Feminists form club, promote equality

by Karina Shelman
Staff reporter

The main concern of women today isn't about cooking, cleaning and looking pretty like Lucille Ball was back in the day. And they don't cry for Ricky anymore when the toaster doesn't work. Instead, women nationwide have taken a strong stance in promoting powerful female roles and awareness in regards to unfair labor laws, domestic violence and negative perception stereotypes of feminism.

The new Feminist Club at Central is taking an active role in promoting awareness and education about the issues. 

"The club pretty much came out of a women's studies class and was introduced by the professor, Dr. Bang-Soon Yoon," said Katie Underwood, president of the Feminist Club.

"It is an idea that we've been aware of, it feels natural." According to the Women's Media Web site, approximately 51 percent of the population in the United States is female. Even approximately 80 cents for every dollar a man earns. "In an ideal world, there would be an equal playing field between a man and a woman," said Lisa Jones, student programmer for the Center for Student Empowerment. "I think it is great. I expect the [club] to connect and reach out peer-to-peer and educate to make people more aware of the issues."

The club is currently organizing a service project in which members will participate during the remainder of the quarter. Gann said the club wants to work with organizations like Abuse Support and Prevention Education Now, Planned Parenthood and VON on upcoming service projects. "I think we need to educate and break stereotypes," Jones said. "People need to look at leaders for their qualities and not because they are a woman or man."

The club plans to hold fundraisers, such as yard sales and movie nights. For now the club is spreading the word regarding their meetings and projects. "Men and women are different and those differences should be celebrated," said Gann. "Even if you come to just one meeting, that's fine. [Adding that], we're really just about promoting the differences between men and women and not condemning them."

Katie Underwood works at her desk in the BOD office amongst boxes of shoes collected during the drive. Underwood offered to house the shoes in her office, she didn't expect there to be as many as there were.

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For more information on Shoes for Orphan Souls visit www.backontrack.org.

by Chelsea Krztorz
Asst. News Editor

Students across Central Washington University have been collecting new and gently used shoes from friends and family which will be sent to impoverished nations such as Russia.

More than 200 pairs of shoes for teenage orphans have been collected in the past month. Funds for donations is by 5 p.m. May 4 in the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD) office on the second floor of the Student Union Recreation Center.

"We're taking the shoes to need," said Katie Underwood, ASCWU/BOD Vice President for Academic Affairs. "The best part is knowing that I am helping give someone an item that is a luxury in part of their country, especially when most Americans just see shoes as an accessory."

Shoes are being collected as part of the Shoes for Orphan Souls program. First, the shoes are collected by Rotary club and Buckner Orphan Care International volunteers. Then they are transported to locations including Kenya, China, Romania, Latvia, Peru, the Texas/Mexico border and Russia.

Rotaract, Central's equivalent of Rotary Club, worked in conjunction for with the Ellensburg Rotary district 5G6 for the drive.

Central residence halls assisted with the program. In particular, Davies Hall donated 190 pairs of shoes, filling six containers. Another 20 to 30 pairs have yet to be turned in.

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Freshman volunteer Jessica Winterton said the best part was receiving donations from people they had not personally solicited.

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Candidates vie for student support

What is the single greatest issue affecting students at Central and how will you work in your position to address that issue?

"The greatest issue affecting students at Central is access to higher education. Access can be limited by tuition cost, childcare, and many other areas. I feel I can help increase access to Central for students by acting as an advocate for students. Not only will I advocate to the administration, but also to the legislature both locally and nationally."

Katie Underwood
President

"One of the biggest issues is the need to continually increase student participation in clubs and at athletic events. I will organize club recruitment drives geared towards freshman and will become involved with organizations such as the Residences Hall Association to co-sponsor events. Instituting programs such as club sponsored pre-game tailgates, student seating sections, and pre-game rallies, I hope, will help instill more Wildcat Pride."

Danielle Howard
V.P. for Student Life and Facilities

"The biggest issue I believe is that students want to receive an outstanding education from Central. Each student has an issue that is affecting their life at Central. I will provide enriching programs and activities that will make students at Central feel more welcome, and are then given the opportunity to network with the peers they do not see on a daily basis."

Anna Boyer
Executive V.P.

"I believe the most alarming issue facing students today is apathy. I was elected to advocate and represent the student voice. The greater number of students who actively take interest increases the ability of the BOD to function at its greatest level. Working on the BOD, I will continue to do so by making announcements in classes and talking with students. The BOD advertises weekly around the community."

