Black Panther visits Wildcats

by Rachel Thomson

A standing room only crowd enthusiastically welcomed Bobby Seale, guest lecturer and co-founder of the Black Panther Party, to Central Washington University SUB ballroom last Thursday.

The event, sponsored by the Diversity Education Center, Campus Action and Club Central, drew a diversified audience that started lining up at the doors by 6 p.m. and were still trickling in when Seale began to speak at 7 p.m.

According to the Black Panther's official Web site, the party was the only African American's organization during the civil rights era that was based on the revolutionary principles of the late Malcolm X. Those ideas illuminated African Americans' struggle for liberation and international human rights.

Seale said the FBI issued misleading press releases about the party's purpose. J. Edgar Hoover condemned the group as "the greatest threat to the internal security of the United States." As a result, the party's ideas were surrounded by controversy.

Dyorgie Popovic, programming director of the Diversity Education Center, said that the Black Panther Party was singled out because people didn't understand their goals.

The Black Panthers were "viewed as dangerous" to the U.S. political economic system because they had a more comprehensive view of inequality," Popovic said. "They were not only asking for desegregation, but a restoration of Americans each year and is responsible for approximately 300 deaths. It is estimated that 100 to 125 cases of meningococcal disease occur annually on college campuses and five to 15 students die as a result.

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Show me the money

Student groups ask for service funding

by Teddy Feinberg

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, known as the CDC, studies show freshmen living in dormitories have a sixfold increased risk for meningococcal meningitis than college students overall. The ill- ness strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and is responsible for approximately 300 deaths. It is estimated that 100 to 125 cases of meningococcal disease occur annually on college campuses and five to 15 students die as a result.

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Police Briefs

compiled by Jared Lovrak
Staff reporter

Fruit stand flambé

A caller to the Ellensburg Fire Department reported a dumpster fire next to a fruit stand on Gladmar road.

To serve, protect, and scare bratty children

A caller to Ellensburg police department requested that an officer come to her house and “scare” her seven-year-old son who was kicking his bedroom door and, “not following the rules.”

And if that doesn’t work, I brought mayo!

The Ellensburg Police Department received a call that an unidentified male had thrown mustard on the windows of Fitterer’s Furniture.

She doesn’t know the law of the road.

A caller to the Ellensburg Police department stated that she had hitchhiked to Ellensburg from Oklahoma with a truck driver who was kicking her out of his truck. When asked how an officer could help, the caller hung up.

Drugs at a college? No way!

The Ellensburg Police Department received reports of a strong marijuana smell in the B Wing of Anderson Hall.

Uhm, I’m somewhere where I don’t know where I am.

A caller to the Roslyn Police Department reported that he had just been in a car accident in either Roslyn or Randall. He was unsure.

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Gas prices on the rise in Ellensburg

by Danny Bergman
Staff reporter

As the temperature decreases in Ellensburg the gas prices are increasing.

At one local gas station the price per gallon has risen above two dollars. “Gas is one of my main expenses, as the prices go up and down the thickness of my wallet increases or decreases,” said Cody Whitney, junior communication studies major.

Though the average price in Ellensburg is $1.94 per gallon, prices nationwide are expected to rise. According to msnbc.com, the worldwide oil consumption rose 3.4 percent last year.

“Ohio, I remember where I left it.”

In Eugene, Texas, a convenience store robbery suspect was arrested after leaving his wallet at the scene of the crime with his phone number inside it. Police called the man to let him know they found it and arrested him when he came to claim it.

Deperately seeking love?

Pro boxer Hector Macho Camacho Sr. was arrested in Gulfport, Miss., for breaching into a computer store, where he’d left his computer for repairs, and using it to send his family e-mail.

Over the last few weeks, the gas prices in Ellensburg have risen to an average of $1.92. The consistent rise in gas prices could force people into different modes of transportation. Outside of the Middle East, the United States has the lowest prices.

America’s leading rival in oil consumption, China, had a 15.6 percent rise last year and is expected to keep going up. “I think the prices are going up because of oil prices overseas as well as the effect of the war,” said Nicole Watts, junior marketing major.

The two main spots to get gas in Ellensburg are around the town’s University Way and Main Street exits.

Generally, the stations around the University Way exit list the lowest prices on average at $1.92 compared to the Main Street exit which average $1.96.

“The Main Street exit gets a lot more interstate traffic,” Whitney said. “Ellensburg is a key mid-state stop between Seattle and Spokane, and if you don’t know the area then you will stop at Main Street to fill up, no matter what the prices are.”

When gas prices go up, it’s usually due to the need for more oil in the country. America doesn’t produce enough oil to satisfy its needs, so it goes through other countries, according to the Illinois State University Web site.

“When the gas prices go up, the cost of goods go up as well, because it costs more to ship,” said LeRoy Miller, a local resident of sixty years.

These countries belong to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Nigeria, Algeria, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela are all members of OPEC. These are the countries that decide how much oil they will give and how much the oil will cost per barrel. The oil is refined to gasoline once it reaches the purchaser.

Political Science professor Cameron Ottopalik said that the rise in prices could be a push to find other means of fueling.

“Vehicles are a means of pleasure and people should be charged more for using them,” Ottopalik said. “It would make for a much more attractive public transportation system.”

