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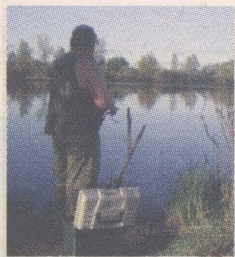
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Students walk-out to sit-in *Tuition hike protested, BOT approves*

by Kayla Schroeder
Editor-in-chief
by Ryan Ricigliano
Senior reporter

Taylor Roberts sat in English 102, taught by Professor Karen Holt. As 12:10 p.m. rolled around, two students walked out of class as part of last Friday's protest. The planned "walk-out" was organized by the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) to protest the Board of Trustees (BOT) anticipated approval of a 14 percent tuition increase.

Roberts' table debated over whether to participate or take the offered bonus points for the day's attendance. Within minutes, half of Holt's class had walked out, including Roberts and his table.

"She was happy we were standing up for something but mad it was disrupting class," Roberts said. "But she said we had to do what we had to do."

Outside of the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC), organizers handed out homemade signs and T-shirts, encouraging passersby to participate. Reggae artist Joseph Israel performed activist anthems as part of the Human Rights Awareness Festival, also taking place during the week.

"Education is a human right," said Stephanie Stettler, Portland State graduate student and member of the Human Rights Awareness tour. "Why not bring [the tour and protest] together?"

University Police Capt. Mike



Photos by
Quinn Eddy/
Observer

Student protestors crowd the walkways and Mall on the west side of the SURC as the march continued southwest towards Barge Hall.

Luvera agreed that everyone has the right to a peaceful protest. He said the "direction had been clear from the organizers."

The group of two to three hundred students marched down to Barge Hall where the BOT meeting was to take place at approximately 1 p.m.

Supporters from the education department cheered.

"I think it's bigger than any of us put together," said Jan Case, program support supervisor.

Slowly, students progressed through the narrow double doors of Barge and up the three flights of stairs. The room heated as bodies packed into open seats and corners. Those unable to secure a spot convened in the hallway.

"Thank you for what you're doing," Sid Morrison, BOT member, said to the crowd. "We're doing the best we can. We want to keep Central a source of pride for everybody."

Zach Lamance, freshman graphic design major, wasn't satisfied.

"One thing that I've learned from politics, is that 'We're doing the best we can,' means they've already made their decision," Lamance said.

The meeting began with student voices as ASCWU-BOD President Pedro Navarrete introduced students directly affected by the tuition costs.

"We have a chance to send a message to legislators that when the budget is in crisis, you don't balance it on the backs of students," said Derrick Peacock, BOD vice president of political affairs.

The budget decision was near the end of Friday's meeting items. So, many students exited before the final vote.

In the end, the tuition increase of 14 percent was approved by the board with a 4-2 vote. However, the board consented to review the issue again before implementing another 14 percent increase

for the 2010-11 school year.

Members Daniel Sweeney and Sanford Kinzer voted against the increases.

"The message of the day - everyone is looking at savings," Kinzer said. "I think we too hastily decide on a 14 percent increase ... one is needed but we as a board are not doing our job in too hastily making the decision."

President James Gaudino urged concerned students to apply for financial aid to help "alleviate the burden." Gaudino was in full support of the protest, commending students' peaceful effort.

"[The BOT] always had students at the forefront of their minds," Gaudino said. "Maintaining value, not just affordability, to me, that's the key."

Academics will not face further cuts to faculty, according to the BOT.

To read more about faculty status during budget cuts, see page 3.

Presidential candidate side steps protocol

by Jesse Kertland
Staff reporter

This month, The Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) will be holding their yearly elections for office. Keith James, chairman of the Equities and Services Council (ESC), has decided to run for the next ASCWU BOD Presidential position. What some may not know is that Keith James' record as chairman of the ESC has been tarnished by a breach in protocol.

According to a source who will remain anonymous, James reportedly spent extra funds from the ESC budget to pay for a dinner catered by CWU Dining Services back in February. The dinner was arranged for the arrival of rap artist Talib Kweli and journalist Jeff Chang and had approximately 30 guests. Taking place in Sue Lombard, the dinner included guest representatives from the ESC, the Diversity Education Center, a representative from the Sociology Department, as well as James. The dinner's cost totaled \$679.50, which is \$479.50 over the normal \$200 allocation for events such as this.

The extra money that was spent for the dinner by James was reportedly not made aware to the ESC by James until approximately a month after the event had taken place. Normally, extra funding can be made available for events, but must be voted on by the ESC prior to the date of the event, with enough time left for deliberation. James neglected to follow this course of action, and proceeded to sign off on the funding request regardless.

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Photos by Quinn Eddy/Observer
(Left) Central President James Gaudino visits with Board of Trustees members before Friday's meeting as concerned students pack the board room. (Above) After the board room reached capacity, many were forced to wait in the hall.

Visual Stimulation



Tetsu Takiguchi/Observer

*"Once there were parking lots, now it's a peaceful oasis."
Talking Heads*

Central expands disability resource center services

by Allie Mathis
Staff reporter

The Central Washington Disability Resources Center has been working for more than 25 years to help students and members of the community gain independence by helping them acquire skills needed to succeed in the world.

CWDR recently added to the list of things it offers, by creating "Forward to work, forward to win."

"We are extending the same services we've always had," said Patty Jordan, Independent living specialist for the disability resource center and project coordinator for youth in transition. "We are just putting more of a focus on youth."

CWDR is a center for independent living, and is available to students with disabili-

ties who need help finding an internship, getting into college, moving into the workforce, and many other milestones they will face in a lifetime.

"The main purpose here is to identify students that might otherwise fall through the cracks," Jordan said. "We want to help them identify things they need to ensure they can be successful at school and in the workplace."

Students with learning disabilities as well as mental health disorders are the most prevalent in the center, but anyone who needs help is welcome.

"We want to help anybody with a disability that impacts their lives," Jordan said. "It's all about social inclusion here."

In June, the CWDR will host an "Outdoors for All" campout. This event is avail-

able to teens with learning disabilities, and will be free. Although the location has not been finalized, it includes activities such as hiking, biking, and rock climbing, depending on the location chosen.

Though the "Forward to work, forward to win" program focuses on youth, there are countless other services the center offers.

"Services here are as unique as the individuals that come in," said Von Elison executive director of CWDR. "We can help with resume writing, computers, etc; help can be as simple or complex as it needs to be."

Other programs offered through the center include independent living planning, peer mentoring, community and systems change, information referral, equipment loan, and resource library.

Since the CWDR Center is a non-profit organization, it is staffed over 50 percent by people who have disabilities themselves. This provides people who come in with peer support, and with a group of people that can relate to their struggles.

"When they come into our agency they can see models of people who have personal experience," Elison said. "The staff members understand each disability that comes in."

The CWDR is also helping to fund Disability Awareness week; A program at Central Washington University that helps familiarize students with certain aspects and types of disability.

"We just want to increase participation and visibility in the community," said Jordan. "As well as visibility for the disabled [to the community]."

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Hope for Ellensburg's physician shortage

by Loren Hammersberg
Staff reporter

For those who are tired of driving 40 miles to see a physician, hope may be in sight. Kittitas Valley Community Hospital (KVCH) has tried to address the shortage of doctors for years, but just like many other clinics in rural areas, they are struggling to recruit and retain physicians.

After a long and extensive search, KVCH said it expects its new CEO, Paul Nurick, to draw more doctors to the area.

"It became pretty clear to us that Paul was the outstanding candidate...It was clear that he was the number one choice," said KVCH's board of commissioners President Jack Baker, whose full time job is in Central's Student Affairs Office. "I think he is going to hit the ground running and work for us and do the community a world of good."

A major concern with KVCH is the shortage of phy-

sicians, so choosing a CEO that could address this issue is vital.

"He does have vast experience in recruiting," Baker said. "We just don't like hearing the fact that people can not find doctors."

Nurick is excited about his new position and looks forward to joining the KVCH family.

"This is an excellent hospital, and it will be exciting to work together with physicians, the board and hospital employees, who are committed to exceeding our patients and their families expectations for clinical quality and service excellence," Nurick said in a press release.

Nurick has had nearly 30 years of experience working with health care organizations in New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

"He has a tremendous amount of experience working with both small and large health care organizations,

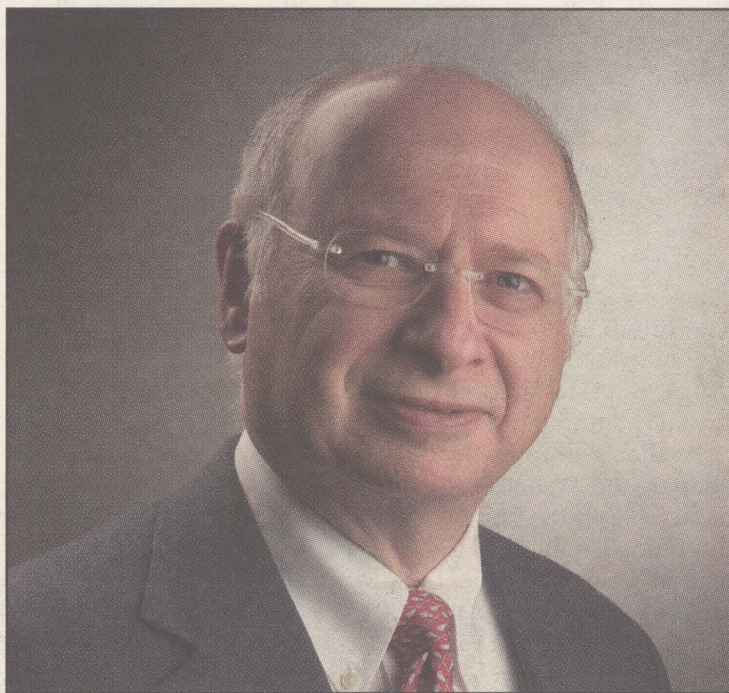


Photo Courtesy of Kittitas Valley Community Hospital
Kittitas Valley Community Hospital's new CEO Paul Nurick.

and he has a lot of experience with recruitment and retention," said Joan Baird Glover chair of the search committee. "Paul has a great deal of successful experience in both of

those venues."

Nurick is expected to start in July; the specific date has yet to be finalized.

He is expected to put together an action plan to ad-

dress recruitment of physicians to our area, Baker said.

It is important to note that his arrival in July does not mean immediate relief.

"I don't want to leave the impression that because he is coming in July...that we will have new physicians or a new physician right after he comes," Baird Glover said.

This is a process that takes time.

"We have learned that one of the most important issues about recruitment is to be patient, but to be diligent," Baird Glover said.

The shortage of doctors at KVCH is not an isolated problem, but a problem spread throughout the nation.

"The problem is a national one...a very challenging one especially in rural communities," Baird Glover said.

Baker said he is looking forward to his arrival.

"[Nurick will] think outside the box on how to recruit folks to our rural setting," Baker said.

Faculty safe for now, others in the noose

by Kevin Opsahl
Senior staff reporter

Central Washington University (CWU) administrators have yet to reveal any specifics about how they'll cut the budget, but Provost Wayne Quirk said that faculty salaries are off the chopping block – at least for the 2009-2010 school year.

Academic departments will also have another two years to review their plans to make their teaching more efficient until the start of the next biennium in 2011.

"We will continue to have as much money next year in faculty salaries as we did this year," Quirk said in a memo sent to faculty on Monday. "I must emphasize that a significant portion of this budget are one time monies and, in a sense, buy us time to carefully construct meaningful efficiencies through restructuring."

Later on, in the memo, he added: "The budget cuts are real and they are deep," Quirk said. "The division of Academic Affairs will cut only the administrative budget and goods and services for 2009-2011."

