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# The Central Washington University Observer

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## Budget update: Senate poses \$312 rise in tuition costs

by Matthew Hartmann  
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& Darcy Wytko  
Managing online editor

Top Ramen, anyone?

In light of budget cuts proposed by the Washington State Senate early last week, Central Washington University students may have to dish out an average of \$312 more per year for resident undergraduate tuition over the next two years. Similar increases are expected for non-resident and graduate students as well.

If lawmakers approve the senate's biennium budget for 2009-2011, CWU will face \$22.6 million in budget cuts; approximately a 20 percent overall decrease in state funding.

For staff, such cuts could result in pay cuts, voluntary reduction in hours, early retirement or even layoffs.

Associated Students of Central Washington University-Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) President Pedro Navarrete is waiting to hear the final say on budget cuts.

"The university is going to try to preserve as much as it can," Navarrete said. "We don't want to cut anything. But in reality, the university may."

Students could face temporary, yet drastic, tuition hikes.

Under current state law, universities can raise tuition by seven percent each year. The senate's proposal would allow universities to increase tuition by 14 percent annually over the next two years.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would pay for half of the proposed tuition increase, while students pay the remaining seven percent.

Government officials have said that after two years, the tuition increase rate would revert back to the state's former seven percent annual increase cap.

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## ON THE MAP



Pete Los/Observer

The last moments of the Ellensburg sunset on Monday, April 6, 2009 from atop Craig's Hill paints a luminescent country scene.

## National Geographic Society considers Eburg for Central Cascade Geotourism MapGuide

by Kristin Wilhelmy  
Staff reporter

With an exploding national interest in "going green," the City of Ellensburg has decided to seize an opportunity to become a part of a printed Geotourism MapGuide. Co-produced with the National Geographic Society, both Oregon and Washington have joined this new project.

"Many people have never heard of Ellensburg, unless they stop here for our wide variety of fast food on the way to somewhere else," Hillary Davidson, senior recreation tourism major, said.

Downtown Ellensburg awaits approval to become a part of The Oregon and Washington Central Cascades Geotourism Project. It is co-produced with National Geographic Society's Center for Sustainable Destinations for the Central Cascades.

The open online nomination process began January 14 through March 29. National Geographic partnered with organizations such as Travel Oregon, Washington State Tourism and Portland Metro, in Washington and Oregon to launch the project, in which local residents and visitors nominate what they feel are unique landmarks, attractions, activities, events and local businesses that define their region's character.

"Those who live and recreate here know it best," Todd Davidson, CEO of Travel Oregon, said. "Participation by local residents is critical to the project's success."

Davidson is not alone in his theory.

"The opportunity to have

other individuals be able to share their comments of what is compelling to them about Ellensburg as well as their interests helps us further celebrate the local culture here," said Timothy Bishop, Ellensburg's Downtown Association Executive Director.

Downtown Ellensburg has been nominated with other regions of the Central Cascades for the MapGuide, including other areas stretching from Mount Rainier National Park to Crater Lake National Park.

"A MapGuide is a two-sided map brochure that conveys geotourism information, sites and experiences," according to the Central Cascades Geotourism website.

Davidson is doing her practicum with the Downtown Ellensburg Association, writing the nomination was her first assignment.

"People don't know how historic downtown is, the museums and restaurants are awesome, even if the shopping here is terrible," said Davidson, whose eyes were opened to all Ellensburg has to offer after researching for the nomination.

The MapGuide development process is overseen by The Central Cascades Stewardship Council (CCSC),

who along with National Geographic, will determine which 150 sites are to be put on the map.

The CCSC represents an array of geotourism perspectives including community leadership, historic preservation, natural resources, traditional and local arts, agriculture, and tourism promotion, along with local businesses.

"National Geographic is pleased to have the opportunity to spotlight this region and, in doing so, support and sustain it as one of the treasured natural places on the globe," said James Dion, associate director, National Geographic's Center for Sustainable Destinations.

An enthusiastic Bishop looks forward to this reorganization because it will inform local residents as well as travelers of downtown Ellensburg's diverse array of activities.

"We are excited to nominate downtown for this opportunity since much of our cultural fabric is centered downtown," said Bishop.

In boosting their already rich image comes the added bonus of a history and culture reflected through local businesses.

"For example, D&M Coffee, you can go to the store headquarters and watch them roast coffee onsite," Bishop

said, then mentioning the Iron Horse Brewery, Yellow Church Café and Ellensburg Wine Works.

According to Barbara Wold, a speaker promoting Discover America: Promoting Cultural Tourism, geotourism focuses on preserving a destination's "character," what makes one place distinct from another.

In July 2001, a special Travel Poll by the Travel Industry Association of America found that "trips to rural areas appeal to many Americans, with 62 percent of all U.S. adults visiting a small town in the U.S. within the past three years ... translates into 86.8 million U.S. adults."

The National Geographic Society has worked with community-based alliances to develop similar MapGuides in other regions around the world and is one of the world's largest nonprofit scientific and educational organization that reaches more than 325 million people.

Bishop hopes the MapGuide among other Ellensburg Downtown Association promotions will, "help students discover Ellensburg in their freshman year rather than three months prior to graduating. We want to make Ellensburg a part of the Central experience."

Before communities looked at the region as a consumptive natural resource base but now with the idea of geotourism, it is an industry of sustainability being the driving factor for the natural resource-based economy.

For more information, visit [www.thecentralcascades.com/central-cascades-project-and-geotourism](http://www.thecentralcascades.com/central-cascades-project-and-geotourism).

# More wind power proposed for Kittitas County

by Loren Hammersberg  
Staff reporter

The Desert Claim Wind Power project is attempting to bring additional wind energy to the Kittitas Valley. Just outside Ellensburg resides the state's most advantageous location for a wind farm. Desert Claim Wind Power is a renewable energy project funded by enXco and conducted by professors in the Department of Economics at Central Washington University. The proposed site is

eight miles northwest of Ellensburg.

The original proposal was sent back for revisions by Kittitas County.

"In the past Kittitas County has not been in support of that project," said Kittitas County Commissioner, Vice Chairman Paul Jewell.

With ongoing revisions being facilitated through the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC), Kittitas County's current position on Desert Claim Wind Power remains uncertain.

"We have not yet met to define a position," Jewell said. "I would want to look at the details regarding the actual number of turbines and the impact it's going to have on county residents before I throw my weight for or against."

The most conflicting issue between the two sides appears to be a concern of the number of turbines and their proximity to buildings and residential homes.

"The bad things are, or the potential impacts are, that of

course these are permanent and these are permanently changing the landscape of our county and the appearance of our county," Jewell said.

According to WindWorks Field director David Sterns, more power generated from wind would mean less CO<sub>2</sub> omissions and greater U.S. energy security, but the Desert Claim Wind Power project offers many more benefits to the city of Ellensburg and Kittitas County."

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# Mathematical minds meet

by Allie Mathis  
Staff reporter

On Friday April 3 and Saturday April 4 Central's math department hosted the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest section of the Mathematical Association of America. The meeting, which included activities for both teachers and students interested or involved in the mathematical field, included keynote speakers, judging sessions for students, as well as a student reception pizza dinner.

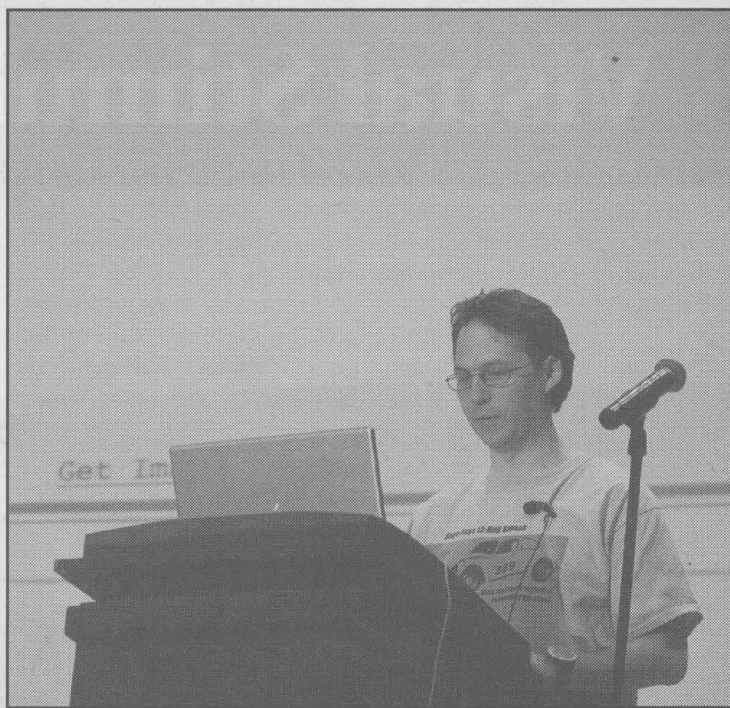
"The theme of the conference is integrating computer software into the undergraduate curriculum," said professor Stephen Glasby from the department of mathematics. "Computer software is a major tool in doing math, and there

are workshops [at the meeting] that introduce very important systems to students."

The software introduced at the meeting included Mathematica, which is a commercial system available for student use; as well as Sage, which is not only available for students use, but is a free download online.

"The meeting brings together mathematics faculty and students for two days of lectures, short courses and social interaction," said associate professor of mathematics Dan Curtis, who also was the local organizer for the meeting. "A major goal is to promote sharing of ideas for research, teaching and other opportunities in mathematics."

The three keynote speakers took part in the Annual



Tetsu Takiguchi/Observer

William Stein, associate professor at the University of Washington, presents his study "Open source mathematical software," in theatre room at SURC on April 4. The event was highly attended, and the audiences shared Stein's sophisticated mathematical theory and enjoyed his humor.

math meeting, including Stan Wagon, from Macalester College, George Andrews from Pennsylvania State University and William Stein, from the University of Washington.

"Students benefit from hearing these professors talk because it allows them to gain an appreciation of research and mathematics," Glasby said. "Students can attend anything, the workshops, lectures..."

In addition to the seminars and lectures held, perhaps one of the most beneficial parts of the meeting to students took place on Saturday; at the con-

tributed paper session. Here both students and teachers shared with others the results of their own research they had conducted, allowing students to get a feel for what their fellow students have been doing not only at their school, but from others as well.

"It is hoped that this will spur more of our students to participate in mathematical research projects," said Curtis.

For more information on the annual math meeting or other events in the math department you can visit their offices in Bouillon Hall or visit their website.

## WIND: energy in Kittitas county

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Sterns illustrates how developing this wind power project would benefit the Ellensburg community and Kittitas County.

"Total tax revenue estimates are about \$900,000 for local schools and services," Sterns said. "The Ellensburg School District would receive \$340,000 in tax revenue in the first year and the Kittitas County Fire District No. 2 would get more than \$210,000 in revenue in the first year."

Not only would this project create a great tax revenue for the city of Ellensburg, but it would also create many job opportunities within the community.

"This project would have two phases. During the construction phase they would anticipate about 160 new jobs, and those would pay 3.6 million dollars in total payroll," Sterns said.

The construction process would take less than one year, according to member of Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce Debbie Strand.

