Students, faculty, staff and community members marched from Main Street at University Way to the SUB area on campus last week to protest proposed immigration laws. The crowd carried signs and American and Mexican flags. Several individuals spoke out against what they perceive as injustice against the Hispanic community across the nation.

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Community members and students protested Wednesday, April 5, in part of a national campaign against House Resolution 4437. Monday, April 10 over 15,000 people took to the streets of Seattle in a similar protest over the highly controversial reforms. Some lawmakers have since opposed the provisions of the Resolution that would make illegal entry into the country a felony. Another protest is planned for 4 p.m. Saturday, April 15, and will start by the Los Cabos restaurant with a march up Canyon Road to Main and Fifth.

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Community and students stage protest against immigration bill

by Seth Williams
Staff reporter

"I se puede! I se puede!" This was just one of many chants used by more than 40 Latinos and their supporters in a protest rally for immigrant rights last Wednesday on the Central Washington University campus. The protest was in response to the debate on immigration reform taking place in the United States Senate.

The large group, comprised mostly of Central students and local immigrants, marched from the Jack in the Box parking lot on University Way to Central’s campus, ending up in front of the Samuelson Union Building (SUB) where demonstrations were held.

"We aren’t happy with the current administration and their limiting of the legal social class in America," Namon Hamed, junior education major, said. "Immigrants are required for jobs in the lowest social class in this country."

Many Protesters waved both U.S. and Mexican flags and carried signs that read, "We didn’t cross the border, the border crossed us, "I’m an immigrant. Are you?" and "Educate yourself before you make laws," among others.

Juan Monroy, junior education major, said, "At least 200 people have rallied against the bill. Last Monday, marches flooded downtown Seattle, participating in the "National Day of Action for Immigrant Justice," a protest that swept cities across the country."

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Students react to reforms

by Karaen Shefdman
Staff reporter

Claudio (who declined to give his last name), a Chilean citizen, has been illegally residing in Washington to make money in order to help his family live comfortably back at home. Unfortunately, he has come into a variety of difficult situations. He injured his knee and needs surgery but isn’t allowed medical insurance. He doesn’t have a social security number. He pays taxes like any other person, but has to live without an annual tax refund.

Set to marry his American girlfriend of one year next December, Claudio began to fear he would soon be caught because of his illegal status and would be forced to return back to Chile, or worse, thrown in jail.

"I freaked out, I was really stressed," Claudio said. "I thought I would have to go back to my country and lose everything."

He married his girlfriend in an Idaho courthouse two weeks ago and will become an American citizen in two years. For now, he is able to use his wife’s medical insurance and wake up every morning knowing he won’t need to fear every person he meets.

The House of Representatives successfully passed House Resolution 4437 last December, but efforts in the Senate to pass sweeping immigration legislation faltered last Friday, leaving in doubt the prospects for a passage that offered the hope of citizenship to millions of men, women and children living in the United States illegally.

Assistant professor of history and director of Latin American studies, Michael Ervin, said the illegal issue is not between the liberals and the conservatives.

"I don’t think the problem is defined. Is the problem illegal? Is it the shadow? Is it fear? There’s a lot of different issues," Ervin said.

Still, nationwide rallies and protests haven’t gone unnoticed. Protesters have been urging Congress to help the millions of immigrants settle here legally. Thousands of people have been participating in boycotts nationwide. In 10

major, operated a loudspeaker during the march, and read quotes from President George W. Bush out of the "Seattle Times" about immigrants in the U.S.

"It’s important for university students to contribute nationwide to this," Monroy said. "This protest will bring awareness to the immigration issue locally and will help to get people heard."

The demonstration in front of the SUB at the conclusion of the rally included an open microphone session in which Protesters could speak their mind. Among the speakers was Michael Ervin, assistant history professor specializing in Latin American studies and modern Mexican history. Ervin spoke briefly, saying that we are all immigrants in this country.

Other speakers included the owner of Ellensburg’s Tacos Chalitos, immigrant Elisa Garcia, senior law and justice major Celia Martinez and local hay farmer and immigrant Saul Montano. All three gave brief speeches that echoed the crowd with one of the loudest and longest coming from Garcia, who pleaded for the American people to open their ears, open their eyes, and open their hearts to this just fight.

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Attention Students Eligible for Commencement Honors!

The CWU student commencement speaker committee will select students to present valedictory speeches at two Eastside Commencement Exercises in Ellensburg on Saturday, June 10, 2006, (9:30 am and 1:30 pm). One speaker and one alternate will be chosen from among four finalists for each ceremony. Speakers will receive $200 honoraria and each will receive $50.

If you have a 3.5 GPA, you should receive an invitation by mail. Submit written entries to Tina Moreno, Registrar Services, by Monday, April 24, 2006.

Additional information is available at the Registrar’s Office or from Tina Moreno at 509-963-3012.

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“It's not a just law, it's unfair to immigrants when they're the ones working and paying taxes, but not getting any tax returns. It stays with the government,” said Elizabeth Rangel, senior art education and Spanish major and member of the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.).

Central students came to the campus last Wednesday in a protest against Congress' plans to crack down on illegal immigration.

The protest and rally was organized by M.E.Ch.A., a Central Latino club that strives to end immigration andachieve oppression and exploitation. Protesters blasted H.R. 4437 in an attempt to educate others and persuade the community into speaking out against the bill.

Signs at the protest expressed opinions and urged individuals to vote against the bill. They shouted slogans like, “We’re peaks, not crests” and “The people united will never be divided.”

A Latino man held a sign that read, “Who'll build your home and grow your food, why do you trust me like a criminal?” Skits were performed that portrayed what life for an immigrant could be like if the bill passed. Flyers were consistently passed out to passersby, giving them insight as to what the bill entailed.

“We had community members come out, students and people from Yakima to help protest,” Rangel said. “It was a good group; at least we got heard.”

Victor Ruiz, sophomore psychology major and a member of the Bridges Project, opposition to the bill and has involved himself in community work to help undocumented students gain scholarships and attend institutions without having to pay a high amount. Like others, he too has a lot of friends who are illegal immigrants and said they feel confused and fearful of what may happen.

“Most of them want to go to college, they can't afford it, so they work instead,” Ruiz said.

Washington State does not have a statewide diversity plan complemented by institutional plans at colleges and universities. But this should not be misunderstood as an absence of programs, projects and initiatives designed to make campuses more welcoming.

“H.R. 4437 will have a tremendous impact on not only our society, but institutions of higher education as well,” said Leslie Webb, director of the Diversity Education Center.

Djordje Popovic, program director for the Diversity Education Center and a legal immigrant from the country formerly known as Yugoslavia, had strong opinions regarding H.R. 4437 and immigration in general.

“We are already here, and that means that the threat is already here; we brought it with us,” Popovic said.

