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central students' picks for the best of ellensburg and kittitas valley
Samuelson Union Building (The SUB)

Location: East of Walnut Mall

Hours: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

What is available: The main area in the Pit, where two television screens are displayed in the back of the stairway. Surrounding the Pit are two service booths, and several meeting rooms. The north end has a cafeteria, and east is the University Bookstore. Upstairs includes the publicity center, Campus Life, and Civic Engagement, as well as the Ballroom and Theater.

Founding history: The SUB started in the 20's and since then has had many additions. Originally, the Bookstore was a small gym before several additions that would become the older part of the SUB structure. The most recent addition was in 1969, which added much to the SUB including the Ballroom and the games room.

Today: "It's a living room for the students," said John Drinkwater, Senior Director of Campus Life and Student Union. Although it is soon to be replaced by the new SUBREC building.

Best Hangout

Honorary Mention

Wellington’s Lair

Library

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Best On Campus Fun

Homecoming

In the past, Homecoming events have consisted of the Mr. and Ms. Central Talent Contest, Rock and Bowl, Midnight Madness, Wildcat Walk, Alumni Awards, Homecoming Dance, 5k Prediction Run, Tailgate Lunch, Wellington's Wildfire, Homecoming Football Game and the Special Entertainment Event, which has featured David Spade, Jay Leno and Drew Carey. Next year's entertainment will be provided by Damon Wayans.

Honorary Mention

Theatre performances

People watching in the SUB

Best Computer Lab

Shaw Smyser

Location: Labs are located in rooms 212, 214, 215, 216, 217

Hours: Various labs are open Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 1 - 5 p.m., Sunday 1 - 10 p.m.

Honorary Mention

Black Hall

Library

Call For Nominations

College of Arts and Humanities

2004-05 Faculty Scholarship/Artistic Achievement Award

This award is given annually to a faculty member in CAH to recognize a single work of scholarship or artistry deemed to be of clear, significant achievement and/or to have a salient potential impact on its academic field.

Eligibility:

• Full-time or part-time faculty member teaching at least 15 credits in the College of Arts and Humanities during the academic year.

Nomination and Submission Process:

• Nominations must be submitted by current full-time or part-time faculty in CAH, individuals may not nominate themselves.

• Nominator must fill out a nomination form available on line at www.cwu.edu/arts/honors/faculty.html

• Nominator should attach a current vita of the nominee.

• Nominations and supporting materials are due in the Dean’s office by 5 p.m., April 11, 2005. Support materials include the nominee’s vita and three copies of the work which generated the nomination. See full announcement on the CAH website.

Awards:

• The winner will receive a cash award of $250 and be honored at the CAH Awards Banquet on May 17, 2005, along with other honorees of the College.

Best Snooze Spot

Class

Location: Class of choice

Hours: Vary

History: Students have been sleeping in class for years, whether due to sickness, late night studying, or late night partying, it's become a de facto tradition. The most popular day to find students catching zzz's in class is Thursday, the morning after hump-night.

Honorary Mention

The cot in the girl's bathroom on the third floor of the Library

Upstairs SUB
**Best Place to Eat**

**Samuelson Union Building**

Location: East of Walnut Mall

Hours: Monday - Friday 7am - 10pm, Saturday & Sunday 10am - 10pm

What is available: The Central Cafe, Tomassito's Italian Cafe, CATS Espresso, Wellington's Lair, Cat's C-Store, Freshens Smoothie Bar, the Hot Dog Stand and Taco Bell.

Available at the different eateries are a variety of soups, salads, sandwiches, pizza, calzones, grinders, coffee, espresso, pastries, hot dogs, smoothies, daily specials, the wildcat grill and more.

**Honorary Mention**

North Village Cafe

Tunstall West

**Best Living Quarters**

**Student Village**

Location: North Campus

Apartments in Student Village: Regular and large singles as well as two and three bedroom apartments. Prices range from $415 a month for the regular studio to $680 for a three bedroom.

The university provides utilities and telephone service. The apartments come carpeted and partially furnished.

Why it rocks: Student Village combines the independence of apartment living with the convenience of on-campus life.

