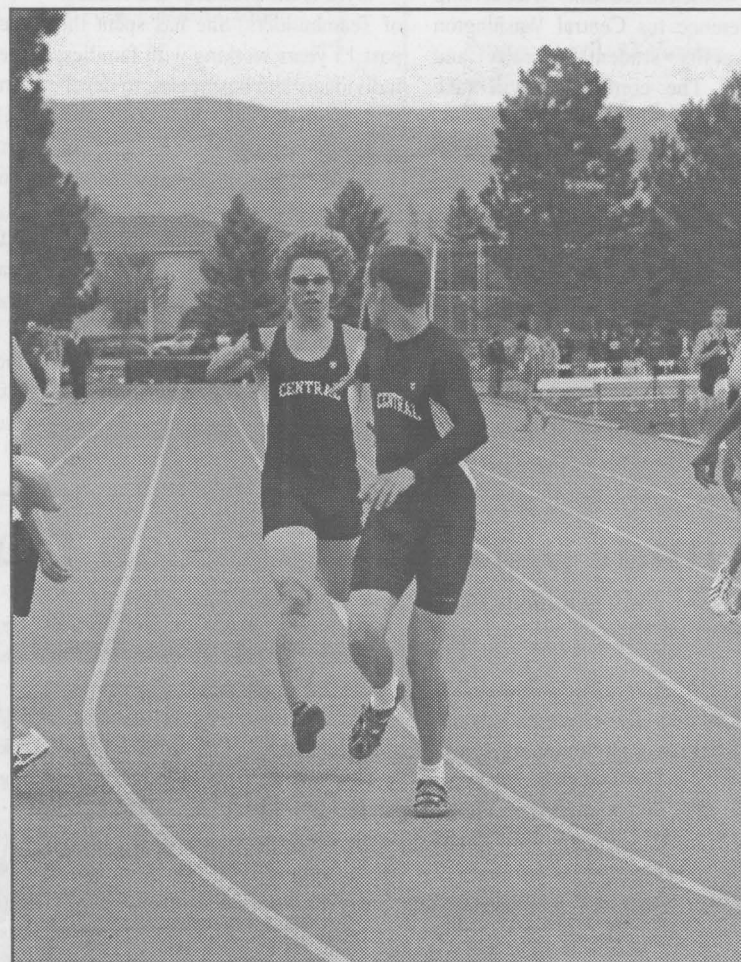
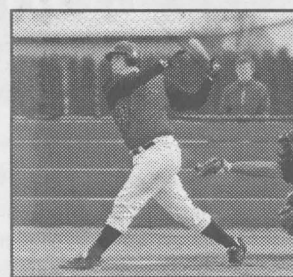
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SPORTS



Records fall at home meet

by Jonathan Mentzer
Staff reporter

Central Washington University proved that they are one of the elite track and field teams in the conference when both the men's and women's team took second place, boasted a pile of personal records and a new school record last weekend.

At the Spike Arlt Invitational at Tomlinson Stadium, the men's team finished with 140 total points, coming in behind Highline Community College with 153. The women's squad concluded the day with 153 points, but it was not enough to overtake Seattle Pacific University's 174.

"There were very solid perfor-

mances from the men," Coach Kevin Adkisson said. "There were some nice PRs (personal records). (We) continued an upswing of the season."

As the meet rolled on, the competitions were met with high winds and dark clouds, something that worried many of the athletes. The wind died down though, just in time for senior Michael Morrison. Morrison won the 110 meter hurdles, dominating the race right from the sound of the gun. Morrison also won the 400 meter hurdles. The senior hurdler was named Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) Athlete of the Week for his performances on Saturday.

"I hope this meet will show the confidence of our team and how good

we are," Morrison said.

Morrison wasn't the only one showing that this team has confidence. The men's 100 meter relay hasn't been a strong point for the team this year. With injuries throughout the year, this team was put together with runners that usually don't run the relay. This "underdog" team featured senior Justin Lawrence who has not run the 100 meters since the beginning of March due to a hamstring injury. Sophomore Cresap Watson continued with the second leg and pulled out in front with a commanding lead. Eric Reynolds was the third leg and handed the baton to sophomore Jason Roberts for the win.