The state budget cut for Central is \$36.9 million over the biennium. That's before the 14 percent increase in tuition next year that the Board of Trustees passed on Friday, according to a memo sent to faculty by President James Gaudino on Wednesday. The budget also drops state funding for the upcoming biennium by 845 full time equivalent (FTE) and sets Central's state-funded enrollment at 8477 FTE for 2009-2010 and 8734

FTE for 2010-11. The budget reductions are expected to shrink student enrollment by 9,000 FTE.

"We are committed to protecting the instructional core of the university by taking the smallest cuts in academic units," Gaudino said in an e-mail to faculty last Wednesday. "No matter where the cuts are made, we know that behind the budget numbers are people, both employees and students. Both rely on Central, and we will do everything in our power to find alternatives to layoffs and to maintain access to high quality educational opportunities."

The sum total of these numbers is a reduction to the University's budget next year that will likely total approximately 9 percent and an additional reduction in the second year of the biennium based on our success with proposed efficiencies. Since the stimulus money will be gone by the end of the biennium, Central will enter the 2011 biennium with a base budget that may be required to make further, substantial cuts.

Quirk said in an interview Monday, the one-time monies were dollars derived from tuition and other outside sources.

"We have to be more efficient," Quirk said in an interview Tuesday. "This means we will be hiring fewer professors."

According to Quirk, the Faculty Senate is evaluating the curriculum and is developing plans to increase the quality of education. The Senate is also examining General education, credits to de-

gree, and prerequisites. The deans and chairs will examine teaching capacity, enrollments and productivity and mission critical programs. Their teaching load will come close to an average of 36 hours per year.

Robert Hickey responded positively to the news, though he remains "cautiously optimistic" to the Provost's plan.

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James Gaudino
President

"It's great news that academics will have the time to properly plan for cost-cutting, etc, and UFC looks forward to working with the faculty, chairs, Senate and administration over the next few years to realize a better CWU," Hickey said in an e-mail to faculty.

Late last week, Hickey launched a broadside at the administration, blasting Gaudino for memos in which the only areas mentioned for cutting and improved efficiency was academics. That was contrary to what the state's legislative language had called for.

"In implementing the appropriations in this section, the president and governing

board shall seek to minimize impacts on student services and instructional programs by maximizing reductions in administration and other non-instructional activities," according to HB144, section 609, which provides the current budget for Central.

Faculty and academics have gotten a lot more efficient in the last five years—teaching 27 percent more students with fewer faculty, Hickey said, while administration has become far less efficient. Administrative exempt numbers have increased by 46 percent.

Hickey was also angry, along with other faculty members, about the administration's clarity on the amount of budget cuts Central would receive.

He said in an interview Tuesday he'd seen five different budgets.

"I don't know if I'll see a different budget tomorrow. ... How are we supposed to plan

when we don't know what to plan for?" Hickey said. "We feel like we are getting the mushroom treatment."

Hickey said the faculty at Central has already been asked to make significant cuts to programs and courses. The administration and the united faculty of central (UFC) are also trying to hammer out the next UFC contract, while at the same time, trying to make classes more efficient.

The faculty have already been asked to make significant cuts to programs and courses, increase the loads of Tenure-track faculty and reduce costs by eliminating non tenure-track faculty, Hickey said. No other part of the university has been asked to become both more efficient and cut jobs.

The second year of the biennium, non-tenure track faculty are likely to be the most hurt in the state budget cuts and will see many lay-offs, Hickey fears.

CORRECTIONS

In Ryan Ricigliano's story "Inaugural Wine Festival flows through Ellensburg", Matt Wollen's name was misspelled.

In Quinn Eddy's story "Central students say no to tuition increases; walkout/sit-in planned", the march took place on Friday May 1st, before the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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Wellness Center launches student health assessment

by Amy Thompson
Staff reporter

Students may not think about how their current health behaviors are really impacting their lives. The Wellness Center has introduced Central students to a free anonymous online assessment called "Ping my Health" where students can discover where their health habits are leading.

This assessment was created by the Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University (BACCHUS) Network, which has been working towards improving student health since 1975.

"It helps us help students," said Kelsey Brazas, senior public health major and "Ping

my Health" co-coordinator. "It really helps give us information that's directed at Central Washington University, it's a starting point to see where Central students are and to make them healthier essentially."

The assessment is for students ages 18 through 30 and covers various health topics including tobacco, alcohol, nutrition, mental health, drugs, physical activity, and sexual health.

Available throughout the quarter, the Wellness Center has a table on the first floor of the Student Union and Recreation Center three or four times a week from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. where students can participate.

The assessment can also

be taken online at Pingmy-Health.org. Students will use their Central e-mail address to sign in.

Written in an easy-to-use style, the assessment takes about five to 10 minutes to complete. Once finished, the user receives personalized feedback and also tips and links for local resources.

"It tells you about a lot of things you don't really think about," Amanda Struikma, senior public health major said. "Like how many fruits and vegetables you eat. It red flags you at the end and explains methods and ways it can help you out."

Participants are also entered in a drawing to win an iPod nano, \$150 in cash, and a \$100 Visa gift card.

Upon completion, each student will receive a smaller prize from the Wellness Center aside from the drawing entrance. If students take the assessment online, to receive the small prize they must print out proof of completion and bring it to the Wellness Center in SURC 139.

The goal for the Wellness Center is to have 350 students participate, with a minimum of 125 students to be able to use the results constructively according to Brazas.

According to Andrea Easlick, Wellness Center Health Educator, when Central students take the assessment it will help the Center to make sure they are providing the proper and most effective services to students.

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Monday, May 11



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Tuesday, May 12



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Wednesday, May 13



Rain/Cloudy

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CWU ROTC recognized as best battalion in the nation

by Jesse Kertland
Staff reporter

On Wednesday, April 29, the Central Washington University Army ROTC held an award presentation in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) Ballroom to show recognition as the winner of the Award for Excellence for the 2008-2009 school year.

Central's battalion stood alone as the best in the nation when judged against the 276 other battalions across the country.

The award ceremony was a night of gratitude as the CWU cadets sat in uniform, receiving praise from every direction. Many friends and family members and some special guests attended the event to show support for the cadets.

Present, were Colonel

Paul Wood, 8th Brigade Commander, Colonel Archer Frey, U.S. Army retired, CWU president James Gaudino, as well as Mike Gregoire, Washington State's first gentleman.

All honored guests gave remarks on how prestigious the award of excellence and also how special our ROTC program is here at Central.

"Central has also excelled in Ranger Challenge competitions since 1988," said

President Gaudino in his welcoming comments. Following Gaudino's and Colonel Wood's praise, Gregoire took the stage to explain the award that Central's ROTC had received, and its significance.

"This is the Order

of the Founders and Patriots of America Award for Excellence," Gregoire said, "This means you are the best of the best."

The winning battalion is

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James Gaudino
Central's President



Brianne Jette/Observer

Colonel Archer Frey presents, on behalf of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, an award to Central ROTC student Christopher Scrupps, who is currently a exercise science graduate student.

selected by the U.S. Army Cadet Command at Fort Monroe, VA and takes into consideration numerous criteria. Included in the criteria are mission performance, leader training course performance, and success in the use of scholarships.

Gregoire, as well as Colonel Frey, presented the award to Lieutenant Colonel Greg Solem, CWU professor of military science. Accept-

ing the award, Lt. Col. Solem explained to the crowd how proud he was of his battalion.

"CWU cadets take their obligation freely, without expecting anything in return," Solem said. Solem gave thanks to all who took part in the event, as well as the guests who traveled to come show their support for the CWU ROTC program.

Lt. Col. Solem's com-

ments were followed by a slideshow created by Cadet Min Hur. The slideshow contained pictures and music, that showed the experiences and activities the battalion had encountered during their training.

"The event was nice," said Kara Haderli, junior law and justice major, "It was great that the governor and all the officers were here to show support for us."

Central's in the run for project funding

by Kevin Opsahl
Senior reporter

Pending a signature from Governor Christine Gregoire, Washington state's construction budget will likely designate a sizable portion to Central Washington University for much needed projects.

Central is expected to receive \$38 million in construction costs for the 2009 to 2011 capital budget, with more than two-thirds of the funds going to major projects, according to Bill Vertrees, Vice President for business affairs. They include \$26.75 million for the expansion of Hogue Hall and \$600,000 for the "pre-design" of phase II for the science department. This project will merge the existing geology and physics departments into a new building near the current science building.

Science building project Phase II, which will unify science programs now distributed across the Central campus, will house the Departments of Geological Sciences and Physics. It is part of the plan that split the building of a new science center into two phases in 1992 at the direction of the Office of Financial Management. The first phase, substantially completed in 1997, represents two-thirds

of the original project.

On top of that, the university is also receiving over \$10 million in minor works preservation projects. According to Vertrees, he and the university are satisfied and very excited about the funds. Central has seen an increase in construction projects in recent years. Dean Hall reopened after a massive renovation in January and the South Village residence hall complex is almost complete.

"Considering the economy, I'm very satisfied," Vertrees said. "... I think even this biennium, getting the Hogue renovation money and keeping most of the other funds intact ... we did very well."

Construction on education projects will get a significant chunk from the construction budget that was passed by the Washington State Legislature last week, with higher education expected to receive \$732 million. The bill approved by the legislature is a downsized \$3.2 billion construction budget that will spread money across the state for building and construction projects over the next two years.

According to Eric Fraley, project manager in facilities management, they did not have an estimated count for

how many jobs would be created out of the total state funding. But at the peak of the Hogue Hall project, 500 workers are expected to be regularly employed.

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Chair of IET Department

Central did not receive any funding for a number of projects this year, including the renovation of the Health Center, the pre-design of a new facility for the Arts and Humanities building and a pre-design for a major renovation of the Samuelson Union Building. Vertrees was disappointed that Central did not receive the request

for utilities and the original \$47 million sum they wanted for Hogue.

"It's enough funds to do the addition of Hogue, but not the renovation of the existing building after they move out, which means we'll have to request the money again," Vertrees said. "[The state funding system] makes long-term planning more of a challenge, but I think overall ... The state has treated us very well."

The Hogue Hall expansion would create brand new science, engineering, construction management labs, classrooms and would house the Industrial and Engineering Technology (IET) Department when it is finished. It will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified, include solar panels on the roof of one of the new buildings, and keep the original Hogue building intact, according to Bill Bender, chair of the IET department.

"When you walk into Hogue, you're going to tell there's something different about this building," Bender said. "It will have a whole different look and feel to it."

For the renovation of the original Hogue Hall, basic ne-

cessities including ventilation and lighting are among the items that need repair in the over 30-year-old building.

"The building is too small—we have programs in this building and another building," Bender said. "It's built like a rock ... it's a building that structurally it's fine, but the livability is not good."

Bender said he is not worried about waiting for the next biennium because the state is adequate at funding the university's "capital budget." The extended renovation of the building would take four years, according to Vertrees.

"Not only will these construction projects benefit Central," Vertrees said, "but they are likely to have trickle-down effects to the city of Ellensburg as well."

The city gets a large portion of tax revenue from the costs of the projects. According to a news release from Ann Anderson, Central's director of government relations, 27 percent of construction employment in Kittitas County is generated by Central's capital projects.

The renovation of Hogue was highly supported by Ellensburg community members and the Ellensburg City Council wrote a letter in favor of the project.

Going green begins in everyone's backyard

by Kris Wilhelmy
Staff reporter

The average American consumes 120 pounds of natural resources every day, and throws away three and a half pounds of trash, according to World Watch Institute (WWI).

"That's the first thing I asked myself when I moved to Ellensburg, why don't we recycle here? I agree that we should recycle," said Colette Marks-Hintz, manager of Timothy Park.

Many of Marks-Hintz's residents concur.

"Why don't people recycle? It's not hard," said Whitney Vitellaro, sophomore, nutrition major, who signed up to have curbside recycling for her unit in Timothy Park winter quarter.

