Hope and meaning found in remnants
A first hand account of a student's life changing experience assisting in the tsunami relief effort

My plane touched down at the Colombo Airport at nearly midnight on the 25th of February. It was like I was seeing everything through a haze; I've never been stoned, but I imagine that's what it would be like. Of course, that feeling is to be expected after 33 hours of travel and a distance of half the world.

Leaving the sterile, climate-controlled environment of the airplane and taking my first step onto Sri Lankan soil, I had one immediate thought, my GOD, it is hot here! Hot, humid and heavy. My first breath in that country was the first of many shocking experiences I would have. My mind rebelled, saying, it's February...shouldn't it be cold?

-Excerpt from the journal of Rhiannon Holbrook

See story on pages 2 and 3
By Bob Kirkpatrick  
Sunier reporter  

It had been an intense afternoon at the Sambodha House mental hospital.  

Rhianon Holbrook had spent the majority of her time cleansing the beds, washing human bones that had likely died from them because the hospital had neither the resources nor a medically trained staff to prevent an untimely death. She said the sound of the water deep in her ears could tap on his femur. She lost everything, but were stubbornly Westerner, Holbrook was an easy mark: ashore.

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Colombo: Culture shock, hardship  

Holbrook got up, showered, and ate a breakfast that consisted of bread, jam and tea, and within an hour, was headed to the beach.  

The repercussions of the cultural case of culture because she had been cheated at every turn until she heard these sounds of the sea and a hypnotic view of the distant horizon.  

“Tsunami my son, my family and 5-month-old daughter. She had, however, befriended a tuk-tuk (taxi) driver named Kama who warned her one evening that three men were about to follow her down an alley. But he, too, had an agenda, Holbrook said.

“Hey, take us to places we didn’t want to go at times because he knew we had money and would have to pay the fare,” Holbrook said. “But we had to use him most because he’s the only tuk-tuk driver that knew the location of our job sites.”

Although Holbrook returned the next day to the beach because that was her nature, “and because it was so uncharitably, she”, she was still struggling to sort out the jarring disconnect between the expectations of what she set out trying to accomplish, and the reality of international relief work. Amidst breathtaking scenic beauty, human devastation was literally washing ashore.  

She met Sri Lankans who were disabled and hungry and put into a mental hospital. There were others who had lost everything, but were stubbornly refusing aid. As a female and a Westerner,Holbrook was an easy mark.

Clockwise from top right: Lasante, Sri Lankan, and Tash, Australian, both members of Global Crossroads. When Holbrook and Vivian arrived for the first time in Daddala, the locals physically put up and woke every one up.” Holbrook said. “I figured I’d learn a lot and maybe have some fun.”

Experiencing the devastation of Sri Lanka changes a person, coming home brings more change.
Magalle: "I couldn't take it all in. This place is so dirty that you can't tell if the garbage, chunks of cement, shoes and flip-flops are part of the destruction or if it was already there."

— Rhiannon Holbrook

Returning home is hard

Within four days after leaving Sri Lanka, Holbrook returned to Central for a 9 a.m. Law and Society class. "I'm back to doing normal things," Holbrook said. Holbrook said she is good at block-scheduling. "I'm busy, and I think things are better than what they were," Holbrook said.

After the bombs were finished, the group collected the papers. The images on the papers shocked the group, Holbrook said. "There were 24 pictures of dead people floating, and waves killing animals, and two pictures that were of planes," she said. "Even one of those can be interpreted as depression; it had four rows of flowers, each flower having successively smaller petals until the last one was dead and drooping."

Troubling to Holbrook was the unofficial status of the refugee camp in Magalle. Forty-nine families who once owned their own homes refused to leave their land to relocate. Consequently the Sri Lankan government denied them aid.

"The members of Global Crossroad have focused special attention upon this camp because of their circumstances," Holbrook said. "We have donated powdered milk and vegetables purchased with personal money, and toys donated from families all over the world."

A representative from the Sri Lankan government offered to donate six plots and build six houses for the refugees. But the Magalle Camp leader refused because the refugees wanted to stay together and would only accept homes for all 49 families.

With the monsoon season fast approaching this created ethical problems for the group, causing some members to question why they were helping in the first place.

Holbrook said members of her group including herself found this incredibly greedy and irrational. Others sympathized with the families.

For the Sri Lankans, priorities were community and unification. Global Crossroads' priority was to provide shelter before monsoons came and more people would die unnecessarily. When Holbrook last heard, the Sri Lankan government had agreed to let the Global Crossroads organization build 35 houses for the refugees. Now they must find land and funds to build the community.

Top to bottom: Katuluji and Wasena (rice) celebrate Katsu's birthday with gifts including masks brought by Global Crossroads members. A young child holds the Sri Lankan flag on the beach and gazes at the coming monsoon.