"I was standing and getting ready

and I could see Cresap pulling out really far in front and I was like, 'Wow this is awesome,'" Roberts said. "We weren't expected to do well today."

The team finished with a time of 42.99 seconds. Highline Community College wasn't far behind Reynolds when the fourth leg was coming up, but they dropped the baton and were disqualified.

Sophomore Mike Pankiewicz did well also. He won the 800-meter with a time of 1:56 and came in second in the 1500. Junior Matt Cook looked good winning the 3,000 steeple chase and junior Fabien

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photos by Lindsey Jackson/Observer

(left) Sophomore Cresap Watson, running the 200 meter dash, makes the turn with competition right on his heels.(top right) Sophomore Mike Kelley hands off the baton in the 4x400 event. Sophomore Ashley Rountree turns the corner during the 200 meter dash. Rountree took fourth place, while the men's and women's teams took second overall.

Beat the Weekly Sports Geek

Should pro sports have an age requirement?



**Opinion by
Aaron Miller**
Online editor

There's no way you can put an age restriction in all sports. There's always going to be an exception to the rule. For example, 14-year-old Freddie Adu plays soccer for D.C. United in the MLS; Michelle Wie, a 14-year-old golfer who has been playing in men's tournaments since she was 13. Jennifer Capriati started playing pro tennis at 12 and of course LeBron James entered the NBA at 18.

These athletes had the skills at their age to play their respective sports. However, you must look at every sport individually to decide what is the best age for athletes to turn pro.

Football is in shambles right now because a handful of underclassmen tried to challenge a rule allowing them to enter the NFL draft even though they are not three years removed from high school. The reason they have the rule is simple.

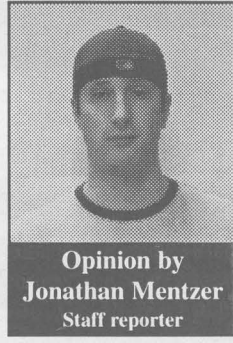
Unlike basketball, which is a contact sport, football is a collision sport. A teenager cannot take the punishment pro football players take day in and day out. They are not mentally prepared for the commitment required to be a professional football player.

Other major sports like hockey, baseball and basketball have developmental leagues where younger players can fine tune their skills. They must also prepare for the abuse a full season of professional sports takes on the body. Plus, a lot of these guys are 18, 19 and 20 years old. They are adults, no one should be able to stop them from doing what they want to do.

I guess my biggest pet peeve is basketball. Everyone says high schoolers should not be drafted, it's bad for the game. But sports like tennis and golf have allowed minors to play as professionals for years. To me there is no difference.

All sports have had their flops: Kwame Brown, Rick Ankiel, Heath Shuler and Alexander Daigle to name a few. But for some sports, the upside of younger athletes turning pro is far greater than the downside.

So if you can shoot the puck, shoot the rock or handle a fastball up and in, then I think you should go pro as young as they will take you. But if you want to strap on the pads and play some pigskin, grab your book bag and head to school for a few years because trust me, you're not ready.



**Opinion by
Jonathan Mentzer**
Staff reporter

In the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling for the NFL to disallow athletes coming out of high school, I take my hat off and applaud their decision.

There should be an age limit in professional team sports because it takes the purity of sports away. Players don't want to play just to play; they are playing for the big bucks.

The NFL is not like any other sport where a high school prodigy can make the jump and get drafted. The NFL, next to the NHL, may be the most physically demanding sport in America. There is no way that a high school football player can be physically ready to take the gridiron and face the likes of Ray Lewis, I mean does that really sound like fun?

The NBA has been welcoming high school athletes ever since Moses Malone did the unthinkable and came to the NBA straight from high school. Since then there have only really been

a handful of athletes that have made an impact that have not gone to college, LeBron James being the most recent. But James is one of a kind; Kwame Brown, Darius Miles, Eddie Curry, Tyson Chandler, Jonathan Bender, DeSagana Diop are among the most recent athletes to make the jump to the NBA from high school that haven't done anything, except irritate fans with their lousy play.