Housing complexes and apartments are considered commercial and multifamily, explains J.R. LeSure, district manager of Waste Management of Ellensburg.

Waste Management does not offer the same services to apartments as single stream homes, they are however offered cardboard recycling for a fee.

Single stream homes mean single home residents, individually rented or bought out rather than housing complexes.

The fee for commercial customers depends on the contract that the city has with Waste Management, but it's not cheap.

"That's up to the apartment management, but it can be costly," said Reno Allphin, Solid Waste Specialist for Kittitas County Solid Waste. "We can't force apartment complexes and businesses to recycle, but if the individual wants to, we can help them."

In order to have curbside

recycling in Ellensburg, residents must be customers of Waste Management garbage, live within Ellensburg city limits and be considered a single family residential home.

If customers meet these requirements, they receive curbside recycling (96 gallon cart included) and yard debris pick up for free.

"I'm assuming it's a money thing, I'm not sure if they charge for the bins or not," Marks-Hintz said.

Vitellaro and her two roommates felt passionate enough about reducing, reusing and recycling to pay an extra \$10 a month to have their recyclables picked up weekly with their garbage.

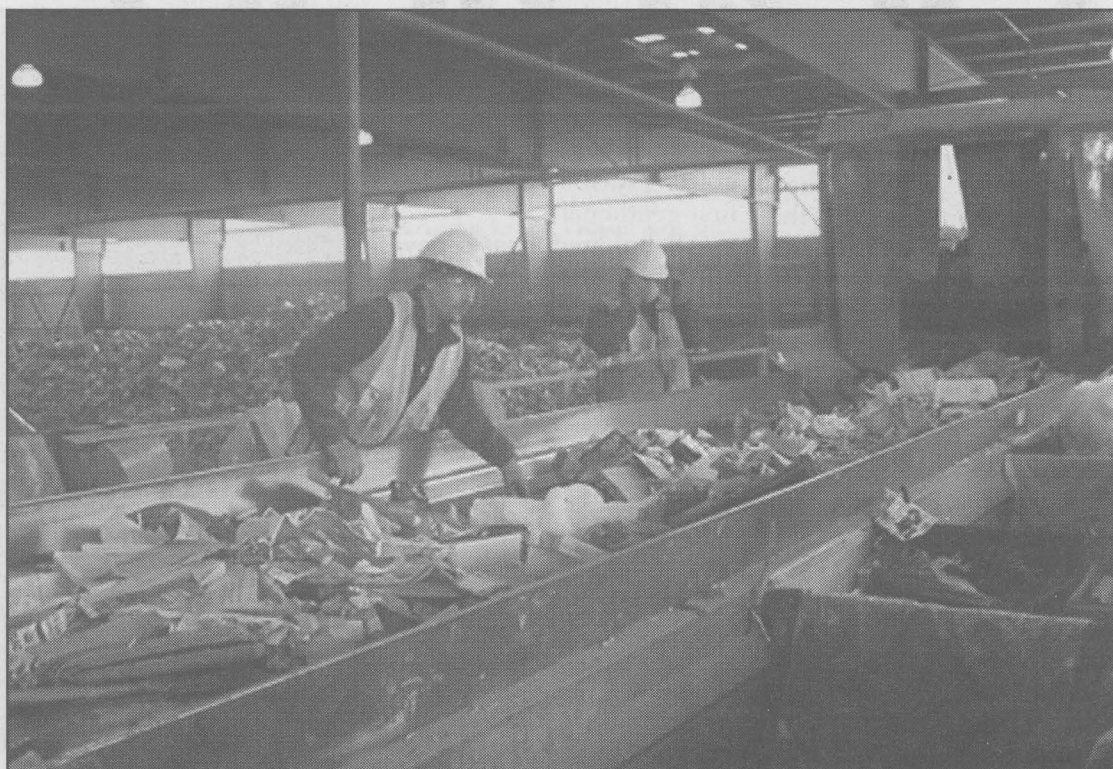
"We used to take it to the dorms, but it was a hassle since we didn't have a bin and it would spill and get gross," Jessie Crandell, junior, nutrition major said.

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It's not
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Whitney Vitellaro
Sophomore Nutrition Major

Marks-Hintz's husband takes recyclables to the Ellensburg Transfer Station, which offers free recycling containers and is located on 1001 Industrial Way. Here, recyclables may be dropped off for free including paper, plastic, glass and cardboard.

"We promote anyone doing the right stuff. We promote recycling. We are not in competition," Allphin said.



When taking recyclables to the transfer station, Allphin reminds recyclers to sort items by exactly what it says on the bin, at the end of the day it comes down to workers hand sorting the solid waste that gets mixed.

When Vitellaro and her roommates signed up for curbside service with Waste Management, they delivered the 30 gallon recycling bin. The girls provided their own garbage container.

Between the three, the \$10 extra a month is worth it.

"They bill you every three months, \$10 per month, they even sort it for you," Crandell said.

Vitellaro compared the fee to buying coffee once a month.

In the future, Waste Management wants to try a pilot program for commercial customers, such as elementary schools and small businesses, where recycling and yard waste pick up will be offered.

"We need to see if it's worthwhile, meaning some-



Photo Courtesy of Reno Allphin

Top: Recycling worker manually sorting through recyclables at a Woodinville recycling center. Bottom: the result of those who don't sort their recycling before it is sent to the recycling center.

thing the public wants to do," LeSure said. "[But] that's the way we should be going in the future, recycle as much as we can."

The problem with introducing single stream recycling to the rest of the com-

munity is education.

LeSure pointed out that it is difficult to teach an entire complex of apartments, with possibly three people in each apartment, the proper way to dispose and sort their recycling.

Presidential candidate: side stepping protocol

Continued from cover

President James Gaudino recently announced in his fourth budget forum that the Washington State Senate's proposed budget cuts of approximately \$22 million will have prompted the four divisions of Central Washington University to cut down 10 percent. In addition, students will experience a 14 percent tuition hike come fall quarter. Recruitment and attention will also be an issue, according to Weisel.

Potential candidates for the Board of Directors were not allowed to do any of their own advertising until after the deadline. Election officials expect to see more advertising this time around. Aside from posters, candidates will meet with various clubs and organizations on campus or set up

tables in the SURC Pit.

"They always think of creative ways to advertise," Dosch said.

Candidates are given a budget of \$400 in the General Election Unless a candidate participates in both the primary and General Elections, they get an additional bonus of \$100, according to Dosch.

The potential candidates spent the final week trekking across campus collecting the 100 signatures needed to become an official candidate. President Pedro Nevarrete was seen talking to students and collecting his signatures on April 17.

"I'm an incumbent, but elections are always crazy and people will choose who they want," Nevarrete said. "This is an opportunity for [the candidates] to become more active in their campus and become

the best representatives they can be."

The incumbent candidates usually don't announce their intentions of running until much closer to the filing deadline.

"I ask them, 'what is Central to you?' because as your representative I want to make that happen," Nevarrete said. "I have a saying: If I'm not working for students, then I'm not working at all."

Tuesday April 28 is the last day to register as a write-in candidate for Primary Election by 4p.m. in SURC 263.

There will be a candidate forum in the SURC Pit April 29.

All students will revive an e-mail link to register to vote in the General Election. Online voting will start at 12:01 p.m. on Wednesday and go until 7 p.m. on Thursday.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

When ESC was created, it was to strengthen the voices of the under-represented groups of people on campus. Alone, our voices were weak-easily drowned out, but together - TOGETHER our voices are strong. Keith James, it seems as though, by wanting US to rejoin club senate is wanting to water down OUR voice! One day, we may be able to rejoin club senate, but that time is not now. At present, the people represented by our organizations represent only 11 PERCENT of the people on this campus! The 150 clubs represent 89 percent of campus. OUR voice is watered down! We will be drowned out!

It sounds like a noble plan - "help the 150 clubs be more diverse and equitable." It sounds like a noble plan to serve Keith James' needs and make club senate look good! But in doing so, he is dividing US!

Keith James has repeatedly said that WE have not addressed student issues and concerns, that we have not done enough to promote diversity on campus. What about all the programming we have done expressing diversity?

GALA just received club/org of the year for their wonderful work and programs that really explore gay identity and awareness of inequalities. BSU and MECHA hosted a block party at the beginning of the year. The turn out was over 150 students of all skin color! This is the largest gathering of multi culture we have ever seen on campus! SAFE: Rock Against Rape. The people who attended this event left with a greater empathy for the victims of sexual assault. NTSO assures that families are not forgotten. We find a way for families to come together and find one another in community.

It is not our responsibly to teach diversity in the traditional sense. We are not professors. The Diversity Education Center has that responsibility! We teach using our programming!

Keith James' job is to raise the issues! What has he done? He is our leader! He has his own ideas as to what we should be focusing on! WE are not interested in HIS topics! We saw the need for OTHER issues and we ARE tackling those issues. His vision is not our vision right now. Is that OUR fault? Is that fair? Is that, his favorite word, "equitable?" Is this the democratic way WE value or Keith James' autocratic way to do what he wants? He has said that if the council doesn't want it, it won't happen ... was that the case of the office space in the back of the BOD office? Just a question ... We don't follow your vision so you KICK US OUT OF THE HOUSE?

S&A granted four years of funding. If we leave ESC and join club senate, what does that say to S&A about our hard fought budget that insures THIS UNIVERSITY gets to have these programs. If ESC changes structurally in any way, those monies are returned back to S&A, not to Clubs, not to Orgs and not to a reorganized ESC!

S&A KNEW these under-represented groups have had a lot of hardship in the past raising funds to go to conferences and to learn and share their experiences with others that share their trials and tribulations! WE are organizations of under-represented groups on campus. There are not enough of US on campus, which is why these conferences are so important, to connect to others and learn what is missing on our own campus and perhaps fill in the gaps! So, Keith James is going to take that away from US and give it to the other 150 groups on campus that have no problems in support from campus and the community as a whole- take Rodeo club or PR club for example! Club Senate is set up on a reimbursement system. WE are orgs made up of under-represented peoples who are comprised of many people with many different backgrounds, many of whom are low income! How are we supposed to compete with this?

Keith James says club senate has no diversity. He is the AS-CWU BOD vice president for equity and community service, so why hasn't he taken a more active role in addressing these issues? Keith James is good at forming task forces, why didn't he form one for this? The student body elected him to do something!

ONE of his tasks is to chair this group-not his only role!

Keith James could have gone to club senate and asked how he could have helped them become more diverse, instead he holds US accountable! HE couldn't do HIS job - not OUR problem!!

Michelle Smith
Senior chemistry major

OBSERVER

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As a graduate of Central Washington University's journalism program, I am embarrassed to pick up a weekly edition of the Observer to see more than a few mistakes in the newspaper's copy, especially on the front page.

I spent this past weekend in Ellensburg and during my usual visit to Wing Central, I decided to pick up a stray copy of the Observer, not only to see what's currently going on around campus but to check up on how the journalism students were doing. I was very disappointed in the quality of the stories, not to mention to abundance of spelling mistakes throughout the newspaper.

The first mistake to catch my eye was a misspelled headline right on the cover of the April 30 edition. The word "inaugural" was incorrectly spelled "inagural." It's a mistake that most people, I'm sure, did not catch right away but as a journalist, it caught my eye like a full moon in a clear, summer night's sky. Cheesy, I know, but you get the picture.

Here's a couple more: "Panels" is not "panerls," and as a former on-air staff member at 88.1 FM The 'Burg, I know that Joey Aubert's last name is incorrectly written as "Albert." Then, I am looking at one of the pictures, and the cut line underneath it incorrectly spells the word "the" as "teh."

That's when I question the use of spell checker. Or maybe it's the amount of effort the Observer staff is spending on the overall quality of this publication. All of these errors ruin the credibility of the newspaper and lose readers, supporting the common belief that the Observer is "a joke."

