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Few choices for next year’s ASCWU/BOD
by Chelsea Evans
Asst. News editor

Electoral candidacy for this year’s Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD) is the lowest ever, according to current ASCWU/BOD President Jadon Berry.

Berry was surprised by the low number of applicants despite the number of hours that were put into publicizing the upcoming election.

“We started a week before spring break and worked with the publicity center, took out ads, videos, and posters in each residence and academic hall,” Berry said. “It really is a huge process; it takes a lot of work to organize elections.”

Each year, the ASCWU/BOD has an election to fill leadership offices. This year, of the seven positions available, only one position—one vice president for equity and community service—has two competing candidates. The position of Executive Vice President remains empty. The remaining five positions will be noted as default wins, as long as each candidate receives at least one ballot vote.

Amendments were also made to the candidate election packets to further assist publicity for the election openings. Berry said changes were made to create a better awareness to the student body of the upcoming elections and its candidates.

“More people voting makes our elections more legitimate, which gives us more power with the administration,” Berry said.

Some changes have been made to election requirements, which may account for the lack of competition. Applicants had to gather 500 signatures from students, which is up from the 200 required last year, before turning in their final packets last Wednesday.

Applicants are now also able to utilize up to $400 for their election campaign instead of the former $200 cap.

Still, Berry was reluctant to blame the numbers on the lack of turnout among potential ASCWU/BOD candidates.

“We had a really strong group this last year, so there are no big public issues,” Berry said. “People are more inclined to get involved when there are public problems.”

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Local cops increase DUI patrols
by Cabe Wagner
Staff reporter

Spring weather is here, and with it comes an increase in DUI and MIP enforcement by the Kittitas County Sheriff’s Department.

The Kittitas County Public Health and Safety Network received a three-year grant last September to help prevent underage drinking and drunk driving during warmer months.

“The City of Ellensburg Police Department, Central Washington University Police Department, Kittitas County Sheriff and the Washington State Police are working together to stop underage drinking,” said Jessica Roe, Kittitas County community public health and safety network coordinator.

Figures have shown, however, that warm weather correlates with increased alcohol infractions. Last year, police issued 20 MIPs and five DUIs in Kittitas County from April 6 to April 12. From Sept. 28, 2006 to Nov. 28, 2006 there were 16 MIPs and 24 DUIs.

The grant also assists the DUI Task Force, which is a key group in the prevention of underage drinking.

The task force is comprised of two members from each law enforcement agency in Kittitas County. This year it added an additional eight officers on the streets during times of emphasis, such as high school proms and warmer times of the year when people are more likely to drink.

“Patrols depend upon what day of the week it is,” Roe said. “It will not always be on the weekends.”

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Provost’s office demands transcripts from some faculty

Bake sale in L&E to help lecturers cover extra costs
by Paul Bakercrak
Editor-in-Chief

When all else fails, throw a bake sale. That’s the attitude of several Central Washington University non-tenure track (NTT) faculty members who are being forced by the provost’s office to resubmit their college transcripts.

The non-tenure track faculty have been asked to resubmit their transcripts even though [Central’s recordskeepers] already have them,” English professor Lila Harper said.

Harper came up with the idea of a bake sale as a tongue-in-cheek way to raise money for professors burdened with costs of obtaining official transcripts. While costs don’t run as high as they did prior to the electronic age—one Central professor estimated each transcript to cost around $10—faculty members are taking issue with the principle of being asked for information they’d already submitted.

“Employees should not be paying out of their own pockets to resubmit,” Harper said.

Transcripts aren’t the only documentation. Central professors are being required to hand over. Written “expressions of interest” will be required of faculty members each time they apply to have their contracts renewed.

“The fundamental issue is that they’re making us supply the documents that they have all the material,” history professor Ken Munsell said. “We’ve done what we’re supposed to do.”

The mandates came from Centr Provost David Soltz in a memorandum dated April 3. The resubmissions are being required as part of the construction of a new electronic hiring pool database.

Currently, department chairs hire faculty drawn from their own hiring pools. The database would allow provosts to voice interest in potential candidates, making it easier for department chairs to find replacements, according to the memo.

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In 2004 Central had more candidates in the primary elections than in past elections.

Danielle Martinez, ASCWU's election coordinator, said that year swim and wrestling teams were cut from Central's athletic budget, which was a huge deal for students.

Martinez said this year's low number of candidates reflects the current state of Central's campus.

"I would agree that there has not been a hot topic on the rise for the election stand," Martinez said. "There are not any hot issues in the press or on campus that have the magnitude of cutting university sports."

John Drinkwater, advisor for the ASCWU-BOD elections, said in the last twenty years Central has never had an election without three public issues in the forefront. The election, Drinkwater said, does not show a negative outlook on students or the campus.

"We are in a unique and odd year," Drinkwater said. "I think our culture on campus is changing and our students are comfortable with their education and services; we are not a sandbox but an active body at Central."

TRANCEPT: Change in university policy requires complete academic records from all faculty, costs to faculty may total up to $3000.

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Faculty members have a different impression of the need for resubmitting their transcripts.

"It sounds as if [Central's records keepers] may even have lost transcripts that were put on file back when each instructor was hired," English professor Ruthi Erdman said in an e-mail.

Saltz admitted that records-keeping hasn't been as complete as it should be, but stopped short of saying records may even have lost outright.

Rather, the need for transcript resubmissions was due to the fact that not all transcripts on file were official, he said.

"To be frank, we hadn't monitored that statement and added that records of student evaluations of instructors and faculty resumes needed to be resubmitted, as well.

"It's a minor issue in terms of time or economics," Saltz said.

There's still a chance faculty won't have to provide transcripts from all of their collegiate institutions, Saltz said.

The provost's office was waiting on confirmation of whether faculty could or could not simply resubmit transcripts of their highest institution Wednesday afternoon.

That decision was not available to The Observer at press time.

As of midday Wednesday, the mandate for resubmissions apply to all NTT faculty members who sign new contracts each academic quarter or each academic year.

Even those who have provided their transcripts on multiple occasions and those who know where Central is currently holding their records are being forced to resubmit.

Munsell, for example, is a Central graduate and has been an NTT professor since fall 1991.

"I have to go down to the registrar and pay money to Central to have my transcripts sent to Central," Munsell said. "And they already have them."

Many faculty members aren't clear on why they are being required to resubmit their transcripts at all.