Galle: Digging ditches, facing a brutal reality

In Galle, Holbrook spent her mornings at a construction site in the trenches. She and other members of Global Crossroads dug several six-foot-deep by three-foot-wide septic tank ditches with nothing but pick-axes and shovels for the six houses they were building.

In the afternoon, she worked with Lynn, a nurse from the United Kingdom, in a mental hospital called Sambodhi House. "This place is absolutely surreal," she said. "It's a place where people with mental illness and physically handicapped people have been abandoned or warehoused by their families."

Holbrook said a man took his wife to Sambodhi House because he found no worth in her after she became a paraplegic during childbirth, and lost the baby as well.

To Holbrook, this went against every principle she'd been taught regarding the value of a human life. Sambodhi House would serve as a brutal day-to-day reminder of a part of Sri Lankan society she could not reconcile. She will never understand how they could leave 48 kids tied to their beds to drown, an image that haunts her.

Sambodhi House, according to Holbrook, was absolutely filthy, as people use the corners of the rooms for toilets. The caretaker had been there since he was 4-years-old and had absolutely no medical training. "I don't think much will shake me anymore," Holbrook said.
Jazz ensemble hears money jingle before jetting to Europe

by Matt Madsen
Staff reporter

Not many students get an opportu

not be able to receive sufficient funding from the Services and Activities com

As a band, we’ve been playing various
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nity to travel to Europe while still in
college, but Central Washington
University’s jazz ensemble has earned
the privilege of being invited to one of
the largest and most prestigious
European music celebrations in the
world: the North Sea Jazz Festival.

“This is a once in a lifetime oppor

tunity. You can always go to Europe,
but you can’t play and see some of the
best acts in the world,” said Mark
Claassen, junior education and per
formance majors.

Less than a week ago, things were

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“GENDER+,” will be April 22 - 23 at
the University Park Apartments 501.

The first lesbian, gay, bisexual and
transgender (LGBT) conference titled
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Central’s campus, Jarred said. “We are expecting
between 150 and 200 people.”

People are coming to the confer
ence from New York, Pennsylvania and
as far as the Philippines.

It’s pretty much the national con
ference,” Jarred said. “We are expecting
between 150 and 200 people.”

The official Web site of the confer
ence shows such objectives as gaining
learning opportunities and leadership
development for the LGBT community
and its allies, as well as strengthening
existing organizations.

Concurrent sessions will focus on
three topics: leadership, ally develop
ment and gender awareness.

Conference events feature keynote
speakers such as Elizabeth Birch, who
is one of the most visible women in
Corporate America and an important
lesbian figure.

The conference will also feature a
performance by the Seattle Women’s
Chorus at 7 p.m., April 23 at the Music
Education Building concert hall.

The chorus will pay homage to the great
female groups and singers of the ‘50s
and ‘60s. The performance is free and
open to the public.

Jared hopes the entertainment will
lead to “embracing all people,” howev
er, since the conference will take place
on Central’s campus, he thinks that stu
dents should show some understanding
for the LGBT community.

“A lot of the students here don’t
understand the issues that go with
them. We’ve learned that from our own
campaigns and the way some people
react,” Jarred said. “It’s a once in a lifetime
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Holland before returning home.

The North Sea Jazz Festival is
world-renowned for the many musical
genres it offers. There will be 200 acts,
with 1,200 musicians performing jazz
and jazz-related music like blues, funk,
soul, hip-hop, Latin and R&B. Students
will also attend the Montreux music
festival in Switzerland featuring artists
such as B.B. King, Elvis Costello, The
Hives, Tori Amos, Velvet Revolver,
Amy Lynne Taylor/Observer

issa Hayes, Alice Cooper and many
more.

The total cost of the trip for the
group is $60,000. There will be 20 jazz

students attending the festival from
Central. Each student is making month
ly payments that will total $1,000 out of
his or her own pocket, on top of pur
chasing his or her own passport.

“We had to raise $15,000 ourselves,
as a band. We’ve been playing various
extra gigs like one we did recently in
Monterey,” Claassen said.

The jazz ensemble is still working on
raising money to cover unforeseen
expenses their trip may incur, Breyu
added. To help cover these costs, the
jazz ensemble will be performing with
Orchestra, Central’s interpretive dance
group, at 7 p.m., May 13 in the concert
hall in the Music Education Building.

Admission costs will be based on
donations, which the jazz ensemble will
dedicate entirely to the trip.