"WindWorks is a community group that tries to engage community members in renewable energy projects and wind power projects"

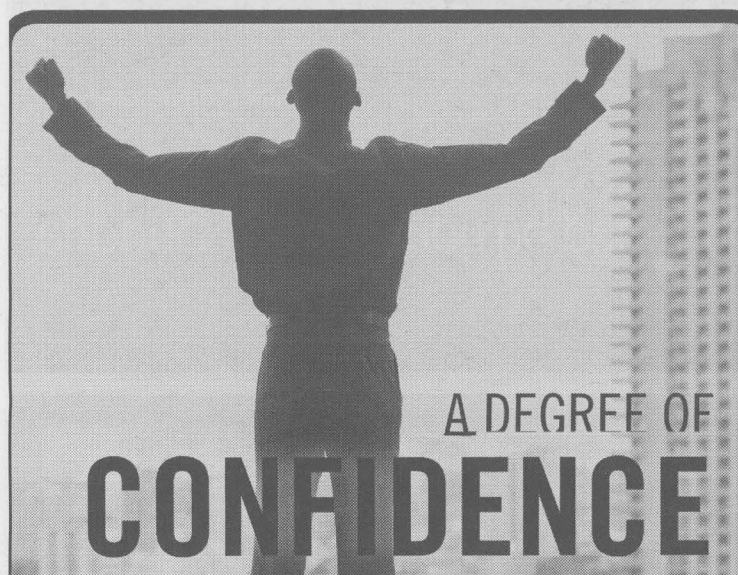
Sterns said.

WindWorks has had to battle hard in Kittitas County for the push of the Desert Claim Wind Power project.

"In Kittitas County, NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) opposition has been a really big problem for wind power developers," Sterns said. "What WindWorks tries to do is, is to make sure the community support that is often prevalent for these projects actually is being heard and being as verbal as possible to counterbalance the very small but very local opposition groups."

"NIMBY opponents of the project complain about what the turbines would do to their fair land," Sterns said. "But a lot of the people who own land that is suitable for land development are farmers and ranchers who don't have a whole lot of options for ways to make a living off their land, wind turbines really do present land owners with another option for how to keep their land in tact and it gives them something else to do other than subdivision."

At this point, the exact future of this project remains unknown. On April 23, there will be an open meeting held by EFSEC at Hal Holmes Community Center at 7 p.m.



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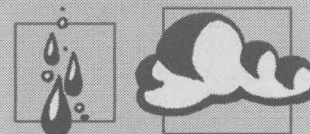


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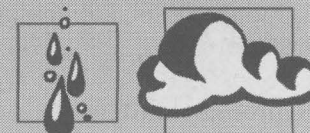


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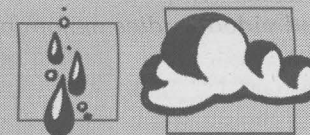


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Sunday, April 12



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Monday, April 13

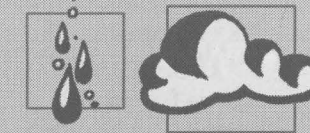


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Tuesday, April 14



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## BUDGET: rise in tuition

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"I don't want to see any students leave because of the hard times," Navarrete said.

According to the senate's proposal, up to 60 percent of the reductions are "likely to impact direct instructional and student services."

The senate also said that as many as 670 fewer students would have access to full-time enrollment opportunities in 2009 to 2011 than are currently enrolled this school year.

Other prospective cuts include a 14 percent reduction in funding for institutional and academic administration, and a 12 percent decrease in facilities funding, which would affect the library, facility and grounds maintenance, and state-

sponsored research projects.

Kyle Hjelm, sophomore undeclared major, said that he isn't completely surprised by the budget cuts, citing Western Washington University's move to cut its football program earlier this year. Hjelm said that since times are bad, people are going to have to expect to lose some privileges while paying more for academics.

"You don't like it, but sometimes it's necessary," Hjelm said.

*[In-depth coverage of proposed 2009-2011 budget cuts by the Wash. State Senate, the Wash. State House of Representatives and Governor Gregoire that stand to significantly impact CWU will be a part of a budget series available both online and in print throughout Spring Quarter 2009.]*

# Central students competition finalists

by Amy Thompson  
Staff reporter

Through hard work and effort, three Central Washington University students in the communication department had their works nominated as finalists in a national competition. Gabriel Manjares, senior film and videos studies major, Michael Winfrey, senior film and video studies major and Ryan Fudacz who graduated with a degree in broadcast journalism were the three to be recognized.

The competing students from several universities throughout the United States had their works judged on March 28 at the 67th annual convention held in New York City. The National Broadcasting Society, Alpha Epsilon Rho (NBS-AERho) and affiliates hosted the event.

The three Central students submitted different works to be judged. There were more than 50 specific sections where particular works may have been submitted.

Gabriel Manjares had his comedy video titled "Unexpected Cheaters" entered as a finalist in the competition. His video was a parody of the reality show "Cheaters." The plot of his film was about a couple, with the woman suspected of cheating on her boyfriend. The woman in the video was cheating on the man by secretly eating fast food meals after the couple had worked out together to lose weight.

"I was shocked, I never thought I'd make it that far," Manjares said. "Even though we didn't win [Nationals], it shows that we're up to par with competing schools. It inspired me to enter into other competitions."

Michael Winfrey, had his work, titled "Sarah Jane Road," picked as a finalist in



the movie trailer section of the competition. The movie trailer was made in black and white with particular footage for an Alfred Hitchcock-type feel.

Eight people collaborated with Winfrey to make this film production possible. Winfrey was in charge of shooting, directing, writing and editing the trailer. The film that the trailer was representing will be available in the next couple of weeks.

"I'm really pleased," Winfrey said. "[Being nominated] makes me feel good about the film and that it will do really well in film festivals. If the film is anything like the trailer, it will do really well."


In order for students' works to continue to the national level, they must first win in a regional competition between 13 western states. The Central students were able to progress and become finalists in NBS-AERho National Undergraduate Student Electronic Media Competition.

Lastly, Ryan Fudacz was nominated for his photojournalism essay titled "Waitress Life."

According to Robert Fordan, associate professor of broadcast journalism, Fudacz's essay was very strong even though it did not receive a grand prize at the Convention.



Brian Ilyama/Observer  
Left to right: Michael Winfrey, senior film and video studies major and Gabriel Manjares, senior film and video studies major. Ryan Fudacz, the third finalists, has graduated Central therefore not photographed for the article.



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# Social societies seek recognition from Central

by Kevin Opsahl  
Staff reporter

Two social society groups want to be recognized by Central Washington University.

The fraternity Sigma Psi Omega, and sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma, want to be legitimized, or accepted into administrative control.

The move would turn them into a National Society, a fraternity or sorority with more than two chapters, and "open the door" to the possibility of a Greek system similar to those at larger universities, according to Houston Hamilton, junior political science major and secretary of Sigma Psi Omega.

"It's something good for the community," said Hamilton, whose uncles were both members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at the University of Colorado. "We want to open the door for other sororities and frats to come in. The way we are looking at it right now is in very small steps."

According to the Associated Students of Central Washington University, Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) President Pedro Navarrete, the board has been in touch with Student Affairs & En-

rollment Management on the issue, but specific plans for a Greek system have not been decided yet.

"We want student ideas and input first," Navarrete said. "If it is something that students want, we will look into it."

Traditionally, most colleges have fraternity and sorority houses on campus. These groups are called the "Greek system," because each house is named after two or three letters of the Greek alphabet. At Central, both sorority and fraternity groups started in January.

President Megan Messina, junior education major, said she started the sorority group with 10 friends who started out studying sessions for one hour a day. She said that their powers are limited because they are not recognized by Central.

"I came here not knowing a single soul," Messina said. "... I thought it would be an opportunity to meet new people and form a sisterhood."

Keith James, vice president for equity and community Affairs, said that he wants to use the idea as an opportunity to educate students on

what a Greek system is.

"The Greek system is a new thing," James said. "When students think of Greek system, they usually think of homes, but it might not necessarily entail that."

Omega president Rhett Jordan said that campuses have negative views of sororities and fraternities, as stereotyped in the movie,

"Even if you haven't seen them in 10 years, they'll come to your wedding."

Houston Hamilton  
Secretary of Sigma Psi Omega

"Animal House." He said the group would like to "steer clear of the Hollywood depiction of [Greek life]."

"There's a big focus on community service and academics," Jordan said.

If legitimized, the fraternity would like to raise money for Central, do community

service activities. It is also important, Hamilton said, to use the brotherhood to form life long friendships.

"Even if you haven't seen them in 10 years, they'll come to your wedding," Hamilton said.

Some faculty and staff at Central were in, or have had experience working with a Greek system.

President James Gaudino worked at Kent State University in Ohio, a college known for its large Greek life. The idea is that the Greek system at Central would be used for attention and recruitment.

"It's brought here to fit within the mission and goals of Central Washington University," Gaudino said. "It gives you a sense of purpose, a sense of support—things that are essential to survive in college."

President Gaudino said in February there are larger deficits in the 2009-2011 biennium than expected, amounting to bigger budget cuts. Central would see a \$24 million reduction in state funding and a seven percent increase in tuition. Hamilton said he is mindful of the situation.

"We understand that in this time with budget cuts we

can go our own way," Hamilton said. "All we need is a meeting lodge."

The ASCWU-BOD held a town hall forum April 6 in the Student Union and Recreation Center Pit to hear students' thoughts. Some students came and spoke on the behalf of their fraternity or sorority experience at other universities.

Anthony Petersen, a senior law and justice major, was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Chi Alpha Alpha chapter at Eastern Washington University before transferring to Central.

"Everything I do stems from my enhancement of the fraternity," Petersen said. "I believe if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything ... Don't pass this up."

Some participants were concerned that it would give the students too much power. Daniel Harada, freshmen elementary education major, said Central doesn't need a Greek system on top of the other clubs and organizations that are already on campus.

"It's like asking for a new toy—why can't I play with the ones I already have," Harada said. "I don't think we are taking full advantage of what we have now."

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## Abortion issue hits close to home



**Kayla Schroeder**  
Editor-in-Chief

Over spring break, I spent nearly two hours braving the snow to protest against abortion outside of a Tacoma Planned Parenthood. The event was a part of the international 40 Days of Life.

The movement began as an effort by the Catholic church. I am not of the Catholic denomination, but my birth mother is. So, I held a sign with a giant portrait of an infant, and prayed in a small group at my mother's request.

Twenty-one years ago, Dawn discovered she was pregnant with her third child—baby Kayla. A single mother, in a difficult financial situation, Dawn knew she was un-

able to offer me a healthy, stable lifestyle. For her, abortion was not an option. Instead, she gave the gift of life to her brother and sister-in-law who were unable to bear children of their own. My sister followed 19 months later.

Thankfully, for the two of us, we were loved and wanted babies, and we've been a family ever since. This has set the stage for my own opinion on the controversial matter of abortion.

I know circumstances vary, but for the most part, pregnancy is the result of two people getting busy and neglecting to take proper precautions. If you aren't ready to have that beautiful baby you've chosen to make, whose fault is it but your own? Killing that baby seems like an awfully selfish and cheap escape. But, I'm not here to preach. It's not like it's against the law.