As rare as LeBron James is along with Kevin Garnett, Kobe Bryant, Tracy McGrady, and Amare Stoudamire, there should be an age limit or a time span between high school and the pros. There is nothing that will hurt an athlete's career if he goes to college for at least one year, because college is the minor leagues for the NBA and the NFL.

Many of the players who will be in the draft are from other countries and only 18. Darko Milicic was regarded as possibly being better than LeBron James in the draft. Milicic averaged 4.8 minutes a game and under 3 points per game this season. I know it is very tempting when an agent keeps telling you that there are millions of dollars and your family will never have to work again if you sign with them, but what happens when you don't get drafted?

So what's the hurry of growing up so fast? Act your age, go to college, be young and stupid, before you really have to make decisions.



Chelsea's Blues:

AS Monaco defeated Chelsea 3-1 in the Champion's League semi-final first leg. The London team lost despite playing against ten men for the final 40 minutes.

Kenyan Sweep:

Catherine Ndereba and Timothy Cherigat won the women's and men's annual Boston Marathon Monday. The win completed a double dose for the Kenyans, who won the world's most prestigious annual marathon.

A win at last:

NASCAR driver Rusty Wallace won the Advance Auto Parts 500, his first win in 105 consecutive starts.

The other sister:

Venus Williams ended a 14 month period without a title, defeating Conchita Martinez, 2-6, 6-2, and 6-1 to win the Family Circle Cup. It was William's 30th career title.

Playoff power:

PGA golfer Stewart Cink won the MCI Hertiage in a five-hole playoff with Ted Purdy. Cink came from nine strokes back to force the playoff. The win was Cink's third of his career.

Tintin strikes back:

Italian cyclist Davide Rebellin, also known as Tintin, won the Dutch Amstel Gold Race on Sunday. Rebellin beat out local favorite Michael Boogard in a two-up sprint.

Wildcats take two from Western

by Marie Alkire
Staff reporter

The Central softball team didn't have a good beginning to their weekend. They lost both games against the Seattle University (SU) Redhawks, 3-2 and 7-1.

The first game ended with both teams scoring all their runs in the seventh inning. Freshman shortstop Catrina Robertson and freshman pinch hitter Jenae James scored the two late-inning runs for Central. Then, unfortunately, in the bottom of the seventh the Redhawks came back with three runs to win.

"All of us were really disappoint-

ed, in the top of the seventh inning we thought it was a shoo-in to win," freshman left fielder Jenna Bellamy said.

The second game for the Wildcats was an even larger disappointment ending 7-1 in SU's favor. The Wildcat's only run came in the first inning. Sophomore center fielder Jen Curl hit a double to left field then scored when sophomore right fielder Patty Martinez singled to right field.

Central ranked eighth in the NCAA Division II western region poll and Seattle University ranked seventh going into these games.

Sunday proved to be a much better day with the Wildcats leaving Western

Washington University with two wins. The first game was a 2-0 shutout and the second, a close game ending 3-2.

In the third inning of the first game, senior pitcher Jill McCarthy was walked with freshman pinch runner Molly Maxfield running for her. Sophomore second baseman, Rachael Keen was also walked. When freshman first baseman Mallory Holtman hit a single up the middle, both Maxfield and Keen scored. McCarthy threw her record seventh shutout game of the season.

In the second game, Curl had three runs batted in (RBI), one in the third inning with freshman catcher Allie

Kauffman scoring and the other two in the eighth inning allowing Kristin Powell and James to score. These RBIs won the game for Central.

"The pitching in these games was huge," senior third baseman Annie Franks said, "Jill and Sara pitched two very good games."

Central's next four games will be on their home field. The first two are at 1 and 3 p.m. on Thursday April 22 against Western Oregon University and the next at noon and 2 p.m.



