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Central Washington University
Central green thumbs show off

by Stuart Perkins
Staff reporter

Walk through a tropical oasis and see an iguana, then walk through a desert and see more than 1,000 cacti. This isn't a description of a great summer vacation; it is a description of what can be found at Central Washington University's greenhouse.

"If it wasn't for this greenhouse I wouldn't see this many plants in an entire lifetime," Noah Bonds, senior biology major, said. "We have plants from all over the world under one roof."

The greenhouse is divided into four rooms that have different climates and plants. It is used for a variety of functions including growing "plant specimens for the biology department, acting as a teaching tool for local schools and providing drawing and painting subjects for art students. The greenhouse is also home to animals such as turtles, tree frogs and a three-foot iguana. According to Noah Bonds, a greenhouse employee, the tree frogs found at the greenhouse are the loudest in the world for their size.

The plants found in Central's greenhouse are growing around the clock, especially since it has begun to warm up. The bird of paradise, a tropical plant, is used for a variety of functions.

The four rooms of the biology greenhouse contain different plants and climates. One such climate is desert where over 1,000 cacti are housed. Other spaces include two tropical rooms. Another room is used for classes and teachers for studies and experiments.

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North Village Café opens soon

by Amy Gegoux
Staff reporter

Students who have been waiting for the Depot Deli to reopen are not going to have to wait much longer. The Depot Deli has been under remodel since October 2003. One of the major changes is the name; the dining hall on north campus will now be called North Village Café & Store.

"We are all extremely excited about this project," Stacey Klippenstein, director of university housing, said. "This will be the largest dining facility on the north campus, with seating for 120, a full C-Store, espresso bar and a concession stand. This really offers students a nice dining option.

The North Village Café & Store will be open June 1. While fine tuning the cafe operations, Residence Life plans to serve main courses, said. "This will be the largest dining facility the north side of campus has ever had, with seating for over 1,000 people.

The Depot Deli is changing its name to North Village Café & Store. The remodel brings several spaces with network and power connections for those with laptops.

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There are many new changes that the cafe has added on, including bathrooms. Dining Services has improved the layout of the cafe and added more food options. Another issue they are working on is making the menu affordable for students.

"I think it's better, cleaner and more people can be in here," Elizabeth McKay, junior undecided major, said. "I would like to apologize for the length of the project," Rob Borngrebe, director of Dining Services, said. "It has gone on one month longer than expected. We are very sorry to students who have had to deal with this construction.

Regular operating hours will begin June 21. The hours have not been announced but dining services are planning to increase hours and be open seven days a week. They may even offer breakfast.

BOD debate takes to SUB floor

by Melissa Newman
Staff reporter

The ASCWU/BOD election is quickly approaching and competition between candidates is increasing. Candidates had an opportunity to answer questions and campaign about on-campus issues to grab votes at last Thursday's debate.

The debate began with the introduction of 12 candidates running for the seven positions. Election committee chair, Michael Skiff, talked about the two issues that will appear on this year's ballot.

"The first initiative will propose a $10 increase to the quarterly student athletic fees to ensure the current levels of student athletic competition and participation," Skiff said. "It will also help to increase scholarships, maintain and upgrade equipment and facilities to create a more competitive NCAA Division II athletic institution."
Exam Panic? Free tutoring help, meet with groups
by Jennifer Turner
Staff reporter

As daylight hours grow longer and longer and finals draw nearer and nearer, more students might be finding a few extra hours to hit the books rather than the Yakima River. For the past three years, Central Washington University’s university housing and new student programs office has provided a tutoring service, free of charge, that students might find valuable prior to that all-night cramming session before the big test.

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In Brief
Weekend homestays
Every summer Central’s English as a Second Language Program arranges three-week language culture programs for groups of students from its partner schools overseas. Some schools, such as Shimane Women’s College and Shimane University have been sending groups of students here for more than 12 years. One of the most memorable aspects of their experience is the weekend homestay. Homestays are scheduled during the weekend of July 23-25 and August 13-15. If interested in hosting contact Steve Horowitz at 963-2512 or horowitz@cwu.edu.

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A flowering plant renowned for its exotic flower, blooms in November, while the orchids bloom during the winter. "The orchids are beautiful," Jonathan Betz, sophomore biology education major, said. "There is a lot to learn at the greenhouse, like how the vanilla orchid, which we have here, is where vanilla comes from."

Other plants at the greenhouse that people use regularly include a banana tree, which currently has large green bananas on it, and agave, which is used to make tequila.

Room two is used by classes and teachers for studies and experiments. One current study is attempting to find an efficient way to compost mint remains. According to Bonds, over 100,000 cubic yards of mint waste from eastern Washington is currently dumped into landfills each year. The study isn’t finished but the results look promising.

The greenhouse staff provides tours for groups and welcomes both students and the general public to visit. Volunteers interested in working at the greenhouse are needed throughout the school year. Contact 963-2350 or go to cwu.edu/-biology/facilities/greenhouse for more info.

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President’s Day retreat
left: The Wildcat Battalion marches past onlookers Friday, May 14, right: The color guard stands at attention during the pass in review at the drill pad in front of Peterson Hall.

World Language Day band rocks SUB

by Andrew Van Den Hoek
Staff reporter

With a history dating back to 1891, Central has accumulated many artifacts and documents. However, there has never been any centralized group or program to take care of those bits and pieces of Central’s history, until the Cultural Heritage Archives and Museum Project was started.