Consider this:

Irving Feldkamp made his millions owning 17 Family Planning Associates Abortion clinics, the nation's largest abortion business. On March 21, 2009, Feldkamp loaded a private plane with

his two daughters and their husbands, his five grandchildren and four family friends. The pilot, Buddy Summerfield, was supposed to fly to a millionaire's ski resort in Bozeman, Mont. They never made it. Summerfield diverted the flight to Butte, Mont. and shortly after, the plane crashed, killing all 14 passengers, including the seven children, ranging in age from 2 to 9. The location of the crash is Holy Cross Cemetery near the Tomb of the Unborn, a memorial for over 1,000 aborted babies.

The part that peeves me is the news media's reluctance to tell the whole story. It is true, the inclusion of his affiliation with abortion and the spot where the plane went down might make the paper seem opinionated and pro-life, but it doesn't change the facts and the fact that they need to be shared. It seems to me, liberal stances often fill the paper because of the new direction of societal views.

On the other hand, the second we mention aborted babies we've gone too far. But that's just my opinion.

## 18th Street Deli staffed by pros



**Katherine Kersten**  
Special to  
the Observer

I moved recently from a residence that has, quite honestly, the perfect location. Albertsons was literally my neighbor, school was just a short walk away, and the walk home from downtown was just as close.

Needless to say, I was sad when I made the necessary decision to move, for reasons I will save for another opinion entitled "Don't Rent From This Guy."

Thankfully my new location offered a pleasant surprise in a time that was really taking its toll out on me. I'm now extremely close to the 18th Street Deli, a place I am ashamed to admit I had never been before until recently.

The first time I went there I was extremely impressed

with the professionalism held by the employees helping me. I was welcomed with a smile and a warm hello.

Upon checking out, the cashier was friendly and shocked me with actually knowing about the products I was purchasing and suggested other products I might be interested in.

However, I must confess that I thought this professionalism was a fluke and perhaps the employees were just having a good day because finals were nearing an end and the sunshine won the coin toss against the cold that day.

Since then however, every time I dash into the 18th Street Deli I am treated with the same courtesy as the first time I went there.

I have run in minutes before closing time, shoes squeaking on the floor, racing towards an energy drink and something to calm my sweet tooth and still I am greeted with a friendly smile.

I've witnessed customers stumbling over themselves, knocking things over, creating a nightmare for anyone working and still the employees maintain their composure.

It is customer service like this that every business should strive to obtain. The

employees never look annoyed or irritated towards customers. Instead they radiate a contagious positive attitude.

Quality products, competitive prices, and convenience are of course important, but when you add great customer service you have the makings of a great business

In a time where it is not uncommon to get change from a purchase tossed smugly back at you because you had the audacity to pay in cash or be greeted with unwelcoming glares because you entered the business minutes before they are ready to close, I must admit the employees at the 18th Street Deli deserve a sincere thank you for not following this trend.

So, thank you. Thanks for not just going through the motions. Thanks for not throwing my change everywhere on the counter. Thanks for not giving me evil glances because I am there seven minutes before closing. Most of all, thanks for treating me like a welcomed customer and not a pebble in your shoe.

All of you deserve to know that your hard work, professional demeanor and friendly composure does not go unnoticed nor unappreciated.

## Dear Editor,

My name is Christopher Bell. I am a human being—a free-thinking moral agent—empowered by God himself with rights that have justly been recognized and enumerated in the founding documents of this United States of America.

I began my academic career with the intent of becoming a pharmacist. A few years into my education, my home state of Washington, in a move spearheaded by pro-choice activists and a sympathetic governor, successfully pressured the Washington State Board of Pharmacy into drafting rules, making it illegal for pharmacists to utilize their personal conscience, professional opinion, or simple and unbiased business sense insofar as certain politically-hot prescriptions were concerned. The issue is currently being litigated, but I elected to not set the sails of my future employment in such tempestuous seas, and re-evaluated my direction.

It was then, after serious consideration and conversation with trusted mentors that I elected to pursue a career as a physician. This path, I thought, would be safer from such raucous political power grabs in light of the Conscience Clause, the Hippocratic Oath, and the long tradition of respect towards doctors' personal and professional rights.

Imagine then, if you will, the sense of dismay and soul-numbing fatigue I felt upon learning that now, as I prepare to complete my education, I again find myself in a position where the livelihood I have planned on, studied for, paid for, spent years of my life I will never get back on, is once again imperiled at the eleventh hour by moral entrepreneurs so certain of their own proscriptive, all-dictating righteousness.

We live in a world where choices have consequences for real people. The Conscience Clause might make it harder for some theoretical person in some incredibly rural area who possesses no means of transport whatsoever to procure a specific medical procedure from a specific physician in the time frame that they would personally prefer. It is worth noting however that it is not a constitutional right to receive specific services from specific persons at specific times for specific reasons.

It is, on the other hand, a specifically enumerated right for persons to have freedom of speech and religion—freedoms utterly dependant on and derived from freedoms of thought and conscience. Very real doctors will be discriminated against in hiring and promoting procedures if this act is rescinded. Very real students, like myself—the next would-be generation of healers, of cancer fighters, of men and women who will endure long sleepless hours in medical school and residency alongside years of paying student loans back (all so they might have the privilege of fighting for human life and health)—are being discouraged. They're getting the signal that maybe they'd be better off somewhere else. It is wrong.

Alexander Hamilton once wrote that the sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for among old parchments or musty records; that they were written, as with a sun beam, in the whole volume of human nature by the hand of the divinity itself, and could never be erased by mortal power.

It is the right of a human being, an autonomous and often-inconsistent speck of marvelous absurdities, to make personal choices regarding what they will and will not do to earn their daily bread, just as the Court at Nuremburg insisted that those tried there had made a choice about what they would and would not do for theirs. This administration may have the power to punish, blacklist, and grind down the will of those whose decisions it dislikes, but it does not have the right.

Irrespective of my passionate vitriol, I thank you for your time, and it is my hope that you'll enjoy today the peace that presently eludes me. And more so, I pray it is the real and lasting peace that lifts the heart in dreary times and not the graveyard peace of an enforced uniformity of opinion.

Christopher Bell  
senior biology major

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# The best show is not scheduled



**Danielle Gagnon**  
Staff reporter

When the school day ends many students will file out of their college classrooms and disperse throughout the town. Some men and women might have an after-school sport to attend to and some, a job awaiting their arrival. As for the rest of us, if it's not another task it's TV that's on the agenda.

The boob tube may provide a viewer with a conversation starter, a portal to the news and media, or a way to pass the time. TV has locked many of us inside for hours on end just to catch those episodes that couldn't be missed.

So much of my life has been invested in watching "Seinfeld" reruns or TLC features like "Jon & Kate plus Eight." All this time spent inside

seemed unfair when I noticed the front door was only a few steps away from me and my three-seater sofa.

I wonder if the students here at Central Washington University have taken some time out of their busy routines to lay beneath the big blue sky. As for me, I realized how much more I have enjoyed admiring the bumps and shapes of the clouds that surround us than the Panasonic in front of me.

There is art everywhere you look, spring has arrived. The birds are chirping, the hamburgers are cooking and the flowers are blooming.

Don't let a cable connection keep you from enjoying what lies behind an eight foot entryway. Giving up on TV all together is not the answer by any means. Even I still make the time to catch a few scripted laughs.

However, keep in mind that although it is pretty neat that on one network you can watch "Meerkat Manor" and on another you can discover an extreme home makeover, it is key to remember you don't need a channel changer to see a different picture-show outdoors.

## Spring time to-do

- Float the river.
- Join an intramural team.
- Take a hike. Try Lion's Rock or Manastash.
- Stop and smell the flowers.
- Spring cleaning in closets and cubbards.
- Pass classes.
- Start a coin bank to help fund a summer trip.
- Cut back on sweets to fit back into summer suits and shorts.
- Call your mom. And grandparents.
- Go to a baseball game.
- Look out for the lovebug!

## Culinary Corner



**Rachel Guillermo**  
Culinary Columnist

### Hawaiian slang

- BROK' DA MOUT** (BROHK dah mowt) - Tastes delicious, yummy
- BUMBYE** (buhm-BY-ee) - When we get around to it.
- CHOKO** - Many, a lot.
- FO' REAL?** (foh REE-ahl) - Are you serious?
- GRIND** - To eat like there's no tomorrow!
- HAOLE** (HOW-lay) - A non-Hawaiian, usually refers to a Caucasian.
- HO BRAH** - Hold on, friend!; An exclamation said before describing some amazing event, thing, or great looking person
- LIKE BEEF?** - Want to fight?
- LOLO** (LOH-loh) - Dumb, stupid, idiotic
- NAH NAH NAH NAH** - Just kidding.
- PAU HANA** (pow HAH-nah) - To be done with work.
- PANTY** (PAHN-tee) - A frightened or timid person.
- WAHINE** (wah-HEE-nay) - woman, female.

Imagine waking up everyday, hopping in your car and driving five minutes to look out to miles and miles of waves breaking on the shores of white sandy beaches. When I go home I don't have to imagine it. It's a reality for me because. I am lucky enough to call Hawaii home.

Even though I like living here on the "mainland," from time to time I do get a little home sick. Something that always makes me feel a little better when I'm missing home is cooking some of the foods I've grown up with. This quarter I'll share a little bit of my home and come up with recipes of the kinds of foods Hawaiian people eat everyday. And contrary to popular belief...nothing will have pineapple in it. But for now here are some common Hawaiian slang words to help you navigate through the islands if you ever find your self lucky enough to go there.

### Foods at a traditional Hawaiian Luau

- HAUPIA**- A traditional Hawaiian coconut flavored dessert that is best described as a "stiff pudding."
- KULOLO**- A Hawaiian pudding made of taro, brown sugar and coconut milk.
- LAU LAU**- Salt butterfish, beef, chicken or pork wrapped in taro or ti leaves and then steamed.
- LOMI LOMI SALMON**- From the Hawaiian words to massage, knead or rub, Lomi Lomi Salmon is made with cold diced salmon, tomatoes and onion. It is found at almost every luau in the islands.
- PIPIKAULA**- Hawaiian-style beef jerky
- PUPUS**- Appetizers
- POI**- One of the staple foods of the Hawaiian diet, poi is a thick, purple-colored paste made by pounding taro. Poi can be bought fresh or "day-old," which allows a sour flavor to develop. Poi is labeled "one-finger," "two-finger" or "three-finger" to describe its consistency--the thicker the poi, the fewer fingers needed to scoop it up. Today, it is used in many Hawaiian recipes or served as a side dish.

You can send your comments, questions and concerns to [cwuculinarycorner@gmail.com](mailto:cwuculinarycorner@gmail.com).

## RANDOM WORDS WITH...

\* How many licks does it take to reach the center of a Tootsie Pop?

Zero, because you bite it.

\* Favorite spring time activity?

Just being outdoors and playing baseball.

\* What is the worst ice cream flavor?

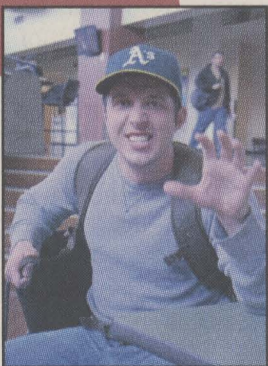
You can't have a bad ice cream experience.

\* What was your favorite cartoon growing up?

Hey Arnold ... with numerous exclamation points.

