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Rodeo club supports breast cancer campaign, honors fallen friend

by Melanie Lockhart
Scene editor

Central's Rodeo Club members and competitors will be tough enough to wear pink this Friday at the first of their two annual college rodeos, and hope spectators will brave the cold as well.

This year, the Rodeo Club teamed up with Wrangler and their Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign for breast cancer. For Friday's Northwest Regional Rodeo No. 4 (NWRR4), competitors, club members and audience members can wear pink in support of breast cancer research.

"We're really excited that we can turn our whole Friday rodeo into something really good for a worthwhile cause," Rodeo Club advisor Kay Davis said.

When asked to pick somewhere to give all the proceeds to, the club decided on a place close to home. "Ohana Mammography, part of the Yakima Valley Memorial Hospitals, will receive all of the proceeds from Friday's event," [Davis said. "They [Ohana] are completely beside themselves," Davis said. "They can't believe we picked them."

In honor of the event, the club will have Tough Enough to Wear Pink stickers, bandannas, beads, bracelets and other items for sale for anyone who doesn't have pink of their own.

"No pink, no problem," Rodeo Club president Ashley Smith said. "We will have merchandise for sale. The most expensive thing is $3."

According to Davis, the club decided to keep things smaller based on the audience filled with students who may not have a lot of money to spend.

In addition to having merchandise sales and a 50-50 raffle benefit the cause, the club got the community involved. According to Davis, some people stepped up to sponsor the event and agreed to donate money if the winner of a particular event is wearing pink.

"We're hoping we got the word around enough and that all of the competitors from other schools will wear pink," Davis said. "This will be a nice, rewarding addition to our weekend rodeos.

The second rodeo of the weekend will begin Saturday, with finals on Sunday. The sixth annual Central Washington University Todd D. Anderson Memorial Rodeo holds a special place in the hearts of rodeo members.

"The thing I look forward to the most is keeping Todd's memory alive," Smith said. "I get to see the people who knew him again."

Anderson passed away in a house fire in his Ellensburg residence in January 2003. He was serving as Rodeo Club president at the time.

According to Davis, all of the members who knew Todd personally have graduated or left Central, but his memory has been passed on to new members every year through conversation and an annual PowerPoint presentation.

"Todd was an amazing person," Smith, who was close to Todd's roommate, said. "He is the most inspirational person our club has ever had."
Visual Stimulation

“A Horseman should know neither fear, nor anger.”

-James Reaney

Search for dean continues

by Ila Dickenson
Staff reporter

Dennis Dea, assistant vice president for faculty relations, is chairing the search committee for the interim graduate studies and research dean.

Paper and telephonic screenings have narrowed the hiring pool down to four candidates. The remaining candidates will be brought to campus to be interviewed in person.

Students will have the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates during open forums. The forums will be announced to campus as the dates get narrowed.

Dea and committee are searching for someone to replace Dr. Wayne Quirk, who was recently appointed from assistant vice president of graduate studies to be the Provost.

The group is searching for someone to act as the advisor to the Provost regarding research and graduate programs and chair the CWU Research Foundation, according to posted materials.

The position is only open to internal applicants. Applicants must also have an earned doctorate, teaching experience, strong communication skills, and demonstrated success in grant writing.

Quirk restructured the former position of the assistant vice president of graduate studies to the dean of graduate studies and research to line the position up with the academic goals of the position.

Dea expects to hire a new dean by July 1.

Address to classified staff

The annual address to the classified staff will be held at both 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. today, April 24, in Sue Lom- bard.

This is an opportunity for students to hear Central President Jerilyn McIntyre speak with John Swiney, associate vice president for Enrollment Management; Richard Deshields, senior director for University Housing and New Student Programs; and Kevin Nemeth, director for Continuing Education.

Professor death

Emeritus Professor Paul LeRoy died from heart failure on Tuesday, April 15, at his home in Tacoma.

He had no known previous health conditions and had been planning to attend a scholarly conference the next weekend in Seattle with some of Central's history students.

LeRoy served in the Army German from 1951 to 1956 with Perry, his twin brother, and followed this with a B.A. from the University of Connecticut and graduate degrees from Ohio State University.

In 1961, he began teaching African history courses at Central and continued until 1996, when he retired. A generous supporter of Central and his community, LeRoy helped fund the Valley of the Kings since King Tutankhamun's tomb was found in 1922.

A service was held for him last Friday at the Home of Peace Cemetery. Condolences can be left online at www.GetWellCares.com.

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PESB visit raises Central's hopes

by Chelsea Krotzer
News editor

Following a recent three-day visit from the Washington State Professional Standards Board (PESB), Central's administration has high hopes for the teaching preparation program.

"The team found all standards and elements met in the teaching education program and the teaching administration program," said Connie Lambert, interim dean for the college of education and professional studies.

Central has been appealing the PESB's decision to not approve the teaching education program since 2007.

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RODEO: Club members gear up for the 6th Todd Anderson rodeo
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RED CROSS FUNDRAISER

Central JARCA and the AUAP is encouraging everyone to join them from 8 to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 30 in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC). Pit to make paper cranes for their 7,000 Cranes Fundraiser. The cranes will be sold to help the American Red Cross.

The Measles Initiative was created in 2001 and funded by the American Red Cross, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the United Nations Foundation and the World Health Organization. The group has raised in dropping measles deaths by 88 percent globally. They helped drop the rate by 91 percent in Africa alone.

For more information, e-mail JARCA at jarea@wwu.edu or call the Kittitas County Chapter of the American Red Cross at 509-666-8080.

They also encourage donations to be made to the Red Cross office at 512 N. Pearl St.

The next JARCA meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, in SUBC room 301. Their Web site is www.wwu.edu/~jarea.

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Concerns over S&A funding

by Matthew Hartmann

The Services and Activities (S&A) Fee Committee discussed concerns over the possibility of S&A funding at the university centers. The university centers are the satellite campuses alli­ated with the university, located in Des Moines, Lynnwood, Moses Lake, Pierce County, Wenatchee, Green River Community College and Everett Community College.

Students at the centers have different needs than students at the main campus in Ellensburg, said Leslie Webb, assistant vice president for student affairs and enrollment centers. They are seeking ways to represent themselves when it comes to funding.

"We need to get students involved," committee member Jack Cain, junior recreation management and abstained on the vote. "I would like the money issued to CWU students, to use decided on by CWU students," Webb said. "The committee is looking into ways to increase representation and participation at the centers because the current delay between the request for money by the centers and when they receive the funds is considered less than satisfactory."

The committee also tasked discussion on the creation of an assistant director position at the Center for Excellence in Leadership until the next meeting. However, they voted on a second position by a vote of three years, two years, and four abstentions, the program support supervisor. It failed to pass through the committee. The committee could not agree on whether or not S&A funds should be used to create extra positions at the Center for Excellence.

"We offer any kind of leadership that you want to do and can do," assistant director candidate Julia Cain, athletics recreation management, said. Cain also serves as staff at the Center for Excellence in Leadership and abstained on the vote.