"The program started about two years ago when people around the university understood that the cultural heritage of the university was at risk," David Kaufman, library interim dean and committee chair of CHAMP, said. "They had a desire to begin capturing, identifying, assessing and then saving this heritage to be used for educational purposes."

One of the first steps in the project is finding and identifying heritage resources eligible for collection and preservation.

"That’s why we’re asking for help in identifying objects and collections across campus or even those that community members have in their homes that may be valuable to our historical and cultural legacy," Martha Duskin-Smith, anthropology museum curator, said. "This is being done in part through an online survey, which allows people to report items that are part of Central’s heritage."

Some of the items that have been collected thus far include typewriters, sewing machines, old chairs as well as old books and documents.

"Those artifacts can be paper, three dimensional artifacts, furniture items, and items from defunct departments," David Moffatt, program coordinator of Centrals surplus and asset management program, said.

Central is also looking at other school museum and archiving programs. One such program that the school is using as a potential model is Duke University, which has a well-established archive program.

One of the biggest problems faced in starting the CHAMP program is finding space and a location in which to put things.

"We are going through the library and taking rooms that have been used as storage rooms, surplus the stuff that’s in there and turning the rooms into archive storage space, archive exhibition space and archive assessment space," Kaufman said. "Before we look for new space, we’re going to shepherd of our good space that we have now."

For more information on CHAMP, log on to its Web site at http://www.cwu.edu/-heritage. A link to the survey form used to report heritage items is also on the site.

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The Blue Tropics play original music Friday, May 14 in front of the SUB. The show was in addition to workshops, presentations, speeches, food and activities throughout the event.
BRING BACK THESE SPORTS!

Opinion by Stuart Perkins
Staff reporter

With all the talk of the war in Iraq, A b u G h a b i prisoner a b u s e, and a poor economy, I thought it was time to highlight some of the good things about President Bush's time in office. So, try to forget about all the terrible things happening around the world right now and instead look at some of President Bush's accomplishments.

Feb 2004- Bush gives a speech on U.S. Abraham Lincoln in front of mission accomplished sign, and announces "major combat operations in Iraq have ended." (Time) Wow, I'm glad he was right and there hasn't been major fighting in Iraq since then.

-May 2003- The White House announces that terrorists will not be treated by the guidelines of the Geneva Convention. (Whitehouse.gov) This international convention that gives prisoners of war basic human rights like not being tortured really gets in the way.

-April 2003- Colin Powell says "we will find weapons of mass destruction." (BBC) Hey, they could show up.

-Nov 2000- Bush warns voters that his opponent, Al Gore, would use the military in nation building, something he is adamantly against. (Washington Post) But Iraq and Afghanistan don't count, he was talking about a different type of nation building.

-July 2002- Bush says that the economy is "heading in the right direction." (CNN) It's been almost two years since the economy has been heading in the right direction. Job market, here I come.

Other great accomplishments include under funding his own education plan ("No Child Left Behind"). Halliburton receiving a no bid contract, Halliburton overcharging the US by $60 million, US pulling out of the Kyoto treaty (green house emissions reduction treaty), opposing the 9/11 commission, promising $15 billion to combat AIDS and then under funding the project, and so much more.

So let's give Bush a round of applause and give him a well earned vacation. Jan 20, 2005 would be a good date for it to start.
**Big screen coming to town**

by Marcus Tabert
Staff reporter

This fall, the stars are going to shine a little brighter in Ellensburg—at least the stars lighting up the big screen movie theater located on Mountain View Road next to Bi-Mart. Brandy Eyerly, associate planner for Ellensburg community development, said the theater plans include 1,153 seats, a concession area and a video arcade.

“I’ve been waiting for this theater for a really long time,” Jason Paschen, manager of Grand Central Theater, said. “I’m really excited about it, and I think it should be a lot of fun.”

According to Shannon Johnson, secretary for the office of community development in Ellensburg, the theater is expected to cost $1.2 million and should be completed during fall of 2004. Paschen thinks the theater will be beneficial to the Ellensburg community and that the town is big enough to support a theater of this size.

“Movies are something that everyone likes to go to and lots of times they like to drive down to Yakima to go see a movie,” Paschen said.

Andy Hanson, senior information, technology major, thinks the new theater will benefit Central Washington University students, but may have a negative effect in the community.

“Most of the people (in the community) are kind of old fashioned,” Hanson said. “I think they will show the same movie on different screens so more people can get in. I think it’s good.”

According to Paschen, the new theater will feature all the popular movies, and they will be able to keep movies in town for longer than two weeks, which is often the case for films at Grand Central.

Tavis Beyerl, assistant manager for Liberty Theater, thinks movies might be a little ambitious for a town of Ellensburg’s size.

“Personally, if I was doing it, I wouldn’t build more than six (screens),” Beyerl said. “I don’t know if Ellensburg can support that many screens. I’m kind of interested to see what will happen.”

Beyerl thinks the new theater will affect Liberty’s business when it first opens, but overall, he doesn’t think it will change business dramatically.

“There’s so many movies that come out that nobody (in town) ends up getting,” Beyerl said. “I think generally there’s enough movies to go around.”

Beyerl said studies try to split the big movies up between the theaters in town. “It’s not going to be something where (the new theater) gets a movie and we get the same movie and people have to decide where they want to go,” Beyerl said.

Paschen said the owners of the Grand Central Theater plan to make the current building as a theater for showing new movies, but there is talk of making it a discount theater.

**Hybrid campus card splits board**

by Jeremie Wallichs
Staff Reporter

Central Washington University’s Central Connection Card may soon be everywhere you want to be.

The Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWUBOD) will vote on instituting a new Connection Card as early as Fall 2005 that allows students to link the card with a checking account, giving the students a checking card opportunity.

This card would hold the same benefits as the current card with a few changes: a bank logo and a 16-digit number on the front, as well as ease of money transfers to the card.

Central could also potentially use this connection to deposit payroll and refund checks directly.

Additionally, students would have the ability to transfer smaller amounts to their card at any time instead of large amounts at one time.

This is if the proposal gets past the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWUBOD).

Every student’s student account card would allow this for their account, and the card would have all the features as the current card.

According to Kimball, the card would have to be approved by students, meaning that not every student would have to have the card.

The card would have all the features as the current card, including the on campus meal plan, identification in all buildings and access to dorm buildings.

“It’s a matter of convenience,” Kimball said. “We don’t need to change the card. It would be a lot more efficient if we could directly link the student account to the card. It’s the idea of using one card for all benefits.”

However, the card has some downsides that have been pointed out to students in the past, Kimball said. The card for this account would have to have an account with the same bank. Kimball says that no software has been developed that would be able to tie to multiple banks. Also, the card being connected to a debit account leads to security questions.

“Security is a huge issue,” said Creighton, ASCWUBOD Vice President of Clubs and Organizations and vocal opposition of this idea, said. “Students use their connection more than any credit or debit card, so it gives more opportunity to lose it.”

Creighton also said there is lack of bank support.

“It’s way more hassle than it is convenience,” Creighton said. “There’s too many holes and too many problems. These holes and problems don’t outweigh the convenience.”

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At this time, more information will be available from the committee in charge of research and development.

**DEBATE: Issues continued from page 1**

Two initiatives will appear on the ballots during the ASCWUBOD elections and students will vote in support of or against the issues being proposed.

“The second initiative will propose a $5 per quarter surcharge fee for students attending Central Washington University for the sole purpose of reinstating swimming and wrestling as varsity sports,” Skiff said.

Next, a panel of students and faculty, created by the election committee, had the opportunity to ask the candidates questions. Each panel member directed a question to an office in which both candidates were given a set amount of time to answer the question.

Once the panel question and answer session had finished, the candidates were given the opportunity to make a short speech about platform items and to address issues related to their office.

“There was enough time for the candidates to explain their platforms effectively,” said Lisa Marhe, sophomore.

More business administration major, said. “Marhe is a member of the election committee, which made a point to give each candidate time to campaign.”

The debate concluded with a student question and answer session that lasted more than an hour.

Candidates were bombarded with questions about various issues on campus. Parking, political lobbying in Olympia, the new Student Union Building and Recreation facility voter participation, the Residence Hall Association, issues in faculty senate, conflicts between the BOD offices and community relations were a few of the many issues addressed by different candidates.

“It’s important for the office of V.P. for Political Affairs to have knowledge with politics not only at a university level, but a state and national level as well,” Karina Baccia, senior law and justice major, said. "For the office of president, I want to hear how much the candidate knows about V.P. (who) administratively is on a student ASCWUBOD Executive Vice President Dan Michael disagrees with Creighton and Gonzaga University and Washington State University currently use a card similar to this, but information regarding their answers to several of the issues including security was not available at press time. Kimball said the bond issue with the new SURREC building is taking precedence, so the card will not be dealt with until the other part of the term.”

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John Strasser takes the podium at the May 13 debate.

I also want to hear how they have already contributed to the university in preparation for the position of candidates.

The general election will be held tomorrow and polling sites will be set up in the Student Union Building, Commons and in the Yakima, Ellensburg and Ellensburg-North Pavilion. For more information about the BOD candidates or other election issues, you can check out the ASCWUBOD Elections 2004 Website at [www.ugrad-research.cwu.edu/source](http://www.ugrad-research.cwu.edu/source).
College degree is what you make it

Three weeks to graduation, and I'm scared. I know there are certain things a college degree can't guarantee and I'm suddenly like a deer in the headlights wondering if the money, the time, the energy has been worth it. A college degree doesn't guarantee a happy marriage, well-adjusted kids or a well-paying job. It can't protect you from alcoholism or drug addiction. A college degree doesn't protect your health. A college degree doesn't make you happy, help you relax, and accord­ ing to one person I know, doesn't necessarily prepare you for the "real world."

A college degree doesn't guarantee anything. Or does it?

I came back to college for a variety of reasons. My son was getting ready to leave home, and I needed something to focus on besides an empty nest. My goal was to help you create in your homes. I wanted to do something.

I also wanted a college degree ever since I dropped out of college at 18 and have a sense of pride about what I've accomplished. I now feel prepared to work at an actual profession for which I've spent four years preparing. I have knowledge and expertise to contribute. I have a name on the business card.

A college degree often don't have. A college degree is respected. It shows we had gained. Only then can a college degree change us, open the door to oppor­tunity, offer the world, and write without a degree, but I felt it was important for me. I wanted to learn the skills and techniques of the trade I love. I wanted that B.A. behind my name on the business card.

All education is a continuous dialogue-questions and answers that pursue the horizon. That is the essence of academic freedom. It must be heard, you must first educate stu­dents. The S & A Fees Guidelines lies the purpose of the fee as "giving students a strong voice in the fund­raising of activities to improve the quality of life." For that strong voice to be heard, you must first educate stu­dents on what they are funding and why it is important. A simple break­down of the baccalaureate and supple­mental funding would help students and the BOD alike understand what is funded and how the S & A Committee assesses it's spending.