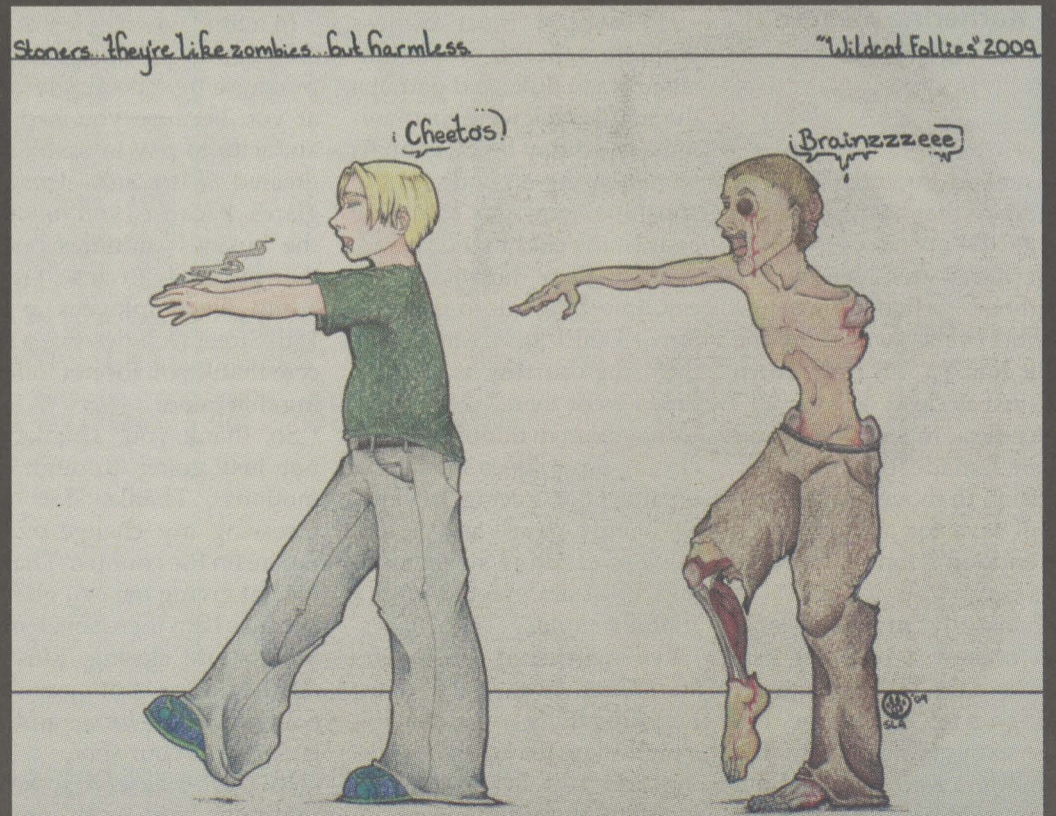
\* If your house was on fire and you could one save one thing, what would it be?

I would grab my mom, with a handful of food. Just my mom and a bunch of meat.



**Kellan Holdener**  
junior  
geology and  
geography major

## The artist's eye ...



Sylvia Armitstead/Observer

(Have any embarrassing moments you'd like to share and have drawn into "Wildcat Follies?") Write to the cartoonist at [quicksaberflash@gmail.com](mailto:quicksaberflash@gmail.com)

# ROCK n' BOWLING

by Kayla Schroeder  
Editor-in-Chief

Wednesday nights in Ellensburg tend to be low key. The library might be full of studying students, but as for the night life, it's pretty dead. Then again, drive east down University Way and you might notice a full parking lot at the Rodeo Bowl and Entertainment Center. This lot isn't full very often but on Wednesday nights, the locals come out to Rock n' Bowl.

Between 9 and 11 p.m., customers can pay \$10 to bowl the night away while jamming to new tunes and dancing under a dozen black lights.

A group of seven Central Washington University students huddle over a broken computer screen that usually adds up the gamer's scores. Lane 13 is having some technical difficulties tonight, so this group will have to keep score on their own accord. Their white T-shirts glow neon blue as though they represented one team. Disco balls twirl, throwing beams of colorful lights around the room. Strobe lights flash as the atmosphere builds with competitive anticipation.

Joel Wahle, junior tourism major, joined the crew tonight for a round of bowling. He wasn't going to let his injured right foot keep him from knocking down a few pins. His foot rests in a hefty boot cast since he snapped a tendon a few weeks back. His turn is up. He hobbles across to the ball return, carefully lifting the 14-pound mass before clunking over the gleaming wooden floor boards to his lane. He winds up and releases the ball in one swift scooping motion. It's a near strike - just two stubborn pins left standing. The remaining pins scatter before being swept up by the machinery. Wahle returns to his seat, shaking his head slightly in disappointment. The turn secured his fate - he won't be leaving in first place tonight.

Wahle's pal Craig Almont, junior construction management and business major, takes his turn and returns to his seat with a hoot and holler.

"Three strikes in a row ..." Almont said. "I got the turkey!" Almont cheers for tonight's accomplishment of three consecutive strikes,

also known as a turkey. He returns to his friends to add up his score. "One hundred fifty, plus a strike, plus eight ..." he said. "Do I only get 10 for the strike?" he asks a nearby teammate. "Yeah," replies a voice from the crowd.

"I got 168," Almont said. The couple beside him on the bench pay no heed to Almont's glory moment. They are "playing" the next lane over but are really fixated on enjoying each others' company. The teenage boy, a dark, lanky fellow, hiding signs of puberty beneath the rim of his baseball cap, sits atop his girlfriend's petite torso and rests both arms around his head of slick, brown hair against his back. Here, they don't have to pretend to watch a movie while Mom spies from the kitchen. Tonight, it's just the two of them - no matter how many strangers come through the doors.

Dean Martin is the manager of Rodeo Bowl and has been for the last 35 years, succeeding the last owner. He stands behind the front desk just barely five feet tall, scanning the alley from left to right and back again.

"There's a ball stuck," informs a girl from lane three as she approaches and rests her elbows on the counter for a moment.

"We're working on it," Martin responds in a deep, even tone. "Wait until the lights come back on."

Martin said Rock n' Bowl draws a few high schoolers but primarily college students.

"Wednesday is a school night, so Mom won't let the high school students participate," Martin said.

The bowling alley entertains approximately 60 to 65 bowlers on Wednesday nights in part because of the special lighting and loud music.

This club-like scene attracts the many young adults and few local adults, resulting in colorful bowling balls rolling down virtually every lane.

Since players pay one price for the two hour period, the demand is high and those strolling in after nine will likely be turned away.

"It's only 10 bucks for two hours," Nathan Lea, junior, said. "That's five bucks an hour! It's worth it."



# Black Violin brings fusion of sound

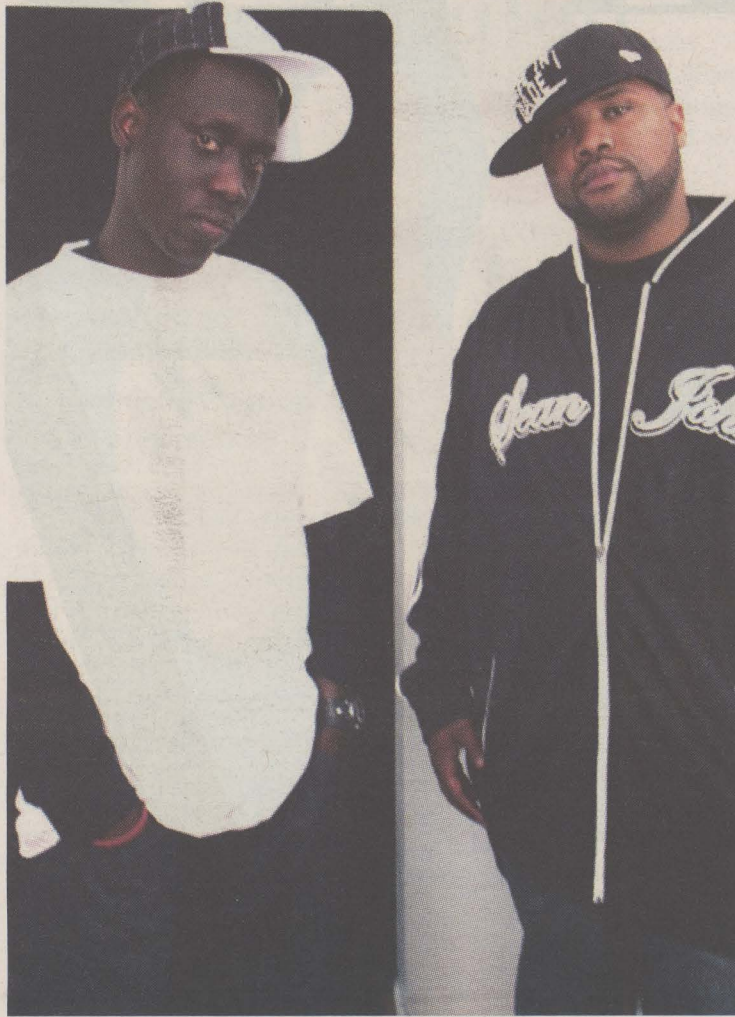


Photo courtesy of the Publicity Center

by Ryan Ricigliano  
Staff Reporter

Violins and hip-hop aren't usually two terms that share the same sentence, much less the same musical stage. However, at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 10, in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) Ballroom, musical group Black Violin will bring this unique fusion of sound to Central Washington University students.

The group covers a wide array of musical stylings as they transition from funk, jazz, R&B and classical, sometimes all within the same song. Violinist Kev Marcus and viola player Wil B. provide the classical feel to most songs, while DJ T.K. supplies a hip-hop backdrop. Black Violin have played at numerous college campuses and have even been voted "Favorite Act to Have on Campus" by Campus Activities Magazine.

"We've been wanting to get these guys for a while

now, but they've always been booked," said Sarah Grant, Campus Life programmer. "They really have been promoted as a new and innovative act that can cover the entire stage."

It's Grant's hope that the uniqueness and diversity of Black Violin's sound will attract students to Friday's show.

"What really jumps out to me is the fact that there are no lyrics. They are so entertaining, they don't need that," Grant said. "I think that because there is not a ton of hip-hop on campus, this is a cool way to incorporate it; but at the same time they are so broad, everyone can enjoy this."

George David, junior undeclared, has heard about Black Violin's performance, but is unsure as to whether or not he'll be attending Friday.

"The whole thing sounds really interesting," David said. "It sounds like they will have some cool beats."

The group isn't new to performing either. Wil B. and Kev

Marcus first met while attending the Dillard High School of Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. However, it wasn't until the two heard the album "Black Violin," by violinist Stuff Smith that they seriously considered the true potential of the violin. After graduating high school, Wil B. went on to Florida State and Marcus attended Florida International University, both on full music scholarships.

The duo continued pursuing music through college and were given their first big break when they performed live with Alicia Keys at the 2004 Billboard Music Awards. Following that, the group opened for Fort Minor, the side project of Linkin Park vocalist Mike Shinoda, and continued to turn heads and gain fans. The rising group has worked with the likes of Kayne West, Aerosmith, Tom Petty and The Eagles.

Justine Fowler, senior public relations major and 'Burg promotions manager, is intrigued by Black Violin's eclectic mix of melodies and is looking forward to Friday's show.

