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Early Thursday morning, The Observer received several tips on the whereabouts of the hundreds of missing newspapers. The papers were found in the garage at candidate Ash Gilmore's house located at 311 N. Dennis St. The theft of the missing papers is still under investigation.

Bundles of The Observer were found in the garage behind the residence of a Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors presidential candidate last Thursday.

The newspapers had been removed from campus from a number of buildings that weren't locked early Thursday morning, the day of student government elections. The Observer's front page story was about the race and the background of one candidate, Ash Gilmore.

Gilmore lost the election to Jadon Berry by a margin of 14 percent points. However, Gilmore has filed a dispute with the Election Commission over the online voting process. (See story below)

Last Thursday, while students voted, The Observer received multiple anonymous tips as to the whereabouts of the stolen newspapers. The newspapers were found in a garage at 311 North Dennis, in Ellensburg, the residence of Gilmore and his roommates.

Steve Rittereiser, chief of campus police, said the police are investigating the matter as a theft from the university. He said charges were going to be recommended to the prosecuting attorney after they had finished the interviewing process.

"Yes it's considered free, but taking that many papers is depriving others of information," Rittereiser said.

John Hynson, Gilmore's attorney, declined to comment on the issue of the missing newspapers. He said his first priority was with complaints about the
Jazz concert to honor Mowad
by Donna Ilse
Staff reporter

The cost of higher education is not cheap. Between tuition, books, rent and gas, it costs money to be a student at Central Washington University—a lot of money. State funding for higher education is going down.

"Colleges and universities are turning more to private donations and corporations for funding," said Marjie Morgan, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. "We're trying to raise scholarships for everybody, music scholarships, art scholarships and (study abroad) scholarships."

Scholarships in the music department only amount to a few hundred dollars.

The John Mowad Jazz Scholarship Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at Banbury's Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall in Seattle, to kick off a series of fund-raising campaigns for jazz student scholarships.

The concert will feature Central Jazz I directed by Vijay Singh.

Central's Alumni Jazz Ensembles directed by Keelul Uthig and Central's Jazz Band I directed by Chris Broya. Tickets are $35 for general admission and $25 for students. Tickets may be purchased at Tickemaster outlets or at Tickemaster.com.

"The idea is to collect enough money in the amount of two full-ride scholarships for jazz students," said Nathan Harris, University Relations Event Planning Officer. "That is the goal."

All proceeds from the concert will go to the John Mowad Jazz Scholarship Endowment.

"We're hoping to offer a few thousand dollar scholarships," Chris Broya, director of jazz studies said. "The lack of scholarships is starting to hurt our music department."

"If students cannot afford to go to Central without scholarships, they will go to another college."

"They are trying to collect a $200,000 endowment which will produce nearly $10,000, at the current interest rate, for jazz scholarships."

"It's the interest that's given away," Morgan said. "That's if it's an endowment."

For three years the jazz department put on Jazz Nutcracker to raise some scholarship money. But it is only a short term fix.

"We need a long term strategy for jazz scholarships," Broya said.

"This is one of the ways to do it. The concert is just part of the bigger plan."

From 1970-1998, John Mowad taught music at Central. Mowad is widely known in the region and in the country for his work as a music educator and band educator.

"He's inspired numerous students who were studying jazz," Morgan said. "He's also inspired students who weren't music majors with his jazz history class."


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Central passes on gas
University promotes awareness with day without fossil fuels

by Sean McPherson
Staff reporter

As more cars hit the road, global warming is becoming a larger issue.

Anne Johanson, assistant professor in the chemistry department, and Bill Vertrees, director of Facilities Management at Central Washington University, spoke about the effects of global warming as part of No Fossil Fuels Day, which occurred on May 17.

Johanson spoke of the science behind global warming. One example Johanson gave was the natural cycle of carbon dioxide (CO2), which flows from the ocean to the land, then into the air and back to the ocean. However, burning fossil fuels puts excessive amounts of carbon dioxide into the air.

"There's no way we can replenish, basically, the CO2 we're spewing into the atmosphere in our lifetime, or many lifetimes," Johanson said. "So we're disrupting the natural environment by taking something that has taken hundreds of millions of years to produce and putting it into the atmosphere in a hundred years."

Johanson said the CO2 released by biofuel was only recently captured by Mike Reilly, associate vice president of Enrollment Management, said he "was also sponsored by the Civic Engagement Center."

Vertrees discussed Central's move toward more environmentally friendly user and how much we contribute to Fuels Day. Colley said that the 500 T-shirts were gone in less than a day and a half.

Here and NOW: Central hosts women's conference
by Stephanie Howard
Staff reporter

Women joined under a common passion for the feminist movement to discuss local and international issues at a conference entitled, "Local to Global: Women Taking Action." The Washington state chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) held their organization for Women (NOW) held their conference and run the seminar.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Gloria Steinem. NOW is poor to mediocre. "All of these amazing women made me stay [in NOW] because they are so motivated," de la said.

The presentations were put together by Kelsey Farr, sociology major, Jonny Handron, law and justice majors, and Michael NI, junior sociology major, all of assistant professor Judy Hennessey's Sociology 101 as part of a class project. The event was also sponsored by the Civic Engagement Center.

Farr said the inspiration behind the event was a presentation they attended at the University of Washington. Another part of the project was passing out T-shirts to promote No Fossil Fuels Day. Colley said that the 500 T-shirts were gone in less than a day and a half.
Jazz: Former prof. returns to Central for concert

by Seth Williams
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University flight technology program is expanding its four-year bachelor’s degree program to one of the largest airports in the nation, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. This fall, Central will offer a Bachelor of Science degree in flight technology aviation management at two of the airport’s three locations. The university plans to announce the new program to the community during a reception for the Transportation and Aviation Management (TAM) program.

Central Washington University’s Flight Tech Teresa Sloan said, “This four-year management degree is something we have been working on for years now.”

Students will be taught at the Grant County International Airport, five miles from Moses Lake. Along with the airport being a test facility for Boeing, it is also the former Larson Air Force Base, an alternate landing site for the NASA shuttle and a training facility for Japan Airlines.