"It's not clear why the administration is doing this, but it's perceived as a threat to our job security," English professor Robert Schnelle said."
Safetv concerns prompt sick tree removal

by Chelsea Krotzer
Asst. News editor

Numerous trees at the Central Washington University campus are being replaced due to age and disease, leaving a scene of stumps and starts.

"These trees are a safety liability for the Central community and need to be addressed in the near future," grounds supervisor Calvin Lang said.

The tree removal project is part of the Campus Tree Plan, developed by the facilities management department. "New trees are being planted before the old ones are being removed to help lessen the effect of tree removal," Lang said. "The overall appearance and individual beauty, as well as safety of the Central campus, will be improved."

Central President Jerilyn McIntyre approved the initial funding to create planning documents. Included in the documents was an inventory of campus trees in 2004.

The plan is paid for through the capital improvement project fund. "The Campus Tree Plan is a shift toward pro-active operational tree management; planting the right trees in the right places in the right ways," said Greg Poe, facilities management department manager. "Trees are an integral part of the university."

The plan is currently comprised of three projects. The first project was completed in March, involving the removal of seven unhealthy trees along University Way and D Street. Red oaks, maples, hick and pagoda trees were planted in their place.

The large elms also located along University Way and D Street will eventually be replaced due to old age. "The idea behind the tree plan is to ensure that as trees are removed, new ones are put back in place that are compatible with the campus and the environment at Central," Lang said.

The second project includes removing nine diseased sycamores on the west side of Bouillon Hall. The sycamores were suffering from Anthracnose, a disease caused by fungus that creates brown lesions on the leaves or twigs of the trees.

The sycamores will be replaced with nine Sophora Japonica trees. In the future an additional understory of trees will be planted, including Japanese spurge, flowering currant and Hostas.

The third project includes planting 200 ponderosa pines on the west side of the Student Village service drive. "This will create a new wind and visual break and allow for the removal and replacement of the poplar trees along the service drive in six to eight years," Poe said.

Grounds crew work in teams of two to six people, depending on the demands of the project. "The Tree Plan does take into account diseases and insects that are a problem in the area and we as the grounds department will be working to abate as many of these problems as we can," Lang said.
Week-long program brings oil awareness

CEC sponsors event to teach habits to lower community oil consumption.

by Tyson Ingalbs
Staff Reporter

The Civic Engagement Center (CEC) is holding an Oil Awareness Week aimed at decreasing oil consumption. The week is focused on educating the community in developing good habits to lower oil consumption. Katie Humphries, a sophomore geography major, with the help of volunteers, is organizing the event that will take place from April 16-22.

A wide range of events will include guest speakers, discussion forums, and demonstrations of new technology. "Our mission is to inform individuals about how their personal actions affect their local and global environment," Humphries said.

All week long, informational booths will be located in the SURC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6 p.m. - Monday April 16 in SUB 107: Guest speaker Gary Nyseth from Energy Services of Ellensburg will speak about the Ellensburg Solar Community Project, an organization that is coordinating to help power the community with sustainable energy.
- 6 p.m. - Tuesday April 17 in SUB 107: Roger Boaschild, assistant professor of mechanical engineering technology, will present a lecture entitled "If biofuels is the answer what is the question?"
- 6 p.m. - Wednesday April 18 in the SUBC Ballroom: Guest speaker Dave Cloud will discuss electric cars and their benefits to the environment.
- 7 p.m. - Thursday April 19 in the SUBC Ballroom: A screening of the documentary "Oil on Ice."
- 11 a.m. - Friday April 20 at West Ellensburg Park: A ribbon cutting ceremony will unveil Ellensburg's Solar Community Project.
- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Saturday April 21: Students will meet in the parking lot on D Street for storm drain stenciling. Students will spray paint messages around storm drains with information on toxic dumping. An informational meeting will take place at 5:15 p.m. on April 19 in the Civic Engagement Center.
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Sunday April 22 at West Ellensburg Park: Tours will be available of Ellensburg's Solar Community Project.

Program provides knowledge of human trafficking

by Martinique Haworth
Staff Reporter

Fighting Against Sex Trafficking (F.A.S.T.), a new program put on by the Civic Engagement Center (CEC), has started the International Justice Mission Club (IJMC).

IJMC will help raise funds and awareness for fellow organizations that help free people who have been sold into slavery.

Stephanie Oberlander, a member of the IJMC, said they are looking for open dialogue, not arguing, at their meetings.

"We like to call it a think-do tank," Oberlander said. "We are not only talking about ideas to help, but actually putting our ideas into action."

IJMC joined with two other organizations, the CEC and Rescue Thailand, to help fight sex trafficking.

Jake Stillwell, member of the IJMC, said the club's main goal is to break the problem of sex trafficking.

"We know we cannot end slavery on our own, but we can help in the fight by raising awareness and providing these organizations with the bare necessities they need to help these people," Stillwell said.

Rescue Thailand builds orphanages for rescued victims of sexual slavery. Rescue Thailand not only gives victims a safe place to go, but provides them with everyday needs for living. The organization also helps victims get back to a normal schedule, since many have been hooked on drugs.

The IJMC and CEC plan to send trained volunteers such as law enforcers, lawyers and social workers to countries that are suffering from human rights issues.

In 2004 there were more sex slaves trafficked around the world than during four centuries of transAtlantic African slave trade, according to the IJMC.

The U.S. State Department's annual report in 2005 reported 600,000 to 800,000 people trafficked across international borders each year. More than 14,500 have been trafficked into the United States.

Human trafficking is the third most profitable criminal activity, following drugs and arms trafficking. An estimated $9.5 billion generated in annual revenue from all trafficking activities, with at least $4 billion attributed to the worldwide brothel industry.

In 1999 alone, according to the IJMC, there was an estimated 20 million people in some form of slavery.

Today that number has grown with 1.5 million estimated to be children.

For more information on how to donate to or join the IJMC, the first meeting will be at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 16 in the Student Union and Recreation Center room 135.

Check out The Observer Online for additional stories!
Mattress flames threaten local home

by Katie Murdock
Asst. News editor

A Central Washington University communication major was arrested and booked into the Kittitas County Jail for felony possession of marijuana and two counts of illegal distribution last Wednesday, according to a press release from Sheriff Gene Dana.