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Bad breath is an otherwise healthy person is often caused by decomposing food particles and the bacteria that feed on them. It is also caused by decaying or diseased teeth and gums. Even the most strenuous and regular brushing and flossing at home

can not reverse these problems without your dentist's help. Any incidence of bleeding gums when you brush or floss could be a sign that you have gum disease. You may not feel any discomfort in your gums, but the disease is there and may get worse, causing loose teeth and other problems, as well as bad breath.

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Baseball splits slugfest series

by Mike Leeper
Staff reporter

Anyone who was in Ellensburg this weekend was well aware of the baseballs flying around Tomlinson Field. It was an offensive display this weekend between the Wildcats of Central Washington University and the Saints from Saint Martin's College (SMC). The two teams combined for an amazing 72 runs over the four games this weekend. Both teams came out of the weekend with two wins apiece.

"Overall I was a little bit disappointed, because we had a great opportunity to really jump up in the polls," Coach Desi Storey said.

In game one, the Wildcats fell victim to the visiting SMC 13-5. The two teams combined for 30 hits and 18 runs in the game. The Wildcats had good offensive showings from senior outfielder Willie Kahn, senior catcher Scott Wilson and senior third baseman Brian Thomson. All three players drove in a run and had at least two hits in the game. SMC scorched Wildcat pitching for 13 runs on 17 hits. Senior starting pitcher Jeremy Mannin only lasted four and two-thirds innings and surrendered nine hits and eight earned runs.

The second game of the day was much better for the Wildcats when they defeated SMC 10-1. Senior pitcher Brian Esparza threw a complete game giving up only five hits and one run, while striking out eight Saint batters. Senior first baseman Tyrel Mullendore was a perfect three for three in the game and had one RBI. Wilson was three for four with two RBIs on the day. The Wildcats came away with 13 hits in the game and were helped out by a sub-par defensive performance on the part of the Saints, who had five errors in the

game.

"Early in the year I was trying to make the perfect pitch and today I just trusted my stuff and relaxed and threw," Esparza said.

Game one on Sunday provided a show, the two teams combined for 35 runs and 40 hits. Central was on the winning end of game one with a 25-10 victory.

Every starter in the Wildcats' lineup had a hit in the game. Troy Martin had four hits and four RBIs, including a two-run home run in the first inning. Wilson also went four for five and drove in four runs.