LGBT conference brings leaders from across nation to Central

by Taisi Kanamaru
Staff reporter

The first lesbian, gay, bisexual and
transgender (LGBT) conference titled
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Conference,” will be April 22 - 23 at
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Dustin Jarred, the conference plan
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this event about a year ago. He thought
it would be a valuable resource for stu

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those without insurance.
As a result of the drought, Central will draw water from the Town Ditch—known by students as the Ganges—for the first time ever. The water will be used to irrigate campus.

S & A rolls out requests for fall of 2005

by Patrick Lewis
Managing editor

The Services and Activities Committee is one meeting away from deciding how to use $4.2 million of student fees for the next biennium. Last Friday, when that meeting ended, the committee had room to add dollars to requests instead of more cutting.

SUB/REC construction was the largest item on the budget, $585,000 annually over the next two years. Some groups may be receiving money for the first time. Among those were the Observer, approved for $50,000 each year, and the Central Theatre Ensemble for $20,000 each year. The LGBTA, Recreational and Transferable Alliance (LGBTIA) also requested new funding, but was denied. The committee justified their decision to deny LGBTA’s request, stating that they did not want to set a precedent for funding individual clubs.

Cuts were made in many areas. KCWU may have $50,000 slashed from their request. The committee approved $20,000 annually for KCWU.

“We’re just not sure that they need to fund a position to train students when that should already be happening,” said Robert McGowan, one of the faculty members.

“A lot of their request is based on the move to the new SUB and we’re unsure of when that is going to happen,” said Tylene Carnell, a student member.

Another cut was to Childcare Central, an organization that cares for infants. The request was to cover current debt. Only a small fraction of the children belong to students.

The committee wanted to support childcare, but felt there were additional resources for parents to utilize. The Early Childhood Learning Center did receive $213,912 in funding however.

Big money spent, but no band yet for seniors graduation celebration

by Andrew Van Der Heuck
Staff reporter

All that is currently known about Senior Celebration is $25,000 of the services and activities budget has been committed to retaining an artist for the end-of-the-year gig.

There are concerns over spending a large sum of money on the event’s headlining act. Event coordinators see the $25,000 differently.

“Why is it not appropriate to spend less than 1 percent of the services and activities budget on something that will have a great impact on what we’re expecting to be more than 25 percent of the student population?” said Derrick Peters, ASCWU executive vice president and coordinator of the Senior Celebration committee.

Scott Drummond, director of campus activities, is assisting the senior celebration committee with finding a headlining artist.

The committee is expected to decide soon who will perform.

“Schedules, possible tour conflicts, and whether a performer is in the committee’s budget are all things that have to be considered,” Drummond said. “Probably the most difficult thing the committee faces is finding an artist that will be liked by the largest number of students. This made that much more complicated by the fact that there are so many different genres and tastes in music to consider.”

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by Allison Maddox
Staff reporter

It is no secret that the past winter was odd because of little snowfall and early spring weather. However, according to the Capital Press, Agriculture Weekly, it has become a growing problem in the Central Washington area as the drought approaches. Consumers consume water and say they are aware of the drought, but never took it into close consideration.

“Our showers are never abnormally long, of course they can’t be while living in the dorms, but no, I don’t think anybody will be fully aware of this situation nor do anything about it until it affects them personally,” said Ashley Bailey, freshman education major.

According to Cameron McCormick, Central Washington University visiting assistant professor of geography, there are several things that students can do to conserve water, such as changing water devices like shower heads to low flow instead of a standard setting and use large loads while washing clothes.

According to Daniel Beck, Central biology professor, the drought will certainly affect students, as well as the farms around the area. There will be an increase in fires, a shortage in water supply, and the drought may even damage the landscape Beck said.

“Students will be affected by the drought simply because they are a part of the community,” Beck said.

According to the Capital Press, on March 10, Governor Christine Gregoire declared an official emergency drought that covered the entire state, though Central Washington will be affected most.

The declaration allows the Washington State Department of Ecology to dispose $10 million in emergency money to farm holders, specifically in Ross and Kittitas counties.

“When one of these drought years it takes about three years to get the fields back to where they were prior to the drought assuming we have normal years,” said Gregoire, in an MSNBC interview.

“Today was the start of asking every single citizen to start thinking about their water use. And even drop you save, that will be available to us tomorrow.”

For more information about the drought, McCormick advises visiting the Washington State Department of Ecology website at or call them at 1-800-468-0261.
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Reader argues
guys prefer
logic over worry

First of all, Rachel, your generalizing statement that "guys place so much emphasis on cars" is shot to bits as soon as you recognize that the accident is not your fault because you are a woman and therefore, a bad driver. We both know that is a very ignorant and sexist statement. So is yours.

Secondly, I can promise you that my car receives no special treatment. It is just as dirty or dirtier than my room. Men are funny that way.

