

3-3-2005

Observer

Central Washington University

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.cwu.edu/cwu_student_newspaper

Recommended Citation

Central Washington University, "Observer" (2005). *CWU Student Newspaper*. 2263.
https://digitalcommons.cwu.edu/cwu_student_newspaper/2263

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the University Archives and Special Collections at ScholarWorks@CWU. It has been accepted for inclusion in CWU Student Newspaper by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks@CWU. For more information, please contact scholarworks@cwu.edu.



Small group will disperse large budget

The Civic Engagement Center and KCWU-FM are asking the S&A committee for nearly \$1.5 million in funding of the \$7.6 million requested from all programs for 2006 & 2007

S&A

Programs on campus have been presenting their requests to the Services and Activities Fees Committee since the beginning of this quarter. Deliberations will begin March 9 to decide how the funds will be distributed.

Center would distribute funding

by Lacey Stanton
Staff reporter

The Civic Engagement Center is requesting the second-largest amount of money next to The 'Burg from the Services and Activities Fees Committee for the next two fiscal years.

The Civic Engagement Center is asking for funding from S&A because that is one of the ways they have been funded in the past, according to Jack A. Baker, assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

The funding request covers salary, benefits, travel, equipment and goods and services costs.

These add up to an almost \$531,000 request from the Civic Engagement Center.

see CIVIC, page 2



Casewag, a long-standing DJ with KCWU the 'Burg, spins his favorite tunes. The 'Burg is requesting funding to update equipment.

Chris
Gianunzio/
Observer

'Burg makes big request for new studio, equipment

by Danny Bergman
Staff reporter

KCWU-FM, The 'Burg, is requesting \$829,000 for the next two fiscal years.

The reason for the large request is because the station is moving into a new studio located in the new Student Union Building and Recreation Center upon completion, according to Chris Hull, general manager of KCWU.

The new studio will improve the setup at the radio station by providing two new studios with a new digital infrastructure, he said.

This will allow the station to broadcast live band sessions as well as enable the studio to have multiple

people on the air in different locations.

It will be Ethernet-based studio setup which allows it to have the new digital advances, he said.

The station is student driven and works around students' work and class schedules for DJ time.

"The program is important to the students because they're the ones who get behind it and fill most of our staff positions," Hull said.

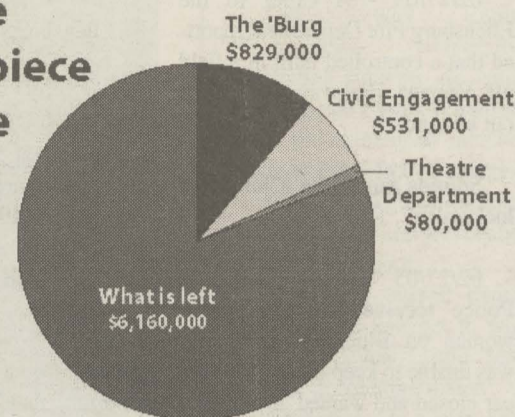
The station isn't sponsored by commercial income so it needs the help of the S & A budget, especially with the upcoming move to the new SUB, Hull said.

"The reason we can't be self supported is due to the size of our community," Hull said.

Everyone wants a piece of the pie

What is left: \$6.1 million is the amount requested from other programs on campus.

graphic by
Amy Lynn
Taylor/Observer



S & A Funding Requests
(out of \$7.6 million)

Theatre Arts requesting funds to raise curtains

by Teddy Feinberg
Staff reporter

Over the next two years, the Central Theatre Ensemble is asking for roughly \$80,000 from the Services and Activities Fees Committee, up from last year's request of \$20,000.

S&A funds come from all Central students, who support the committee as part of their mandatory fees.

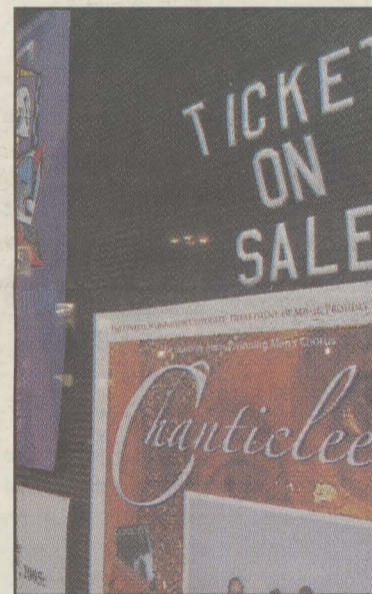
The theatre ensemble is in need of money in order to pay their student employees.

Students outside of work study who work in production at Central receive no compensation for their hours.

Theatre majors are required to spend 30 hours per quarter assisting in one of the theatre shops.

That, along with play rehearsals in the evening, puts a heavy load on their shoulders while giving them little free time outside of school to find another

see THEATRE, page 4



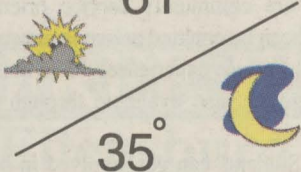
Tighe McGillivray/Observer

The Theatre Arts Department is asking for funding from the S&A committee to pay student employees. The department says a budget deficit handcuff hiring flexibility.

Two-day forecast

Friday

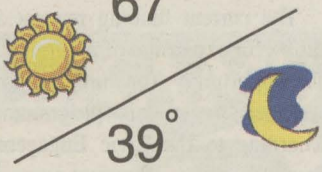
61°



35°

Saturday

67°



39°

INSIDE



Wellington Wildcat (left) under the costume

page 10

Sports argues Temple coach John Chaney's suspension

page 14

Fireside Chat fuels debate

by Rachel Thomson
Staff reporter

Orange flames danced and crackled behind about a dozen students who attended Monday night's Fireside Chat with President Jerilyn McIntyre.

"There were issues a lot of people didn't know about," said Melissa Newman, senior public relations major. "It's definitely good to keep students updated."

Since 2002, the quarterly forum has given students an opportunity to voice their concerns and ask questions of McIntyre and her cabinet.

One topic that received a lot of discussion was Central's involve-

ment with state lawmakers to give the university more authority to use tuition waivers as financial aid.

Currently Central can only waive eight percent of tuition revenue — one of the lowest in the state compared to similar-sized universities such as Eastern and Western, which receive 10 percent.

According to McIntyre, Central has to pay the difference between its tuition waivers and the state authorized amounts to other universities out of its own budget.

"People realize it's unfair to have one institution disadvantaged as much as we are," McIntyre said. "It's all about helping students with financial aid without taking money from other parts of the budget that

could provide extra student services and extra classes."

Expanding the curriculum was on the agenda as well. The cabinet mentioned adding an American Indian studies program to the list of available minors.

It is expected to be approved by the curriculum committee this year, the cabinet said. The cabinet also revealed that the academic affairs and student affairs committees have discussed the possibility of adding a Native American resource center to campus.

According to McIntyre, Central has already signed a Memorandum of Understanding with area tribes

see CHAT, page 5



Police Briefs

by Jared Lovrak
Staff reporter

I'll take "Oxymorons" for 500, Alex

02/27/05 - A caller to the Ellensburg Fire Department reported that a controlled burn in a field off Vantage Highway had gotten out of hand.

Sounds more like a job for a locksmith

02/27/05 - The Ellensburg Police received a call from a woman on Bluegrass Lane who was unable to keep the trunk of her car closed and wanted an officer's assistance.

Creepy

02/27/05 - A caller to the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office reported a male subject wearing a baseball cap, blue or green sweater and a cell-phone ear-piece standing at the end of her driveway and staring at her residence on Pays Road.

Sounds more like a job for the Fire Department

02/27/05 - A caller to the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office reported sparks shooting out of the chimney of a house on Wilson Creek Road.

UFO crash?

02/26/05 - A caller to the Cle Elum Police Department reported hearing a "loud boom" on Broadway. Upon further inspection, the caller discovered a large pile of "unknown substance" on fire.

Garbage thieves!

02/26/05 - A caller to the Ellensburg Police Department reported four juveniles dressed in black breaking into a dumpster on Washington Street.

Ellensburg's worst criminal

02/26/05 - A caller to the Ellensburg Police Department reported that a taxi driver had thrown a cigarette out of his window on University Way.

Coming on too strong

02/25/05 - A caller to the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office reported that her neighbor on Canyon Road had just flashed her.

Scary wife

02/25/05 - A caller to the Ellensburg Police Department reported that a strange man had requested to use the restroom and then ran away and jumped a fence when the caller's wife entered the room.

Not the best pickup line

02/25/05 - A caller to the Cle Elum Police Department reported indecent phone calls to a residence on Nevada Avenue from an unknown male subject who said he was "high on every kind of drug" and was looking for someone named "April."

Inartistic Expression

02/24/05 - A caller to the Ellensburg Police Department reported an individual was yelling profanities in the Children's Museum on Main Street.

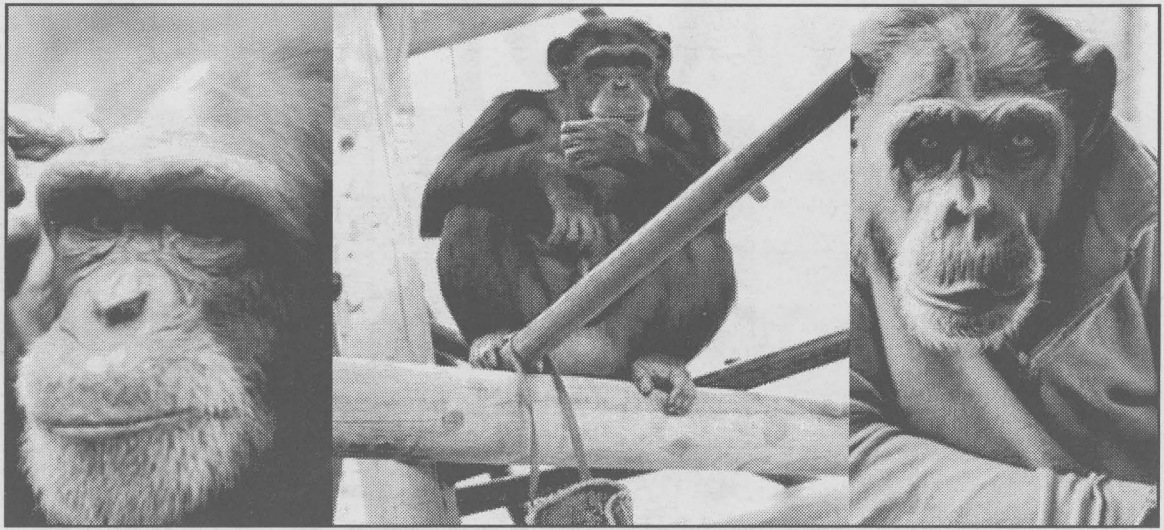


photo courtesy of Chimposium Web site

Chimpanzees Tatu, Washoe and Moja are some of the only non-humans to have acquired a human language: American Sign Language.

No monkey business for chimps

by Jared Lovrak
Staff reporter

Monkey see, monkey do. Everyone knows that old adage, but what about "chimpanzee learn, chimpanzee understand?" That one isn't as well known, at least to anyone who hasn't been working with the chimpanzees at Central Washington University's Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute (CHCI).

Of course, chimpanzees are apes, not monkeys. Chimps lack the prehensile tail that distinguishes between the two, and the chimps at the CHCI are exceptional.

They are the first chimpanzees in the world to learn American Sign Language (ASL).

The four chimps, Washoe, Dar, Loulis and Tatu, have been something of a scientific breakthrough since they were moved from Central's Psychology building 11 years ago.

"Each one knows a different amount of signs, between 150-200," said Kara Moug, program coordinator for CHCI.

The eldest chimp, Washoe, is of special distinction. At 39 years old, Washoe is the first documented non-human to learn a human language.

Loulis, the youngest at 26 and Washoe's adopted son, learned ASL from her, and is the first non-human to

learn a human language from another non-human.

This behavior isn't the same as that seen in pets such as dogs, who will perform a desired action in response to a command or the promise of a reward.

"They have full understanding of the language. They converse, they play games, both with us and with each other. They also sign to themselves when they're looking at a book or magazine, they'll sign what they're looking at," said Jess Hartel, graduate student experimental psychology major. "It's like they're talking to themselves."

The chimps are a popular attraction at Central, though access to them is limited.

Four viewings, or "Chimposiums," were scheduled for Parent's Weekend, and all of them were completely booked.

"We like to give the chimps a break from strangers staring at them. This is their home and sanctuary," Moug said. "That's why we only let people in at certain times."

CHCI is different from primate habitats at zoos in that the people are completely subordinate to the chimps.

"The chimps are in control here, we try to treat them with respect," Hartel said.

The chimps are housed in a large

enclosure, which includes an outdoor area as well. People don't enter the enclosure for the safety of both the chimps and the people.

"Chimpanzees are very territorial and a mature chimpanzee has eight to 10 times the upper body strength of a human being," Hartel said. "Even if they weren't trying to hurt us, someone could be hurt just by them playing too rough."

The chimps are also much larger than one might expect. Dar, the eldest male, weighs 150 pounds and is just over five feet tall.

Most of the chimps seen in movies and on television are not yet mature, and are therefore smaller and safer to be around.

Unfortunately, this has caused a popular misconception regarding to their actual size and the risks associated with them.

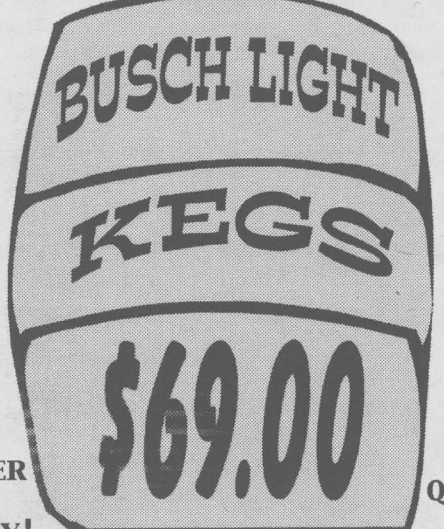
The four Chimposiums scheduled for Parent's Weekend were a warm-up for the upcoming Chimposium season that runs from the first week of March to the end of November.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call 963-2244.

Photographing the chimps is prohibited, but those interested can learn more about them and view them on several webcams placed in their habitat at their Web site www.friendsofwashoe.org.

WING CENTRAL
SELLS KEGS TO GO

LIMITED QUANTITIES  PRE-ORDER TODAY!



PRE-ORDER YOUR KEG TODAY!

LIMITED QUANTITIES ON HAND

962-5400

Notice to all CWU faculty, students and staff:

Starting March 25th, non-archived email older than 2 years will be **deleted** from your GroupWise account.

For details on this new email retention initiative, please see **TECH BYTES** on the CWU Intranet.

CIVIC: Funding to be decided March 9

continued from 1

The current funding request also allows for expansion of programs and the opportunity for new programs proposed by student programmers, according to the Civic Engagement Center summary of current requests.

"S&A has well over \$500,000 in excess of requests to divide among the different centers on campus," Baker said. "We haven't made a final decision about how much each center will be receiving."