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Tricia Rabel
Senior Information Technology

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOD made careless vote

A representative government, such as the Board of Directors (BOD), needs to make decisions for a large number of people in a short amount of time. The problem arises when these student leaders act irrespon­sibly and make decisions without having all the information, assessing what is best for the student body or even asking questions of the motion.

I attended the BOD meeting last Thursday, May 13 and was shocked at the BOD's careless vote about student fees. A member of the Service and Activities (S & A) Fee Committee proposed that BOD rec­ommend to raise the S & A fee by $0.76. The entire motion took less than five minutes for the board to discuss and pass. The reasoning was that since tuition was being raised, student fees should be raised as well. According to Student Account Services, we pay $333 every quarter to S & A as part of our tuition pay­ment, yet the average student proba­bly couldn't tell you what S & A stands for, how much we pay, or where this money goes.

My frustration isn't based on the motion itself. I believe that S & A fees fund programs that are vital to the culture and well being of our stu­dents. Without them the Student Union couldn't operate, student pro­grams wouldn't exist and the BOD and the BOD alike understand what is funded and how the S & A Committee assesses it's spending. The S & A Fees Guidelines lies the purpose of the fee as "giving students a strong voice in the fund­ing of activities to improve the quali­ty of life." For that strong voice to be heard, you must first educate stu­dents on what they are funding and why it is important. A simple break­down of the baccalaureate and supple­mental funding would help students and the BOD alike understand what is funded and how the S & A Committee assesses it's spending.

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VOICING OPINIONS

Tragedy brings clarity
by Ryan Coe
Staff reporter

For many college students, a complex financial plan filled with potential pitfalls can be stressful.
One relatively stress-free project — it seems professors get together during the winter and spring breaks to coordinate their end-of-the-year activities. The result is a series of student-generated pieces of writing, which are then published in a special section of the Observer's Opinion section.

VOICING OPINIONS

by George Hawley
Asst. Copy editor

Most Americans have never heard of George Soros. Unfortunately, this Hungarian-born billionaire and left-wing fantasist may have a major impact on this year’s election. Soros hopes his money will allow him to purchase the influence of several political organizations, including the David licking his right ear, while he also seems excited about the possibilities of the current political climate. He has been active in getting out the vote.

The reality is that he isBradly anti-American and unashamedly using his fortune to further his agenda. Despite making billions through international currency speculation, Soros has made no secret of his contempt for capitalism. He has declared as his goal the subversion of American sovereignty, and the handover of power to institutions like the U.N. Not surprisingly, Soros is a huge financial supporter of left-wing organizations like MoveOn.org, which are able to run as many campaign ads as they want because they are not really connected to the Democratic Party. Soros has admitted to already spending over $15 million dollars in the past election, and has declared that he intends to spend much more. Not too long ago, Soros was screaming about the need to get big money out of politics.

If Kerry were to win, he would owe George Soros far more favors than Cheney ever owed Halliburton. A scary thought given what Soros has declared he is fighting for. Despite being Jewish, Soros has admitted that he hates Israel. He has declared that he wants to take arms away from American citizens. He calls for open borders, free abortion on demand, the abandonment of Iraq, increased government spending and tax increases. Soros is more than your typical Democrat, he is a left-wing radical of the worst kind.

The left loves to accuse conservatives of themselves out to big corporations. Perhaps before they say that again, they should examine the foreign billionaire who has bought the Democratic Party.
Getting down and dirty with bands at the downtown D & M

Summer is on the way, and with it comes outdoor entertainment and leisure activities, including a perennial favorite: concerts. To start the summer concert ritual off this year, 88.1 The 'Burg is having their annual Battle of the Bands at 6 p.m. tonight, at the D & M Coffee Co. on the corner of Third and Pine.

"This event is a great way to bring Central students and people from the community together," Joanna Horowitz, music director of 88.1 The 'Burg and Theatre Arts major, said. "There will be live music and a chance to win tickets to the Sasquatch Music Festival."

Battle of the Bands is a contest between five bands who will compete to win a prize package including the opportunity to play a demo on air by 88.1 The 'Burg and a chance to play live at The Mint Bar and Grill.

"It wasn't so much of a competition and more of a concert," Casey Wagner, senior photography major and band member of Mosaic, who played at last year's event, said. "It's a really good crowd; people around here are really receptive to live music."

Novatemp, an alternative pop/rock band who moved to Ellensburg from Portland, will be starting the evening. Next up will be User's Guide, a punk band made up of three Ellensburg High School students. Third to compete is Oxbow Scar, a foursome who recently won The 'Burg's demo contest and is eager for another win. The only band that is not from Ellensburg is The Silver Street Project of Seattle. This band mixes the sounds of jazz, Latin and rock into their music, and will be performing fourth. The final band will be announced at the event.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for the community and Central to support local bands," Horowitz said. "Last year we had a least a couple hundred people come out and watch the bands."

Judging will be done by Kim Nowacki of the Yakima Herald, Justin Gibbens and Howard Barlow of the band Common Creature Catcher, Ah-nah Caples-Nylander of the band Savage Lucy, last year's Battle of the Bands winner and Horowitz.

The event is free. For more information, contact Horowitz at 963-2284.

by Kayla Knott
Staff reporter

GALA-GLBTSA celebrates pride, acceptance

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, Straight Alliance in conjunction with the Center for Student Empowerment hosted their annual celebration of diversity May 17-20, entitled Pride Week. Pride week kicked off Monday May 17 with "To Be Young and Trans," a panel featuring transgendered individuals. Kate Bainbridge, senior elementary education major and incoming president of GALA-GLBTSA, thought the panel was a success.