And I won't even get into the number of missed story opportunities. It's not every day that a field on CWU's campus gets renamed like the softball field did two weeks ago. Where was that story?

As a former Observer staff writer and journalism graduate, I am almost embarrassed to admit I wrote for this publication for two quarters. Step up the effort, I know it can be done.

Tyler Lobe
CWU Alum

Dear Amy Thompson, staff reporter,
I enjoyed the article that you did on our 'paper preservation project.'

Except for one grammatical error, it was well-written and covered the subject well.

Since the library does not have the only printers, or even the only computer lab, on campus, I think a follow-up article on how other computer labs and departments are attempting to avoid waste and economize would be an excellent follow-up. In fact, I think that articles on the many different ways that students, faculty and staff can improve their use of resources would make a marvelous regular series for the paper.

Christopher Gwyn
Central librarian

B-day bash brings back memories



Kayla
Schroader
Editor-in-Chief

July 3 is my birthday. As a kid, I didn't appreciate the day as a vacation from school. I rather begrudged the inability to bring cupcakes to class or blush as 28 students sing "Happy Birthday" to me. It seemed that Independence Day stole my spotlight and sent all my friends on weekend trips. I loved the fireworks but hated the low attendance rates at my parties.

There's nothing more disappointing to an 8-year-old than having no one show up to a well-planned birthday celebration. The approval of peers at this age seems to hold the key to lifelong happiness. Unfortunately, kids are mean.

Last weekend, The 'Burg invited the campus and local community to celebrate its 10-year anniversary at the "Birthday Bash." Streets were closed, bands were booked and tables were reserved for those wishing to participate. The 'Burg staff worked long and hard preparing for the big day, just as our parents did for us.

Unfortunately, the weather had other plans. Even groups who had agreed to set up tables throughout the afternoon were washed away by a few sprinkles. The drops fell and the cars sped off. Winds blew, scattered the masses, leaving few to the festivities.

Sitting at our booth for seven hours and watching, and waiting, brought me back to those days of spoiled surprises and pitiful parties. Thankfully, the 'Burg is matured far beyond the age of 10 and staff didn't take the event too personally.

Instead, we jammed to live music, toured the remaining venues and attracted several children with our bubble blowing station. A happy birthday after all.

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MIDTERMS!
STUDY!
STUDY!
STUDY!

- THE OBSERVER STAFF

Budget cuts weigh heavily on both minds and wallets



Matthew Hartmann
Staff reporter

All of this talk about the tuition increase has gotten me to sit here and think for awhile.

I understand both sides of the issue surrounding the tentative 14 percent increase.

On the one hand, money that was cut from the budget of our institution by the legislature needs to be replaced somehow. That is pure economics at play.

The obvious downside to this course of action is that the money needed to replace what was cut from the budget is likely to come from the wallets of students just like you and me.

I should consider myself very lucky that I managed to get part of my tuition next year paid for in grants. Without the grants and loans, I would find myself unable to pay for school.

My parents support me and give me money when they can, but the reality is that they have enough burdens of their own and can only partially help me and only from time-to-time.

Consequently, I have taken out loans in my own name. I think that we will all have to do what we must to survive these hard times.

I hate that I am going to be in so much debt, but an education is an investment that is worth the money forked over to schools. I know that I will be paying off my debt for a while, but at least I will have a degree.

The people I'm worried about are those who are unable to pay for their schooling in a reasonable manner.

During this economic hardship, the more people who are educated in this world, the better.

Without a proper education we will be led like fools, unable to know what is best for ourselves.

A higher education is a right that we must all cherish and be thankful for receiving every day that we spend as Wildcats.

Culinary Corner:

Hawaiian Barbecue / Huli Huli Chicken



Rachel Guillermo
Culinary Columnist

If you were to say Hawaiian Barbecue, there's two things that come to mind for the people of Hawaii; Huli Huli chicken and Mac (Macaroni) salad, invented by Ernest Morgado, president of a poultry company in Hawaii. "Huli Huli," means to turn repeatedly. The chicken pieces are cooked on metal frame screens that are turned over a charcoal fire, like a rotisserie.

Here is a basic recipe for the basting liquid and preparation in an oven at home. There is also a mac salad recipe. But why macaroni salad is always found at barbecues in the islands ... I have no clue. It just tastes too good with everything. Oh, and don't forget the rice!



Brianne Jette/Observer

Ingredients

- 5 lbs chicken pieces, de-boned (I'm using chicken thighs)
- 1/3 C. Ketchup
- 1/3 C. Soy sauce
- 1/2 C. brown sugar
- 3 T. sherry wine or chicken stock
- piece ginger root, crushed
- 1 garlic clove, crushed

Directions

- Arrange chicken, skin side up, on rack of a broiler pan.
- Place the rack 6 to 8 inches from the broil unit in electric oven. Cook the chicken for 10 minutes on each side.
- Combine remaining ingredients in a bowl.
- Baste chicken and continue broiling for 10 more minutes on each side, basting frequently with sauce. Make sure to keep an eye on the chicken. The sugar in the base will burn if you don't watch it.
- Slice chicken. Serve with two scoops rice and mac salad.

Mac Salad

Ingredients

- 3 C. large macaroni
- 1/4 C. grated carrot
- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 1/4 C. milk (may require less, only use to moisten)
- salt & pepper

Directions

- Cook macaroni until tender.
- Add carrots, mayonnaise and milk until well coated.
- Salt and pepper to taste. Add more mayonnaise if you prefer a wetter salad.
- Cover and chill in refrigerator for at least one hour.
- When ready to serve, add more mayonnaise if needed.

Serves 4-6

* If you prefer, you can add some of your favorites like: peas, cubed cheese, tuna or celery.

RANDOM WORDS WITH...



Tracy Hansen
junior
accounting

* Would you rather live forever or die famous?

Live forever because I don't like being in the spotlight.

* Your biggest fear?

To fail at life.

* What is the best cure for hiccups?

For me, drinking water while holding my breath.

* Would you rather date Batman or James Bond?

Batman, because Bond sleeps around.

* Did you walk-out for Friday's protest?

Well, I didn't have any classes, but I walked.

The artist's eye ...



Charlie Wainger/Observer

College students break the bank, buy now pay later



Megan Peters
Asst. online editor

Going to college is supposed to be one of the best experiences of our lives. It is supposed to be fun and wear us thin between class, homework and parties. But it is also supposed to be our time

to learn and grow into an independent individual.

At college we get more freedom in our day-to-day lives. What I think many of us forget is that with this freedom comes more responsibility and not all of us are ready to deal with the responsibility part. I know that there are many college students working two to three jobs just to pay rent and tuition, but what really gets me are the people who blow their financial aid or monthly rent check on beer, clothes and food.

Every day it seems like I open the student Intranet ads and see more students selling cars, guitars, amps, bikes,

furniture, etc. just to be able to make tuition and rent payments. These students are not handling their finances responsibly, paying primarily for what they need. Running up credit card bills and over-drawing bank accounts are common occurrences for my generation.

As the "now" generation we want what we want right when we want it. We know little about saving and delayed gratitude.

I will be entering the real world in less than eight months and will have to start paying all my own bills, but I have come to the realization that I need to start saving

now. In reality I should have started saving years ago, but like most teenagers and 20-something-year-olds, the days of house payments, utility payments and other bills seemed a lifetime away.

I'm not saying don't buy that shirt, don't go to the bars, stay home and work your free time away. But I am saying to save that extra \$20 here and there.

Quit complaining about being broke and selling the items you've received as gifts for rent money.

Realize, we are young adults now and the real world will be here before we are even ready for it.



FARMERS MARKET OPENS FOR NEW SEASON



Brianne Jette/Observer

Top left: Bambi Miller of Parke Creek Station sold out of her Spring Leeks and Rhubarb early during Saturday's Farmers Market in downtown Ellensburg. Top right: Ellensburg local Dan Valoff chatted with Deidre Link from Cle Elum about his tomato plants at Saturday's Farmers Market in downtown Ellensburg. Bottom right: Danica and Chai Thao made a trip from Seattle in order to sell flowers at the Ellensburg Farmer's Market Saturday morning.

by Danielle Gagnon
Staff reporter

Despite the cold weather and lack of sunshine last Saturday morning, dozens of shoppers turned up in downtown Ellensburg to browse through fresh local produce, baked goods, and handcrafted products, all of which the Kittitas County Farmers Market is known for.

The Farmer's Market will be serving the Ellensburg and Cle Elum communities from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday until the last Saturday in October.

"Guests should expect to see people who are interested in fresh grown vegetables that aren't trucked two or three states away," said Lynda Larsen, board of directors president for Kittitas Farmers Market. "Also, one-on-one interactions are available with the farmers themselves. The market brings in people who support it, shop locally and enjoy fresh produce and handmade crafts."

The market is located on 4th Street, between Pearl and Pine, in the heart of historic, down-

town Ellensburg. Some of the produce expected in early spring includes: asparagus, winter onions, early season lettuce, plant starts, and mixed lettuce.

Customers can see baked goods, espresso and prepared food, such as a hot dog stand and Pappy's Smokin' BBQ.

"The Farmers Market is exciting," said Pat Martin, co-owner of Pappy's Smokin' BBQ. "We are all family, and that is the most important thing."

New to the Farmers Market is the Market Fresh Sheet, a sign-up sheet located at each booth. The sheet allow customers to write down e-mail addresses, in order to be notified of new vendors coming to the market as well as other relevant information.

The Farmers Market also features hand-made crafts including Purity Soap Works, a special line of soap products made by Larsen herself.

Live entertainment is also available to accompany other customer attractions.

"[The soap is] Hand crafted with all natural ingredients, 65 percent olive oil," Larsen said. "I've been giving away samples. If people aren't coming in the booth you got to go get them."

The Ellensburg Farmers Market is full of different people from the community walking up and down Pine Street side-by-side with a black and white Jacob Sheep named Sophie was Blue Heron Farmer, Steven Wright.

"Sophie needs to be fed and I thought the youngsters would like to bottle feed her," Wright said. "You

know who I am, take a closer look. I'm also the parking ticket enforcement at CWU."

The Farmers Market invites everyone to be part of a Kittitas County tradition.

For more information call 509-899-3870 or email kcfarmersmarket@yahoo.com.

**"We are all family,
and that is the
most important
thing."**

Pat Martin
Co-owner of Pappy's
Smokin' BBQ

Kristof inspires students

by David Guzman
Staff reporter

Pulitzer prize winning New York Times columnist Nicholas D. Kristof delivered several words of inspiration for students at Central Washington University Monday.

"I hope that as many as possible of you will take the chance to go and travel," Kristof said. "Essentially, travel outside your comfort zone ... find some cause larger than yourself."

Kristof's presentation: "The World As I See It," held on May 4 in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) Ballroom, was part of the Symposium Without Boundaries lecture series. The presentation not only brought attention to his own causes, but also encouraged students to pursue their own.

Kristof uses his bi-weekly column to bring attention to such human rights issues such as the Darfur genocide, sex slavery and human trafficking in Africa, China, and East Asia.

Many of Kristof's colleagues call him the "Indiana Jones" of the current generation of journalists. During his career, he has lived on four continents, and traveled to 140 different countries and all 50 states.

Kristof's presentation focused on travels, where he reported on human rights violations in extensive and often graphic detail as a journalist.

Two video screens showed photos of Kristof's experiences in Darfur. Each photo detailed Kristof's stories of individuals he met in Darfur. Some of the photos of dead or injured civilians were graphic.

"This is what Darfur looks like," Kristof said. "This is what you see."



Mimi Oh/Observer

New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof smiles as he signs a copy of his book after his talk Monday, May 4 in the SURC Ballroom. Kristof was signing both *China Wakes* and *Thunder From the East*.