Finally, I found your concluding statement about your dismissal of Reith's letter to be very arrogant. Instead of listing possible reasons why he might have been terminated, you listed your qualifications. Reith is a poor judge of character and that is why he was fired. That doesn't make you a better judge of character.

I do not, however, say any of this without concern for the cyclist.

Nevertheless, by the way you described his actions after the incident was extremely hard and is always reachable by her employers if something happens at work or if we need to ask her a question. She is extremely tolerant and is very forgiving. If an employee needs a day off, she is very accommodating. Once, an employee broke a work computer by installing a game onto it (which was not allowed).

Did she fire the employee? No, she actually laughed when the guilty party confessed. She is not the monster you painted her to be in your silly letter.

At times I have disagreed with her actions, but I know that she is the manager and is deserving of respect. Perhaps you should re-evaluate that "old world work ethic" of yours and incorporate some respect for your superiors into it.

I would like to address the issue of job security and Reith's "why work harder than I have to" attitude. (That attitude from a graduate student in the teaching program is truly astonishing.) To answer your question, the "diligent" employee who works his behind off is much smarter than the "one who skates by." I have had co-workers at this establishment treat their presence here as a favor to us. This is not the correct attitude to have.

There is never a shortage of applicants when a spot needs to be filled. An employee who "skates by" not only brings negativity to the workplace, but also hinders his or her co-workers when they don't care enough about their job to do it correctly or provide first-rate customer service.

As a diligent employee, I appreciate my job and enjoy it, too. There are even times when I do my homework at work, something I appreciate very much. I appreciate (and respect) my manager, too. Those with poor work ethics and negative attitudes are replaceable, and that is something to remember. Reith should have appreciated his employment and demonstrated his appreciation by being a respectful, model employee.

Antonio Magnotti
junior painting major

Firing a slacker
is no surprise

As someone who used to work with Robert Reith, I was surprised by his letter in last week's Observer. Unlike Reith, I still have my job. In fact, I have worked at this establishment for almost two years (though I did take a break from work when preparing for the GRE).

It surprises me Reith regards his dismissal as such a mystery. Reith mentioned turning off his phone because the manager called him to see if he could work extra shifts. Here's a tip to your new job, Reith. If you don't want the manager to offer you extra shifts, do not ask for them.

Instead of listing possible reasons for your dismissal here (I don't want to embarrass you), I invite you to call me and I will tell you the truth to the best of my knowledge. (Also, did it occur to you that the manager would have explicitly discussed your employment status with you via phone but was unable to reach you?) I'll suggest you remember your dismissal may have been legitimate, because I have never known someone to be so oblivious to the consequences of his or her actions.

The part of Reith's letter that disappointed me most was his rude description of my manager (his former manager). This woman is not perfect, but who is? I have come to see how much she cares about her employees. I have learned the best way to communicate with her, and Reith, this does not include turning my phone off and not returning her calls. My manager works extremely hard and is always reachable by her employees if something happens at work or if we need to ask her a question. She is extremely tolerant and is very forgiving. If an employee needs a day off, she is very accommodating. Once, an employee broke a work computer by installing a game onto it (which was not allowed).

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Jessica Trepan
senior psychology major

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news briefs

Firing the way ahead

Fifty-five Cadets from Central Washington University's Wildcat Battalion will be heading off to the Rifle Qualification Range on Saturday, April 16, at the Yakima Firing Center. Cadets are required to qualify on the M-16A2 assault rifle prior to attending Operation: Warrior Forge at Ft. Lewis, Wash, over the summer. At Warrior Forge cadets are evaluated on their ability to lead their fellow cadets in both garrison and tactical environments.

Playing in the band

Junior double-major and Douglas Honors student Melissa Thompson was selected for an eight-week National Science Foundation fellowship at Texas A & M University this summer in music performance and mathematics. Thompson is the principal clarinetist in the Central Symphony Orchestra.

Fifty feet of fun

The rock-climbing wall for the new Student Recreation Building is almost complete. It reaches heights of as much as 50 feet in some places. The recreation building is set to open in December of 2005.

New help for non-profits

The Civic Engagement Center is launching a new student-run agency designed to provide free public-relations, marketing, and graphic design for local non-profits, as well as give students real world hands-on experience.

Get the lowdown on student leadership

If you are interested in running for an ASCWU/BOD position for 2005-2006 year, there will be an informational meeting open to all students this Thursday, 8 p.m. in SUB 208.

Get your papers in

AsCWU/BOD Candidate filing closes at 4 p.m.

Like good noise?

Come listen to "TIEZ" with Caleb Baker at 8 p.m. in Club Central. Free Admission.