Popovic also believes that this bill only seems to target one particular race. He described how custom, lan-
Central loses a legend: Dan Jack will be missed

by Pat Brown
Senior reporter

Dan Jack's dedication to Central Washington University was matched only by his care for his peers. Jack, who led the Alumni Relations office for more than a decade, died last Thursday at his home in Ellensburg. He was 63.

"It's a big loss to the University, he will be hard to replace. He was my best friend on this campus," Aronica said.

Aronica made sure alumni played a role in all aspects of the university. He realized the value of students and the connection between students and alumni.

"Enthusiasm, tradition, history and outreach to students were the most important facets with his approach to alumni work," said Nate Harris, university relations event planning officer.

Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors president Tony Aronica said Jack's goal was to make Central be seen as a larger community, which included current students, alumni and the campus community.

Aronica says he was very enthusiastic about homecoming and the drum open in his memory.

"That was really rewarding working with him," Aronica said.

Jack was a huge supporter of Central athletics and could be seen sitting in the stands when the Wildcats scored. He helped the university purchase materials for a Native American pow-wow drum, which is used and kept by the American Indian Sciences and Engineering Society (AISES) chapter at Central. Next year whenever the drum is played AISES will keep a seat around the drum open in his memory.

"It's a way of saying he is always at the drum," said Michael Ogden, broadcast journalism professor and AISES faculty advisor.

Four members of the Native American community drummed at the service. Jack was also a founding member of the Council of Alumni Association Executives (CAAE). It is a group recognizing the accomplishments of Native American athletes.

His contributions to athletics could be seen in spirit as well as in his work. Aside from sounding the siren at home football games, he also attended most home sporting events and sometimes traveled with the team. This past season, he joined the men's basketball team in their road trip to Alaska where the Wildcats secured a berth in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

"He was always there to support you whether you won or lost," John Zamberlin, football coach said.

Jack helped with all the behind the scenes work. Zamberlin recalls a time when "Remember the Titans" first came out in theatres and Jack coordinated to have the whole team go and see it.

Zamberlin wants to memorialize Jack by having the football team wear his initials on their football helmets next season.

"As a team, we want to recognize him and I think that would be a good way to do it," Zamberlin said.

Jack was committed to Central's tradition, history and heritage. He had a collection of Central memorabilia and wrote a timeline of Central's history. He had tremendous pride for his own heritage as well. Jack, a member of the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma, frequently presented at Native American events around the nation. He presented at the Lewis and Clark bicentennial event in Kansas and spent more than forty years documenting tribal history.

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Vice President for University Relations Paul Baker says a tree will be planted in Jack's memory. The tree will be planted with the class year trees.

A funeral liturgy for Jack was held Monday at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Jack's family requests that any memorials be sent to the CWU Alumni Association Scholarship, c/o Central Washington University, Office of Alumni Relations, 400 E. University Way, Ellensburg, WA 98926.

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Gregoire vetoes student tuition waiver funds

by Patrick Lewis
News editor

Central Washington University lobbyists were able to convince legislators to give them more tuition waiver money. However, Governor Christine Gregoire vetoed portions of the bill, including the waiver money.

"It does not concur with this appropriation for a program that does not create additional enrollment slots for our students. Since the waiver has been in place so long, it is also clear this is not an emergency that requires action in a supplemental budget," Gregoire said in her budget statement.

Nickolai Reykdal, Central's legislative liaison said that since this was a supplemental year, the feeling was that everyone shouldn't be asking for money.

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The protest gained support from outside Ellensburg as four high school students from Davis High School in Yakima showed up draped in Mexican and U.S. flags.

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Wildlife refuge needs cleaning
Fifth annual spring cleanup still looking for volunteers

by Carly Petersen
Staff reporter

A s spring fever hits the Kittitas Valley, some citi­zens are involving themselves in the old adage of spring cleaning, while others are expressing their joy for nice weather by getting outdoors.

All the time citizens of Kittitas County have been spending outside has led to littering on the L.T. Murray wildlife refuge area located about six miles southwest of Ellensburg.

"People like to go shoot and go off on the wildlife area," said Wayne Hunt, wildlife area complex manager for the City of Ellensburg. "We have had everything from cars to shot up motorcycles," said Tim Whitehurst, member of the Field and Stream Club.

The citizens of Kittitas Valley are not just sitting back and letting the litter pile up, but are setting up their fifth annual Durr Road L.T. Murray Clean Up.

The event will take place at 9 a.m. on Apr. 22. The goal of the program is to pick up trash on a one and a half mile strip of Durr Road.

In past years volunteers have been able to pick up nearly two tons of garbage.

"We get parties and people dumping household trash on the land," Hunt said.

This is primarily a volunteer effort with support from the Washington State Fish and Wildlife Club as well as the Kittitas Field and Stream Club.

Kittitas County is involved, as well as Kittitas County Solid Waste, who will be providing trash bags for the volunteers.

"If we don't start taking care of the land, the game department will be forced to shut parts down," Whitehurst said.

The land was purchased from Lowell Murray by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife in 1960 and has been open to the public for recreation and wildlife ever since.

"We manage it (the land) for wildlife," Hunt said.

"The recreational use is growing and growing, especially for target shooting," said Hunt.

The growing recreational activities and people that use the wildlife area has had a direct correlation with all of the littering.

"It is an ongoing battle keeping the area clean. We would like to educate people to take better care of the area," Hunt said.

Anyone is welcome to get involved in the Durr Road L.T. Murray Clean Up on Apr. 22.

The Kittitas Field and Stream Club will provide the papers to get volunteer hours approved for people who need volunteer hours.

To get to Durr Road, head west on Umtanum Road, (the streetlight near McDonald's past the Dannman School and turn left off the paved road onto Durr Road.

Volunteers will meet at the large yellow "Green Dot" explain sign. Beverages, doughnuts, garbage bags and garbage pick up will be provided.

For more information contact Wayne Hunt at 925-6746 or Tim Whitehurst at 929-3893.

Transportation plan in motion

by Taishi Kanamaru
Staff reporter

Transportation is one element of Ellensburg's Comprehensive Plan and Goal which is about managing changes. The union reflects the needs of Ellensburg residents.

According to the plan's official Web site, the transportation system ensures reliable movement of goods and people, provides access to property and occupies almost 20 percent of the community's land area.

Existing transportation systems in Ellensburg face issues such as the place where traffic slows around the Interstate 90 interchange with Canyon Road. In this area trucks, cars, residents and visitors converge on the interchange ramp and Canyon Road, making it difficult to turn left onto the westbound I-90 on ramp and to turn right onto northbound Canyon Road.

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Old electronics get recycled

by Kayla Roumelios
Staff reporter

Have an old computer monitor that is pretty much useless? In Kittitas County you may dispose of your old monitor at the Kittitas County Solid Waste Program.

"The city does not have a recycling program," said Gary Nystedt, resource manager for the City of Ellensburg. Kittitas County on the other hand, does.

