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From top: Tanner Swanson, first baseman, Cresap Watson, sprints/jumps and Patty Martinez, outfielder, are just three of Central Washington University's outstanding seniors athletes. The Observer Sports section highlights the memorable college careers of several Central athletes.

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FAST TIMES AT
APPLE BLOSSOM
by Stephanie Howard
Staff reporter

Food, parades, arts and crafts and beverages are a few of the attractions the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival provides. Whether people were there for food, live music and carnival rides, there was something for everyone.

The Apple Blossom Festival attracts a diverse group of people. From families with young children to elderly folk, everyone enjoyed food, the two weekend parades, carnival rides, arts and crafts and more. Live music played in Memorial Park while people perused more than 140 exhibitor stands.

Andrew Duckworth, a junior business administration major, works at Shishkaberry's vendor stand. Shishkaberries are chocolate-covered berries on a shish kabob stick and from the looks of the crowd, were very popular at Apple Blossom. This was Duckworth's first year attending Apple Blossom.

"It seems pretty fun if you're going with a group of people," Duckworth said.

The Apple Blossom Festival is economically beneficial to Wenatchee. With more than 100,000 attendees the festival increased sales for local businesses. Ray Ford, owner of Cocoa's Fine Desserts, said that the largest spike in sales was on Saturday, May 5 during the Grand Parade. More than 5,000 people attended the Grand Parade every year and Ford's dessert shop is located just a block away. Eric Headman, owner and bartender at Sharks Bar and Bites, turned people away when his bar became overcrowded.

Apple Blossom is known for more than arts and crafts and carnival style chow. Amanda Smelser, a junior social services major called Apple Blossom a "mini Mardi Gras." Duckworth called it a "huge Cinco de Mayo festival."

Both Duckworth and Smelser talked about the underage drinking which can occur at Apple Blossom.

"The police are there in full force," Duckworth said. "They give out a lot of MIP's (Minor's in Possession of alcohol)."

The Wenatchee Police Department deploys extra cops during Apple Blossom to keep a tight reign on drinking in bars and elsewhere.

The bars are good on ID-ing people," Smelser said.

Sergeant John Kruse of the Wenatchee Police Department did not have specific alcohol-related arrest statistics for this year.

"[Underage drinking] is less of a problem this year than in past years," Kruse said.

Headman's bar hasn't had any problems with minors in the two years he has participated in Apple Blossom. This was Ford's first Apple Blossom, as his dessert shop opened last fall. He said that everyone behaved and had a good time.

Kruse also referred to the issue of open containers on the streets, "It used to be a real problem ten years ago."

Though 83 people were charged with crimes and another 365 infractions were cited, Kruse said the crowds were fairly calm compared to previous years.

"Apple Blossom is like a big bar," Duckworth said. "They don't serve alcohol in the streets but it's just going into the bars, drinking and walking around the streets with your friends and having a good time."

For those not interested in partying, Apple Blossom was still worth the trip. Booths sold handmade wares including bird feeders, handbags and blown glass artwork. Some brave festival goers walked away with brightly colored face paintings.

In Wenatchee's Riverfront Park, a Fantastic Shows Carnival had a variety of rides to entertain festival attendees. Concession stands were scattered about Memorial Park selling sweets such as funnel cakes, elephant ears, varieties of Mexican and teriyaki foods and much more. There were two weekend parades, one that catered to children and one more toward adults, a pie eating contest and a golf tournament.

Duckworth said alcohol wasn't required to have a good time.

"[You] eat good food, have Shishkaberry's and go on carnival rides," Duckworth said.

The 2007 Apple Blossom Festival dates are set for Apr. 26 through May 6. For more information visit www.appleblossom.org.

PAPA JOHN'S
925-4400
ALL YOUR BASE ARE BELONG TO US

PATRICK LOWE/Observer

On Saturday May 6, Papa John's abruptly shut down, leaving a message on the door saying they had to close permanently. Ownership thanked customers for their patronage, after loading up the pizzeria.
Newspaper clipping from May 11, 2006, featuring a story about a speech given by Gloria Steinem on gender equality and social freedom.
it's 6 a.m. and the light has begun to penetrate through the curtains. our alarm clocks have yet to go off, but jeff rosenberry has already been awake, working out at the recreational center (rec) to start his day. he should be proud of his job since he is helping the university have the finest individuals he has ever worked with.

"you need to have a clear understanding of this job. you have to have a passion for this and for student concerns."

jeff rosenberry
vice president of student life and facilities

by karen shellman
staff reporter

the issues brought upon the great books program takes four years to complete, presenting an obvious problem for transfer students. rath says he gets a few transfer students from the dhc, but most students are interested in the four-year program and there are about 120 total books that students must read.

"the great books program revolves around reading the books in chronological order starting with homer and ancient greece. it is a four-year program and there are about 120 total books that students must read. normally students read about a book a week."

sara rath
director
douglas honors college

sara rath

he warned that the program is expensive to begin with. it requires small class sizes and needs highly accredited faculty to be an elite program. on the other hand, small class sizes mean there are not enough books for everyone.