Seven students, three professors and one administrator are involved in the deliberation process. Baker is one of the advisors to the committee.

"After March 9, deliberation will start to decide exactly what we can and cannot fund," Baker said.

Lorinda Anderson, director of the Civic Engagement Center, was not

available to comment on the funding request.

As director, Anderson helps provide students with volunteer experience in Ellensburg, other surrounding communities as well as off-campus service activities that support students' interest in serving the environment and/or society.

The programs offered by the center are community service oriented and can be counted as academic study with service experience. Some internships are also available through the center.

Students can get involved in both short-term and long-term services.

Some of the services include youth mentor programs, database development, elementary and high school teacher assistants, Spanish interpreters and much more.

For more information about the Civic Engagement Center and the services they provide visit their Web site <http://slvcenter.cwu.edu>.

For more statistics about the funds requested by the different organizations students can view the funding requests made to the S&A committee at their Web site www.cwu.edu/~saf-fairs/funding_requests.html.

Moseley Braun's speech motivates

by Ashley Bongers
Staff reporter

McConnell Auditorium was filled with motivating and inspiring words Thursday night as Carol Moseley Braun spoke to a packed house of students and community members.

She spoke about her trials and accomplishments while becoming the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Senate and a former contender for the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination.

"My story, I believe, is proof positive of progress America's made towards a dream that all man is created equal," Moseley Braun said.

People lined the aisles to hear Braun speak. Junior anthropology major Sarah Berg attended the speech to, "support women's rights and the awareness of Black History Month."

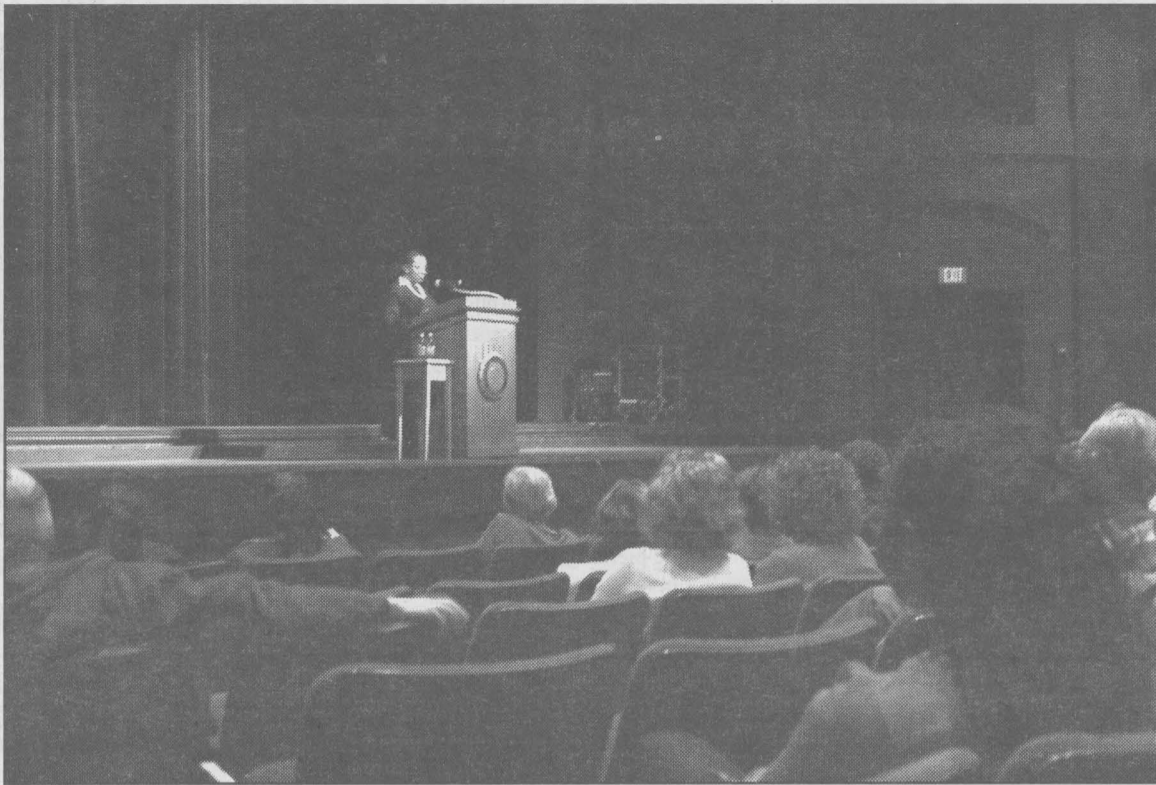
"The speech was really inspiring; I feel like I can go out and beat any odds now," Alysha Faulkner, junior social services major, said. "It [the speech] was a lot better than I thought it'd be; I didn't realize just how much she has accomplished in her lifetime."

Moseley Braun received a standing ovation as Leslie Jones, a member of the Board of Trustees, introduced her as "a phenomenal woman with her career first."

"I've had to traverse roads less traveled," Braun said.

Moseley Braun's political career includes serving as a senator, ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa, county executive officer, State Representative and Assistant United States Attorney.

After losing a reelection bid to senate in 1998, former President Bill Clinton appointed her to be a special consultant to the Department of Education and nominated her to be an ambassador to New Zealand and



Chris Gianunzio/Observer

Some 650 students and community members attended Moseley Braun's speech. The former senator discussed several topics, including the accomplishments of Jackie Robinson, Rosa Parks, and the liberation of the human spirit as the core of the American dream.

Samoa.

Moseley Braun has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois and a law degree from the University of Chicago.

Moseley Braun believes that the story of her life would not be possible without the contributions of others. The people who told her she couldn't or shouldn't do things were those who helped her go farther in life.

Each and every person makes a difference in shaping life, according to Moseley Braun. She discussed the accomplishments of how Jackie Robinson integrated baseball and how Rosa Parks stood up for what she

believed in and wouldn't move to the back of the bus.

"Because of efforts of ordinary people, doors opened to me that weren't opened to my mother or her mother," Moseley Braun said.

Braun advised the audience to look at how individual and unknown contributions throughout history have transformed America.

She gave the example of how African-Americans used to be counted as 3/5 of a person. She said that this progress has eliminated the human capacity, meaning it is unknown just how much humans are capable of accomplishing.

Liberation of the human spirit is the core of the American dream, according to Moseley Braun. This is so humankind can enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"None of our grandparents could have envisioned this gathering tonight," she said.

Moseley Braun discussed how in every person there is a reflection of God. She also talked about how a nation that can tap the talent of all its people is better off.

This means having access to all the talent that might be available to make

see **SPEECH**, page 4

Tax services offered on campus

by Mike Lightner
Staff reporter

Tax season is in full swing. For many students, this may be their first year to file a return for themselves.

That's why Central Washington University's accounting students are volunteering twice a week to help students and community members file their taxes free of charge.

H&R Block, a well known tax preparation service, charges about \$50 per hour.

"It's good overall experience because you get to work with tax payers," said Mary Weaver, accounting major.

According to accounting professor Frederick McDonald, the students must pass several courses including Individual Income Tax class. They've also been approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

"Nothing wakes me up more on a Saturday morning than getting up to do taxes for the community," said senior accounting major Jon Smith. "It gets my adrenaline rolling."

McDonald recommends bringing several pieces of documentation to a session. First bring the W-2 form from your employer. Students should also bring in their 1098-T form. This form, which should be available this week from the university, shows what students

see **TAXES**, page 5

"Best time ever, we will stay again and again."

**THE INN AT
Goose Creek**
Gift Certificates Available

All theme rooms have Jacuzzis, Down comforters, large TV's, VCR, DLS Internet Connection, Refrigerators, Non-smoking, No Pets. Rates from \$89, Sun-Thurs. From \$99, Fri-Sat.

1720 Canyon Rd.

www.innatgoosecreek.com

E-mail: goosecrk@ellensburg.com

509-962-8030

or

(800)533-0822

FREE EYE EXAMS

Ellensburg Eye
& CONTACT LENS CLINIC



The Ellensburg Eye Clinic is pleased to announce the bringing in of a fourth year extern into our practice for a three month period.

The dates of availability will be, February 28 through May 14, 2005, three days per week.

The Extern is Rebecca Bader and all exams will be overseen by Dr. Davis

This service is provided for all low income and uninsured people in need of care.

Call 925-1000 for questions or appointments

GRADUATING SENIORS:

This is your final chance to purchase educationally priced software. Once you graduate, the discount no longer applies!

We have educationally priced programs from Microsoft, Adobe, Symantec, Corel and Macromedia.

400 East University Way,
Ellensburg WA 98926-7449
509-963-1311 • 800-280-1186
www.cwu.edu/~store

CWU IS AN AAACD/ITLIE IX INSTITUTION • 509-963-2143

CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Your future is Central.

**THE
UNIVERSITY
STORE**

Tattoos at work? Don't ink about it

by Lacey Stanton
Staff reporter

It is not uncommon to see a tattoo or a piercing on a student as they walk around Central Washington University's campus. It is also not uncommon to see the same student without their piercing while working on campus.

Students often think that the people in charge of hiring on campus are not understanding of their individuality, but they are a lot more laid back than students think, according to Nan Miller, dining services supervisor in the Samuelson Union Building.

"The concern with piercings

aren't what they look like," Miller said. "It is more a hygiene issue."

Heather Marshall, freshman psychology major, works for Nan at the smoothie bar in the SUB.

Marshall has two tattoos that are visible while she works. She bears five stars on her right forearm and a black wristband on her left arm.

"Besides old people, no one really cares about my tattoos," Marshall said. "I have worked other places too and it has never been an issue."

In most departments around campus the employers are aware of the differences in generations and the piercings and tattoos are slowly being accepted as a social norm.

"That's not what matters in our

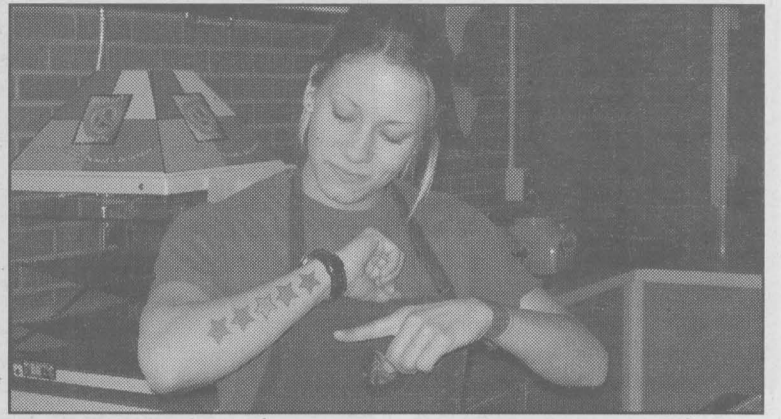
office," said Kay Davis, campus Life accounting supervisor. "It's work ethics and dependability."

When students are hired, specifically in food services, they are informed of the piercing policy and must sign a contract that states that.

In the past students have been fired for getting inappropriate piercings after being hired, according to Miller.

"We understand that this is not a really professional work environment and we have to learn to be flexible, they are not in the real world yet," Miller said.

Tongue piercings are allowed but it is up to each boss to decide what size piercing is a distraction.



Lacey Stanton/Observer

Heather Marshall, freshman psychology major, works for the smoothie bar in the Samuelson Union Building. Marshall said her five-star tattoo has not been an issue that preventing her from finding a job.

President proposes eliminating Perkins Loans

by Kathryn Lake
Staff reporter

Students may have to dig a little deeper in their pockets to pay for college in the coming years. A loan program which provided \$1,494,020 worth of financial aid last year to Central Washington University students faces an uncertain fate.

In his 2006 federal budget request, President George W. Bush proposed the elimination of the Perkins Loan Program. The plan proposes using the money saved from Perkins Loans to help fund an increase in the maximum Pell Grant award by \$100 a year for the next five years.

"In America, we believe in equal opportunity, that everyone should at least have the opportunity or deserves the chance to attend college regardless of their personal finances," said Alisa Abadinsky, President of the Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations (COHEAO) in a press release. "Eliminating the Perkins Loan Program will deny countless needy students the ability to attend college."

The Perkins Loan Program acts like a revolving account, as graduates repay their loans that money goes into new loans for current students. The federal government and the university

both contribute annually to the loan pool.

If Congress approves the budget, it will phase out the Perkins Loan Program over the course of 10 years. However, in that same amount of time, the participating schools will have to repay the money the government has contributed.

In Central's case the federal capital contribution is \$6,723,792. That amount of money would go back to the government instead of financing the loans for new students.

"This has been a successful program here for a long time. Eliminating it would be a disaster for us. It would be really bad for the students," said Agnes Canedo, Financial Aid director.

The Perkins Loan Program allows undergraduate and graduate students to borrow money based on their financial need, which is determined by the FAFSA and the cost of attendance. No interest accrues while in enrolled in school and repayment begins nine months after leaving school. There is a fixed five percent interest rate after that.

Perkins Loans can be forgiven for teachers who work in low income districts, for law enforcement, nursing and a few other service industries, according to Canedo. Since Central

has had loan program it has loaned \$35,103,908 to 20,010 students and \$4,204,507 has been forgiven, primarily for teachers.

Pell Grants are also given based on financial need, but unlike Perkins Loans they are only awarded to undergraduates and do not have to be repaid. If approved, the maximum

amount awarded will increase by \$500 over the next five years to \$4,550 a year.

"There is no possibility that the small increase proposed for the Pell would come anywhere near replacing the loss of the Perkins," said Canedo in an email. "We would not be able to offer a comparable 'package' to our incoming freshmen to the offer we

currently make."

COHEAO has launched a campaign calling on Congress to reject the President's budget proposal. They are asking students, universities, teachers, parents and others who care about access to higher education to speak out about the consequences of this proposal for hundreds of thousands of students.

Get the facts: Perkins Loans vs. Pell Grants

Perkins Loans: Undergraduate and graduate students; 65% of Central students qualify for need based aid like Perkins Loans;

Pell Grants: Undergraduates; 25% of Central students qualify for Pell Grants

Does it have to be paid back?

Perkins Loans: Yes. However they can be forgiven for some service industries (example: teaching)

Pell Grants: No.

Maximum amount awarded?

Perkins Loans: Undergraduate students can borrow up to \$4,000 each academic year; Graduate students up to \$6,000

Pell Grants: currently \$4,050 but if passed \$4,550 in five years.

SPEECH: Receives three standing ovations

continued from 3
a nation more diverse.

"Empowerment of all lifts all," Moseley Braun said. "Diversity is not self-interest; it's a matter of national interest."

The choice of a direction starts with individual decisions, according to Moseley Braun.

She quoted Abraham Lincoln in saying, "In this country, public opinion is all." She illustrated this with the example of gym shoes and blue jeans becoming popular.

When Moseley Braun was young, people wore gym shoes and blue jeans because they couldn't afford anything else. However, today

gym shoes and blue jeans are the popular thing to wear-even if you can afford other clothes. The influence of people is what made this change happen.