The county allows one monitor per person to be donated to the program. Once a monitor is donated it is taken to the solid waste transfer station.

Reno Allphin, solid waste specialist, said, "A person can't throw away all the components to a computer, we request that they choose one."

When solid waste has received enough monitors, they are shipped to the Total Reclaim Company. Upon arrival they are immediately shipped to a local prison in Utah where inmates retrieve "precious metals and anything toxic," Allphin said.

Monitors get recycled in many different ways. "We just recycle it in the most feasible way," said Allphin.

According to a Household Electronics Disposal Price Guide in 2006, the disposal costs for additional components such as a central processing unit (CPU), keyboard, laptop, monitor, mouse, printer or scanner range from $.50 to $10, but is tax-free. Other electronic items vary in price.

"I had no idea Ellensburg did this type of thing! I wish I would have known this last year," said Heather Yergen, Central alumna.

Some manufacturers like Dell, Gateway, Hewlett-Packard and IBM provide mail-it-back or other reuse and recycling programs. These can be found on the Electronic Industry Alliance's Web site, according to the Kittitas County Reduce, Reuse, Recycle handbook.

For additional information, you can visit Kittitas County Solid Waste located on 923 Industrial Way, or by calling 962-7542.
Coalition plans to make I-90 animal friendly

by Kevin Haubrich
Staff reporter

The surrounding areas of Interstate 90 hold many homes to many different types of unique habitats. With more than 27,000 vehicles using I-90 daily, and with the number of drivers only to increase with the surrounding development, it is safe to say that I-90 will be in need of some improvements in the near future. The I-90 Bridges Coalition has taken a unique approach on making Snoqualmie Pass a better means of transportation for all drivers.

Just east of Snoqualmie Pass in the Cascade Mountains, the state's Department of Transportation is proposing to expand I-90 from four lanes to six in the near future. The I-90 Bridges Coalition is acting in favor of this by adding their wildlife bridges to the expected plans.

The I-90 Bridges Coalition is a four-year campaign that has played a leading role in connecting more than 34,000 acres of forest habitat since May 2000. Most of the protected lands are in the immediate vicinity of the I-90 project area.

"The intent of the projects is to make transportation on I-90 safer for both parties," said Jenn Watkins, conservation associate for the I-90 Bridges Coalition.

Their proposed projects include building wildlife overpasses and underpasses across I-90 to help sun bears and protect the wildlife habitats. Animals use the pannes, which are designed to look similar to their natural habitats, to travel back and forth across I-90.

The I-90 Bridges Coalition receives much of their funding through the State of Washington from a combination of different funds. One of the newest additions to their funds was a $0.9 gas tax bill passed in 2005 by the Legislature known as the Transportation Partnership Funding Package.

The package helped fund more than 270 other road and bridge projects in Washington. The Bridges Coalition also receives funding from the Department of Transportation on the basis that "they are enhancing transportation." These funding opportunities have given the Coalition plans to make I-90 animal friendly

by Kyle McCormick
Staff reporter

The Northern Spotted Owl has been considered an endangered species since 1993, and its numbers have declined by 50 percent over the last 10 years.

Only 2,000 owls remain with one-third of the population living in Washington state and private forest land.

That is why Kittitas County is trying to do all they can to save a piece of land for the owls and not for loggers.

The Kittitas County Audubon Society submitted a proposal to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to buy 71 acres of forested habitat in the Yakima River Watershed, hoping to receive Federal Land Grant money in the amount of approximately $2.3 million.

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The project area.

The surrounding areas of Interstate 90 hold many homes to many different types of unique habitats. With more than 27,000 vehicles using I-90 daily, and with the number of drivers only to increase with the surrounding development, it is safe to say that I-90 will be in need of some improvements in the near future. The I-90 Bridges Coalition has taken a unique approach on making Snoqualmie Pass a better means of transportation for all drivers.

Just east of Snoqualmie Pass in the Cascade Mountains, the state's Department of Transportation is proposing to expand I-90 from four lanes to six in the near future. The I-90 Bridges Coalition is acting in favor of this by adding their wildlife bridges to the expected plans.

The I-90 Bridges Coalition is a four-year campaign that has played a leading role in connecting more than 34,000 acres of forest habitat since May 2000. Most of the protected lands are in the immediate vicinity of the I-90 project area.

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Their proposed projects include building wildlife overpasses and underpasses across I-90 to help sun bears and protect the wildlife habitats. Animals use the pannes, which are designed to look similar to their natural habitats, to travel back and forth across I-90.

The I-90 Bridges Coalition receives much of their funding through the State of Washington from a combination of different funds. One of the newest additions to their funds was a $0.9 gas tax bill passed in 2005 by the Legislature known as the Transportation Partnership Funding Package.

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PLAN: City explores wants, needs before going forward

Goals of the transportation change include providing a community transportation system that moves people and goods efficiently and continues improvement of the overall appearance and physical condition of the community.

Although the City of Ellensburg and Central Transit, a service offered to Central Washington University students, has been helpful to those students who do not have a car to go to downtown, and the number of riders had reached 10,000 last month.

Andrew Tan, English as Second Language student who takes the transit system, said, "I really like the idea of this transit system." Possible transit systems for the future, like Central Transit, will likely gain popularity with residents as well as the number of people who choose to walk or bicycle, in lieu of driving.

POLICE BRIEFS

All calls were reported between 4/8/4/10

A Chevy pickup was reported to be driving erratically. It drove off the road toward the railroad tracks across from Hill Foods in Thorp.

A trooper was out with a male subject that was possibly attempting to jump off the overpass on I-90 east of milepost 70.

There was a third party report of a man standing by a mini-van with a gun in his hand on Cove Road.

A juvenile reported a man held a gun at her father's head while he was walking his dog on Hanson Road.

It was reported that the driver of a white Dodge Neon had been drinking and entered the wrong way on Pine Street, knocking over a metal "No Parking" sign.

There was a Hispanic male sitting in the middle of Mountain View Avenue. The reporting party nearly struck the man.
What does my $64 pay for?
The fee assessment of $6.40 per credit up to 10 credits goes to pay exclusively for the operation and bond payment of the Student Union portion of the building. Included in this portion is the ballroom, theater, conference and meeting rooms, student services offices, The 'Burg studios, ASCWU-BOD offices and lounge spaces.

Who are the financial partners that are paying for the building?
The building is being paid for by three entities: Associated Students of Central Washington University (ASCUW), Dining Services and the Wildcat Shop.

Who are the management partners in the building?
The management partners are Student Union Operations and University Recreation, representing the ASCWU's financial investment, and Dining Services and the Wildcat Shop.

When will Dining Services and the Wildcat Shop open?
On April 24 Dining Services and the Wildcat Shop will begin to unveil their operations within the building. Both financial partners will begin phasing in operations throughout Spring quarter.