The Observer staff would like to extend their apologies to any readers offended by a feature that ran in the "Wildcat Winter Edition." The "Best of Camping" column was intended to be a light-hearted piece and was not written with the intent to offend anyone.

Got Briefs?

Want to see your news, scene or sport briefs in the paper? Email us at observer@cwu.edu and remember to include the time, date, location and contact information.
By the time students reach college, nearly all of them have been asked, “So, what do you want to be when you grow up?” It is a question pondered often throughout life, even by those considered to be “grown-ups.” This month, Central Washington University’s Career Services department wants to help students answer that question with “Career Quest” and Road Trip Nation.

This year’s “Career Quest” will be held from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., April 21 in the Student Union Building theater and ballroom. “Career Quest” is a time for students to mingle with employers from various companies. Students have the opportunity to make contacts in their fields of interest, as well as hand out resumes and set up interviews. “Students should try to look at companies in a broader light,” said Teresa Youngren, Employer Recruiting Coordinator for Career Services. “We do have a couple agencies that are coming that have business, law, accounting and other opportunities.”

Youngren invites students to explore all available options that one company may have to offer. More than 40 companies are attending Central’s “Career Quest” including Boeing, KAPP/KVEW TV, Peace Corps, Pathguide Technologies, Inc. and Verizon Wireless.

Aside from making contacts with new businesses attending this year, there’s something else that may get students interested in “Career Quest”; Road Trip Nation. Road Trip Nation was founded by three individuals — Nathan Gebhard, Brian McAllister and Mike Marriner. Road Trip Nation members travel around in a green R.V. in order to find students who will cruise through the United States and interview leaders across the country.

Road Trip Nation began when the three graduated college. With no idea of what they wanted to do, they purchased an R.V., painted it green and traveled for three months. During those three months, they interviewed more than 80 people in various careers. Road Trip Nation now exists to find students wanting a similar experience of traveling in an R.V. and interviewing various employers. The idea is that the experience will help students figure out what to do with their lives. Central students will have the chance to learn more during “Career Quest.” “It’s too late to sign up for this summer, but students should really get involved for the following summer,” Youngren said. “I’d be a good idea to prepare now.” Students can sign up to be a part of Roadtrip Nation 2006. Road Trip Nation is intended for graduating seniors, but it is never too early to start thinking about it. “Sure, I’d be interested. You have got nothing to lose,” said Summer Braaten, junior tourism management major. Students are also encouraged to attend Roadtrip Nation’s presentation from 6 - 8 p.m., April 21, in the SUB Theater. There will be free food for all the “career hungry” students who attended. For more information about Road Trip Nation, visit their Web site at www.roadtripnation.com.
Mad about the SUB

Random thoughts of a single angry man

Singleness — As a 21-year-old male with character traits consisting of shy, brittle, and dumb-founded, all seeming to peak around pretty women, I feel a change needs to be made. For guys 35 to 50, looking for a lady isn’t as difficult as you look for a single ring finger, and then make your move. I have something like, “How you doing? Can’t buy you a fish sandwich?” For us younger gentlemen, we run into the problems that hardly anyone is married and there are no easy ways to know if someone is single or not.

This, my friends, shall be a problem no more. I declare we all wear colored wrist bands, a certain color if you’re single, a certain color if you’re taken and a certain color if you’re married. The plan really seems flaw-free, I think. I’ll e-mail George W. this afternoon to work out the details.

SUB: More like SUCK — Right now I have nothing more than the new SUB. I measured it the other day and it will officially be the biggest building in the world. It dwarfs everything on campus, and looks more out of place than I do at a “Curves for Women” gym. I realize that it will end up being super fancy, but I could have thought of a dozen different ways to blow all that money that wouldn’t be so obscure and awkward.

I read that the new SUB will have basketball courts for non-athlete students, while the athletes get Nichelson Pavilion to themselves. I wonder how excited the athletes will be to use old gyms while a bunch of idiots mess around in brand new facilities. Maybe the worst problem of all is that many construction projects at Central don’t meet deadline, or even come close. Will patrons this year get anything out of the SUB with the annoying and terribly ugly disarray of their campus? Will the sophomores?

Tab — And to end on a more important note, what do you call a hot tub with cold water? If a sandwich is hot, it’s labeled a hot sandwich. I mean, if it’s cold. Should we call the “hot” part of the official hot tub name, and refer to them as tubs?

From there you can add hot or cold to the name accordingly. Man, this is kind of stuff I think about in communication and science classes, but it is too interesting for a Sunday evening. I quit.

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by Danielle Martinez
Staff reporter

The smooth sound of Lenny Price’s saxophone has moved to Ellensburg. The nationally recognized recording artist and jazz musician is now an assistant professor in the Central Washington University music department. Price has reached many milestones in his life and decided to “shift to another area,” Price said.