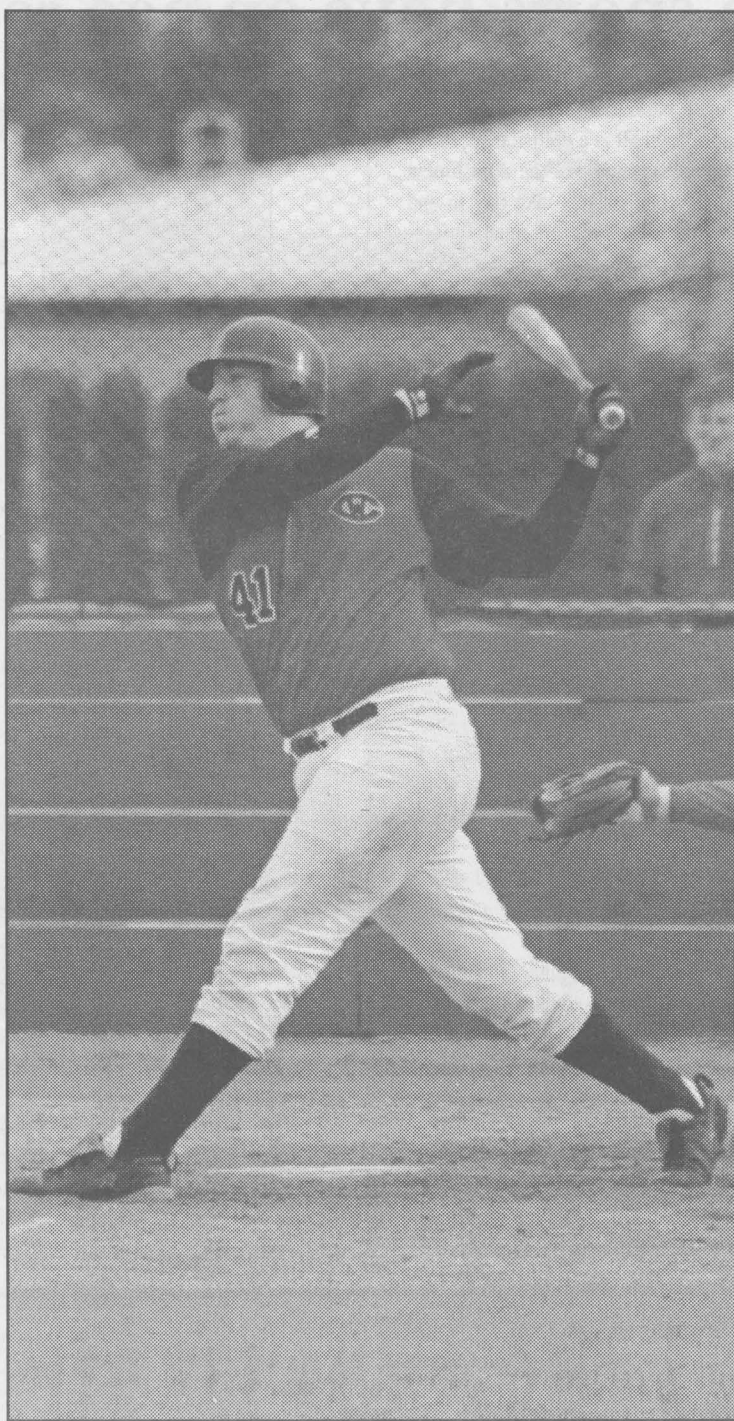
Wilson set a school record by hitting safely in 24 straight games. Junior Issac Finch pitched five innings and got his fourth win of the season for the Wildcats. Junior Justin Knutson finished out the final four innings of the game to get his first save of the season.

"It was a fun time, it felt good to get a big win like that," Wilson said.

The second game of the day was the only game of the weekend where neither team had at least double-digit runs in the game. The Wildcats lost the game 5-3 in a pitcher's duel. Kevin Olson pitched five and a third strong innings for the Wildcats, but it just wasn't enough. The Wildcat hitters were only able to bang out three runs on nine hits. Troy Martin had a great game going two for two with two RBIs.

The Wildcats were rained out of their game against Lewis-Clark State on Tuesday. The makeup game has been set for 3 p.m. on April 26 in Ellensburg.

Central will head on the road this weekend to play Western Oregon in two doubleheaders. The Saturday games will be at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., while the Sunday games will be at noon and 3 p.m.

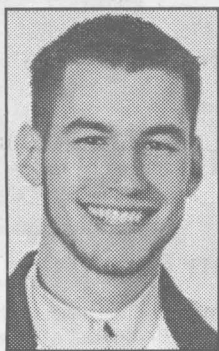


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Senior Tyrel Mullendore crushes a pitch in a 10-1 victory.

Athlete of the week

•Michael Morrison•



athlete of the week.

Last weekend in Ellensburg, Morrison took home victories in the 110 and 400 meters hurdles at the Spike Arlt Invitational. The two wins from Morrison helped Central to a strong second place finish in the invitational. His 14.92 seconds in the 110 meters was the best time in the GNAC this spring. Morrison's 400 meter hurdles time is just .24 seconds off of Western Oregon's Sam Hobbs GNAC best. Morrison will have three more regular season meets this year to try and break Hobbs' time.

NOTABLES:

Morrison also competes in the decathlon and will have a chance to showcase his skill in several different events this weekend. Some of the Central track and field athletes will be heading to the GNAC Multi-Events, which will take place in Monmouth, Ore.

Monday's announcement of the award marked the second time a male track and field athlete received the award and third overall for Central's track and field team.