"I think it is a different blend of music, one that creates a new genre of music in itself," Fowler said.

According to Scott Drummond, Associate Director of Campus Life, getting varied, distinctive artists to come to CWU is one of the top priorities this year. He hopes to bring a few solid, big name acts to students each quarter to honor the hard work they've put into the university.

"We are looking for acts that are going to run the gauntlet, whether it be movies, comedians, lectures or whatever," Drummond said.

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The Sarah Spurgeon Gallery was one of sixteen locations dotted around Ellensburg that took part in the Ellensburg First Friday Art Walk that started April 3.

# History and art come together at Spurgeon

by Marissa McDonald  
Staff reporter

Art lovers gathered from 5 to 8 p.m. on April 4 at the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery at Central Washington University for the opening of Society Illustrators: An Historical Look at Visual Communication. The art show features more than original paintings and works of art spanning the 20 century. Sponsored by the Society of Illustrators, the art show continues through April 26.

"This exhibit is going to appeal to a lot of different people," said Heather Horn-Johnson, manager of the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery. "There's a very commercial illustration of application...so people relate."

There were a number of photographs displayed from publications including Esquire Magazine, Playboy, Sports Illustrated, as well as popular artists. The contemporary pieces of local illustrator, John Clymer, stood out to many, as did Norman Rockwell's works of embellished book and magazine covers, advertisements and political satire.

"When put into context of their original reason for being, these images are a great tool for reviewing the societal norms and expectations of their time," said Susan Bent-

ley, Secretary Senior of the department of art. "I am not sure I could pick just one favorite — there are so many wonderful pieces in the exhibit."

The event was catered with a variety of food and wine.

Alex Emmons, assistant professor for the department of art, was pleased with the opening reception.

"It's a good survey that has its historical references

for students...there are lots of different time periods [represented]," Emmons said.

### For more information

The Sarah Spurgeon Gallery is located in room 141 of Randall Hall and is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekends from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



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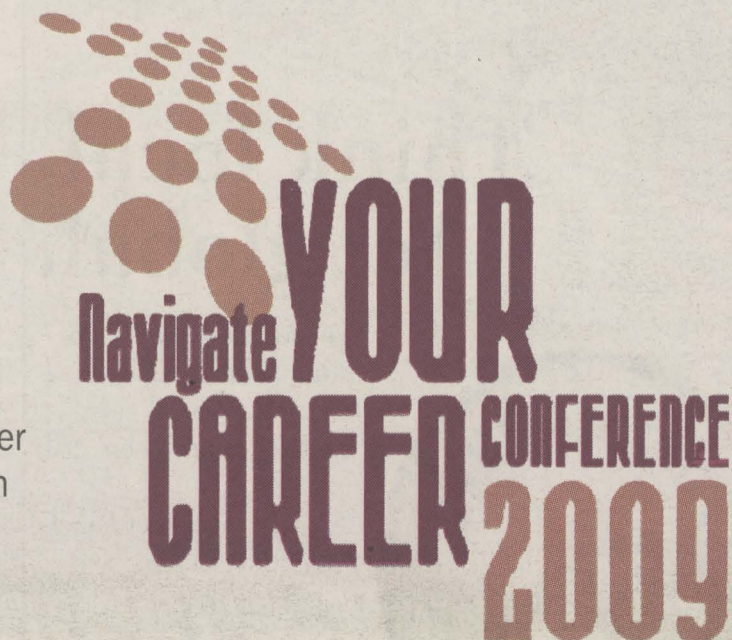
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# 'Mostly Mozart' brings opera mix

by Rachael Duff  
Staff reporter

The Opera Workshop held its annual spring Opera, April 3 and 4 in the Central Washington University Building Music Hall. This year's show "Mostly Mozart," was a collection of opera scenes by Mozart and Beethoven; directed by Dr. Gayla Blaisdell, assistant professor of voice.

"This being my first year here I was pleasantly surprised by the growth of the students," Dr. Blaisdell said.

The Opera was a mix of action, drama, suspense, romance and comedy. Although many of the scenes were in a foreign language, a narrator provided accounts of each scene before it began.

"I really enjoyed the show," said Shanda Campbell, senior, pre-nursing major. "It was

evident that a lot of time and work was put into making the production a success and the singing was beautiful."

The opera alternates yearly between a full show and scenes from multiple shows. This year included scenes from "The Marriage of Figaro," "Cosi Fan Tutti," "Fidelio," "The Magic Flute," "Abduction from the Seraglio" and "Don Giovanni."

Due to a lack of volunteers, the cast members spent their spring break generating costumes and creating the set. They spent four months rehearsing two hours a day, three days a week.

It also took enormous community collaboration to make the show possible. Auditions were held in early January, open to all members of the community, not just Central students. Mangos, a local day

spa and salon, donated their facility, staff and services for the hair and makeup. Posters were made in the publicity center and the drama department donated costumes.

"This gave me experience and prepared me as a future

educator," said Natalie Mehio, senior music education major and assistant executive producer of the show. "The business part is just as important as the show itself because you want people to come."

Mia Spencer and Dr. Niko-

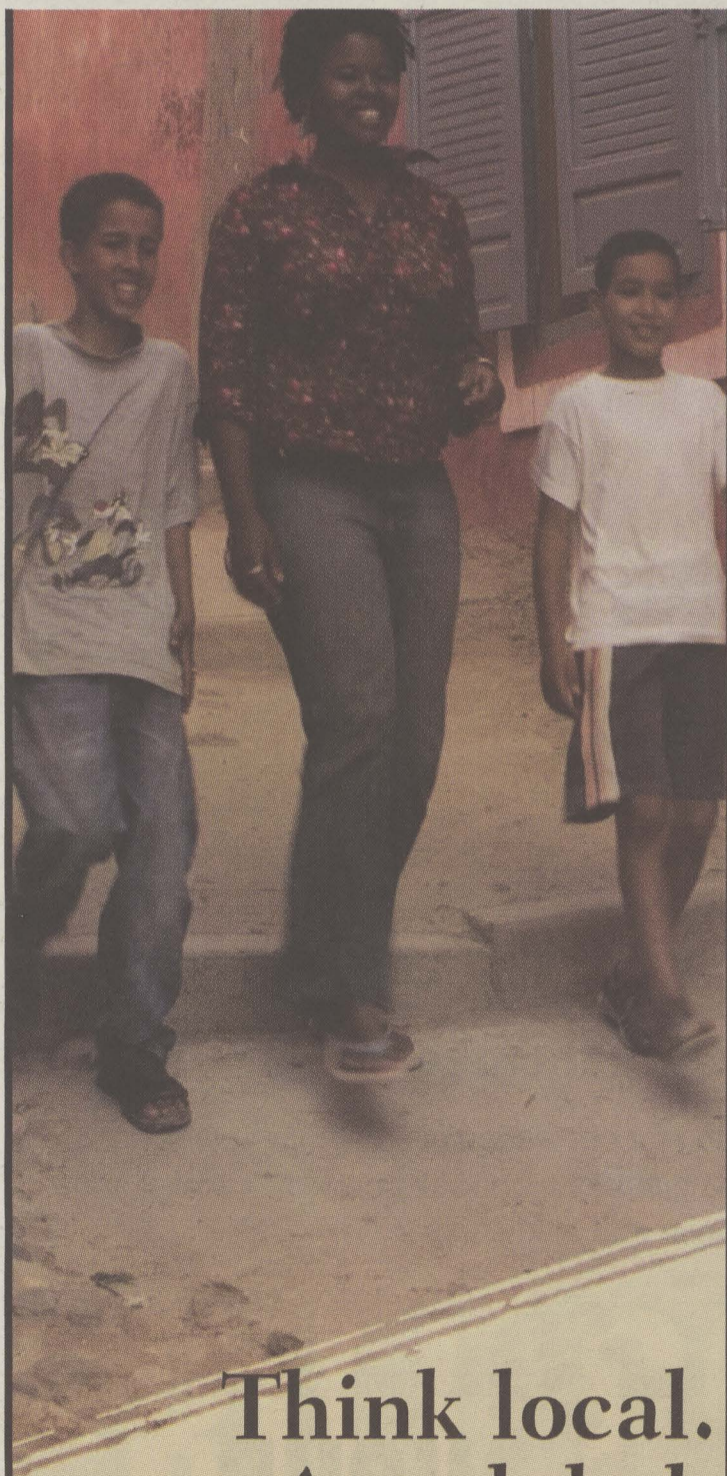
las Caoile provided piano accompaniment. The show consisted of approximately 30 performers and was sponsored by the Vocal Music Alliance Club.

Next year's Workshop will be a full length production.



Mimi Oh/Observer

Amy Edwards, senior vocal performance major stands with singers dressed as prisoners for L. van Beethoven's Fidelio, talking up their craft as they wait to get called on stage.



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# Talk, participate for human rights

by David Guzman  
Staff reporter

The civil rights and issues of people around the world are on display during April. The Human Rights Awareness Month, hosted by Amnesty International CWU and sponsored by the Don and Verna Duncan Civic Engagement Center, hopes to not only educate students about issues facing people today, but also encourage them to make a difference in their own way.

Various groups and organizations on campus, such as GALA, the Diversity Education Center, and the Wellness Center, are combining with Amnesty International to host activities and provide information on human rights.

"That's what [Amnesty International] stands for – interacting with other groups on campus to help spread a message," said Devon Rogers, president of Amnesty International. "It's important to get all clubs on campus working and interacting."

According to Rogers, each week during the month of April focuses on a particular theme. The first week of April, entitled "One," educated students on the power of the individual and how he or she can make a difference. The month's activities began by showing the film "Hotel Rwanda" in the Barto residence hall lounge.

This week focuses on LGBT (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) issues.

Last Tuesday in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) Pit, Central's GALA organization hosted a panel for issues pertaining to LGBT students.

Last night, the 1996 film "Fire" was shown in SURC room 137.

Next week features events pertaining to underrepresented voices on campus, and is entitled "Unspoken Voices of CWU." On Monday in SURC 137, Amnesty International is holding a "garage-less garage sale" to raise money for future endeavors. A couch, TV stand and assorted items are expected to be on sale in addition to other used items.

The week also marks the opening of the Human Rights Awareness Maze, hosted by the Civic Engagement Center and the Diversity Education Center. The maze, which will be located in the tennis courts outside of the SURC, will contain several 6 by 4 foot panels created by Central students. Each panel contains pictures, quotations, and other visual representation of human rights issues focused on during the month.

"Each panel is a door in

the maze," said Stephanie Oberlander, senior cultural anthropology major and Civic Engagement Center fellow. "The only way to get out of the maze is to find 'solutions,' or panels that provide answers or actions to take."