Kathyrn Ruth
Executive V.P.

"If I had to decide on a single issue, I would have to say school spirit and involvement. One plan I have for creating a new organization I came up with called "Wildcat Society." It will offer leadership opportunities, unite diverse populations, create a greater use of facilities such as the Civic Engagement Center, build a greater awareness of ASCWU and other organizations through better communications, and generate stronger ties with alumni relations."

Pedro Navarrete
V.P. for Academic Affairs

"The student body has great potential for getting their thoughts out and changing what needs it. However, student participation is struggling not only in student government, but also in athletics and other activities. My number one goal will be to motivate the students of Central, to get the ideas and thoughts that I hear being passed around every day in the Marketplace out in the open where they can really affect the future of Central."

Daniel Sweany
V.P. for Clubs and Organizations

"I'm sure that at some point you have heard someone say to you, 'Put your money where your mouth is.' I say we need to put our mouth where our money is. We are the heart that pumps financial support into this city and this economy, yet we have no representation. Student issues are not discussed visibly. I will promise to make sure our voice is heard."

Mike Bogatay
V.P. for Political Affairs

Warm weather activities are risky

by Brooke Saul
Staff reporter

Spring is here and summer is around the corner, which means that injuries and allergies are hitting Central Washington University students and staff.

Approximately 80 students come into Central's Student Health Center daily during spring quarter, said registered Nurse Barb Stanley.

Many of the problems students come in with are warm weather related. Registered nurse Robbi Spinazola has seen many students come in with allergy problems from cottonwood and grass lately.

Sara Burnet, Health Promotion Manager of the Kittitas County Public Health Department, said the department has a group that puts together programs to encourage healthy living.

"Shape Up Kittitas County promotes physical activity and nutrition," Burnet said.

The group is hosting an event called Rally the Ridge, which will start at 6 p.m. on May 14 at Cowen Road on Mustang Ridge, just in time to catch the sunset.

Shape Up Kittitas County will be giving free snacks and water bottles to anyone who participates.

Burnet recommends that people bring head-lamps and flashlights and wear comfortable clothing.

Warm weather draws ultimate frisbee player Jeff Perkins, junior biology major. Injuries from athletics are most common in spring and summer.

The Student Health Center is a full-service clinic that provides lab work and X-rays. The center is staffed with nurses and physicians' assistants.

The Health Center is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They also take appointments from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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- Eat nutritious meals daily
- Wash your hands
- Wear sunscreen
- Drink a lot of fluid
Solar panel project sheds light on community

The sun will always shine bright in Ellensburg. This translates into solar energy for the town.

The Ellensburg Solar Community is using renewable energy from the sun to provide power for utility customers who have signed onto the new solar power program of the same name.

Mike Nelson, manager of the Northwest Solar Center of Washington State University Energy Program, believes this is a dramatic event.

"This is a ground-breaking collaboration," Nelson said. "It will head us in the right direction, as well as provide jobs for a region that needs them."

A ribbon cutting event on April 20 by Ellensburg Mayor Obie O'Brien at West Ellensburg Park signaled the official start of the project.

One hundred and twenty solar panels have been placed along the edge of the park to begin absorbing energy. Gary Nystedt, resource manager of the City of Ellensburg, said the city plans to increase the number of panels to 550 in the next five years.

"We've already set up other sites when the original one fills up," Nystedt said.

Nystedt is excited about the possibility of increasing the use of solar energy. Improvements in technology are increasing the potential uses for solar energy, he said.

"Simplicity is the great thing about solar energy," Nystedt said. "This is a resource that doesn't pollute and can be renewed forever. I, for one, cannot wait to continue to develop this project."

The Bonneville Environmental Foundation funds the program as the first community solar project in the nation, he said. Citizens pay for part of a panel, and then the power from that panel is credited to their account.

The event was highlighted by a speech by O'Brien to a crowd of about 50 people in attendance. A tour through the panels proved exciting for the children who attended with their parents.

Ellensburg residents can be excited as well because the solar panels will be the first of what may become a million dollar business in Kittitas County. Of considerable interest is the courting of the Norwegian government. The Norwegians are planning a possible $300 million investment into local solar energy. This investment could bring numerous jobs to the area, helping the local economy.

"I think it is a tremendous idea," Brian Grout, senior nutrition major, said. "With global warming such a big issue these days, it's good to see people doing something about it."