Squirrels: facts

- Beechy squirrels make their homes in the ground.
- Ground squirrels found in Oregon, California and Central Washington.
- Their breeding time is from February through April.
- Ground squirrels run to their burrows in the ground when startled.
- They make their burrow in the ground by pushing large hills of dirt and rock into near inaccessible areas to keep people from finding them thus destroying them.
- They make three types of burrows, including hiding, nesting and hibernating burrows.
- They are seven to eight inches long.
- They eat vegetables, field crops, grasses, seeds, grains and even nuts.
- Their hibernation lasts five to six months in the winter.

Affirmative action fails for females

by Sarah Hazel

In the past, women have equalled or outnumbered men in various faculty positions at Central, but now women are non-existent or significantly underrepresented in many departments.

However, it hasn't always been this way.

Women used to make up 50 percent of the faculty and student body when Central was a teacher training institution. The reason for the imbalance was that the people who trained to be school teachers were mostly women.

"Half of the history of our institution is basically the history of a women's college," Karen Blair, professor of history and department chair, said. "In fact, the majority of faculty [was] also women until the 1930s."

Dr. Marte Fallshore, an associate professor from the department of psychology, has teamed with students to create an environmental club, where they hope to address these issues.

"Not only will they discuss possibilities of poison used on live animals, but also other chemicals used for maintenance campus," Blair said. "We want to inform people to change their attitudes and behaviors of the environment and become more aware," said Melanie Garrod, a student training with Dr. Fallshore for the environmental club. "I think it's very fishy that the school is not willing to be open about the situation. If they are making negative decisions regarding the squirrels, they need to make an effort to change their behavior."

There is no solid proof that poison is being used on the squirrels of Central's campus, or any of the other issues mentioned in the article.

The Central grounds crew was asked for an interview to get more information from their perspective, but they declined.

They did offer to send a statement from their department about the situation over e-mail, but it has not yet been received.

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KAREN BLAIR, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, DEPARTMENT CHAIR

"This might actually work."

When CawleyCane first visited the gallery, females made up one-third of the art faculty.

However, according to Staci Leigh-Layman, interim director of the Office for Equal Opportunity, the problem is that women are not equally represented in most of the other departments at CWU.

"In 1975, 18 of 58 departments - that's 30 percent - had no women [faculty members]," Leigh-Layman said. "That's not that long ago. In 2004, 10 percent of the departments had no women."

According to Leigh-Layman, one of the problems with adding women faculty and also keeping them on staff is the issue of marital status.

Most of CWU faculty members are married - 65 percent of males and 60 percent of females - but Leigh-Layman believes it is more difficult for single faculty members, particularly women.

"One of the suggestions I made in my thesis was that we figure out a way to specially serve single faculty, because I think they have special needs," Leigh-Layman said. "I've always heard the arguments about 'it's really hard to be single in Ellensburg,' but my experience is that it's really hard to be single at CWU in Ellensburg because we don't have systems that bring single women together."

Leigh-Layman, while thankful that the number of minority faculty members increased, is still discouraged because the goal has not been achieved for women, according to the affirmative action plan.

"I think we have to find strategies to help fix that," Leigh-Layman said. "We are a better institution than that [statistics] point out, but we are still underrepresented."

Many faculty members are actively trying to change the status quo, and hope that it will become a reality in the near future.

According to Leigh-Layman, Central has made advances, but not enough.

"Even though we've added women, because we've gone from 104 to 116, we are still underrepresented," Leigh-Layman said. "... And we keep losing [women] instead of gaining them."
Getting mad over mad cow

by Jay Berwick
Staff reporter

It was December of 2003 when the United States confirmed its first case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), also known as mad cow disease. Although the cow found in Mabton, Wash., was originally from Canada, the discovery of BSE created concerns throughout Washington, the United States and the world.

Now, one must wonder how much testing is actually done to identify BSE in American grown beef. The United States started testing for BSE in 1990, and didn’t document its first case of mad cow disease until 2003. Currently there are seven BSE testing facilities located in the United States with one lab operating in Pullman, Wash.

According to Washington State Beef Commission Executive Director Pat Brumbach, testing has been cut from 1,000 head of cattle a day to 110 head of cattle a week.

“About one and a half years ago, the USDA cut the testing levels at the BSE testing lab in Pullman, Wash. across the nation,” Brumbach said. “From 2004 to 2006 the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) started their enhanced period for BSE testing.

During that time 787,711 head of cattle were tested in the United States. Out of the 787,711 tested, only two cases of BSE were reported.

Both cows that tested positive for BSE were more than 10 years old and may have ingested contaminated feed containing bone meal before the 1997 bovine bone meal ban was enacted.

The only way that cattle can contract BSE is from the consumption of meat or bone meal from the other infected cattle. The United States is performing an ongoing surveillance program that tests 40,000 head of cattle each year.

The Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL) in Pullman, Wash. has a contract with the USDA to test 5,000 head of cattle. The Washington state lab tests cattle from Washington, Idaho, New Mexico, Nebraska and Iowa.

Tests that are done at BSE labs must have all BSE results within 24 hours according to Dr. Tim Baszler who is the Director of Laboratory Operation at WADDL.

“Our Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy tests have same day results,” Baszler said. “We have to have a quick turn around on the test so we can inform the public.”

Testing only 40,000 head of cattle a year for BSE may seem like a small number, but according to Rachel Ladici, spokesperson for the USDA the testing exceeds current guidelines.

“Testing 40,000 cattle a year exceeds science based international guidelines set fort by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE),” Ladici said.

If the current testing keeps going well, beef consumers will likely see BSE testing cut to 10,500 head of cattle each year.

According to the Web site www.aphis.usda.gov/ cattle of any age that show signs consistent with a central nervous system disorder (CNS), are tested for BSE.

Cattle 30 months or older that are excluded from slaughter because of poor health are also tested. Cattle without a history of CNS signs that are found dead for no reason are tested as well.

BSE is primarily found in the brain, spinal cord and retina tissue. These parts of the cow are not usually eaten so it is hard, but possible to pass BSE to humans.

The human form of BSE is called Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD).

Some people think that organic meat is safer, but according to Ladici, both organic and conventional beef are considered safe because of the 1997 ban on bone meal in feed. Only time will tell if U.S. and Washington citizens alike are safe from BSE.

With proper safety measures such as frequent testing and the feed ban, in time everyone just might be.

For more information on BSE, go online to www.bovine.org or www.aphis.usda.gov.
Cleaning up Ellensburg, one butt at a time

by Curtis Crabtree
Sports editor

The Ellensburg City Council will be looking into ways to help curtail the littering of cigarette butts in the downtown area following complaints from citizens of Ellensburg.

After the ban on indoor smoking that took effect in 2006, downtown business owners have had to deal with an increased amount of littering on sidewalks.

Zach Rugh, manager at the Oak Cafe Bar and Grill, said he had seen an increasing amount of littering since the ban took effect.

"We have holders out there, but they like throwing them on the ground," Rugh said. "It's a pain in the butt, no pun intended."