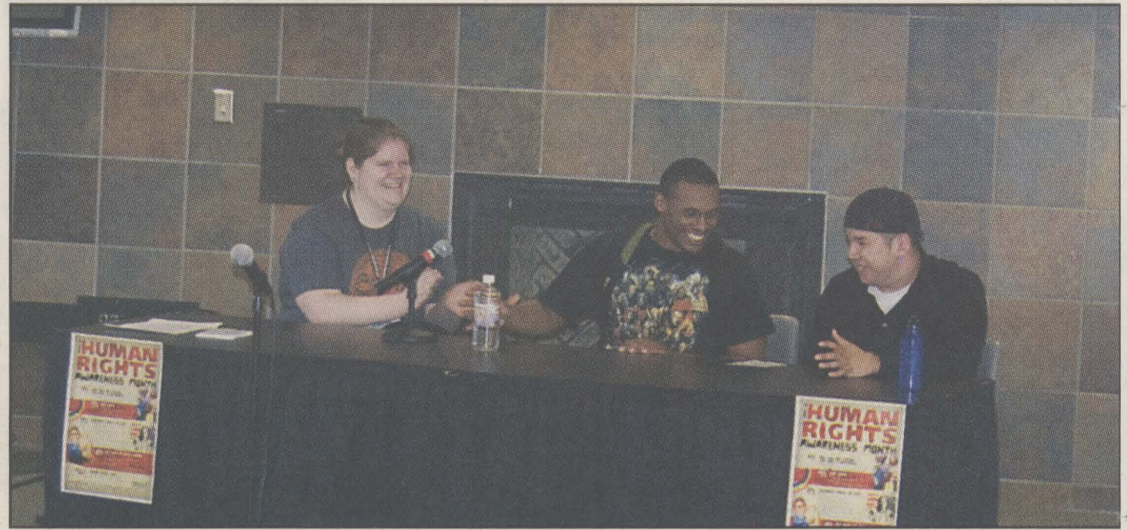
"We want people to 'leave' the maze with the message 'yes, our generation faces some serious challenges,'" Oberlander said. "But each of us, as individuals, plays a part in the solution."

The film "The Canary Effect" will be shown this Wednesday at 6 p.m. in SURC 137, and the week will finish up with a panel discussion Thursday evening, at 6 p.m. in Black 151.

"The hope is to hear from people we normally don't hear about," Rogers said. "The panel ... will be students speaking of their experiences – Native Americans, undocumented students, Saudi Arabian exchange students, and others."

The third full week of April will focus on women's rights and is entitled "The Right of Being Woman."

Two Central faculty members – Cynthia Coe, professor of philosophy, and Loran Cutsinger, associate professor of anthropology – will be featured in a panel at noon on Tuesday, April 21, in the SURC



Kendra Gordon/Observer

Devon Rogers (left), senior biology and anthropology major, Anthony Peterson, senior sociology and law and justice major and Victor Ruiz law and justice major discuss human rights during the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender forum Tuesday, April 7 in the SURC Pit.

pit. The panel will discuss issues such as sexual violence and women's civil rights.

From 5 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22 in the SURC Ballroom, the CWU Wellness Center will host the 1st annual Rock Against Rape gathering. According to Health Educator and Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Andrea Easlick, the purpose of Rock Against Rape is to gather diverse members from the community and provide education on the prevention of sexual assault. Live music and educational activities will be held throughout the ballroom. Participants

can also participate in an art battle, where they can create artwork based on the event's theme. Free pizza and beverages are provided.

The week's activities will wrap up on Thursday, April 23, with a public showing of the movie "Killing Us Softly" in Black 151. Following the movie is a march and rally entitled "Bring Back the Night," which will bring together organizations and individuals to protest violence against women. The location of the march is to be determined.

The final week of April features an appearance by the Human Rights Awareness

Tour, a group of organizations, artists, and performers who travel across the country to spread awareness about human rights violations in the world.

"It's a very intense comprehensive human rights week," Oberlander said.

In addition to performances and activities put on by the tour, individuals can sign up for the 30 Hour Fast at the beginning of the week. Journalist Nicholas Kristof will wrap up the month's activities, speaking about overseas human rights abuses, such as the Darfur genocide and sex trafficking.

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# Coffee Hour examines Nordstrom

by Katie Tigges  
Staff reporter

Students can get a coffee fix while conveying questions to Pete Nordstrom, Nordstrom Inc.'s President of Merchandising. There will be an opportunity to check out the fashion merchandising major, discover the innovative ways that Nordstrom Inc. has dealt with today's economy and the ability to get a more perfect view of how the business world operates today.

"Nordstrom, is a successful company at the forefront of customer service," said Andrea Eklund, an assistant professor in the Fashion Merchandising Department. "He [Nordstrom] will give students ideas for which classes to take...how to work your way through the system."

"Coffee Hour with Pete Nordstrom" will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 9 in the Student Union Recreation Center Ballroom. Nordstrom will be discussing his position inside one of the country's top retailers along with Nordstrom Inc.'s merchandising philosophies and strategies.

Pete Nordstrom has been working for the family busi-

ness since 1978. He has served as Executive Vice President since February 2006 at a company that employs approximately 52,000 people with a gross profit margin of 40.1 percent.

"He [Nordstrom] started out at the bottom in the shoe department and now [heads] Nordstrom with his three brothers," said Jenni Martini, a senior fashion merchandising major and double minor in international studies and retail management and the current President of the Fashion and Merchandising Club.

Nordstrom Inc. was established in 1901 by Pete Nordstrom's great-grandfather, John W. Nordstrom, after he made a small fortune in the Klondike Gold Rush. The company grew from a small shoe repair shop in downtown Seattle into today's fashion specialty retailer, complete with in-house espresso bar and restaurants.

In spite of fierce competition Nordstrom Inc. has held true to John W. Nordstrom's core belief that his store should "offer the customer the best possible service, selection, quality and value."

According to Eklund, this

## Interesting Facts

Pete Nordstrom plays both acoustic guitar and bass. He helped start the Seattle-based record label "Loveless Records."

event is relevant and beneficial to other majors. Opportunities will be available to ask questions regarding Nordstrom Inc.'s business model and their success as the forefront of customer service.

Nordstrom does everything in-house including accounting, marketing, and other business positions providing the opportunity for majors other than fashion merchandising to ask questions pertaining to their own major.

Toni Driver, the internship director at Nordstrom, Inc. will discuss internship opportunities.

"The sooner you can make connections the better!" says Stephanie Sype, junior double major in public relations and fashion merchandising, and the senator for the fashion club. "I am just really excited to meet him [Nordstrom] It's like meeting a celebrity or a high-end fashion designer."

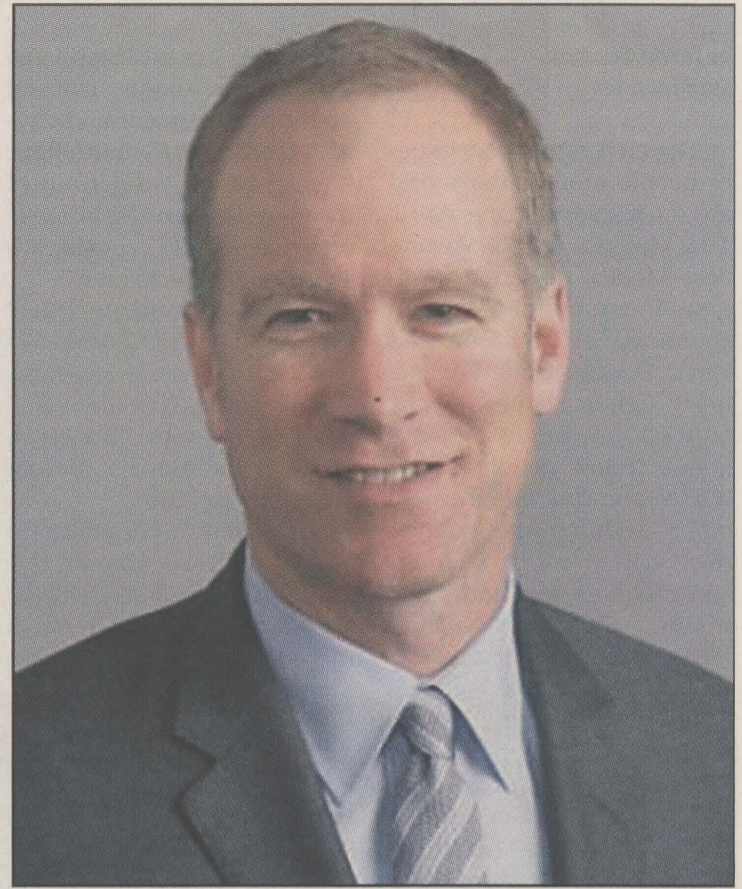


Photo courtesy of the Publicity Center

Pete Nordstrom, Nordstrom Inc.'s President of Merchandising will be available for questions during Coffee Hour with Pete Nordstrom at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 9 in the SURC Ballroom.

The Seattle-based company has begun the process of accepting applications for their summer internship program. According to Sype, attending

this event could possibly give someone an edge over the hundreds of applicants if they leave Driver or Nordstrom with a good impression.

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# sports

## Sports Trivia

Who was the only college football player to win the Heisman Trophy twice?



Archie Griffin



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An Idaho runner slides it in safe to second base as number 20 Jordan Slesk jumps into the air to avoid a collision. Baseball was able to split the games for the weekend.

## Baseball makes a comeback

by Matthew Carstens  
Staff reporter

Wildcat baseball bounced back from a rough double-header on Tuesday against the College of Idaho Coyotes and won 3 of 4 games against the Northwest Nazarene University Crusaders.

Junior right fielder Rickey McKinney, went 3 for 6 with 3 RBIs in the Tuesday double-header and was the lone bright spot as Central was out-hit 42-18 over the two games.

"I started the year off slow," said McKinney. "The last few weeks I've really started to turn it on."

In the first game, Wildcatss senior pitcher Andrew Snowdon was taken out after only two and two thirds innings, allowing 10 runs, six of which were earned.

However, the Coyotes went on to score in every inning except the sixth, compiling a 27-7 victory.

Game two was more of the same as the Coyotes jumped out to a 9-0 lead, that they never surrendered.

The lone two Wildcat runs

came from a solo blast by junior infielder Kevin Schneider and an RBI double from McKinney.

With Northwest Nazarene University in town Friday, Central's head coach Desi Storey sent right hander Derek Shoemaker to the mound. Shoemaker shut down the Crusaders with a complete game victory, improving his record to 4-4.

He allowed two earned runs on six hits with 123 pitches.

Senior infielder Frank Donangelo provided some fireworks with a grand slam in the fifth inning to put the Wildcats up 6-2.

Senior southpaw Robbie Grimm took the mound for the second game and allowed six runs, three earned, in six and two thirds innings of work.

Sophomore right hander Jake Millbauer came in to get the final out of the seventh inning.

The Crusaders rallied with two outs in the seventh scoring three runs to tie the game at eight a piece.

McKinney led off the final

“When the [opportunity] presents itself, [I try] getting hits, scoring runs and trying to put my team on top.”

Nate Wallen  
Junior Outfielder

inning with a single to left, then subsequently stole second and advanced to third on a fly ball by junior middle infielder Jordan Slesk.

An intentional walk was issued to Schneider and the Wildcats won in walk-off fashion with a fielder's choice bunt by Snowdon.

The last double header of the week was split as Central lost the first game and won the second.

Junior backup catcher Sheldon Santiago pinch hit for Snowdon who was slated to pitch the next game and went 5 for 6.

Despite the catchers going a combined 3 for 4, out-hitting their opponent 13-10, and scoring a run in each of the last three innings of game one, Central could not catch up and was defeated 7-5.