Agencies work locally to find missing kids

by Jared Lovrak
Staff reporter

Children are unaccounted for every day in this country. Sometimes they’re found, other times their whereabouts remain a mystery forever. There are law enforcement agencies nationwide that work to combat these disappearances along with any number of other crimes. Washington residents are lucky to have a specially task force devoted solely to keeping their children safe.

The Missing and Exploited Children’s Task Force (MECTF), a division of the Washington State Patrol, is a truly ambitious endeavor in the war to keep children safe.

“It’s the first of its kind in the nation,” said Char Peszneczer, MECTF member and Lacey Detective.

Formed in 1999, MECTF was first proposed in Senate Bill 5108 by Lt. Governor Brad Owen.

The bill called for a specialized agency to assist existing law enforce-

ment agencies in conducting child-related investigations, but that obtained its funding from private and public donations.

Although housed in the State Patrol’s Tumwater office, MECTF is actually a multi-agency organization whose members include detectives from the Lacey, Port Orchard and Seattle Police Departments as well as one State Patrol officer.

Many different things can happen to a child to put them under MECTF jurisdiction. MECTF handles investigations concerning children who are missing or have been abducted, as well as runaways and victims of computer-related exploitation according to Peszneczer.

Another agency working to protect Washington’s children is the Missing Children Clearinghouse, (MCC).

First established in 1985, the MCC helps coordinate investigations with law enforcement agencies on the local, state and federal levels. In addition, MCC operates a 24-hour tips hotline and distributes missing children flyers.

The Washington branch of MCC, also housed in the State Patrol offices, maintains a Web page documenting the status of each of its high profile missing children cases, including Ellensburg’s own Richard “Cody” Haynes, who has been missing since last September.

Last year, MCC efforts led to the successful recovery of 143 children in Washington state alone.

Unfortunately, recovering a child can’t undo what damage has already occurred, said Washington MCC Coordinator Sue Miller.

“When we recover children, there’s always a huge trauma factor to be considered,” Miller said. “Most of the kids we find disappeared as a result of custodial interference. In some cases, the non-custodial parent has poisoned the child against the custodial parent. It’s a strain on the child.”

Despite the fact that a large amount of children were recovered last year, not all children recovered cases end happily. Three missing children were found dead last year in
Central construction takes first in regionals, eyes national prize

by Paul Kobylewsky
Staff reporter

After months of working on mock-projects and giving up weekends to pour over building plans, preparing for the Associated Schools of Construction regional student competition in Reno, Nev., a team from Central Washington University's Construction Management program took first place. This gives them a shot at nationals, job offers and some overdue credit.

This isn't the first time Central has competed in the event. The school has had teams compete for the last 10 years. This year was the first time they brought a win back to Central.

In the competition that ran from Feb. 3-5, Central competed in three of four categories including preparing plans and construction costs for residential and commercial heavy construction. The competition was still, but the Heavy Civil-Granite team from Central took their place on top. Central competed against schools from Hawaii, Oregon and California.

"We were stuck in our rooms working on it," said Ken (Zeb) Keck, senior construction management major. "We put in a 16 hour day."

According to David Cams, program coordinator for the construction management program at Central, Oregon State University was the school to beat.

"They're a tough team," Cams said. "We barely squeaked by them."

The Associated Schools of Construction Web site backs that statement up showing that Oregon State placed in the top three in all but one of the categories in this year's regionals.

During the event, students participated in brainstorming, planning and finalizing plans for the team's assigned project. After all of the plans were in order, the teams pitched their ideas to a panel of judges and fielded questions in return.

According to Cams, the winning project was to build a water tank in Nevada. The work the team needed to consider included backfill, drainage structures and earth-work, not to mention budgeting for all of it.

When the smoke cleared from the competition, Central had taken first place in the Heavy Civil construction category. With all of the team's preparation, they are elated to have taken first for the school. But Central's success also comes with a lot of pressure, Keck said.

"After the presentation we all got multiple job offers," Keck said.

According to Cams, Granite Construction, the company that sponsored the competition, will be coming to Central to recruit for their company.

The students that competed worked diligently to prepare for the regionals. Aside from giving up weekends to work on three different mock-projects, some even traveled to enroll in pertaining classes outside the school to prepare. For the nationals they have a little help.

"They're going through their critiques of the competition," Cams said. "We're also having outside contractors come in and guide them along."

What's next for Central's construction management program?

"There is six different schools competing that pretty much span the country," Cams said. "The University of Cincinnati is going to be a good team."

Luckily for Central's team, the format for the nationals is the same as it was for the regionals, so this time they know what to expect.

For all three teams to compete in regionals, ran close to $3000. But because of Central's big win, not only are nationals paid for, but the school was given prize money as well.

With a big win under their belt against some pretty tough competition, Central had taken first in the construction category.

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According to Popovic, the event enhanced the educational experience.

"It made students form their own thoughts and encouraged dialogue and discussion," Popovic said.

Seale also commented on how college activism in the 60s compared to that of today.

"Issues in the 60s tended to be at the forefront." Popovic said.

The speech was followed by an auto-graphing session in which Seale signed copies of his book, "Seize the Time: The story of the Black Panther Party and Huey P. Newton."
Travel around the world for credit

Programs offer two experiences: here, abroad
by Lacey Stanton
Staff reporter

Students who enjoy Ellensburg but would like a change should consider studying abroad. On Thursday, Feb. 10, an overview was held about the Study Abroad program. The meeting took place in the International building, allowing students to learn how the study abroad program works, available destinations and the costs of the program.