What's happening
Monday, April 24 • Doors Open at Noon
Afternoon celebration from noon until 4 p.m. will include cake, refreshments, live music by Danny Django and caricature drawing by Steve Hartley. Free late afternoon BBQ and viewing of the "eighth wonder of the world," King Kong (2005) in the new theater at 7 p.m.

Throughout the week there will be interactive events in the new Student Union for all to enjoy, including music by Eric E. and much more!

Free movies, music & comedy

Movies
- Friday, May 1 • Good Night and Good Luck
- Sunday, May 7 • March of the Penguins
- Monday, May 8 • Chronicles of Narnia
- Sunday, May 14 • Enron—The Smartest Guys in the Room
- Monday, May 15 • Wedding Crashers
- Sunday, May 21 • Murder Ball
- Monday, May 22 • 40 Year Old Virgin

Music
- Friday, May 5 • Clinton Fearon in the Pit for Noon Tunes
- Saturday, May 6 • Four bands with Coretta Scott, Secret Lives of the Freemasons, Grace Gale, and Valevra
- Thursday, May 11 • Raining Jane concert

Comedy
- Friday, May 12 • An evening with comedian Kermet Apio
Across the United States, thousands of immigrant workers have been walking the streets in protest against the immigration bill that was passed last December by the U.S. House of Representatives. The law states that living in the United States illegally either by sneaking over the border or staying in a violation of the civil code, not the criminal code. Sneaking across the border is currently a criminal misadventure. The immigration legislation passed by the U.S. House would make it a felony to live in the United States without authorization. In all the media coverage of the protests the country has been pulled into this sympathetic stage for immigrant workers and has clouded the real issue at hand, they are illegal.

By no means am I against having immigrants working in the United States. As a functional American, I understand why people leave their home country to seek work in the U.S. I remember some friends who used to tell us about how he left the Philippines to find work in the United States because he wanted a better life for his family. However I believe that there is a wrong way and a right way to do things. And you either do it, entering a country illegally is the wrong way.

The easiest way to understand both sides of the situation would be to apply the analogy of a stranger in your home. How would you feel about someone coming into your home, eating all of your food and then deciding to live there because they thought it was a nice place to live? That would not be acceptable to most Americans. Then compare that to someone coming to your home, cleaning it from top to bottom, having an entire meal ready for you when you get home and then eating the scraps you left behind. I think most people would agree with me when I say that I would rather have the second person come live with me. This sympathetic attitude has divided the country all the way up to Capital Hill. The major issue surrounding the debate has been a guest worker program. The idea was formed in many ways. The first, outlined by President Bush, would allow foreigners outside the United States to apply for a temporary work visa. Other suggestions would give millions of undocumented immigrants already in the country the right to stay legally. A major concern for immigrant workers (especially students) is that if the bill is passed it is not only do undocumented immigrants gain citizenship with a felony, but anyone who knows of an undocumented immigrant and doesn’t turn him in, they could be too. Meaning if you know Uncle Joe is working in the fields illegally you have to report him or you face felony charges.

Most of the workers immigrate here because there are better job opportunities for them and their families. But the reality is that immigrant workers are up and over working. Economically as a country we have become dependent on these workers. Farmers are no longer raising large families to help with the farm. With cheap labor, farmers are still able to run their farms and sell their goods at a price the American public can afford. Entire fields can go unharvested because there are not enough workers to pick the crops.

Socially and morally we are compellled to treat immigrants no different than anyone else in this country with fair working conditions and wages. Our country was made on the backs of immigrant workers trying to make better lives for themselves. We should not deny them that right. Part of the responsibility of living in the United States is obeying the law, which an illegal immigrant is not. Life isn’t fair.

**CEC cooks up salmon with side of irony**

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April 13, 2006 — Opinion — Observer

**Paul Balcerak**

Asst. News editor

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Ever a fan of the concept of irony, I was especially humored last week to find that Central Washington University’s Civic Engagement Center (CEC) had exposed itself to some sort of a public relations gaffe. An “Observer” article last week, entitled “Saving salmon: students plant trees last week, entitled “Saving salmon: students plant trees” and included volunteers from the CEC.

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I think it’s a great idea. I really agree with the protesting. I think it’s great what they are doing. I don’t agree with the final proposal. I think we as American citizens need to be giving, saving since we have so much.

**Holly Barkhurst**

freshman undecided

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If they’re not even citizens, they have no right to be here protesting. What is this? Our Constitution doesn’t say bring us your free loaders.

**Travis Hammond**

post-baccalaureate geology

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The problem is they are saying [that illegal] is terrorists. They are coming here illegally, but they are looking for a better life. Over all, I’m against it [HR 4457].

**Víctor Ruiz**

sophomore undecided

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How do you feel about the immigration protests on campus?

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**How do you feel about the immigration protests on campus?**
I would like to thank Ms. Turner for her opinion piece in last week's Observer in regards to the opening of the Student Union portion of the Student Union & Recreation Center. I know that she brought up a question that has crossed the minds of many during the last month.

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All of this is being done to thank you for your patience. We are very excited for this historical milestone and the process has already begun as many departments have started moving into their new offices. I continue to visit the building daily and will attest to how magnificent this facility will be. We hope that you will join us and explore your new building and its amenities. As you are walking by the project, please thank those people that are working so hard, for keeping you in mind. And a special thank you to all of the students at Central for your patience during the final completion of your building as we open the door to your future.

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The weather is warming up and the days are getting longer, which means it's the perfect time for spring flowers and plants. Not only do plants add color and life to a room, they also keep people healthy by giving off oxygen. "Because they are alive, they affect your environment in a different way," said Donna Ullman, sales employee at Bloomtime Gardens. "They also help you to not be so self-centered because you have to keep them alive."

Many of the "early bird" spring flowering plants come from bulbs that were planted in the fall, but if you didn't plant bulbs yourself, you can still buy flowering blooms from a local nursery or garden center. "Plants are good for lifting the spirit," said Kathy Williams, owner of Williams Florist.

Spring is also the perfect time to plant seeds indoors to prepare them until they are mature enough to be moved outside or into a larger container. Plants that start from seeds are healthier than those purchased out of a container because their root systems give them a better base than most of the older plants that come pre-planted.

"In May, all kinds of annuals and perennials come into season," Ullman said. An annual is a plant that completes its lifecycle in a year or less. It goes from a seed that germinates and grows, blooms, sets a new seed and then dies all in one growing season. A perennial is a non-woody plant that lives for more than two years.

Spring is also the season for "bare root" planting. These are also plants that come loose in cartons for immediate planting. Plants in this category consist of fruit and shade trees, berries, roses and grapes.

"Early season is when we sell a lot of bare root plants," Ullman said. "Trees and shrubs are popular during this time of year."