In the next game Snowdon bounced back well from his previous outing against the College of Idaho Coyotes pitching a complete game, and only allowing three runs on nine hits.

"My slider was working for me today," Snowdon said. "I also kept my fastball down. Last week my fastball was up, that's where I got into trouble."

Snowdon was hit hard at times by the opposition, but was able to contain the Crusader offense stranding eight base runners.

Besides Santiago getting some playing time, this was an opportunity for Junior backup outfielder Nate Wallen to get some as well.

Regular outfielder AJ Gos-

ney was out with a hamstring issue and Wallen made the most of his playing time going 4 for 8 against the Crusaders.

"When the [opportunity] presents itself, [I try] getting hits, scoring runs and trying to put my team on top," Wallen said.

Even though it has been a tough year, Coach Storey has tried to keep the morale of the team up by trying to keep their attitudes in the right place, despite the ups and downs of the season.

The Wildcats hit the road this week against College of Idaho on Tuesday April 12 and down to the state capital to take on St. Martin's in a pair of doubleheaders.

### Pitchers Stats

GAME ONE

Matt Crowe- 6 IP

Tyle Warne- 1 IP

Anthony Wirkkala- 1 IP

GAME TWO

Kevin Walkenhauer- 2.2 IP

Justin Reed- 1.0 IP

Chris Jackson- 1.1 IP

Thomas Burnett- 1.0 IP



# Yes, I love to watch NASCAR

## *Defense of a sport most love to hate*



**Laura Mittleider**  
Asst. Sports editor

The National Association of Stock Car Racing (NASCAR) has been loved or hated in my family for as long as I can remember.

I grew up with NASCAR on the television every Sunday with a roast in the oven. I have grown to love the sport.

The more I get to know people, the subject of NASCAR gets brought up and I admit that I like watching it.

Without hesitation my companion makes it a point to put down NASCAR and make it into a big deal that I, in fact, like it.

It's not just my friends either. Is't people who hear my conversation and feel the need to jump in and continue the ridicule.

I don't know about everyone else but frankly I

am sick and tired of listening to people make fun of and completely disrespecting the sport and people like me who actually enjoy watching the racers turn left for three hours.

I have heard all the jokes and comments before. For example, "All they do is turn left", or statements regarding their limitations on the track and cars, or even "That's so redneck."

The limitations are there for a reason people!

The cars push over 750 horsepower and if that power is just let loose on the tracks, which range anywhere from .566 miles to 2.66 miles, then there will be a heck of a lot more deaths involved in racing.

A stock Chevy Corvette can push 400 horsepower straight off the lot and that's a car that is familiar to the common citizen.

The amount of time and effort that is put into each car is remarkable. They are built from the ground up for speed and racing specifically.

The mechanics don't just change tires they literally build these cars and race them.

The drivers don't just drive the car in a circle either.

They need to know the type of track they are on and know what to expect in any weather condition even though they cancel races when track get to slick from the rain.

They are pinned in a small space with all sorts of protective equipment and sometimes that's not even enough to save a life.

These Driver's have to be able to control these cars going at high speeds. The amount of pressure

that is exerted is far greater in comparison to daily driving.

Race car driver Dale Earnhardt was racing in the 2001 Daytona 500 and was involved in a tragic car accident.

All the safety regulations and equipment couldn't save him. He passed away at the hospital.

His son, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., continues racing as number 88 in sprint car races.

NASCAR isn't just driving, it is a sport that requires a lot of consideration and know-how to finish a race successfully.

I really hope that from now on I can enjoy watching NASCAR and smelling that fresh roast in the oven without going through a game of "hate NASCAR" with my friends.

The term redneck, which was given to farmers because of their red necks after harvesting, is a complete stereotype because if I am considered a redneck, then what do you consider those who actually farm?

I am straight out of the suburbs of Seattle and find no commonality with farmers and ranchers.

NASCAR is a sport that has an acquired appreciation.

I don't expect everyone to love it but I do expect that people's opinions are kept to a dull roar if they haven't actually tried to understand what is going on.

I have heard it all for the last 19 years and I will probably continue hearing it but with all due respect, know what you are talking about before you decide to rag on NASCAR again.

# A simple request, please

## *From one outdoorsman to another*



**Eric Haugland**  
Sports editor

I truly do consider the mother earth to be my playground. I am an avid enthusiast of many outdoor sports and activities that nature has to offer.

I grew up snowboarding every inch of Highway 2's Steven's Pass and splashing across Highway 9's Lake McMurray.

I have been fortunate enough to fly fish on the Kenai River in Alaska while basking in the midnight sun, and have set crab traps in the Puget Sound while cursing the rain.

I have frozen my fingers climbing the evening cooled rocks at Vantage and burnt my toes on the sun-scorched beaches of Hawaii.

Overall, I would have to say that the kind Mother Earth and me have a pretty mutual relationship.

She lets me wander wherever I dare go, and all she asks in exchange is that I try to leave the lightest

footprints possible.

Now, by no means I am your stereotypical Subaru driving, granola eating naturalist who tries to live so organically that even their shoes are safe to eat (not that there is anything wrong with that).

So if you were about call me a hippie and quit reading I suggest you continue.

I am a gun shooting, red meat eating, pick-up driving earth lover who understands that if all of us just make little sacrifices none of us have to go so extreme.

May the steel-toed boot people and the sandal-eating people unite?

Taking full advantage of what nature has to offer is a privilege not a right.

So it really bothers me every time I have to pick up trash that got left on the trail, see ski tracks crossing an out-of-bounds sign, or have to haul back a shot up old refrigerator from my favorite target practice area.

So this is a dedication: To the person who recycles so adamantly that even their toilet paper rolls find the cardboard bin, to the fisher that never goes over

their limit and always releases when they are required, to the off-roader who never drives through a meadow, to the hiker that never cuts through a switchback and anyone in between.

And this is a condemnation. To the gun owners that leave their broken bottle targets behind, to the camper that doesn't put their fire out fully, to the boater that throws their garbage into the lake.

I too used to be someone who would float the river and leave my garbage behind, or disregard shot up appliances on Durr road.

But I have realized the error of my ways and try as hard as I can to correct them now that I have matured and seen what a bunch of lazy people's trash can do to a recreational area.

Not only are we capable of doing great damage to the fragile areas around us, but also one bad apple is liable to ruin it for those of us that play by the rules.

It takes only spark to cause a forest fire, or frustrated Forest Service Ranger to close off a trail.

This is not a call to arms to start a recycling campaign, or ban ATV's.

It is a simple request to come to the same realization that I did and understand we only have one little earth to live on, and she doesn't really ask for much.

So please just remember the simplest phrase that most of have come to live by: pack it in, pack it out.

“I am a gun-shooting, red meat-eating, pick-up driving, earth lover who understands that if all of us just make a little sacrifices none of us have to go so extreme.”

# FITNESS MADE AVAILABLE

## Recreation Center and OPR offer spring work out opportunities

by Elizabeth DeVos  
Staff reporter

At the start of every quarter the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) offers a week of 'demo days' where Recreation Center members can attend group fitness classes free of charge for the first week of classes.

"Demo days offer an opportunity for everyone to try everything," said Cody Sims, Fitness and Membership Coordinator.

Demo days tend to be the busiest time for group fitness classes, people are excited to try something new, and students don't have the responsibility of classes yet.

"We tend to see about 15-20 people per class during demo days," Sims said.

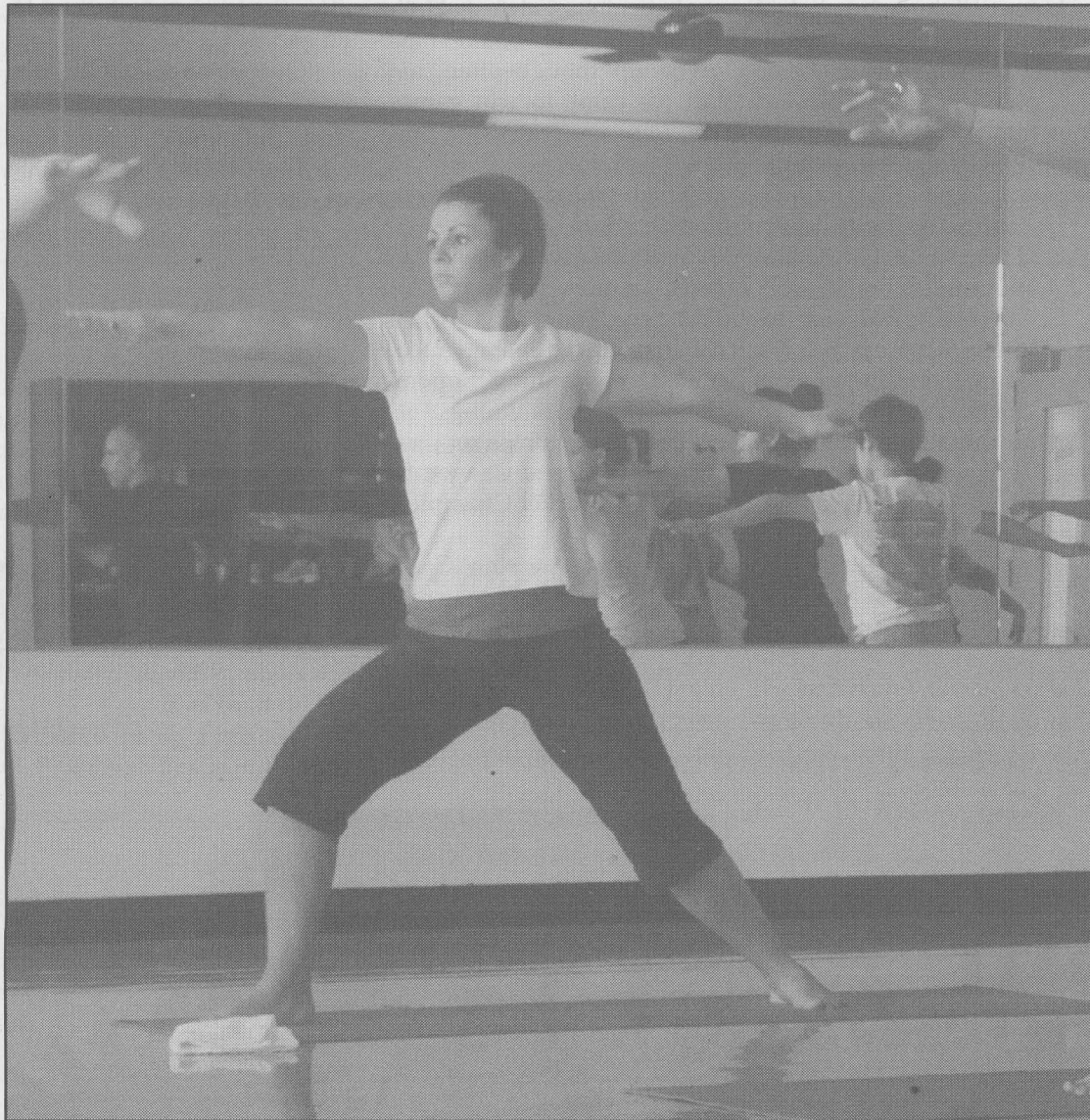
Group fitness classes offer a wide variety of classes throughout the day.

"It's always good to have people turn out," said Tristen Owens, senior exercise science major and fitness instructor. "I wish more people would come to the earlier classes."