“I recorded my first album entitled, ‘From My Heart,’” Price said.

Other artists Price looks to for inspiration include Steely Dan, Sting and Caroleen Arey. Price added that he is interested in music education and sharing his passion with others “Price said.

“Every band, when they’re asked that is going to be like ‘do you want us to list all the hands off?’ Well no, our musical influences range from really mellow acoustic indie rock stuff to the heavier side of metal. What we play isn’t really any of them. We range from one end to another. We don’t all listen to the same band, which I think is good.

For more information about the band visit www.turnaroundmusic.net.

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Price is right with Saxy music education

by Brent Littlejohn
Staff reporter

What about new dorms? The last I heard, the dorms are practically fall, and the “largest freshman class in history” every year isn’t helping the cause. And what about the food? Yesterday I bought corn dogs and onion rings and couldn’t tell by taste which one I had taken a bite of. What’s next? The new SUB will have basketball courts for non-athlete students, while the athletes get Nichelson Pavilion to themselves. I wonder how excited the athletes will be to use old gyms while a bunch of idiots mess around in brand new facilities.

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Other artists Price looks to for inspiration include Steely Dan, Sting and Caroleen Arey. Price asked that is going to be like ‘do you want us to list all the hands off?’ Well no, our musical influences range from really mellow acoustic indie rock stuff to the heavier side of metal. What we play isn’t really any of them. We range from one end to another. We don’t all listen to the same band, which I think is good.

For more information about the band visit www.turnaroundmusic.net.
The bare minimums of life: oxygen, water, food, sale-priced beer, sleep and Halo 2. The last may seem a bit out of place to some Central Washington University students, but to others there is nothing more important. Central's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is hoping those students come to their first Halo 2 tournament.

PRSSA will hold its tournament for the popular XBOX game starting at 11 p.m. Saturday, April 16 in Barto Lounge. The tournament will finish when only one person remains. PRSSA hopes their tournament stands out from other by providing a little extra for their competitors.

"The most exciting thing about the tournament is the prize, a PSP and a game," Megan Hanley, Central PRSSA chapter president said. "Second prize is two wireless XBOX controllers."

A PSP is the new handheld video game device made by Sony. The tournament will have four digital data projectors and projector screens, allowing 16 players to play at one time.

Torture friends, win a prize

by Brent Littleson
Staff reporter

"We're hoping there will be 50 (participants), because we are promoting it heavily," Hanley said. "We put posters up in places like the dorms. Our goal would be 100 players, but we're thinking there will be at least 50."

Registration is at the door with a required $5 entrance fee. If you think you're the best Halo 2 player in Ellensburg, come prove it and if nothing else, have some fun while eating the provided pizza and soda.

There may be no better way to spend a Saturday night than eating greasy food and electronically blowing up your friends.

Club makes a fashion statement

by Heather Watkins
Staff reporter

As the world thrives on fashion, so do the members of the Fashion Club at Central Washington University.

The Fashion Club members are busy all year round with about 20 regular members; however, they are always looking for people to join who are interested in fashion.

"We had a lot of seniors in the club last year, and now we're working on getting more people to join," said Jessica Gunderson, senior fashion club president.

In the past, the club has raised funds by participating in the Ware Fair on campus. They also held a car wash at Albertsons to earn money for their annual fashion show in the spring. This year the club involved the Seattle Children's Hospital in their fundraising to provide healthcare for children that can not pay for it.

Every February, the club travels to Las Vegas to view fashion from around the world. There are more than 6,000 vendors and the students get to look at the upcoming styles. Some of the women in the club have also been able to set up interviews on the trip.

"The club is a really great experience," said Vicki Shaffer-White, associate professor family consumer sciences and club adviser. "It's completely student-run ... I am there to advise them."
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Lack of funding threatens lacrosse's hunt for post-season

The Wildcat men’s lacrosse team needed a win against Whitman College on Sunday in order to make the playoffs. Central fought hard and played a very physical game, but lost 12-7.

“We basically had to win that game,” midfielder T.J. Serrianne said.

Whitman scored first on an off-sides penalty, a foreshadowing of how the game would unfold. Central committed 15 fouls and spent a total of 11 minutes in the penalty box, compared to Whitman’s three penalties and one and a half minutes.

Right after putting the first score on the board, Whitman added another. They made a quick strike, so fast that Central’s defense seemed dazed. Central had a brief possession, but it didn’t yield any points. Midfielder Serrianne was confined to the penalty box for one minute on a slashing call, and immediately following the advantage, Whitman scored again.

“We learned some good lessons today, but we need to learn patience and poise,” said head coach John Pidgeon.