"sometimes we start a class with 95 students and only eight or nine graduate from the honors college."
Fire departments start campaign for merger

by Joshua Gaertner
Staff reporter

The Ellensburg Fire Department and Kittitas County Fire District 2 are getting ready to start a campaign to convince the voters of Ellensburg and the second fire district to vote for a possible merge between the two departments this fall.

"Last April, a citizen’s advisory committee devised a report that said the two departments should merge," said John Sinclair, Fire Chief of both the Ellensburg Fire Department and District 2.

"Right now, we’re stretched pretty thin," said Paula Hake, animal shelter manager at the city’s Animal Shelter. "We’re on the northern area of the city and District 2 only covers the southern part, so we have to cover a lot of extra miles.

The merger not only benefits District 2, but also Ellensburg’s fire department, which covers five times the area that District 2 covers.

"Current staffing levels are low and new personnel are needed," Ellensburg Mayor Olie O’Brien said. "With the merger, better staffing plans can be developed that will allow for promotion of key personnel and increases needed for full coverage. That is the desired outcome here."

Before a merger can take place, the two departments must campaign to inform the citizens of Ellensburg and District 2.

"The work has been getting all the details worked out prior to starting a campaign to inform the public before a vote can be scheduled this fall," O’Brien said. Sinclair has already started to campaign.

"We’ve discussed the merger with the city council and some groups with the community and we’re encouraged because we haven’t been opposed," Sinclair said. "Now we’ve got a full board of directors coming on board, and we’ll be expanding our campaign to the whole community. For example more open discussion at the City Council meetings and publishing articles in the newspaper."

In the September elections there will be two ballots for the City, including one for Ellensburg and one for District 2, and both will have to be passed for the merger to take place. A few financial issues have to be addressed before September.

"The issues to be completed are: involving funding in the future; transfers such as fire engines and ambulances and transfer of obligations such as debt services and pensions to be paid out," O’Brien said.

"Taxpayers will not have to worry about wasted tax dollars with the possible merger." O’Brien said. "Actually this is likely to save money by being more efficient," he added. "We will save costs by having all firefighters cross trained in structure and wild fire fighting. It satisfies both departments’ needs."

The merger will require a new fire station in a strategic area that will better suit Ellensburg and District 2.

"The new fire station is most likely to be placed on the northwest end of the city," O’Brien said. "That would give us one on the east and the other on the west."

Every Monday night, both fire departments practice drills. This past Monday the drills consisted of an annual hose test. This test includes rolling out the hoses and making sure they can stand one thousand gallons of water per minute as well as 200 pounds per inch. After Monday’s drill, two thousand feet of hose still needs to be tested.

Ellensburg is a growing town and a merger will benefit both departments.

"The bottom line is that while the city grows the department should grow with it and for the long term it will bring stability to the entire district," Sinclair said.

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- Learn just what happens after you flush the toilet

at www.cwu.edu/observer

Animal Shelter seeks help

by Carly Petersen
Staff reporter

For every human born, 15 dogs and 45 cats also are born. The Ellensburg Animal Shelter is just one of many organizations working to solve this problem and make differences in the lives of animals.

The animal shelter has many responsibilities in the community. They take in homeless animals and try to find adoptive homes for them, license animals and respond to all animal problems, from barking to aggressive animals, within the city limits.

"We house the unwanted and/or homeless animals and care for them until an owner can be found, or the animal is set up for adoption," said Paula Hake, animal shelter manager.

Public education is also a priority for the animal shelter. Hake and her staff promote animal adoption, spaying and neutering of animals and the importance of caring and training for pets.

Pet over-population leads to animals being abandoned and sometimes euthanized. The over-population is often blamed on college students abandoning their pets at the end of the school year; however, Hake explained that although college students are a part of the problem, locals abandon and mistreat just as many animals.

"It’s not over-population; it’s really a community problem," Hake said. "The community has caused the surplus and need to step up to the plate and help."

There are many ways to help with this ongoing problem. Together, the community can fundraise, volunteer and donate money that will be used for veterinary care, specialized food, and other expenses.

Everyone can also help individually by caring for their own pets and/or taking a great amount of consideration before getting a pet.

Hake advises that before getting a pet, be sure there is a proper place to keep the animal and ample time to care and train it.

Sinclair said another way to help is to become a volunteer at the Ellensburg Animal Shelter. Volunteers get a reward in helping out with all of the animals and thus helping out the community.

"Even though you are not paid you are greatly appreciated," Hake said. Volunteers get to walk dogs, spend time training and caring for each animal making them more adoptable and can also help in transporting animals to other rescue shelters and foster homes to save the animal from being euthanized.

Hake also mentioned that volunteering is a good way to get your animal fix.

"I have two dogs at home that I miss and this is my way of playing with dogs and helping the community," said Eva Jakubowicz, senior flight technology.