"I think it went really well" Bainbridge said. "I think to hear stories of anyone's life is eye-opening."

On Tuesday May 18 "Religion and Homosexuality: An Open Discussion" featured local guest speakers Reverend Margaret Fisher of Grace Episcopal Church and Larry Lowther, a member of First United Methodist Church and a retired Central history professor.

Both presenters spoke about tolerance in the church.

"Tolerant does not mean that I will allow (someone) to sit in a pew and I will pray for (that person) to be changed," Fisher said. "Real tolerance is looking someone in the eye knowing we come from completely different places and acknowledging that God is at work and revealed in that person."

Wednesday May 19 activities included a "Guess the Straight" panel as well as a barbeque, drag show, live music and an AIDS Alliance fundraiser.

On Thursday May 20, Sean Sotx will be making a presentation at 12 p.m. in the Samuelsion Union Building Pit entitled "From Civil Rights to Queer Rights" highlighting major social movements and showing the common theme uniting them: equal rights.

For more information, contact the Center for Student Empowerment at 963-2127.
No more fashion faux pas from these Wildcats

by Sally Wright
Staff reporter

It is a common misconception that the annual fashion show put on by Central Washington University is easy credit. It is time to lay that misconception to rest.

The show is broken up into categories, including international, casual wear, and swimwear, sleepwear, business, formal/semiformal and student design. Depending on what merchandise is available is the day of the show.

This year’s theme is “Illuminated Nights.”

“We are a show that we put on a Power Point presentation throughout the show and in the program to advertise where the styles can be found and purchased,” Krueger said.

“We usually only pick up merchandise a day or two beforehand,” Beth Gerstenzang, junior fashion merchandising major and director of the show, said.

The names of the businesses are shown on a Power Point presentation throughout the show and in the program to advertise where the styles can be found and purchased is this. This is why most of the clothes are from businesses rather than students’ own creations. The show is open to anyone in the audience for students.

At today’s show, the audience can expect to see more than 100 outfits from stores ranging in variation through the quarter. There are about 25 models participating in this year’s fashion show.

“We find all the models,” Chatterton said. “We teach them how to walk, when to walk, where to walk. We get all the clothes from all the stores. We (had) to drive to Yakima probably three or four times that week.”

During the show, the audience may see order and composer coming down the runway. Behind the scenes, however, is another story. In past years there have been a few instances of models drinking alcohol before the show and a bit drunk. Sometimes a model will panic at the last minute and back out. There are back-up models for these types of ordeals. The chaos behind the scenes and the order on stage looks similar to that of the play “Noises Off.”

“We don’t really get much practice,” said Shara Lazott, sophomore public relations major and assistant director. “There are never enough people to help out.”

Rehearsals for the show are minimal, consisting of about four total, the last one taking place this afternoon.

“We’ll just be making changes up to the last minute,” Chatterton said. “From the outside it looks like it flows well, but from the back it’s ‘I can’t find my shoe!’ and ‘you’re next’.”

You just kind of pretend your heart’s not pounding and you haven’t been sprinting around.

The committee also puts together the order of the show and the music.

“There will be people helping backstage with quick changes,” Chatterton said. “If there is somebody of a certain size that has to wear two outfits in the same section, then we’ll have somebody waiting for them to get off the platform to help them change really, really quick and then run back out there.”

There are also people in back making sure all tags are out of sight, makeup and hair looks good, and being sure that the models look pulled together and professional.

“It’s really fun,” Lazott said.

“It’s something that you can put a lot of time and effort into and then really see a finished product. It gets better and better and you can see the progress. You’re really a part of something.”

All this work for only one credit, pass/fail.

“It’s not just an hour a week, I guarantee you,” Pawlus said.

The fashion show begins with a silent auction at 7 p.m. tonight. All proceeds from the auction go toward funding the show and into the fashion merchandising club budget.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB ballroom. Tickets will be sold at the door, $3 for students or $5 for the general public.

Opinion by Becky Unger
Staff reporter

Through the years we grow with the television shows we watch each day. As children we watched “Sesame Street.” When we reached our teen years “Saved by the Bell” replaced the child-focused shows. “Friends” became a part of our lives years ago. I grew with all six characters, just as they grew in their popularity and enthusiasm over the last decade.

Now that “Friends,” “Frasier” and other favorites have ended, what will become of our television culture? Is this an end of an era? Is it hard to believe that a good show will come along again. More and more sitcoms disappear, only to be replaced by second-rate copycats or another “CSI: Miami” spin-off. Their punch lines are rarely funny and the lives of the people in these shows never capture the essence of real life. How many shows do we need like “My Wife and Kids” where there is a family crisis each episode and ends with happily ever after? I am not saying that the lives of the “Friends” cast were very realistic, but at least the story lines could make you laugh or cry. I want to feel a part of the characters on the screen, not alienated and confused.

It seems new reality shows pop up every night, filling our homes with unrealistic images of what we should be. I hope this is not the case with television. I do not want the children of today to someday think they need to change their whole image to fit the situation. Shows like “The Swan” give American television a bad image. I think we need to accept who we are and not try to fit our image of what our neighbors or the public wants to watch. The “Friends” finale brought in 52.5 million viewers while “American Idol” only brought in 22.8 million viewers according to Nielsen Media Research.