The apartments are close to North Village Cafe, and house a gym, two outdoor basketball courts, and barbecue pits for summertime fun.

**Honorary Mention**

Kamola

Stephens-Whitney

**Best Food Item**

**Grinders**

Location: Tomassito's Italian Cafe

Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., Friday 10:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Honorary Mention**

Sandwiches from the SUB

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**Study Spot**

**James E. Brooks Library**

Location: Just South of Dean Nicholson Boulevard and East of D Street

Hours: Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - midnight, Friday 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. - midnight

What is available: The James E. Brooks Library has an enormous collection of books, government documents, maps, music sources and video recordings.

Founding history: The library was first located in Barge Hall, then moved to Boullion and finally moved in Sept. 1975. It was named the James E. Brooks Library on Nov. 15, 2003. James E. Brooks is an alumnus of Central, professor Emeritus of Geography and land studies, President Emeritus of the Central Washington University Friends of the library.

What makes it such a great study spot: The collection of materials the library has and also the service called WorldCat where Central students can borrow books from a collection that has over 41,000,000 books around the world. Students can also group study in the fishbowl.

**Honorary Mention**

Upstairs SUB

Fishbowl

**Final Call For Nominations**

College of Arts and Humanities

2004-05 Graduate Student Scholarship/Artistic Achievement Award

Eligibility: Nominees must be enrolled in a CAH graduate program during the 2004-05 academic year.

Nomination and Submission Process:

- Nominations must be submitted by current full-time or part-time faculty in CAH. Individuals may not nominate themselves.
- Nominators should fill out a nomination form available on line at www.wwu.edu/cah/wards.html
- Nominators should attach a current resume of the nominee.
- Nominations and supporting materials are due in the Dean's office by 5 p.m., April 11, 2005. Support materials include the nominee's resume and three copies of the work which generated the nomination. See full announcement on the CAH website.

Awards: The winner will receive a cash award of $150, and will be honored at the CAH Awards Banquet on May 17, 2005, along with other honorees of the College.
Safeway

Location: 400 N. Ruby St.
Hours: 6 a.m. - midnight, daily

Founding history: Who can miss possibly one of the most recognized logos in America? Shining like a beacon, almost visible from campus, Safeway has been an Ellensburg favorite since the early 1930s. Originally it was called Skags before turning into the nationwide supermarket it is today.

Impact of students on business: According to Safeway Manager Steve March, students are a major impact on business, attributing 30-40 percent of total sales.

Honorary Mention
Fred Meyer
Super 1 Foods

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Super 1 Foods

Location: 201 S. Water St.
Hours: 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. daily

Founding history: Fred Meyer's was first founded in Portland, Ore. in 1922. Today it is a huge store that offers a variety of everyday items as well as a complete grocery store, including an extensive health food department.

Impact of students on business: "We can always tell when students get their financial aid checks," said Fred Meyer employee Rhonda Griffin.

Why they think they were chosen: "Our selection and our prices," Griffin said. "We have the largest selection in town and try to remain competitive with our pricing."

Students often come to the health section to buy Burt's Bees products, such as lip balm.

Special Deals: Fred Meyer has sales often and students take advantage of them.

"We get wiped out sometimes when we offer sales on garden burgers and other healthy dinner items."

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Blockbuster Video

Location: 109 S. Water St.
Hours: 10 a.m. - midnight

Founding history: The owners also own the UPS Store up the street.

Impact of students on business: About 75 percent of Blockbuster's customers are students.

Why they think they were chosen: The store is new and has a hometown feel since many students have Blockbusters in their hometowns. The employees are friendly and the store is right next to Fred Meyers.

Special deals: No late fees

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Hollywood Video

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Fred Meyer

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Honor Mention

Super 1 Foods

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Better Life Natural Foods
**Best Sporting Goods Store**

**Mountain High**

**Location:** 105 E. 4th Ave.

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. Sun. 12-4 p.m.

**Founding History:** Tammi Walton, in 1989

**What's Available:** Climbing gear, hiking and backpacking equipment, other snowsports, clothing, shoes, swimwear, books, and consignment.