Many residents live in fear of the Janjaweed, armed nomadic Darfur gunmen in conflict with more sedentary tribes in the region. The Janjaweed are notorious for acts of torture, massacre and rape of Darfur residents. Through the photos and stories of the victims, Kristof brought a personal aspect to the conflict.

His message to aspiring journalists in the audience was simple: tell stories about real people in real situations.

"If you just write [news] without real names and real faces ... people don't care," Kristof said.

During the hour-long presentation, Kristof stressed the importance of pursuing a cause that has a personal effect on individuals.

Kristof recalled an early trip to Cambodia in 1996, where he covered the issue of child prostitution. Cambodian girls were being sold as sex

slaves after being kidnapped. The mother of one particular 15-year-old girl traveled the country in search of her daughter and found her in one of the country's many red light districts.

"I asked her, 'why didn't your mother take you away?'" Kristof said, adding the girl's reply, "My mom couldn't afford me."

On a recent trip, Kristof bought two Cambodian children who were sold as prostitutes, for \$150 and \$200 each, and brought them to their villages to be with their families.

A big step for individuals to find causes "larger than [themselves]," Kristof said, is to travel to parts of the world where they don't necessarily feel comfortable.

"Go out and get into a zone where you don't have that level of reassurance and comfort."

While lamenting America's

current state as "a time where we think the only way you can bring about change is through politics," Kristof bestowed credit to the current generation of activists who take matters into their own hands.

Many Central students were inspired by Kristof's efforts and his presentation.

"It was amazing," said Jessica Entz, senior sociology/social services major. "Here's this world-renowned guy who's seen all these things, and he brought it to Ellensburg - he brought it to me. It was a dynamic presentation."

Senior economics major, Max St. Brown enjoyed Kristof's melding of vivid storytelling with education on important human rights topics.

"I liked it a lot - he's an interesting guy, very well-educated on a variety of issues," St. Brown said. "I think by just knowing that, you can trust his opinion."

Wolverine: The claws come out



Matthew Hartmann
Staff reporter

Wolverine is back and he is ready to handle whatever comes his way.

Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of going to the movie theater in town and watching the midnight release of "X-Men Origins: Wolverine." I can definitely say that the moment the film began to roll, I was impressed by what I saw before my eyes.

"X-Men Origins: Wolverine" covers the early life of Wolverine also known as Logan (Hugh Jackman) from the time he was a young boy up until the events that led him to eventually join the X-Men 15 years after the end of this movie. I don't want to give too much of the story away but this is a story of vengeance and a realization that has come too late for the main protagonist.

The film was directed by Gavin Hood and also stars Liev Schreiber (Victor Creed), Danny Huston (William Stryker) and Lynn Collins (Kayla Silverfox).

The acting in the movie was at a respectable level. The relationship between Creed and Logan is done quite well and it's clear that the actors have a natural stage presence together that works well. Jackman did a great job portraying Wolverine once again. It is quite clear that this is a character that he holds close and dear to himself and enjoys portraying.

Overall, I really enjoyed watching this film, although I'll admit that many characters could have been developed much more than they had been. Also the love story was a tad sappy at times and completely overdone. However, at the same time it is still an adrenaline packed movie.

My favorite scene in the movie was when Logan went through the experiment that would give him the nearly indestructible body that he had become known for by the time of the main "X-Men" trilogy. Having seen the previous movies and read the comics, the scene looked exactly how I always pictured it would in my mind. In a way this scene is much like a baptism.

In went Logan and out came Wolverine.

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Wildcat families visit campus

by Rachael Duff
Staff reporter

It's almost time for wildcat families to gather at Central Washington University for family weekend. Although it is an annual event, this year's coordinators are straying from the usual line-up.

Family weekend will begin with check-in between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday, May 8, upstairs in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC). The weekend will be packed full of activities and events including a theatre production, art exhibit, river floats, a challenge course, seminars, and more. The main events will be a bit different from previous years, featuring hypnotist Jerry Harris, Sweet Jazz and the Mother's Day Brunch.

"This event highlights Central students," said Sarah Grant, senior tourism management major and student programmer. "We are able to package Central and show parents and families what we are all about."

Although family weekend usually kicks off with a comedy show, this year Scott Drummond, director of campus activities, thought bringing master hypnotist Jerry Harris to campus would be a fun change. Tickets sold at the door are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for students.

"We thought it would be a unique show piece," Drummond said. "I have worked with Jerry before and he is family oriented, is a quality performer and people really love the guy."

Another change is the addition of Sweet Jazz. Usually Central's jazz band and vocal jazz ensemble perform during the Mother's Day Brunch,

however, this year they were given their own event.

"Instead of having them perform at the brunch, we wanted to create more of an evening event, something that is like a nightclub," Drummond said.

Sweet Jazz, will begin 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 in the SURC Ballroom. It was designed to resemble an elegant evening of jazz, music, dancing, coffee and gourmet desserts. The spread is complete with a chocolate fountain and a Martinelli's sparkling cider fountain as well. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students.

"I had a great time with my family during family weekend last year," said Brett Griffin, senior construction management major. "It's an opportunity to just have fun and celebrate with the people we love, but don't get to see everyday."

The Mother's Day Brunch will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 10, in the SURC Ballroom.

The brunch will consist of a buffet style meal and in place of the usual jazz performance, two groups of Central students will perform live music composed of piano, guitar and vocals.

President James Gaudino will make a speech and everyone attending the brunch will receive a special keepsake souvenir. Tickets are \$16.50 for adults, \$8.25 for children under 10 and \$12.55 for senior citizens.

"By choosing to have students perform instead of the Jazz Band, we hope to incorporate more students into the family weekend," Drummond said. "We also hope to have more of a focus on the brunch and visiting instead

Event Calendar

May 8 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. check in upstairs in the SURC.

May 8 at 7 p.m. Seven Brides for Seven Brothers in McConnell Auditorium

May 8 at 8 p.m. Jerry Harris in the SURC Theatre

May 9 at 9 a.m. River Float #1 meet at Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals

May 9 at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Chimposium at the Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute

May 9 at 2 p.m. River Float #2 meet at Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals

May 9 at 8 p.m. Sweet Jazz in the SURC Ballroom

May 10 at 11 a.m. Mother's Day Brunch in the SURC Ballroom

of the performances."

The staff at Campus Activities have been planning family weekend since the beginning of the school year and have received a considerable amount of help from other departments, clubs and organizations around campus including the Theatre Department, Art Department, Music Department, Outdoor Pursuits & Rentals, Dining Services, Catering Services, Campus Life, Campus Activities, Accounting, Parents Association and many more.

Despite the large amount of work that was put into these events and the help received, the coordinators are worried about the outcome.

"We know this is a tough year economically, so we are interested to see how that affects our numbers, but we are hopeful," Drummond said.

Last year's event was a huge success; the event coordinators hope to reach or exceed

Photo courtesy of the Publicity Center

the same level of success.

Family Weekend is open to families of Central students and the three main events: Jerry Harris, Sweet Jazz and the Mother's Day brunch are open to the public depending on space.

Registration forms for family weekend are available at

www.cwu.edu/~campuslife and it is not too late to register.

"This is the perfect opportunity for my family to come and see the CWU campus," said Angelina Mullen, senior IT major. "I am excited for my family to experience the unique town that I live in."

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9 Disability Awareness Week begins

9 Student Music Recitals begin 12 p.m. 175 Recital Hall

11 Ross Szabo 7:30 p.m. SURC Theatre

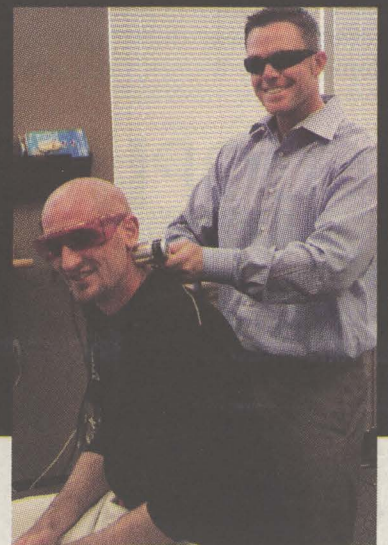
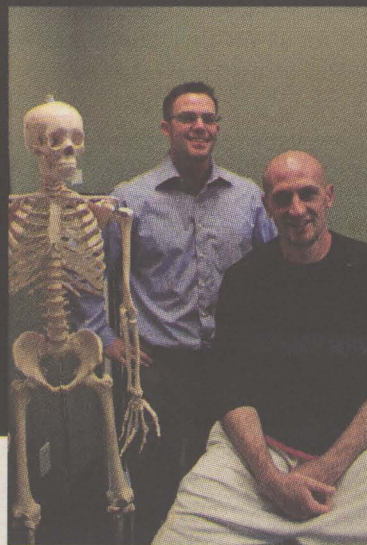
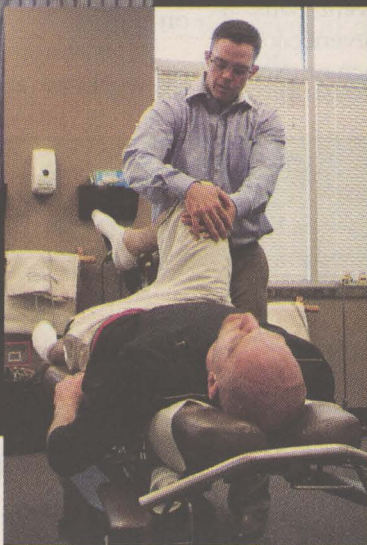
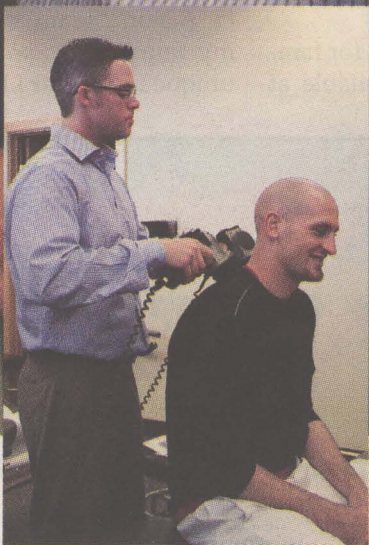
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SPURGEON GALLERY SHOWCASES STUDENT ARTIST COLLECTIVE

by Katie Tigges
Staff reporter

Pottery, jewelry, paintings, sketches and every art form that falls in between will be on display at Central Washington University's (CWU) Sarah Spurgeon Gallery for the sixth annual Student Art Show.

The Student Artist Collective (SAC) and Central Washington University's art club have organized the event, and with approximately 100 pieces collected, students can view a wide range of pieces and perspectives.

"The [gallery show] is important for artists because there are always critics judging your art and [this show] is one way to get [artists] motivated," said Erin Glomstad, junior graphic design major who specializes in illustrations and color theories. "Students are out on their own after school and this [showing] can encourage [them] to get out there and not be afraid."

The Student Art Show began on Tuesday May 5 in the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery room 141 and is hosting a wide variety of student exhibitions until May 22 on Friday when the awards ceremony for the student's best work done throughout the year will take place from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Prizes have been donated by the community for the win-

ning contestants.

SAC recently changed its name from the Student Art Council to the Student Artist Collective under newly elected president Seth Mills.

The focus of the club has expanded to include photographers, graphic designers, potters and all other art focuses.

Students interested can join weekly meetings at 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Breezeway connecting Michaelson and Randall Hall.

"[The club's] focus has been that the student exhibit would go on without a hitch," said Seth Mills, a junior fine arts major and the president of SAC. "We have rebounded [from some club difficulties] with a lot of interest in the show. Our [mission] is to bring some focus back to the department and highlights the artists themselves."

Student Constance Richter, a senior visual arts education major and the Vice President of SAC spoke of the club's hardship.