"The future we create cannot be worse than the past we cannot change," she said.

People need to have a willingness to communicate and understand, according to Moseley Braun.

Each person's contributions will determine the success or failure of a vision. The issues that arise provide the opportunity for people to be their best self.

"We see the future as before us and the past as behind us," she said. "We look to the past to better our responsibilities to our children. The actions we take at the present time are affecting future generations."

At the close of her speech, Moseley Braun received a standing ovation from the crowd prior to the Q&A session.

THEATRE: No props for profs

continued from 1
source of income.

"The distinction that needs to be made is that this is not money that is going to be dumped back into the theatre department," said Leslie Caul, director of marketing and development within theatre arts. "All this money goes back to the students. For some of our majors their only option is to find a job inside the department. If they can't, sometimes we have to watch them leave school."

Theatre ensemble also does not have the budget to hire students outside of work study. This has handcuffed hiring flexi-

bility within the department.

"If we need a carpenter in the theatre and no carpenter is available in work study, then we cannot get one," said theatre professor Scott Robinson. "Right now we have no money to pay for people with specialized skills."

According to Caul, another problem has been that ticket prices have remained the same while the cost of keeping facilities intact have increased. This has caused a financial problem for those within theatre.

"No theatre in America can operate solely on ticket sales," Caul said. "There needs to be another source of income besides ticket revenue, and that's what we went to S&A with to try and establish."

With financial requests from various departments, the theatre ensemble being one, it's up to the committee to decide who gets what.

Linder Chiropractic

Doctors of Chiropractic
DR. SANDY LINDER, DC
DR. MYRON LINDER, DC

Preferred providers for Premera Blue Cross,
Uniform Medical, L&I, Medicare & most
private insurances.

962-2570

Massage Therapy Available

Located close to campus!

Stop in or call!

1011 N. Alder Street
SimpleCare plan available for
those without insurance.

*Diamond Rings
Crafted by Hand
Blue Gem Class Rings*

**Ellensburg
Blue Gemstones**



*...as blue as the sky
over the Cascades,
in designer and
custom settings.*

**Art of Jewelry
Blue Gem Co.**
709 S. Main Street
925-9560

Geodesy Lab selected for national earthquake project

by Sean McPherson
Staff reporter

A Central Washington University lab will participate in a project which could lead to predicting earthquakes. The Plate Boundary Observatory (PBO) Project sets many global positioning system devices all across the United States to track ground movement. Each of these devices can measure its location to a radius of one-eighth of an inch. Central's Geodesy Lab was chosen to track these devices and convert the information to useful data.

While Marc Fairbanks, senior geography major, isn't interested much in the science of this research, but he said he is interested in what results would come from it.

"It would give a better sense of what marvel we're living on," Fairbanks said.

This project will involve the

entire Geology Department staff. The department will be hiring another person for its staff, the cost of which will be covered by the new project.

The Central lab isn't new to this kind of research. The Geodesy Lab is a participant in the Pacific Northwest Geodetic Array (PANGA), a project which studies earth movements from Washington, down through Oregon and California and into parts of Mexico.

"I'm very excited that the lab has been chosen to participate in the PBO project

because it's a great opportunity for our department and the university," Melinda Menke, senior geology major, wrote in an e-mail. Menke worked on creating a computer simulation program for PANGA last summer.

The project is being funded primarily by the National Science

Foundation. While the project has funded for five years, Dr. Tim Melbourne expects the project to last indefinitely.

"What you find once it's built is that it becomes invaluable to a society," Melbourne said.

The project will also benefit geology majors, since they will have access to the information from the project. Students can then use the information for any projects, including their senior thesis.

Central was one of three schools in the country chosen for the project. The other two schools, UC Berkley and MIT, will be doing much of the same work as Central's lab. Having three labs doing the same work, Melbourne said, will make sure the information is accurate.

"When you have this magnitude of a project," Melbourne said, "you don't want to have a weak link."

This project has been a long time coming for Central. Application started more than a year ago, in the fall of 2003.

To see more of what the PBO Project is doing here at Central, you can visit the Geodesy Lab's website at <http://www.geodesy.org>.

“
It would give a better sense of what marvel we're living on.”

”
Mark Fairbanks
senior geography

Career help available on campus

by Kelly Mitchell
Staff reporter

Graduation is around the corner and Central Washington University seniors are preparing for the big plunge.

"I went to Career Services fall quarter and they helped me out a lot with my resume," said Laura Haworth, senior broadcast journalism major. "Right now I got my internship set up. I'm putting together my portfolio and I'm getting letters of recommendation."

For over 30 years, Career Services, located in Barge 202 and 204M, has helped students and alumni prepare resumes, cover letters, and helped them get ready for interviews. Career Services also organizes internships and on-campus interviews.

"Our goal at Career Services is to empower students for the global and diverse world that awaits," said Jackie Johnson, director of Career

Services.

On March 10, 2005, Road Trip Nation Information Night is scheduled in the Student Union Building Ballroom. Road Trip Nation is a documentary of recently graduated seniors who, instead of applying for jobs, took a road trip.

They bought an RV, painted it lime green, and toured the nation, interviewing everyone from CEOs to janitors to better understand how people decide their career paths.

After selling the documentary to PBS, the participants are now offering an internship experience similar

to theirs. Applications are available at Career Services.

On April 21, 2005, Career Quest is scheduled in the SUB Theatre and Ballroom. The event features many employers, and helps students understand various professions.

"When a student can put it together and feel that empowerment and that confidence and determination to go out, it is like soul work, it really is," Johnson said.

Chris Thompson, senior public relations major, said he's started his search, but "I'm also trying to enjoy the rest of my college career."



Michael Bennett/Observer

Issues raised during Monday's Fireside Chat, included adding an American Indian Studies minor and a Native American resource center.

CHAT: Students voice their opinion

continued from 1

to initiate an advisory council meeting, set to take place April 1.

Another question asked was which departments would move to Dean Hall after its remodeling is complete. According to Rich Corona, vice president of business and financial affairs, the building will be transformed from a wet lab facility to a dry lab.

This means the building won't be set up for chemistry, biology or

physics classes. Instead, it will house the entire departments of anthropology and geography. It will also provide a location for the master's program of resource management.

Corona said other departments will benefit from the change as well. New space would allow the departments of political science or criminal law and justice to move from the Psychology building to Farrell Hall.

The geology department, which is now scattered in three different facilities would be combined to Lind Hall.

The university also talked about plans to expand Dean Hall by adding a small exhibit museum for students and the general public use.

The event ended with McIntyre's encouraging students to contact the cabinet with any questions they might have.

TAXES: Filing date April 15

continued from 3

have paid for like school tuition, scholarships, grants and books. The whole process takes about 20 minutes once the session starts with a tax preparer. They'll ask for basic information such as name, address and social

security number. "E-filing," which is recommended by the volunteers, will electronically file the return. This will get your return back faster.

"I appreciated it a lot," says law and justice graduate Ken Hamilton, "especially not having to pay. When I filed online I had to pay \$40 or \$50."

The College of Business has offered tax preparation services for more than 10 years. For tax preparation, visit Shaw-Smyser 109 Wednesday from 5:30-8 p.m. and Saturday 10-2 a.m.

The Ultimate Part-Time Job Biomat USA GRIFOLS

Donate blood-plasma and earn \$50

this week for two donations. Your donation can help burn victims, surgery patients, hemophiliacs & many others. Spend your donation time watching television or chatting with our staff.

For more information, call or visit:
502 W Nob Hill Blvd,
Yakima
509-457-7878

MARDI GRAS
Uninstall East & West
Thursday, March 3rd
4:30pm to 7:00pm

Come: Units from all Regions, Men's, Women's, Kids & Girls, Cars & Bikes, Transplants, Gate Crapshooters

Free Glass Beards & Masks!

Ellensburg's Balloon Man to create sculptures & hats!

Date Hubbard's Crossroads Ellensburg Blues Show
Live Remote from KOWU the "Burg!"

MARDI GRAS
Breakfast & Lunch
Mardi
Thursday, March 3rd

We Are Celebrating at Breakfast & Lunch, too!

Pancake Breakfast

Bourbon Chicken
Red Beans & Rice
Corn & Pepper Fritters

Opinion

OBSERVANCE

You gotta fight, for your right

What is our fascination with binge drinking and raucous partying? Is it, to put it simply, just fun; an open and shut case on the psyche of a college student? Or is it something more that few can comprehend?

Close your eyes and imagine - oh wait, you can't read if you're - ok, just imagine you are crammed into a dimly lit room with 100 or so strangers, sweaty, hot and all irritated they can't find an undersized chair to sit in.

The music is an overplayed jingle that revolves around either booty, bling-bling, or booty and bling-bling intertwined together so well that Lil' Jon's lack of talent is at the top of the charts. Crunk juice aside, the music infiltrates your brain like a carnivorous earwig.



Andrew Grinaker

If you're a guy, the girls are ignoring you. If you're a girl, you have been tempting with promises of endless one-dollar well drinks.

Your imagination has become reality and that reality is a bar scene that students across the country in college campuses anxiously wait for each week. Why?

On a Friday night when we have free time, we don't fill our night with activities and tasks we couldn't complete the week before. Where is the fun in that?

Instead we surround ourselves with unknown males and females who have planned, like us, to consume mind-altering substances until they have either displayed their dinner to the public or are too blind mentally (blacked out) to realize the fun is over and porcelain may be their pillow for the night.

Furthermore, after paying per drink, having your feet stepped on and having your ear tortured by over-produced, modernized music; staying at home watching Napoleon Dynamite for the sixth time seems like a step up. But as college students, we don't see the knockout with the body or the cute one with the killer eyes at home.

You only see the "guy on the couch" (insert roommate's name here) and that definitely won't fill your typical "house party" to "Starlight" to "Oak Rail" night.

After ranting and raving, I still don't have an answer as to why this complex riddle works, but I wonder how it continues to balloon. New bars, new beers and new means of consuming are being invented to fill and kill; to fill our time and to kill our brain cells.

I would like to think I know why students venture out to party. They want to get away from it all, to leave problems, to forget about school or a job or a boyfriend/girlfriend. But does it make sense to get away, go on a trip, no pun intended, with sweaty strangers, Lil' Jon rapping and over-priced drinks?

Probably not, but students, myself included, continue to go out, causing just enough debauchery to tell a decent story in the morning.

Andrew Grinaker is the Editor-in-Chief. He can be reached at grinakea@cwu.edu

ARTIST'S EYE



©2005CHRISFURNISS ONLINECOMIC.NET

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Homosexuality isn't a choice

I'm writing in response to a statement made in last week's article, "Affirmative action quotas may be renewed." The statement was made by Ryan Cavanaugh, former president of Central's College Republicans. When the idea of homosexuality being considered a minority under the Washington State Civil Rights Act was brought up in the article, Mr. Cavanaugh was quoted as saying "That initiative would be rewarding people for a choice they've made. It says, because you made this choice, we'll treat you better than everyone else."

Mr. Cavanaugh, as well as a good part of Central, have made a grave

error in judgment when it comes to homosexuality. Who would choose to be a homosexual in a society that is often hateful and discriminatory against them? Being a gay man on this campus, I often hear my fellow students using the word "choice," and I am astounded that they don't stop to think about what they are saying. Even when Danny and Paul of the "Real World" were here in the fall, someone asked them "When did you decide to be gay?" Come on Central! Do you realize what a guy like me goes through on a daily basis?

Another problem with Mr. Cavanaugh's statement is the idea that homosexuals would be treated better. That is not what asking for civil rights is about. Asking for civil rights is about wanting to be on the same level as the straight, Christian,

white men of this country.

Think about what you say Central. It's not a choice to be homosexual.

Robert Hanson
Broad-Area Music Education
Major

Growing up isn't

Mr. Youngs: Grow up. College is not about developing our social selves, that's what elementary school was for with class parties on our birthdays and assemblies about how to be friends. In college, you are

see LETTERS, page 7

OBSERVER

• (509) 963-1073 - Newsroom •
963-1026 - Business Office • FAX 963-1027
400 E. University Way
Ellensburg, WA
98926-7435

Andrew Grinaker / Editor-in-Chief
Jennifer Turner / Managing Editor
Michael Bennett / Production Manager
Eva Tallmadge / Projects Editor
Chris Furniss / Cartoonist
Anna Chopp / Office Assistant
Ashley Rogers / Ad Representative
James McDonald II / Ad Representative
Cynthia Mitchell / Adviser
Christine Page / Business Manager

News Editor: Bob Kirkpatrick Assistant Editor: Tieh-Pai Chen Reporters: Danny Bergman, Cassie Bohrer, Ashley Bongers, Teddy Feinberg, Paul Kobylensky, Kathryn Lake, Mike Lightner, Jared Lovrak, Sean McPherson, Kelly Mitchell, Lacey Stanton, Rachel Thomson

Scene Editor: Rachel Guillermo Assistant Editor: Joe Castro Reporters: Rebecca George, Ben Hanson, Ryutaro Hayashi, Brent Littlejohn, Taishi Kanamaru, Sarah Mauhl, Kazuo Saito, Brandon Sanford, Jordan Youngs

Sports Editor: Jon Mentzer Assistant Editor: Pat Brown Reporters: Jeff Anderson, Eric Norris, Brooke Saul, Heather Watkins, Berivan Yousify

Photo Editor: Chris Gianunzio Assistant Editor: Pat Lewis

Photographers: Michael Bennett, Tighe McGillivray, Joe Whiteside

Copy Chief: Marty Maley Assistant Copy Chief: Carol Jodock Copy

Editors: George Hawley, Marti Osborn

Online Editor: Allison White Assistant Editor: Charlene Krentz Reporters: Craig Manning

Graphics: Amy Lynn Taylor

The Observer is printed by Daily Record Printing, 401 N. Main, Ellensburg, WA 98926.

DEADLINES

Listed below are the deadlines for the Observer. The Observer office, located in Bouillon 222, is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Submissions can be brought to the office, mailed to the Observer, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA 98926 or faxed to (509) 963-1027.

NEWS

- Friday, 5 p.m. - Entertainment, meetings, calendar events.
- Monday, 3 p.m. - Weekend sports information.
- Monday, 5 p.m. - Letters to the editor.

ADVERTISING

• Thursday, 5 p.m. - Display ads. • Monday, 5 p.m. - Classified ads. To place advertising contact your advertising representative, call the Observer business office at (509) 963-1026 or fax information to 963-1027.

LETTERS

continued from 6

expected to pursue a course of study as it relates to your future career, what you do on our own time or how you socialize is no longer the school's responsibility. Employers are not going to be concerned about your social life and while community involvement is a plus, it had better not interfere with getting your work done. If you miss a deadline, you'll have plenty of time to socialize and be involved in your community because you'll be out of a job.