**Impact By Students:** Students make up a lot of business. There is a definite difference between when school is in session and during breaks.

**Why Students Should Shop There:**

"I would like students to consider shopping locally to keep our community alive and thriving and keep downtown a cool place to hangout," said Renee Adams, a longtime employee.

**Why It Rocks:** Mountain High is the only major sporting goods store in Ellensburg that with gear for year-round activities. Consignment allows for students to purchase their gear at a rate that'll leave their wallet happy.

**Honorary Mention**

Fred Meyer

Recycle Bicycle Shop

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**Best Gift Store**

**Gifts of the Crow**

**Location:** 304 1/2 N. Pearl St.

**Hours:** Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., closed Sunday and Monday

**Founding History:** August 1997

**Why They Were Chosen:** Fun and different unique gifts.

**Products Students Love:** The jewelry, Italian Charm bracelets and candles are a big hit.

**Why It Rocks:** The store has a wide assortment of exotic gifts, cards, light fixtures, figurines, candles, jewelry and much more.

**Honorary Mention**

Fred Meyer

Imports De Latierra

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**Best Second Hand Store**

**Goodwill**

**Location:** 400 W. Washington Ave

**Hours:** Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Founding History:** The chain was founded by Rev. Edgar J. Helms in Boston's South End in 1902. The local outlet was formerly located on Pine, however the new location had its grand opening in January of 2004.

**What's Available:** New and used apparel, jewelry, shoes, furniture, books, housewares, etc.

**Impact By Students:** Students constantly fill the store, more so during the beginning of the quarters than any other time.

**Why Students Should Shop There:**

"Spacious floor plans, gas fireplaces, garages, ground floor entry, its a good community, and a nice group of people" said Julie Williams, owner.

**Why It Rocks:** The store has a wide assortment of exotic gifts, cards, light fixtures, figurines, candles, jewelry and much more.

**Honorary Mention**

Threads & Needles

St. Vincent de Paul

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**Best Apartment**

**Timothy Park**

**Location:** N. Alder, 1000 E. Harvest Loop, and 1100 Brighton Loop

**Founding History:** 2002 marked the first division of the complex, and the second division was finished in 2004, featuring one-story ramblers and two-story townhouses.

**Student Impact:** Students make up the majority of the tenants, but there is a professional and family base as well.

**Honorary Mention**

Juniper Village Apartments

University Courts

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Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday, Closed Sunday.

Local business or chain: National Chain

Founded: The national chain was founded in 1952 and the Ellensburg store was established in 1978.

What it Offers: Every sort of auto service imaginable from tires and shocks to wheels and batteries.

Student Impact: Students make up about half of Les Schwab's business.

Why It Rocks: Les Schwab Tire Centers have built a national reputation with their first rate customer service. Assistant manager Kenny Carver believes students come to Les Schwab because their parents trust the company's good name.

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Entertainment & Recreation

Ellensburg Rodeo & Kittitas County Fair

Location: The Kittitas County Fair Grounds. Tickets for the Rodeo are available at the Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce, 609 N Main St.

Date: The Rodeo and Fair are held every Labor Day Weekend. This year the Fair will be September 1-5 and the Rodeo will run from September 2-5.

The Kittitas County Fairgrounds office is located at the Fair Grounds.

Founding history: The original Kittitas County Fair, taking place in 1885, sponsored by local farmers and ranchers. Today the five day event is still centered around agriculture, but expanded to include the whole community.

The Ellensburg Rodeo, started in 1923, emerged as a staple of entertainment in Kittitas County.

“Community Day,” was established so employers could participate in the event. To prepare the grounds for the first rodeo required 500 volunteers and 500 horses.

Since then the Rodeo has grown and is one of America’s Top 25 professional rodeos, drawing crowds from around the northwest.

Impact of students on business: Students don’t have a huge impact on the Fair or Rodeo. Although a large number do attend, the success of the event is not dependent on students.

Why it rocks: The Fair and Rodeo helped put Ellensburg on the map and could be considered one of the best festivals in town. These two events offer tons of different activities for attendees including the crowning of Ms. Rodeo Washington, an Ellensburg Rodeo Parade, pancake breakfasts, carnival rides, exhibits and of course four days of hard-core Rodeo action and the ever-popular mullet hunting.