The Study Abroad program offers more than 200 programs in 50 different countries around the world. Destinations offered include Australia, England, Mexico, France, China and Japan. Other more exotic places include Morocco, India, Nicaragua, Turkey and various locations.

"I went to Mexico for fall quarter of last year and it was amazing," said Megan Glaesey, junior, psychology major.

Along with Study Abroad, there is also the National Student Exchange program. The National Student Exchange program allows students to study at a different school but stay in the United States, creating a better option for some students. Some things for students to consider before choosing either the Study Abroad or National Student Exchange program include how long they want to be gone, where they would like to go, academic areas they are interested in studying, their interest in a second language, the type of programs that interest them and their financial options.

"I can't tell you how many people I've run into who say to me: 'I wish I'd done that when I was in college,'" said Heather Barclay, director of Study Abroad and Exchange Programs.

Study Abroad and the National Student Exchange program vary in price depending on where the student is going and how long they plan to stay.

Students interested in can visit the international center, call them at 963-3012 or visit their Web site at www.cwu.edu/studyabroad.

Master Development Plan on tap for Central's next two decades
by Danny Bergman
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's Campus Site and Development Committee has a new Master Development Plan for the years ahead. The plan is directed at the growth of Central campuses for the next 20 years and identifies the changes that need to be made on campus.

"Central has a reputation of having a good academic environment, that's why we're always trying to improve," said Richard Corona, vice president of Business and Financial Affairs.

When the plan is being conceived, multiple factors are taken into consideration, including parking, remodeling, building space and conservation.

"The plan has no specific priorities, but instead takes everything into consideration," Corona said.

The committee believes that an attractive campus will lead to student's success by creating a comfortable environment. The draft will be examined by the Board of Trustees and the Higher Education Board before finalization.

"It's good that Central is planning ahead, many universities seem to be unprepared for the changes that occur over the course of a decade," said Marshall Adams, junior business major.

"We want people to know what our ongoing plans are and we may change it around once we get input from everyone," Corona said.

Projects are funded by the state and Central will have to lobby for the money needed when the final draft is complete. The Master Development Plan is estimated to be done this spring.

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portion of the community? That's one of the concerns that we have as a committee," S&A then sends their recommendation to the board of trustees who make the final call on financial distribution.

According to Baker, the committee identifies a number of issues that they look to be addressed during the presentations. Strengthening student relationships with the academic community, developing an effective sense of community throughout the university and explaining how the programs have been efficient and effective during their existence are just a handful of requirements that S&A looks for.

The 'Burg, Central's radio station is seeking the most money, asking for about $285,000 dollars for the 2006 and 2007 fiscal years. The 'Burg is getting prepared to relocate to the new SUB, according to John Conley, program coordinator and chief operator of the station. The 'Burg needs money in order to make a seamless transition to its new surroundings, he said.

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Punk review backed by devoted fan

To Brent Solo,
I think you are very confused. George's article was not a concert review. It was an opinion piece in disguise. Your inability to recognize this is not basis for any type of argument; however, I will overlook

This new found attitude has attracted a whole group of politicians and they have now played all of those like you for a fool (punkvote.com and conserva­tivepunk.com). The Democratic Party has never been the place for punks and all of you that disagree are wrong. You can not be in favor of large government and be in favor of small government at the same time. That is what we call hypocrisy.

I was also at the show in question and will fully heartedly agree that the whiny monologue given by From Ashes Rise was dumb and ignorant. In the not so far off past bullshit like that would have got your bands ass kicked after the show. How can you preach for large government programs when you also sing about libertarianism?

As for your comments on the music aspect of George's article you again amaze me with your complete lack of a real perspective. From experience I know that your so called two guitar shenanigans are just about the hardest move to pull off live on stage. There is a great deal of talent in From Ashes Rise, but I would suggest not embarrassing yourself again and making comments on which you have no basis big words like redundant extremely out of context. Buy a dictionary.

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Students ring in Chinese New Year

by Jordan Youngs
Staff reporter

Happy New Year! Chinese New Year that is. The International House, Anderson Hall and The International Student Association sponsored Asian Culture Night last Thursday in the Barto lounge.

This event celebrates the Chinese New Year and shines some light on the International Student program at Central Washington University.

The smells of sushi and sweet and sour chicken were in the air. Students were dressed in their richly colored Chinese robes. Decorations were laced on the walls, which made the experience really authentic.

The night started with songs sung in Chinese, performed by students of the International Student Association. At the same time, students and professors were able to enjoy sushi prepared on the spot and other food that was brought in from the Panda Garden.

"It's a way to make us more visible as a LLC [Living Learning Community] and to attract more students to live in the International House," said Natalie Kasselis-Smith, a professor of French and Spanish who serves as a faculty advisor for the International House.

George Bell, chair of the Theatre Arts department, was on hand to give an interesting presentation on Chinese opera. He talked about the makeup, music and acrobatics involved in Chinese opera.

"It's so diverse, it's an experience everyone should enjoy," said Brandon Haywood, International House resident assistant.

The karate club gave a demonstration on their bare knuckles, full contact fighting style and presented to the audience some wrist locks that will overpower the enemy.