Central finally came to life offensively, displaying some quality possessions and good shot opportunities, but was unable to convert them into goals. Eventually midfielder, Jon Stenson put Central on the board in the second quarter. Whitman answered right back, despite goalkeeper Brian Allen preventing many shots from reaching the cage.

Attacker Ben Sadler had a second chance rebound off Allen that found the back of the net.

Central stormed right back with some good passing that led to two quick goals by midfielder Johnny Mack. That made the score 4-3 in the second quarter, but Central went flat in the third quarter and never came closer.

It only got worse toward the end of the third quarter.

Records fall as Wildcats win

Central Washington University’s softball team is back to its winning ways. It has won five of six games and is in the process of breaking various school records against Western Oregon University and Seattle University.

In the opening game against Western Oregon last Thursday, pitcher Sara Badgley threw a complete-game shutout that Central won 3-0. Badgley also is on pace to set new single-season and career records for lowest opponents’ batting average, as opponents are batting just .178 against her this season (.221 for her career).

“I’m really happy,” Martinez said about her performance. “I was just feeding off of our team.”

In the second game of the first doubleheader, pitcher Sarah Withers threw her second shutout of the season allowing only four hits, helping the Wildcats win 3-0.

Martinez had two doubles in the game, driving in two runs. Third baseman Jen Sweeney also hit a double in this game.

The Wildcats won the first game on Friday against Western Oregon 4-3. Badgley extended her record to 9-5 with the win. Robertson hit a solo home run in the third inning and doubled in the sixth, bringing in a run. Maxfield had two RBIs in the game.

“I felt good when I came up to bat,” Maxfield said. “I just had a feeling that something was going to happen.”

In the second game of the double-header on Friday, Central won 10-8. Withers whose record is now 5-5, received the win. Badgley received her fourth save on the season and brought in three RBIs off a home run hit during the first inning.

Catcher Kelli Spaulding doubled down the left field line in the first inning. Outfielder Jenne James tripled to right field and Maxfield brought her on a sacrifice fly to center field. In the fifth inning, Spaulding doubled to center field,
Wolves show Wildcats who's the boss in GNAC

by Todd Finley
Staff reporter

With an important series over the weekend, the Wildcats' baseball team looked to make a statement. Unfortunately for them, so did the Western Oregon Wolves. Western Oregon feasted on Central in the four game series between the two Great Northwest Athletic Conference rivals, sweeping both Saturday and Sunday doubleheaders and taking command within the division.

The past weekend was a measuring stick for Central. A 17-11 record placed them two games behind the first place Wolves, division champs for the past three years. Western Oregon, however, proved to still be the baseball kings of the GNAC while Central was left wondering what could have been.

Saturday’s two defeats came in especially demoralizing fashion. In the first game of the twin bill, Western Oregon put up four runs in the top of the sixth to take a 7-3 lead. The Wildcats, however, fought their way back in the bottom half of the inning.

Designated hitter Kris Krause continued his power surge this season with a leadoff homerun making the count 7-4. It was Krause’s sixth jack of the year. Following consecutive ground outs, Central started a two-out rally against Western Oregon starter Nick Wascher, who simply lost his control.

After both players finished their first playoff at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. Then, with a 15-foot birdie putt on the first playoff, Tiger orchestrates Masterful comeback

by Chris Thompson
Staff reporter

The headlines could have read “DiMarco Wins Masters to Claim First Major” if it weren’t for that Tiger Woods character. After both players finished four rounds at 12-under, the pair went to a playoff at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. Then, with a 15-foot birdie putt on the first playoff, Tiger orchestrates Masterful comeback

The Central Washington University Conference and Retail Services has several temporary Conference Service Assistant positions available. These positions are expected to begin the week of finals (no later than June 11, 2005) and will terminate on or before Sept. 15, 2005. Preference will be given to student employees, temporary employees and persons who are currently enrolled spring quarter of 2005 as full-time students at Central during fall quarter of 2005.

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The Seattle Mariners have proceeded to dominate from the plate, posting a .464 average in six games and new third baseman Adrian Beltre is batting .310 early in the season.

The Wildcats were also getting productive pitching performances. Pitcher Jesse Orton started, throwing four solid innings, surrendering only a run on three hits. He was followed by Scott Parish, who tossed 2 1/3 innings of hitless ball. With one down in the seventh, Head coach Desti Storey elected to pull Parish and brought in closer Rob Stump. A single and a walk put runners at first and second. Ramos delivered a double to left, scoring both runners and knotting the game up at three.

The play did not come without controversy, however. Pitch runner Tom Leshey scored the tying run on a crafty hook slide that homeplate umpire Ken Wycktyk believed beat Sepanski’s tag. Stump felt differently regarding the close call.