Children's Activity Museum faces uncertain future

Laughter and learning go hand in hand at The Children's Activity Museum in Downtown Ellensburg.

"It's what we're here for, a place for parents and kids to bond and play," exhibit director Raylene Crawford said. "It is also an educational experience."

While the Children's Activity Museum has provided a place for children and parents for 16 years, and due to a lack of finances, the museum could be forced to close, at least for a while.

"We need volunteers for the programs and projects we run," Ashlie Crawford, the bulk of volunteers are Central Washington University students. Depending on the project and quarter, the turnout averages about half a dozen.

"We need volunteers for the programs and projects we run," Ashlie Crawford said. "There are no prerequisites to volunteer, since volunteers are never left alone with children."

Raylene suggests that volunteers have an idea of what they want to do, such as teach art classes, work at the front desk or help with exhibits.

The museum features a variety of ever-changing exhibits and projects designed for children and parents, the most popular being a kitchen exhibit.

"We've had a lot of visitors, kids have changed," Roylene said. "A lot of the toys we used to have, we can't have anymore," Ashlie said. "We have to be so careful about what we do."

As hours of operation have gotten shorter, donation buckets have been placed around town to raise money for the museum.

Raylene said they will keep the first Friday evening of each month, which is partially by the city, free to visitors.

For more information, contact the Children's Museum at 509-627-8914. The registration deadline is April 20. www.cwu.edu/~camplife

The South Park cutting held Friday, April 20 at West Ellensburg Park was performed by Mayor Obie O'Brien with a crowd of about 30.
Imagine your spouse is dying in a hospital. You want to talk to him or her one last time, but a nurse says he/she is forbidden by law to allow you into the room.

It may sound like a nightmare, but for some homosexual couples in Washington state, it's a painful reality.

But not for long. Governor Gregoire signed Substitute Senate Bill 5336 last Saturday. The bill will provide for the creation of a statewide domestic partnership registry for homosexual couples. It will also allow them hospital visitation rights and several other rights enjoyed by heterosexual married couples.

"It is a day where we decide that affect life and death," Gregoire said, according to a press release. "This simply allows same-sex partners to rely on each other... when they are faced with these decisions."

Unmarried senior couples where at least one of the partners is 62 or older will also be eligible to register. This was included in the bill to protect seniors who would lose financial benefits if they married.

The law will take effect July 22, but it stops short of allowing full-fledged same-sex marriage, which was outlawed by Washington's 1988 Defense of Marriage Act.

The State Supreme Court upheld the act in a 3-4 decision last year, but SSB 5336 is a step toward overturning that decision—and it should be overturned. The Fourteenth Amendment bars any state from denying "any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

The only hard arguments against gay marriage have been that it's a sin or that it's unnatural. Unfortunately for opponents of gay marriage, no state has the ability to outlaw anything on either basis. In any case, our state has plenty of other laws both similar and unnatural that have been on the books for years (such as the death penalty).

But for the time being, let's just rejoice in the fact that no one in the state will ever have to let their significant other die alone again.

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The Artist's Eye

"PETA takes the bull by the horns"

It's easy to hate someone you've never met. It's easy to call people evil communists or fascists and talk about the great and monstrous things happening in Washington D.C. But once you're there, you get the idea that all the drama skips the congressional offices and goes straight to the press: to news directors eager for ratings and comedians eager for a laugh. Like almost everything else in the world, Capital Hill fails to live up to the hype.

As someone who tries to keep up with politics, I jumped at the chance to meet a congressman. My family took a trip to Washington D.C. over spring break, and I got to spend a day with Rep. Heath Schuler (D-North Carolina) courtesy of my aunt, who edits a newspaper in his district. As residents of Washington state, I'm sure you couldn't care less about a junior representative from North Carolina, but his manner is representative of a greater whole.

The bad news first: politicians are exactly the way they seem on TV.

Elect only lived five months ago. Schuler has the political "thing" down pat. A former state champion and NFL player, he's charismatic, strapping and gorgeous, with a country-boy accent and a ninja-like ability to evade questions. Honestly, I don't even blame politicians for ducking questions anymore. It's their job. If they spoke candidly all the time, they'd never get elected.