Volunteers must commit to six months of volunteering, two hours per week. It is required because the shelter depends on their volunteers for help and need them to take their volunteering seriously.

For more information on volunteering contact Pamela Buitrago, buitrago@cwu.edu, or pick up an application at the Ellensburg Animal Shelter, 1007 Industrial Way 962-7246.

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The firefighters get tested once a quarter on whether or not they can pull on their Self Contained Breathing Apparatus gear in less than one minute. They must also hold their breath while blindfolded and try to switch air tanks.

BRIEF

City vehicle collides with train

From an Ellensburg Police Department press release

On May 4 a City of Ellensburg Waste Water “Vac Truck” was struck by a south bound train at a marked and controlled railroad crossing. The truck was struck on the driver’s side, forcing it off the roadway and onto its roof. The driver of the truck was taken to Kittitas Valley County Hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries. The train engineer was not injured.
Every morning I wake up to the sound of my alarm going off. The loud beeping tells me the sun is up and I should be too. But like clockwork, I hit the snooze button, pull the covers over my head and try to go back to sleep for a few more minutes. I lie in bed thinking to myself, why do I have to work today? Can't I just call in sick? My boss will never know. Then I come to my senses. I throw the sheets off and jump in the shower. I, like so many other Central Washington University students, come to my senses.

While I was just told to go into one bar and be treated perfectly around them would speak up and the stripper poles. Two stripper poles strategically placed up on a stage allowing women to get up and dance provocatively while men drooled over them. A man actually tried to get up on stage and dance with the women, but was quickly kicked off. Apparently men aren't allowed on the stage. The stripper poles add to the "meat market" effect of the bar being, adding to the sexually-charged atmosphere which apparently encourages people to act inappropriately. Alcohol is not an excuse for sexual harassment.
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bodies — but not in their inner self, suf-
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Letters to the Observer reserves the
telephone number. Only one letter a month will be accepted from an
Anonymous letters will not be published.
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mean that procrastination is clearly a lack of
motivation. I have experienced both
types, but find myself lacking the moti-
cation most of the time. The question is why, as students, do
we do this to ourselves? We are given an assignment and it just sits in
the back of our minds. Every once in a while, we’ll get a slight urge, or even
a panic, that will cause us to think about the assignment. Yet, for procrastina-
tors, little or no action is taken. After my latest incident, the question in my
mind is why. What are the reasons that we procrastinate? After thinking long
and hard about why it actually occurs, the reason is fairly obvious. It is the
desire to enjoy the present moment.
The point that is less obvious is that this
could most likely be two things:
1. The procrastinator has plans that
expected and cause serious delays. Not having any last minute stress. But that is just not
the case. I understand that in some instances, procrastination is unavoidable, but I
think we all know that is usually
untrue. At least it is for me, and I have the
feeling I am not the only college stu-
dent who procrastinates due to lack of
motivation.
I have still only scratched the sur-
face of trying to understand this self-
subjugating practice, but I believe that
we as students should take action
against this terrible epidemic. Procrasti-
nation is one of the most self-destruc-
tive things a student can do to oneself, and it is responsible for most of our
scholastic failures.
I really can’t give out any advice, as
you have read the shocking revelation
of my real particulars habit, but I can
tell you that lack of motivation is a ter-
rible excuse for causing unnecessary
stress in our already stressful lives. The
fact of the matter is, the assignments
ever take as long as you expect them to, and you can always watch Seinfeld
when you’re finished.

Letter to the Editor
Trust me, you're getting what you paid for
Editor’s note: This letter to the
editor is regarding an editorial pub-
lished two weeks ago.

The NEW Student Union Building and Recreation Center (SUB/REC) is
quite exciting, but I am hearing from a lot of students complain about them
“not getting what they paid for.” From a student to a student, I write to set
the record straight.

As a graduating senior here at
Central Washington University, I am
excited that the new facility was able to open for me and the rest of the stu-
dent body. In no way do I feel gupped
or ripped off because I am getting

what I paid for. According to a guest
column by Jeff Rosenberg,
ASCWU/BOD Vice President of Stu-
dent Life and Facilities, in “The
Observer” a few weeks ago, the stu-
dents are not paying for anything
that is missing from the facility right now.
That includes the dining options and
the brand new bookstore. Those por-
tions of the Student Union Building are self-sustained, meaning that they
make all their money from sales. None of your $64 is going toward
Dining or the Bookstore.

What the students actually do get
for their $64 is a place that has put
Central on the map. It is a new place
where I can meet and hang out with
my friends and catch a movie in the
theater. It is a truly remarkable build-
ing.

I have seen construction projects
on this campus take longer than
expected and cause serious delays.
However, I am amazed that a project
of the size of the SUB/REC was able to
open on time to the students.

So before you start griping about
how you are getting ripped off, take a
look at the facts. From a student to a
student, believe me, you are getting
every cent of what you paid for.