Twenty-two-year-old Ricky Taff was arrested and booked into the county jail for allegedly selling marijuana to undercover police officers. Taff is accused of having approximately half a pound of marijuana, estimated to be worth $1,000, in his apartment. Another suspect will be charged through the prosecutor's office.

The Kittitas County Sheriff's Office, the Kittitas County Public Health and Safety Network not only enforce county laws but also catch people who provide alcohol to minors.

Minors consuming alcohol are only part of the problem. The Kittitas Health and Youth Survey of 2006 showed 82 percent of high school seniors thought it was easy to access alcohol. Members of Kittitas County Community Public Health and Safety Network not only want to help enforce underage drinking laws but also catch people who provide alcohol to minors.

"The majority of the time we do not find out who purchases the alcohol for the minors," said Mike Llovera, Detective Sergeant with the Ellensburg Police Department.

Local law enforcement and health officials want to keep the community informed about how to stay safe and discourage underage drinking, which is a real concern of the community.

Steve Panattoni, a Kittitas County Sheriff administration Sergeant said he wants minors to make good, safe decisions when consuming alcohol.
If there was ever a time for action by Central Washington University's student body, the time is now.

The thin field of candidates for the 2007 Associated Student Body (ASCWU/BOD) has put next year's student body in the position of being represented by an undemocratically elected congregation of their peers. And to be honest, I can't decide what's more appalling: that one of us was immature enough to defecate in a Stephens-Whitney Hall dryer last week, or that hardly any of us were willing to stand up for a chance to lead the university.

To put this spring's "race" in perspective, imagine if only 29 United States Senate seats and 129 House seats were contested in the 2006 midterm elections. (For those who slept through civics class, there are 100 seats in the Senate and 435 in the House of Representatives.) The country would cry a collective boo over such a small range of choices. Here at Central, we ought to be doing the same.

The fault of this year's lackluster turnout rests on all our shoulders—from Central's administration, to the current ASCWU/BOD, to Central's student body and even The Observer.

Central's administration has long been failing to promote the ASCWU/BOD. If The Observer's "Central Views" questionnaire (see bottom of page 7) is any indication, most Central students don't even know what the ASCWU/BOD is. That's hardly surprising, considering the fact that they're given about as much prominence in freshman orientation packets as the hacky sack club.

The ASCWU/BOD enacted a plan to increase student participation in elections this year and it failed miserably.

Candidates this year were required to gather 500 signatures in order to run—300 more than last year. The rationale here was that at least every student who signed a candidate's petition would turn out to vote. But 500 votes account for about half of the total voter turnout, meaning this year's candidates were basically required to collect all their votes before even running.

The student body's failure ought to be obvious. After all, only 11 percent of students turned out for last year's election. Furthermore, it's out of the student body that we draw candidates for the ASCWU/BOD and they've left us with only one race in which voting will actually matter.

Of course, The Observer isn't blameless, either. As the official newspaper of Central, it's our job to inform the people on the important events of the day. By not adequately publicizing the deadlines and requirements for ASCWU/BOD positions, we fell short of our stated principles: to inform people we're all at fault for the meager turnout before us, but we still have an opportunity to set things right. The deadline for write-in candidates in April 24 at 4 p.m. in SURC room 283. Write-in candidates are still required to gather 500 signatures in order to run, but will have the $25 application fee waived. Write-in names do not appear on the official ballot.

It wasn't fair for my impending graduation or for my position as editor-in-chief of The Observer, to be out gathering signatures right now. But since I can't, I'll gladly sign my name for anyone who wants to take up the cause in my stead. I agree with his or her politics or not. The Greek historian Thucydides once said, "Those who stay out of public affairs survive only with the help of others who take action." Central's student body needs to take these words to heart and keep its collective fate out of the hands of the undemocratically elected few.

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Central Transit and speak out on their wants and needs. Students need to recognize the role they could and should have in the operation of Central Transit. More than $24,000 per quarter goes to the transit's route after 1 a.m. on weekends, students are forced to pay for taxis, walk home or worse—drive inebriated when they have already paid for a transportation service.

Nearly 300 alcohol-related driving fatalities occurred in Washington State in 2005, an estimated 39 percent of all car fatalities.

Central Police—whose mission is to "serve the public by furthering a partnership with the university community to protect live, property, prevent crime and resolve problems"—are aiding in the operation of Central Transit. I find it hard to believe they're working to protect life by not offering transportation to students who are drinking and not offering alternative routes to places students who live outside the city.

Furthermore, I find it interesting that the question hasn't been raised, "Why don't students pay more to get a transportation service in addition to $50,000, which was allocated by the Services and Activities (S&A) Committee in January 2007. For those of you who aren't familiar with the S&A committee, they allocate S&A funds to various programs on campus from a general pool of student money. So essentially students are paying for the entire operation costs.

Kevin Higgins from Central Police petitioned for money to increase hours of operation to extend earlier in the day and include more vehicles and repairs.

The main concern I have with this proposal is the increasing operation hours earlier in the day. Did Central Transit survey student opinion to find out when and where they wanted the transit to run? The general consensus I get from talking to students is that they prefer the transit to run later in the evenings to offer rides to people who recognize they are unable to drive.

One person I talked to said she felt like students were being punished for being responsible and choosing not to drive under the influence. Because Central Transit only follows specific routes and times, people aren't offered the security of not showing up for work without letting anyone know. When this happens, one to two other people and myself end up attending to all the customers.

During peak hours, there will be a half dozen customers waiting to get their equipment. Had the employees shown up at the time they were committed to, the customers would be out the door much faster and not have to wait around. The employees also have a habit of not showing up for work without letting anyone know. When this happens, one to two other people and myself end up attending to all the customers.

From second thought, I shouldn't expect too much out of people. People need to start expecting more out of themselves.

Newsflash: responsible people can't do everything. If you choose to be irresponsible and it affects no one but yourself, I don't care if you can't meet my expectations. It's when a person's irresponsibility affects other people that I do care. When people don't communicate with me, don't follow through on tasks, or expect everyone else to do all the work, I end up doing more work than I should and trying to play catch up, or clean up the resulting mess. Had these people simply been responsible enough to communicate or let someone else commit in the first place, it would have taken less time and been more efficient in the long run.

My plea to those of you who fall under the category of irresponsible is to get your head out of your fantasy world and consider how your actions will affect everyone else.

This irresponsibility doesn't end with college; it carries over into the working world. I work for a rental yard in the summer time. Many of the employees seem to hold the view that their jobs revolve around their social lives. They are consistently late and ask to leave early to accomplish things they could just as easily take care of on their own time.