Furthermore, homework is not just about reinforcing what is said in class. It's about going out and discovering new ideas and ways of doing things for yourself. It's teaching you how to go to the library and research for a paper, it's observing a classroom to find new ideas on how to teach, it's asking you to take one more step towards being independent, self-reliant and having your own ideas about how things are accomplished. Maybe most importantly, it's asking you to budget your time in such a way that you can accomplish what you need and still have time to enjoy your friends. I am a music major who takes 18-20 per quarter and regularly spends 12-16 hours per day in class, working and doing homework. I have a wonderful group of friends and while we are all incredibly busy people, we still make time to have dinner together once a week and see each other when we can. It's all about choices and knowing how to accomplish what we need to before being able to do what we want. It's about growing up and fending for ourselves as mature adults.

Maybe you should try doing the same.

Heidi Brueggemann
Senior Music Education Major

I prefer to sit on this one

I am bewildered and insulted by Jordan River Lawson's Feb. 24 letter to the editor, "Get up and dance people." Lawson suggests that the audience's "lethargic" response to the music of African-fusion ensemble

Maya Soleil only exposed our community's insensitivity to the plights of poverty and disease in Africa and around the world.

I am first forced to wonder if Lawson and I attended the same Maya Soleil performance, the one in which all energy in the auditorium swelled as the audience began to clap and sing along, where more than two-thirds of the audience escaped from their seats to dance in the aisles, and where my daughter (along with a number of other children from toddler-hood on up) was invited by the lead female vocalist to boogie with the band on stage. Was this dancing not a public confirmation of the "necessity for change?"

Lethargy set aside, Lawson's interpretation that the "corpse"-filled auditorium was somehow indicative of the discriminatory character of our campus and its numbness to plights like AIDS and starvation is deeply offensive and totally erroneous! How Lawson came to such mistaken and nasty conclusions is a riddle best left for philosophy majors. If we are to effectively combat intolerance, scarcity, and disease anywhere in the world, we must mobilize collectively with as much passion and heart as Maya Soleil's music. A few hundred people gathering together in Hertz Auditorium to experience the message of compassion and unity through music is one small but vital step towards awareness. I therefore suggest that Lawson focus future criticisms on those who like better to practice lethargy on the couch at home rather than in the seats at a multicultural venue.

As a final point, I agree with Lawson that music unites cultures and nations. Perhaps Lawson would be glad to know, then, that this "group of musicians from West Africa" is actually an international mix of performers from Zambia, Zimbabwe, Jamaica, America, the Philippines, as well as Ghana.

Jody K. Bell
Graduate History major

Thank student workers

The purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to student lead-

ers for their positive contributions and thank them for their dedication. About this time during winter quarter two years ago the Observer released an article that explained how the Senate of Student Organizations had spent a yearly allotment in just one and a half quarters. While at this time last year, it was apparent to everyone involved with the Senate that their spending would quickly surpass the extent of their funds. Fortunately Central is blessed to have an active student population and thus countless club opportunities to benefit the campus. Unfortunately, the yearly cost of club events is far greater than the amount of money available to supplement their activities.

The necessity to distribute an appropriate amount of money to each club is why Club Senate is crucial. The authority of the organization lies in the senators, a representative from every recognized club on campus. This body of over ninety individuals is responsible for setting their own fiscal pace. This year the Senate is on track, reserving more than \$20,000 to be divided between the plethora of activities that occur in the spring and summer quarters. The Senators deserve recognition for performing the difficult task of increasing individual club accountability and selectively funding events that will have the largest impact on the most Central students; at this pace they could even consider a name change to reflect their newfound dedication to duty, perhaps the "House of Lords" maybe not.

Tony Aronica
Senior
History and Anthropology Major

I am sad that misinformation

EO director speaks out over article

about affirmative action continues to be spread through readily available media sources. My integrity as a person and as a human rights professional, as well as the credibility of the Office for Equal Opportunity, is

in part dependent upon my knowledge about these issues and my ability to inform others about them. The article written by Paul Kobylensky and published in The Observer February 24, 2005, should have appeared on the Opinion page since opinions (and his bias is obvious) far outnumbered facts. In addition quotes attributed to me were either taken out of context or just plain wrong.

Here are some facts:

1) Affirmative action has never meant "quotas." In fact, federal regulations state that "Goals may not be rigid and inflexible quotas which must be met*." (Federal Code 41 CFR 60-2.12e) These regulations apply only to employment, not admission to college. Central has never had employment or admission quotas.

2) I-200 only prohibits preferential treatment in employment and admission at public educational institutions. Its passage did not eliminate affirmative action programs which are required by the federal government. And no, "affirmative action" does not equal "preference." Central maintains an ongoing affirmative action program for employees and conducts outreach to recruit a diverse student body.

3) Affirmative action programs are developed for particular groups to address the effects of past discrimination. Federal affirmative action programs include only Blacks, Hispanics, Asians/Pacific Islanders, Native Americans/Alaskan Natives and women.

4) The university provides equal opportunity in its programs and services regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability or status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam-era veteran. State and federal laws protect all of these groups (with the exception of sexual orientation) from discrimination. There is a bill currently in the legislature that would add sexual orientation to the list of protected groups. There is no movement at the federal or state level to add sexual orientation to affirmative action programs.

5) Neither affirmative action nor equal opportunity means hiring unqualified employees or admitting unqualified students. (The idea

that affirmative action leads to unqualified hires is a misperception often used by opponents of affirmative action.) However, employers and educational institutions have begun to more carefully examine employment qualifications and admissions standards to see if they are truly indicators of success.

Mr. Kobylensky used my quotes out of context to support his opinions. When I said, "Are we really serving the population equally?" it was a rhetorical question. Can we serve the central part of the state if we don't reach out to Hispanics and encourage them to consider a college education? Can we serve, recruit, and retain Hispanic students if we don't have a significant number of Hispanic faculty? I in no way implied that we were "wasting a lot of time and tax money recruiting people that may not have been interested in the college in the first place." That, evidently is Mr. Kobylensky's opinion. Other opinions, which should have been labeled as such, include the belief that white men were never actively recruited for positions at their institutions or that students who add diversity to the university "barely meet requirements."

Nancy Howard, director of OEO, and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how affirmative action, equal opportunity, and diversity support the mission of Central Washington University with the Observer. Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services Mike Reilly, and Admissions Director Lisa Garcia-Hanson, have also expressed interest in attending. In our opinion, a follow-up article is warranted.

Staci Sleigh-Layman
Associate Director
Office for Equal Opportunity

Editor's note: We have acknowledge that several opinions from the reporter were presented as facts and not properly attributed. Also, some of Staci Sleigh-Layman's quotes could have been misconstrued because they were taken out of context. The Observer sincerely regrets the error and has addressed the problem as a staff.

Observer crossword puzzle

compiled by Jared Lovrak

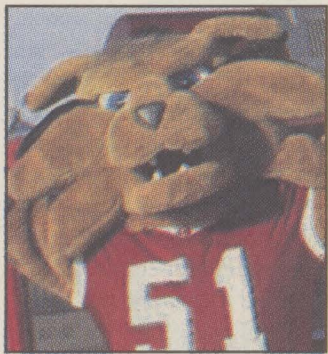
Across

1. Leader of the Autobots.
4. This children's author coined the word "nerd."
11. The Ghostbusters' paranormal pal.
12. The first rock star to ever be arrested onstage.
15. Nolan Ryan's 5000th strikeout victim.
17. Eminem's middle name.
19. All human beings share the same basic set of -
20. Ned Flanders' deceased wife - Flanders.
22. The science of improving the hereditary qualities of a species.
25. This famous homemaker-turned-prisoner was inmate number 55170-054.
26. Beatles' song featuring a barber, a baker and a nurse.
27. The number of players on a polo team.
28. Led Zeppelin song supposedly containing backwards occult messages.
29. This band recorded the album "Incesticide."
30. Garfield and Odie's owner Jon -.

Down

2. Skeletor's base of operations.
3. This actress received an Oscar nomination for her first role in a "talkie."
5. The first NHL goaltender to get two assists in a single game.
6. Emperor of Cobra.
7. Deceased leader of a cult in Waco, TX.
8. "South Park" geneticist.
9. This sitcom won the 1990 Emmy for "Best Comedy."
10. This shark movie featured the tagline "Bigger, Smarter, Faster, Meaner."
13. This artist won his first Grammy in 1983 for "Sexual Healing."
14. Deceased cloned sheep.
16. Homer Simpson's wealthy half-brother - Powell.
18. Actress who got her start in Bruce Springsteen's "Dancing in the Dark" video.
21. This state houses the oldest golf hole in the United States.
23. Frylock, Master Shake and Meatwad's neighbor.
24. Energizer's pitchman before the Energizer Bunny.

Answers are available online at www.cwu.edu/~observer

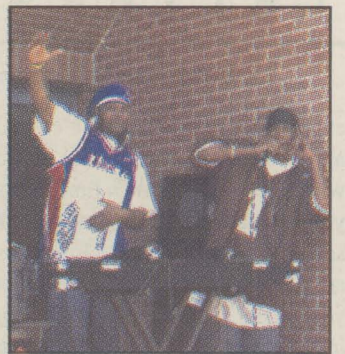


Exclusive Q &A with Central's mascot.

Page 10

Night at McConnell provides array of talent. Page 11

SCENE



Central parents experience campus life



Drew Liner/Campus Life

Above: Students and parents enjoy a "Jazz Brunch" in the Cesar Chavez Theatre Sunday morning. The meal was complemented by the trained voices of Central's Vocal Jazz I, under the direction of Vijay Singh. The buffet was just one part of the "Grand Central CWU Family Weekend" sponsored events by Campus Life. Below: "Murder for Sale Party Company" actor plays the role of Indianapolis Jones in the murder mystery "Curse of the Idol."

Parents invade campus: 48 hours of family fun

by Ryutaro Hayashi
Staff reporter

From chimpanzees to notes of jazz, the showcase of Central Washington University students' lives was open for three days.

Sponsored by Campus Life "Grand Central CWU Family Weekend 2005," drew parents, family members, and siblings of the Central students to the campus last weekend.

"It's a form of appreciation of the parents, a celebration of them as part of the whole university community and continuing to build connection between families and university," Scott Drummond, director of Campus Activities, said. "Family Weekend is a great event on college campuses and very welcoming and very necessary."

Joelle Briskin, junior fashion merchandising, said family weekend is fun and a good opportunity to meet parents and to hang out.

All events were designed to help participants see a slice of life at Central by going through the similar

activities that students can enjoy throughout a year.

Over the weekend, parents toured campus, met staff and learned about campus clubs and organizations.

"It's a good way to understand what your child is going to school," said parent Marcia Briskin.

Tours of the Chimposium were set up twice a day on both Saturday and Sunday,

receiving favorable reviews.

"I just came from the chimpanzium," said parent Jim Wussler. "That was a pretty cool thing. Overall it's been a great weekend so far."

see **ACTIVITIES**, page 10

“
I love that there is an opportunity for me to share with my daughter and get to know more about the campus.
”

Marilyn Meek
Central parent

Night of mysterious mayhem

As part of last weekend's annual Parent's Weekend, Central Washington hosted Murder Mystery Night. The show was put on in Central's Samuelson Union Building by the Murder For Sale Party Company. I attended the event with my family and we had a good time.



Ben Hanson
Staff reporter

For those of you unfamiliar with the concept of a murder mystery party, what normally happens is that a group of people will take on particular roles in a prewritten murder mystery, with one person as the killer. The goal is to solve the mystery before the other partygoers without becoming a victim yourself.

Because there were more than a hundred people attending the event, the Murder For Sale actors took on the roles, making the families an audience instead of active participants. The guests would call over any of the seven actors and ask them questions, giving them valuable clues to solve the case. Despite this lack of direct action, most of the guests had a good time.

"A lot of fun. Very interactive and interesting," said Rebekah Varghese, Central student.

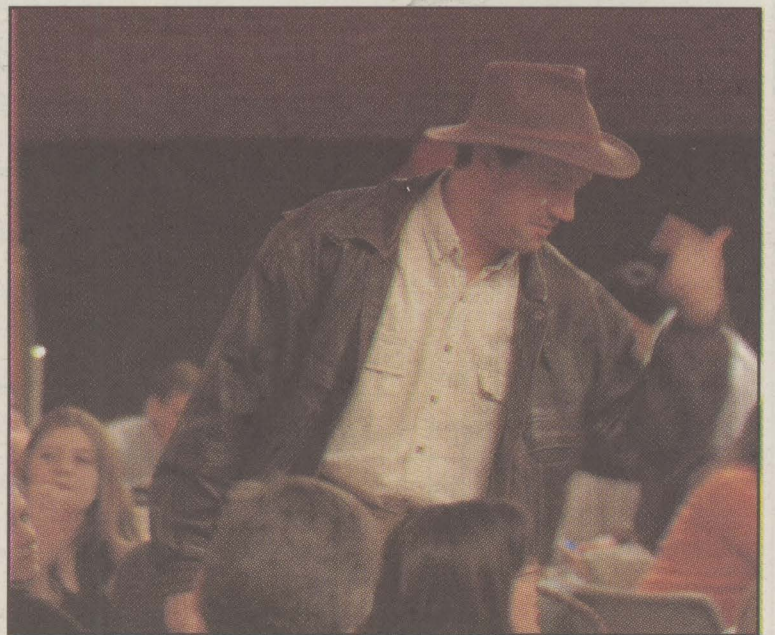
The story was one of revenge and

greed, involving Indianapolis Jones, who brought back the Mali Boobarbee, a cursed idol from Africa. He was presenting it to the Science, Prehistory and Antiquities Museum (SPAM, for short), which was run by Lenore Ravensworth, a ditzzy socialite. Also in

attendance were Ruddy Quagmire, an incompetent poacher, and Dr. Liz Ardbuff, a reptile expert.

To add a bit of drama to the mix, Lenore's niece, Mary Ann, used to date Jones and was one of his major rivals in the adventurous archeology field. To further complicate matters, Mary Ann was engaged to Boswell Bainbridge, who was still married to Liz Ardbuff. Then Rollo Tomasi, Jones' assistant, was bitten by the rare

see **MYSTERY**, page 10



Drew Liner/Campus Life

You tell us

What did you give up for Lent and how are you doing?



"Your mom jokes. I have only slip once."

- Jessica Oberholser, junior nutrition science



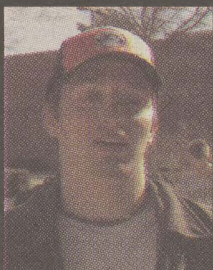
"Junk food. I eat a lot less than I did before."

-Britta Gidican, freshman communications



"Eating at Taco Bell. Perfect."

-Eric Lethrom, sophomore flight technology



"Caffeine. Staying strong."

-Noah Reilly, junior paramedicine

Lent: It's the new black

by Rebecca George
Staff reporter

Say goodbye to your hard-earned Mardi Gras beads and anything that might have said "moo" - the last fling is finally over and the solemn days of Lent are on us.

Even amidst those who chose to continue normal carnivorous practices, and consider Mardi Gras just an excuse to wear a necklace and have some fun, the ancient Lenten customs have grown into more than just a religious holiday at Central Washington University.

Sacrifice is the trend this season as Central students of different spiritual backgrounds are choosing to forego various habits in recognition of the age-old custom of Lent.