Roses will bloom in the summer months if they are planted in the spring. Pansies and violas are colorful container plants that are considered some of the better spring flowers. They can be found just about anywhere and are fairly inexpensive. "Pansies are designed to be a short term plant," Ullman said. "But they are inexpensive and give you a spring lift."

"Most students are interested in indoor plants that can be kept in dorm rooms, apartments or offices. Many indoor plants don't require a lot of maintenance and don't need much light to survive. Even full sun coming through a window doesn't give plants enough light," Ullman said. "Look for year-round plants with good foliage that will grow well in low light."

While there are a variety of indoor plants that will survive, there are a particular few that do better than others. "African violets are wonderful indoor plants that have lots of colorful foliage," Ullman said. "Tropical plants like it warm. They grow great in bathrooms because of the heat and mist from the shower," said Kandi Kukes, manager of Williams Florist.

"Keeping plants alive can be tricky, but there are a lot of tips you can follow to keep your indoor or outdoor spring plant alive, especially by following the care tags that come with plants or seed packets. "If it doesn't live, don't get discouraged," Ullman said. "Let it go and try again."

Many of the local nurseries and garden centers should have a Spring Flower Show as a means of promoting their sales. For more information, check your local newspaper or call your local nursery or garden center.
Something's brewing in Ellensburg: microbrews

by Caitlin Kuhlmann
Staff reporter

Experience, quality and a passion for brewing are just a few reasons to try Jim Quilter's Iron Horse Brewery brand of beer.

Quilter opened his brewing business in Ellensburg in 2004 after spending 23 years learning and perfecting the art of beer making. Quilter runs the business on Prospect Street with the help of his wife, Cheryl, and on occasion, their four daughters.

"I have clean beer and that's what I aim for," Quilter said.

Quilter offers four drafts he created called Rodeo Extra Pale, Brown Ale, Loco Motive Ale and India Pale Ale. He has also started to offer a seasonal stout in addition to the four regular brews.

"Iron Horse produces a great dark ale; and has been a previous supporter of student activities and club senate," said Tony Aronica, Associated Students of Central Washington Board of Directors President.

Quilter said he keeps the stouts as a part of beer making. Quilter runs the business because he loved the area. The community was very receptive to the idea of a local brewery and the location in the center of the state allowed for a larger extended market. So far, the Iron Horse Brewery only distributes to cities on the east side of the Cascade Mountains, including Wenatchee, Spokane and Walla Walla.

The name for the business came from Quilter's first trip to Ellensburg to look at prospective buildings where he could open his business. He and his wife had hopes of opening the brewery at the train depot and thought the name would go well with the location. Although they were unable to open the brewery in the particular building, the couple decided to keep the name.

"Cleanliness is the big thing," Quilter said concerning his secret to creating quality beer.

Quilter's operation produces the equivalent to 30 kegs in a day. In addition to bottles for sale at most major grocery stores in town, his beer is also available at many of the local bars and restaurants. He also sells five-gallon kegs for $47 and half barrels for $105.

"We plan on staying here as long as we can," Cheryl Quilter said of their future plans. "We like it here and the girls do too."

Although it is hard to find new distributors who are willing to discontinue a larger brand in order to make room for Quilter's brand, he finds a great deal of publicity by regularly attending brewing festivals and promoting his brew through word of mouth.

Quilter also sells everything needed to create homemade beer. Although his friends joke that he's in competition with himself, he loves to encourage others to take up the hobby.

Jim Quilter, owner of the Iron Horse Brewery, and beer connoisseur prides himself on making good, clean beer. Quilter has been involved in creating beer for more than 20 years. He allows his past experiences to shape the taste of his beer.

Flowmotion

The Seattle band played one free show in the Samuelson Union Building Pit Friday afternoon followed by an 8:30 p.m. performance at the Moose Lodge. The band performed for the First Friday Dance earlier in the year and was invited back for a second time. The band's music can be described as jam/funk. For more information about Flowmotion and their upcoming shows visit their Web site at www.flowmotion.net.

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• Follow care instructions.
• Watch for obvious signs (drooping leaves etc.).
• Fertilize (put a little fertilizer in with water every time).
• For plants that require bright light, place in western/south part of room. Low light plants can go anywhere, and plants that require moderate light like African violets place in the eastern part of the room.

Free Test. Caring. Confidential.
Palace provides home style food and service

by Robbie Miller
Staff reporter

With new houses on every corner and big name businesses shooting up like weeds, it's hard not to notice this lovely little town is changing. With all the madness, the Palace Cafe still stands as a testament to 174 years of Ellensburg history, as well as a place to get a home style meal made from scratch or to drink away homework-induced stress.

"There's kind of a moral obligation to the history of the downtown," said P.J. Bugni, co-owner of the Palace Cafe. "Thinking about big chains coming in to knock the small guy off; I think we'll always be here."

"Since it first opening, the Palace has been divided into two sections, the restaurant and the bar. The restaurant has always had a "warm comfort food" atmosphere," Bugni said. "The same goes for the atmosphere in the bar, but it has changed drastically with the growth in enrollment at Central Washington University."

The bar became especially popular because before 1998, a business had to make 70 percent of its profit from food to sell alcohol. The Palace was one of the very few bars in town because they sold enough food during the day to keep the party going at night.

Despite different atmospheres, Bugni said both the bar and the restaurant go by the same philosophy of customer service.

"We want our bartenders to care about the people in there," Bugni said. "Then after they've been out drinking they come in the next day and there's some breakfast. We see that a lot. They come in for a bloody Mary and have brown and gravy."

Bugni and his cousin Steve Hansen bought the restaurant from Bugni's father in 2001, who bought it from his father in 1966. Bugni's grandfather became the sixth owner of the Palace when he purchased it in 1966.

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The Palace Cafe has been a landmark in Ellensburg since the late 1800s. Some people credit its success to the homemade food and friendly atmosphere. The inside is decorated with historical pictures of the town and antiques collectibles.

Reconnection project plans for local, historical trail

by Kieren Cook
Staff reporter

The John Wayne Pioneer Trail (JWPT), named after the beloved actor, is in the process of being reconnected. The trail follows the former Milwaukee Railroad through Ellensburg campus.

Since the proposal to reconnect the trail, Ellensburg city staff have met with city and state government agencies that are in support of the plan. The new proposed trail will connect a six-mile loop around Ellensburg and has been considered since the construction of the Science building.

Although the JWPT improvements are only written on paper, the city is currently trying to obtain permission for the building of the trail on certain land.

In a study conducted in 2001, trail improvements projected to cost an estimated $1.3 million. The city plans to pay for the project with grant funds.

"Since 2001, real estate rates have substantially increased so the cost will increase," Case said.

"When completed, the trail will open new opportunities to students and Ellensburg citizens which are not currently available."

"I've seen people running on Airport Road and there's new detours or re-designate trail heads during construction," Case said.