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**Letters to the Editor**

University officials should pay respect to General Mattis

My response is to the April 5, 2007 Observer article “General’s visit ignites faculty e-mail frenzy.” I am very disappointed in many people who didn’t give the General a warm welcome as a soldier of the United States and as a former Central Alum. I felt very disturbed that a student group introduced General Mattis instead of a representative from the university.

My other disappointment is the statements made by Mr. Popovic. Mr. Popovic, you argue that taking pleas­ure in killing is not a trait you want students to leave this university with.

“If General Mattis said derogatory things about shooting people for fun, forgive him.”

~Jack Barry  
Freshman political science

“Creating a safe place to discuss abortion, free of shame and finger­pointing, will not increase the number of abortions, but help us understand why so many women have had an abortion feel that they had no other choice. Discussions about economic and societal barriers to safe choices will make abortion less necessary without stripping away the rights of women to take responsibility for their future. The answers you seek to the “perennial hot-button issues” will be found in thoroughly analyzing what it is about our society that makes our teen abortion rates higher than those in France, Germany and the Netherlands combined.

All sides of this debate have a common goal: ensuring that abortion is less prevalent.”

~Gina Popovic  
Ellensburg resident

The documentary, “I Had an Abortion,” features 10 women, ages 21 to 85, telling their abortion experience, and includes both positive and negative views related to, or the friend of, someone that there are probably few liberal or conservative, Catholic or Protestant, wealthy or poor, religious or secular. Abortion is so common that there are probably few adults in this country who are not related to, or the friend of, someone who has had an abortion. Approximately one in three American women will have an abortion at some point in their lives.

“Student responds to views on abortion

I am a sophomore here at Central Washington University and I am also pro-choice. I noticed in last week’s paper there was an article in the Opinion section entitled “Time to put a stop to abortion in the U.S.” I agree that stopping abortion is an excellent plan but it is not going to happen by criminating women.”

~Jodi Johnson  
Central VOX president

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**Central Voices**

What’s your opinion of this year’s small field of ASCWU/BOD candidates?

“I’m with the theatre department, so we really don’t pay attention to what’s going on on campus. I really don’t know who’s elected or what.”

Crystal Love,  
Senior theatre major

“I would rather have a small pool of highly qualified candidates than a large pool of under qualified candidates.”

Natalie Washington,  
Junior sociology major

“I just thought ASCWU/BOD candidates were trying to get signatures.”

Justin Milne,  
Freshman undeclared

“I haven’t really looked into them at all. I haven’t heard much about the election, so I can’t really give an educated opinion.”

Elizabeth Lewis,  
Freshman undeclared

“We don’t even know what’s going on.”

Rebecca Anderson,  
Freshman business major
The Presidents of the United States of America

Presidents bring rock to Central tomorrow night for their second appearance in Ellensburg for chimpanzee benefit

by Frank Stanley
Scene editor

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It's quite unlikely for a rock band to hit it big with songs involving Littie, being naked and famous, dune buggies, postmen and a lamp. Seattle's own Presidents of the United States of America, however, thrives on what many would call the nonsensical.

At 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Student Union and Recreational Center Ballroom, the Ballard-based group will play those hits and more, to close out the Diversity Education Center's week-long "Bigger Than Us" social forum.

The forum derives from the World Social Forum and features a number of faculty and guest-speaker lectures, symposium-style workshops, film screenings and book presentations. To tie in the forum with the show, the concert has been promoted to support chimpanzee abuse awareness.

The forum was initially planned for winter quarter, but co-organizers Djordje Popovic and Ashley Grimes saw far more potential in the planning, and postponed the event to spring quarter.

"Bigger than us" is an intuitive statement, but we don't always act with that knowledge, when we look at the actions we make as an individual or as a group," said Popovic, program coordinator for the Diversity Education Center. "Let's start making decisions with the knowledge of other people and other things, like our history and our future." Despite being one of the biggest names in music to come to Central, the event has seen limited advertising, as flyers were kept within academic buildings and residence halls, as opposed to placing ads in more public buildings. Some students still didn't know who the Presidents were, despite advertisements on college network Web-site Facebook.com and plugs on Central's own 88.1 The Bug.

According to Popovic, the original advertised venue, the Milo Smith Tower Theatre in McConnell Hall, could only support a maximum capacity of 500 students. As the concern soared, however, it was clear that the growing buzz would generate an audience much greater than what the theatre could hold. Thus, a discussion with members of the administration prompted a change in venue.

"The vibe we're getting right now is that there's going to be more than 500 people showing up," Popovic said. "People were talking about it [the concert] before everyone knew what was going on."

Along with the performance, there will be a presentation from Keith LaChappelle, executive director of the Chimpanzee Retirement Sanctuary Northwest. The sanctuary, located between Cle Elum and Ellensburg, is a 26-acre farm dedicated to the housing and care of retired and captive chimpanzees from the entertainment business. For now, the sanctuary plans to house a group of eight chimpanzees in a small, covered outdoor area, and include a 10,000 square foot outdoor area.

"Many people don't even know that chimpanzees are endangered; they're highly endangered," LaChappelle said. "We really need to end the practice of using chimpanzees in entertainment. The link between ending chimpanzee abuse and sanctuary is there is nowhere for them to go..."
New 'Burg manager talks business

Q. How did you become the interim station manager?
A. I was living in Roslyn when I decided to apply for the masters program at Central. I sent my resume in to Chris Hull, the previous manager, and I got the job unexpectedly. It was the most intense interview I've ever been through.

Q. Why did the last manager leave?
A. He didn't leave, he just took a sabbatical. He will be back in July. He went on a mission to Louisiana and is providing relief work for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Q. What do you do in this position?
A. I am a specialist in nothing, but I have my hands in everything. I manage the budget, community sponsorships, students and I make sure everyone is on task.

Q. Are you doing anything to change the program?
A. I am not making any broad sweeping policy changes. I want to maintain everything that Chris has done and I want to build on that. I have noticed that the International students do not really mix in with the rest of the students. I want to bring more international students into the station and maybe have shows in different languages.

Q. What were you doing before you became manager?
A. I graduated from the University of Washington in 2003 with a double major in communication and sociology. While I was in college, I did an internship at KCTS in Seattle where I mostly transcribed footage. I was then asked to stay on as the assistant producer on the film "Perfect Illusions," which shed light on eating disorders in the family. The film went on to be nominated for two Emmys.