By definition, the season of Lent is the time of preparation for Holy Week, leading up to Easter. For many,

it is a time to give up something like candy, beer, french fries, smoking, pop or other



unhealthy habits. It may be a time of more frequent Mass or church attendance for others.

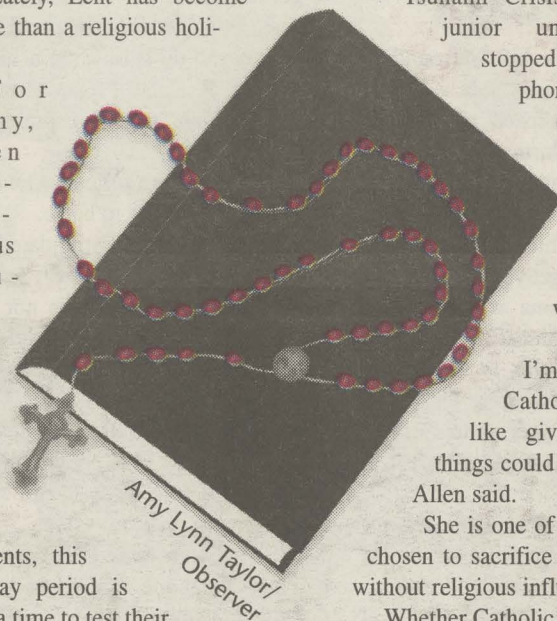
For the devout, Lent is a period of 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. The 40 days are symbolic of Jesus Christ's 40 days of fasting, meditation and reflection in the desert before beginning a ministry.

"It's just how I was raised in my family and in my church," said RJ Price, sophomore chemistry major, a devout Christian has decided to forgo any gambling, particularly poker, for

the holiday.

Lately, Lent has become more than a religious holiday.

For many, even non-religious stu-



Amy Lynn Taylor/
Observer

dents, this 40-day period is just a time to test their willpower.

"I am about as religious as a peanut," said Pat Monson, sophomore undeclared, but has chosen to sacrifice playing his X-BOX out of fear of not going to heaven if he were to someday become religious.

"It also helps me do things that I need to do as opposed to things I want to do," Monson said.

Price agrees with Monson.

"It just gives me something else to focus on," Price said.

In response to last December's Tsunami Crisis, Jaime Allen, junior undeclared, has stopped using her cell phone as well as discontinued her habitual long showers in an effort to conserve water.

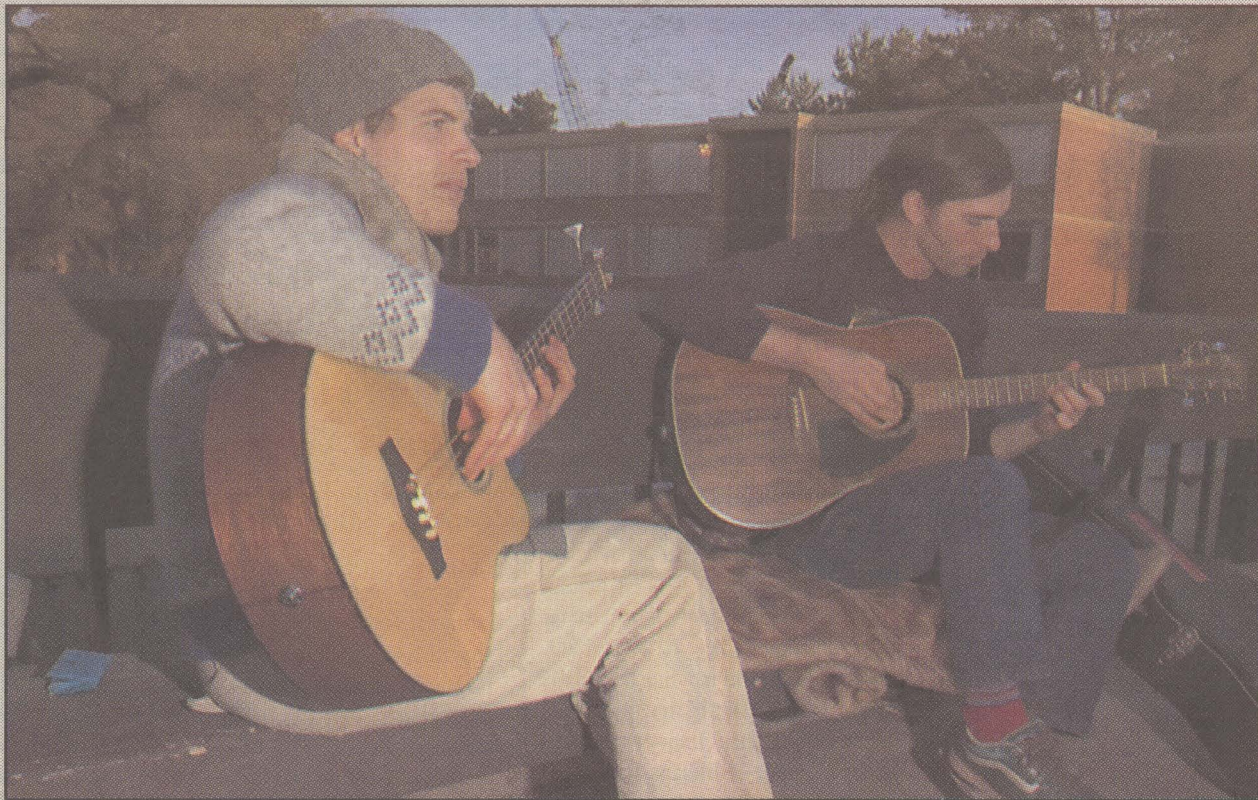
"Even though I'm not a practicing Catholic, I still felt like giving up a few things could be meaningful," Allen said.

She is one of many who have chosen to sacrifice material entities without religious influence.

Whether Catholic, Non-denominational, Buddhist, Muslim, atheist, agnostic or anything in between, on Central's campus, students of varying backgrounds are taking time to think about making a few sacrifices, with the exception of maybe studying for finals and going to class.

If you feel you have missed on this holiday season but still feel the urge to join in on the trend, you could swing by the Mardi Gras themed dinner tonight and start your own 40-day Lenten period.

Visiting musicians Timbo (left) and Matthew Bowman (right) jam on acoustic bass and guitar near the L & L building last week. The two guitarists came to Ellensburg from Seattle in hopes of an "open mic" night.



Tighe McGillivray/Observer

WANNA SEE YOUR NAME AND PICTURE IN PRINT WITHOUT COMMITTING A CRIME? COME JOIN COM 468 OR 478 AND ALL OF YOUR WILDEST DREAMS WILL COME TRUE!!



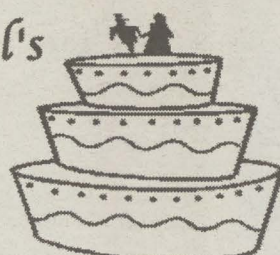
Pregnant and scared?

You have options.
1-800-395-HELP
Free Test. Caring. Confidential.

In Ellensburg call 925-2273 or visit us at 111 East 4th
CARENET www.PregnantAndScared.com

ELLENSBURG FLORAL

Ellensburg Floral's
1st Annual
Wedding Show



March 5th
2005
11am-4pm

306 S. Main Suite 1 925-4149

Wellington keeps it real

by Brandon Sanford
Staff reporter

Deep within the hills surrounding Ellensburg there is a pack of wildcats. From that pack of wildcats comes one in particular who has gained the camaraderie of the Central Washington University population. Everyone knows him; he is the great, the majestic, the get you off your feet 'cause we're gonna win this one, Wellington the Wildcat.

However, as he is somewhat reclusive—only emerging for athletics and picture opportunities—there is a side of Wellington he has yet to share with us.

While there are certain areas of Wellington's personal life he wishes to remain his own, the wildcat himself has let the cat out of the bag and finally decided to share his personal life with Central in this exclusive Observer interview.

Q: How large of a litter do you come from, and what is your relationship with your siblings?

A: I come from a very big litter. I'm the biggest out of all of them. They're all jealous of me, every single one of them. I'm the only one who wears clothes. And I get to hang out with the cheerleaders.

Q: How old are you?

A: I'm perpetually 22. I will always be 22.

Q: What's the dating scene like for you?

A: I'm a gentlemen. No comment.

Q: Are you territorial like other wildcats?

A: Yes. I've marked every corner of this campus.

Q: Does Central pay you?

A: Yes, I'm paid. I'm also trying to get the university to buy me a cat habitat. I do a lot for this school, the least they can do is buy me a habitat.

Q: Do you have any problems with hairballs?

A: Hairballs are for cats who lick themselves. I prefer to bathe.

Q: Are you at all intimidated by canine mascots?

A: The Wellington does not get intimidated.

Q: Since you are a wildcat, can you hold your own in a fight?

A: Yeah! At the Battle in Seattle I started to get a little riley with the Viking. Let's just say I can start some ish.

Q: Like your household counterpart, if someone scratches your tummy, do you purr?

A: I've been known to purr, on occasion.

Q: Have you ever climbed a tree and had to be helped down by the fire department?

A: I think you're thinking about a house cat. I'm a wildcat; climbing trees is part of our nature.

Q: Is there anything you have in common with your housebound relatives?

A: I freakin' hate birds!

Q: Have you ever habitually used catnip?

A: I have absolutely no idea of what you're talking about.

Make no mistake about it, Wellington the Wildcat is dedicated to Central. This is, after all, his home. And in return for all of his hard work, he has but one question for the population of Central: "Who loves kitty?"

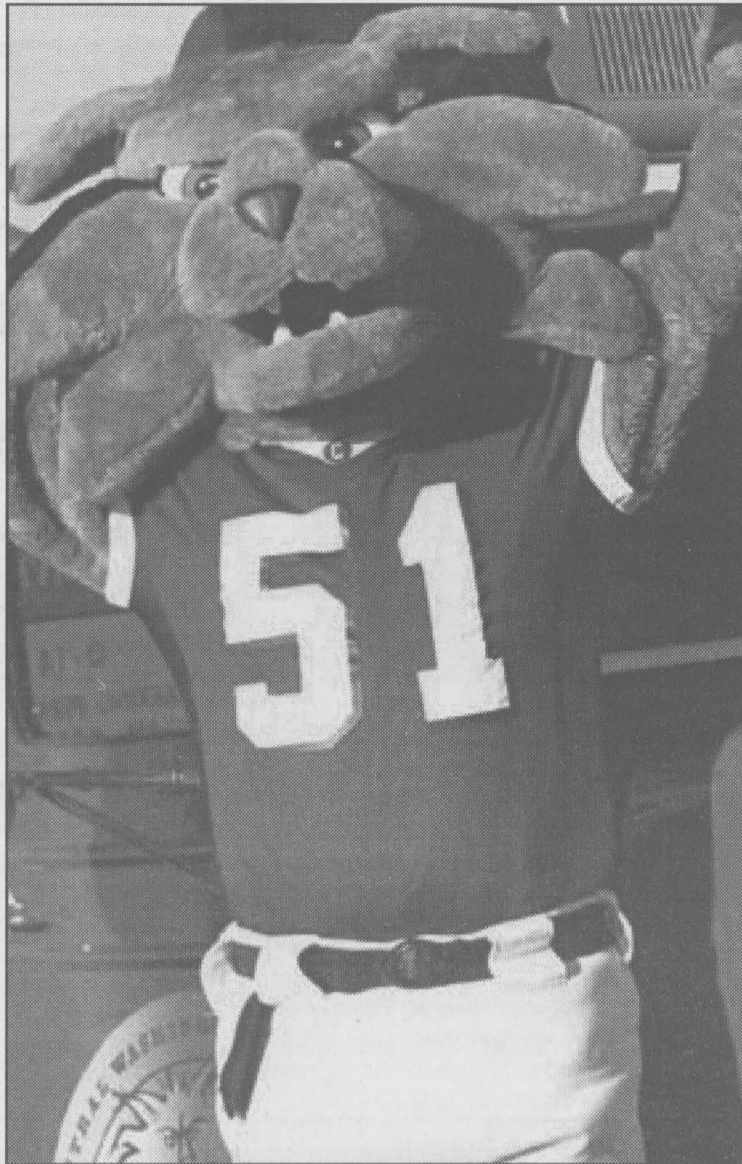


photo courtesy of Lucas Westcoat

The year-old Wellington the Wildcat costume cost just under five thousand dollars. The new costume provides more padding for protection on the sidelines and better visibility. The old costume, sometimes confused with a tiger, was held together with tape and was filled with holes.

MYSTERY: Fun for the family

continued from page 8

snake that Ardbuff was going to show off that night. In most murder mysteries, the fact that her snake committed the murder would have meant that she was innocent. However, Ardbuff did turn out to be the murderer, angered by years of abuse and neglect at the hands of Ravensworth.

It was an easy mystery to solve, but my father and I over-thought it,

deciding that Ardbuff was innocent because it was so obvious. My mother and sister walked away with Junior Detective certificates. Alas, I suppose I shall never be a Junior Detective.

So, the mystery had an obvious solution, but it was a fun ride getting there. Ruddy Quagmire was particularly amusing, since he was loud-mouthed, rude and incompetent in his efforts to steal the Mali Boobarbee. Indianapolis Jones' lines were plays on the dialogue of Indiana Jones.

All jokes aside, it was an enjoyable night, with a good buffet and enjoyable light humor.

ACTIVITIES: Family weekend

continued from page 8

In the meeting titled "Parents as partners with CWU," Central staff shared information with student's parents, encouraging them to build connections with Central and other parents.

"The meeting was excellent," said Central parent Marilyn Meek. "I thought it was very helpful and it was a great opportunity."

Following the Wildcat men's basketball game against Seattle University, a special entertainment this year, a murder mystery "Curse of the Idol" concluded Saturday's activities.

For those who didn't sign up for the chimposiums on Sunday, music by Central Vocal Jazz I in buffet brunch turned to be the last note to seal participants' weekend experience in Central.

"I love that there is an opportunity for me to share with my daughter and get to know more about the campus and what's available," Meek said.

THE ANTIQUE BAGEL COMPANY

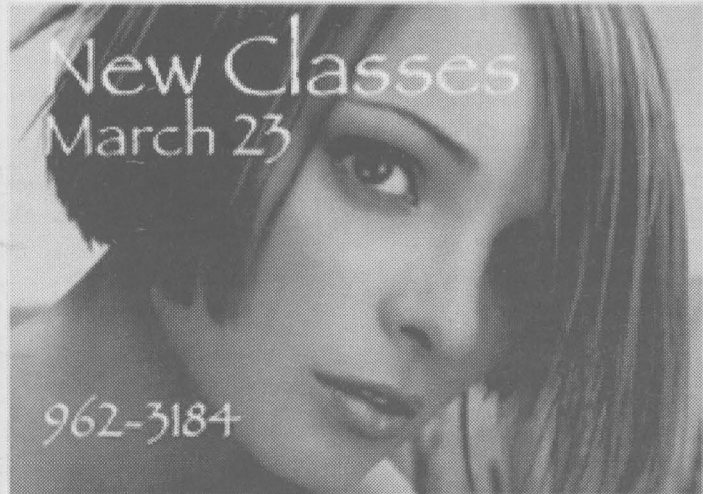
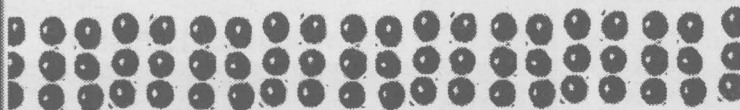
The MODA BOBA Bubble Tea Bar
Soup + Salad + Sandwich + Beer & wine

This place is perfect to study with friends.