Louis Meng, professor of Chinese and International Advisor, said that the idea of the event was to promote the international student community. Meng also shows people how to write their names in Chinese.

James Cook, a professor of Chinese and Japanese history, gave a detailed presentation on the Chinese New Year and how to celebrate the occasion. Cook says that this is a 15-day experience and that China virtually shuts down.

"This is an educational experience that will open their minds," said Erin Spencer, Central campus residence hall coordinator.

Students from all over campus came to the event.

"I have always been interested in Japan," said Kate Christianson, sophomore art major. "I like Asian cultures, they are just so different." This Chinese New Year is the year of the rooster. You are a rooster if you were born in the years of 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981 and 1993. A rooster is a person who is a hard worker and makes definite decisions. Roosters speak their mind and sometimes come across as a prideful person. Roosters also make good travelers and restaurant owners.

The New Year celebration goes till February 25th. Happy Chinese New Year!
Couple “make-up” new academy
by Rytari Hayashi
Staff reporter

The building on the corner of 2nd and Pine in downtown Ellensburg reminds one of a building built with antique LEGO bricks. Through hundreds of well-polished panes, beams of light from inside spill out onto the cold sidewalk. The lone oval sign hanging outside says “Bluestone Academy of Cosmetology Arts.”

This is where Theresa Barlen, a teacher and co-founder of the academy, pours her passion into cosmetology.

The Bluestone academy was originally established last August and changed its location last December. It teaches hair, skin, massage and nails. Barlen keeps class enrollment small, and currently fourteen students are enrolled in classes. After going through ten-week long orientation where they learn basics, works on mannequins and recruited model for ten months.

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Prior to the open of the academy, Barlen and her husband, Jim, had a mission. The couple had to renovate the 80-year old building, which used to be a laundry shop and would become the backroom connecting to the main stage of the cosmetology studio. Since they did much of the renovation themselves, it took two months to get rid of dark paints from hundreds of panes and having inside thorough make over took a year.

Inside the high wattage bulbs and sunshine coming in through hundreds of crystal clear panes brighten everything: the candy-red of ivac set on the right of the smoky green front door, the primary colors of the wooden horse and the thick black of six cutting stations. The mirror on the cut station reflects students in black dress code, getting scissors and working with care on a recruited model. That’s the scene Barlen – self-proclaimed “hair diva” – has langed to see.

Barlen’s career did not start as a hairdresser. After college, she went into medicine and was a registered nurse for 15 years. “I had an interest in art,” Barlen said. “But I didn’t feel like I was creative enough to do it, so I chose another career path. But I never quite connected with that field. There was always something missing. I needed something more organic.”

Looking at her life, she asked herself “is this as much as I wanted to do?” and “is this where I really want to be?” Her answer was concise – “NO.”

“I think sometimes people say this is all I can have, but I had the decision that I could have more,” Barlen said. “There was more in my life.”

She decided to go back to beauty school and became a hairdresser. She ran a small salon in downtown Seattle for 12 years until when her next destination came to mature.

“I was lucky to be able to work with a lot of people who are successful,” Barlen said. “What I learned from them was that nobody is going to give you anything. If you want something, you have to work for it. Go ahead and do it and perhaps you’ll be surprised.”

Barlen, a Cle Elum native, had no reason thinking twice for coming back to her beloved Ellensburg. Getting through laborious commute over the Snoqualmie pass to west side, she found the building in downtown Ellensburg looking for new owner, then she started renovation along with Jim.

“I want to help people feel better about themselves so make the rest of their life easier,” said Barlen who sees cosmetology healing quality.

“I want to complete the renovation and just develop my curriculum,” Barlen said about her next goal. “My curriculum is not completed yet. As I’m progressing, I see there are things I want to add, so I’m looking forward to more curriculum development, improving curriculum.”

by Ben Hanson
Staff reporter

Senior political science major Patrick Wicklund is running a donation drive to get new and used DVDs and VHS tapes for Central Washington University’s library. This year, even the donations not added to the library’s collection, every year the Friends of the Library have a book sale, things that aren’t put into the collection, we give funds to the book sale, and we get funds to buy things for the library,” said Streepy.

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Streepy pointed out that if someone wanted a movie that is not “educational” they should purchase it. “If you want that movie, buy that movie,” said Streepy.

“Maybe what people are saying is that they want to give something to the library, but it’s not educational. That’s perfectly fine, but I just want to make sure that it helps the student government and has asked the S&A committee for $1,800 to purchase new DVDs for the library. He believes that his chances of getting the grant are good, because he has the endorsement of the student government, which no other proposed project has, and he has one of the smallest funding requests this year.

According to the grant Streepy of the library’s Media Circulation section, last year they added between 60 and 70 items to their collection thanks to Wicklund’s drive. The donations are not what one would expect for a library, they are mostly popular movies. Even the donations not added to the library’s collection helped them greatly.

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Barlen’s career did not start as a hairdresser. After college, she went into medicine and was a registered nurse for 15 years. “I had an interest in art,” Barlen said. “But I didn’t feel like I was creative enough to do it, so I chose another career path. But I never quite connected with that field. There was always something missing. I needed something more organic.”

Looking at her life, she asked herself “is this as much as I wanted to do?” and “is this where I really want to be?” Her answer was concise – “NO.”