Jordan Young
Senior, Broadcast Major

Mother speaks for gay rights

Please do not criminalize the con-
stitution of the United States. Our
gay born children have a right to the equal
rights of the constitution. Oppose the
federal marriage amendment. The
Constitution of the United States must
not be amended to allow discrimina-
tion of our Gay born children. To do
this is to criminalize the most beauti-
ful document that our founder fathers
created. “Freedom and equality for all
citizens of the United States”

We do not know why our children
are gay. Whether it is genetic, hor-
monal, or whether something occurs
during the critical time of fetal develop-
ment, we do not know. What we
mothers can tell you with absolute
certainty is that it is born. Millions of
children were born, are being born
and will be born sexually different.
It can happen in any family and we
do not have a choice.

Homosexuals like all human beings
need companionship. They have the
duty to marry and live a hap-
py life of equality, respect and love as
any other citizen. If God did not want
the existence of homosexuality he
would not have created it. The fact is,
it is in every sector of society, in all
professions and trades. Even in the
animal Kingdom.

We parents and relatives of our
gay born children have sat in silence with
our hearts bleeding as we see our
children being harassed, persecuted,
killed, injured and discriminated
because they had the misfortune of
being born sexually different. Also
seeing the agony of our gay children
wanting to be socially normal, and
their pain when they face reality in
adolescent years. Some committing
suicide, others being taken straight to
avoid harassment and discrimination,
trying to change into being of a sex
that belongs only in their physical
bodies but not in their inner self, suf-
fereing silently at their futile attempts.

Marina Vasquez
Mother of a gay son.

Letter’s eye
Are classes starting to bug you?

Photo illustration by Maggie Schmid

Don't be a fool, procrastination ain't cool

As college students, I think it is safe to say that
at one point in time, we have all experienced a
nasty little thing called procrastination. I also
think it’s safe to say that a lot of us have experi-
enced it more than once. I will admit that I am one
of those people.

I recently experienced a terrible case of procras-
tination. I had known
about a research paper
for a history class all
quarter and it was due Wednesday. A
little over a week before the due date,
I picked my topic and headed to the
library to get some research material.
I checked out five hardbound books
related to my topic and was very proud
of myself for taking action so soon
before my deadline. After I left the
library, I headed back to my room and
stacked my books on the shelf.
Several times that
week, I felt the pressure of the term paper creaping
up on me and would sit down
in my room with the books and a notebook, as
if I were going to study. However, nothing of that
nature occurred and I just
ended up watching reruns of Seinfeld. I justified my
actions by telling myself that I would sit down that
weekend and study really
hard, but sadly hangovers don’t provide
the right frame of mind for information
assessment.

The Monday before the paper
was due, I had done an extremely small
amount of research. So, I went to my
classes, stocked up on Red Bulls and
reverted to my room for a long, lonely
night of reading. Tuesday I managed to
actually write the paper, and on
Wednesday, I turned in a copy of my
best effort to my professor. I have yet to
receive my grade.

This was certainly not the first time
I had taken part in such disgraceful
behavior. I have done it many times before,
and I am sure to do it many
more times in the future. The cycle is a
vicious one, and during each highly
calorificed cram session, I resent
myself for waiting until the last minute.

The question is why, as students, do
we do this to ourselves? We are given an
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Don't forget Mother's Day is this Sunday
Have you gotten your mother a gift yet?
Love, intrigue and a mistaken identity—sounds like a lot of something, but really it is "Much Ado About Nothing." Twenty-four thespians make up the cast of this well-known Shakespearean comedy, opening today.

"This play is about nothing; however there is a lot of conflict," said Jeffrey Carpenter, freshman art major, who plays Claudio. The Central Washington University Theatre Ensemble will be performing "Much Ado About Nothing," on May 11-14 and May 18-20 at the Milo Smith Tower Theater. The play takes place in Messina, Italy and focuses on Don Pedro, whose soldiers come to stay with Leonato, the local governor.

"Hero is this model daughter, who does what she is told," Vashro said. "She's very beautiful." Carpenter's favorite scene is in the middle of the play when Claudio destroys Hero's reputation, who is played by Jillian Vashro, by saying "slut" in front of the village people.

Senior theatre arts performance major, Alex Garnett, who plays Benedick, enjoys all of the parts in the play, especially the language. "The language is fun to do, fun to speak it and fun to live it," Garnett said. Garnett likes "the sexy sparkling of Beatrice. Everyone's part blends together in the context of the play," Garnett said.

"I like the mystery in Don Pedro," Garnett said. "Sophomore theatre education major Christopher McNeely is in charge of the sound design of the play. McNeely plans on using 27 distinct musical effects, which will be used multiple times. Most of these pieces are examples of Renaissance music but will also include sound effects, such as rain." By the end of the play, love saves the day, questions about truth and identity linger, leaving one wondering if it truly was, in fact, much ado about nothing.

Tickets are $12 for general admission, $10 for senior citizens and $8 for students. On Sunday, May 14 at 2 p.m., there will be a discounted matinee, and all tickets will be $8.