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TV has important slots to fill with ‘Friends,’ ‘Frasier’ off the airwaves

Maybe there is someone out there who would love to see a new “Ally McBeal” or “Friends,” but I’m afraid that writers have focused too much on those reality shows that are making quick money, instead of what the public wants to watch. The “Friends” finale brought in 52.5 million viewers while “American Idol” only brought in 22.8 million viewers according to Nielsen Media Research.

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Players summon horsemen of the apocalypse

by Paul Kobylensky
Staff reporter

The day to shine for all of Central Washington University's gamers is almost upon us. For any­one wishing to pit their video game skills against their fellow students, Video Armageddon will be held from noon to 6 p.m., May 22 in the SUB, looking forward to a large and competitive turnout," Chris Hull, The 'Burg generator said. The contest is a two-screen, dou­ble elimination, random game choice released until the event.

"It's a pretty big grand-prize," Frodo said. "We think it will be worth it for everyone to give it a shot." The 'Burgh has hosted two previous Video Armageddon, each better than the last.

"The last one was exceptional for turnout," Chris Hull, The 'Burgh gen­eral manager, said. "It was held in the Yakama room (of the SUB) and it was packed." With the success of the last two Video Armageddon, The 'Burgh is looking toward a large and competi­tive turnout for the third.

"If you're just looking for some­thing to do this weekend, we opened the door to anyone who wants to have fun," Frodo said. "It's a pretty big grand-prize, and we want as many people to play as possible." The contest is open to all students, and all games are available for free.

Players display gaming paraphernalia while preparing for competition.

photo illustration by Luke Probasco/Observer

“We don’t even know what games they will be,” Frodo said. Considering the size of the still unnamed prize, there will likely be more than typical gamers coming to show their stuff.

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Tuesday, May 25

Aapopoli Off and Riddlin Kids - 7:30 p.m. at Graceland, Seattle, $10

Director steps down after seven years

by Tyler Davis
Asst. Scene editor

Paul-Elliot Cobbs will step down as Central Washington University's Music Department director of orchestral activities after conducting the final orchestra concert of the quarter at 8 p.m. on Monday in Hertz Auditorium.

Cobbs opted to bow out of his position as his schedule became more frenzied. He was already the conduc­tor of the Everett Symphony and the Tacoma Youth Symphony when he arrived at Central in the fall of 1997, according to a press release. He con­tinues to conduct both symphonies.

Cobbs often travels around the world as a guest conductor. He has led symphonies in Poland, Spain, Germany, Slovakia and Japan. He has also served as department chair for the Northwest School of the Arts, music director for the Church of England in Vienna and as associate conductor for the Detroit Metropolitan Symphony.

The Department of Music invites the community to attend the orches­tra's last performance under Cobbs's direction. Admission is free.
Central welcomes all-star cast for Homecoming 2004

by Candace Young
Staff reporter

What would be more exciting than watching famed stand-up comedian Drew Carey perform a routine for Central Washington University's Homecoming 2004? How about having a team of comedians, including Carey, perform in "Drew Carey's Improv All-Stars," at 8 p.m., October 16 in Nicholson Pavilion.

Comedians Greg Proops, Chip Esten, Sean Masterson and Jeff Davis will accompany famed Joker Carey. Proops, Esten and Davis have been featured on the ABC television show, "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"

"First and foremost, our hope is that Central hosts a great event," Scott Drummond, director of campus activities, said. "We hope at the end of the night that students, alumni, friends and family members leave feeling they have attended a very fun, entertaining and professional event."

The event will be the culmination of a weeklong series of events, including RHA's homecoming dance, Mr. & Mrs. Central, and Rally in the Alley bowling event.

Last year, Jay Leno performed a stand-up routine, leaving many students with high hopes for this year's event. The previous year, actor and comedian David Spade put on a performance.

"Starting with Spade the first year, and last year's performance by Leno, Carey is a step toward bringing back big events that students ask for," Lola Gallagher, manager of campus life public relations, said.

Ticket prices range from $25 to $47, and went on sale May 12. General admission to the event is $37, with a discount for Central students. With ID, students can purchase general tickets for $25. For reserved seating on the floor of the pavilion, tickets cost $47.

"I really encourage people to buy their tickets soon, now that the event has become well known," Gallagher said.

Tickets can be purchased in the SUB, or to order tickets by phone, call 963-1513. For more information concerning this event, contact the Office of Campus Life at 963-1511.

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Nationals next for two Wildcats

by Jonathan Mentzer
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University track and field team ended its regular season with great performances and impressive finishes at the Ken Foreman Invitational in Seattle last weekend.

The team finished on a high note, although it failed to send more athletes to the NCAA Division II Nationals on Memorial Day weekend in Walnut, Calif.

Despite a near-qualifying performance from senior Joe Smith, he still maintained to win the long jump with a personal best of 23-5.

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The Central did pull off impressive performances from both the men and women’s 4x100-meter relay. The women won the relay with a time of 48.43 seconds. The men won the race with a time of 42.37.

The men also did well in the 4x400; they came in fourth, but had a good race and a time of 3:18.52.

Sophomore Terran Legard, who was part of the women’s 4x100 win with sophomore Ashley Roundtree, sophomore Teresa Schlafer and freshman Kara Nygard, won the 400 with a time of 55.16.

Roundtree had a strong performance in the meet, also winning the 100-meter hurdles with 14.85.

Senior Justin Lawrence went about his business by winning yet another triple jump event with a jump of 49-09.75. Senior Beau Ross also took part in the triple jump coming in third with 46-09.