Open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday thru Saturday

Ellensburg's only Bagel & Bubble tea shop is also a place to find world famous teas & wares. Stay for lunch, come and browse our funky Antiques, junk & collectibles spot.

107 E. 3rd Street Call: 962 MODA



962-3184



Academy Of Cosmetology Arts

Around Town

One Act Plays

Date: March 3
Time: 7 p.m. and
Date: March 4 and 5
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Milo Smith Tower Theatre,
Cost: \$5
The Dr. Betty Evans Original One-Act Festival is taking place with a new line-up of plays. All plays are written and directed by CWU students, and four plays are shown each evening, so plan on attending twice to see all eight. Intended for mature audiences only.

Fog of War

Date: March 8
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: McConnell Auditorium
Cost: \$3
Documentary about Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, who subsequently became president of the World Bank. An original score by Philip Glass is included in the event.

Pacific Northwest Jam Band

Date: March 9
Time: 8 p.m.
Cost: Free
Campus Activities presents High Ceiling, a Pacific Northwest Jam band that plays structured and improvised music. A professional light show and fog machine will accompany the 2 hour long musical event. So come and enjoy yourself while experiencing something a little different.

Students raise a cacophony in McConnell

Constant yelling into an overly turned-up microphone, leading to vocals that are almost intolerably hard to understand—except for the perfectly pronounced “F-bomb” every 30 seconds. Mix that with a rowdy audience booing with all their hearts, and where are you? If you guessed Sunday night karaoke at your favorite strip club, then you might be right. But what I am trying to refer to is Showtime at the McConnell, an amateur hip-hop related night which took place Friday, Feb 25.



Brent Littlejohn
Staff reporter

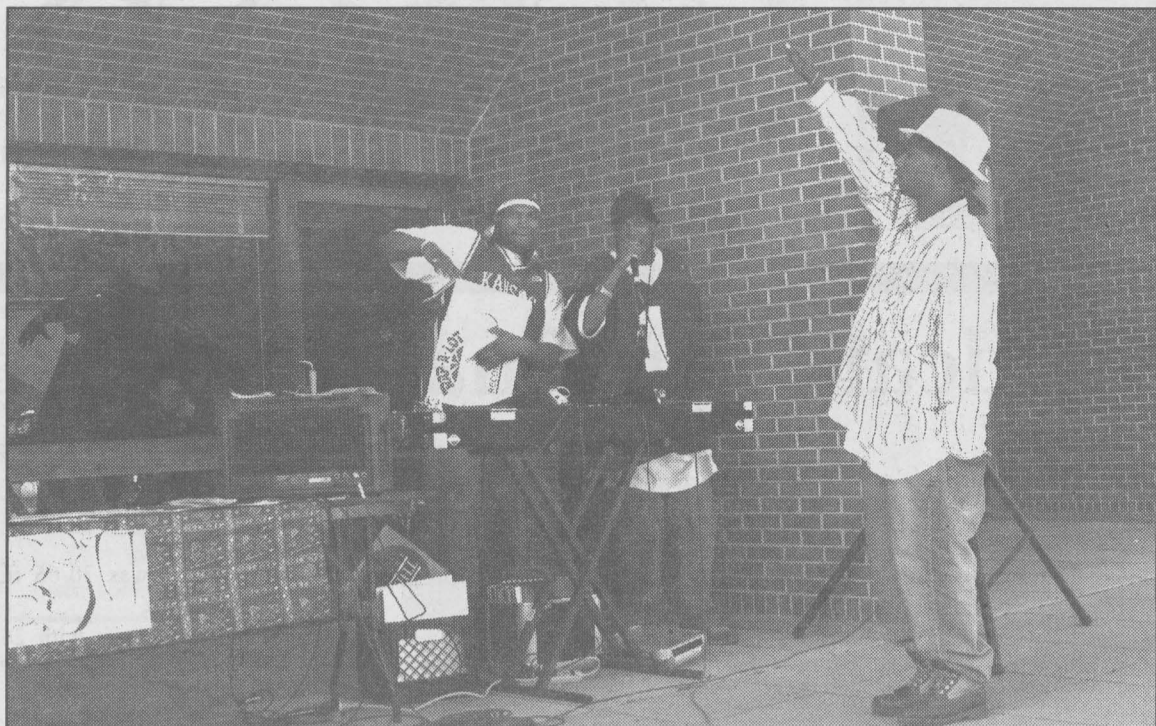
“*I rap in the shower every morning and it's honestly harder than Nelly and Lil' Jon make it seem.*”

Don't get me completely wrong, I had fun Friday evening, mostly with booing at the terrible comedians and cheering on the talented rappers, making the show worth the watch. I rap in the shower every morning and it's honestly harder than Nelly and Lil' Jon (of no relation to

myself) make it seem. I only have two major complaints about Showtime at the McConnell, the first being the sound system and crew. If the vocals are distorting, turn them down! I run soundboards for events, and it's not hard to hear when levels are very uneven. If a guy starts rapping loud, turn him down. If he's nervous and raps too quiet, turn him up. The lack of quality of sound was really distracting for me, and I don't think I was alone in thinking so.

My other complaint was the organization of the event. The first hour was full of rappers, some good, some completely cheesy, but it was all entertaining.

The last 40 minutes was poetry, spoken word and a cappella. I am well aware that the real Apollo theatre, in which this event was designed



Chris Gianunzio/Observer

Perry Lomax (left) and Damon Brown (microphone) promote the “Night at McConnell” event with a live DJ's outside of the SUB last week.

to mimic, has performers read poetry and spoken word, but I am guessing, and hoping, that they mix it in with the rapping and singing. That didn't happen Friday night. The lack of organization left the audience wanting to attack the poetry readers who seemed to go on forever. By the end, I hardly wanted to know who won because I was so restless.

The winner, however, deserved to get the prize, which was \$200. The group consisted of two rappers in front with three people behind them playing various drums and bells. It was different and refreshing. They didn't need to be the most talented because they were the most entertaining, and the audience was there to be entertained.

Overall the entire night was a good time, but a few changes could have really helped it out.

I appreciate the event and the attempt to bring different sounds and cultures to our campus. Get a sound operator that doesn't sleep on the job, and mix up the event a little bit, and next year could be excellent.

Student brings Tibetan experience to campus

by Rachel Guillermo
Scene editor

Sydney, Australia and Ellensburg, Wash. have nothing in common. This was part of the appeal Tom Ptak, junior human geography major, was looking for when choosing a school to study abroad.

“I was just sick of living in cities,” Ptak said. “I lived in Sydney, which is a huge city. I wanted to try something different. I really love it here.”

Ptak's journey to America started when he did some volunteer work in Northern India in 2001. There, Ptak lived with the Tibetan community where the Dalai Lama lives. He said it impacted his life so strongly that it has stayed with him to this day.

“Seeing the way these people lived and their whole philosophy on life just really changed the way I think about things,” Ptak said. “And I have a really strong attachment to the Tibetan cores.”

This is part of the reason why Ptak, along with the Center for Excellence in Leadership will be

showing a documentary film on Tibet entitled “Tibet: Cry of The Snow Lion”, 7 p.m. tonight in the Saumelson Union Building's south cafeteria, better known as the old Club Central.

The film is about the journey of two American adventurers who find themselves in the middle of Tibetan demonstrations against Chinese rule. Along their journey their story is supported by interviews with Tibetan monks and nuns who participated in the demonstrations.

One such interview expresses the powerlessness Tibetans feel about



Courtesy of Tom Ptak

Tom Ptak, junior human geography major poses with a Tibetan monk in Northern India while doing volunteer work. Ptak's presentation is 7 p.m. tonight in the SUB.

Chinese colonization masked as modernization and development. The interview is followed by a Chinese government spokesman who counters

with Beijing's official position on Tibet.

“It's quite really an interesting movie,” Ptak said. “It's not just a black and white political documentary. China has invaded Tibet, the Dalai Lama had to flee and all the sad stuff that has happened. It's one of the first Tibetan films that I've seen that has viewpoints from the Chinese.”

Admittance to the film is free. For more information about “Tibet: Cry of the Snow

Lion,” visit the website www.cryofthesnowlion.com.

“It's an amazing story and everyone can take something out of the

movie,” Ptak said. “It shocks you out of your comfort zone. It makes you think not just about a political situation in a country but it really brings you into what your role is in the world.”

Cry of the Snow Lion Awards

Best Documentary Audience Award
Santa Barbara International Film Festival

Bahamas International Film Festival

Special Jury Award
Banff Mountain Film Festival

Official Selection
Toronto-Seattle-IFP Los Angeles-Bangkok-Sydney

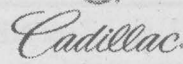
University Auto Center



Will Baumann - CWU alumni

1817 SR 97 Ellensburg
Looking for a new or previously owned vehicle?

Ask for Will Baumann.
(509) 933-7130



Planned Parenthood® of Central Washington

Birth Control
Emergency contraception
Annual checkups
Pregnancy testing

1.800.230.PLAN

312 North Pine, Ellensburg
509.925.7113 www.ppcenwa.org



SPORTS



Wildcats win final home game for the seniors

by Jeff Anderson
Staff reporter

The women's basketball team hosted their final two home games of the regular season last week against the Western Washington University Vikings and the Seattle University Redhawks.

The Wildcat women lost to the Vikings in the first game, but were victorious against the Redhawks.

Against No.13-ranked Western, sophomore center Laura Wright had a tremendous game, scoring 18 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

Viking guard Jodi Gerald led all scorers with 32 points, a career-high.

Unfortunately for Central, Western brought their A game and

by halftime the contest was pretty much over. Western led Central by 20 points, 44-24, and never looked back.

The final score was 93-60 in favor of Western.

Saturday's home game was emotional from the start because it marked the final home game for graduating seniors Loni Ainslie, Moriah Hover and Alayna Vincent. Before the game there was a short ceremony paying tribute to the seniors, emotions ran high.

Central started the game off a little slow. With 4:55 remaining in the first half, they found themselves down by 12 points. Central was able to close that deficit to four at halftime as they trailed 35-31.

Ainslie hit a huge three-pointer

for the Wildcats with three minutes to go, her only bucket of the game, and the Wildcats never trailed again.

The final score was 70-66 in favor of the Wildcats.

Wright led all scorers with 26 points and also contributed four offensive rebounds.

Senior forward Alayna Vincent also contributed 10 points and six rebounds.

"Winning this game was extra special for me, because it was my last chance to play with this group of seniors," Wright said. "I wish we could have done better on the season and made it to regionals. Some games we played awesome as a group and some we didn't play good at all, but my teammates have made it worth it."

After the game, head coach Jeff Whitney talked about his team's performance.

"It was really important that we win this game for the seniors," Whitney said. "The seniors played great. Loni Ainslie hit the big three pointer, Alayna Vincent had a huge game on the boards. All our seniors really stepped up."

Whitney also spoke highly about the rest of his team's play during the game.

"Laura's first half was tremendous," Whitney said. "It's nice to have people healthy and I'm just really glad we got the win."

Central will head into their final two games with a 15-10 overall record as they take on Alaska Anchorage tonight and Alaska Fairbanks on Saturday, March 3.

**Wildcats 70
Redhawks 66**

**Central 8-8
15-10
Leading scorer:**

Laura Wright 26 pts.

Next Game

**Tonight
@
Alaska
Anchorage
6:05**

Ainslie ends college career on high note

by Jeff Anderson
Staff reporter

As the women's basketball team wrapped up their home schedule with a huge win over Seattle University last Saturday, the win was extra special to senior guard Loni Ainslie who is graduating in June and will never play another home game.

"It felt so good to go out with a win," Ainslie said. "This season was filled with ups and downs, but we kept a real positive atmosphere and were able to stick together."

Another reason the victory was so special to Ainslie was that her whole family was in Ellensburg for the weekend to watch her play.

"My parents, grandparents, cousins all came to the game," Ainslie said. "It was nice to send them off with a good game."

In the second half of the game against Seattle University, Central found itself in a close game with the score tied at 60. That is when Ainslie stepped behind the arc and received a beautiful pass from sophomore wing Kelly Quinn. Ainslie let the ball fly

from her hands and the fans at Nicholson Pavilion fell silent. To everyone's delight, the three-point shot was good.

"That was a really important shot because it really counted and it clinched the game for us," Ainslie said.

Ainslie says that back in the day she never thought she would end up going to school at Central, but now she can't imagine being anywhere else. She says she is really glad to have attended Central.

So what will she do now that her playing days are over?

"I want to coach women's high school basketball," Ainslie said. "I plan on teaching either at Bethel High School or Bethel Junior High."

Career Numbers

**645 Points/ 7.7 avg.
72 Steals
194 Rebounds
39 Games started**



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Senior Loni Ainslie looks for an open teammate in a win against Seattle University, her final home game at Nicholson Pavilion.

Webber to Philly tops trade deadline gossip

What could have been the trade that brought the Sacramento Kings to the next level of play as an up-tempo style basketball team, now leaves Sacramento looking just a little foolish.

Geoff Petrie, the Kings' president of basketball operations, sent Chris Webber packing to Philadelphia for Kenny



Brent Littlejohn
Staff reporter

Thomas, Corliss Williamson and Brian Skinner in return. Webber had been the cornerstone of the Kings' franchise the past several years, and seemed to remain there so far this season. What makes me feel indifferent about this trade is

the fact that Webber, a man recovering from serious knee surgery, is still a very valuable commodity to a team looking for a major change, and could have pulled in more through a trade.

Especially from a team like the 76ers, who have some younger players that don't fit into the defense-first mentality of Coach Jim O'Brien.

I do believe that Webber needed to leave Sacramento. Peja Stojakovic has been the Kings' best player for

the last couple years, but has been pushed to second wheel, and second scoring option to help keep Webber happy. Now Mike Bibby can run the floor, Brad Miller can rebound and pass from the post, and Stojakovic can shoot as much as he needs to find a rhythm. Not to mention Cuttino Mobley cleaning up with 18 points a night off whatever shots everyone else doesn't want.

Mobley may not be a sincere second scoring option (like they attempt-

ed to do with him in Orlando) but he can get it done in the right situations.

Now possibly the third or fourth option for the Kings, Mobley will have enough shots to find his stroke but won't alter a game if he doesn't.

This wasn't a bad trade for either team.

What the Kings could have done to make it better though, is picked up a younger piece from the Sixers.