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Students donate time for DVDs and tapes
Senior political science major Patrick Wicklund is running a donation drive to get new and used DVDs and VHS tapes for Central Washington University’s library. This is Wicklund’s second year running the drive, which collected nearly 400 movies last year.

According to Streepy, just because something is not “educational” does not mean that the library does not want it. Streepy pointed out that there are movies that are educational, and there are movies that are culturally important, like award winning or successful movies, and the library wants both.

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Observer's
"Wildcat Winners" poll

Fill out this poll for our Special Wildcat Winners Edition running March 31. Cut out this section and drop it off in one of the boxes available at the east and west entrances of the Samuelson Union Building, Tunstall Dining Hall, Brooks Library, Nicholson Pavilion and the North Village Cafe.

Food
Best restaurant
Best late night dining
Best vegetarian/vegan dining
Best breakfast
Best bakery
Best Asian
Best Mexican
Best pizza
Best coffee shop
Best cup of coffee
Best sandwich
Best burger
Best fries
Best ice cream

Shopping
Best grocery store
Best health food store
Best second hand/thrift/vintage store
Best sporting goods store
Best gift store
Best movie store

Entertainment
Best place to take a date
Best local festival
Best winery
Best bar
Best happy hour
Best house specialty (drink)
Best outdoor art
Best movie theater
Best local landmark

Recreation
Best hiking trail
Best sledding
Best skiing
Best rock climbing
Best camping
Best fishing
Best day trip
Best picnic spot
Best place to mountain bike
Best adrenaline rush

Service
Best apartment complex
Best auto repair
Best barber shop
Best beauty salon

On-Campus
Best on-campus fun
Best hangout
Best study spot
Best snooze spot
Best place to eat
Best food item
Best building
Best living quarters
Best computer lab

Name
(one vote per person)

Famed composer Robert Israel accompanies film

By Candace Young
Guest contributor

Silence is golden for Robert Israel. The internationally renowned composer, pianist and silent film historian will bring two silent films to life when he performs his original compositions for a pair of Harold Lloyd comedies in a special Classic Film Series presentation at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22 in McConnell Auditorium.

As a child, Israel was introduced to silent films by his father, and learned early a deep appreciation for the craft of filmmaking. He made his professional debut at age 17, as a prop­leg of famed theatre organist Gaylord Carter. Israel has been praised as one of the world's best practitioners of silent film accompaniment. Speaking on the telephone from his home in Los Angeles, Israel voiced concerns about the condition of the Hollywood movie industry.

Films are "a product that goes out to a public and they [filmmakers] want to make sales. It's not about art, but business," Israel said. "There has always existed a constant struggle between people with money and people with art." Israel has performed around the world as a solo artist and as conductor of the Robert Israel Orchestra. Israel has also included musical scores for several major studio films. His work has also recorded musical scores for the A&E television series "Biography."

"I've immensely enjoyed the nice people; the campus feels like what higher education campuses must have felt like years ago," Israel said of his previous visits to Central. "It is more intimate, serious, and people seem to have fun. There exists a difference in quality of students depending on the city you go to."

Israel will be accompanying the 1919 film short "Billy Blazes, Esq.," and the 1925 film "Grandma's Boy," both featuring silent film star Harold Lloyd. In "Billy Blazes, Esq.," Lloyd parodies the westerns of movie cow­boy William S. Hart. When the local outlaws in peaceful Vale become too disorderly, it's up to Billy Blazes, Esq. to restore law and order.

"It's really quite a lot of fun," Israel said.

In the comical family film "Grandma's Boy," Lloyd plays Sonny, an awkward, shy boy afraid of everything who eventually learns to stand up for himself. Joining a posse tracking down a tramp accused of robbery and murder, Sonny finds that his timid nature doesn't lend itself well to following criminals. That is, until his grandfather gives him an amulet of courage once used by his grandfather. Then Sonny becomes the hero by single-handedly apprehend­ing the outlaw.

According to Israel, "Grandma's Boy" was one of the first film comed­ies to develop narrative structure. This allowed filmmakers to develop a film short into a feature length film.

Israel has performed previously at Central for three other silent films: "The Mark of Zorro" starring Douglas Fairbanks, "The Phantom of the Opera" starring Lon Chaney and "The General" starring Buster Keaton. Having played around the world, Israel finds that while venues and audiences vary, his attention to quality of work does not.

"Whether I play for 20, 200, or 2,000 people, I give it my best and hope the people enjoy it," Israel said. Among other honors, Israel has been named the music director for special events of The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences consistently since 1993. In 2002, Israel completed composing and recording 17 different scores for the films of Harold Lloyd.

"There's nothing more fun than accompanying a good picture," Israel said.

The Classic Film Series is spon­sored by Campus Life and the Department of English. Single admission is $3, bargain passes, good for five admissions, are $12.

Persons of disability may make arrangements for reasonable accommoda­tion by calling 963-1691 or (for the hearing impaired) 963-2143.
How to avoid finals week stress-fest

Midterms are over, but now the torture that professors call finals week looms in the future. Afraid all the stress that just ended will soon resurface? Does just thinking about all the homework and projects that have been put off until the last minute trigger a panic attack? If so, you are not alone. Since there are no “procrastinators anonymous” meetings to help you work through the 12 steps toward homework enlightenment, here are some tips that might help.