The other bad news: debate does not exist. According to everyone we spoke to, 99 percent of Congress agrees on 99 percent of everything. When they disagree, they don't argue. Whenever you see someone speaking on the floor (on C-SPAN, CNN, or let's face it, Comedy Central's "The Daily Show"), only about four other people are in that chamber. There are no rebuttals, no arguments, no anything.

The congressmen speak simply to get their opinions into the public record.

When my aunt asked about the "debate" and the "passionate exchange of ideas," she received blank stares.

Now the good news: when you call your representative, they actually take your opinions into consideration.

While I sat in Schuler's office, I watched the intern at the front desk answer the phone, then be silent for a few minutes, write, then say "Alright, thank you for letting us know," and hang up.

Doing my best Spokane Valley-girl impression, I asked, "So, are those, like, random people calling?"

"They're constituents," she answered, which is political jargon for registered voters within a given congressional district.

Interns take names and addresses (to prove that the caller actually lives in that particular district) and pass the thousands of calls, letters, and e-mails on to other employees in the congressmen's office.

Each representative and senator has a Washington and a district office. A constituent (that means you) could call both, plus send a letter and an e-mail to each address, adding up to six ways of getting your opinion across.

Witnessing politics-up-close proved somewhat disheartening. Even my aunt, a seasoned reporter, could not wheedle a single candid phrase from the fresh-faced congressman's lips.

But to his credit, Schuler seemed like a good man with good intentions, who genuinely wants to do well by his district.

I always thought "contacting your congressman" was an empty gesture, but now I'd actually encourage it.
From the symphony to Central, an a cappella performance by...

Bobby McFerrin

by Tim Kukes, Staff reporter

Robert McFerrin’s last performance at Central Washington University was in 1959. It only took his son, fusion specialist Bobby McFerrin, 48 years to follow in dad’s footsteps. This event, brought to students courtesy of Central’s Office of the President, is part of this year’s Performing Arts and Presidential Speaker Series. McFerrin fits the bill. Winner of 10 Grammy Awards, McFerrin is not only a famous vocalist but a talented composer and conductor. He began performing solo in 1983, and is best known for his album “Simple Pleasures” which featured the single “Don’t Worry, Be Happy,” released in 1988. He is currently involved with symphonic conducting, which has included appearances with the San Francisco Symphony, the New York Philharmonic orchestra and the Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra. McFerrin appeals to Central with his ability to improvise. Central’s music program is built around jazz studies, which uses improvisation, Street said. Not only can McFerrin improvise, he is well versed in musical tradition, having worked with classical, jazz, and pop performers throughout the 90s and today.

“He’s a one-man band,” said Marian Lien, event planner for the President’s Office. The real impetus for bringing McFerrin to Central started in the Music Department with the discovery of old documents. A news clipping from the Daily Record was found by one of the staff, and shown to Jeffrey Snedeker, professor of music. The clipping from 1959 is a piece on Robert McFerrin, Bobby’s father. The article covered Robert McFerrin’s third visit to Central as a performer. Robert McFerrin was a baritone, and the first African American male soloist at the Metropolitan Opera, Lien said. Considering McFerrin’s father’s history with Central and McFerrin’s own crossover activities in music, he was a natural choice for the series. McFerrin’s father performed 48 years ago to the day of Bobby’s upcoming performance.

“Many students have similar interests with jazz crossovers,” Snedeker said. McFerrin’s visit starts with a public Q&A session at 4 p.m., and will be moderated by Snedeker. The 45-minute session will include questions about McFerrin’s present activities and will be geared toward the students.

The line-up for next year’s speakers and performers will be announced at the show and follows the theme, “Lessons from History.”

The series was introduced in 2001 by Central President Jerilyn McIntyre at the urging of faculty to recreate events similar to symposiums held in the past. The idea of the series is to establish a venue to expose the community to a creatively stimulating cultural element. The program began as a speaker series, but was expanded into the Performing Arts and Presidential Speaker Series in 2005 at the request of the music department, which hoped to utilize Central’s performance halls.

“We realized we had a real gem here,” said Libby Street, executive assistant to the president, adding that the Music Hall is world class and needs world class performers. McFerrin will perform at 7:00 p.m., April 30 in the Music Building Concert Hall. General Admission is $35 and $20 for Students with I.D.
Campus event attendance on the rise

by Frank Stanley
Scene editor

Campus events at Central Washington University have witnessed an interesting, yet uplifting, sight during the year: more people.

Increased attendance has been the result of bringing in higher-profile speakers, performers and events, according to the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD), Campus Activities and the Diversity Education Center.