Best Local Festival

Ellensburg Rodeo & Kittitas County Fair

Best Happy Hour

The Starlight Lounge

Location: 402 N. Pearl St.

Happy Hours: Weekdays 3 - 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Why it rocks: "We have the best deals and the best drinks," said Rachel Wiersma, bartender.

The Starlight offers half off all appetizers, five-dollar martinis, two-dollar brews and well drinks during their Monday through Friday afternoon happy hour.

Impact of students on business: "Students are a big part of the Starlight," said Doris Morgan, Starlight Lounge owner.

Best Movie Theater

Grand Meridian

Location: 504 East Mountain View, in the parking lot across from Bi-Mart

Show times: Matinees begin at 1:45 p.m, the latest show times begin at 9:20 p.m.

Founded: December 2004

Local business or a chain: The Grand Meridian is part of a local chain owned by Keith Riesinger.

What it offers: Nine theaters with Dolby digital cinema sound and stadium seating, a rental facility for group parties and an ATM in the lobby for customers, since they only accept cash payment.

Ticket Prices: Matinees prices for general admission - $6, for children and senior citizens - $5, Evening prices for general admission - $8.50, for children and senior citizens - $7.50

Why it rocks: Offers the latest in new movies, has the largest theaters and pinball!

Best Winery

Sagelands Vineyard

Location: 71 Gangl Road, Wapato Wa, 98951

Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily

Founded: The Chalone Wine Group purchased the Staton Hills vineyard in 1999 and renamed it the Sagelands Vineyard.

What it offers: There are no longer any planted grapes at Sagelands, but it does have a winery and tasting rooms. Also, there are various rooms to rent out for large events.

Impact on Students: The majority of the business comes from the West-Side.

Best Honorary Mention

Jazz in the Valley

Brewfest

Chateau St. Michelle

Red House

Liberty Theater

Grand Central Theater
The Starlight Lounge

Location: 402 N. Pearl St.

Bar Hours: 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. daily

Founding history: The Starlight Lounge has been a fixture in downtown Ellensburg since it's inception in November 2002. The Starlight's owner Doris Morgan jumped at the chance to open her own bar when the Pub Minglewood closed its doors. As customers walk in they first see the dim lit chandeliers, a pool table, and art on the brick walls. All these items add to the unique atmosphere of the Starlight Lounge.

Impact of students on business: While students are a regular fixture throughout the day at the Starlight, the majority show up during the late night.

Most popular drinks among students: Long Island Iced Tea and Black Opal are popular specialty drinks, but most students stick to beer and well drinks.

Why it rocks: It thrives as a place to get a good drink and a delicious bite to eat seven days a week. The unique, laid-back atmosphere of the Starlight is what makes it appealing. There is no other place in town where you can find this sort of atmosphere when you're looking to enjoy a night with friends, or just shoot a round of pool.

The Tav

The Oakrail

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CALL FOR ENTRIES

College of Arts and Humanities 2004-05 Student Creativity Awards

The Thomas Gause Award for Achievement in Musical Composition 2004-05 genre: Any musical genre
The Selfy E. Evans Award for Achievement in Creative Writing 2004-05 genre: Playwriting or screenwriting
The George SBirman Award for Achievement in Art 2004-05 genre: Painting or watercolor
The Raymond Smith Award for Achievement in Scholarship 2004-05 genre: A single work of written scholarship (e.g. scholarly essay) from any discipline in CAH

Eligibility: Must be an undergraduate student enrolled in at least 12 credits during Spring quarter 2005, with a declared major or minor in one of the eight departments of CAH.

Rules of Entry:
- Work must have been completed while enrolled at CWU.
- Students may submit entries in any of the three competitions, but are limited to one entry per competition.
- Entries are due in the CAH Dean's office by 5 p.m., April 11, 2005. Entries must be submitted in triplicate and the student's name should not appear on the entry proper to enable anonymous judging.
- For complete rules of entry and requirements for submitting work, please see the full announcement on the CAH website (www.cwu.edu/~cah/awards.html)

Awards: Each competition winner will receive a cash award of $150 and will be honored at the CAH Awards Banquet on May 17, 2005, along with other honorees of the College.