Junior Jason Porter, also named to the GNAC All-Academic team, came in second in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 3:12.26. Fellow GNAC All-Academic team member, senior Chris McDowell also had a strong performance in the hammer throw, coming in fourth with 160-00.

Central has the next week off before sending Lawrence and Legard to Walnut, Calif., for the NCAA Division II Outdoor National Championships during Memorial Day weekend. Only 18 track and field athletes from GNAC will compete in the national championships.

The spring intramural season teams are in full swing and are getting ready for the upcoming play-offs. With softball being the most popular sport, as it has been in the past, people have been able to get outside and watch the teams play.

Although the weather in the last week has been a little wet, the teams continue to play through the rain as long as the weather does not affect the safety of the players.

Rain or shine, softball has drawn the most crowds this season.

"Softball has been a big draw for fans," Bob Ford, intramural coordinator, said. "People are eager to get outside in the sun and support their favorite team."

Participating intramural softball players have had a chance to hone their skills and make a name for themselves, to get ready for the play-offs, which start Wednesday, May 19 and end on Thursday, May 27.

"Intramural softball is a fun and competitive way to keep you in shape during the spring," Tyler Easton, junior paramedics major, said. "It reminds me of how much fun it was to play competitive sports in high school."

So far the spring intramural season has been a success, due to the amount of students participating and the Central staff that organizes it.

"We have been fortunate to have a real experienced staff this season," Ford said. "I think that their work has really allowed students to enjoy the events, and this is evident through all the positive comments we have received from students throughout the quarter.

If you are interested in watching any of these games, they will take place on the fields adjacent to Nicholson Pavilion.

The spring season is winding down, but there will be more intramural sports starting in the upcoming fall season. To find out more about intramural sports visit http://www.cwu.edu/~imsports.

by Ryan Fay
Staff reporter

Terran Legard won both the 200 and 400 events at the GNAC championships (above) and heads to Nationals.

"The conditions weren’t that great," Coach Kevin Akkisdon said. "Unfortunately it wasn’t the conditions we had hoped for, but we competed well. It was a little bummer that we couldn’t get more people qualified."

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Senior Rob Bates, elementary education major pitches to a student on the team Overrated. Overrated beat Bates’ team, the Isotopes, 13-7 on Monday.

by Patrick Carlson
Asst. Sports editor

Iraqis celebrated last week after their national soccer team defeated Saudi Arabia 3-1 to qualify for the 2004 Athens Olympics. The win, along with a 0-0 draw between Oman and Kuwait guaranteed Iraq a place in the Summer Games, only a year after the collapse Saddam Hussein’s regime.

“Simply stated, this is the biggest moment in Iraqi Olympic history,” Ahmed Samarrai, the president of the Iraqi Olympic committee, said, according to the Washington Post.

The win was a joyful moment in the lives of a people desperate for some semblance of normalcy after a year of conflict and death.

“Our entire country deserves this incredible win,” Hauwa Mulla Mohammed, who scored the winning goal, said in a statement.

“When the bus pulled into the stadium tonight, we refused to think of anything but winning, and now we are headed to Athens,” Mohammed said.

The qualification comes three months after the International Olympic Committee reinstated the Iraqi Olympic panel following a year of suspension over reports that Uday Hussein, Saddam’s son, tortured athletes in the panel’s offices.

“The soccer stadium was the scene of torture under Uday Hussein,” David Phillips, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York and an expert on Iraq, said in an interview with Bloomberg News Service.

“The fact that Iraqis can now field a soccer team that displays the full mosaic of their population marks another step in the struggle of Iraq to become a normal country again,” Bernd Stange, coach of the Iraqi soccer team, also acknowledged the diversity of the team representing Iraq.

“We have a good team that plays well together Kurds, Shiites, Sunnis and good Christians all play in harmony on the pitch,” Stange told Reuters.

In his second year as coach of the national team, Stange, a German, denied having any knowledge of the torture or abuse of soccer players.

“I never had any contact at all with Saddam or Uday,” Stange told Reuters. “Their names aren’t on any of my documents or contracts. My contacts are just with the Iraq football association and FA vice president S. Mohammad Husein.”

Before coming to Iraq, Stange said he was worried about reports of...
Get Outdoors: Hunt for the thrill of it

A turkey hunter hides in the brush, waiting for his shot.

by Amanda Schank
Staff reporter

A man kneels behind a patch of bushes with a rifle resting on his shoulder. Despite flashes of his orange vest, the hunter remains unnoticed by a nearby herd of deer. His attention is drawn to a lone deer wandering away from the herd. Concealed in camouflage, the hunter confidently follows the deer with his rifle, waiting for the perfect moment to make his move.

Ellensburg's surrounding hills are a common hideout for hunters and shooters. The terrain offers firearm fans multiple targets and chances to partake in a form of recreation that requires not only physical attributes, but mental awareness.

"Hunting and shooting are both fun and challenging, but in different ways," Pat McAfee, junior biology major, said. "Shooting is good practice for hunting and takes less time because clay targets go fast. Hunting requires more patience and thinking instead of just blasting away at things."

Both activities involve the use of firearms, requiring rules for safety and fair play. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife establish the guidelines for hunters.

According to the WDFW, big game hunting season begins Aug. 1 and ends Dec. 31 depending on the specific type of big game animal, firearm or location. Small game hunting season begins Sept. 1 ending Jan. 31.