“Sometimes you make mistakes and the ball gets hit,” Stump said. “But when there is an important play at the plate, the ump needs to get the call right. I saw the play. The runner was out.”
The weekly sports face-off

Should Congress get involved with baseball and the steroid problem?

Congress should not be involved with the steroid issue in Major League Baseball. It seems as though Congress is a little too wrapped up in this issue. Don't they have better things to do, like worry about Americans and the nation rather than the National and American Leagues? I feel that while little has been done as of yet, an overwhelmingly negative public response will force Major League Baseball to take sufficient action. Why involve Congress when all that is needed for Bud Selig to see is that sports fans want to see more stringent regulations. The recent minor league suspensions seem like a decent start.

I strongly disagree with the use of any performance-enhancing drug. Steroid use has taken some of the challenge out of the game. It almost seems as though the MLB aren't as exciting as they were even a decade or two ago. The homerun has gone from an exhilarating spectacle to a fairly common occurrence. Steroid use has definitely damaged the image of the Major League, its players and brought all levels of baseball under scrutiny. Players that have used steroids have not only cheated sports fans, but other players as well.

I believe that Congress should get involved with the steroid problem in Major League Baseball because it goes beyond the sport. There are kids in our society that want to be the next Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire or Sammy Sosa. If we do allow Congress to get involved with the steroid problem, we are setting standards and we are showing that doing steroids is not ok. Kids are the next generation of baseball players and we need to show them that steroids are dangerous and that the players that did take steroids made a mistake and should not be proud of what they did. Players like McGwire broke records left and right, but I believe those records should have an asterisk next to them because they might not be correct. Was Roger Maris on steroids when he made the single season home run record in 1961? In order for MLB to set examples for the next generation of baseball players, we need to have Congress involved so we can set examples for generations to come.

I believe the MLB does not have enough rules to enforce the issue of steroids. I think we need to have Congress more involved with this growing problem.

BASEBALL: Wildcats lose in GNAC opener

Head coach Desi Storey took a more diplomatic approach to the bang-bang sequence.

"It was very close," Storey said.

"Robby's my closer."

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SOFTBALL: Women sweep weekend matchup

which brought in three RBIs. James tripled down the right field line, which brought in another RBI.

In the opening game of the double header on Sunday against Seattle University, Central won 3-2. Withers improved her record to 6-5 with the win.

Seattle University won the second game by a score of 7-1. Badgley, who finished the weekend with a record of 9-6, received the loss.

"This team [Central] wants to win conference," Frederick said. "We want to make it to the regional playoffs."

Central will host Northwest Nazarene University for two doubleheaders on Friday and Saturday.

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Wildcats outrun records, can't finish among top spots

Between Central and Seattle Pacific, the two schools set five new conference records. The men's 4x400 relay team, consisting of junior Mike Kelley, seniors Andy Gaudel, sophomore Cresap Wariss and sophomore Eric Reynolds, shaved exactly four seconds off the conference record with a time of 3:11.23. Tindle also took third in the discuss throw.

"I had a little more energy at that time, but it was a bit surprising that it happened," Tindle said. "I really like competing at Eastern, I went there a couple times in high school, and did well every time."

Junior Terran Legard, who opted to recertify herself this outdoor season and run unattached, went on to win both the women's 200- and 400-meter dashes. Had she not run unattached at this meet, she would have set a new conference record in the 400, winning with a time of 56.53, nearly six seconds faster than the current record.

The Portage Valley Invitational at Eastern Washington and the other Division I competitors, with no first place finish by the Wildcats.

The top men's performances by Central, aside from the men's relay, included sophomore Robert Edwards in the men's 110 hurdles, sophomore Cameron Bailey in the men's high jump, and freshman Cameron Bailey in the men's high jump, all placing second in their events.

Other notable finishes include freshman Alex Clark placing third in the 110 hurdles, behind Edwards, and Cresap. Wariss placing third in the high jump, behind Bailey.

Coming up, the Wildcats are staying home this weekend as they host the Spike Art Invitational on Saturday at 11 a.m. in Tomlinson Stadium.

LACROSSE: Wildcats must now rely on crucial victory for playoff berth

by Frank Stanely
Staff reporter

The track team put up impressive numbers last Friday at the Pullman Invitational meet in Cheney. The team set a new conference record in the men's 4x400 meter relay and freshman Kelvin Snider was added to her own leading distance in the shot put.

The meet was hosted by Eastern Washington University and included men's and women's events from Division I and several non-conference schools. Central Washington University and Seattle Pacific University sponsored the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

"When we go competitive in [Division I] meets, people get a little more excited," head coach Kelvin Adkisson said. "This was a high-quality event, so we couldn't bring the whole team, but it was still a great meet."

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