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During his time here, Moitaw’s history of jazz class became one of the best in the country. He has received several awards for his teaching and was named a National Jazz Fellow. The band he led at Central was called the ‘Mojave Jazz.’”

His teaching methods have been carried on and implemented throughout the school district. He’s a dynamic person,” said Harris. “He’s great at transposing his energy and inspiration into the educational process and into the lives of the students.”

When Harris enrolled in Central Washington University in 1998, people approached him, congratulated him, and spoke of him fondly. “His presence is quite legendary,” said Harris. “He’s a great person.”

For information on applications and enrollment at Central, log onto www.cwu.edu/~observer.
Students show off at SOURCE

Scholarship students and faculty members at Central Washington University had a chance to display the fruits of their labor last Thursday at this year's Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression (SOURCE) in the new Student Union.

2006 SOURCE Award Winners

Undergraduate Oral Presentation Awards

Biology: Lindy Mullen
Physics: Anthony Smith
Chemistry: Nicole Paink
Geography: Joe Willauer
English: Shannon Wilson
Douglas Honors College: Lindsay Gay
Anthropology: Mikelle Charlebois
Law and Justice: Tycy Hughes

Undergraduate Poster Presentation Awards

Biological Sciences: Amy Berkley
Art: David Hoag
Graduate Oral Presentation Awards

Biological Sciences: Jeff Charbonneau
Resource Management: Dan Difrickson
Resource Management: Marc Fairbanks

Graduate Poster Poster Presentation Awards

Geology: Cooper Brossy
Chemistry: Stephanie Bryner
Geology: Callie Hayes

Outstanding Faculty Mentor Awards

Physics: Michael Braunstein
Biological Science: Steven Wagner

For more on SOURCE, visit www.cwu.edu/~source/index.php

TOP: Jake Shapley (far right) explains his project, "Preliminary Attempts at Toxic Identification of Wenas Creek Mammoth." LEFT: SOURCE's keynote speaker, Dr. Daniel Beck, during his speech entitled, "Deserts, Vipers and Extinguishing Fear: A (Biased) Retrospective of SOURCE's First Ten Years." RIGHT: Students view SOURCE poster presentations.

by Margise Allen
Staff reporter

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Scholarship students and faculty members at Central Washington University had a chance to display the fruits of their labors last Thursday at this year's Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression (SOURCE) in the new Student Union. 2006 marked the second year in a row SOURCE combined with the Conference on Graduate Student and Faculty Scholarship to present an all-encompassing forum for undergrads, grad students and faculty to present their work to the student body at large.

"I think it's great and a really good way to support undergraduate research," said senior biology major Jami Greenfield. "It's a good way to get to see other people's research from the different disciplines."

SOURCE Chairman Roger Fouts said the event was nothing short of a complete success.

"I've heard nothing but raves from the people that attended, in terms of the quality of presentations," said Fouts. "The turnout was very, very good and many of the rooms were standing room only."

The symposium offered two different mediums for students and faculty to show off their research: posters and oral presentations.

The posters touched on a range of subjects from serious research, such as trying to figure out a better way to determine students' abilities outside of the WASL, to more trivial subject matter, such as determining whether the world's best golfers also make the most money.

One poster that stood out showed research that was done to discover new potential HIV protease inhibitors that would be better and safer in slowing down and possibly stopping the transition from HIV to AIDS.

But not all of the SOURCE presentations touched on groundbreaking science; some looked at new ways to better society.

Junior political science and public policy major Kimberly Libby's presentation focused on how to improve nutrition for low income families by making the food stamp program more effective. Libby's presentation proved that audience members weren't the only ones educated by SOURCE. Libby herself initially knew nothing about the welfare program and was even somewhat disinterested in her required project, but developed a passion for the topic after producing her SOURCE presentation. Libby plans to continue researching the current welfare state.

"I learned more about the [welfare] program," Libby said. "Even though my project is over, I'm really interested in it. I want to interview people like government officials to see what's being done."
Tourism boosts economy

by Carly Petersen

Staff reporter

With students packing up to go home at the end of spring quarter, a few student-related businesses are feeling the difference however, most of Ellensburg notices an increase in sales because of the rise in tourist activity. "We lose a lot of our walk-ins who are college students [but] just live in the dorms," said Kyle Mastey, junior tourism major and an employee at Salon Zach’s, a hair salon located on University Way near Courson and Muzzall Halls. Salon Zach’s also loses business for tanning, which could be blamed on students going home for summer, as well as the fact the sun is out a lot more. Despite a loss in student business during the summer months, Salon Zach’s is able to last financially until fall when the students come back. "Our clients who are regular keep us going," Mastey said.

Some businesses merely notice a change in their customers, but not a loss of business. Williams Campus U-Tote-Em, also located on University Way, might lose some student business, but does not lose revenue due to summer programs offered in the area. "Between the camps and other activities that go on around school, for example cheerleading camps, we do not lose any business," said Rick Williams, the owner of Williams Campus U-Tote-Em. He also added that many of his regular customers are locals. The city of Ellensburg actually notices an increase in retail sales during the third quarter, the months of July through September. In fact, retail sales increase by 18 percent from the second to the third quarter. "We see a lot of tourist-related business in the summer time and we are working diligently to increase that all the time," said Ron Cridlebaugh, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce. "Tourism increases in the summer as people come to enjoy the many outdoor activities Ellensburg offers such as fishing, hiking, rock climbing and horseback riding just to name a few. "One of the things that draws people to Ellensburg is sunshine," Cridlebaugh said. Ellensburg is located about two hours away from the Puget Sound area, a location known for its extended rainy season. The rodeo which is held on Labor Day weekend is the ultimate event of the summer when thousands of tourists come to Kittitas County. For example, on the Saturday night of Labor Day weekend there are typically only 13 rooms available between hotels, bed and breakfasts and guest ranches.

Despite the fact that enrollment at Central Washington University falls by approximately 50 percent from spring quarter to summer quarter, tourists and other visitors are able to pick up the economic slack and Ellensburg pulls out ahead.