According to Owens the morning and evening classes tend to be the low turnout classes while the afternoon classes see more popular.

The classes offer an opportunity to become fit and to provide a great way for people new to working out to gain support from a group.

"Attending the class with a friend helped me to not slack off," said Nicole Metzler, junior psychology major. "I loved the mixture of



Kali Hodges/Observer

Sophomore nutrition major, Kimberly Strong, posing in "warrior one" during OPR's group fitness yoga

upbeat fast paced class, and the wide variety of classes offered."

For those who enjoy working out with a buddy, there are group fitness classes that offer a chance to work with other people participating in the same activities.

"It's nice to go to a group

session with a buddy," said Nicole Broadwell, sophomore Physical Education major. "Just in case you need a partner for something."

Classes included are spinning, yoga, kickboxing, pilates, as well as strengthening and core workouts; all classes are taught by students.

For spring quarter Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals offers a group fitness class that includes weekly sunset hikes on Tuesdays.

The cost for this fitness is not included in a quarterly pass from the SURC. The prices range from \$2 or \$10 depending on which pass is

purchased.

The SURC sells group fitness classes cards; unlimited quarter passes cost \$40, unlimited monthly passes \$20, or students can purchase a ten-class punch card for \$10.

The ten-class punch card never expires.

The punch card is required for all group fitness classes and can be purchased at the recreation center counter.

According to Sims, classes are offered at the lowest price possible. The earned revenue is used to pay instructors and evens out to a dollar per class.

"The bulk of the Recreation Center sales, approximately 80 percent, come from demo days," Sims said.

Most are quarterly passes, but vast majorities are for ten punch cards.

About five times per quarter the Recreation Center sees attempts by individuals to use a ten punch card from previous years.

However, the color on the ten punch card changes annually to prevent such fraud, said Sims.

"The [Recreation] center does fitness infusions on Saturdays throughout the quarter that are free," Sims said. "These Saturday classes are usually a class that we don't offer on our schedule."

For those who missed the demo days for spring quarter, there are three more chances to attend another free class on the following Saturday mornings: April 18, May 9, and May 23 at 10:30 p.m.

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# Wildcat's on the road again

by Garret Atkinson  
Staff reporter

The Wildcat softball team has returned from a road trip to Turlock, CA, where they competed in the tournament of champions.

The team played eight games throughout the weekend, losing in the Silver Bracket Championship Game to Grand Canyon 5-2.

The game against Grand Canyon was the third game of a triple-header on Sunday.

They played six games in two days, bringing the tournament total to eight games.

Their final record was 2-6 in the tournament.

Pool-play for the tournament began on Friday, where the girls got off to a rough start.

Losing the first game 1-3 to San Francisco State in extra innings, and getting shut out

in the second game to CSU Monterey Bay 04-0.

Linse Vlohovich pitched the entire first game including the extra inning,

Vlohovich only allowed four hits and struck out nine in only her fourth loss of the season.

On Saturday the Wildcats played three more games, but could not catch a break.

Senior Holly Rossman totaled three of the six hits for Central in the game against CSU Dominguez Hills.

Unfortunately, the Wildcats lost 9-1 in their second extra-innings game of the tournament.

The losing streak continued against Chico State, where the girls lost 4-1.

Followed by a game against Hawaii Hilo in which Central suffered another loss of 9-1 to make them winless

during pool play.

"It was a frustrating start," said Senior Catcher Holly Rossman. "We could have given up though after that, but we came to win games. We were motivated for Sunday."

They ended on a strong note Sunday.

Winning two of their last three games, beating San Francisco State 3-2 to break the five game losing streak and also defeating Sonoma State 2-1 in extra innings.

Those two games set them up to play Grand Canyon for the Silver Bracket Championship.

Graduate Assistant Coach Mallory Holtman stills feels confident in her team's abilities.

"The first two days were rough fatigue started to play a factor after playing so many

games already."

Team spirits were still good after the tournament came to an end.

"Our record might not show it but we played well and hit good, we just couldn't seem to string together hits" Senior outfielder Danielle Monson said.

"Our team energy is great right now. Spirits are all up and we are really excited for the rest of this season."

The Wildcat Softball team is now preparing to face St. Martins this weekend for a four game series in Lacey, WA. Central previously swept St. Martins at home, outscoring them 39 to 9 in four games.

But, the team knows that these games have to be played just as hard as any.

"We can't go in thinking these games will be easy.

They just beat Humbolt[Humbolt State University] this weekend at our tournament so we know they are capable of big upsets."

We have to go in there ready to play and hopefully we come out with all four," said Monson.

Holly Rossman was nominated to the all-tournament team after the tournament.

She had a batting average of .346 (9 for 26), four doubles, two home runs and five RBIs.

Rossman also hit a tournament single-game record three doubles in the 9-1 loss against CSU Dominguez Hills on Saturday.

"It is always exciting to do that, but I definitely didn't think I would be getting any awards after our start in the tournament, so it was definitely a nice surprise," Rossman said.

The Wildcats now sit at 18-15 overall, and 14-6 in conference play.

They are a just two games out of first place behind Montana State Billings.

Holtman's confidence is shared by the team when it comes to fighting for first place in the conference.

"Were confident that we can win league and go to playoffs. We have one of the best pitchers in the league with Linse, and we have strong pieces holding this group together. This team is very good."

The wildcat's will continue with games on April 10 and April 11 against St. Martins University.

The team has been on the road since April 3 and will return home again on April 17 where they will go head to head with Northwest Nazarene at one o'clock.

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## Wildcat Softball Schedule At-A-Glance

April 10-11  
@St. Martin's

April 14  
@Western Washington

April 17-18  
-Northwest Nazarene

April 24-25-26  
@Western Oregon

May 1-2  
@Montana State Billings

# Intramural's spike spring quarter

by Jessica Hirschhorn  
Staff reporter

League registration for spring intramural sports will be open until Thursday April 9th at the Recreation Center.

Sports included in the spring league are badminton on Tuesdays and Thursdays, dodge ball on Mondays and Wednesdays, and flag football on Sundays. Frisbee golf will be located on campus on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Pickle ball will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Pickleball, which is like playing mini tennis on a small court, is played with a wooden paddle and a special slow-moving ball called a wiffle ball. The net is a badminton-sized net at

tennis height.

This sport is that it was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island in the Puget Sound area of Washington.

Outdoor soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball will also be available this quarter.

For all the X-Box 360 fans there will be Tiger Woods Golfing.

The intramural sports teams are a big point of interest during the spring.

Athletes are excited to participate outdoors as the weather warms up.

"Intramural sports give me a competitive outlet without actually having to be good, and I don't have to spend time traveling like other teams do," said Justin Swanson, senior global wine studies student and intramural

soccer team member.

Eric Scott, coordinator of intramural sports, expects about 1,500 student athletes to participate in intramural sports this quarter.

"We try to offer a sport for every level," said Scott.

Intramural sports are a great way to fill a busy student's day because they allow the student a form of competition without an overwhelming commitment of time.

Jessie Pierson, a sophomore music major, is playing softball this spring.

When asked what his favorite part about intramural sports is, Pierson said, "It fills the void that is missing from actually playing baseball [in high school]."

It is not too late to get teams in for

sign up.

Remember, the team shirt is a great reason to include yourself in an intramural sport this spring.

Get to the Recreation Center by Thursday, April 9 to make sure this opportunity is not missed.

## Podcast Postings

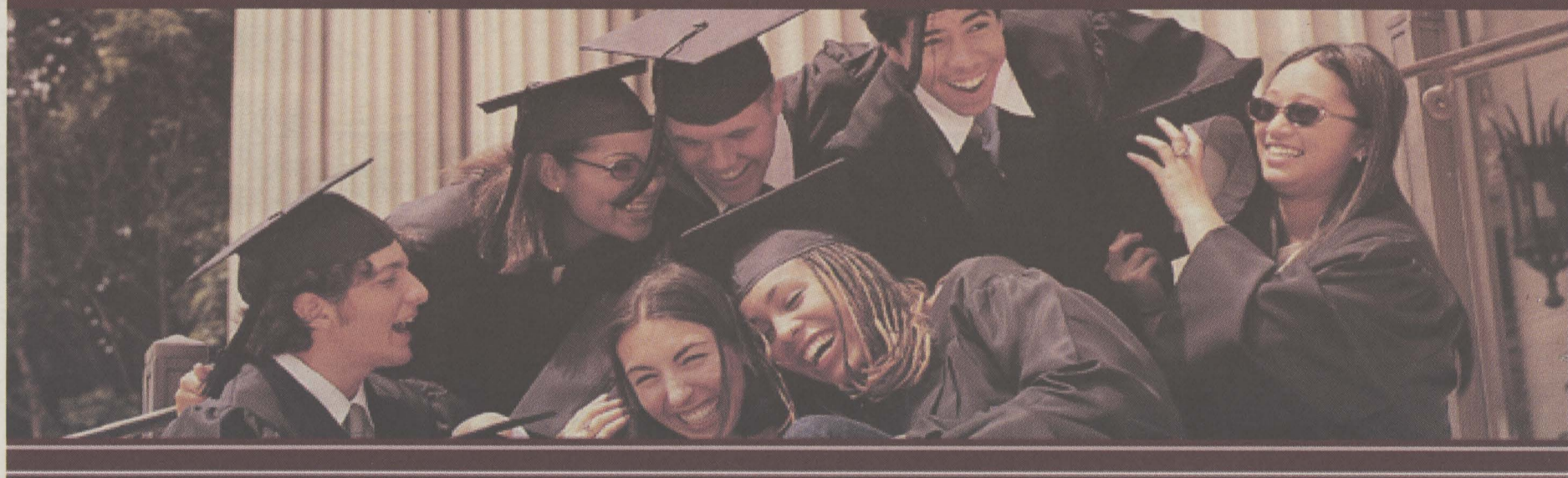
Go to <http://www.cwu.edu/~rec/intramuralsports/index.html> for more information on intramural sports. There will be weekly podcasts posted on the intramural sports website, be sure to check them out.

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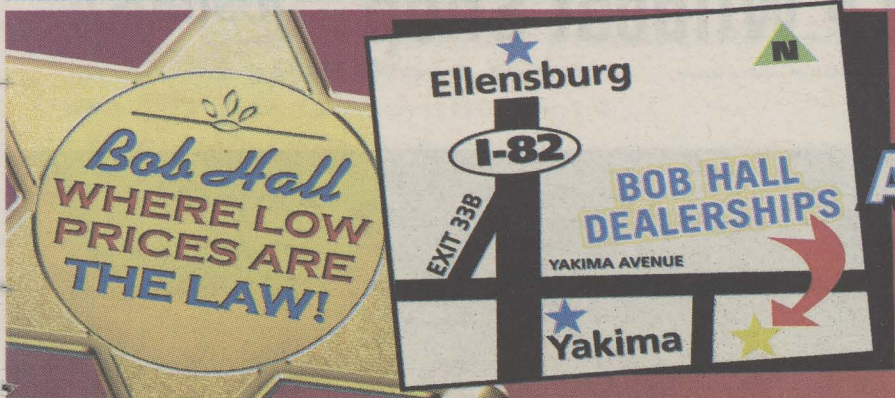
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