"It’s been a great year so far," Kari Sheldon, program coordinator for Campus Activities, said. "We’ve gotten very different students that normally don’t attend most events.

Katie Underwood, ASCWU/BOD vice president for academic affairs, attributes the increase in student involvement to both the new crop of first-year students and to a better list of events for students to attend.

"People want to see Brandi Carlile," Webb said. "They want to see the Presidents of the United States of America," Underwood said. "It’s great; this freshman class really wants to get involved."

Aside from the big-name events, another reason for increased numbers is the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) itself.

Someone is always center stage in the Pit, whether it be a solo musician on guitar, Bill T. "The Burg hosting a show, or a faculty or guest panel, the open atmosphere always provides something to entertain passersby.

"Students sit in the Pit during every (BOD) meeting," Underwood said. "Even if they’re just reading or doing homework, they’re at least hearing of other things going on around them."

One of the biggest improvements in programming in the past couple of years comes from the Diversity Education Center.

Since the 2003-2004 academic year, Diversity Center programming has experienced a near 400 percent increase in attendance. After seeing an 11-12 total attendance of 3,780, this fall quarter, their programs brought in 6,647 attendees this year.

So far, the Diversity Center has been working with a hip-hop theme during this school year, including speakers and performers such as rappers Chuck D and MC Lyte, former SOURCE editor Bakari Ktswana and the Maroon Mon­kees dance group.

All of these events attracted large crowds, with Chuck D and MC Lyte bringing in 800 students.

Finding a method to bring in stu­dents has been fairly simple, according to Diversity Education Center director Leslie Webb. The strategy: asking the student body.

"People come to us with ideas," Webb said. "The ‘Bigger than Us’ forum we just had was the idea of Ashley Gimes. We work with provided ideas and see how we can implement them."

The other goal of programming is to fully engulf the academic spectrum.

Students are less interested in work­shops and discussions and look more to concerts and celebrities, such as child television star Jodie Sweetin on April 16. The event was scheduled for the theatre, but moved due to an unexpectedly high turnout.

Nearly 1,000 Central students gathered in the Student Union and Recreation Center Ballroom to see Jodie Sweetin on April 16. The event was scheduled for the theatre, but moved due to an unexpectedly high turnout.

"Classes are becoming more entertain­ing," said Djordje Popovic, program director for the Diversity Education Center. "People see ‘Who Killed the Electric Car?’ then they talk about it with their professor the next day."

Bryant Phillips
Asst. Scene editor

Fill your iPod with new college rock

Hey you with the iPod, listen­ing to Breaking Benjamin and thinking you’re da shiznit, I’ve got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that there’s better stuff out there. The bad news is that there’s not much.

I probably just read half of you like a book, and for those whom my psychic powers apparently work on I know what you do at night and it’s not good for you.

Now I’m not the most knowledge­able guy about rap, hip-hop, country, jazz, R&B, pop… actually most types of music, but there is one genre I know better than most, and that’s rock. How you with the rock.

Let’s start off with a good foundation of well-known college rock bands you need to add to your iPod if you haven’t already done so.

First is Modest Mouse. I say this not because I’m a die-hard Mouse fan, but because their latest album, “We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank,” topped number one in the nation on Billboard’s chart for all genres the week it was released.

It shouldn’t matter whether you pre­fer old-school Mouse or new­school Mouse, just add this album in your collection and you’ll get all that you could want in music.

Next, let’s add to your smorgasbord of music; some other well-known names like Bright Eyes (currently numer­ber one on Billboard’s rock chart with “Casablanca”); the Kings of Leon, the Kaiser Chiefs and maybe even Coldplay. Carlile still rocks.

These bands are all excellent in their own right, they all have new albums and they represent more cutting-edge sounds emerging from around the world.

By now, some of you may have seen a few familiar names and wondered, “Why hasn’t he placed Fall Out Boy, Nickelback or Linkin Park on the list?”

If you are one such individual, please do the following: cup your face in one hand, raise your other arm, and smack yourself. No, no, no.

So let’s focus on a corner where I personally think much of the talent in the indie rock variety is currently emerging:

By now, you’ve got a good dose of college rock for your iPod, and if you still need more there’s always Central Washington University’s own 88.1 The Burg.

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Videmus films provoke new discussion

by Nichol Burns
Staff reporter

Movies shown in the Videmus Lecture and Film series are anything but popcorn flicks.