A new 'do for love

by Meagan Lind
Staff reporter

People typically donate money, time and food for charity.

Last Thursday was a different story. A total of 722 inches of hair were cut and collected from volunteers during a Locks of Love charity event.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hair pieces made from real hair for financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

Alisha Blanc, senior public relations major, decided to plan the charity event because she wanted to donate her own hair to a worthy cause.

"I found a group of people who wanted to donate, then got room at the Still, and the Civic Engagement Center helped plan and budget the event," Blain said.

Blain has been praised by many for her hard work and dedication for bringing the Locks of Love event to Central Washington University.

"There are many people who think she's amazing for putting the event together herself," Holly Belshay, senior family and consumer science major, said. "She has a lot of compassion and she can do anything herself."

The Residence Hall Association allocated $100 for display boards, bits for the hair, and postage for mailing the hair to Locks of Love.

Volunteers from the National Residence Hall Honorary helped by signing people in, sorting hair after it had been cut and keeping the event organized.

Anyone willing to cut off their hair was allowed to donate. The only limitations were that the hair couldn't be bleached and needed to be a minimum of six inches in length.

Three student volunteers from Bluestone Academy came to cut ponytails. Bluestone Academy is a school for Cosmetology in downtown Ellensburg.

"I cut off 38 ponytails and there was a range of people from a two-year-old boy to an older woman," said Vanessa Scherelman, Bluestone Academy student.

Central students who are just now hearing about the Locks of Love event still have a chance to donate hair if they missed the event last week.

"We get people that come in [to Bluestone] all the time that want us to cut off their hair so we can mail it in to Locks of Love," Scherelman said.

If anyone is interested, Bluestone Academy will cut hair and mail it out to the foundation.

"The event was very very successful and I am proud of it," Blain said.

For information on this quarter's Classic Film Series, see the story on the Observer Web site at: www.cwu.edu/~Observer
Music festival plays on despite low turnout

by Nichol Burns and Frank Stanley
Staff reporter, Scene editor

Garage Voice, the opening band for the Underground Music Festival, began and ended their set the same way: they do with most performances—with a "thank you" to the crowd.

"The crowd," in this case, would be the aplause of less than three or four people sitting at the tables in the back of the Student Union and Recreation Center Ballroom last Friday.

The day-long festival, sponsored by the business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi (AKP), kicked off the event at 1 p.m. with Garage Voice, audience in hand or not.

Throughout the day, performers had music filling the whole of the Student Union and Recreation Center, yet students wanting to stand in front of the stage needed to pay a five-dollar general admission. Some students preferred to stand outside the ballroom doors and enjoy the music.

"I'll just enjoy the music out here," Ian Miller, senior law and justice major, said. Miller was sitting outside the Central Marketplace on the first floor.

Other students were a bit more enthusiastic for the festival, such as senior earth sciences major Rachel Keen. "I'm here to support my man and the Laughing Dogs," she said.

According to members of AKP, several reasons could be cited for the lack of an audience during the day, including classes taking students away, and students leaving for Easter weekend.

"We did everything we could and considered several times, but this was the only weekend that worked," Catlin Rood, AKP president for 88.1 The 'Burg, got a kick out of Anna's set.

"I can't be disappointed with the crowd turnout," Pick­erel said. "In fact, we need to make it an extra special per­formance for those that made the effort to come out here and support local music."

MarkPickerel, center, performs with his band, Mark Pickerel and His Praying Hands, last Friday in the Student Union and Recreation Center Ballroom as part of the Underground Music Festival.

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now, we have to create a horse for them first, and that's what we're doing.

The brainchild of having a show for the chimp's cause is senior anthrop­ology and primate studies major Tim Held. Held, who is also the vice presi­dent of Central's Wildlife Conservation Club, had the idea of holding a benefit concert. He worked with Crimes, and tomorrow will show the end result.

"It was initially going to be a Seattle alternative band," Harvey Danger," Held said. "They backed out, and then Ashley mentioned the Presidents and I was like 'yes!'"

The Presidents, a post-grunge trio, started in 1993 with singer and ban­ran Chris Balnow, guihbass Dave Dedner and drummer Jason Finn. The group exploded onto the Seattle music scene after their self-titled debut album went double platinum with catchy and at times humorous singles including "Limp," "Back Porch," and "Proaches.

Other career highlights include the cover of the Buggles' "Video Killed the Radio Star," on the soundtrack for the movie The Wedding Singer, and the single "Cleveland Rocks!" becoming the theme song for "The Drew Carey Show.

The group broke up temporarily in 1998 to tend to personal matters and side projects, such as the group Subset with Seattle rapper Mr Mix-a-Lot. However they released a new album, "Freaked out and Small!, in 2000 to herald their reunion. In 2004, they created their own record label, PUSA Records, and released their most recent album, "Love Everybody."

With booking the Presidents to per­form at Central, the process has been in the works since the middle of fall quarter 2006, Crimes said.

"They [the Presidents] really liked the angle with the chimpanzees," Pepevic said. "With a band this big, this good... This is what college is about; a free concert where all the fans can come, and it doesn't have to be a really special event."

Trace Bundy dazzles the crowd Tuesday night in the Student Union and Recreation Center Ballroom. Bundy is known for innovative guitar work.

Trace Bundy excites Central crowd with lightning-fast fretwork

by Ila Dickenson
Staff reporter

This week, Central Washington University students and local fans got rocked by the sounds of Pachelbel's Canon, Eminem, and an Irish hymn.

"I've never heard people play like that," Felicia Helland, high school senior, said.

"It was amazing. You never hear people play like that," Heather Westman, undeclared, said.

"I couldn't believe how fast his fingers were moving," Sarah Parks, fresh­man undeclared, said.

Finally, Bundy really knows how to play the instrument. He knows how to make this piece of wood and plastic make any sound that he needs to do it.

Bundy utilized every physical aspect of his guitar to make sounds and combi­nations that many people have never heard before.

He makes the kind of sound that makes you want to play it on great headphones in a dark room by yourself in an attempt to understand and appre­ciate the way it deserves.

Trace Bundy is a musical genius with amazing motivation, which is seen in his chords as well as his chit-chat.

"To be able to show up and walk away with a smile on their face is cool." Bundy said after the show.