TRACK: Athletes notch personal records at home

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Coutard, who was hoping to break 22 seconds, came just shy of that demand when he finished second in the 200-meter dash with 22.5.

In his first meet with the team, senior long jumper Joe Smith jumped 23 feet to take the event, putting his name at the top of the list in the conference. There were also many personal records (PR) at the meet. Sophomore Mike Kelley took fourth in the 400, but had a PR with 49.9. Senior hammer thrower David Uberti also had a PR with 147 feet.

Lawrence won the triple jump, but this time it wasn't as easy for him. Starting out a little rough with five scratches, he finally settled down and took the event with a jump of 47'7". Lawrence did not compete at the Mt. Sac Relays in Walnut, Calif. because the school did not fund the trip and he would have had to pay for it himself. For Lawrence, a senior, this was his last home meet.

"It's cool and nice to be at home at a familiar place," Lawrence said. "It's kind of sad though. I have always enjoyed this meet."

The women's 400 relay continued their winning attitude from last week-

end as they squeaked by SPU with a new school record of 3:53.56. The 400 team was flying through the race when the final leg went to sophomore Terran Legard who ran a 54-second split. SPU was challenging Legard on the final stretch, but when they hit the final 200 mark, Legard turned it on and took it home. The team also witnessed a great performance by sophomore Ashley Roundtree, who won the 100-meter hurdles. Central's women's team also did well in the 3,000 steeple chase thanks to junior Stephanie Stine who won the race.

"We are continuing to have good improvements," Adkisson said. "I'm happy to see the good progression. There were a lot of people coming through."

After the successful weekend, the Wildcats now have five top times or marks in the GNAC. Central also has several second places in the conference who have just missed the top finishers.

Central will be competing at numerous events this week. There will be a conference multi-event, which consists of a decathlon on Thursday and Friday at Western Oregon University. An open meet will also be held at Western Oregon on Friday. A much bigger meet will take place at the University of Oregon, on Friday and Saturday.

These are key meets before heading into the GNAC championships on May 8.

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



Central Athletics
Softball
Doubleheader
Western Oregon
1 and 3 p.m.

Track and Field
GNAC Multi-Event
Championships
Monmouth, Ore.



vs. OAK 1:35 p.m.
TV: None
Radio: All games on
1240 AM

FRIDAY 4/16



Track and Field
GNAC Multi-Event
Championships
Monmouth, Ore.



@ TEX 5:05 p.m.
TV: Fox Sports NW

SATURDAY 4/17



Baseball
Doubleheader
@ Western Oregon
Noon and 3 p.m.

Softball
Doubleheader
Saint Martin's
Noon and 2 p.m.



@ TEX 5:05 p.m.
TV: Fox Sports NW

SUNDAY 4/18



Baseball
Doubleheader
@ Western Oregon
Noon and 2 p.m.

Seattle Mariners
@ TEX 11:05 a.m.
TV: Fox Sports NW

by Andrew Grinaker
Sports editor

YEAR: Senior
HOMETOWN: Lacey, Wa.
(North Thurston H)
SPORT: Track and Field
POSITION: Hurdler

NOTES:

On Monday, the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) announced Michael Morrison as the conference's male

Central record holder continues success

by Takuya Funaki
Staff reporter

An old American science fiction movie made in 1958 sets the story of a wealthy woman who encounters an alien, grows to 50 feet tall, and gets revenge on her husband and others that annoyed her. If she were to lie down on the ground, could anyone jump over her with only three steps? Yes, senior triple jumper Justin Lawrence probably could.

Lawrence, a triple jumper on the track and field team at Central Washington University, was named Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) Co-Athlete of the Week on April 6.

Lawrence marked 49 feet, 7 inches on April 3 at the Ralph Vernacchia Team Classic in Bellingham, breaking the previous GNAC record of 49 feet, 2 1/2 inches which he established last season.

"I didn't totally expect it, though I jumped well. So I was pretty excited about it," Lawrence said.

Coach Kevin Adkisson praised Lawrence's accomplishment.