Ellensburg City Manager Ted Barkley said that the complaints the city had received were mainly on public sidewalks, which falls under the jurisdiction of business owners to handle.

"Merchants do a fairly good job, but it's intermittent," Barkley said.

Rugh said that it's the business' responsibility to maintain the front of their building, not the city's responsibility. This includes the sidewalks and general area in front of the business.

Barkley said that the problem was transferred from one location to another with the passing of the 2006 bill.

With people now needing to go outside to smoke, it creates an unsecured area that is a common place for littering to occur, Barkley said.

P.J. Bugni, owner of the Palace Lounge and Cafe, said that he hadn't noticed as much of a change.

"We were non-smoking, before the ban, for about two years," Bugni said. "So for me, I didn't notice it."

Bugni said he had a janitor that worked at night to keep the building clean, including the sidewalks around the building.

"I think business owners would probably just have to provide an ashtray at their place if they would like to see [less littering]," Bugni, owner of the Palace Lounge and Cafe said.

The solution needs to come from several different directions: adjusting the cultural norm so that it's not OK to throw their butts on the ground.

Patrol Sergeant Dan Hansberry of the Ellensburg Police Department said that it's a $50 fine for discarding cigarette butts on city property.

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Above: Grounds maintenance workers Becky Schwinnert and Dianne Semko clean up chalk left by a Central student protesting the College rodeo. The student was caught by campus police. According Campus Police, the student apprehended was formerly a member of the campus animal rights club, but was kicked out. Disciplinary actions towards the student will be carried out through the Student Affairs office.

Left Chalk stating "Don't Support Animal Cruelty" covers the ground on Walnut Mall. The chalk was written in protest of the upcoming rodeo events sponsored by the Central Washington University Rodeo club.

Language relates to sexuality

Research Associate Ronald Beline Mendes spoke for the College of Arts and Humanities Speaker Series on the sociolinguistics of "gayness" in language. Mendes is beginning research to support hypothesis further.

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Research shows that it can also be an avenue of telling people about their sexual orientation.

On Tuesday, Research Associate Ronald Beline Mendes spoke to visitors of the College of Arts and Humanities Speaker Series about the sociolinguistics of "gayness" in language.

Mendes studied perceptions of gay speech in Portuguese by conducting experiments to explore patterns and differences of diction in gay and straight men.

After recording the same written speech by five men, Mendes asked 50 listeners to perceive "gayness" in the recordings.

He found that listeners seemed to perceive "gayness" in the recordings. This is based on patterns like pitch changes and stressed vowel sounds, as well as following the rules of grammar.

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Mendes' small study is the beginning of that research.
**City**

News from throughout the Kittitas County and community

**Ellensburg weather**

*Today:* High: 56°F  Low: 34°F  20% chance of precipitation. Mostly cloudy.

*Friday:* High: 56°F  Low: 31°F  20% chance of precipitation. Partly cloudy.

*Saturday:* High: 64°F  Low: 41°F  10% chance of precipitation. Partly cloudy.

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**Dark skies to bring security, savings**

"The opposition I expect would be from conservative people who like their lights, for whatever reason they want their yards lit up from dusk to dawn."

GEORGE BOTCHTER, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Bottcher cites how a small problem adds up to $2.5 billion in wasted dollars. These dollars represent, in the cost of barrels of oil, the amount that Americans can save if they switch to proper lighting.

"The city will have the biggest challenge as a light consumer and that is because of the streetlights ... they produce the biggest light pollution," the Chair of Environmental Committee and owner of M.F. Williams Construction Co. Michael Williams said. Williams said that dark sky ordinances are winning support, and that he has not encountered any opposition thus far to the proposed ordinance. Most dark sky ordinances prohibit mercury vapor lights and their replacement. Williams feels that grandstanding in existing light conditions in Ellensburg will be helpful.

Retired naval architect and design review commission member William Ame suggests that Ellensburg "said" existing lighting ordinances from other towns and tailor them for itself.

"So, if there was an ordinance, then all we would have to do is see if they [the lighting] meet the requirements of the ordinance," Ame said. "...everybody wouldn't have to be an expert in lighting."

The dominant expectation for the ordinance from the three interviewees is of little opposition. In fact, Bottcher said that large companies are already complying with better lighting standards. He said that he education would work most on owners of mom-and-pop stores who simply are not aware of the problems that bad lighting causes.

"The opposition I expect would be from conservative people who like their lights, for whatever reason they want their yards lit up from dusk to dawn," Bottcher said. "Politically conservative [people] who don't want the government to enact another regulation."

City Council member Bruce Tabb is concerned that the process of creating the ordinance will drag out. Tabb feels that the length of time, six months to a year, is too long. To speed up the process, he wants city staff to work on it more than just when they have time outside of their other priorities.

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**Ellensburg honors resident veterans**

by Kevin Opsahl
Staff reporter

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Ellensburg Post 683 and the American Legion named a monument structure in Ellensburg that honors those who have fought in America’s wars. A fundraising dinner event held April 14 raised $55,350 through vet’s, their families and the community.

The structure will be the first of its kind in Ellensburg, Veterans are hopeful that the project will be in place by late spring 2009 or earlier. The memorial will be placed at the Veterans Memorial Park on 815 6th Ave. in Ellensburg.

"I thought we did really well at our first big event," Ellensburg American Legion Commander Gene Ketzenburg, of the VFW said. "I was tickled to death to get that kind of response."

A sketch of the memorial shows the structure that will be a penta­gon-shaped pillar with five columns next to it that display M-14 rifles and cans to save if they switch to proper lighting.

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The event on Craig’s Hill included a raffle and dinner. The VFW raffled off a flat screen plasma television, flowers, VFW hats, wine, and a tribute quilt, embroidered by the First Lutheran Church of Ellensburg. Veterans in attendance mixed uniform with semi-casual attire. Also present were members of the Ellensburg Fire Department and former Ameri­cans from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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**Clean flags, annexing land**

by Chebra Krizter
News editor

The Ellensburg City Council approved a number of citizen projects Monday night ranging from a flag clean up project done by the local Girl Scout troop to a notice of intention annexing nearly 340 acres of land into the city of Ellensburg.

The proposed land annexation made by the Soosnion family includes parcels of land located north and south of the 4 1st Street interchange.

Concerns raised by the council included what zoning the land would be under, as well as traffic conditions at the interchange.

"I have particular concerns about traffic," Ellensburg Mayor Nancy Lillo­quist said. "I would hope an analysis of traffic would be part of later discussion."

The council made a motion to approve the notice of intention. The annexation proposal will now be looked over by the Ellensburg Planning Commission.

"It's a big annexation," city council member Fennelle Miller said.

A public hearing for the annexation is scheduled for May 19, 2007.

The council also approved a flag clean up project posed by Ellensburg Girl Scout Troop 4100. The representa­tive girls approached the council wanting to raise money to clean, repair and replace worn flags around Ellensburg.

Miller pledged $25 to the troop’s cause. Following her pledge, a num­ber of other council members and public representatives present matched her pledge.