For more information about Trace Bundy or his work, visit his website at www.tracebundy.com or he invites you to become his friend at www.myspace.com/tracebundy.
Jodie Sweetin expected to pack a 'full house' tonight in SURC Theatre

by Kareena Shellsman

Staff reporter

"How rude" was her catch phrase as innocent Stephanie Tanner on the family sitcom, "Full House." But actress Jodie Sweetin is all grown up now and ready to speak about her addiction to crystal methamphetamine at Central Washington University tonight.

"Jodi will be primarily talking about her addiction to meth, but she'll also dish about her show too," said Sarah Grant, student programmer for Campus Activities.

Following the end of the "Full House" television series, Sweetin took a break from Hollywood and aspired to be a "normal" teenager.

"It was really hard at age 13," Sweetin said in an interview with Donny Deutch on The Big Idea in 2003. "I finished the show and started my freshman year of high school. And to have your persona so heavily on you, you were on a television series and then all of a sudden you don't have that anymore...it's like losing your job and losing your identity." 

In 2002, Sweetin married police officer Shaun Holguin and, shortly after, began using meth, which led to a nearly two-year drug addiction. Friends and family became worried.

"Everybody knew something was wrong," Sweetin said. "I lost a bunch of weight. I was acting very distant...my lowest weight was 100 pounds." Still, nobody knew the extremity of the situation.

"In a very short amount of time, it went from experimenting to daily use," Sweetin said in the interview. "The high is you're going, you're on top of the world...you can do anything. The down is an unbelieveable low. I used to say it made me feel hollow." 

Sweetin voluntarily checked herself into rehab in 2006 and has been clean and sober ever since.

However, her husband filed for divorce because her addiction put his status as a police officer in jeopardy. Campus Activities chose Sweetin through Keppler Speakers Agency, a company that offers numerous speakers such as women's soccer star Mia Hamm and Hall of Fame baseball player Cal Ripken Jr.

"We asked for Jodie because we're the 'Full House' generation," Grant said. "She's a celebrity but she's like us; you can relate to her. Jodi is our age, she was young at the time, but we were young too.

Many Central students seem excited to hear Sweeten speak.

"I had no idea Sweetin had a meth addiction until I saw the posters around campus," said Rachel Greshock, sophomore history education major. "I think it'll be interesting to see her because she looks really different in a good way. And I want to know why and how she got into it." 

Central started a jazz music degree in fall 2006 and is trying to attract more students. 

"When I was a student, Central was one of the few places you could concentrate on jazz...now everyone has jazz studies," Sweetin said.

Classen said that scholarships are important to help find and attract students interested in quality jazz.

"We have a great program," Classen said. "The quality of music will continue to grow.

"What I wanted to do was honor [Moawad's] legacy before he died," Bray said.

The scholarship was started by Bray and Marij Morgan, Dean of Central's College of Arts and Humanities. The scholarship is intended to benefit jazz students in Central's music department. Last year, $10,000 was raised for the endowment through concert sales and donor contributions, said Catherine Scarlett, operations manager for the College of Arts and Humanities.

This year's goal is to add $10,000 more to the endowment.

"We have some very generous alumni," Scarlett said.

In 2006, Sweetin became the host of Pam-Ol Dance-Off, a TV-PG rated dance contest on Fuse TV.

The program features mostly amateur entertainers of all types of streettike or exotic dance stripped down to their underwear to their favorite music video.

It's a far cry from the Stephanie Tanner that most students grow up with on television.

"We was great [on 'Full House']," said Brittny Gohlther, freshman business major. "They had funny jokes and you always learned from the shows." 

The event is free but seats are on a first come first serve basis.

"I would tell people to get there early," Grant said. "I'm expecting a pretty big turn-out." 

The concert will take place at 4 p.m. April 15, in the Music Building Concert Hall. General admission is $25 or $5 for students with ID.

The quality of music will continue to grow.

The program features mostly amateur entertainers of all types of streettike or exotic dance stripped down to their underwear to their favorite music video.
Central Washington University's softball team had an up-and-down day on Saturday's double-header, losing a well-fought battle 3-2. Katrina Reime had a rough beginning on the mound and gave Saint Martin's the three run lead. Sara Badgley came in to relieve in the fourth inning and struck out the next three batters, including one runner who managed to reach first base on a dropped strike three. She ended the game with a total of nine Ks.

"It felt good to come in and clean up," Badgley said.

The second game was blown away by the Wildcats, who scored at least one run in each inning but one. They cruised by with a victory 7-0.

The Wildcats face Northwest Nazarene University at noon on Saturday at the Central field. On Sunday, the team travels to Bellingham to take on rival Western Washington University. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

For more information, see the box score on page 16.

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Hawks add two more players to nest

BY NOLAN TREASLY

Staff reporter

With free agency winding down and the draft quickly approaching, let’s analyze what our beloved Seattle Seahawks have done to improve upon last year’s misfortunes and second-round exit from the playoffs.

Beginning with special teams, the Hawks, according to the uneducated fan, made a bold move in placing the franchise tag on kicker Josh Brown. Although this has only been done one other time in the history of the NFL (Adam Vinatieri), don’t underestimate the name Reggie Brown. Remember the name Reggie Brown when another Devin Hester is out on a punt.

Also, as the Seahawks finish 5-11, and tie for the worst in their division. Nice move Tim (Ruskell that is, general manager). A late-round choice of someone able to make plays from that position could be a possibility; fans never know when another Devin Hester is out there. Remember the name Reggie Bell, a converted quarterback out of Georgia Tech, very Sonoma Wallace in terms of versatility when he came out of Iowa State.

On the defensive side of the ball Seattle addressed their aching safety issues by signing speedster Deon Grant for essentially two senior citizens and an ice cooler did not set up the team for the long haul. Signing Jose Guillen was probably the only halfway decent move the team made.

The only “bargain steals” we’ve got on the squad are Hernandez at $420,000 and George (can I jam any more tobacco in my mouth? Sherill at $395,000. On the other end of the spectrum we’ve got Richie Sexson, a decent-fielding first baseman who’ll swing at literally anything, for the low “used-car salesman-esque” price of $15.5 million.

I love the Mariners, don’t get me wrong, and I’ll go to any game possible. I remember the first time we made the move from the Longview to Seattle to take in Safeco field. Five innings later, Freddy Garcia had given up 15 runs to the Inn­field, and my dad and I were starting to drive back home to keep from yelling at any Mariners employee we could set our sights on. I’ve watched Rene Rivera launch balls into the outfield because Mike Hargrove let him catch more than one game each week, and even then he’ll pinch-hit Johjima just to spit him.