"There's a lot of access already on the trail," Case said. "The Ellensburg community is in full support of the project and would like to see the project finished as soon as possible."

"Most Central students don't know about the trail reconnection, but those who do aren't in support of the plan. Senior geography major, Lawrence Brown said he did not think the reconnection would have a negative impact on Central."

Reconnecting the JWPT would have great public relations value for the state, the city of Ellensburg and Central. Even with all the potential the trail holds, the city still has to obtain the money to do it. Case said it would be helpful to have citizens and different organizations and clubs around campus show their support for the project.

The new trail will start at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds and head up the east side of Alder Street. It will connect to Bowers Road and travel back down past West of Water Street, where the old and new trail will rejoin.

If you would like to show your support, you can write a letter, or contact Brad Case through the City of Ellensburg at www.ci.ellensburg.wa.us.

John Wayne Pioneer Trail Quick Facts

- The trail was named after John Wayne because he posted on a sign near the Hylan Trailhead, the Duke "symbolizes for many the positive spirit of the West."
- The John Wayne Pioneer Wagon and Rider Association have the two-week trek every year for the past 21 years, but have to have a police escort when riding through Ellensburg since it is the only city it can ride physically through.
- From a study conducted in 2003, roughly 80,000 people use The John Wayne Pioneer Trail each year.

April

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5 p.m. to 6 p.m. SUB, Career Services Workshop
7 p.m. McConnell Orchesis Dance Company Spring Concert
7 p.m. SUB Theatre, Campus Crusade for Christ Easter/Passover Focus

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7 p.m. McConnell Orchesis Dance Company Spring Concert
7:30 p.m. Groupe Center, Shabbat service
8 p.m. SUB Theatre, Chi Alpha will be showing parts of "The Passion of Christ"

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7 p.m. McConnell Orchesis Dance Company Spring Concert
9 p.m. St. Andrews Catholic Church Easter Vigil

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Happy Easter!
8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. St. Andrews Catholic Church Easter Mass

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10 a.m. Ellensburg High School Gym, CMA Easter Celebration

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7 p.m. McConnell Auditorium Garrison Kellor speaks as part of the Presidential Speaker Series
7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Music Building 150, Yakima Symphony Orchestra

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7 p.m. CWU Concert Hall, A Night of Turkish Sufi Mystic Music
by Jackie Molishon  
Staff reporter

This week the Central Washington University Orchesis Dance Company will put on its annual Spring Concerts in order to educate people about dance and to give the dancers and choreographers a venue to showcase their talents. Orie of the choreographers, Katie McGarty, an interior design major at Central, was recognized for one of her works by the National Dance Association.

Thursday through Saturday, the Dance Company will present one of their most diverse shows. “There are going to be more different styles than ever,” said dance program director Therese Young. “There’s something for everyone.”

There are more dance and music styles included in the 14 performances than the Dance Company has done before. There will be an authentic African dance, a ballroom duet, jazz, Scottish and modern dance, just to name a few.

The Spring Concerts are at 7 p.m., April 13-15 at McConnell Auditorium. General admission for the concert is $7 and $5 for students.

**Garrison Keillor**

by Tim Vermeulen  
Staff reporter

Garrison Keillor, author of more than 22 books and star of the upcoming movie based on his popular radio show, “The Prairie Home Companion,” will bring his fellow to Central Washington University at 7 p.m. on Apr. 18, in McConnell Auditorium as part of the Presidential Speaker series. Keillor will perform his one-man show, which might include Lake Wobegon Days, current events and his involvement in “The Prairie Home Companion” movie, according to Marian Lane, event planner for the Office of the President. Afterward, Keillor will sign copies of his latest book, “Homegrown Detective.”

“We chose Keillor because he teaches on the theme of civility on different levels,” Lane said. “He has a witty storytelling ability, speaking about our humanity and relationships to one another, neighbor to neighbor.”

Keillor is another speaker to contribute to this year’s theme of “Civility and Civil Discourse” in the Central Presidential Speaker Series. Previous speakers included Peter Yarrow, who talked about the prevention of bullying and Marie Luther King III, who focused on integration.

“Keillor is a bridge between the performing arts and the Presidential Speaker Series’ theme of community,” Jerilyn McIntyre, president of Central, said. “He’s a very popular performer.”


“Garrison’s “The Prairie Home Companion” teaches us humanity, civility, and a sense of curiosity, all of which are, in my opinion, elements fundamental to civic discourse,” Djordje Popovic, program coordinator for the Diversity Education Center said. “This is a dream come true.”

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**BRIEFS**

**Dance Recital**

by Jackie Molishon  
Staff reporter

After working many jobs, including banking, being a ski bum and herding sheep on an Native American Reservation, Jordan Van Voast, of Seattle, brought acupuncture to the small town of Ellensburg. Van Voast considers himself a modern acupuncturist. Acupuncture can treat more than 200 commonly encountered disorders including musculo-skeletal, gastrointestinal, respiratory and addictions.

Van Voast has recently been to New Orleans to help Hurricane Katrina victims and responders by giving them free acupuncture with the emergency relief work of Acupuncturists Without Borders. He will be presenting images and stories from his work while he was there at 7-8:30 p.m. on May 12 at the Hal Holmes Center.

Q: How long have you been doing this?

Q: How did you become interested in this?
A: I made connections with people when I worked in Seattle doing home care work with people who had AIDS. I became interested in Buddhism, meditation and then met a lot of acupuncturists.

Q: Why would someone get acupuncture?
A: Most people come to me because they have heard about another alternative. They want more control over health care. They also want to know how to live well.

Q: Do students get acupuncture done?
A: Some Central students come. I had an eight-year-old come in recently. Most people who do come in are usually in the age range from 30 to 80.

Q: Is this a successful business in a small town like Ellensburg?
A: Yes, I live simply and make a reasonable living. The success is helping each person reach their goal.

Q: How long does this take?
A: Each session takes about an hour.

Q: How do you approach each patient? Do you ask them questions or do you go right in and read them?
A: I greet them, and I get to know them and ask them specific questions. I check their systems, talk about fluids and monthly cycles for women and feel pulse in three different positions.

Q: How many people on average do you see a week?
A: It varies. I am working two days a week in Ellensburg. I see one person an hour so I usually see eight to 10 people a day.

Q: What are the side effects?
A: Side effects include enhancing your chance of wellness; it’s a drugless relief. However, the main reason to get this done is to tune a person in on how their body is feeling and try to slow them down.

Q: What do the needles feel like?
A: Most people will feel a slight pinch. Many will soon fall asleep as the energetic rebalancing allows the body and mind to reach state of deep relaxation.

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5 minutes with... Jordan Van Voast

by Brooke Saul  
Staff reporter

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Softball splits series with Western

by Nolan Traskley
Staff reporter

A large crowd was on hand to watch the Central Washington University women's softball team on Sunday, in part because the team was recognizing its four seniors and their parents, but mainly because this team is fun to watch.