Tickets are available online at www.cwu.edu/-theatre/tix, or at the Tower Theatre box office weekdays, from noon to 6 p.m., and one hour before each show.
（左到右）Andrew Kunellis plays Don John and George Bellah 3rd plays Leonato in the Theatre Department's last show of the season, "Much Ado About Nothing," at Central Washington University for the next two weeks. Another group of theatre students are traveling the state this quarter performing "The Fool of the World."

A minor change to the Theatre Arts Department

by Caitlin Kuhlmann
Staff reporter

Starting fall quarter, Central Washington University students will have the new option to minor in musical theatre. Although the minor will only be open to students majoring in the performance specialization, the curriculum will allow students to learn and practice the components of music, singing, acting and performance.

"It will be a very big selling point to incoming students and transfer students," said Alex Garnett, senior theatre arts performance major and publicity and graphic design assistant. "It will make the theatre department more diverse."

The Theatre Arts Department plans to hire a new professor by the end of the summer to oversee the bulk of the minor curriculum.

Although the program will only be large enough to hold eight student this fall, the department plans to expand that number to at least 25 students within the next four years.

"The demand would most definitely be over eight people for right now," Garnett said, adding that having such a minor will add a great deal of credibility to a student's resume.

Central will be the only public university in Washington to offer such a minor. Scott Robinson, chair of the Theatre Arts Department said the minor is a step toward having a musical theatre major at Central in the future, which could very possibly include dance classes.

The minor was developed after both faculty and students recognized a need for a new minor that emphasized music and saw a space for it in the department. The idea was then reviewed by a student advisory board which gave the minor positive feedback.

The minor curriculum was then submitted before the Faculty Senate which approved the idea and set the opening date for next fall.

"We are trying to support and promote interdisciplinary as much as possible," said Marji Morgan, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. The Theatre Arts Department has seen success with recent musicals such as "Working" and "West Side Story" and hopes this minor will increase the quality of similar productions.

"I think it's long overdue," said Peter Gries, chair of the music department. "Since we have such a strong music department and theatre department it seems natural." Robinson said the department plans to stage a play next January that will use the students of the new minor. The play, "Blankity Blank," which was written by Scott Warrender, a Seattle playwright, will have a cast of only five members.

"The minor will make it more competitive but more rewarding for the students," Garnett said.

Happy Mother's Day!

Ellensburg Blue Gemstones
Art of Jewelry
"As blue as the sky over the Cascades"
New school year brings new voices
By Thomas Stockton
Staff reporter

Get ready for a year full of music, dance and influential people of the world. Central Washington University has announced the Performing Arts and Presidential Speakers Series for the 2006-2007 school year. Various musical ensembles and important world figures will perform throughout the year.

The presidential speaker series has just concluded its fifth year," said Marian Lien, event planner for Central. "We will be starting our sixth year with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr."

This will be the second year the speaker series has teamed up with the performing arts center. Some of the past speakers and performers include Peter Farro from the band Peter, Paul and Mary, The Chiefheirs and Garrison Keillor, who spoke to Central. "We will be starting our sixth year with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr."

The speakers are signed far in advance, often more than a year before their speaking date. Some of the performances scheduled for the next year are the Seattle Symphony Orchestra, a New York dance company and others.

The speakers include Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., who will talk about the value of natural surroundings and how people need to do more to protect it. Michael Ott, executive director of BIOWA, a bioeconomy group in Iowa, will be talking about bio-fuels and alternate fuels. Jean-Michel Cousteau, son of Jacques Cousteau and ocean documentary filmmaker, will present his award-winning collection of documentaries.

"[Anderson] told me that she wanted [Michel] Cousteau to present his award-winning collection of documentaries," said Aronica. "We always have an excursion going on."

The IE program has contributed to helping individuals with HIV/AIDS, finding grants for non-profit organizations and working on Fair Trade Coffee which hopes to change the rules of international trade to help overseas farmers.

The way IE funds these events is through donations from students, alumni and the community. IE has gained support from the Residence Hall Association (RHA), William O. Douglas Honors College and the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD). Aronica said that students have been generous in their funding, but there is always a need for more.

One such individual is senior tourism management major and student director and coordinator for IE, Mariah Torrez. "Hearing about the program from a friend, as many volunteers do, Torrez became a volunteer with IE.

"Since I'm a tourism management major, I thought that it would be fun to plan service learning events throughout the state," said Torrez.

After helping on several trips, Torrez has worked her way up to the top, thinking about and setting up excursions.

Torrez said IE is doing wonderful things which people should get involved with.

Another individual who started volunteering and has moved his way up to leading various excursions is junior anthropology and history major and ASCWU/BOD President Anthony Aronica.

Since age 12, Aronica has spent a considerable amount of time doing community service. Aronica became involved with IE by going to the CEC.

"[Anderson] told me that they wanted the local high school program like this and I told her to "sign me up," said Aronica. After being involved in the program for a few years, Aronica now leads trips to areas such as soup kitchens in Yakima and the Harvest Food Bank in Seattle. IE could use a lot more help.