Check out the Observer Online for
~ Information on health awareness
~ "Big Wheels Deliver Meals" program
~ A response to the wind farm rejection and wind power vs. solar energy
~ A look at how local fire departments prepare for fire season
~ Information on how Kittitas County is trying to prevent mudding destruction

Weeks after opening, Wendy’s still popular

by Bryant Phillips

Staff reporter

It’s Monday night around 5 p.m., it smells like rain and Ellensburg residents are gathering beneath a bright red and white neon sign crowded by a girl with pig tails.

Parking is scarce and the drive-thru looks like a Seattle freeway as more and more patrons enter this unassuming fast-food joint along Canyon Road in quest of a Frosty.

The restaurant is Wendy’s, and the patrons consist mostly of Central Washington University students wearing school sweatshirts and caps.

A family near the back of the line happily discusses how spicy the Spicy Chicken Sandwich is, while a tough-looking local shaded by a cowboy hat waits anxiously for his bacon cheese burger burger near the front.

The whole atmosphere reeks of cheerfulness and French fries.

What is so different about this Ellensburg Wendy’s that attracts bigger crowds than other nearby fast-food restaurants?

Well one of the obvious reasons is its recent opening, an opening long delayed since the “Wendy’s Coming Soon” sign first went up in the winter. Perhaps the delay created a buzz for the Wendy’s opening that encouraged fans new and old to pay it a visit.

But one should not discount the popularity of Wendy’s throughout the country, which has given Wendy’s a character all of its own reflected by the characters of the people who frequent it. One such character is Jere LaGrander, freshman undeclared, who enjoys a unique combination of Wendy’s products. "The greatest meal ever is chicken tenders dipped in a Wendy’s Frosty," LaGrander said as he lounged at a Wendy’s table with his Frosty in hand. He paused to demonstrate, dipping the chicken tender up to his fingers before devouring it. "I haven’t had Wendy’s in almost a year, it’s great to have it again."

LaGrander’s comment seems typical of the loyalty many of the other patrons show to Wendy’s, and more than a few were using their Frosty as dip for fries rather than chicken tenders, though LaGrander swears by his unusual choice.

The identity Wendy’s products have established over their competitors has earned them a cult following throughout the nation. It might not be a follow as strong as Star Wars or the Dave Matthews Band have accumulated, but a strong following nonetheless.

It is this following that ensures Wendy’s will continue to get a steady stream of business months after its opening in a small town like Ellensburg, even when surrounded by competing fast-food joints.

The home of Frostys, square burgers and Dave Thomas seems right at home on Canyon Road, and should fill the void of ole-bait fast-food restaurants.

Caring companion offers company

by Taisie Kanamoro

Staff reporter

There should be someone for everyone. This is the basic concept of the Caring Companion. The Caring Companion is a non-profit organization that tries to alleviate the loneliness of residents who live in nursing homes and do not have family members to visit them.

The founder, Shawna Johnson, thought of the program while she was in Idaho. She began visiting a lady who was suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and living in a nursing home.

Johnson spent time talking, holding her hands and sharing photographs with the woman. She realized through her experience that it meant something to her.

She would be crying for her children every time I came to visit," Johnson said. "I just tried to communicate with her regularly to help make her feel a little better about things."

After Johnson moved to Ellensburg with her husband, she decided to pursue volunteer work and residents together. She began seven years ago and the organization was incorporated in 2002.

Those who wish to volunteer must go through a background check, as well as take part in a training session at Kittitas Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center. After the training sessions, the volunteers are introduced to the residents either at Kittitas Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center or Royal Vista Care Center.

They are asked to visit them once a week for approximately 30 to 60 minutes.

Johnson also encourages residents in nursing homes to bring something they would like to share with volunteers to realize their interests and experiences are important.

These opportunities are provided to anyone. Currently there are ten volunteers, five are Central students. So Phoung Chen, junior business major, signed up to participate in the program at church. She has been volunteering for two years.

"I wanted to do something to help people," Chen said. "It’s something productive to do."

Every week, Chen checks if her assigned resident is available for a meeting. She visits and engages in simple activities, including playing games or watching a movie.

"I believe that more people should be volunteering for the Caring Companion. Chen’s experiences have given her a sense of community. "I enjoy it and get to learn so much about residents," Chen said.

The organization has received $9,000 in funding last February from the Extendicare Foundation in Wisconsin, which owns 300 nursing homes around the country. The funding will be used for liability insurance.

"Now that we have funding, we can go ahead and start bringing in more people," Johnson said. "Our goal is to place a volunteer with each resident in the facilities."

In some cases, Johnson is concerned that nursing homes could be the end of those residents’ lives. The staff does not have enough time to talk to people, which is why she hopes the organization will get more awareness and inspire people.

"It’s an exciting opportunity for them to volunteer," Johnson said. "We are trying to pull out from the community to help alleviate the loneliness residents are having. They are not by themselves."

Those of who wish to volunteer, may call 933-2025 or e-mail caringcompanions@gmail.com to make an appointment.
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Editor-in-Chief
I would love to tell you that what I'm about to say in regard to responses to the Ash Gilmore article run in last week's paper; that is not the case. I am writing this piece on Wednesday, the day before the The Observer even comes out.

Like all major stories, some Central Washington University students and employees know what will be covered before it is off to press. In response to those people I say the following:

Save your judgment for when you know the facts and have read the story. If you haven't read the story you don't know the facts. If you haven't been involved in a discussion, interview and researching you don't know the facts. So don't act like you do. Don't trash talk and don't judge.

I am tired of walking around and hearing people gop in groups about my fellow reporters and editors and the choices we make in the newsroom before the paper is even available. You don't know what we are writing and how we are writing it, so don't begin to assume you do. Just as the saying goes you WILL make an ASS out of yourself. We as reporters and editors do not know the facts. We research the news and then we report it in a fair and timely fashion. We are knowledgeable on the topic and consider every say a person could respond to our article.

There are hundreds of decisions we as editors must make everyday. Those decisions include the kind of articles we assign and the way we write them. We don't work with the intention of causing problems or ruining people's lives...but news is news. Yes, we sometimes write bad decisions, but we are practicing for a real profession and that profession isn't going to focus on everyone's good opinion of it.