She even mentioned how Dr. Liahna Armstrong, the Department of Art Chair, donated \$100 out of her own funds mid-last quarter when the club hit it's lowest point.

"[We] just pulled ourselves out of the dirt, like a phoenix, and reinvented ourselves," said Richter. "We didn't think

this show would be happening but the students and all the faculty has helped."

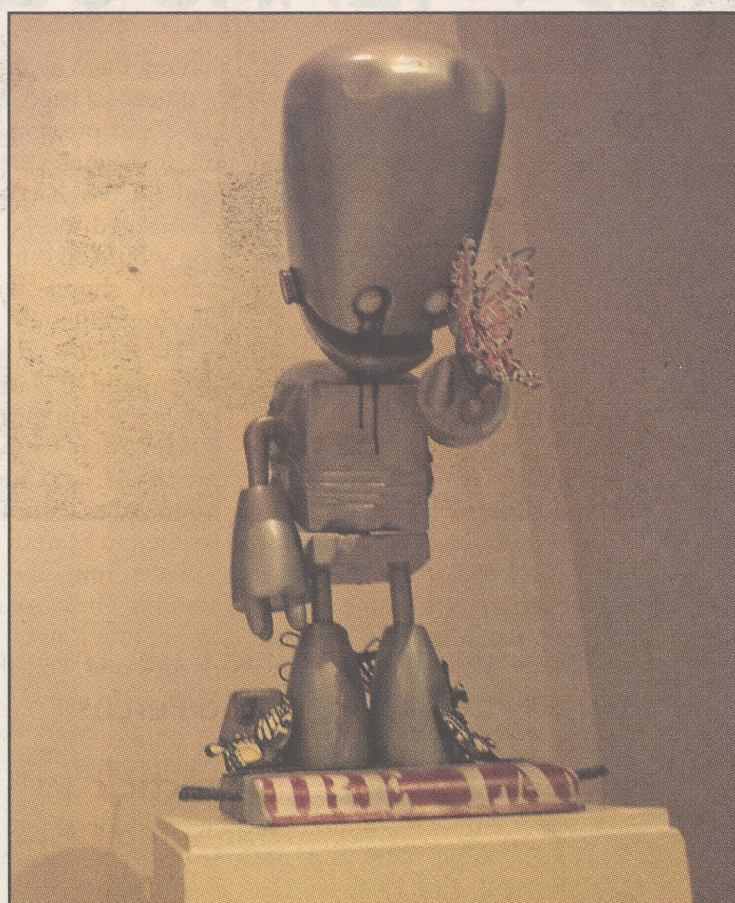
David Tyson White, a senior sculptor has been working with the breaking, reassembling and casting of bones using resin, red paint and metals such as bronze.

His piece on display in the gallery he has portrayed a toad with a bronze mask and a shield on its back leaping like a human.

"I guess I started collecting animal bones for no apparent reason from a friend's taxidermy shop," said White of his art. "I started digging around through piles of bones and [before long I was] making new creatures."

Another featured artist Jessica Pribula, a graduate student with a focus on painting spoke of her painting entitled "The Two Hole Button Sets Over the Woven River" comprised of dye, pastels and a woven element.

"I was inspired [after] I had seen how a particular artist made objects emotional. It [the painting] is not necessarily a dress but the form of a woman with a landscape element to with the woven belt as a river and the button as the sun," said Pribula. "I think it's just lighthearted and kind of cute – it made me smile and I guess I just want [other] people to smile."



Photos by Kali Hodges/Observer

Top: Displays by various Central Washington students are part of the student juried art show. Middle: Necessity-Gallery recreate and redesign by Daniel Donovan, Lonnie Ruffcorn, and Trevor Olson. Bottom: Untitled by Daniel Donovan made from polystyrene foam and mixed media.

RED MEANS GO



Kayla Schroeder/Observer

Red Means Go performs outside of the Student Union and Recreation Center on Thursday, April 23, as apart of the OPR spring symposium. Performers include (left to right) bassist Janss Woldseth, sophomore music performance major, guitarist and back-up vocalist Markus Hoyer, senior music major, lead vocalist and keyboardist Jazmarae Beebe, sophomore music education major and guitarist Skyler Mehal, sophomore guitar performance major. Farther back on the stage, Tom Noble, sophomore music education major, plays the drums.

RED MEANS GO RECORDS NEW ALBUM

by MacKenzie Opp
Staff reporter

The Student Union Recreation Center (SURC) pit, coffee shops and local house parties all have one thing in common: They are contributing to the flourishing of local bands in Ellensburg.

These places have all been homes for local bands showcasing their unique talents. Red Means Go is one such local bands many may have seen in the SURC pit or at a friend's party.

The band consists of five talented music majors: lead vocalist and keyboard, Jazmarae Beebe, lead guitarist, Skyler Mehal, bass guitar, Janss Woldseth, drummer, Tom Noble, and guitarist and backup vocals, Markus Hoyer. Four members are sophomores here at Central Washington University and Hoyer is a junior.

"They're super fun and not only are they a great band, but they're great people," said Kate Morrison, senior elementary education and Spanish major. "We've had Red Means Go at our house about three times this year and it's always epic ... we plan on

having them again soon."

Beebe started her own Myspace and put some of her music on it. Mehal stumbled upon it and liked what he heard so he confronted Beebe and asked if she would like to do some two-person shows with his guitar playing skills.

They later decided to add drums and bass to their sound.

One evening while attending Song Writers Club, they met Noble. Beebe and Mehal had tried a few other drummers, but none seemed to fit until Noble.

Later on, they asked their stand-in bass player Woldseth to become a permanent member of the band, and that is how Red Means Go started. The relatively "young" band has only been playing together since October 2008.

"We all listen to really different types of music and bring something different to the table," Beebe said. "Our sound is so unique and something you've never heard before."

Not only are band members full-time students, but they have also been working long and hard

on their self-titled debut album. The album is currently still in the mixing process, but will be coming out in early July.

For students interested in hearing some of Red Means Go's songs such as "Las Vegas" and "Autumn Encounter," check them out live on May 21 at 4 p.m. on Barto Lawn for the Student Appreciation Barbecue.

The group is currently unsigned, but aren't worried. They are focused on graduating, getting good management and booking agents.

They want to continue as a group after college, but if things don't work out, they will rely on their degrees to get jobs.

The band is grateful for all the support they have gotten on campus, but are trying to branch out and achieve that same support from the Ellensburg community and then focus on building bigger fan base throughout Washington.

"We're kind of our own little thing," Mehal said. "We have catchy melodies and we're an alternative rock group with our own sound, not like anyone else's."

Red Means Go will be playing May 10 at 7 p.m. in Seattle at the High Dive. Also, the band is opening up for the Basin Summer Sound Festival in Ephrata on July 18, where famous band Smashmouth will be headlining the festival.

If interested in learning more about the band and upcoming shows, you can check them out at <http://www.myspace.com/redmeansgoyo>

Concert Schedule

- May 10** at 7 p.m. at the High Dive in Seattle Wash.
- May 15** at 8 p.m. at the Three Trees Coffeehouse in Bellingham Wash.
- May 21** at 4 p.m. at Central's Barto Lawn
- June 12** at 8 p.m. at the Vogue Lounge in Chelan Wash.
- June 13** at 8 p.m. in the Boiler Room in Port Townsend Wash.
- July 18** at 10 a.m. at Basin Summer Sound Festival in Ephrata Wash.
- July 24** at 8 p.m. at Centennial Park in Wenatchee Wash.

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Sports Trivia

What Toronto Maple Leaf player scored the overtime goal against the Montreal Canadians in game five of the 1951 Stanley Cup Finals to win the leafs the Cup?

Bill Barilko

Local fishing spots await eager anglers

by Aaron Turnley
Special to the Observer

Fishing is a sport that has lured many anglers to the pristine waters of the Kittitas Valley throughout the years and will continue to do so for years to come. The thrill of hooking a fish and watching it sparkle and fight in the water is what keeps people "hooked" on this sport.

When people think of Ellensburg, fishing is not usually at the top of their list in terms of recreation. In actuality, there are many places to fish just five minutes from town and even some places in town.

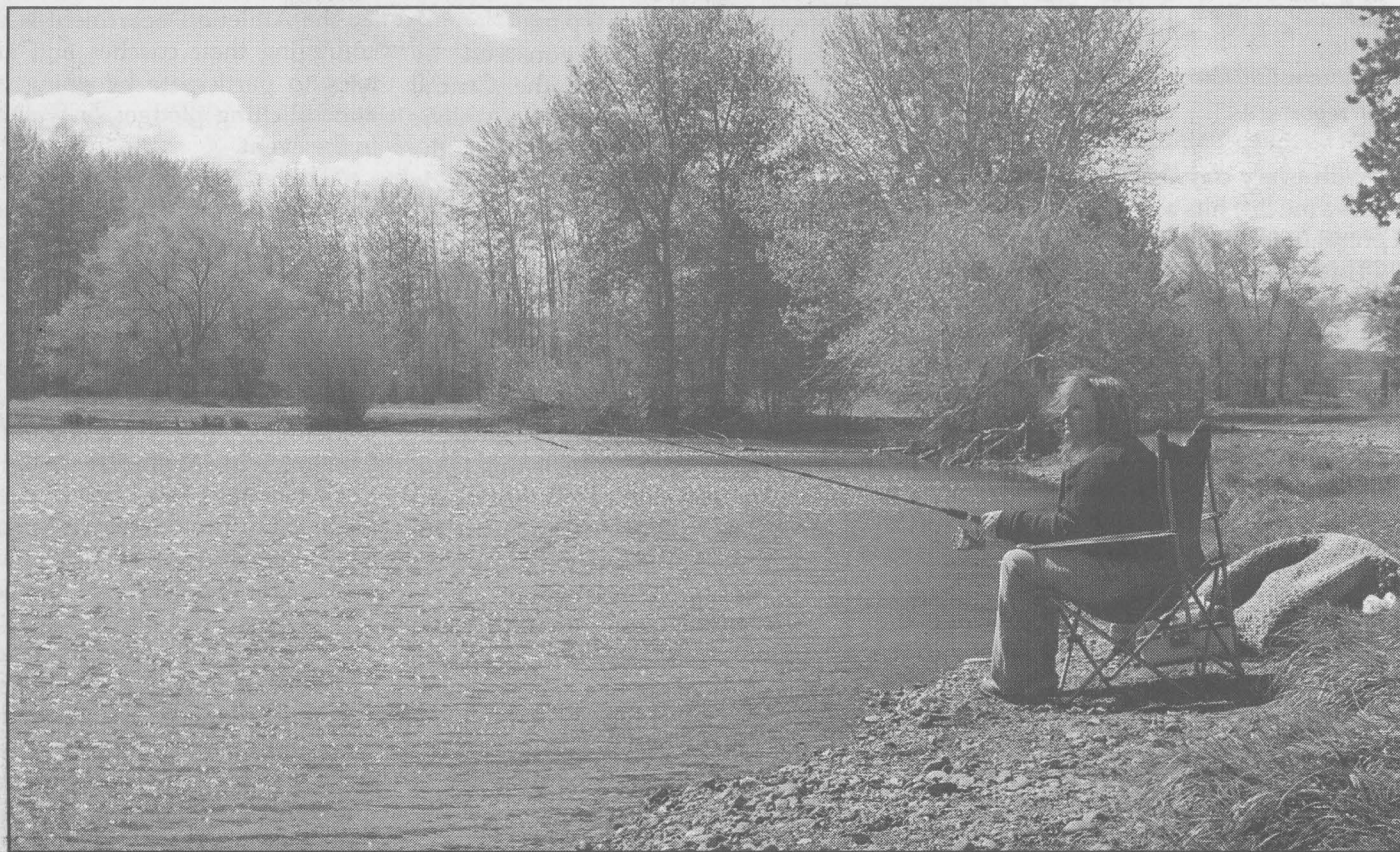
A person just needs to know what to buy and where to go. There are many fishing outfitters in Ellensburg that are more than willing to get people started, in or on the water, and most importantly, ready to catch a fish.