Central Washington University stu­dents approached the council with a project proposal of their own.

Student representatives from the Spectacular Spectacular, an event to raise money for the Clymer Museum renovation, asked the council for a noise violation waiver from 4 p.m. to midnight on May 31.

The council approved the noise viola­tion, as well as the closure of the 400 block of North Pearl Street for the time.

The event will host live music, wine tasting, a silent auction and a variety of food vendors.

The council was initially concerned of the service of alcohol. The student representatives assured the council that alcohol would only be available inside establishments such as The Clymer, Galaxy One and The Starlight.

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Apparently, Hillary Clinton can do anything and everything. She could have aided in bringing down the Berlin Wall, she was prepared to defend against the attacks on Pearl Harbor and she is fully capable of capturing Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, if elected president.

Of at least that’s what the ads say. For all I know, she could resurrect Jesus Christ if she’s sworn in this next term.

The New York senator’s last-ditch bid to gain additional votes in the final state primaries leading to November has brought my favorite part of the election season early; it’s a little something I like to call “The Campaigns of Fear” (see the dramatic music).

In her latest ad, available for viewing on YouTube, several images flash across the screen, including the fall of the Berlin Wall, Imperial Japanese Zeros attacking Pearl Harbor, and footage of bin Laden alive and well.

All of this while a voiceover says, “You need to be ready for anything, especially now, with two wars, oil prices skyrocketing and an economy in crisis.”

As additional images of soldiers marching, empty gas pumps and suffering victims of Hurricane Katrina flash across the screen, the voice ends with, “Who do you think has what it takes?” Images of Hillary fade in while she acknowledges supporters at a rally. “I’m Hillary Clinton, and I approve this message.” Cut. Scene.

So, what did I get out of that? She’s prepared to try and aid or prevent events that happened in the past, she’s bringing the onset of another disastrous hurricane and she won’t admit that our gas problem remains unsolved.

I am certainly afraid, now. Now, for the record, I am in no way favoring anyone else – be it presidential candidates Senator Barack Obama or Senator John McCain.

Truth be told, it was either of them presenting this ad I would be writing this same thing, let alone the fact that there’s still plenty of time for either candidate to start their own smear campaigns.

I’m more of a Dennis Kucinich fan, anyway.

Normally, this onset of the political advertisements come around as summer comes to an end, when the candidates have run out of other ideas and their previous ad campaigns have reached day 50.

However, with the democratic primaries continuing into August and the race so close between Obama and Clinton, why not let the festivities start early?

For me, this is the most entertaining part of anyone’s campaign, namely because some of the tactics people come up with are so ridiculous, some is just purely comical.

Remember back in the 2004 Washington Senatorial campaign, when republican candidate George Nethercutt completely took a speech by incumbent Patty Murray out of context and went on an entire two-month ad campaign calling Murray a supporter of bin Laden.

I can’t wait to see what everyone else comes up with this year, but I digress.

Obama couldn’t be bothered for a response to Clinton’s ad, but his spokesman, Bill Burton, released this:

“Now one of Clinton’s Laws of Politics is this: if one candidate’s trying to scare you and the other one’s trying to get you to choose them, it’s the can­didate’s appealing to your fears and, the other one’s appealing to your hopes, you better vote for the person who wants you to think and hope. That’s the best.”

I remember when Obama starts the same tactics come summer.

Oh, and one last thing to note from Burton: he also responded by distributing a 2004 clip of Bill Clin­ton cautioning a crowd to be wary of candidates who use scare tactics.

Now we really know who’s wear­ing the pants in that family.

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**Students: get your act together**

I’m beginning to wonder how people expect to get by after college without their parents pulling them along.

After all, they don’t seem to be doing very well here.

I am talking about you who skip a month’s worth of classes for various reasons, you who write notes and test while the professor is lecturing and you who ignore homework for a class because it is too hard or you deem it useless.

Doodlers, however, are exempt, as that does not distract from what is being said.

I am also talking to those who can’t seem to handle the freedom of being away from home for the first time. Last week, a friend of mine overheard a conversation that began with, “It better to go to class drunk or baked?”

You only need to stay sober four or five days of the week – and if that is hard, we need to have quite another conversation.

Best of all are the ones who are proud of their slacking. “No, you need to send this e-mail. Trust me; I’ve been excused from hundreds of classes / gotten in tons of work late / convinced them all there was a good reason when I was just lazy.”

This might seem like I am talking about one person in particular, but I’m not. This is not even just people I know, but entire classrooms.

I’m not talking about senioritis here. This affects more for the next graduating class. This is a campus­wide, probably world-wide, pandemic.

At this point, you may be asking yourself, “Why do you care? It doesn’t concern you.” If you are, you would be mostly right: your grades don’t matter to me, nor do your dying brain cells.

My only concern is that you don’t want to hear your complaints about bad grades, financial aid going away or angry parents.

Or especially don’t want to lose a job because you – you are giving Central graduates a bad name. Never do I want to see a job interview after hearing, “Sorry, but our last seven Cent­ral graduates were either high all the time or were just plain lazy.”

I am not, by any means, saying everyone should stop partying – on nights when it’s OK – or do homework every single day, including weekends: that’s ridiculous.

All I’m saying is to be prepared for the consequences or do something to combat them – and for heaven’s sake, if you become some higher-up at a company without cleaning yourself up, be prepared to reimburse my plane ticket when I fly over personally to slap the person who made that decision.

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**The Culinary Corner:**

How to improve that boring bowl of ramen

by Rachel Guillermo

Senior reporter

Although eating good food is hard on a college student’s funds, it is not imper­missible. As a recent culinary graduate from the California Culinary Academy, I want to show Central students that you can make a great meal from almost nothing.

Most of my own recipes are ones I’ve made growing up in Hawaii and so a lot of my dishes have some kind of Asian influence.

One of my favorite things to cook when I’m really hungry and don’t want to spend an hour making something is ramen, but with a twist. Here’s a quick recipe for when you want something more than just a bowl of noodles and soup.

**Ingredients**

•3 packages of ramen (any flavor)
•1/2 an onion, sliced thin
• 1 red bell pepper, julienne
• 1 green bell pepper, julienne
• 6 cups of chicken, sliced thinly
•2 lb of beef or chicken, sliced thin
• 1/2 an onion, sliced thin
• 1/2 an onion, sliced thin

**Cook ramen according to package directions, except use only one package.**

**Serve**

While hot.
ELLENSTUB: A FEAST ON THE SENSES

This town has train tracks, canyons, rivers, and bizarre weather. Some nights the sound of music is pouring out of garages and bars. There’s almost no need for a car and the sunsets light up the sky like a fire burning around the hills.

Living in Ellensburg is a humbling experience. Not far from town is a sea of nature and old American history.

Down the long straightaway of Canyon Road sits an old abandoned train stop and tin silo waiting to pour its grain into the trains that no longer arrive. If you still settle on the old platform where people would board, you can hear the sound of workers and the whistle of the train.