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The Starlight's
Long Island
Iced Tea

Why it rocks: The bar's atmosphere differs from local competitors because it is plays quiet music in a dimly lit lounge, and offers martinis, a rare treat to the typical beer drinker. You can enjoy the Long Island Iced Tea, martinis, and the Starlight's specialty Strawberry Fields drink any time you please!

Editor Picks: Starlight's Martinis, Palace's Bloody Mary, Starlights Sexual Healing.

The Oakrail's jello shots
Dick and Jane’s Spot

Location: On the corner of 1st and Pearl

What it’s all about: Dick and Jane’s Spot offers a change from the Western theme of Ellensburg’s exterior sculpture and architecture. The appearance of the house itself is one of colorful introspection, containing all sorts of transit reflectors and bright gadgets. The owners of the house are art collectors Ellensburg natives. The house, a continuous work of art, has been in progress for over 26 years and contains the work of over 40 artists.

Honorary Mention

The Bull at Rotary
Pavilion

The Horse

Leavenworth

Directions: Go West from Ellensburg and turn North on US-97 to go for almost 50 miles before turning West again on US-2 W. Follow the route for five miles into Leavenworth. The drive takes approximately an hour and 15 minutes.

Hours: The town shuts down around 5 p.m. during the year, summer hours vary.

What it’s all about: It is a small alpine Bavarian village with shopping, art galleries, hotels and lodging, restaurants and pavilion activities. Tourist attractions include mini golf, cross-country skiing, river rafting and monthly festivals.

Founding: Leavenworth was settled by pioneers in search of gold, furs and fertile farmland. Stakes were claimed, land was tracked, and the Leavenworth area was soon bustling with settlers. By 1890, the original town was built on the Icicle Flats.

Impact of students on business: Students make up a large number of tourists.

What students love about Leavenworth: River rafting, The Hat Shop (small shop with wide assortment of silly hats), and a variety of festivals. A popular event with students is Leavenworth’s traditional Oktoberfest celebration.

Honorary Mention

Floating the Yakima River

Mount Rainier

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Manastash Ridge

Directions to trailhead: Follow Manastash Road West onto Cove Road, where you can park and start your hike or ride.

What it's all about: This is a moderate hike of approximately 16.5 miles, round trip. A magnificent ridgetop view climaxes after a decent altitude gain.

Open year round, it is best hiked in the summer and fall or bring snowshoes for spring hikes.

The trail can be mountain biked or even ridden with horses.

Why it rocks: Multiple false summits keep newbies guessing, but the finale of reaching the top on a clear day is unsurpassed because it provides a view of the entire valley after a fantastic, but well rewarded workout.

Honorary Mention

Umtanum Canyon
Lion's Rock
John Wayne Trail

Yakima River

Location: Yakima River along the lower canyon stretch.

Hours: Anytime, but the best time to go fishing is during the summer at sunrise.

What kind of fish they have: Rainbow, cut throat, and brook trout.

Best season: Spring and fall.

Honorary Mention

Carey Lakes, aka People's Pond
The Ganges

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Carey Lakes, aka People's Pond

Location: South Uptanum Road, past the I-90 overpass

Hours: 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning mid-April to the end of October

What it offers: Shoreline property along both Carey Lakes and the Yakima River, beach volleyball courts, expansive lawn for outdoor sports, fishing spots, walking and hiking trails, barbeque pits and picnic tables.

Park rules: First and foremost, keep your dogs on a leash. Secondly, no alcohol whatsoever and finally, swim at your own risk!

Why students visit: To participate in outdoor sports, weather permitting, swim in the lakes, jump off the rope swing, kayak in the lakes, launch rafts and tubes down the Yakima river, have a barbeque outside, enjoy the beautiful scenery!

Why it rocks: “It’s a fun place to people watch,” Brad Case, director of parks and recreation said. “It’s one of the few places in town with access to water. It’s a great place to leave your books behind and go hangout.”