Videmus allows students, faculty and community members to view movies that might not otherwise be shown due to the sensitivity of the subject matter.

"The films were selected for their thought-provoking themes, educational value and global perspective," said Djordje Popovic, program director for the Diversity Education Center.

The series features seven films, all presented by a Central department or organization representative. Discussion will follow the screening of each film.

"The Road to Guantanamo" is about three British men who were held captive in Afghanistan for four years. The men suffered torture and interrogation during the United States' attempts to extract confessions of involvement with Al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

"The World According to Shorts" is six 30-minute shorts from Chile, Germany, Poland, Australia, Norway and Brazil, all of which feature different stories and perspectives.

"Thirst" is about communities in Bolivia and India struggling to get clean, fresh water and the fight against global water corporations.

"Baraka" is a story about an African couple struggling to keep their relationship together and fight for basic rights in their own country.

"Wolver" puts to rest all the clichés about "black" Spain. It seeks to show a Spain that is lively, fun and ethical.

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"The United States vs. John Lennon" focuses on a conspiracy that arose during the Vietnam War, providing insight into the Nixon administration's efforts to isolate the former Beatle, whose powerful words threatened U.S. wartime policy.

In the previous nine series, Videmus presented more than 75 films and 50 faculty presentations to approximately 6,000 people in attendance.

"Back in 1996, when a group of international students and faculty decided to shake things up on our campus using film as a medium, none of us could have imagined that our festival would reach this 10th anniversary milestone," Popovic said.

The series begins on April 28 in the Student Union and Recreation Center Theatre and will continue through May 4.

Presented by the Diversity Education Center, shows start at 7 p.m. and are free to the public.

The Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) banned this uncensored poster for the 2006 United Kingdom docudrama "The Road to Guantanamo" for its depiction of torture.
**SPORTS**

**Bouldering competition challenges climbers**

By Tom Mengelbarg, Staff reporter

If (rock) walls could talk, Central Washington University's indoor rock-climbing course would most likely have let out an exhausted sigh following Saturday's climbing competition.

Central played host to students from around the state, along with various community members, for a climbing competition in the Student Union and Recreation Center. Climbers traveled from surrounding universities such as the University of Washington and Western Washington University to navigate the obstacles laid out by professional route-setter Mike Helt.

Helt, a 12-year veteran of rock climbing and co-founder of Climbing Wall Management, LLC, traveled to Ellensburg from Portland, Ore., for the event. Helt has set routes for numerous local and state competitions, as well as for USA Climbing and American Bouldering Series. Attempting to mimic outdoor movements, Helt sets routes to challenge every climber.

"The competition was very successful," Ryan Hopkins, coordinator for Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals, said.

The thirty participants competed for awards in the men's and women's beginner and advanced categories. Gift certificates were awarded to the top climbers and made possible by sponsors of the competition.

Thirty participants from around the state competed in Saturday's event. Winners received gift certificates.

**Gettin' rowdy at the rodeo**

By Melanie Lockhart

Student competitors are grabbing their cowboy hats, saddling up their horses, wrangling cattle, and hearing the bucking bulls this weekend for an annual rodeo event.

"It's really a cool experience and a huge part of Ellensburg culture," Ashley Smith, Rodeo Club vice president said. "And it's fun, so there's nothing to lose."

It cost the Central Washington University Rodeo Club around $17,000 to organize two rodeos for the Ellensburg community. The Northwest Regional Rodeo #4 kicks off at the Ellensburg Rodeo Arena at 6 p.m. on Friday, followed by the 5th Annual Todd Anderson Memorial Rodeo on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

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**Bavasi at helm of M's sinking ship**

The Seattle Mariners' last start to the 2007 base-
ball season has come crashing down as quickly as the kingdom. Despite enduring six separate game cancella-
tions in less than a week, the Mariners were able to put together a solid start to the season, going 5-3 through their first eight games played.

**Javelin: Women**

- 1st: Zeb Udell: Western Oregon
- 3rd: Michael Ingman: 56.22m
- 6th: Krissy Tandie: 13.46m

**400m:**

- 10th- Sarah Benson: 1:11.44

**Shot Put:**

- 3rd: Cameron Neel: 49.66m
- 9th: Tarren Legard: 48.20

**10000m:**

- 18th: Sarah Benson: 30:11.44

This week's series against Texas. Tuesday's game was postponed due to rain. Miguel Batista and his 8.83 ERA are slated for Wednesday against the Athletics. However, besides the injury to Hernandez, a great deal of the blame for the Mariners' descent should fall upon general manager Bill Bavasi's shoulders.