Next to the silo sit dilapidated homes full of old beds and rusted cars once clean and ready for trade. Walking from the street to the front of the station, passing old animal bones resting in the dust are rusted railroad tracks, which haven’t been used for decades.

Surrounding Ellensburg is a chain of hills. The simple beauty of the hills is hard to leave alone. Ride a bike, drive or walk to some part and climb from there. From heights the Ellensburg valley looks like patchwork.

Hang around long enough and some of the most beautiful sunsets can be witnessed. The Yakima River snakes around the outskirts of Ellensburg. Take at least one day to sit down next to this ancient river where the Yakama Indians would hunt and fish.

Take a deep breath and watch the water ripple over the stones buried beneath. It has a way of calming down the day and carrying the sounds of the town far from the ear.

You don’t have to journey outside the town to get a feel for it. Walk downtown through the back streets and alleys and admire the old buildings, which date back to the late 1800’s.

The “Ellen” in Ellensburg originated with Mary Ellen Stewart, the wife of John Alden Shoudy, who bought the first trading post from A.J. Splawn in 1872. Ellensburg was in consideration for the capital of Washington, but when a fire destroyed most of downtown in 1869, the position went to Olympia instead.

The town’s citizens quickly rebuilt. The mansion on the corner of Third Street and Chestnut Street used to be the governor’s mansion, but is now an apartment complex.

After the town was rebuilt, a phoenix was painted on the side of the Davidson building, next to the Starlight Lounge, to symbolize the town’s rise from the ashes.

Those who are from larger areas of Washington or the United States need to realize that Ellensburg is not a city. Bringing in a mall or larger movie theatre is not going to help “liven up” this town.

A different world flows out here and it’s a good assumption soy. A different world flows out here and it’s a good change of pace. Break down the instant gratification that living in a city builds up. Walk on the grass and disregard the sidewalk.

Save the money for a movie and hike one weekend, instead. Walk around with your friends and admire the simple beauty.

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Don Quixote features new twist

Freshman Emily Usher and junior Kathryn Stahl practice for their upcoming performances in The Adventures of Don Quixote. Central Washington University’s theatre department will offer an unconventional twist in their adaptation, which takes place in a nursing home. Opening night is April 25.

A classic tale receives a modern twist with the Central Theater Ensemble’s (CTE) presentation of “The Adventures of Don Quixote.”

A young girl named Kendrick who dreams of becoming a knight meets Alonso Quijano, an elderly man and resident of the La Mancha Rest Home. Alonso, an avid reader has started to believe he is in one of his books, as a knight. Together, Kendrick and Alonso embark on an adventure - Alonso as the brave knight Don Quixote and Kendrick as his faithful squire Sancho – battling dragons and giants.

“It’s so unconventional,” said Samantha Armitage, senior costume and puppet designer. “It’s not the traditional Don Quixote ... it’s in a nursing home. Alonso believes he is a knight.”

Stahl, freshman theatre arts performance major, also helps keep the story relatable to children.

“Who thought a ‘caution wet floor’ sign could be a chest plate?”

Samantha Armitage, senior costume and puppet designer

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“This is kind of just one way I can live my passion,” said Clarke.

While based on Miguel de Cervantes’ novel, some of the complex events have been changed to fit an audience of first grade and up, with the themes and morals still intact.

“It takes those difficult life lessons and presents them in a simple way,” Clarke said.

Draper, who plays the part of Alonso or Don Quixote, said he knew of approximately five modern shows that had something to do with Don Quixote, including Disney’s “House of Mouse.”

“I am surprised how deep [the story] is,” said Draper. “I think everyone will get something out of it.”

The character of 12-year-old Kendrick/Sancho, played by Emily Usher, freshman theatre arts performance major, also helps keep the story relatable to children.

“I get to do something I have never done before;” said Usher. “I get to play a kid; it’s so much fun to have that much energy.”

Since the beginning of the quarter, the cast has been rehearsing full-time. Being a part of the ensemble is worth 12 credits which allows them to devote their whole day to rehearsing without taking other classes.

“I like the challenge it presents,” said Kathryn Stahl, junior theatre arts major. “I personally have multiple characters I am in and out of; it’s fun to work with different movements and vocalizations, try to make sure I get it all right.”

Performances are April 25 at 7 p.m., April 26 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and April 27 at 2 p.m. in the Hertz Auditorium.

Tickets to the CWU performances are $4 for CWU students, $7 general admission or $24 at the family rate for four seats. Tickets can be purchased at the Central Union box office, online at http://www.cwu.edu/-theatre/tix or by calling the box office at 509-963-1774.
Founder of Pan-African Green Belt movement provides hope for women and conservation groups

by Megan O’Malley
Staff reporter

The 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Winner has created a new dynamic among African women. She has given them seeds to plant.

Dr. Wangari Maathai is the third speaker in this year’s Symposium without Boundaries series, a new lecture series started on campus this year that over 30 different university groups have helped to create.

Maathai will speak at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 28 in the Student Union and Recreation Center Ballroom. Djorje Popovic, program coordinator for the Diversity Center, said that Maathai is allowing people to change the way they think about a problem.

Born on Mount Kenya, Maathai was the first person in Eastern and Central Africa to earn her doctorate degree in veterinary medicine, graduating with a Ph.D. from the University of Nairobi in 1971.

After earning her degree she served on the National Council of Women in Kenya for 11 years, acting as chairwoman for six of them.

In this position, Maathai began to introduce the Green Belt Movement, which plants trees for women to use as resources.

The idea is simple: allow the women of Africa to create something of their own in order to conserve the environment and create a better quality of life. Since its conception in 1976, over two million trees have been planted.

“It started off as a way to empower women,” said Dominique Meeke, junior sociology and law and justice double major and student program coordinator for the Diversity Education Center.

The simple idea of planting a seed has grown into something much bigger than originally thought. Planting these trees signifies a shift in the inequality between men and women in Africa.

By giving women the seeds to plant, they effectively own the trees and all the resources that come from them. Resources that are traditionally held by men, such as lumber, food and paper goods. Central Washington alumna Jen Ham is incredibly impressed with what Maathai has done for African women with regards to empowering those without a voice.

“She’s shifting the power balance in Africa,” Ham said.

Ten years after introducing her campaign, Maathai founded the Pan African Green Belt Movement, which has established her ideas in over 40 countries throughout Africa.

The Green Belt Movement is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization that supports fair governance and peaceful democracy through preserving the environment.

Maathai will be on campus speaking about her work within women’s communities in Africa. Similar to previous symposium speakers, Maathai has changed the way people think and approach a critical issue.

Salman Raddjide spoke on religious tolerance and Cornel West spoke of how to deal with the race dynamic in the modern era. Maathai will speak on changing the power structure between men and women.

While Maathai isn’t necessarily a household name, the community is excited for her talk.

She is the recipient of over 21 awards for her work with women and environmental conservation, and was named one of the 100 most influential people by Time magazine.