"Some students are genuinely busy, but many do not feel the obligation to exchange the time for a coffee date and a movie to work for other people," Aronica said.

The program has different levels of involvement: volunteering, co-curricular, service-learning, service internships and capstone projects. The areas vary in levels of intensity from simple service experiences, to applying academic knowledge in aid efforts, to creating and developing complex projects.

"Every person at Central is receiving the blessing of going to college. In five, ten, twenty years we will be the pillars of our local community and the leaders in society," Aronica said. "Now is the time to cultivate ourselves for that responsibility."

To find more about IE visit the CEC's Web site http://takeaction.u.cwu.edu/.

Students help with the less fortunate

One such individual is senior tourism management major and student director and coordinator for IE, Mariah Torrez. Hearing about the program from a friend, as many volunteers do, Torrez became a volunteer with IE.

"Since I'm a tourism management major, I thought that it would be fun to plan service learning events throughout the state," said Torrez.

After helping on several trips, Torrez has worked her way up to the top, thinking about and setting up excursions.

Torrez said IE is doing wonderful things which people should get involved with.

Another individual who started volunteering and has moved his way up to leading various excursions is junior anthropology and history major and ASCWU/BOD President Anthony Aronica.

Since age 12, Aronica has spent a considerable amount of time doing community service. Aronica became involved with IE by going to the CEC.

"[Anderson] told me that they wanted the local high school program like this and I told her to "sign me up," said Aronica. After being involved in the program for a few years, Aronica now leads trips to areas such as soup kitchens in Yakima and the Harvest Food Bank in Seattle. IE could use a lot more help.

"Some students are genuinely busy, but many do not feel the obligation to exchange the time for a coffee date and a movie to work for other people," Aronica said.

The program has different levels of involvement: volunteering, co-curricular, service-learning, service internships and capstone projects. The areas vary in levels of intensity from simple service experiences, to applying academic knowledge in aid efforts, to creating and developing complex projects.

"Every person at Central is receiving the blessing of going to college. In five, ten, twenty years we will be the pillars of our local community and the leaders in society," Aronica said. "Now is the time to cultivate ourselves for that responsibility."

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People get down with Boogie Brown

Students and community members enjoy the big time Reggae band Clinton Fearon and the Boogie Brown Band at the First Friday Dance last week.

The First Friday Dance club has been bringing bands to Ellensburg for the past three years. All the money raised at the dances goes toward paying for the bands and promotion for the events.

For more information on the band visit www.boogiebrown.com

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Next year's line-up

Gladis Cardillo
The Parks From Every Direction
Oct. 5, 2006, 7 p.m.

Seattle Symphony Orchestra
Oct. 19, 2006, 7 p.m.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Our Environmental Destiny
Nov. 9, 2006, 7 p.m.

Holiday Showcase in Music and Dance
Dec. 10, 2006, 4 p.m.

Blankety-Blank!
by Scott Warrender
Jan. 25-27 & Feb. 1-3
2007, 7 p.m.
Feb. 4, 2007, 2 p.m.

Michael Ott
Jan. 31, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

Stravinsky's Psalms and Stories
Feb. 25, 2007, 4 p.m.

Alley II
Mar. 6, 2007, 7 p.m.

Jean-Michel Cousteau
Apr. 17, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

Bobby Merritt
Apr. 30, 2007, 7 p.m.

A Sousa Tribute
Jun. 2, 2007, 7 p.m.
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Steroid testing comes to Central

by Courtesy Naccarato
Staff reporter

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) came to Central Washington University to do drug testing on 16 student-athletes Wednesday, May 3 at 3 p.m. The athletes were chosen at random, 12 from football and four from track.

The purpose of the testing is to maintain the integrity of the game. They test about 13,000 athletes a year, according to the NCAA crew chief. The NCAA will visit a Division II school once or twice in a year. It "didn't seem completely random because all the people of the track team that did get tested were throwers," said an anonymous track player. "I'm just upset I got to wake up early."

The NCAA policy is to keep the players who are tested and the members that test them anonymous.

The NCAA calls the school and asks them to send a roster. The roster consists of all names. Positions and weight are not on the roster.

"It was a complete coincidence that they were throwers," said Ken Kladnik, head athletic trainer at Central.

The process averages approximately 15 minutes for an athlete to take the test and includes an observed collection of urine samples. After that, a strict process is taken which protects a sample from being tampered with. The NCAA looks for stimulants, anabolic steroids and street drugs. It takes two to three weeks to receive the test results.

"I'm confident. We've never had a positive," Klakid said. "Often schools have had a positive." If an athlete is caught using any of these substances they lose eligibility for 365 days.

Athletes have the option of appealing if they have been caught using such a substance. According to the NCAA, the school must submit in writing why they appeal and a summary of their drug-education program. Appeals are conducted by telephone conference by the National Center for Drug Free Sport. The director of athletics and the athletes must be on the appeal call. The NCAA does not restrict the reason for appeal.