"I like to buy all my gear from the local department stores, such as Fred Meyer or Bi-Mart. Worley Bugger fly shop also has a lot of good gear for the fly fisherman in all of us," local fisherman, Dylan Hall said.

A person who has never fished before may be confused or intimidated by the thought of tying knots, setting bait and landing a fish. Not to worry, there are many places in town to help the average person get out fishing.

For example, Bi-Mart and Fred Meyer both have outdoor departments and have all the supplies anyone would need. On average, a person starting from scratch can expect to spend \$35 to \$70 on gear alone. Also, both stores sell fishing licenses, which are required by law for anyone over the age of 18, fishing in the state of Washington.

Ask a store clerk to direct you to the license station and they will explain



Pete Los/Observer

Mary Kooy, 2006 Central alumna enjoys the spring weather as she bottom fishes for trout with power bait at Mattoon Lake in Ellensburg on Tuesday, May 5.

the various options of fishing licenses. The license will cost approximately \$23.90, including tax and the vehicle parking permit is free. Anglers can purchase the license online at the Fish & Game Department web site at wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/.

Fly fishing takes more skill than bait fishing at the start, and requires a certain finesse that one must learn in order to master this style of fishing. In Ellensburg, there are multiple fly shops waiting to help people who find fly fishing to their liking.

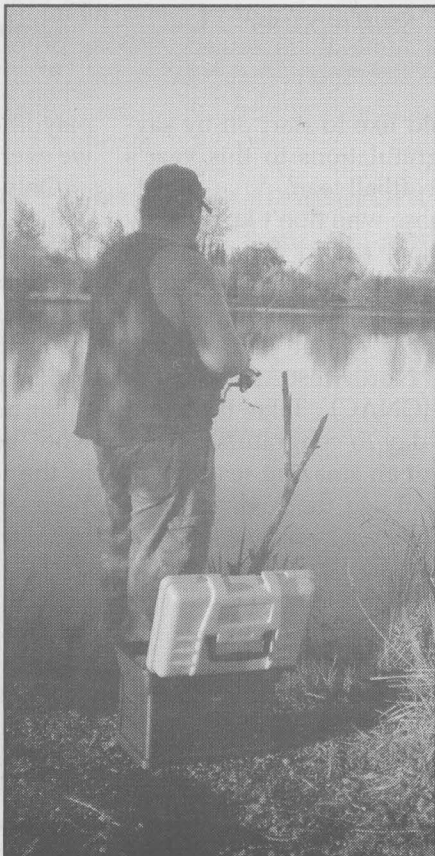
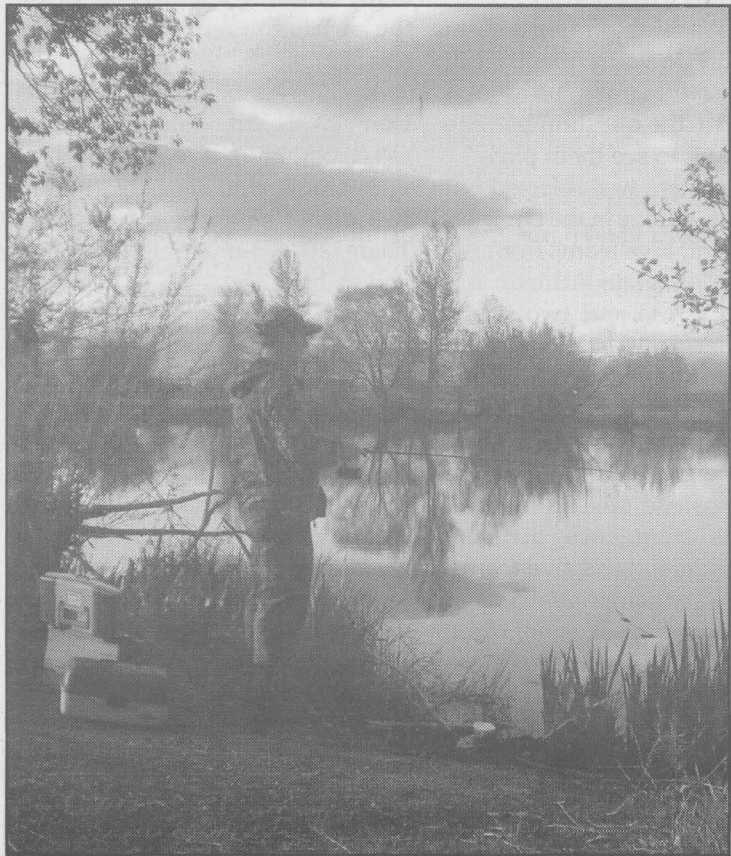
"Beginners do not have to just bait

fish, [as most people assume] they can start casting flies first thing. Just come on in and I can answer any questions that you have," said Steve Worley Bugger fly shop owner.

The species of fish one wants to catch often dictates fishing location, and there are many ponds near Ellensburg open for public fishing. One such pond is Fio Rito off of Exit 3 on SR-82. This pond is regularly stocked and opens March 1 for trout fishing. Other ponds include Woodhouse loop ponds, McCabe and Mattoon Lake. Although some bodies of water are open

year round, most open when the season starts on April 1.

Popular for tackle and fly fisherman alike, the Yakima River requires anglers to use single-barbless lures or flies and abide by catch-and-release practices. For those who hope to pan fry up a tasty fresh trout or bass, local ponds, lakes, streams and seasonal irrigation ditches are filled with healthy, good fighting and tasting native fish species. Check local Fish & Game Department regulations or the Cle Elum ranger station to get the facts and regulations on all of the local fishing areas.



Eric Haugland/Observer

Left: Kevin Hansen and Josh Berger (center) fish in the late afternoon at Helen McCabe State Park off of Canyon Road. Right: Gary Huss teaching his son Kane how to fish at Helen McCabe State Park.

Swine flu delays baseball games

by Mathew Carstens
Staff reporter

With every day that passes, the H1N1 virus (swine flu) hits a little closer to home. For Central baseball, that could not be more true.

This weekend's four-game series against conference leaders Western Oregon University was postponed after a Western Oregon student showed symptoms of the flu. The student was tested and results came up positive for "Influenza A." This led to the closing of the entire WOU campus.

"There is a high probability that the student has swine flu," said Jon Carey, WOU athletic director. "He has been tested and we are waiting for confirmation of the diagnosis from the Center for Disease Control. If the tests come back negative, the campus could re-open on Tuesday. We believe there may be a large number of students that could have been exposed."

Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) Commissioner Richard Hannan originally cancelled the leagues' track and field championships that were going to be held in Monmouth, Ore., which led to the cancellation of the weekend's baseball games.

"This is an unfortunate situation," Hannan said. "But, our number one concern is the safety and welfare of everyone involved."

The games were officially cancelled since the quarantine of the WOU will not be lifted until at least Wednesday. Instead, the Wildcats will hit the road for the last series of the season against the Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) Crusaders.

After a slumping start to the season, Head Baseball Coach, Desi Storey instilled a goal for the team to get at least 20.

But with the cancellation of the Western Oregon games, that will be impossible. Even if Central was to sweep the upcoming series against NNU, its final record would stand at 19-27.

"We'd still like to have a good weekend," Storey said. "We'd like to go out on a good note."

The last baseball game the Wildcats played, was over two weeks ago, when Whitworth University came to Ellensburg for a double-header on April 21.

The Wildcats won the first game as junior outfielder Rickey McKinney hit a walk-off home run to win it in the first of two seven-inning non-league games.

Sophomore pitcher Matt Crowe entered the fifth inning before being pulled, after allowing eight runs.

The bullpen held strong, keeping Central in the game by allowing one run in the last two innings. Starting at designated hitter, senior Andrew Snowdon was brought in to pitch the last one and two-thirds innings and only allowed three hits while striking out three batters. Snowdon got credit for the win, improving his record to 2-1.

Central shut down the Whitworth offense in the second game as junior pitcher Kevin Walkenhauer went seven innings on 103 pitches, striking out five and only allowing one run.

The Wildcats scored one run in the second inning and then two in the third and fourth to win the game 5-1.

Central takes its turn on the cat walk

by Jessica Hirschhorn
Staff reporter

The first Walk-A-Thon coordinated by the Civic Engagement Center will be Saturday May 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Lambda Pi Eta and the Central Washington University Athletic Department. Proceeds from the Walk-A-Thon will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a non-profit organization that prides themselves in "finding cures and saving children." Walkers can help raise money in order to help children and their families affected by cancer.

The goal of St. Jude is that families in need don't have to pay for treatments. St. Jude's research center is one of the top in the world.

"We hope that it will be an annual thing," said Amanda Lang, senior public relations and communication studies double major and main coordinator of the event.

Since this is the first Walk-A-Thon CWU has seen in a while, it is something they hope will continue.

"It's benefiting a great cause and helps people who don't have the resources [to fight cancer]," said Tyler Monk, senior recreation management major and assistant coordinator for the Walk-A-Thon.

The Athletic Department is encouraging their coaches and athletes to participate by going out and soliciting pledges or walking in the event.

"This is the kind of thing that the Athletic Department is happy to support and help with," said Mark Anderson, assistant athletic director for development.

The Walk-A-Thon course is about two miles long and wraps around various parts of campus and town including Craig's Hill and parts of Chestnut and 3rd street.

Participants are allowed to walk, jog or run the two miles, but are encouraged to pace themselves because the event lasts for four and a half hours.

"We would like to notify people that it is not a race, but people can run or jog. We will have water stations throughout the course and are also allowing breaks so participants do not over-exert themselves," Monk said.

At each mile there will be a checkpoint where stamps will be given to represent how many miles participants complete.

The top three walkers will get a backpack full of gum donated by Cadbury. The student who raises the most money will receive an iPod Shuffle. Students can get involved in this event by picking up a registration packet from the Don and Verna Duncan Civic Engagement Center located in SURC 256 B.

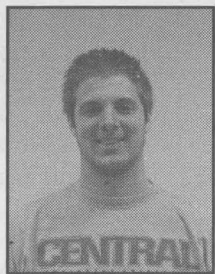
Central Washington University students and faculty will be walking as well as Ellensburg community members.

Participants are asked to show up at the east patio of the SURC at 10 a.m. for check-in and registration. Pre-registration will be available before the event in the SURC from 10 a.m. until noon Thursday and Friday.

"An afternoon of walking to give a child a chance at life is priceless," Lang said.

According to Lang, there have been about 150 registration packets passed out so far. Lang has always been very passionate about St. Jude and hopes this event will help save a life.

Softball kept from playoffs



Garret Atkinson
Staff reporter

I would like to start off by saying congratulations to this year's Wildcat softball team.

For those who don't know, they set a school record for wins this season, turning around a losing record from the year before, as well as making a run at first place in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC). Take time out of your day to congratulate these players for an amazing season.

With that said, the Wildcats won't be going to the regional playoffs this season.

They did not take first place in the region, meaning they would have had to fill up one of the other regional spots available for a trip to the Division II playoffs.

Record wise, the Wildcats are right up there with some of the best teams in the GNAC. In fact, they had more wins than two of the teams going to the playoffs.

Central boasts one the best pitchers in the GNAC, or to ever

come through the school, and has more than enough talented players and experienced seniors to do some damage in the playoffs.

Here is where we have a tragedy in sports. We have so many different systems in which we select teams for different tournaments, and yet, we still can't put together one at the college level that gets all the best teams involved.