In the off-season, Bavasi made several questionable moves that have once again started the growth of the franchise.

Going into free agency, the Mariners needed to address starting pitching worse than anything else.

However, Bavasi signed Jeff Weaver, who pitched well for the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series, for a one-year, $8.3 million deal. Weaver has never had a winning record in the American League, with his best year being an 11-11 record for the Detroit Tigers and the New York Yankees in 2002. The Angels released Weaver last season after he started the year 3-10 with a 6.29 ERA. Somehow, Bavasi thinks this kind of production warrants $8.3 million per year. Not to mention that in these starts this season, Weaver is 0-2 with a 13.91 ERA and 11 innings pitched.

The Mariners are also hurting the progression of Brandon Morrow, one of their best starting pitching prospects. Morrow was drafted last year to ultimately be the second option behind Hernandez. However, Morrow only throws two pitches, a fastball and a change-up, which isn't enough to have long-term major league success.

The Mariners should send Morrow to Triple-A, Tacoma to allow him time to develop additional pitches and build stamina. Instead, they have him pitch sparingly as a reliever for the first time this season, thanks to several questionable pitching woes more than anything else.

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**Game 1 - April 23**

**Central**

**Western Oregon**

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Goodloe Hills is the name of the ranch where senior Kayde Jo Davenport spent her childhood.

On that ranch, the elementary education major helped her family raise and feed cows. It was also there that Davenport learned the ropes of rodeo.

Davenport’s father rode bareback horses throughout the Northwest Washington Rodeo Association. She said, “I always told you, get out what you put in.” Davenport said, “I wanted to better my skills, and he helped me.”

Davenport got an early start in rodeo from her two sisters who rode horses. While she started riding at age four, she decided to join her sisters by competing in the pony class. “I wanted to do what they were doing, so I started riding,” Davenport said.

Ever since, she has loved her family’s rodeo at Golden­dale High School, where she competed all four major events and are her inspiration.

“I won the all around title in breakaway roping,” she said.

Another memorable moment was placing fifth at the Ellensburg professional rodeo in 2005. “I was the only title I’ve won,” she said.

Her parents are her biggest supporters. They push her to become better, support all her decisions and are her inspiration. “It means family and friends; it means heritage,” Davenport replied when asked what the rodeo meant to her.

She spends at least four hours a day with her horses. Bonding with nature is something Davenport does a lot of mental preparation before competition. She analyzes the perfect scene or the perfect style of play to this lesser opponent.

Avery, go with what you got there: size. Why is a number one seed changing their players and game plan against a number eight seed? Granted, key players for Dallas struggling in game one. Nowitzki was 4-16 with only one triple and the lid goes on: Stucki­oubo 6-6, Howard 8-21. They will step up in game two.

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The Dallas Mavericks are the team to beat in this year’s NBA playoffs.

The Mavericks had the league’s best record at 67-15 and three winning streaks this season. Only three other teams have done that. Two of them, the 1970-71 Milwaukee Bucks and 1999-2000 Lakers, went on to win the title. Every team in the history of the NBA that gets to 61 wins has claimed the championship and Dallas will continue that trend.

The toughest playoff challenge for the Mavs will be the first round where they have and has taken much criticism this year for flipping with minutes left in game three of last year’s championship and never recovering. The title is the only way for Nowitzki to get a good night’s sleep and quiet his critics. Not that the people of Germany, his home country, would think any differently of him. He gets more love there that David Hasselhoff gets jealous.

Let’s not all this praise for Nowitzki as a rip on his supporting cast. Jason Terry from Franklin High School in Seattle is one of the league’s best three point shooters. Josh Howard controls the boards and is a defensive monster, and we can’t forget Jerry Stucki­oubo with all around talent.

The Warrior’s haven’t been in the playoffs since 1994, won game one and now have eliminated home court advantage for the Mavericks.

It is to worry now that they have lost four straight games in the regular season? They just need to play their game. Avery Johnson feels the best team in the league must change there style of play to this lesser opponent.

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The NBA playoff time and Detroit is going back to the finals. Say what you want about how easy the Eastern Conference is. Detroit will win because of their strength at every starting position and bench players like Lindsey Hunter and Antonio McDyess.