In fact, it will focus on the bad and the disturbing. Everyone who reads the news and reads the newspaper knows that's how it works. After everything I have said and all the arguments of the past week, I find it odd that the same people who spent last Wednesday trash talking myself and the rest of The Observer staff, have been in a work environment for five years now. This is the job we are writing and how we are writing it and have since changed their attitude.

They are a wonderful example of the people who assume that since reporters make stuff up at their top notch newspapers like 'The New York Times' that every paper big or small is the same. We are not.

They assume without a doubt that the truth is the worst about an article before it is out and proceed to make uneducated and unsubstantiated comments and the worst moral judgments.

So for all the students and staff out there who made unwarranted judgments about the Ash Gilmore article and the intentions of The Observer staff, I ask you to re-think your position.

I ask you to keep your comments and judgments to yourself until after you have heard all the facts and only then should you make your final decision about who we are as people and the morals that we hold so dear.

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Born to lead?

I am absolutely delighted that the voters at CWU had enough sense to elect Jadon Berry instead of Ash Gilmore, for CWU BOD President. It seems that at this school in which just about any student can run in an election, and win, by simply having the right combination of friends and flashy handouts, the triumphant has occurred.

For me, it is wonderful to see that students still have the capacity to look beyond suits, witty slogans, and stuffed-shirt agendas and decide who will be best at the job. Ash Gilmore as BOD Pres! Born to lead! A frightening thought, indeed. Ash Gilmore, through his inability to remain a law-abiding citizen, cannot even lead by example. Perhaps Ash was born to lead everyone to vote for someone else.

Neil Hewitson
Philosophy Major
Senior

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Questionnaire turns the tables

Two teachers, Julie Grudzinski and Sarah Olson have been condemned for a questionnaire intended to raise understanding of gay issues. After discussions with the assistant principal it was given to Port Washington High School students. It posed questions like, "What do you think caused your heterosexuality?" and "When did you decide you were heterosexual?" and was clearly aimed at getting students to examine and reject bigotry picked up at home and in the church.

Supersitious cultists, always vigilant against the schemes of Satan, feared that merely reading these incendiary questionnaires would lure unruly virgins into a life of fornicated sex, followed, of course, by everlasting hellfire. Their fuming tantrums certainly intimidated principal Duane Woolf. With principles nowhere in sight, he accommodated the obesessive anti-gay prejudice of these hetero-thus-extremists. In a pathetic bow to bigotry, which might be fol-

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Letters to the Editor

ELECTIONS: Gilmore's appeal turned down by commission

Moffitt, senior secretary for campus life and student union, presented the fact that when students vote online, it is pointed out that if after voting the student does not receive a confirmation, their vote did not count and they should either retry or go to the polls.

Accounts from witnesses who saw the online voting problem occur were read aloud and the meeting was open for the public to speak.

Ultimately, the election commission board voted down the dispute to overturn the election on the grounds that the computers that experienced the cookie problem were isolated, there was adequate information that they had not voted and there were other options to vote such as going to the polls or another computer.

"The important part of this was there was a process [that was fol-

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Students mourn loss of friend

Tuesday night in front of Sue Lombard Hall, friends of late Jamie Shara gathered in memory of her. They lit candles, played music and wrote memories about her on the sidewalk for all to see and learn about Shara. See full story on page 5.
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**Central Honors**

Students with annual Student Appreciation Day

**Appreciation Day honors students as stars all day**

by Korben Cook

Staff reporter

Every spring, Student Appreciation Day closes out the regular school year for Central Washington University. This year is no different, with the event occurring today.

"Student Appreciation Day is a great event that seems to improve each and every year," said Corey Sinclair, coordinator of collegiate sport clubs and camps for University Recreation. Central hosts Student Appreciation Day to express gratitude toward the students as well as the graduating class. It is a chance to relax from the stresses of the school year and have fun with friends and family.

Senior computer science major Paul Carico said that he enjoys Student Appreciation Day and is "excited about this year's." The events on the roster consist of a barbecue, sporting events and the fifth annual fireworks display in the evening. Dining Services will be catering the event for all who attend. Assistant Director for Dining Services Pamela Mahre said that Dining Services is doing the barbecue to express their appreciation for the student body. On the menu will be tri-tip roast, barbecued chicken, watermelon and much more.

Mahre said there will be alternative vegetarian dishes as well as the traditional barbecue food. The barbecue will be north of the tennis courts from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It is free with student identification, $7.25 for adults and $3.60 for children 12 and under.

Along with the barbecue will, of course, be entertainment. University Recreation has been hard at work setting up various sport games and contests for Student Appreciation Day.

This is the second year Sinclair planned events for Student Appreciation Day. Last year he coordinated activities, so it should prove to be fun once again, he said. Some of the sporting events will be intramural softball games, disc and Frisbee golf, a home run derby, a tent pitching contest and many more. And, oh yes, there will be prizes.

Prizes will be awarded to both competition winners and participants. A few of the prizes consist of gift certificates to local restaurants and stores and a $500 Visa gift card. It is free of charge to enter an event. Other entertainment will include live rap music.

This year's headlining act will be Blue Scholars, a Seattle underground hip-hop group. Scott Drummond director of Campus Activities booked the band. He said he heard of them from various students he was working with in the past. At last year's Senior Celebration, Drummond booked Blue Scholars and has had a close working relationship with them.

"They were not reluctant at all [to perform at Student Appreciation Day] and they look forward to coming to Central," Drummond said.

Drummond is also in charge of the fireworks display, which starts at 9:30 p.m. A few years ago, a student program for Campus Activities found the company Eagle Fireworks, which has a sub-contractor in Yakima named M&K. M&K has put on the fireworks display for the past five years and is a part of Student Appreciation Day once again.

University Recreation is already in the process of making plans for next year's Student Appreciation Day. Sinclair said that Central's Wake Sports Club is looking to host various wake boarding contests. This would be a larger event than Student Appreciation Day has ever put on. University Recreation plans to construct pools which contestants would be pulled through by a winch over ramps and rails.