Clean and organize your study space

Before any studying can begin, clean and organize your desk. Remove anything that is not conducive to studying (Gameboy, magazines, etc.). Make sure you have everything you need for studying: pens, pencils, whiteout, paper, note cards and of course your textbooks.

Schedule a weekly time and place for study

Create a schedule of all your class times and any other activities that fill up your day, such as sports, work or time with your boyfriend or girlfriend. Make some mandatory study time each day. Pick a location to study, it could be your new study-friendly desk, or if you haven’t completed step one, the library is always a good quiet place.

Prioritize

Get out the syllabi for all your classes and make a weekly homework-to-do list. Create a calendar of due dates. Start big projects sooner and prevent all those sleepless nights when you’re struggling to finish a project the night before it’s due.

Study Early

Even if you haven’t received a study guide for the finals, you will feel you probably have some idea what they will cover. Start going over notes early, rewrite chapters and make flashcards of terms. The sooner you start, the more prepared you will be and the less stress.

Out of Town

Thursday

Paramount Theater
Bright Eyes with Neva Dinova, Jesse Sykes and The Sweet Hereafter. Tickets $23 advance and $25 at the door. All-ages Doors open at 7 p.m.

Liquid Lounge @ EMP
Reddo Kill and The Jesus Chords. No cover. 21 and over.

Friday

Showbox
Paul Westerberg and His Only Friends. Ticket $25. 21 and over. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Fenix
Pepshow performs with Winderpump, Josh Williams and The Four Colour Process. Tickets $12. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Saturday

Showbox
Steve Earle and The Dukes with guest Allison Moorer. Tickets $26 advanced and $28 at doors. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Crocodile
Mudhoney with big business and The Ruby Dot. Tickets $12. Doors open at 9 p.m.

The Moore Theater
Tommy Chong presents “The Marijuanalegalizer.” Tickets are $35, $40, $45 and $50. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Monday

Neumos
Hot Hot Heat with Louis Xiv. Tickets are $13 advanced and $15 at the door. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Wednesday

The Mamaste benefit show with Kuma, Veraon, The Senate Arcade and Spanish for 100. The concert takes place at Chop Suey, costs $7 and is a 21 and over show.

Observer — Scene — February 17, 2005
I don't want to grow up

Entering the world while crying like a banshee and covered in a lot of stuff that I'll simply describe as yucky. I was unaware that anything special was happening twenty-two years ago. Yes, that's right, I'm talking about birthdays. Whether you love them, hate them or drink them away, what makes a birthday unlike any other milestone day? I've been told that they're special, but somehow I found myself having to grow up. I'm not at all excited about it. If I've learned one thing in my life, it's that time is our most valuable resource and we simply don't have enough of it. I don't like nor do I need a yearly reminder of that frightening fact.

I don't think I'm the only college student who is both afraid of and dislikes the prospect of getting old. Maybe it's because I'll never have the time traveling Delorean I had always hoped for. Somewhere past the age of growing hair in new places, yet before the age of being able to legally buy the stuff Mom always told me not to, I realized that years were beginning to go by faster and faster. Responsibilities were growing in number and increasingly I found myself having to grow up. Sure, many good things do come with age, but that doesn't mean everything related to aging is good. Even though adult life has its advantages, the thing related to aging is good. Even though adult life has its advantages, would it be nice to be a kid again? I know that getting older is inevitable, but I still don't like the thought.

This past weekend, cowboys and cowgirls gathered around town to celebrate music, poetry and art that reflects the cowboy lifestyle. Mended Heart pictured above sang with Jennifer Jarnigan, senior, public relations major. Other acts included David Wilkie and Cowboy Celtic, Joni Harms and Sourdough Slim who yodels and plays an accompaniment on accordion, guitar, ukulele and harmonica. For full story visit the Observer online at www.cwu.edu/-observer.

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Friends, family turn out for senior's memorial

by Elliot Jacobs

Outside the SUB last Sunday morning, the sun was brilliant and the wind bitterly cold, as about 450 mourners made their way into the Cesar Chavez room to celebrate the life of Central student and local resident Dusty Foote. The gathering included college students, high school classmates, Palace Cafe employees, farming families, and many others who Dusty touched in his 22 years.

Though the sadness was palpable, it was uplifting to see how profoundly Dusty affected a number of people.

Dusty passed away last Tuesday, in Snowmass, Colo., as the result of bacterial meningitis. He woke up Monday morning feeling sick, checked into the hospital that evening, and died early the next morning. The suddenness and seeming randomness of his death left his friends, family, and the community in shock and brought them to his memorial service for healing.

Having known Dusty all my life, I think the memorial service was just as he would have wanted it. Five speakers spoke of Dusty from many different viewpoints.

Emily Stevenson, an Ellensburg High School teacher, and Central student Mike O’Neill spoke about Dusty in high school, while his brother-in-law Jay told stories about Dusty when he was a little boy. Central student John Hoffman was Dusty’s roommate in Colorado, and he spoke about the good times Dusty was having there; and all the friends he was making.

I spoke of the lifetime of memories I have of Dusty.

Four slide shows were set to music showing Dusty throughout his life, as he grew from a young boy jumping naked in an irrigation ditch, to first grade, with his first car, as a Central student and finally in Aspen. Some photos showed audience members of parties at Stonebrook, showing them standing with Dusty, his big smile lighting up the room.