Central faced Western Washington University in a Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) doubleheader at the Central softball field this past weekend, losing the first game six to two, but coming out on top in the second game, two to one.

In game one, the Wildcats and Vikings exchanged scoreless halves of the first inning, but Central drew first blood in the bottom of the second. Sophomore first baseman Malory Holtman achieved something of a double whammy, not only singling to Viking's shortstop, so I just went as far as third base and as soon as the throw was made, I just went," James said.

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The Vikings answered right back in the top of the sixth when Mandy Harvey hit a triple into center field, which scored Ashley Barber. Barber had been walked earlier in the inning by Sara Wither. From then on, Osman found her stride for the Vikings, keeping Central scoreless for the final two innings.

Game two was highlighted by solid defense and gritty pitching. Quint returned for Western after being hurt in the first game. For the Wildcats, sophomore Moeghan Craig, whose arm had been bothering her, played through pain for five innings and only gave up one run, via a solo homer by Jessica Wilkinson in the top of the first inning.

"I'm going to have time off in a couple of months, so I might as well just work through it," Craig said.

The Wildcats trailed 7-0 until they showed they had some power hitting of their own when Holtman homered to left center in the bottom of the fourth inning, tying the game. Craig pitched her way out of a jam in the top of the fifth as Western left the go ahead run, outfielder Misty Britt, stranded on third base. Then, in one of the final games of her Central softball career, Jenee James made it one to remember. Leading off the inning, James doubled to left field, and advanced to third base on a wild throw. Then, in one of the final games of her Central softball career, Jenee James made it one to remember. Leading off the inning, James doubled to left field, and advanced to third base on a wild throw. Then, in one of the final games of her CENTRAL SOFTBALL career, Jenee James made it one to remember. Leading off the inning, James doubled to left field, and advanced to third base on a wild throw.

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And that she did, after striking out seven. Lester pitcher Linse Vlahovich for the save. With runners on first and second, and nobody out, Vlahovich faced a very tough test. Western advanced both runners to second and third on a sacrifice bunt. The situation only got more tense with a hard hit to left center in the bottom of the fourth inning, tying the game. Craig pitched her way out of a jam in the top of the fifth as Western left the go ahead run, outfielder Misty Britt, stranded on third base. Then, in one of the final games of her Central softball career, Jenee James made it one to remember. Leading off the inning, James doubled to left field, and advanced to third base on a wild throw.

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Leading the way for the Wildcats are right-handers junior Mike Morris and senior Scott Parrish, with 2.12 and 3.02 ERA, respectively. Morris boasts a number 11 ranking on the latest NCAA Division II National rankings for lowest ERA while maintaining the number one spot in the GNAC as well. He is the only GNAC pitcher ranked in the top 40.

"The biggest difference from a year ago is power. This is more of a finesse pitching staff than we have had in the past," Gage said. "We are not going to blow batters away with the exception of Michael and Isaac. We are successful because of our finesse. They throw good pitches when they need to and live on the corners." Morris has improved his record to a perfect 3-0 with 34 innings pitched and an opposing batting average of .225. Parrish is closely following the high standards set by the pitching coach, scattering 46 hits in 180 at bats for an opposing batting average of .267. His 3.02 ERA is second among the team and third in the GNAC.

Morris and Parrish are only two of five starters and the entire bullpen has contributed to the success of the pitching staff.

"We have five guys we can rely on," Gage said.

After having arm problems sidelin- ing him for most of the season, senior Isaac Finch is making progress and has appeared in eight games making four starts for the Wildcats. David Jackson, a right-handed transfer from Tacoma Community College, has made six starts.

Despite the distinguished pitching staff, the Central baseball team still has a record under .500, but definitely looks to improve on that. The team is 1-5 in the GNAC and 14-15 overall.

by Tyler Lobe
Staff reporter

Five Central Washington University track and field athletes set Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) season-best marks in the twenty-fifth annual Pocatello Invitational at Eastern Washington University and three Wildcats also GNAC season-bests at the Williamette Invitational in Salem, Ore. last weekend.

"We are at the point in the season where each one of our individuals should respond well to the training in and out of practice," Coach Kevin Adkinson said. "And they have." In Cheney, the CWU men's 4x100 meter relay team finished second, just one-hundredth of a second behind the University of Montana squad at 42.34. The
There comes a time in many college sports programs when the factors of the game can be unpredictable and volatile. This past weekend was definitely one of those times for the Central Washington University Wildcats baseball team.

The weather seemed to change each time the games started. Half of the series would be cancelled due to the field becoming a swamp after a constant downpour.

Trying to start fresh from a swept series against Western Oregon and a nine-game losing streak, the Wildcats pushed for a win against Northwest Nazarene. This proved to be no easy task even though the Wildcats had come away with three of four games in the last series they played against the Crusaders.

With the morale of the Wildcats questionable after the nine game skid and losing two games behind the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC), the matchup proved to be a morale builder.

"They’re a good team, but not known for their pitching," said shortstop Jamie Nilsen. "We were hoping to sweep. We had to just keep plugging away at it."

The game started on a crisp Friday afternoon and senior pitcher Scott Parish controlled the first inning from the mound striking out his first two batters and forced a ground out to second. The first inning set the tone of the game when the Wildcats designated hitter Chris Sepanski crushed the ball over the left center field wall, giving Central the early lead.

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The game began and the weather turned lousy. The game continued on and turned into a great contest where the Crusaders’ defense, getting three people on, and finally driving in a run from a double by Wildcats third baseman, Danem Thieme.

If we played that way against any team, we lose," said Wildcat junior Jon Douglas.

Saint Mary’s had a big contribution from their fly half Damian Fatonga, who set up many key tries throughout the game. Saint Mary’s also got a huge performance from their outside center Volney Roosie, who did not miss a kick all day.

Even though the Central Rugby squad didn’t beat Saint Mary’s, they were able to finish the season with a 27-24 victory against the University of Washington, who also lost Saturday to the University of Utah.

The game was stopped at the end of the fifth inning tied up 8-8, scheduled to continue the next time the two teams would meet later in the season.

The two teams will finish the series in early May at NNU.

On Tuesday, April 11, the Wildcats went to Billings to face Montana State in an afternoon double header. To say that there were impressive offensive performances throughout the day would be an understatement.

In game one, Central put up four runs in both the third and fourth innings. In the eighth, they added six more as they bombarded the overmatched Montana State pitching staff.

Montana State had some fun with the bats as well, knocking 17 hits and scoring in every inning but two. The Wildcats still won 17-12.

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Wildcats’ weekend series cut short by Jordan Montgomery Staff reporter

Chris Sepanski takes a big cut during Central’s double header versus Northwest Nazarene. The two teams split both games on Saturday. Saturday’s contests were both rained out. They will be replayed on Nampa on May 4.