"It's really great to see his recog-

nition of all the marks he has been establishing," Adkisson said. "His whole season has been very consistent so far. This year, he just continues that. He is going to be All American, which he just missed last year."

Adkisson said many factors contributed to Lawrence's success.

"Justin has been a very dedicated worker," Adkisson said. "He shows an excellent progression each year because he has such a great work ethic and definitely puts in more work than anyone else in general. So he has a lot of time to be able to develop himself."

Lawrence spoke of the joy and the difficulty of the triple jump.

"The best part is definitely having a good competition, getting a good jump, just when everything comes together, because there are three different processes in triple jump in which a lot can go wrong," Lawrence said. "I have trouble on the board, being consistent. Usually, my big jumps scratch by a little bit because I ran a little bit faster. So, the consistency on the board is definitely my hardest part."

Lawrence started the triple jump

event when he was a sophomore in high school.

"I used to play baseball and football and actually I never even thought of it except when my football coach said that I should try jumping because I was a good jumper," Lawrence said. "Once I tried it, I realized I probably had a future in it. That's why I decided triple jump."

Lawrence said he has learned from engaging in track and field: how it is different from other team sports.

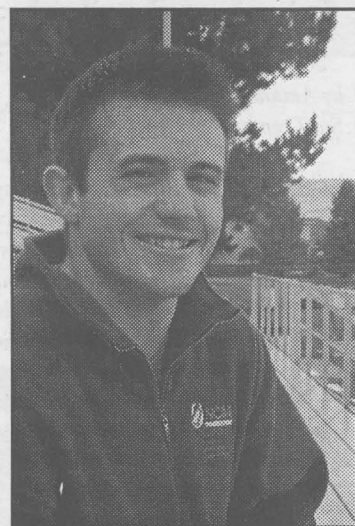
"It's an individual sport, so basically your performance is based on how you are prepared and how you perform," Lawrence said. "In track, it's all on your shoulder. If you don't prepare for it, it's going to shorten

your performance. It definitely made me realize that you can work hard if you want, but you don't have to, and if you work hard, you can accomplish it."

Lawrence is not satisfied with what he has done so far.

"I have a couple goals right now," Lawrence said. "I definitely want to break 50 foot mark which I have done a few times on scratches. I have never done a legal one. I'm already qualified to national, so obviously my ultimate goal would be to win the national title."

Lawrence never stops challenging his limit. He has only got to his second step, and he keeps the final to jump over the world.



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Justin Lawrence takes a break from breaking records at Tomlinson Field.



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Get Outdoors: Cast into Ellensburg fishing

by Amanda Shank
Staff reporter

Enter into the world of fishing. It's more than just an outdoor activity; it's a strategic game involving two main players, the angler and the fish.

The Yakima River and surrounding lakes of Ellensburg lay claim to some of the best fishing in the Northwest. Both fly and bait fishermen take advantage of the prime fishing spots as a stress reliever and a chance to improve their fishing strategy.

"It isn't just where you are that makes a successful fishing day, it's a combination of which fly you're using, the cast you make and the approach to your cast," Jack Mitchell, owner of the Evening Hatch Fly Shop and Guide Service, said. "In essence, winning in fishing is being there in the outdoors, catching fish, and using your strategies to catch them."

According to Mitchell, a day's catch on the catch-and-release Yakima River can be anywhere from four to 120 fish of either cutthroat or rainbow trout. Matoon and Carey Lakes offer a larger variety of fish including bass, perch, bluegills and trout, but yield

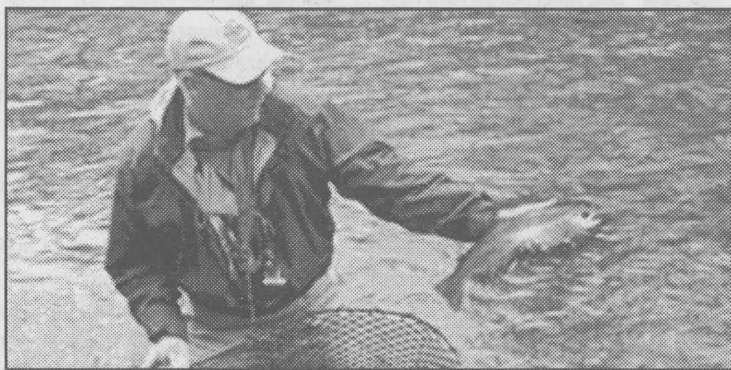


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Jack Mitchell scoops up a fish during a day on the river.

smaller numbers.