The reason steroids are appealing is for the potential of increased lean body mass, enhanced endurance and decreased recovery time after an injury. Yet steroids can lead to higher levels of aggression, violent outbursts and extreme mood swings. If used long-term it can lead to liver damage and cancer.

The NCAA suggests that athletes eat a variety of foods and drink water often. They want to see athletes well conditioned.

Senior athletes are allowed one final bow

Mens: 
Baseball:
Isaac Fincher (1B), RHP/Puyallup,
WA (Roger's, 2001)

Cole Kaysen #19, RHP/Ellenburg,
WA (Ellensburg, 2002/Westshore Val­
y College)

Adam Kemp #13, RHP/Tacoma,
WA (Wilson, 2000)

Kevin Knutzen #21, C/Anacortes,
WA (Anacortes, 2001/Lower Colum­
bia College)

Scott Parrish #9, RHP/Collins, WA
(Collins, 2001/Big Bend CC)

Jesse Ottos #22, RHP/Port
Orchard, WA (South Kitsap,
2002/Everett CC)

Chris Segpanis #17, Utility/Gene­
va, IL (Geneva, 2002/Everett CC)

Tanner Swanson #7, 1st base/Cle­
elm, WA (Cle Elum, 2001/Everett CC)

Daniel Valdez #12, RHP/Moses Lake,
WA (Moses Lake, 2002/Missou­
ra Western State)

Basketball:
Chris Randall #12, Guard/Seattle,
WA (Willapa Valley, 2002/Lower Colum­
bia College)

Mike Connor #34, Forward/Center
Olympia, WA (North Thurston, 1999)

Teddy Craven #40, Forward/Roslyn,
WA (Cle Elum, 1998)

Robert Hicks, #22, Guard/Lake­
wood, CA (Lakewood, 2003/Fuller­
town College)

Cross Country:
Gabe Andrews/Redmond, WA (Redmond, 2001)

Micah McDaniels/Tacoma,
WA (Franklin Pierce, 2001/Evergreen State)

Football:
Jake Brown #18, WR/Roswell,
WA (North Thurston, 2001)

Marcellos Justin #23, CB/Kirkland,
WA (Lake Washington, 2001/Santa Monica College)

Mike Montgomery #85, TE/Sacra­
do, CA (Cordova, 2000/Arkansas Mont­
celline)

Brian Potocki #44, WR/Lakewood,
WA (Clove Park, 2000)

Josiah Willong #1, CB/Kalama, WA
(Kalama, 2000/Kalama College)

Track:
Geoff Anderson/Distance/Grain­
sham, OR (Sam Barlow, 2002/Mount Hood CC)

Gabe Andrews/Distance/Red­
mond, WA (Redmond, 2001)

Mike Kelley/Spinners/Rose, ID
(Borah, 2002)

Jason Roberts/Sprint/Auburn, WA
(Auburn Riverside, 2001)

Crisp Watson/Sprints/Sedro­
Wood, WA (Woodinville, 2002)

Womens: 
Basketball:
Jamie Conness-Hall, Forward/
Auburn, WA (Gonzaga, 2002, San Diego)

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Cross Country:
- Brandy Anderson/Distance/Juneau, AK (Juneau-Douglas, 2001/Western State)
- Emily Picinich/Port Orchard, WA (South Kitsap, 2001/Western Washington)
- Andrea King/Tacoma, WA (Curits, 2000/Western Washington)

Soccer:
- Chelsea Beck/Defender/Renton, WA (Liberty, 2002)
- Jamie Bankstor/Defender/Bellevue, WA (Bellevue, 2002)
- Ashley Nelson/Defender/Smoorenburg, WA (Monroe, 2002)

Softball:
- Patty Martinez/Outfielder/Othello, WA (Othello, 2002)
- Jenee James/Outfielder/Lakewood, WA (Clover Park, 2001)
- Annie Becker/2ndbase/Shortstop/Montesano, WA (Montesano, 2001/Seattle)
- Sarah Withers/Pitcher/Orting, WA (Orting, 2002/Lower Columbia CC)

Track & Field:
- Rachel (Bleakney) Bailey/Distance/Woodinville, WA (Woodinville, 2001)
- Brandy Anderson/Distance/Juneau, AK (Juneau-Douglas, 2001/Western State)
- Lindy Mullen/Mid-Distance/Lyman, WA (Sedro-Woolley, 2001)
- Cristina Null/Throws/Federal Way, WA (Decatur, 2002)
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- Bree Renzetti/Throws/Cle Elum, WA (Cle Elum-Roslyn, 2002/Bellevue CC)
- Ashley Rountree/Hurdles/Covington, WA (Kentlake, 2002)
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Martinez closes out stellar career for Wildcats

by Jon Menzer
Staff reporter

A keen stroke at the plate was a key reason why Martinez set a number of Central records as a hitter.

Patty Martinez might be a soft-spoken outlier off the field, but her bat has made the loudest noise in Central Washington University softball history ever since she decided to play for coach Gary Frederick and the Wildcats.