Which brings us to Hargrove. He parlayed success at Cleveland into “success” here in Seat­tle. He routinely leaves pitchers in too long, and makes players give away any sort of rest (see Johji­ma). Even Ichiro, our franchise player, obviously needed a day off mid-July last year, and Har­grove, the pitcher, was the one who signed him. I want the Mariners to succeed, and I’ll be the first in line for tickets if they eke into the playoffs.

However, without dumping the terrible con­tracts we’ve set up—and our front office and coaches are going to be at the bottom of a winnable conference. The batting line-up also looks decent. The signing of outfielder Jose Guillen adds some power at the plate. The M’s 2006 1B fans lusted on leader Raul Ibanez should bring in plenty of runs this year as well. If first baseman Richie Sexson can get his game under control and stay consistent, he might even sup­rise us. He had 107 RBIs in 2006, sec­ond to Boone with 123.

Joining Guillen, Session and Ibanez in the line-up are designated hitter Jose Vidri, third base­man Adrian Beltre, catcher Kenji Johjima, sec­ond baseman Jose Monroe and shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt, all of which can do well at the plate. However, Seattle’s bats are led by Japanese superstar centerfielder Ichiro Suzuki.

Ichi is, without question, the most exciting athlete to play for the Emerald City since he was signed in 2001. I’m positive the star hitter will once again be the most entertaining player to watch. He has set records in hits and stolen bases and is a six-time All-Star selection in six years in the major league.

The plate isn’t the only place Ichiro shines. He has one of the most impressive arms in the league and is quick on the field, which has earned him six consecutive Gold Glove awards. Unfortunately, we may need to wait it out as well because, if possible, he won’t stick around after his contract expires at the end of the season. With our luck he’ll sign with the Yan­kees, since it seems to be a trend that they even­ually pick up two teams per year.

After last weekend’s cancellations in Clevel­and due to weather, the current season high­light for the Mariners has been making snow angels at Jacobs Field. But peeling snowballs is hopefully behind them, and Mariners fans can look forward to an exciting year with an improved pitching staff and powerful bats.

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Out of Bounds:
Saying no to big time sports stadiums

Recent proposals for a new sporting arena in the Seattle area and a NASCAR worthy racetrack in Kittitas County have met opposition in the state legislature. The city of Seattle has made it impossible for the Seattle Supersonics, the city's oldest sports franchise, to stay in the downtown area with the passing of 1994.

This initiative made public funds unavailable for the construction of a sports facility of any kind. With the Key Arena no longer a viable option, the Sonics had to look to either Bellevue or Renton as a new place to call home.

On Monday, the Professional Basketball Club LLC, owners of the Sonics and Storm basketball franchises, a NHL franchise, NCAA Tournament games, Olympic events, concerts and conventions.

"If they are going to leave the city, we want them to know that there's an opportunity here for them to consider," said Alexander Pietch, Renton's economic development administrator.

The state legislature will ultimately have to approve any financing plan the area would need. The majority of city and state officials and King County residents are strongly against it.

According to www.eventcenters.com, this proposal would not result in any new taxes or tax increases. The taxes used to build the Quest and Safeco Fields would be extended to cover the new stadium. These taxes are targeted towards visitors to the Seattle area on things like rental cars, hotels, motels and restaurants. Restaurant-guests will only notice a 50 cent tax on every $100 spent. The rest of the funds will come from services provided at the facility.

The battle over the new sports arena isn't the only proposal meeting opposition in the legislature.

Negotiations are ongoing to bring NASCAR to the Northwest. The International Speedway Corporation (ISC) has been dealing with the state since June 2005 to build a new racetrack near Bremerton. The ISC owns 12 tracks used by NASCAR, including Daytona. SEE STADIUM, PAGE 16

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Druffel shines in softball

by Michael Johnson
Staff reporter

Everyone's watching, you're at the plate, determined not to be the latest victim of the slow-pitch softball.

The ball is thrown in the air, only to drop somewhere within the strike zone. The ball is inches away, and it's laughing on its way to the plate. You're salivating at the thought of hitting a home run.

With all your strength, you swing and come up empty. We all know the feeling: your friends are now laughing because you couldn't hit the slow-pitch. With the success that Kasey Druffel is having on the field this year, one would never guess that the junior from Central's softball team that has never had a slow-pitch softball for a small B district school.

"I played slow-pitch softball from my freshman to my junior year in high school," Druffel said. "My senior year they switched to fastpitch." Druffel had her heart set on going to North Idaho College after high school, but coming from a small B school, coaches rarely recruited from her area. With little exposure, and one year of fast-pitch experience, Druffel decided to walk onto the fastpitch softball team at Central.

"It was a little rocky going from slow to fast (pitch)," Druffel said, although the season has been quick. "I was the first girl to receive a softball scholarship out of my high school, and the second to contribute playing at a four-year university.

Druffel originally signed with Albertson College of Idaho before receiving a call from the coaches at Central Washington University to play softball.

"I was just looking for a place that was close to home," Druffel said. Druffel redshirted last year after surgery on her throwing arm. She had surgery in May 2006, and expected a four-to-six month recovery time.

Druffel was back in September, ear-lier than expected, and participated with the team in the fall.

She dedicated her time to staying longer after practices, hitting more, training and lifting as often as she could.

"I just try to work hard everyday at practice," Druffel said. "I work hard on things I'm not doing right and try and make adjustments. If I feel like I didn't get a good hitting workout or if I was not holding the ball correctly, I will stay longer after practice."

As the lead-off hitter for the Wild­cats, Druffel's job is to get on base, so that the rest of her team can move her around.

Once on base, she can use her speed, which she considers her most valuable asset, to cause opposing pitch­ers and infielders fits.

Druffel has been productive this year, and says that she is having success because of her teammates.

"There is no 'I' in 'team,'" Druffel said. "We as a team are successful together. Druffel's motivation and passion for the game is obvious.

"I have fun playing," she said. "And my parents are really proud of what I have done."

Hectic weekend of traveling gives
Wildcats opportunity to mark it up

by Mindy Jafek
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University track and field team traveled all over the Northwest last weekend to compete in several invitational.