Teen musicians vie for Solo and Ensemble top prize

by Myla Freese
Staff reporter

The top high school musicians in Washington will be at Central on Friday and Saturday this week to compete in the Solo and Ensemble contest. Approximately 2,500 to 3,000 students are anticipated to visit the campus for the contest.

According to Mark Lane, assistant professor of music education and assistant director of bands, Central holds the Solo and Ensemble contest every year because of the location and size of the music program and facilities.

Central has the largest undergraduate music program in Washington, so there is no shortage of student volunteers.

Many hours of preparation are involved in putting on the contest. The music department is looking for 100 student volunteers to organize all the class rooms for performances, and arrange three judges for each category.

The contest is run completely by student volunteers from the music department. The department will be putting in long hours and hard work to make the visits feel welcomed and taken care of.

The contest performances, which include 45 different categories, are open to all students and community members.

The ensemble performances are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and the Solo performances are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

According to Clausen, the performers are judged mostly on musicality, which includes playing in tune, articulation, accuracy of notes and rhythm.

“These are outstanding kids and outstanding performers,” Clausen said. According to Clausen, the performers are judged mostly on musicality, which includes playing in tune, articulation, accuracy of notes and rhythm.

“Music is the only subject in school that utilizes the whole brain at one time and teaches students to say, ‘Yes, I am happy with what I played today, but it can be better tomorrow’,” Lane said.

“Each person who has made it to State is a winner and we truly celebrate that.”

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“Where customer service is First”
Ben Lee to accompany Ben Folds

by Frank Stanley
Editor-in-Chief

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Though the wait to see musician Ben Folds in concert at Central was only a couple of months for most students, for Associate Director of Campus Life Scott Drummond, a couple of months would have been more than perfect.

At 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday in the Student Union Ballroom, Folds makes his long-awaited Central debut, the fourth and final stop on his tour of northwest colleges, including Gonzaga University, Washington State University and the University of Puget Sound.

For Drummond, it's been a long time coming to have Folds perform at Central, as there have been a few attempts to book him as the main act for Central's Homecoming week.

"This is the fourth time we've tried to have Ben come to Central," Drummond said. "We've tried to have him here for Homecoming twice. He's been a real complicated act to book."

Drawing similarities to Elton John and Billy Joel - the musicians that he grew up on - Folds has developed a reputation for his versatile musicianship. Known as the vocalist and pianist for his former group, Ben Folds Five, he has since gone solo and played most of the instruments in his albums. His newest album, "Supersunnyspeedgraphic, the LP," is a compilation of three of his previous EPs: "Super D," "Speed Graphic" and "Sunny 16."

Some students were skeptical of Folds' performance at Central, hearing word of the previous attempts.

"I've been told so many times that [Folds] was coming and I kept thinking 'really? This time?'" Jenn Coulet, senior law and justice major, said. "I saw him open for John Mayer; he's so talented. Everything he does is so different."

Along with Folds, the opening act will be Australian acoustic performer Ben Lee, reuniting two thirds of the band The Bens who, along with performer Ben Kweller, toured together in Australia.

Tickets are still available for the April 29 show. Cost is $15 for CWU students, $31 for general admission and $38 for reserved seating. They can be purchased at the CWU Student Union box office or by calling 509-963-1301. Ticket purchases are limited to two per person.
Losing the locks, giving the love

by Darcy Wytko
Staff reporter

With her eyes squeezed shut and her jaws clenched, CWU freshman Michelle Hessel sat nervously in the Student Union and Recreation Center during the Locks of Love Donation Drive. She anxiously awaited the sound of the scissors’ final snip across her long, strawberry blonde ponytail. As Blue Stone Academy cosmetology student Danielle Hilton made the final cut, a smile swept over Hessel’s face and tears sprang from her eyes.

“My grandma has cancer, and she just got a wig,” Hessel said. “So if I’m going to cut my hair, I might as well do it this way.”

Hessel donated several inches of her hair to benefit Locks of Love, a Florida-based nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children who have lost their hair due to medical conditions.

During the donation drive last Thursday, three volunteer cosmetology students from Ellensburg’s Blue Stone Academy braided and cut more than 350 inches of blonde, brunette, black and red hair from 56 male and female heads. Since each hairpiece requires between six to 10 ponytails, CWU’s donations will provide enough hair for up to nine children to receive custom pieces.

Most recipients of Locks of Love suffer from alopecia areata, an autoimmune disorder that causes an individual’s hair follicles to shut down. Although alopecia affects 4.7 million people in the United States alone, there is no known cause or cure for the disease. The second highest percentage of Locks of Love recipients are children with cancer. An estimated 2,200 are diagnosed with brain tumors every year. Many suffer permanent hair loss as a result of radiation treatments to the brain stem or long-term chemotherapy sessions.

Once donor hair is cut and shipped, Locks of Love uses it to create high-quality hair prosthetics with the goal of restoring self-esteem and confidence to children, many of whom have been bullied or are afraid to attend school as a result of their appearance. The pieces, which retail for between $3,500 and $6,000, are provided either free of charge or on a sliding payment scale, based upon each family’s level of financial need.

“Obviously, it’s for a good cause,” said event co-coordinator Caitlin Morrison, a sophomore special education major. “It’s a really good experience for college students to take part in.”

Morrison, a two-time Locks of Love donor, was compelled to action after both of her grandmothers lost their hair during chemotherapy before they succumbed to ovarian cancer. Morrison also witnessed a friend with alopecia struggle through high school.

“Hair grows back,” said Morrison. “You’re changing people’s outlook and their lives, especially the lives of young girls.”

Morrison planned the annual event with Bryan Forsberg, a sophomore elementary education major. CWU’s Residence Hall Association, of which Morrison is the president, and the National Residence Hall Honorary, of which Forsberg is vice president, sponsored the event.

Morrison and Forsberg approached Theresa Barlen, owner of Blue Stone Academy, for additional support. Barlen selected cosmetology students Tina Ring, Hannah Calhoun and Danielle Hilton to donate their services for the cause.

“When we were asked, we felt honored,” said Ring.

For stylist Hannah Calhoun, the motivation to volunteer was personal.

“My mother had breast cancer, so it’s really a touching event for me,” said Calhoun.

The Blue Stone Academy provided each individual who donated their locks with a coupon for a style-haircut at the school, free of charge.

Individuals who wish to donate their hair or host their own donation drive can visit www.LocksofLove.org for more information.

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GTA: IV release date approaches

by James Anderson
Staff reporter

On April 29, millions of people around the globe will begin jacking cars, running over pedestrians, killing stool pigeons and smuggling drugs. Grand Theft Auto (GTA) is back, bigger and bet-
ter than ever before.

Grand Theft Auto IV is the next iteration of the popular franchise of Grand Theft Auto games developed by Rockstar Games. GTA: IV promises to be one of the best games of 2008, if not the best.

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Central's track and field team continued its domination over all comers this last weekend at home during the Spike Arlt Invitational.