Whatever the catch or location the state of Washington requires a fishing license which can be purchased at Fred Meyer or Bi-Mart. This ticket to Ellensburg's fishing grounds is \$23.90 and good for a year.

"The best part about fishing is the relaxing that goes along with it," Aaron Guehrn, senior biology major, said. "The only thing that bothers you is the bugs."

Mitchell said the best therapeutic relaxation for fly fishermen is the Yakima which is a designated artificial lure river only. Although fishermen

on the Yakima's tributaries and Ellensburg's lakes are permitted to keep a specified number of fish, they are allowed to use both artificial lure and bait.

"When the fish hits the fly and you can feel it—it feels like something just smacked your arm - that's the most exciting part of fishing," Josh King, sophomore English literature major, said. "It's just you, the outdoors and that fish, and you're just reeling it in."

For more information, check out the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/>.

This Week's Outdoor Event

Place: The Yakima River, Matoon Lake, Carey Lake, the Desert Lakes, and the Taneum, Manastash, and Teanaway Creeks.

Event: Artificial lure or bait fishing.

Time Duration: Three hours to a full day.

Equipment Needed: A rod, reel, line and fishing license necessary. Waders and sturdy boots recommended depending on location.

Place You Can Get It: The Evening Hatch Fly Shop and Worley-Bugger Fly Company both sell and rent equipment. Bi-Mart and Fred Meyer sell equipment. Check local listings for more shops.

NBA Regular Season —by the— Numbers

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Number of Seattle Sonics in the Top 50 in scoring this year

2

Eastern Conference teams in the Top 10 in team scoring

28

Points per game by Tracy McGrady this season, his second straight regular season scoring title

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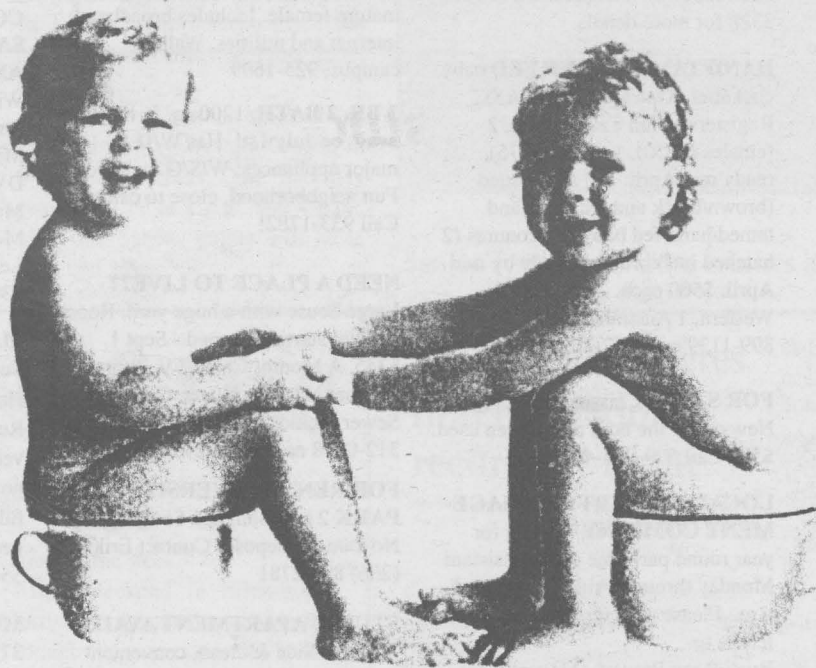
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