My favorite pictures were the most recent ones, taken just last month. They showed Dusty happy and well—sking the incredible powder in Colorado, out with his friends in Aspen, and a poignant image of Dusty at the top of the mountain, with the setting sun illuminating the hills behind him. I believe this is the image that people who attended the service take with them—his happy smile in the foreground, and the beautiful mountains of Colorado behind him.

CWU alumnus Nick Majsterek closed the service with a prayer. He reminded us of “the slenderness of the thread which separates life from death, and the suddenness with which it can be broken,” and asked everyone to remember “on both sides of that division, we are surrounded by love.”

The best way to honor Dusty’s memory is to protect yourself from meningitis. A one-dose meningitis vaccine, which would have saved Dusty’s life, will be available this April.

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Henry Drummond (George Bellah, left) interrogates Matthew Harrison Brady (David Soltz) in a scene from “Inherit the Wind,” part of the CWU Darwin Day presentation “The Challenge of Fundamentalism.”

The event includes commentary, a theatrical presentation and panel discussion.

This event is free and open to the public Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in McConnell Auditorium.
Senior Kyle Boast breaks record in win

by Heather Watkins
Staff reporter

Central Washington University men's basketball team has come home. They hosted Alaska Fairbanks University on Thursday, Feb. 10, and Alaska Anchorage University on Saturday, Feb. 12.

On Thursday night, Central was defeated by Fairbanks 99-77 in their fifth consecutive loss. The team's Great Northwest Athletic Conference record is now 5-8.

In the first half, Central gave a good effort and at the half they trailed by eight points. The team shot 87 percent from the free throw line and 45 percent from three-point range. However, in the second half, the Wildcats shot 75 percent from the free throw line, and only 18 percent from three-point range.

"The effort just wasn’t there tonight and it’s frustrating to watch," said head coach Greg Sparling. "We should have a little more team pride and be able to take care of business. They put a hundred points on the board and we just can’t let teams do that. Our defense took a step back tonight. We were in too big of a hurry on offense."

Four of Central's players scored in double figures, but it just wasn’t enough to win. Derek Groth had a career high of 20 points. "It just doesn’t really mean anything since we lost," Groth said.

"In the locker room, coach told us not just set up for good looks, but to take good shots. We had our game plan ready, we just didn’t execute it," said Lance Den Boer, returning from an ankle injury, played well with 19 and 19 for the Wildcats.

Kyle Boast was 14-14 from the field and 6-7 at the line setting a new Central record.

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At halftime coach told us to play with passion...to play for the love of the game.

Kyle Boast
Central Forward/Guard

Wildcats
108
Seawolves
85
Central 5-8, 9-13
Leading scorers:
Kyle Boast 34 pts.
Derek Groth 22 pts.

Next Games
Tonight
@ Humboldt
State 7 pm
Saturday
@ Western Oregon 7 pm

Sophomore Derek Groth scores two of his career-best 22 points on Saturday in a win against Alaska Anchorage.

Central baseball slides into season

by Brooke Saul
Staff reporter

Green grass, fresh dirt and the crack of a bat - Central Washington University's baseball season opened with two doubleheaders.

Last Saturday, Central opened their season against the University of Puget Sound at Logger Field in Tacoma, Wash.

Central dropped the season opener with a score of 4-0. Pitcher Nigel Goodwin received the loss, allowing six hits and four runs.

"It got a little rough," said head coach Desi Storey. "Goodwin is one of the top guys and we would like to see him pitch a comeback game.

Central’s offense managed five hits against Puget Sound's starting Taylor Thompson.

The next game Central came back to shut out Puget Sound 11-0. Center fielder Ryan Rockhill led the game with three RBIs. Right fielder Josh Small and second baseman Gordon Chubb, who are both seniors, homered to bring in one RBL.

Pitchers Isaac Finch, Mike Morris, Nick Harpel and Kevin Kinston pitched for Central combining for a two-hit shutout.

Morris received the win.

Last Sunday, Central played a doubleheader against Pacific Lutheran, University. Central lost the first game 8-4 and won the next 7-2.

The first game against Pacific Lutheran, pitcher Jesse Onorio made his debut for Central but got the loss. Onorio struck out six and walked four. In four innings of play, Chubb and Troy Martin each had two hits, pinch-hitter Jamie Nilsen had the other hit for Central.

The next game, Chubb came in to pitch, and received the win.

RBL
Central glistens at Husky Classic

by Jeff Anderson
Staff reporter

Last weekend, members of Central Washington University’s indoor track team went to Seattle and competed in the Husky Classic Meet at the University of Washington. Central competed against representatives from 10 of the nation’s top 25 Division One men’s and women’s teams.

Junior Terran Legard finished second overall in the women’s 400-meter dash with a time of 56.54. The time was her fastest of the season, eclipsing the mark she set on Jan. 29 by 0.18 seconds. Legard also finished 15th in the 200-meter dash with a season-best time of 25.63.

"Terran is a returning All-American who is having a great season," said Head Coach Kevin Adkinson. "She has the top 200-meter time at the conference."

The women’s distance team also had a strong performance, finishing third behind Arizona State University and the University of Hawaii.

Freshman Sarah Benson, juniors Brandy Anderson and Terran Legard and senior Lindy Mullen made up the medley team that finished with a time of 12:30.17.