"There are even some professional riders that have expressed interest in attending," Sinclair said. Student Appreciation Day is 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the fields north of Nicholson Pavilion.

"With all of the activities that are planned: Blue Scholars, a great barbecue and hopefully great weather, I believe Student Appreciation Day will be awesome, again," Drummond said.
It appears to be that time of the year. The time when the Dr. Betty Evans Original One-Act plays grace the Central Washington University campus. The One-Acts offer students the opportunity to not only act but write, direct and produce their own plays. Some of the students involved are working with the One-Acts and the traveling play at the same time. (Left): Bride Schroeder-LaPlatney, youth theatre major uses puppets for characters. (Top): Other students play characters without using puppets like in "Caved In Love" featuring Dinoboy played by Joey Goldstein and Caoimhe Ryan who plays a singer in the Dinoband in the play.

Students produce, direct and act in One-Act plays

by Jackie Medichon
Staff reporter

Every year the Dr. Betty Evans Original One-Act Festival takes place at Milo Tower Theatre showing plays which were written, directed and acted by Central Washington University students. This year's festival will include a variety of plays in the genres of dark-comedy, puppetry and romantic-comedy.

In one play, a half-dinosaur, half-caveman goes on a blind date with a half-saber-tooth tiger, half-cave girl in a romantic-comedy millions of years in the making. The play, "Caved in Love" was written by Amanda Rubeck, junior theatre generalist, and directed by Jenny Moreno, senior theatre generalist.

"My favorite part is seeing what I've been imagining in my head come to life," Rubeck said.

Jeff Carpenter wrote a dark-comedy called "Life Support" which is about a guy who finds out his girlfriend is married to another guy in a coma. It is directed by Daniel Zurtuche, senior theatre arts performance major.

"The hardest part is letting her work go into some else's hands," Zurtuche said. "I'm really proud of her."

Brittney Leonard wrote and Angela Koch, senior theatre generalist, directed a play about a cruise ship taken over by female pirates who go on to raid a Victoria's Secret ship called "A Pirates Perspective."

"The Elf Prince of Erin" is a puppet play written by Bride Schroeder-LaPlatney, senior youth theatre major, and directed by Tina Perna, senior theatre arts performance major.

Every event has its challenges whether it is with time or production. Working on the Dr. Betty Evans Original One-Act Festival, Central students get to learn how to overcome the challenges of putting on multiple plays in one night.

"The hardest part is splitting focus between the One Acts and 'Fool of the World'," Zurtuche said. "When that's over it'll be easier to focus on 'Life Support.'"

Many others involved with the Betty Evans One-Act Festival are also involved in the traveling production of "Fool of the World."

"I wasn't aware of the amount of time cast members would be out of town," Koch said.

Koch has directed for community theater and teaches at a summer theatre camp. She transferred from Eastern Michigan University, deciding to come back to school in order to learn more and to encourage her nine year-old daughter.

The play festival showcases one-act plays, which are written and directed by Central students. The festival also opens many doors for college students. The American College Theatre Festival may choose plays to be shown at a larger scale and may then be looked at by professional venues.

The Betty Evans One-Act Festival is at 7 p.m. on May 31 and June 1 and at 8 p.m. June 2 and 3 at the Milo Smith Tower Theatre. Admission is $5.
Margaritaburg

Gallery One is a local art venue that participates in the monthly First Friday Art Walks. Last year they also started the annual Margaritaburg festival. The festival brings in bands to play a variety of cover songs and their own Jazz music. (Above): People of all ages were having trouble staying off the dance floor Saturday night while the Seattle Jazz guitarist Michael Powers (left) played.

by Robbie Miller
Staff reporter

It's hard to say if it was the margaritas or the jazz, but something had Ellensburg's finest dancing like they just didn't care last Saturday night at Gallery One's second annual Margaritaburg.

Gallery manager Heidi Sherwin insisted that the event was a "funraiser" designed to bring local art supporters together for a good time, while spreading the word about the Gallery.

"It's a great chance for people in the area to enjoy downtown Ellensburg and celebrate spring," Sherwin said.

The evening was a chance for Gallery One members and art lovers to chat over Starlight margaritas and chips and salsa, admire and buy art, test their Jimmy Buffet knowledge and get a little crazy on the dance floor.

Many found it hard to stop dancing during an energetic set by Seattle jazz guitarist Michael Powers, who played at last year's Jazz in the Valley. Ellensburg's Mike Reilly played an opening act featuring some familiar covers.

Last year's event featured a Jimmy Buffet look-a-like contest and this year had Jimmy Buffet trivia to complete the theme.

As an event planner for Central Washington University, Nathan Harris said he appreciated how well Margaritaburg was put together and he supports Gallery One and its events whenever possible.

"It's community and art," Harris said. "They're always just a great time."

The shop is located next to Winergars at 606 North Main Street. They have a fenced back yard with a patio where customers can sit and enjoy the beautiful summer weather.

For more information visit www.ellensburgwineworks.com

Women: put your clothes back

You have seen those people walk by. You know the ones. I'm telling you, if you say to yourself "I can't believe they are wearing that." Come on, we have done it. We all do it. It's not like it's in our lives, but why? Why should we care what other people think? We are approaching it's about that time when we really start thinking "What the hell are they wearing?"

I love how it is almost summer. You can see everyone in spring quarter at Central Washington University because as soon as it gets warm out, and by warm I mean it's 80 degrees, and everyone is wearing shorts and tank tops, "Baro Beach" is full of people sun bathing and playing outside. You can't help but notice the short shorts and terry tiny bikinis and then you think, "Why are they wearing that?" These people feel comfortable, so why not wear what they feel comfortable in?

I had a friend a few years back say to me, "I love spring quarter here, the sun comes out and the women's pants come off" I still remember thinking, "What a sexist pig."

And then I thought about what he had said and I guess it was kind of true. A few weeks later some women were sunbathing outside and my friend was on his bike and was watching the "girls" instead of where he was going and fell off his bike. I've never laughed so hard in my life. Seems he right, he should have looked at the road instead of the women.