Best Camping

Vantage

Location: 551 Main Street, Vantage, WA 98950

Hours of operation: Open all year long

Phone: 509-856-2800

Cost: $10 fee for reservations

Student Impact: Students make up over 30 percent of the business during the spring and early summer because they like to get outdoors with their friends and Vantage is close by.

Why It Rocks: It provides a nearby place for students to get away and have an adventure, without having to spend much money or go too far away.

It's good for weekend trips, or longer if you really want to break away from the bustle of Ellensburg, or are just looking for a cool place to kick back and relax to have an enjoyable time with friends.

Honorary Mention

Manastash

Wenatchee National Forest

Best Adrenaline Rush

Tubing on down the Yakima River

Location: Anywhere on the Yakima River.

Rental equipment: Tent 'N Tube in the Samuelson Union Building.

Words of wisdom: Don’t park your car too far down the river from your start point. Sometimes just 2 miles can take several hours.

Favorite responses: running from Central Police; cliff jumping into the Yakima River by the smiley face; Cle Elum bridge jumping; seeing a crush; skydiving; bungee jumping; finals week on aderol

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Food

Best Restaurant

The Palace

Location: 115 W. University Way
Hours: 24 hour drive-thru 6:00 a.m.-midnight dining room
Founded: April 1998
Local business or chain: National chain
Student Impact on business: Students make up about 20% of The Palace’s business but the amount of students increase throughout the day.

Why it Rocks: The bar crowd at the Palace is almost entirely students especially during dollar wells on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 p.m. To 11:00 p.m.

Why it Rocks: The Palace has some great food. Why else would Central students have voted it the best restaurant in town? The egg’s benedict and omelets are the most popular morning items and their burgers sell well in the evening.

Best Breakfast

Perkins

Location: 1504 HWY 97, by the W. 1-90 exit.
Hours: 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Local Business or chain: Perkins is a nationally recognized chain.
Founded: The Ellensburg branch was founded in 1976.
Student Impact: Students make up about twenty percent of Perkins’ business but are there much more on weekends. Being right next to the interstate Perkins business is predominantly people traveling on I-90. They lose a lot of student business to the downtown restaurants.

Why it Rocks: It’s quick, easy, has a 24 hour drive-thru and is close to the bars. What more could a college student ask for? Jack in the Box has the largest menu of any fast food so everyone will be happy. Plus you can’t go wrong with the dollar menu, two deep-fried tacos for a dollar. What could be better?

Honorary Mention

The Palace
Yellow Church Café

Best Vegetarian

Billy Mac’s Juice Bar

Location: 115 W. 4th Ave.
Hours: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Founding history: Billy Mac’s was founded nine years ago.
Locally owned or chain: Billy Mac’s is locally owned by Bill and Denise Maguire.
Impact of students on business: Students are a big part of Billy Mac’s customer base.

Why it Rocks: When entering Billy Mac’s you get the feeling of a tropical oasis with collage murals on a native brick background and a miniature, gurgling waterfall. They try to offer good prices and healthy food in order to provide an alternative to students from the fast food found elsewhere in town.

Special deals: They offer a daily special and a drink special. Typically a daily special consists of a bagel, cup of soup, and the drink special. Billy Mac’s also offers two drink specials everyday consisting of one vegetable drink and one fruit smoothie.

Honorary Mention

Sugar Thai Cuisine

Best Late Night Dining

Jack in the Box

Location: 115 W University Way
Hours: 24 hour drive-thru 6:00 a.m.-midnight dining room
Founded: April 1998
Local business or chain: National chain
Student Impact: Students make up about eighty percent of Jack in the Box’s business. The owner realized that the location had an incredible amount of potential being down the street from the university, and opened up the store at this location for this reason.

Why it Rocks: It’s quick, easy, has a 24 hour drive-thru and is close to the bars. What more could a college student ask for? Jack in the Box has the largest menu of any fast food so everyone will be happy. Plus you can’t go wrong with the dollar menu, two deep-fried tacos for a dollar. What could be better?