Martinez, a senior, is one of the most prolific athletes to ever set foot on campus and when she leaves Central, Martinez closes out stellar career for Wildcats

Team will miss wide receiver leadership

by Nolan Teasley
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University football team will enter the upcoming season without two of the best players the program has had in recent years. Brian Potucek and Nate Brookreson will have graduated and will no longer grace the grass on Tomlinson Field with their presence, but they will definitely be remembered for the "oohs and aahs" their playmaking ability drew from the crowd, and what their personalities added to the camaraderie of the football team.

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The best thing about them is that they complement each other so well," Reilly said. "While Nate would stretch the defense by running deep routes, Brian would be a teacher assistant in Wenatchee and when she leaves Central, Martinez will be hard to replace, but Frederick believes he has enough fire-power to fill in when Martinez is gone. Central will have junior catcher Kelly Spaulding, who according to Martinez believes will take the place of captain and leader role next season. Spaulding is a defensive catcher who threw out 72 percent of stolen base attempts and is a staple in Central's defense. Central will also have sophomore infielder Malory Holtman who had 43 RBIs, and whose 14 home runs led the GNAC.

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Corwin shoots for new goals

by Casey Donovan
Asst. sports editor

Only a few people have the ability to handle life the way Corwin does when it comes to and off the basketball court. Her personality and outlook on life go way beyond what she has done for the Central Washington women's basketball program over the past two seasons.

The University of San Diego coaching staff was very hard to play for," Corwin said. "Also, they didn't have any career opportunities that I liked." So she decided to move closer to her hometown of Auburn and determined Central was the place for her to fulfill her basketball, and her life in full stride.

Although she will not graduate until Central 2006, she has no plans of playing college basketball. Corwin said that she wants to help out next season with coaching the basketball team and then possibly go overseas to play basketball in Europe. However, she isn't sure of it because time away from basketball has allowed her to see what she hasn't been able to do for a while - take some personal time.

However, this isn't Corwin's first foray into sports since she was four years old," Corwin said. "My mom coached my softball team and my dad coached my basketball team. It's just nice to relax."

Corwin's parents always made sure that her grades were top notch and that she always was on the road to success. However, her parents aren't the only ones looking out for her best interests. Corwin's grandparents made it to every single game last year. Not just home games, but every away game, including the Alaskas and California series.

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Watson runs into the sunset at Central

by Jenee James

Staff reporter

Cresap Watson goes out in style as Men's Athlete of the Meet, providing the school's first ever Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) Track and Field Championship while also having first place finishes in the 200 meter decathlon.

Q: What are you going to miss most about being a Wildcat or a member of the track team?
A: My teammates and my friends. I'm friends with a lot of people on the team. In fact even my girlfriend, Terran Legard, is on the team.

Q: As a student athlete at Central, what is your most memorable moment?
A: The men's 4x400 team my sophomore year. We came in seeded 5th in the conference and ended up breaking the Great Northwest Athletic Conference meet record by four seconds, which is huge. All four of us ran the fastest we have run in our lives. My teammates were Mike Kelley, Eric Reynolds and Fabien Coutard.

Q: What is your favorite event out of the Multi-event/Decathlon and why?
A: My favorite event would probably be the high jump. It's my mediator to make up for my lack of ability to throw. It gives me something to catch up to the rest of them. Although I would have to say the 1100 is a close second because by the end everyone is so tired. You have been hanging around them for two days and they are your competitors. It's a pretty intense race and by the time you finish you are friends with everyone.

Q: What are your ambitions or goals after graduation?
A: I am actually in the flight program and hopefully I will become an airline pilot.

Q: Do you feel that Central has prepared you to reach your goals?
A: Our flight school is one of the best in the nation. Airlines come specifically to hire from here. Also, by the time you graduate you are a more mature person.

Q: If you weren't a member of the track team what would you do with your free time?
A: Probably study a little bit more. Other than that I don't really know. I never really had free time. I have done sports all the way since elementary. I came out and went a little more. When I was a freshman and doing track and swimming was just too much. They might cut the program anyway.

Q: Who was your favorite person or team to compete against?
A: Western Washington University. They are our main competitors. After conference last year we had a get together afterwards and most of Western's team stayed.

Q: If you had it all to do over again, what would you choose to do differently?
A: With his track and field career in his rear view mirror, Watson will concentrate on his life and aspirations of becoming a pilot after Central.

Q: How did it feel to win the Multi-event on your home field?
A: I have never won a decathlon in my life before that one. I always got second or third so it was nice that I was able to share my experience with my friends. Although it felt kind of bittersweet because the guy who is number one in conference didn't do it. He qualified for Nationals and he took the decathlon off. So, if he was here he would of beat me. So it's kind of a tainted win, but I'll take it.

"If anyone ever decides they want to come out, there are always opening spots on the team. You would be surprised how many people just don't know about the program and don't know that they can try out and be on the team even if they just want to get a workout."

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