My girl friends and I went out a few weeks ago, getting all dressed up if we were in Seattle. We had a lot of fun and got lost and attention, it wasn't necessarily good attention, but I totally showed me that what we were wearing truly reflects on other people. We were called the usual names, the degrading words that people use as if you were a streetwalker. After that night the girls and I just went back to the normal jeans and tank tops. I shared with my friends that if we didn't want that attention maybe we shouldn't dress like that. More power to you, if you can do it! It's nice to feel empowered and sexy, but all the time isn't for me.

The one thing that really irritates me most about summer fashion trends is Ellensburg's flip flops with socks. It just doesn't make sense. You either pick the flip flops or shoes and socks, not both together. I've always wondered if it hurts when people wear flip flops like that. I know my toenails were hurting!

I'm not saying that if you dress like that it's bad, as long as you are comfortable with who you are and what you wear it's all up to you. Who am I to say what you can and cannot wear? I guess if people are going to talk your might as well give them something to talk about.
Heat doesn't stop HopeSource runners

by Brooke Sad
Staff reporter

Picture this: running or walking a 5K, otherwise known as a 3.1 mile race, in near 100 degree weather last Thursday evening to help benefit HopeSource, a non-profit organization in Kittitas County, whose mission statement includes support for beliefs, empowerment, advocacy, and partnership. The money from the 5K race will be going to HopeSource.

"It's invaluable to the community, and why not run 3.1 miles in the scorching heat?" Katie Underwood, junior business education major said. "It's a bunch of people in an online community which helps to explore the region," said Christina M. Barrigan, M.F.A. and assistant professor of design for the department of Theatre Arts. "Seeing interesting things here and in other states.

A player finds a cache by entering the cache's coordinates into a handheld GPS receiver. Some caches have multiple stages with smaller caches, called microcaches, holding clues to the location of the main cache. Once the cache is found and the player records their experience in the logbook, they are free to take a treasure from the cache.

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Geocaching is a high-tech update of a similar game called letterboxing.

Two days later, the first GPS-related cache was placed by Dave Ullmer of Beaver Creek, Ore. The location was posted on the Usenet group sci.geo.satellite-nav and was first logged by Mike Tweagle of Vancouver, Wash.

"I started in Virginia," Robert Ingham, local geocacher, said. "It was a pretty good tool for land navigation."

However, Ingham advises players to learn basic navigational skills before playing. The GPS can a good signal if it is under thick vegetation.

The specifics for setting up a cache can be located at www.geocaching.com. There are 269,715 caches in 221 countries. Caches can be found everywhere from Ellensburg under thick vegetation, to Iraq. All one needs to participate is a GPS unit and a sense of adventure.

For more information visit www.geocaching.com/

GPS offers users more than

Global Positioning Systems (GPS) are now so prevalent that a sport has formed using the technology: geocaching.

Geocaching is a type of treasure hunt where a player uses a GPS unit to find a waterproof container (or "cache"), which contains a logbook to mark down the time the player found the cache and a treasure. The coordinates of the cache are noted by the player who placed it there, then uploaded to a geocaching Web site (www.geocaching.com) with a description of the cache's location.

"A cache is a small electronic device that moves from cache to cache and is tracked online. Some travel bugs have specific goals posted online. One example is a bug whose purpose is to pass through all 50 states.

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"Another way to learn what is out there is to put together a cache. By placing something for others to find, you are giving people a reason to get out and explore."
Competition kicks off at Central

by Elliott Stock
Staff reporter

Last Saturday, Central Washington University hosted the First Annual Inter-collegiate Bouldering Competition in the SUB Recreation Center where Central challenged the University of Washington (UW). Twenty seven climbers registered for the competition and only three were University of Washington students.

“We were expecting more competitors from UW,” said Ryan Hopkins, the Director of Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals. “There were still a lot of spectators though.”

All three UW climbers competed at the expert division, leaving the intermediate, beginners and women’s divisions as an all Central rock climbing competition. The expert division was won by Central student freshman Drew Shick. After a “climb-off”, UW student Ben Utela snagged second while teammate Alex Perind took third.

“The expert division was entertaining,” junior Chris Brown said. “Especially the climb-off.” The intermediate division saw a clash between Central students. In the end, Russell Holler took first and Mike Dove placed second. The beginner division was just as competitive as well. Central student, freshman Ryan Johnson placed first and Michael Gardener took second. The women’s division saw only a beginners competition. Graduate student Helen Lau won and Megan Scott placed second.

“The routes were much more difficult than the last competition,” said senior Colin Stewart, who competed in the beginners division.

Contenders who placed either first or second won prizes such as Crash Pads, Gri-Gri’s and climbing shoes. All prizes were donated by the main sponsors Mad Rock and Petzel.

“The competition should be better in the future,” Hopkins said. “We are looking to invite more schools including Western Washington University and Washington State University.”

Central is looking at starting a climbing wall sport club, which will enable students to travel to other schools and compete in intercollegiate rock climbing competitions around Washington.

Kitna, ’95 football highlight 2006

Central Hall of Fame inductees

by Nolan Teasley
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held on Friday, May 19 in the new Student Union Building. The ceremony is usually held in October as part of Homecoming, but with so many great athletes in attendance and such a wonderful atmosphere, it was well worth the wait.

Headlining the inductees was former Seattle Seahawks and current Detroit Lions quarterback Jon Kitna. Kitna played for Central Washington University in the ’90s, breaking numerous passing records, as well as leading the Wildcats to a National Championship in 1995; that team was also inducted into the Hall of Fame on Friday.

“Central gave me a chance to play football when nobody else was going to give me a chance. Without them, obviously, I wouldn’t be where I am at.” - Jon Kitna

formCWU quarterback
NPF Quarterback

During that season, Kitna threw for 4,616 yards and 42 touchdowns, adding to his career totals of 12,353 yards and 99 touchdowns. He was named as a first team All-American four times.

“Football was an opportunity to really show my passion for the sport,” Kitna said. “It was a unique year for me here at Central.”

Wildcats headline GNAC teams

by Jesse James
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University varsity athletic squads boasted a total of 80 Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) All-Stars, All-Region, and All-American honorees this past year.