Redhawks soar over Wildcats

by Heather Watkins
Staff reporter

The men's basketball team was glad to be home as they defeated the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders Thursday night, 97-84 and was defeated by Seattle University on Saturday.

The Wildcats played a bit sluggish at first but came within six going into the half. The Crusaders shot 46 percent from three-point range, whereas the Wildcats only shot 28.

Starting the second half, it was obvious the Wildcats had a good pep talk. They came out with energy and ready for revenge.

"In the first half, we started off slow," Head Coach Greg Sparling said. "At half time, we told the guys that we wanted them to push the ball. They did, and it worked out to our advantage."

Sophomore point guard Derek Groth had a game and career high of 31 points and was 6-6 at the free-throw line.

"It really felt good to finally play to my full potential," Groth said.

Junior point guard Teddy Craven also was 6-6 at the free-throw line, had seven rebounds and a career high of 14 points.

"[Craven] is giving us quality minutes," Sparling said. "He came and hit those six free-throws in a crucial time. He's not trying to do too much. We have guys that sit and then get into the game and try too hard. He knows what his role is and he's doing a great job playing really hard."

Senior forward Kyle Boast played well considering he had a broken nose from a previous practice.

He scored 18 points for the Wildcats and had six rebounds.

"During the half, coach told us to play as hard as we could and if we make a mistake, not to worry about it," Boast said. "We knew we couldn't let them go on any runs and we had to finish the game off strong."

Along with the three other Central players scoring in double digits, junior point guard Robert Hicks added 13 points.

"We came out and played hard, especially in the second half," Hicks said. "We pressed all 40 minutes. Anytime you beat someone you want revenge on, it's real sweet."

The second half brought a victory for Central as their numbers went up in all categories.

They were 69 percent from the free-throw line and 55 percent from three-point range. They outscored the Crusaders in the second half 57-38.

"We play as a team on some nights, and when we do that, we can beat anybody," Craven said.

During this year's conference, the Wildcats have split games with every team in the league except two; one being Western Oregon and the other being Seattle University, who they played on Saturday.

The Wildcats did not fare well against the Redhawks, losing 101-90 on Saturday night. In the first half, the Wildcats played well. The score was tied three times and at one point the Wildcats led by 12 points. Central shot 88 percent from the free-throw line and 38 percent from three-point range. The first half ended with a tie of 43.

Going into the second half, the Wildcats slowed down a bit. Their defense just wasn't there as the Redhawks outscored them in the

paint 22-12.

Four players, on each team, scored in double digits, but the Wildcats couldn't stop the Redhawks' Bernard Seals as he piled up 33 points.

"We didn't match our intensity in the second half," Sparling said. "Seattle U came out and played with more fire and we had a bunch of guys just standing there watching. Seattle's Bernard Seals just could miss."

The top scorers for the Wildcats were Hicks and Lance Den Boer, who each put 22 points on the board. Den Boer scored five three-pointers in the last 7:30 of the game.

Boast contributed 16 points and

see **BASKETBALL** page 14

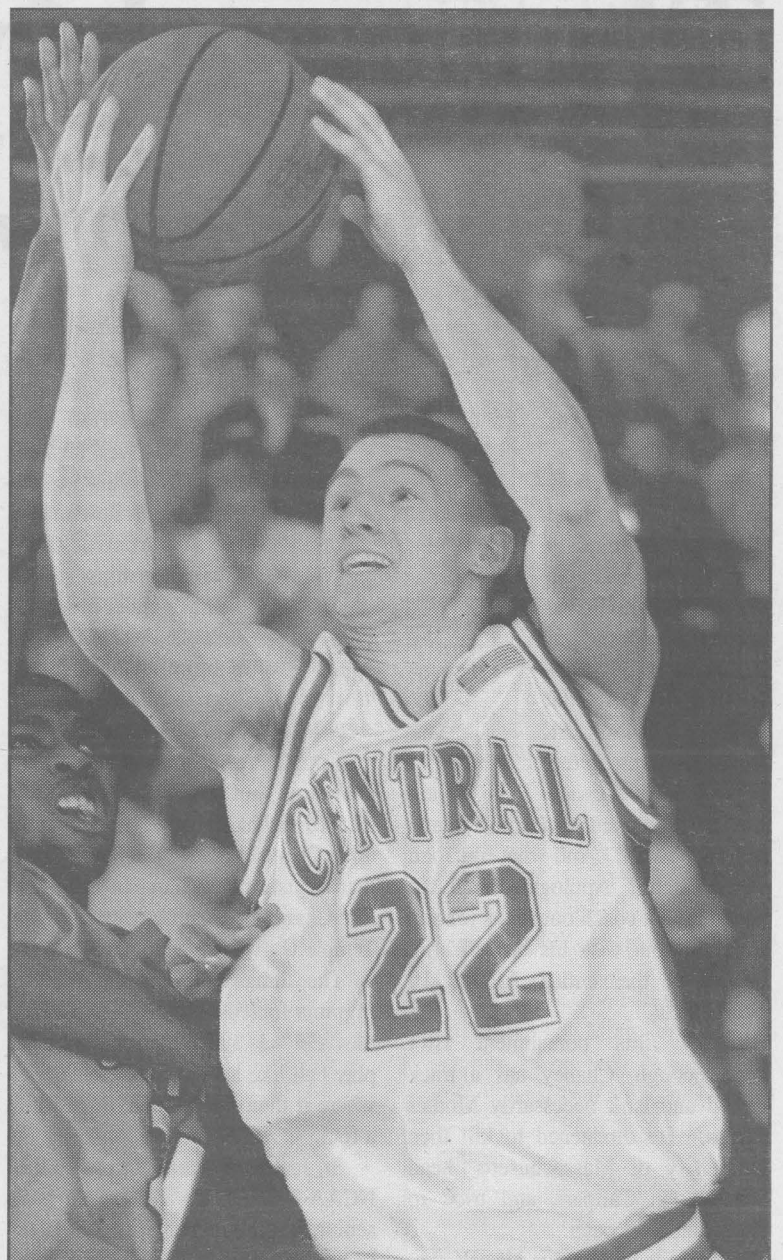
Redhawks
101
Wildcats 90

Central 6-11
10-16

Leading scorer:
Lance Den Boer
22 pts.

Next Game

Saturday
Saint Martin's
7 p.m.
Nicholson
Pavilion



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Sophomore Derek Groth grabs one of his six rebounds in a 101-90 losing effort at Nicholson Pavilion against the Seattle University Redhawks.

STEVENS PASS COLLEGE DAYS 05

NO. 1 VOL. 05
SAVING THE WORLD, ONE POWDER DAY AT A TIME

TWO WEEKS ON THE MOUNTAIN

WITH YOUR COLLEGE ID

SKI OR RIDE FOR JUST \$25!

SPECIAL SPRING BREAK PRICING AVAILABLE MARCH 12TH - MARCH 27TH

ALL DAY! SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2005

KICK OFF YOUR SPRING BREAK IN STYLE!

BRING YOUR COLLEGE ID FOR SPECIAL DAILY TICKET RATES. YOU BRING THE PASS, WE'LL BRING THE GOOD TIMES!

Bring your COLLEGE ID and SUMMER IDENTITY to PARTICIPATE IN:

- ↓ SUPERHERO COSTUME CONTEST (Best costume with a 05-06 College Pass)
- ↓ SILVER SURFER'S OBSTACLE RELAY (Colleges compete to bring home honors to their school)

SUPERHERO FOOD AND DRINK SPECIALS

INTERGALACTIC MUSIC!

\$25 LIFT TICKETS

EQUIP YOUR TEAM WITH 25% OFF RENTALS!

WWW.STEVENSPASS.COM

FRESHMEN - SOPHOMORES - JUNIORS - SENIORS

CAMO IS THE NEW TREND!

To qualify for Marine Corps Officer programs, college students must be U.S. citizens, enrolled full-time as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior and be willing to accept physical and mental challenges. Officer Candidate School varies from a six to ten-week session in Quantico, Virginia. Students are paid \$1500 to \$3,000 during training.

For your camo attire contact:
Captain Schossow • schossowJC@12mcd.usmc.mil • 206-632-0140

The weekly sports face-off

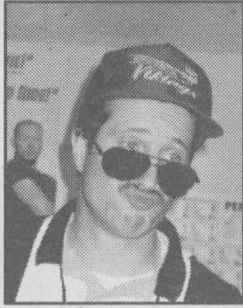
What should happen to Temple coach John Chaney?

On February 23, college basketball witnessed one of the most embarrassing moments in recent history. Temple University basketball coach John Chaney maliciously substituted Nehemiah Ingram, a third string bench player, to go out and bang some heads and try to take out some of the St. Joseph's players in the act.

St. Joe's forward John Bryant suffered a broken arm and a brawl nearly followed. And what has John Chaney done? Apologized and said he would not coach out for as long as Bryant is out with his broken arm, which is the entire Atlantic-10 Tournament.

I say this "punishment" isn't good enough. Chaney has a track record and isn't necessarily Mother Teresa. He threatened to kill then University of Massachusetts' head coach John Calipari, and tried to choke another coach.

He needs to continue his self-suspension and retire or be fired at the



Jon Mentzer
Sports editor

end of the year.

Yes, Chaney is in the James Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and yes he has over 700 wins in his career. But how many National Championships does he have under his wide belt? None. Bobby Knight even had a "zero tolerance" policy his last year at Indiana.

Temple President David Adamany has done nothing in disciplining Chaney and has left the "punishment" up to Chaney himself. I don't believe that is just and it is making it seem like Chaney is running everything at Temple University.

The thing that gets me is that Ingram fouled out in just four minutes and was substituted to basically play ball like he was at Rucker Park, where if there isn't blood, there isn't a foul.

St. Joe's has a chance to go to the NCAA Tournament and Bryant is a senior, basically ending his collegiate basketball career because Chaney wanted to win one game.

VS.



photo courtesy of umasshoops.com

Temple University head basketball coach John Chaney suspended himself for the remaining three regular season games and the conference tournament.

John Chaney is a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He has over 700 career Division I coaching wins with a career winning percentage of .714.

Chaney does all he can to help his players on and off the court and until last weekend was seen as a model college coach.

That wasn't all that unusual though for Chaney to tell his players to commit a hard foul. Any coach will tell their team that if their opponents are out hustling them and playing with more intensity, to use all means necessary to match that intensity.

Telling a player to commit a hard foul is not ethical but that doesn't mean it doesn't happen. I'm sure the words coming out of Chaney's mouth were something like this. "Ingram, you can't let him beat you to the hoop. If he gets past you foul him and make him earn it on the line. Don't let him score."

A Chaney naysayer tried to depict him barking at players: "You, goon,



Pat Brown
Asst. Sports editor

go break that guy's arm if he gets to the hoop again."

If Chaney really did say something like this, his coaching career would have ended in the early 1970s, instead of he is still coaching in his 70s.

Firing Chaney is ludicrous since he literally is Temple bas-

ketball. He has taken his team to the NCAA tournament 17 times and has 10 Atlantic-10 conference titles.

If he's fired the Temple Owls will be hard-pressed to find a suitable replacement. Chaney is not just a great coach but also a mentor for all students. How many Division I coaches post their phone number in the school phonebook and on their athletics web site. Coach Greg Sparling here at Central doesn't even do that.

Chaney did wrong, there's no questioning that. Punishment has been imposed and apologies have been made, so let's just move on.

Lacrosse scores winning season

by Berivan Yousify
Staff reporter

The men's lacrosse club played two games last weekend. The first game was on Saturday against Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. The team lost the game 18-8. On Sunday, the game was very different when they played against Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Ore. The team won the game 7-6.

According to Erik Heineman, the team started out rough, but during the fourth quarter Central started a playing better game of lacrosse and scored

five goals to win the game.

The Central lacrosse team is 4-2 overall with four scorers in the top 10 of the league.

The lacrosse club is one of many sports club on campus. The club was able to create a team from members who like playing the sport. With the lacrosse club they have the opportunity to play their favorite sport.

"One problem we have is not having enough people to enjoy us," said goalie Brian Allen, senior English major.

Most club members support themselves and help out each other to sup-

port their club in order to have the ability to compete with other teams. They do fundraising by selling tickets to Seahawks' games and selling coffee at the local rest area. Some team members get money from parents and family members as well.

The team practices from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the east side of Nicholson Pavilion.

"Any student from CWU is welcome to enjoy our club," said Adam Schatz, defense, senior History and English major.

Even though they lost Saturday's game, their hope and positive atti-

tudes, with good feedback from their head coach, led them to a win Sunday. They did carry their way out, despite all the difficulty they had, and made the win.

"Central's team is still a young team and we are building our way though," said head coach John Pidgeon. "We will make the playoff; the team is remarkable and good."

The next game for the lacrosse team is next weekend. They will go to Boise, Idaho where they will play Albertson College and the University of Montana.

The Lacrosse Club will have a bye on Saturday March 12 before returning home.

Their next home game will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 19 against Albertson College.

BASKETBALL: Men ready for final game against St. Martin's

continued from 13

guard Jerrell Everson scored 13 points.

"Our game plan was getting out of control in the second half," Everson said. "We weren't as aggressive as we were in the first half. At first we were staying with them, and then we were back on our heels."

The Wildcats finish off their season this year with a home game at 7 p.m., Saturday Mar. 5, against St. Martin's University.

PART TIME POSITION

Normally Monday and Tuesday each week at the most.

Exceptional income potential calling to set appointments for local insurance agent. (Up to \$500 plus per week)

Paid by the appointment and closed business.

Some Training involved.

Call 509-859-2985.

POSITION MUST BE FILLED ASAP

We'll pay for your donation!

Please donate blood-plasma. Thousands of people need your blood-plasma donation today.

We'll pay you \$85 for your first 4 donations.

Please call or stop by for more information.

502 W Nob Hill Blvd, Yakima 509-457-7878

Thousands of people thank you for your blood-plasma donation.

Biomat USA
GRIFOLS

Saving lives...one donation at a time.

Cats claw for big win in Oregon

by Brooke Saul
Staff reporter

The baseball team played a full schedule this past week. They opened with a double header at home last Wednesday against Whitworth College. Central lost the first game 9-7 and made up for the loss by winning the second game 7-2.