They competed at the Pellibr Invita­tional in Cheney, Wash., the Willamette Invitational in Salem, Ore., and the Spring Forward Multi Events and Ralph Viennachia Team Classic in Bellingham, Wash.

"Choosing what players go where really depends on past performances," head coach Kevin Adkisson said. "I tried to get everyone out in these first few weeks back so that they have a chance to get some marks." At the Pellibr Invitational, the men finished strong. Junior Cameron Neel placed second in the men's discus throw with a 48.4 km throw. Freshman Matt Valdez claimed sixth with his throw of 42.7 km.

Other notable performances included sophomore Evan Ruud's third place finish in the hammer throw with a 53.1 km, and junior Michael Ingraham's fifth place finish in men's javelin.

"We finally got some beautiful nice weather, which helped with our first meet," junior distance runner said. "I felt good about the meet and my performance. My only weak­ness was going out a little bit fast." The Willamette Invitational hosted teams from all over the nation including junior colleges club, Division II, Divi­sion III, and NAIA runners. Central's dis­tance runners had fierce competition, but never backed down.

"They had good grouping of dis­tance races," Adkisson said.

Western Washington was host to not one, but two meets this weekend, which Adkisson was excited about. Central has some important conference meets at Western's Civic Stadium. The sprinters and jumpers placed strong in many events. Junior Chelsea Evans placed first in the women's 400 meter dash, while teammate sophomore Rachael Kruse took second. In women's triple jump, freshman Amanda Rose took second with a jump of 10.95m. Also junior Cameron Bai­ley, who placed first in the triple jump with a distance of 13.42m.

With the success so far, the track and field team's future looks promising. The next few meets will be interesting to see who will be the next standout athlete for Central. The Wildcats host the Spike Aft Invitational this weekend at Evermidon Stadium.
Wildcats get back into the swing of things
by Marjorie Allen
Asst. Sports editor

After being comatose for the previous three games, the Wildcats' offense sprung to life on Monday as they dismantled California State Stanislaus. The Central Washington University baseball team had more hits from their pitchers.

Leonesio said. "When we're down by six hits and two runs, as Central cruised to a 10-3 victory. He said that he was relaxed and attributed his success to a team effort. "I just three strikes for the most part, and let our defense take over," Moore said.

Pitcher Adam Levin had another solid performance, throwing a complete game in the second match up. But the highlight of the game came off the bat of junior third baseman Dean Tomlinson, who hit a grand slam to right center, bringing the lead to 11 from seven, putting the game out of reach for the Warriors, and helping the Wildcats cruise to a 13-1 win.

"I was just looking for something up, and I was just looking to take it the other way," Tomlinson said. "Couldn't quit hit during the weekend and then everything seemed to click, it felt great."

With their upcoming game on Friday at 1 p.m. against Northwest Nazarene University, who is 16-15 for the season, the team hoped to end the losing streak and hopes that the momentum will carry them through the end of the season.

The Wildcats face Northwest Nazarene on Saturday, as well, squaring off at noon. The team heads into this weekend 17-13 overall, but last in the Greater Northwest Athletic Conference Standings. Central sits five games behind division leaders Western Oregon University.

"I hope it jump-starts us, and gets us back on the right track," Storey said.

The man behind the scorecards
by Michael Peterson
Staff Reporter

In almost every sport, there is one player who rises up and carries the team throughout the game. This information is crucial for a number of reasons. First, the information is sent directly to the NCAA for their daily box scores. Second, coaches depend on these stats during and after the games to see each player's updated performance from earlier in the game. The information is crucial for an immediate substitution. Third, it is used for the second game of a double header.

Lastly, Gordon creates the "box scores" sheet which is found online and in the papers, and highlights the players and the game. He does a good job at what he does with the statistics," said Kelly Rodlich, athletic department office assistant. "He is always there for the team, their daily box score. Second, coaches rely on these stats during and after the games to see each player's updated performance from earlier in the game. The information is crucial for an immediate substitution. Third, it is used for the second game of a double header.

Jonathan Gordon
Director athletic media relations

He has a positive attitude and is a good influence." Not only is Gordon the director of media relations for the team, but he is also in charge of public announcement system for the games. In the spring he plays a different song for each batter when they step up to the plate, which has been selected by the players. He also updates the scoreboard pitch-by-pitch to let everyone in attendance follow along easily.

"Sometimes you need to have a face up there in the stands," said Gordon. "It's not easy to calm down a whole crowd." Gordon spends most of his time during games up in the announce booth located right above the stands. He isn't often noticed - he is always heard.

If anyone is curious about who is responsible for making the game独一无二, take a look up and see him behind the protective glass; he could very well be the MVP.
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Seattle retained guards "Pork Chop" Womack and Chris Gray, while rookie Rob Sims and Chris Spencer brought a physical attitude to the run game late in the year.

The one overlooked move was the signing of Marcus Pollard, an aging tight end with soft hands and good blocking ability. Although he's 35, only two years ago he led the Lions in receptions, and most importantly he knows that it's illegal to drink and drive. This is something Jeramy Stevens never quite figured out; I consider this an upgrade.

Look for them to address depth on the offensive line with the draft—maybe Ryan Harris out of Notre Dame if he falls to the third round, or a guard out of Iowa, Marshal Yanda. Also, tight end could be a consideration. Michael Allan is a big target and somewhat of a local product, he went to Whitworth, in Spokane.

Overall the Seattle Seahawks are a top tier team that was hit hard by the injury bug last year. They just need a tweak here and there. So don't let last year's let down trick you into jumping off the band wagon, because come next year you're going to want to climb right back on.

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However, on April 2 the ISC pulled out of negotiations to build the facility due to demands the group deemed unreasonable by state legislators.

"It has become clear that despite our best efforts and that of our significant supporter base both at the state and local levels, we would have been faced with unacceptable requirements in order to move this project to the next phase," ISC President Lesa France Kennedy said. The proposed facility wouldn't have used any public funds. The entire cost of the facility was to be paid by its own revenue. The Pacific Northwest still is a major area of interest for the ISC.

"With its large motorsports fan base, we continue to view the development of a premier racing facility in the Pacific Northwest as one component of several broader strategic growth opportunities ahead for ISC," Kennedy said.

The Seattle area is home to many passionate sports fans, as shown by the Seattle Seahawks selling out 35 consecutive home games over the last four seasons. However, without some serious help from government officials, Seattle could miss out on many significant sporting events now and in the future.