Central is the host to 11 intercollegiate sports, five mens teams and six womens teams. The volleyball team won top honors with two All-American selections in senior middle blocker Lexiene McGrath and senior outside hitter Crystal Ames as well as two time Coach-of-the-Year Mario Andaya.

“I had an awesome senior season. I enjoyed making it to the second round of playoffs,” Ames said. “We had to go down there and prove ourselves.”

McGrath was undoubtedly the most decorated player this year, having earned first team All-Conference, first team All-Region and second team All-American accolades for the 2005 season. McGrath helped lead the Wildcats to their second straight GNAC title and a berth to the NCAA Pacific region Volleyball Championship Tournament. The Wildcats earned their first win in the tournament by taking down California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Co-Champs, Cal Poly Pomona.

McGrath earned Player-of-the-Year in the GNAC for her collaborative efforts. Joining her on the All-Conference, All-Region and All-American first teams was teammate senior outside hitter, Crystal Ames.

Ames transferred from Hawaii Pacific University and completed her final three years as a Wildcat. Ames also won...
Wildcat baseball team reflects on season

by Jordan Montgomery
Staff reporter

Having left on a high note, the Central Washington University Wildcats ended their four-month-long season on home soil Friday, May 12. Motivated by a sense of pride and giving the seniors a proper send off, the Wildcats nearly pulled off a complete sweep against the St. Martin’s Saints.

The three Wildcats victories gave them five wins out of ten games against the Saints for the season. The Wildcats finished the season with a 20-31 record with a .392 winning percentage overall, falling short of a .500 season record.

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“It was frustrating to be under .500 for the season, and it’s hard to lose any game,\" sophomore shortstop Jamie Nilsen said. “I knew that if the last game for a lot of us, we wanted to try and get them (the seniors) some wins, as a matter of pride.”

Nilsen was named to the NCAA Division II West Regional Team. Nilsen finished the season with a 20-31 record with a .392 winning percentage overall, falling short of a .500 season record.

Central coach Desi Storey (left) explains the dimensions of Tomlinson Field to Cal State Stanislaus head coach Kenny Leonosio (red) and the umpiring crew during the two teams’ meeting on April 15 in Elberghus.

Softball season ends with sub .500 mark

by Courtney Naccarato
Staff reporter

The smell of the fresh cut green grass and the crack of the bat will be missed until the Wildcats head to the diamond again in the spring of 2007. Central Washington University Softball ranked fourth in the Great North Atlantic Conference (GNAC), with a .374 record. Overall, they ended the season going 20-25.

“I feel good about this past season overall,” said senior Patty Martinez. “We accomplished a lot and broke a lot of records as a team.”

The Wildcats finished their season facing their rivals, the Western Washington University Vikings where Central took six of the seven games.

The Wildcats had a hard time finishing above Humboldt State University in anything. The Lumberjacks lead the league overall in wins, going 22-21. The Lumberjacks walked away with the league’s highest batting average, starting the league’s dominant pitchers, starting with a shaky season in only two prior appearances. However, in mid-April, he was given a starting position and finished out the 2006 season with a 4-1 record and a .341 ERA, keeping his opponents at a .225 batting average.

His talent on the mound was clearly demonstrated in his performance during the last series, where he threw a complete game three-hitter against the Saints allowing only one earned run. He was listed as the final pitcher of the week by the 2006 GNAC.

“I hadn’t proven myself to anyone at the beginning of the season, but once I made the starting rotation it made things easier.\” Templeton said. “I felt more in control of the game as a starter and I could take charge of it. I just did what the pitcher is supposed to do. Pitch low, try to hit the corners and let my defense do their job.”

The Wildcats had six players or pitchers earn the distinction of GNAC player or pitcher of the week. Senior right-hander Isaac Finch and junior right hander Mike Morris joined Templeton, while senior utility player Chris Sepanski and junior outfielder Justin Marshall joined their teammates as GNAC players of the week.

There is no doubt the team was disappointed by their season. Not accomplishing what they set out to do can bring down any team’s moral.

“I know it was a disappointment, not only to the players but to the coaching staff as well,” said Coach Desi Storey. “We were very successful the last few years, and for us to take a step back like this, well it doesn’t take much to drop down.”

Although the overall team goals were not reached, the season saw many personal triumphs. Sepanski lead the conference in RBIs and the team in home runs while sporting a .294 batting average.

“It’s kind of too bad that there wasn’t a second half to the season,” Sepanski said. “That last series everyone worked together and played the way we can. Personally, I’m pleased about my performance for the season, as a team it was a kind of disappointing season, because last year we finished second in our conference.”

This season the Wildcats finished last in conference play with a record of 6-18.

With many of their seniors leaving, Central now looks to put together a new team. The team will lose eight key contributors this offseason. Although the season failed to meet their expectations, next year will be a clean slate.
Three Wildcats athletes ready for the national spotlight

Central Washington University Track and Field standouts Cameron Neel, Lindy Mullen, and Katie McMeel prepare for competition at Emporia State University in Kansas

by Tyler Lobe
Staff reporter

The season continues for three Central Washington University track and field athletes as they will compete for individual titles in their respective events during the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships beginning today at Fran Welsh Stadium in Emporia, Kan.

"We are really happy to get [Cameron Neel, Lindy Mullen, and Katie McMeel] into the national meet, as we should be," head coach Kevin Adkisson said. "It has been a great year for us in general."

Junior thrower Cameron Neel who is ranked sixth in the shot put and seventeenth in the discus will compete for individual titles in the shot put, while taking first in the discus throw during the outdoor championships on May 6 in Monmouth, Ore.

With all the success that Neel has had this season, it hasn't come without incident. He battled a back injury that sidelined him for a few weeks before the season ended.

"My season didn't go as well as last year because of the setback," Neel said. "But this season went alright."

"As far as how this weekend will go, Neel is very unsure of what may happen. "I am not even going to get second because I am pretty unpredictable," Neel said. "Practice last week was pretty good and I will have to pull some things together this week." Neel is a transfer from Washington State University, but I heard they had a pretty solid program here."