Rugby season ends with playoff loss to Saint Mary’s by Elliott Stock Staff reporter

This weekend the Central Washington University Rugby team did not accomplish their goal of moving on to the Sweet 16 in New York.

On Saturday, Central was outplayed away at Saint Mary’s in their previous contest. The Saint Mary’s Rugby team did not contend with, having tied with them at the 66-66 point mark.

"We flat out didn’t show up to play," said Saint Mary’s Rugby team coach Bob Ford. "We just didn’t come out and put in our best effort."

"We did not execute our game plan, and made too many mistakes," said Saint Mary’s Rugby team coach Bob Ford. "We just didn’t come out and put in our best effort."

"It was good that we got that out of the way. Breaking the nine-game losing skid it was easier to play without that monkey on our back," said Nilsen.

Central went into game two facing a more dedicated Crusader team. The Crusaders’ adjustment to their game was immediately apparent from the start, as the Crusaders found some pitches they could get a hold of. With one out, Crusaders’ Kylee Maizt got on by taking a pitch to the body. Next up, first baseman Harold Shultz blasted the ball over left field, grabbing the lead with one swing. They earned another two runs in the second inning.

Central’s game looked desperate, as starting pitcher Isaac Finch was relieved by Adam Kemp. Eventually, Central started finding the holes in the Crusaders’ defense, getting three people on, and finally driving in a run from a double by Wildcats third baseman, Danem Thieme.

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Members of the Wildcat track team went back to work on Monday in preparation for the Spike Art Invitational this weekend in Ellensburg.

The Central bowling team is gearing up for another good year of making those pins fall while having a blast.

"The great thing about the club is that anyone can join to have some fun; and for the competitive bowler, they have a serious team that practices regularly to fine tune their skills for the tournaments they compete in.

The league is sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress, which is a national organization that brings bowling and bowling enthusiasts all over the country," said Griswell. "To join the varsity team there is also a $25 fee which gives you a national membership and adds your name to the varsity list. To determine who competes at the tournament the bowlers three games every practice to determine each bowler's average.

The top six or seven averages represent the team at these tournaments. In the past, the CWU team has traveled to tournaments in cities such as San Jose, Calif., Omaha, Neb., Las Vegas, Nev. and Pullman, Wash. The team's goal is to compete in 10 sanctioned tournaments per year.

Two of the stars on the CWU bowling team are Brandon Wallich and Travis Griswell. Wallich's average is around 185 and has a high score of 258 which he bowled at a tournament in Utah.

Considering that a perfect game is a score of 300, even to close that score is quite impressive. Griswell's average is 186 and has been bowling for 16 years; he will also be the club president next year.

The Bowling Club is for anyone who likes to bowl and have new experiences.

"The group atmosphere is casual, and you practice the basics of bowling and go to get on trips. The tournaments are the times when the most competition takes place."

"The tournaments" are a mix of competition and being real laid back," said Griswell. "When you are going head-to-head with the person across from you, it definitely is competitive."

Other good things about bowling in these tournaments are the atmosphere and personalities.

"You get to hang out and talk and it is a good way to connect with people all over the country," said Griswell. Wallich said that the competition is tough; he recalled a tough tournament last year.

"We got destroyed. The team was really competitive last year but a lot of seniors left and we are now in a rebuilding stage."

It sounds like a great opportunity for Central's future bowling enthusiasts to strap on those rental bowling shoes and get out on the lanes.

Practices are held at 4 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at Rodeo Bowl. The Bowling Club is just for fun and has some benefits.

"You get to travel and meet new people," Wallich said. For more information get down to Rodeo Bowl and tear those lanes up.
Central sophomore shortstop and lead-off man Jamie Nilsen is the catalyst for the Wildcat attack. I spoke with him about walking on as a freshman last year, ranking amongst the offensive leaders in the GNAC, and, of all things, his passion for boat racing.

Q: Was it tough getting respect from teammates when you walked on last year?
A: It wasn’t too difficult. It was hard at first when you’re just one guy out of 60 or 70 and you don’t know anybody. As things got finalized and everybody came together and as long as you’re nice to them, they’ll be nice to you. I’ve met a lot of good lifelong friends.

Q: What was the biggest difference from last year to this year?
A: The biggest difference is being able to relax. Last year was my first year of collegiate baseball and I went into it not knowing what to expect and it took a little time to adjust and you’re nervous at first. This year I knew what to expect and was able to relax.

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A: It’s going to be real difficult for us to make a postseason play, but we still have a shot at making a run at a championship. But we’ll see. Hopefully things will go our way against NNU (Northwest Nazarene University) and we’ll see how things go over here (Montana State Billings) and go on a winning streak to counteract our losing streak.
MEETINGS:

Board of Directors
Fridays at 3 p.m.
New Student Union pit

Club Senate
Tuesday, April 18
3 p.m., Black 152
Tuesday, May 2
3 p.m.
New Student Union 137

Fund Council
Tuesday, April 25
3 p.m.
Board of Directors’
2nd floor board room

ASCWU-BOD ELECTIONS 2006:

Filing Closes
Thursday, April 19
4 p.m., SUB 214

Campaign Kickoff
Thursday, April 20
6 p.m., SUB Yakama Rm

Primary Candidate Forum
Thursday, April 27
Noon–1 p.m.
Student Union pit

Primary Candidate Forum for RHA
Wednesday, May 3
6 p.m., Barto Lounge

Primary Election
Thursday, May 4
Online voting begins
at midnight, other
polling locations TBA

General Candidate Night Forum
Tuesday, May 9
6–9 p.m.
Student Union Theater

General Candidate Forum
Tuesday, May 16
Noon–1 p.m.
Student Union pit

General Candidate Forum for RHA
Wednesday, May 17
6 p.m., Barto Lounge

General Election
Thursday, May 18
Online voting begins
at midnight, other
polling locations TBA

YOU have the POWER to INFLUENCE decisions & make CHANGES at CWU.

ASCWU-BOD ELECTIONS 2006:

• Run for student government office.
Pick up an election packet from SUB 214. Filing closes at 4 p.m. on April 19.

• Educate yourself about the candidates
and offices.

• Attend forums and ask questions.

• Vote on May 4 & 18

COMING SOON...

CELEBRATION FOR THE MASSES!

Dear Students of CWU,

with the 2005-2006 school year about to end, we want to say thank
you for all of your support throughout the year and hope to have your
support in the upcoming weeks. Continue the accomplishments you
have made and strive to succeed in all that you do. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Your ASCWU Board of Directors:

Tony Aronica, President
Chris Casey, Executive Vice President
Lindsey Jackson, Vice President for Clubs and Organizations
Jaden Berry, Vice President for Equity and Community Service
John Grosset, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Jeff Rosenberry, Vice President for Student Life and Facilities
Steve Dupont, Vice President for Political Affairs