The WDFW requires that hunters take a hunter education class, always carry proof of a hunting license and vehicle use permit, wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange and adhere to any fish and wildlife officers in hunting areas. Chuck Ray, eastern Washington field coordinator for hunter education, said that the most common violations are carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle, not carrying a license and trespassing.

Lee Brockmoller, senior construction management major, said following the WDFW's guidelines is a small price to pay for the thrill of hunting. "Hunting is a challenge and something that requires you to use your instincts," Brockmoller said. "It's a lot of fun trying to find an animal and hunt it down. It's not an easy thing because first you have to track them down and then sneak up on them."

In contrast to the multitude of regulations imposed on hunters, shooters deal with less written constraints. According to Kyle MacDonald, junior construction management major, the main guideline for shooting is that it is only allowed in non-residential areas outside of city limits. MacDonald said shooters basically have free reign to hit as many clay pigeons, glass bottles or other small targets whenever and wherever they want.

"I'll shoot anywhere around Ellensburg where there are things to hit," MacDonald said. "It's loud and fun and can be a form of anger management. If you're mad, just go and shoot something."

Common areas for deer, elk, coyote and pheasant hunting include the Yakima Indian Reservation, Elk Heights and the Recreer Creek and Table Mountain areas. Darr Road in the Umtanum area is primarily used for shooting. According to McAfee, whether you choose shooting or hunting, both will always deliver rewards.

"When you've spent the entire day with friends in the outdoors and you have lots of shells burned and ammo used, then it's been a good day," McAfee said. "It's just fun to shoot things and get out in the outdoors. It's like you against nature, which is definitely a worthy challenge."

For more information, check out the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website at http://wdfw.wa.gov or call the Yakima regional office at (509) 575-2740.

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-Shannon Robinett, sophomore, history education

The Lakers, got four hall of famers and Kobe is the best player in the League."

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Co-ed Rec.
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The Softball standings for Mon/Wed leagues are through seven games, while the Tue/Thur leagues are through six games. The top two teams for each league are shown for these standings. Playoffs started on Wednesday for the Mon/Wed leagues and Thursday for Tue/Thur league.

Can the Seahawks soar to new heights?

by Michael Leeper
Staff reporter

Now that the NFL draft is over and mini-camps are starting up it is never too early to start talking about the upcoming 2004 NFL season. For the first time in almost 20 years the words Super Bowl and Seattle Seahawks are being mentioned in the same sentence. After a great run last season that led them into the playoffs for the first time since 1999 and since joining the NFC West, the Seahawks have their eyes set on the big prize. Seattle has one of the best young offenses in the NFL, but needed work on the defensive side of the ball. So they went out and got big-time acquisitions on defense this off-season, via free agency and the NFL draft. Now the Seahawks are the front-runner to win the NFC West and many football gurus believe this team may be the best in the NFC.

The Hawks finished with a 10-6 record last season, their best mark in more than a decade. Last year the team lacked toughness on the defensive line, so this off-season they went out to get one of the best defensive ends in the game today in Grant Wistrom and drafted Texas Longhorn standout defensive tackle, Marcus Tubbs. With the loss of Shawn Springs to free agency, the Seahawks had to go out and find a shutdown corner to help out second year corner Marcus Trufant. Bobby Taylor was one of the top free agent comebacks on the market this off season, though it took longer than most fans would like, it finally happened and the marquee corner from Philadelphia signed with Seattle.

So with a revamped defense and one of the top five offenses in the NFL, it appears the Seahawks are ready for a big run in the NFL playoffs, right? This year the schedule for the Seahawks may be the toughest in the NFL. Not only do the Seahawks have games against both SuperBowl participants Carolina and New England, they will also play their division rivals, the St. Louis Rams two times, along with games against the amazing Mike Vick and the Atlanta Falcons, the Dallas Cowboys, New York Jets, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Minnesota Vikings. A schedule like that means that they will have to bring their A game each Sunday throughout the year.

The Seahawks have never been to a Super Bowl in their 28 years of existence and haven’t been to a championship game since they faced the Raiders in 1983. Is this the year for the Seahawks? If they stay healthy, it could be one of the most exciting years in Seattle Seahawks football history. If not it could just be another year of great talent and a mediocre season.

**SEATTLE MARINERS**

THURSDAY 5/20
vs BAL 7:05 p.m.
FSN

FRIDAY 5/21
vs DET 7:05 p.m.
FSN

SATURDAY 5/22
vs DET 7:05 p.m.
FSN

SUNDAY 5/23
vs DET 1:05 p.m.
KSTW

**TRACK AND FIELD**

Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships
Waldorf, Calif.

**CENTRAL ATHLETICS**

**Master of Hamburg:** Roger Federer defeated Guillermo Coria 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 to win the Hamburg Masters tournament on Sunday, Coria’s first loss in 32 matches on clay.

**Fast Freddy:** American cyclist, Fred Rodriguez beat Alessandro Petacchi, the world’s top road sprinter to win the ninth stage of the three week Giro d’Italia race.

**Sweet Sergio:** Spanish golfer, Sergio Garcia won the Byron Nelson Classic Sunday, his first victory on the PGA tour in two years.

**Unbeaten Gunners:** London soccer club Arsenal finished the English soccer season without a loss, after it defeated Leicester City 2-1 Saturday. It is the first team since 1889 to finish the season unbeaten.

**Popov’s Peak:** Russian Alexander Popov won gold in the 50m freestyle at the European Championships on Sunday, his fifth career gold.
Guest Opinion by Keith Dansen, 

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