"If you were pulling for one person [to make it], it would have been Lindy," Adkisson said. The Wildcats will be sending youth to Kansas as well, through sophomore thrower Katie McMeel. She had a GNAC season-best throw in the javelin, posting a provisional national qualifying mark, helping her cause to be selected to the championships, seeded third in the nation.

"I am very excited," McMeel said. McMeel finished second in the GNAC championships after being the favorite to take the title in the javelin but she had other thoughts.

"I didn't even think I would get second because I had taken the previous week off," McMeel said. "I expected to finish in the top five this weekend."

The 2006 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by Emporia State University, will run through Saturday and live updates will be available at www.flashresults.com.

Women's varsity kicks around club soccer team

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by Landon Sholdt
Staff reporter

The long anticipated contest of Central Washington University's women's soccer team versus Central's club soccer team went down last Wednesday, May 17. Although the varsity team came out with a 7-2 win, Central's club team left the field feeling confident and excited for their next season.

"The club team played really well together. We only had 10 players for some of the game, which is one down," freshman captain Shannon Smith said. "We are a fun group of girls, and we have a lot of fun!"

The varsity team had possession until their keeper, Samantha Kooy, mishandled the ball, allowing the club team to take a 1-0 lead.

"It was a fluke goal," Smith said. "They scored a couple goals earlier in the game, and it was a difficult game for us."

"You have to want it. I want to play at the varsity level so I joined the club team to prepare myself. I love this sport," Comer said.

Each player on the club team has shown a type of dedication and self-devotion to the game of soccer. Although the varsity team requires a lot of time, the results can be gratifying. The club team has had the opportunity to spend their time doing what they love, wasting no time and growing stronger as players.

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If students are interested in playing soccer, there are opportunities at Central. One can try out for the women's varsity team in the first week of August, or simply show up at one of the women's club soccer practices. If time is an issue, then join an intramural soccer team. No matter where you go at Central, you can find soccer.

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Central's varsity soccer team and club soccer team have shown a love for soccer and a deep desire for unity on both squads.

Each individual has brought their own strengths to each team, but there is no time better than now to get involved and help Central's women's soccer teams.
ALL-STARS: Central athletes shine throughout the GNAC

The CWU men’s Track and Field team won their first ever GNAC Championship title while the women’s team finished third in the conference behind Seattle Pacific University and Western Oregon University. The team had two representatives, Senior forward Jaime Coronin and junior Laura Wright, who were both named to the first team and honorable mention respectively. Men’s and women’s head coaches William F. Halsey and Chantelle Martinez were selected to the GNAC’s All-Star team.

2005-06 Women’s CWU GNAC All-Stars

Basketball
1st Team Forward Senior Alexis Brine
Honorable Mention Junior Lauren Wright
2nd Team Guard Junior Natasha Kaczmarek

Football
Player of the Year Senior wide receiver Brian Potucek
Freshman quarterback Mike Reilly
Coach of the Year Mike Zanderkin
1st Team Offense-Senior wide receiver Nate Brown
2nd Team Defense-Senior defensive back Aaron Gilbert
Senior wide receiver Brian Potucek
Freshman quarterback Mike Reilly

Baseball
Junior-Sophomore shortstop Jamie Nilson, junior pitcher Rich Tompilson
Junior Team-outsiders Justin Marshall, and Cameron Evans, senior designated hitter Chris Sepanski

Volleyball
Player of the Year Senior middle blocker Leather McGinnis
Coach of the Year-Andy Leupold
1st Team-Senior middle blocker Leather McGinnis
2nd Team-Senior middle blocker Leather McGinnis
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Softball
Junior Team forwards Arica Crane
Senior outfielder Matty Holman
Junior forward Arica Crane, senior defensive catcher in the conference, senior designated hitter Chris Sepanski.

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2005-06 Men’s CWU GNAC All-Stars

Basketball
1st Team Forward Junior Ajae Fowkes
Honorable Mention Junior center Laura Wright
2nd Team-Sophomore midfielder Michelle Beattie
Junior forward Arica Swanson, junior defensive Philipes
Junior patrols

Football
Player of the Year Senior forward Lauren Den Doctor
Honorable Mention-Senior guard

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ASCWU/BOD election.
"The second priority is that papers are running issues that should be left alone," Hynson said, who declined to comment as to what those issues were.

He said that The Observer had chosen to focus on bias on events from Gilmore's past, that the newspaper had improperly favored one candidate and that the election should be the primary focus.

Keith Champagne, associate vice president of Student Affairs, said his office will be investigating the matter.

He said that the penalty for the alleged break of the Student Conduct Code ranges from a verbal warning to expulsion from the school.

Michael Bennett, Observer production manager and photographer for The Daily Record, distributed the newspapers with a delivery partner on Wednesday nights.

He said that a current member of the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors called him on Sunday and asked him for the exact times the paper would be delivered. Bennett confirmed that the newspapers are delivered Wednesday evenings.

"We saw [Ash] from the van, and said, 'Hey isn't that the guy on the cover,'" Bennett said. "There were about 15 people behind him playing Frisbee, which was weird because it was dark."

Bennett said Gilmore followed the van around campus and, when it stopped to deliver newspapers to a building, he would stop and watch them. At one point Bennett walked over to talk to Gilmore.

"He started to leave without me, and Gilmore said it was a good thing he had a car following us," Bennett said.

This series of events caused Bennett to double-check the locations on campus where papers had been dropped off. He said that at 11:20 p.m. all of the papers were still accounted for.

When Observer staff arrived on campus last Thursday morning, the majority of the newspapers were missing.

After the newspaper office was contacted anonymously last Thursday afternoon, Bennett went with two other Observer staff members to ascertain if the papers were in fact at Gilmore's residence. When they arrived at the house, the garage door was open and the missing papers were in plain view. The staff members called the police and waited for their arrival. By the time police arrived, someone had closed the garage door from inside the house.

Rachel Guillermo, editor in chief of The Observer, said that paper will prosecute whoever took the newspapers to the fullest extent of the law.

For more information refer to related articles on the election commission in this week's Observer.