However, the Pistons are going to be a tough team to beat in this year’s NBA playoffs. They have got strong players at every position and play who can make a clutch pass or shot. While Weischer is a night-and-day upgrade at offense over departed mo­jo master Ben Wallace, I miss the defensive presence Big Ben brought to the team. The arof was also a good time too.

However, the Pionts have quite the plat­on to throw against the likes of O’Neal or even Wallace. If the Bulls climb over the Heat’s old carcass. Two-year­man Jason Max­well is a bruiser and Nazr Muhammad who now has looked for a new job is another six fouls waiting to happen. They’ve even got Dale Davis who, aside from the interior presence, brings the second worst­free throw percentage in league history to the table. Wait. That’s not a good thing. Match-ups against Western confer­ence teams will be interesting, but the Pistons are bringing home their second title in three years.

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**RODEO:** Auction, dance augment rodeo weekend

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“Since other regions have competed in nine or ten rodeos already, we still have a good chance at one of the top spots in the nation,” Davis said.

“The men’s team is currently in last place in the region.

“Our men are young and a little more inexperienced than the women,” Davis said. “But it’s exciting. Every cowboy and cowgirl is doing their best. It’s amazing to watch how young and talented they are.”

This weekend students will compete in bareback bronc, saddle bronc, steer wrestling, team roping, breakaway roping, tie-down roping, goat tying, barrel racing and bull riding.

A lot of time and dedication goes into preparing for individual events.

“There are a lot of things to critique,” sophomore bull rider Mike Charlton said. “You have to practice all the time to be where you want to be.”

In addition to the competition, there will be a silent auction on Saturday to raise funds for the Todd Anderson Memorial Scholarship. The rodeo and scholarship are named for Anderson, who served as Rodeo Club president before he died in a house fire in January 2003. Proceeds from shirt and hat sales also benefit the scholarship.

Other activities include a call scramble (open to student sign-ups) on Saturday, and the announcement of the winners of the kid’s Coloring Contest on Saturday and Sunday. Elementary schoolchildren in the Ellensburg area had the opportunity to color pictures for prizes.

“It’s an opportunity to get kids and families involved,” Davis said. “And a way to give back to the community.”

**BASEBALL:** Bullpen gives up late inning leads to Wolves’ offense

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“We needed that win,” Storey said. “We played well in both games, but I felt like we let the second game get away.”

The game remained scoreless until the fourth inning when the Wildcats were able to take the lead after scoring three runs. The three-run lead did not last long, however, as Western Oregon scored two runs of their own in the bottom half of the fourth.

The Wolves then took the lead in the sixth after scoring another two runs. They were able to hang on and beat the Wildcats 3-4, taking their second loss in a row.

“The wildcats had the lead in the game and our defense was solid. The bullpen just didn’t do it, and that’s the bottom line. Central will play Saint Martin’s at 1 p.m. on Saturday. There are two conference series before the season ends. They hope to get back on track after winning only one of the previous four. The Wildcats will have their hands full, however, as they are 2-4 against the Saints for the season.”

“Saint Martin’s has played us tough,” Storey said. “Our pitching is going to be key. Our defense is solid, and our hitting is there. We just need solid outings from our starting pitchers and we’ll be fine.”

**OFFENSE DRIVES WILDCATS PAST STRUGGLING SAINTS**

by Michael Peterson

Wildcat softball put on an outstanding performance on Thursday in Lacey, Wash., winning both games in a doubleheader against Saint Martin’s.

In the first game, the score was 2-2 going into the top of the eighth inning. A bases-loaded walk allowed junior Mallory Hoffman, first base, to score from third to make it 3-2 Wildcats.

Junior Sara Boldrey came to pitch in the bottom of the eighth and continued to show her impressive pitching ability, striking out two of three of the last inning, sealing the victory.

Game two was a different story, and didn’t last long, thanks to the scoring ability of the Wildcats’ offense.

“It really makes you think your team fell apart in the end,” said Saint Martin’s shortstop Holly Morris, who contributed two of the six total hits between game one and two.

The Wolves then took the lead in the first inning, which led to a 4-0 lead in the first inning, which led to a 1-0 final score in five innings.

They now stand at 19-15 in conference play. The Wildcats have a few games scheduled this week and weekend, and have a couple more chances to improve their record; they have a chance of being a major contender in the playoffs. They also benefit the scholarship.

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