Saturday, Central's men literally ran over their competition, defeating second place Western Washington University in total points with 272 to 143. Junior sprinter Matt Rogstad won both the 200 and 400-meter dash. "The meet went pretty well, [even though] it was cold," Rogstad said. "It was hailing and snowing."

Despite the cold Rogstad posted a season-best time in the 400-meter dash of 48.3 seconds.

Sophomore thrower Tyler Fischer placed first in both the discus and hammer throw. He posted a throw of 158 feet, 11 inches in the discus, along with a throw of 167 feet, 2 inches in the hammer throw, which bettered the second place throw by three feet. Sophomore thrower Mychal Ostler and junior thrower Matt Valdez finished third and forth respectively in the hammer throw.

Valdez also found success in the shot put by finishing first with a throw of 49 feet even. Fischer took third in the shot put with a mark of 46 feet, 6 inches.

Throwing and sprinting were not the only events that Central did well in on Saturday, senior distance runner Trevor Kulvi took first in the 5000-meter run over his Wildcat teammate, junior Matt Johnson by two seconds.

Senior jumper Scott McCoy won the Pole Vault event with a jump of 14 feet, 7 and one-quarter inches. He defeated Western's sophomore jumper Josh Winters by six inches.

Freshman thrower Andrew Stiger helped Central sweep the throwing events when he finished first in the javelin throw with a mark of 58.79 meters on his last attempt of the meet. Fellow Wildcats, senior Ian Wells and junior Chad Acock came in second and third with a 58.79-meter and a 56.47-meter throws.

Other notable performances for the men were the 1600-meter relay team. The finished first in the event with a time of 3:28.58.

Freshman mid-distance runner Mac McGrath finished fourth in the 800-meter run. He finished less than two seconds behind the event winner, Seattle Pacific senior Mike Gavinski.

Sophomore high jumper Jonathan Hamilton finished second in the high jump with a mark of 1.90-meters. Freshman jumper Joseph Nelson finished third in the high jump.

The men were not the only dominating team; the women also had a stellar day finishing second to Northwest Nazarene.

Sophomore hurdler Raquel Gonzalez was the only event winner on the women's side though, as she placed first in the 100-meter hurdles ahead of fellow Wildcat, senior Stephanie Drunktenis.

Senior mid-distance runner Sarah Benson had a strong second place showing in the steeplechase for the Wildcats.

Senior distance runner Marcie Mullen finished second for the Wildcats in the 3,000-meter race, while fellow senior, sprinter Chelsea Evans finished second in the 400-meter dash. Her second place finish was only three one-hundredths of a second behind Northwest Nazarene sophomore sprinter Lindsay Brady.

Freshman thrower Jordan Stueckle placed third in the Shot Put with a throw of 11.43-meters. "The marks [posted] were scatter because of the weather," head coach Kevin Adkisson said. "At the beginning of the [meet] it was calm and sunny, and then at the end it became breezy and snowy."

This Saturday, the wildcats will travel to Pullman for the Cougar Invitation. The meet will start at 10 a.m. at the Mosser Park and Field complex.

Above right: Senior Lionel Orji leaps through the air during the men's long jump competition on Saturday. Orji's leap of 5.93 meters earned his fifth place honors.

Above: Senior Sarah Benson runs out of the water during the women's 3,000 meter steeplechase on Saturday. Benson finished with a time of 11:22.90, good for second place behind Seattle Pacific's Karin Rohde.
Wildcats sweep ice-cold Rebels over weekend

by Casey Donovan
Senior reporter

When the Dixie State Rebels left their home state of Utah it was 80 degrees. When they stepped onto Tommilon Field, it was below 40 degrees.

"It was actually warm today," head coach Doni Storey said while standing in the 36 degree weather. "There were just these stupid snowflakes floating around.

Amid the snow, Central's play was hot the entire weekend as they blistered their way past non-conference Dixie State, improving to 22-14 overall after Central's three game sweep over the Rebels. Dixie State took a series fromjuvenile Lewis and Clark State (40-4) 2-1, something that senior first baseman Hank Anderson hopes the NCAA West Regional polls will recognize.

These guys beat some good teams earlier in the year so hopefully the voting committee can see that," Anderson said.

The wins could not have come at a better time for Central after losing three of four against conference foe Western Oregon.

"The last time Central played Dixie, they only took one of four from the Rebels, something that Storey acknowledged after last weekend.

"We did a good job and we didn't even play perfect baseball," Storey said. "But we did what we were supposed to do, and that was sweep them."

In the ninth inning of Saturday's game, senior shortstop Jamie Nelson walked on four straight pitches before junior outfielder AJ. Ganey laid down a bunt single. Junior third baseman Frank Donangelo stepped to the plate and delivered a walk-off three-run home run to seal the game for Central. It was Donangelo's second home run of the season and it could not have come at a better time.

"I just tried to hit something hard," Donangelo said. "It was first and second and we were out and then it happened. I was just waiting for it to come to me because they treated pitching around me at first and third for the outfield I was looking for."

The shot towered over the right field fence in the company of snow flurries giving the knowledge and skills to be successful. Mccanna and his childhood friend AJ Proszek shared those honors with Mccanna. Both received all-league honors and helped lead their baseball team to a fourth place finish in the state.

In baseball, he went from hardly playing as a junior to being the conference's top pitcher and capturing first team all-league honors.

"It was exciting the first time I took the mound; this was NCAA baseball, I was excited to be out there," Proszek said.

"I could tell he kind of missed it, I kept telling him to come back," Proszek said. "It was fun playing ball with him my whole life; we've been like best friends." McCanna pitched at Spokane Falls the next year, which eventually led him to being reunited with Central head coach Desi Storey. With both sharing mutual interest, Storey offered McCanna a scholarship to attend Central Washington University the following year. So when watching the 6-foot-5-inch pitcher warming up in his blue long sleeve Under Armour shirt at practice, it was clear with his height and that shirt that he could control whatever he wanted.

"I was excited the first time I took the mound; this was NCAA baseball, I was excited to be out there," Proszek said. "I've never felt bad, I've never felt bad, and that's exactly what he has done. McCanna is currently 6-0, leading the conference with the lowest hits allowed (38) and also leads the conference with fewest runs allowed (18), earned runs allowed (38) and also leads the conference with fewest runs allowed (18), earned runs allowed (38) and also leads the conference with fewest runs allowed (18), earned runs allowed (38).

Proszek, now a starting pitcher for Gonzaga University is happy for the success McCanna has had.

"I check his stats fairly often to see how he's doing," Proszek said. "I'm happy for him to see his son playing again, especially at Central."

Central is where he's been up in the world. The thing is they were good enough to keep our defense in the game to compete, but multidi-
It's not just a game to her

Mallory Holtman went from small town softball player to team captain for Central because of her love for the game

by Everett Shawstad
Staff reporter

It might be safe to assume that most soon-to-be sixteen year olds usually ask for a car for their sixteenth birthday, which would get far too far, in distance-wise. However, one young girl on her sixteenth birthday didn't ask for a car or two bedding, but asked for a batting cage. That batting cage has gotten her further than a car, any day.