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inside-out, and we've got to win the

next five," Craven said. "We were a

career high of 14 points. Craven has

scoring 22 points and making nine of

14 free-throws. Chris Banhish scored

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to victory

WILDCAT: Hot shooting leads

men to victory

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"Coach told us that we needed to play
together and play as hard as we could."

At the half, Central led 52-38 and
from the beginning of the second half, there was no doubt that the Wildcats
would win. At one point during the
game, the Wildcats led by 29 points.

Our guys tonight were very
unselfish," Sparling said. "We
played a lot harder than we did on
Thursday."

Four of the Wildcats scored in
double digits. Along with Boast, Groth had another career-high game,

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Correction
In last week’s issue, the photo on page 13 misidentified the away team as Seattle Pacific. The photo was from a previous game versus Humboldt State.

TRACK: Team heads to Idaho for indoor GNAC meet

The women’s team has already qualified for nationals in Boston, Mass. where they will compete in the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships.

“It’s great that the women are going, now we have to qualify our men’s team. They are about 15 seconds off the qualifying time,” Adkisson said.

The men’s distance team that took 4th last week includes juniors Geoff Anderson and Cressap Watson, sophomore Dane Kindler and senior Mike Pankiewicz. They finished in a time of 10:46.14.

Watson is currently leading the conference in the 200- and 400-meter dash. He took 19th in the 400 with a time of 49.88 and beat his season best time by .71 seconds.

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In the shot put, sophomore Cameron Neel turned in another terrific throw of 15.76 meters, finishing in ninth place. Neel finished just short of his season best of 15.82 meters.

“Cameron has a good chance to go to nationals. The shot put is a very strong event for us. My hope is that we are able to go one, two, three,” Adkisson said.

Another guy who stood out at the 4th last week was junior Wildcat Scotchmer who took 35th in the 15:00.4. The time beat his personal record by more than five seconds.

Western Washington University’s Steve DeKoker set the previous GNAC record by more than five seconds.

For his efforts, Scotchmer was named Co-Athlete of the Week. Scotchmer received the conference’s athlete of the week honor for the first time as a Wildcat athlete.

This upcoming Saturday, Feb. 19, members of Central’s track team will head to the second annual Great Northwest Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships in Nampa, Idaho.

BASEBALL: Season opener continued from 12

had two hits. Chubb made a stunning performance by striking out a career-high of 10 batters, allowing only five hits and two walks while grabbing GNAC Athlete of the week honors.

“He [Chubb] threw a great game. We expected it out of him. He’s been very consistent,” Storey said.

Central’s next game will be against Grand Canyon University, Friday in Phoenix, Ariz.

Central will play a doubleheader and play a game another game this Sunday.

Classic Film Series presents pianist, composer, silent film historian ROBERT ISRAEL PLAYING HIS ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS FOR TWO SILENT FILM COMEDIES Tuesday, Feb. 22 7 p.m. in McConnell Doors open at 6:30 p.m., please arrive early.

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Wildcats split conference games

An impressive twenty-five point road victory for Central is followed by loss filled with poor shooting, turnovers by Eric Norris

The venue may have changed, but the course was the same. The Wildcat women's basketball team won their third straight game last Thursday with a solid 78-53 victory when they traveled to Idaho to play the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders.

On Saturday, Central's fortunes would change as they were revisited by the shooting woes that plagued them earlier in the season. Poor shooting, combined with tough defense from St. Martin's caused the Crusaders to lead by 27-12 lead over the visiting Wildcats.

Central senior Moriah Hover pulled the Wildcats within nine points of the Saints following a second-half jumper, but that proved to be the closest Central could get to Saint Martin's en route to a 52-36 loss. The Wildcats shot only 43-43 from the field and 2-9 from beyond the arc. Wildcat freshman Hanna Hall scored a team high 11 points in the losing effort.

"It was not a pretty game," said Head Coach Jeff Whitney. "We struggled to hit our shots but you have to give credit to their defense. They are a very good team defensively."

As a result of last weekend, Central's overall record is now 14-8 and 7-6 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference play.

"We just need to take it one day at a time," said coach Whitney when asked about the team's strategy for finishing the season. "We do need to try to get better everyday. All we can do is practice hard and work on repeat.

New Games
Next Games
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Central 7-6, 14-8
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Wildcat women's basketball team

The venue may have changed, but the outcome remained the same. The Wildcat women's basketball team won their third straight game last Thursday with a solid 78-53 victory when they traveled to Idaho to play the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders.

On Saturday, Central's fortunes would change as they were revisited by the shooting woes that plagued them earlier in the season. Poor shooting, combined with tough defense from St. Martin's caused the Crusaders to lead by 27-12 lead over the visiting Wildcats.

Central senior Moriah Hover pulled the Wildcats within nine points of the Saints following a second-half jumper, but that proved to be the closest Central could get to Saint Martin's en route to a 52-36 loss. The Wildcats shot only 43-43 from the field and 2-9 from beyond the arc. Wildcat freshman Hanna Hall scored a team high 11 points in the losing effort.

"It was not a pretty game," said Head Coach Jeff Whitney. "We struggled to hit our shots but you have to give credit to their defense. They are a very good team defensively."

As a result of last weekend, Central's overall record is now 14-8 and 7-6 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference play.

"We just need to take it one day at a time," said coach Whitney when asked about the team's strategy for finishing the season. "We do need to try to get better everyday. All we can do is practice hard and work on repeat.

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