Honorary Mention

The Starlight Lounge
Perkins

Editors’ picks from the menu items: Garden burgers, the Palace Burger, biscuits and gravy, $20 of otter pops, fetichine alfredo with prawns, fish and chips and the baked potato butter. And of course, no one can forget the dollar wells every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to midnight.

Honorary Mention

Ellensburg Pasta Company
El Caporal

Honorary Mention

Sugar Thai Cuisine
Panda Garden
Area businesses strike it rich with students

Jenn Turner
Editor in Chief

Now I know that some of you students might be sitting there thinking, why should I care about the best businesses that Ellensburg has to offer? My answer to that would be whether you, as a student, know it or not, you have probably supported an area business at some time or another during your time here at Central.

Argue all you want, but if you’ve ever enabled your textbook to Jerrold’s to get you over the in-between quarters beer money, you’ve supported Ellensburg small business.

All of you bar goers especially know what I’m talking about. Between happy hour at The Starlight Lounge, or for all those at The Palace Cafe, or the wet t-shirt contests you can handle at The Oak Rail, attendance and/or participation at any one of these events labels you as a supporter of local business.

I know from my own personal experiences, with the quirky and cozy shops that our downtown has to offer, only with fondness and maybe a little sorrow.

The sorrow being due to the fact that my favorite local shop was the now closed Rodeo Records on Main Street. I could always count on hearing some quality music (as opposed to the mainstream crap pumped into Fred Meyer’s), having a good conversation with the amiable and passionate former owner, Mark Pickering, and maybe even finding some hidden vinyl.

Other shops in the downtown area have piqued my interest as well. If you ever had the chance to visit Gifts of the Crow, do so. The past year I was too scared to go until about spring quarter, since the name conjured up images of black magic and Satanists, and I fully regret that.

What I found on my first visit was an exceptionally sweet and extremely quirky lady, ridiculously awesome original decor (the star-shaped lounge being my favorite), positively rapturous smelling candles and completely no voodoo or devil-worshipping artifacts whatsoever.

My recent love affair with Ellensburg business has settled mainly on a particular establishment on Fourth Street. If you guessed The Tav, you’d be correct, sir. Not only does The Tav serve my personal favorite burger (The Super Mother), but they also provide me with the nourishment of voodoo or devil-worshiping artifacts whatsoever. The service staff are so friendly and helpful. So I’m trying to make the most out of my college experience on a college sized budget, and that means knowing where to go and how to have the most fun, on the cheap, in Ellensburg.

The Observer dedicated this entire Special Edition to the poor college student in the hope that by knowing other student’s opinions on the best of Ellensburg, you’ll be able to enjoy yourself and give your wallet a reprieve while avoiding a lot of hit and misses in the search for your own personal favorites.

During the school year, the campus makes up about half of Ellensburg’s population, making the university a huge money maker for local businesses. The administered polls reflect the favorites of that large, money spending population, including some businesses that may not be as well known because of their location, but are worth going the distance.

Evita Tallmadge
Special Edition Coordinator

Best Bakery

Vinman’s Bakery

Locally owned or chain: Locally owned by Shawne Melvin
Impact of students on business: Fifty percent of business comes from Central students

Why they think they were chosen:
The bakery is conveniently located across from campus.

What is the most popular item among students:

Lo Mein

Most popular menu items:
General Tso’s Chicken, Combination Lo Mein

Why it Rocks:
The service staff is extremely fast and the portions are generous. You will want to order more food for the road before you’re done with dinner.

Specials:
Daily lunch specials, and a lunch buffet will soon begin, offering both hot and cold food items.

Best Asian Food

Panda Garden

Location: 207 N. Main
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat.- Sun. 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Founded: The restaurant was founded by Tim Kay in 1996.

Student Impact on Business:
About 40-50% of their business comes from students.

Menu offers:
Mostly Chinese food options, but also some Japanese and Thai cuisine.

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**Papa John's**

**Location:** 700 E University Way, directly across from the south east corner of campus.

**Hours:** Sunday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 12:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 1:30 a.m.

**Founding history:** It was founded in March of 2000.

**Impact of students on business:** Students are 80-90 percent of their business.

**Why they think they were chosen:** According to the manager, "The best crew in town, the best pizza and the best ingredients."