That girl is Mallory Holtman, now 22 years-old, and one of the captains of the Central's softball team. Holtman, aside from leading the team since her sophomore year, has also been selected to the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) All-Conference team three years running. Holtman also holds the school record as well as a conference record for home runs in her college career with 34, and the record for home runs in a season with 14.

"Not only can she hit," head coach Gary Frederick said. "But she is outstanding defensively as well.

Holtman has been playing since she was five years old and hasn't stopped since.

Graduating from Columbia High School in White Salmon, Wash. in 2003, the school had approximately 440 students. This didn't translate to many girls being given that they only fielded one team. Holtman played both pitcher and shortstop in high school. She has since moved to first base since joining the Wildcats.

That team is overshadowed by the long list of successes she has had since. True recognition came while Holtman played summer ball with the Oregon Panthers. "Top ten in the nation," says Holtman.

Her father couldn't be more proud of her success and determination.

"She gave up a lot," said Greg Holtman. "She would drive down south two hours away three times a week to play." She was on the All-World Team playing third base and played Eighteen Gold, premier ball for the Oregon Panthers.

"It's the best of the best," Greg said. "Every weekend they would travel around the country.

Before choosing Central, her love and dedication for the game had given her notice all over the country, with offers from numerous universities nationwide and within Washington State.

"It's really nice to get letters and be offered money from colleges," Holtman said. "It was a humbling experience."

"He could have played at a Division I school in New York," Frederick said. "But she chose Central because of her family, it tells a lot about her character."

On a trip to Ruidoso, N.M. to look at a possible school, she realized that the things that meant the most to her were back at home.

"She had great offers," Greg said. "... but she wanted it from home and plans to come back to coach the team near the end of the regular season. Eight games are left and they are currently in second place, but having played the first place team and beaten them before, she hopes once again they will be number one. Another goal is to go further having never reached Nationals before. Holtman says that it is very possible. "This year our hitting and fielding is so much better," Holtman said. "Along with the team's chemistry."

For the captain's final season as a player, it won't all be forgotten. Holtman leaves records that are still in the making and plans to come back to coach the women's softball team. Upon graduation in June, she also plans to go back to school with aspirations of becoming an athletic director.

Men's b-ball adds two JC transfers

by Craig Crabtree
Sports editor

Head coach Greg Sparling and the Central Washington men's basketball team have welcomed in two standout junior college transfers in the last week.

6-foot-9-inch center Chris Sprinker and 6-foot-4-inch swingman Shane Miller join an already strong Wildcats' team.

Sprinker starred at Tacoma Community College (TCC) this past season, leading the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWACCC) with 11.5 rebounds a game. He also averaged 17.3 points per contest and ranked among the conference leaders in blocked shots with 2.4 per game.

Sprinker will likely assume the role at center allowing Jake Beiting to move back to forward and Matt Penoncello to move back to small forward.

"I think the thing is with our offense that everyone plays on the perimeter and the post," Sparling said. "It gets Jake(trailing) a little bit more to be able to look for the three because he's one of our top three point shooters."

Sprinker transferred to TCC after redshirting for one season at Division I Eastern Washington University. He will have three years of eligibility remaining at Central.

Shane Miller transfers to Central after playing one year at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

"He can score, inside and out," Sparling said. "His game really impressed about him was how many times he gets to the free throw line. If you look at a lot of three point shooters at our level, they go to the free throw line maybe once a game. He's making so many free throws and we use that a lot."

Miller was selected to the all-East Region team in the NWAACC last season as he averaged 20.3 points a game.

A native of Moscow, Idaho, Miller attended the same high school as Penoncello. While at Moscow High School, Miller was named Idaho Empire League player of the year during his senior season and was named the top prep athlete in Northern Idaho.

Miller will also have three years of eligibility remaining at the Wildcat's.

Central is coming off its best season in eight years, qualifying for the Division II West Regional tournament and finishing second in a strong Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) behind final four bound Alask-Anchorage.

2008 Hall of fame class announced

Ryan Pepper - Basketball stand out, holds the school record for scoring Sonia Swan - Basketball stand out, holds record for rebounding Ben James - had a 33.5 record. Don Pierce - Multi-sport star, lettered in football and track.

Sarah Sather - Multi-sports star in field hockey, track, and basketball

Hall Berrett - Track and field star, won three Washington state championships

Robert Schipper - Track and field star, two time All-American

Dr. David Lyons - Current Biology Professor, holds the record for the 100,000 mile marathons in his age group.

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Regional schools join Central for college bouldering competition

Idaho, Oregon and Washington schools to meet showcase skills

by Curtis Crabtree
Sports editor

Five Northwest schools sent representatives to Ellensburg last Saturday to take part in an intercollegiate bouldering competition hosted by the Central Washington Climbing Club.
The event was hosted at the rock climbing wall inside the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) and featured climbers from the University of Idaho, University of Washington, University of Oregon, Western Washington University and Central.

"Bouldering is un-roped climbing at a low height," outdoor coordinator Ryan Hopkins said. "It takes very powerful moves and requires a lot of flexibility and strength. It's the most popular aspect of climbing, right now, in history."
The sport requires no equipment such as harnesses or ropes since climbs typically stay within five meters of the ground. Common equipment allowed includes chalk for drying a climber's hands and a crash pad to break falls.

Each climbing route, known as a "problem," features challenges ranging from beginners through advanced climbers.

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By the end of the three-plus-hour competition, even the strongest climbers were worn down.

"You'll fail on several attempts late in the contest, his arms too fatigued to complete his climbs," Hopkins said. "I'm ready for a nap and a beer." The upcoming competitions at WWU and Whitman will give the climbers a chance to reunite again.

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Senior pitcher Lime Vlahovich started game one and went the whole five innings, only allowing three hits, one earned run, and struck out eight.

The second game was not the outcome Central was looking for: losing to Western 4-1.

"We really didn't adjust to their pitching," head coach Gary Fredericke said.

Hawks had two RBIs and went 2-3 from the plate. Central had two season highs with 17 hits and scoring 13 runs.

"We have been working a lot in practice about hitting outside and outside pitches," Rossmann said. "We are trying to be more aggressive at the plate."

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Baseball set to continue hectic week

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The Central Washington University baseball team is slated for its busiest stretch of the season as they play six games in four days starting this weekend.

In two days, Central will play Saint Martin's in Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) play. Saint Martin's lost three of their last six games and has defeated Central only once in the team's last eight meetings. Saint Martin's is currently ranked third in the GNAC with an 11-10 record.

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"The Jekyll and Hyde for Central is their offense. If Central is to grasp a playoff spot, they will need to jump-start their offense and keep their bats rolling. Anderson blasted his sixth home run of the season last weekend against Dixie State, setting a new personal record. Also, junior outfielder A.J. Goinney has completely turned around his struggles at the dish and has hit .612 in his last eight games.

The anchor in the batting order remains leadoff man Jamie Nilsen. The senior shortstop leads the GNAC in multiple statistical categories including .550 on base percentage and a stunning 20 hit by pitches.

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