Central Washington sports seem to go up and down frequently, but when we have teams worthy of a playoff berth, the question is: "Are we ever going to see them play?"

Only one team was selected out of the GNAC to play in the Division II tournament. Five teams from the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) and two teams from the Pacific West Conference make up the other seven teams.

So here we have the Wildcats, who boast a record belonging in the top eight teams out of the West, and instead of sending multiple teams from each division, the CCAA gets to send five teams. That kind of system, five teams to the GNAC's one team, is not right.

So should we just send the CCAA division to play in the tournament then? They might as well if they are going to send five teams.

How is it that Central Washington did not at least earn one of those spots, especially if their record was better than the lower teams that get to go?

Other teams have faced this sit-

uation also, and it's most definitely not the way you want to see a great team end its season. It seems as though flaws such as this reach many other college sports, and levels of play.

Tournaments for many college sports have been scrutinized for years, especially for college football and basketball, which sees many amazing teams get a kick to the curb because of a troubled system.

In the case of Central's softball team, how hard could it have been to select the top two from each division, and wild cards for the last two places based on their record? There are your eight teams, fair and square.

It seems that the simplicity of setting up a tournament is lost over time, and in this case, has kept another great team from showing what they can do.

Hopefully someone will make changes to this system, but until then, we have to put up with what we have.

If the Wildcats had taken first in the GNAC, we of course would not have this problem, but if they can't make the playoffs when another division is sending five teams, there has to be a better reason for it. That is not a real representation of the best teams available.

When it comes to a tournament of any sport, the best teams need to play. This is, and will continue to be, a problem for college sports.

OPR gears up for spring hikes

by Elizabeth DeVos
Staff reporter

Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals (OPR) offers day and overnight hiking trips, at a discounted price for students.

"I hope people take advantage of the opportunities - It's a great discounted price," said Ryan Hopkins, OPR and rock wall coordinator.

There are two overnight hiking trips offered; a four-day Stehekin backpacking trip Memorial Day weekend May 22-25 (\$75), an Ape Caves backpacking trip May 29-31 (\$30), and one overnight rock climbing trip in Leavenworth, May 22-24 (\$40). Every week OPR offers a climbing trip at Vantage (\$7). Four to 20 people are required for the trip to take place.

Stehekin is located at the north end of Lake Chelan in the North Cascades National Park. The cost of the trip covers a discounted ferry ride, campsite fees, transportation, three breakfasts and three dinners.

"There is very majestic scenery out there," said Darrell Kangiser, senior nutrition science major. "It's a chance for people to get out of their comfort zone."

Participants will stay at the same campsite, in tents, all weekend and go on day hikes throughout the area, although weather will affect what hikes will be done. Stehekin is a moderate level hiking area and participants can be at any hiking skill level.

Ape Caves is the longest continuous lava tube in the continental United States located near Mt. St. Helens, the caves are two miles long. The speed at which participants hike through the cave depends on how many more trails they go on said Kangiser.

"We're trying to get more beginners out there," Kangiser said. "It doesn't really matter what level participants are; anyone can go on any of the trips."

The climbing area is Washington's premier rock-climbing hub, offering a wide range of difficulties from easy to advanced, which allows participants to challenge themselves.

"The Leavenworth rock climbing trip participants can expect a great fun climb," Kangiser said. The cost of this trip covers transportation, camping fees and two dinners.

Students who do not want to commit to overnight trips have another option. Every week there are climbing trips to Vantage, about an half hour away, on the Columbia River. Weekly trips are on Thursday through the month of May. Each trip will last about four hours.

However, participants have to be top-rope certified at the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC).

CWU beat the reds

by Laura Mittleider
Asst. sports editor

On the Student Recreation Web site there are at least 22 different club sports offered to students on campus and just as many intramural teams.

One club, however, has been the underdog the entire season.

The Central men's soccer club pulled out a win against semi-pro team, the Yakima Reds.

As far as games and practices go. The club schedules and plans games itself. The club plays against school from all over Washington. The team enjoys what they do, but have struggled throughout the season.

"We have a lot of talent; we just lacked in practices," said Andrew Obrien, club president and player. "But on paper we had the most talent by far."

According to Obrien, the team had a hard time scheduling practices and getting everyone together at one time.

The Wildcat soccer team hasn't had a completely successful season, but it went into its game last Saturday, against the Yakima Reds, with determination.

"There was some inside knowledge," said

Tyson Farley, junior finance major and club member.

Central knew how the Reds played because five of the Central players play for the Reds as well, according to Farley. The team definitely knew it was going to be a difficult game.

Despite the knowledge, the team still knew the Reds were good.

"We were the underdogs," Kevin Eggen, vice president said.

Central shut out the Reds in the first half. In the second half, the team scored its first goal and quickly added one more shortly after.

"The defense played hard," Obrien said.

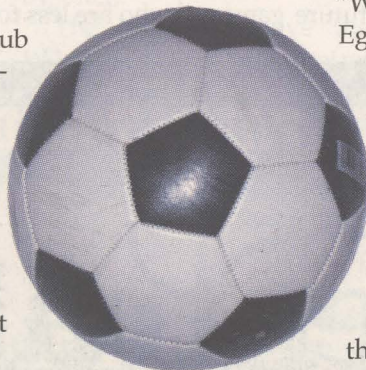
According to team manager John Mayer, the team was more than excited. The team was jumping up and down and feeling ready for more next season.

This was a big win for them. They beat a semi-pro team after having a hard season.

Most of the same players will be returning to the team next year, including two freshmen from this season.

"We should be pretty successful [next season]. We have a pretty good group," Eggen said.

There are not dates set but the club will have open try outs at the start of fall quarter.



Fleet Feet



Brian Iiyama/Observer

Competitors from all around the state met at Tomlinson Stadium on Saturday April 18. The men's team won the meet and the women took second place.

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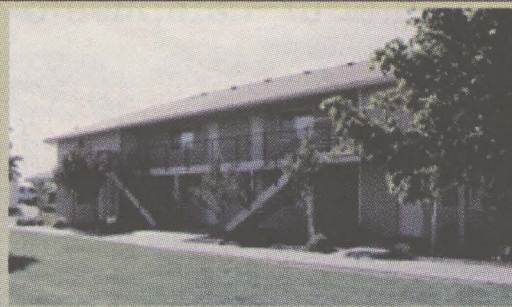
Then we are looking for your material!

If you have a short story or poem to share regarding your personal experiences with sports or other physical activities please submit them for use in a future issue. Photographs and other art is welcome too!

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Football kick starts intrasquad

by Laura Mittleider
Sports Editor

Central Washington University's football team has been preparing for the 2009 season since April 14. Returning starters and aspiring lettermen are working hard to preserve their 2008 title as GNAC champions and earn a starting spot on the roster.

To help athletes prepare for future games,

Central added three pre-season intrasquad games to their practice schedule.

The team is getting ready for its annual Spring scrimmage at 11 a.m. On May 9 at Tomlinson Stadium. The game is free for students to attend, however, there is a catch. Fans will be asked to donate cans of food for the local food bank. Cans of food or cash donations will be greatly appreciated and help local residents who are less fortunate.

CORRECTIONS:

In last week's Observer Mike Reilly's name was misspelled.

Pittsburgh Steelers was misspelled.
There are seven rounds instead of two in the draft.

In the rodeo article the stats were misprinted: Friday's event winners include Andrew Steffen, tie down (BLUE), Bailey Minor, break away roping (CWAU), Carl Bissonette, steer wrestling (CWAU), Bailey Minor, goat tying (CWAU) and, Whitney Stahl, barrel racing (BLUE). Sunday's event winners include Steven Peebles, bareback (WWCC), Andrew Hummel, tie down (UID), Jackie Owens, break away (UID), Roy Johnson, saddle Bronc (WWCC), Dustin Rosenberg (TVCC) and, Kayla Tiegs goat tying (BLUE).

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Central Softball takes second

by Garret Atkinson
Staff reporter

The Central Wildcats faced off with Montana State Billings to try and take the first place position for the league. Billings was the only team ahead of them in the league.

Game one on Friday remained scoreless until the top of the third inning, when Wildcat junior first baseman Taylor Trautmann hit a double to start the inning.

Trautmann moved to third base on a single up the middle by senior catcher Holly Rossman, and scored on a passed ball. The Wildcats held on to a 1-0 lead as senior Linse Vlahovich struck out five and only surrendered one hit.

With one out in the bottom of the fifth, Billings rallied, after shortstop Whitney Whittemore singled to left field. Bobbie Lee then reached base on an error, which scored Whittemore.

Montana State's starting second baseman Stevie Howard then homered to center field, giving Montana State a lead 3-1.

Central answered back in the sixth. Montana State pitcher Lisa Moore walked the first three Wildcat batters of the inning before being relieved by Kasie Conder.

With the bases loaded Conder got junior Ashley Fix to pop out, then followed that up by striking out Trautmann. Junior Danielle Monson reached on an error by the third baseman, scoring freshman Jennifer Schwartz and senior Jackie Hawkins.

Heading in to the bottom of

the sixth, the Wildcats trailed Montana State Billings 3-4. Montana scored one more run in the bottom of the sixth with a home run to center field by catcher Kelly Parsons.

The Wildcats lost the first game 5-3, leaving the Wildcats in second place in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC).

Vlahovich pitched six innings, scattering eight hits and giving up four earned runs, while striking out 10. The 10 strikeouts gave Vlahovich the school's single season record for strikeouts, now standing at 211 strikeouts on the season.

Even with the heartbreaking loss, the Wildcats bounced back from game one to fight for a victory. The Wildcats did the majority of its scoring right away. In the next game Trautmann walked, then advanced to second on a passed ball. Rossman walked after Hawkins flew out to center, putting two runners on base for senior Liz Wallace, who homered to give the Wildcats a 3-0 lead. Leading off the second inning for the Wildcats, Fix knocked another pitched out of the park, extending the lead 4-0.

Montana State started scoring in the bottom of the third inning. First baseman Terina Stacks homered to center field, giving them their first run of the game. Third baseman Leslie Davis then followed with another home run to left, and just like that, Montana only trailed by two runs.

In the top of the fifth inning, Trautmann scored on

an error by the third baseman, giving the Wildcats their fifth run of the game. Over the sixth and seventh innings, Central would not score anymore runs, but held on to a 5-4 victory. Vlahovich came in relief to get her third save of the year, and junior Katriina Reime would pick up her seventh win of the season. Reime went 2 2/3 innings in relief while surrendering six hits and two runs. Starting pitcher Lindy Baxter went three innings and gave up two earned runs and three hits with five strikeouts.

On Saturday, the Wildcats won both of the last two games of the regular season. The first game of the day was dominated by Vlahovich, who threw a complete game shutout. Central went to work

on offense early, starting the scoring in the top of the second inning.

A home run by Coppinger to center field would score Schwartz and Fix, who reached on a single and a hit-by-pitch.

The home-run gave the Wildcats a 3-0 lead. Central would score another run in the top of the fifth by scoring Trautmann on a ground out to third base by Wallace. In the sixth inning, Trautmann hit in a couple runs of her own, on a single to third.

The Wildcats took the momentum of the first game right in to game two. With a single up the middle by Hawkins, and a single to right by Wallace, Central took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Central brought in Vlahovich in

hopes of holding the one run lead, but trouble started with a lead off pinch-hit walk.

A sacrifice bunt moved the runner over, and a two-out RBI double to right field by Leslie Davis tied the game at 1-1.

Not wasting anytime, Central lead of the next inning with a single up the middle by Wallace. With two outs in the inning, Michelle Torre smacked a home-run to right field, putting the Wildcats up by two.

One more run in the seventh on another home run by Coppinger, her second of the series, would help seal the win for the Wildcats with a score of 4-1.

The Wildcat softball team ended the regular season with 33 wins, nine more than the previous record of 24 from the 2007 season.

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