**What are the most popular pizzas with students:** A large pepperoni or Hawaiian pizza.

**Special deals:** Current specials are a large two topping pizza and buffalo wings for $14.99, and one medium three topping pizza for $7.99. Specials vary frequently.

**Why it rocks:** The secret must be in the sauce.

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**Winegars**

**Location:** 608 N. Main St. Ellensburg

**Hours:**
- Mon-Fri 5:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Sat. 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sun 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Why it rocks:** They make their own ice cream!

**Located in a tiny white building on the north end of Main Street right across the liquor store, Winegar's can be missed by the untrained eye. Or could be mistaken for something else then what it really is, an Ice Cream place. Winegar's has been a favorite of locals and Central students for years and offer originally flavored ice creams such as Reece Creek Brownie, Kevinlicious and Bulldog Bubble gum.

**Interesting facts:** There are two drive-through windows on either side of the building.

**Winegar's ice cream is also sold at Super 1's and the 18th Street deli.**

**Some other flavors:** Grandma Sarah Cookies, Gray Dough, Holstein Thunder, Kori Mint, Nutty Truman, Pioneer Coffee, Phoebe's Strawberry, Mt. Stuart Vanilla, Wildcat Chocomint, Redneck Raspberry, Rocky Rodeo and Sundae Richelle.

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**Best Pizza**

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El Caporal

Location: 201 W University Way
Hours: Monday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Friday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., Sunday noon - 10 p.m.

Founding history: The restaurant was established in December of 1989

Locally owned or chain business: There are El Caporal restaurants throughout Washington. The owner's name is Jose Rodriguez.

Impact of students on business: El Caporal gets a lot of incoming freshmen, and a lot of students overall, possibly because of the proximity to campus.

Why they think they were chosen: The quick, good service and the owner's name is Jose Rodriguez.

Popular items: The Macho Burritos are very popular with college students. After refund week, many students come in for Fajitas.

Hungry Hippo

Location: 310 N. Pico, across the street from the downtown D&M Coffee
Hours: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday.

Founding history: Five years ago in 2000

Local Business or chain: The Hungry Hippo is a locally owned business.

Impact of students on business: Students make up around 70% of the Hungry Hippo's business. The most popular item among students is the Blustery Steak, a spicy Hungry Hippo version of the traditional Philly Cheese Steak

Why it Rocks: The Hungry Hippo just has a great fun atmosphere. All the employees are friendly and laid back, making an excellent place to enjoy a good sandwich.

Employee Joey Murphy is quite fond of the subs as well. "We're better than Subway and Quizno's," says Murphy.

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**Best Coffee Shop**

**Starbucks**

Location: 908 E 10th St.

Hours: Monday - Saturday 6 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sunday 6:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Founding history: The location was once a burger stand, later a Chinese restaurant. The Starbucks was founded in 1999.

Impact of students on business: Students make up 90 percent of their business.

Why they think they were chosen: Students frequent the coffee shop and employees create a rapport with students and see them throughout their career at Central.

Most popular drinks with students: When it’s hot, the caramel frappuccino; when it’s cold, the white chocolate mocha.

Special deals: Vary because they’re always introducing new items.

Why it rocks: It looks like most Starbucks and offers the same drinks, lending comforting familiarity. Chairs are cheerfully grouped around small tables and the decor incorporates warm earth tones. Behind the counter exists not only espresso, but oodles of yummy goodies including pumpkin bread and seasonal fruit scones.

**Honorary Mention**

Downtown D & M Wellingtons

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**Best Cup of Coffee**

**D & M Coffee**

Location: 408 S. Main St., 301 N. Pine St., 416 N. Main St., 215 W. 3rd St.

Hours: Vary by location

Why it rocks: Owners Donna and Mark have made creating the best cup of coffee into an art. D & M receives raw (green) Arabica coffee beans from across the globe, which they roast daily. They adjust roasting techniques for each unique kind of bean, including temperature, air flow and roasting time. It is possible to get a cup of coffee, or an entire bag, of your favorite roast at any of their locations.

Honorary Mention

Starbucks Winegars

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