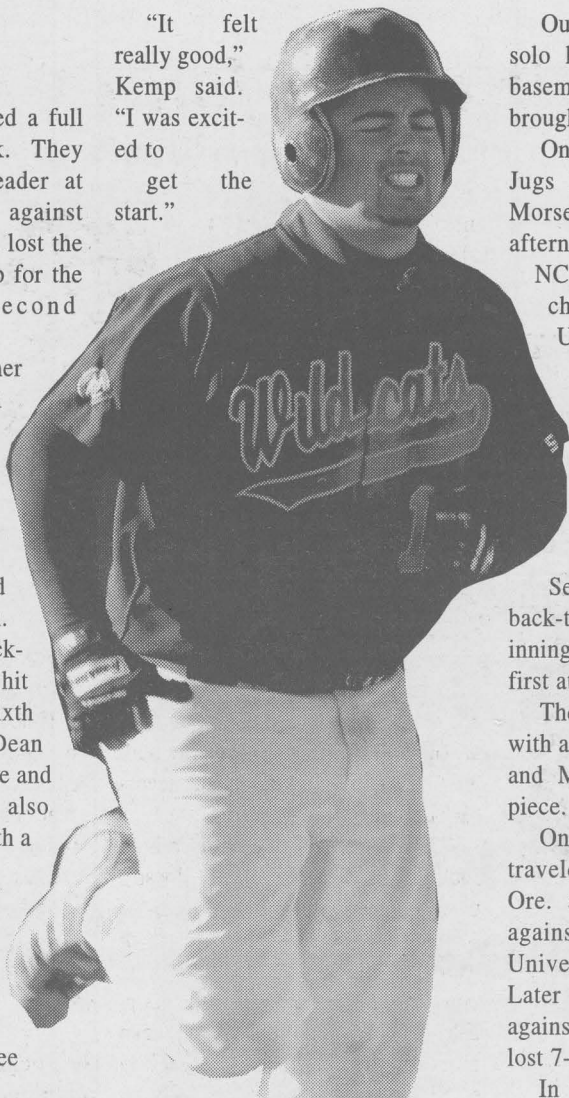
In the first game, catcher Kevin Knutsen hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning, and added a single in the fifth inning.

"It was one of those days where I was seeing the ball really well," said Knutsen about his home run.

Designated hitter and backup catcher, Chris Sepanski hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning. Third baseman Dean Tomlinson had an RBI single and shortstop Jamie Nilsen also added a run on the board with a RBI of his own.

In the second game, sophomore Adam Kemp started his first collegiate game against Whitworth throwing five shutout innings and striking out three batters.

"It felt really good," Kemp said. "I was excited to get the start."



Outfielder Ryan Rockhill hit a solo home run in the fifth. First baseman and outfielder Troy Martin brought home two RBIs on the day.

On Friday, Central traveled to the Jugs Baseball Spring Classic at Morse Athletic Field on Friday afternoon upset the defending NCAA Division III national champions, George Fox University 5-4.

Gordon Chubb, who is 2-0 for the season, pitched a complete game striking out eight while allowing only five hits. Martin hit his third home run of the season in the third inning, and Sepanski and Bjorn Rowberg hit back-to-back home runs in the sixth inning. Rowberg's home run was his first at college.

The Wildcats finished the day with a total of nine hits. Chubb and Martin had two hits a piece.

On Saturday, the men traveled to McMinnville, Ore. and played a game against Pacific Lutheran University winning 6-4. Later that day they played against Whitman College and lost 7-5.

In the first game, Chubb, Hunt

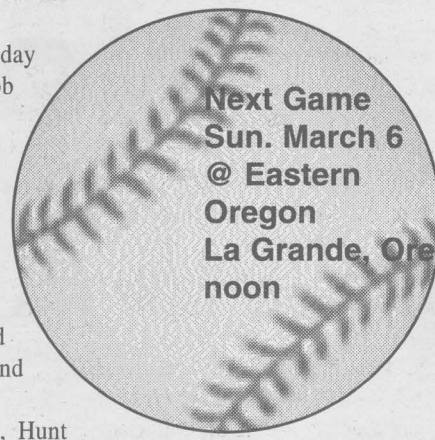
and Rowberg each had RBIs in the game.

In the second game, Martin hit a two-run shot and Josh Small brought in a run on a double to left field. In the eighth inning, Nilsen hit a two-run double to center field.

On Sunday, Central was shut out 8-0 as they traveled to play Linfield College.

"Overall, I'm disappointed where we are sitting," said head coach, Desi Storey. "We should be 8-5 not 5-8."

Central's next game will be in La Grande, Ore. this Sunday, Mar. 6, for a double header against Eastern Oregon University, followed by four games against Grand Canyon University.



NBA: Atlanta Hawks waive Payton

continued from 12

They don't need Webber on the squad to remain a force in the West, but they don't necessarily need a Corliss Williamson either.

San Antonio got better by adding Nazr Mohammad at backup center, but lost little used power forward Malik Rose.

The two worst teams in the Western conference, the Hornets and Warriors swapped a bunch of players, including Baron Davis and Speedy Claxton.

Both moves could prove to be good a season or two from now, but for the remainder of this one, neither team will leave the gutters of their divisions.

Antoine Walker heads back to the Celtics, while Gary Payton heads over to... where? Oh that's right, the Hawks already waived him and now he doesn't have a home.

If I was Payton's friend, I would tell him to beg Miami or Detroit to let him sit on their bench for the rest of the season, take one last shot at a ring, and then retire. Please retire?

It's getting sadder by the transaction Payton, it really is.

OBSERVER CLASSIFIEDS

CUT CLASS Starting March 23, 2005 Bluestone Academy of Cosmetology Arts 962-3184

1985 SUBARU GLAWD, 5 speed, red, 220k miles, needs front ball joint repair, possible blown head gasket, runs good around town, new radiator. \$275 obo (360)-259-3908

FOR SALE: CLEAN 1992 TOYOTA PREVIA van. ALL WHEEL DRIVE Runs Great!!! \$3500 o.b.o 509-962-5598 or 509-360-9091.

98 VW JETTA GL for sale. 106,000 miles, green, 5 speed, cd, Thule roof rack. \$4800. Call 933-4252

84' CHEVY 4X4 K12 PICKUP 305 Chevy motor, runs and drives great \$1900. Contact Luis Busso Ellensburg 306-0077

I NEED MONEY FOR A TRIP. Will do odd jobs, errands, babysitting, house cleaning, etc. Excellent references. Please call Ana. 509 312 9496

ROOMATE LEAVING! Need a new one for Student Village apt. as of March 18th. 963-8716, ask for Desiree or Emily.

LIFTED 78 CHEVY 4X4, 454, 35 inch tires, Posi dana 70 rear, dana 44 front, edelbrock intake and carb, hooker headers, flowmaster exhaust, cd player, and more. Runs good and looks good. \$3500 obo. Contact Zack 253-224 0722

LOOKING FOR A FEMALE ROOMMATE for Spring Qtr, with option to stay on. 1 bedroom w/private bath available in University Court. Rent/Cable is \$365, other bills are utilities/ Phone/DSL. Univ. Court offers FREE tanning for residents. Apartment is close to office, mail, and laundry facilities. Call Anna or Stephanie at 933-1782.

FEMALE EDUCATION MAJOR looking for fun, responsible, female roommate to share a 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom University Court Apartment. Free tanning, laundry on site! DSL internet connection as well. Roommate needed ASAP, please email if interested: collinsk@cwu.edu.

CUTE 2-BDRM APARTMENT, 2 blocks north of CWU. Avail. no later than 3/20, or earlier if needed. Will pay rent for ALL of March. You don't pay until April 1. \$610 per month. Call Casey at 509-925-6602

2 BDRM APT AVAILABLE on 18th and Alder for spring or summer quarter. Nice place with lots of storage. Rent is \$610, deposit \$600. Extended basic cable free. You would re-sign lease which would end in September. Call Luis Busso Ellensburg 306-0077

ROOM AVAILABLE FOR SPRING QUARTER. Roommate needed for spring quarter. 3 bedroom 2 bath house with 2 female roommates. Washer-dryer. Largest room in the house. Close to campus next to Dairy Queen on University Ave. \$291 a month. Lease ends in June. Call (509) 962-6171

ROOMATE WANTED. Move in 3/1. \$320+1/2 utilities, deposit. U Park. N/S. (509)933-2303

ROOM FOR RENT IN 2BR 1BTH apartment close to campus. Pets welcome! D/W, Garbage Disposal, Fireplace, walk in closet \$320 + Utilities Call Will @ 425-246-1546

ROOMATE WANTED FOR SPRING quarter. Nice 3 bedroom duplex. Free cable, washer & dryer. Rent is \$305/month plus 1/3 utilities. For more info call Craig at 253-988-1685 or Ron at 253-227-5438

TWO PUPPIES FOR ADOPTION: Two female puppies up for adoption to a loving family. They are 5 to 8 weeks old and are in need of a good home. Please contact Lisa or Paulina@ 253-224-4244 or 425-879-2038, or by email: delrosarioli@cwu.edu

GUITAR LESSONS CWU student teaching guitar lessons to beginners, lots of experience, \$10 per 1/2 hour, can supply guitar, can meet wherever is good for student. Email at casey72084@juno.com or call at 425-221-8437.

98 HONDA CIVIC HATCHBACK CX Silver, 5-spd, 96K miles, tint, AC, CD(Kenwood) 2-owner, all history included, \$6200. morimotoa@cwu.edu

JACKSON DINKY ELECTRIC GUITAR Excellent for shredding, hard rock, and metal. \$350 obo Any questions? Call (360)649-3093 or (509)963-8048

FREE BODY COMPOSITION AND FITNESS ASSESSMENT P.E. Building Rm 202 Hours: M/W/Thurs 3-7 pm & Tues. 5-7 pm. Full Fitness includes: body composition, cardio-vascular fitness, flexibility and muscular endurance (about 1 hour). Body Composition includes: skin-fold measurements and hydrostatic weighing (about 20 minutes) assessment available. Bring: Swimsuit and towel, wear comfortable workout clothing.

\$450 GROUP FUNDRAISER SCHEDULING BONUS 4 hours of your group's time PLUS our free (yes, free) fundraising solutions EQUALS \$1000-\$2000 in earnings for your group. Call today for a \$450 bonus when you schedule your non-sales fundraiser with CampusFundraiser. Contact CampusFundraiser, (888) 923-3238 or visit www.campusfundraiser.com

EARN A \$500 TUITION WAIVER and internship credit. Use your leadership skills as a spring quarter Community Liaison for the Civic Engagement Center. Submit resume to SUB 212 by Feb. 16, call 963-1643 for more info.

TRADE CARS? Want to trade (black) 1990 Saab 900s for car with an automatic transmission. Saab has sunroof, A/C, power windows, etc. Moving to Seattle. Don't want a 5-speed anymore even though it's a great car. Randy 899.3338

HAVE FUN & EARN \$\$\$ & GREAT EXPERIENCE!!! Enjoy working with high school students during residential summer school at Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake, WA from June 13 - July 30, 2005. Available positions are Resident Hall Director for \$3915, Activities Director for \$3480 and Resident Advisor for \$3045. Room & Board and insurance provided. Call (509)793-2008 or e-mail hrofice@bigbend.edu. EEO

WANTED: HORSE BOARDING Student needs pasture for sweet horse, within 15 mins of CWU. Free or up to \$50/month. Will do all care and feeding. 360-202-1104

NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER LEASE starting spring quarter. Lease ends in Sept. Large 2 bedroom apt. in University Court. 10 min. walk to campus, laundry on site, free tanning, 2 full bathrooms and clubhouse with pool table & big screen tv. \$385/month per person, includes water, sewer, garbage, internet and cable. Check it out at www.universitycourt.com and call Julie at 360-580-2258

CLEAN, BRIGHT 2BDRM 2ba University Court Apt. Storage space, free tanning, atmosphere! Avail. mid-March. 360-888-5970

FOR SALE: LIKE NEW Dell Axim X30 With Foldable Keyboard Purchased in October and only used a few times for IT 228 class. Includes case with clip, AC adapter, sync cable, Microsoft Active sync software, owners manual as well as Bluetooth. Paid \$350 only asking \$250. Contact Kristina @ 509-962-3998

TABLE AND CHAIRS, MICROWAVE FOR SALE. Microwave like new, white, nice, large, rarely used. \$35 table and chairs- good cond, white and light wood, 2 chairs, round, \$40. Buy both and will sell for \$65. Call Nic at 509-840-1248 or e-mail nic_n44@hotmail.com

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT AVAILABLE in Juniper Village avail. end of March. Rent starts April 1. Nice place, clean, bottom floor, front porch, quiet, spacious. Re-sign lease, ends in August. Call Nic at 509-840-1248.

MORTAL KOMBAT 2 ARCADE. Very good cond., new paint, brand new monitor, VERY NICE. Works, looks like new. \$750 OBO. Call Nic 509-840-1248 or e-mail nic_n44@hotmail.com.

ROOM AVAILABLE SPRING QTR. 2 bedroom 1 bath on Juniper Ave. with one male roommate. Need male/female roommate to take over lease April-June. Laundry facility on site. \$305/month +util. Call (cell) (805) 405-7226.

ART KIT FOR DRAWING CLASS \$40, inc. 2 large clip boards, charcoal, pencils, 2 rulers, rubberbands, large sketch pad, durable carrying case. Black Dr. Martens boots worn a few times, mens size 11. Like new for \$20. 75' DSL cord, excellent condition, \$8. Call 962-6299 or email

The Weekly Lineup

Away: <input type="checkbox"/>	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Baseball	Softball
Home: <input type="checkbox"/>		@ Alaska Anchorage 7:05 p.m.		@ Red Lion Inn Central Washington Invitational at Richland, Wa. See schedule at www.wildcatsports.com
Thursday, March 3		@ Alaska Fairbanks 3 p.m.		
Saturday, March 5	vs. St. Martin's 7 p.m.			
Sunday, March 6			@ E. Oregon Doubleheader Noon	

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

16

Number of RBI's Troy Martin has on the season, first in the conference

66%

Lance Den Boer's shooting percentage from beyond the arc against the Seattle University Redhawks

.414

Jamie Nilsen's batting average through 13 games

26

Number of points Laura Wright scored against the Redhawks

2.86

Sarah Wither's ERA through eight games

15

Number of three pointers the Wildcats hit against the Seattle University Redhawks

.316

Sophomore outfielder Jenee James' batting average

Now,
there's no charge
for incoming calls.



(Even ALL of Mom's.)

Now,
when people are wasting your time, they're not wasting your money.

Unlimited CALL ME™ Minutes

• 1000 Anytime Minutes
• Unlimited Incoming Text Messages **\$39^{.95}** /per month

Ask about our Nights & Weekends starting at 7 p.m. and Picture Messaging.



LG VX6000



GETUSC.COM
1-888-BUY-USCC

U.S. Cellular
We connect with you.

Unlimited CALL ME Minutes are not deducted from packaged minutes and are only available in the local calling area. Unlimited Night and Weekend Minutes valid Monday through Friday 7 p.m. to 5:59 a.m. and on Saturday and Sunday. Night and Weekend minutes are available in local calling area. Local calling area differs from regional calling area. See map and rate sheet for details. Mobile Messaging - a charge of \$.10 per outgoing message applies if no messaging package is selected or existing package limit is exceeded. Picture Messaging requires U.S. Cellular-approved phone and usage plan. Offer valid on two-year consumer service agreement on local and regional plans of \$29.95 or higher. All service agreements subject to an early termination fee. Credit approval required. \$30 activation fee. 31% equipment charge fee. Roaming charges, fees, surcharges, average charges on taxes apply. \$0.35 Federal and Other Regulatory charge applies. This is not a fee or government required charge. Local network coverage and reliability may vary. Charge waived up to the text full rate. Use of service constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions. Other restrictions apply. See store for details. Limited time offer ©2005 U.S. Cellular Corporation.