Department heads to organize

Nelson says already too many committees

by Michael Radice
Editor

Music Department Chair­man Russ Shultz told the Fac­ulty Senate last week that he plans to form a committee of all department heads to ex­change ideas and improve communication.

The committee, to be called the Academic Department Chair’s Organization (ADCO) is open to all department chairs and program directors who have budgetary respon­sibilities.

In addition to the exchange of ideas, ADCO will have these other purposes:
  • To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas in order to assist the campus community.
  • To serve as liaison to the administration and other campus groups in order to enhance the efficiency of the academic departments.
  • To protect the interests of the members of the group (department heads).

The move came as a surprise to President Ivory V. Nelson, who was at the meeting.

Nelson said there were already too many committees and that the formation of another would add to bureau­cratic problems already plaguing Central.

"I want to make the current system work," he said. "Just give me a chance to do that."

Shultz responded "Go for it." The decision of the depart­ment heads to band together comes on the heels of a com­ment made by Nelson concern­ing the fate of some aca­demic departments on cam­pus.

Nelson suggested that de­partments with less than 15 faculty should be integrated with other departments. This, he said, would ease Central’s budget crunch and improve the university’s general edu­cation program.

"We have a problem in our general education program," Nelson said. "It must be funded first."

"Our funding situation has gotten us into trouble—the money needs to go to general education first," he said.

Nelson called on the faculty senate to help in establishing a strategic plan for Central.

"We need to get people talk­ing to each other," he said. "When that happens, inter­esting things start happen­ing."

President’s house gets a new look

by KyLynn K. Kosoff
Staff reporter

Central’s Board of Trustees has authorized spending $35,000 to renovate living quarters for President Ivory V. Nelson and his wife.

Board members toured the home after former president Donald L. Garrity left for Ja­pan. They found that very little work had been done to the residence since it was ex­panded in the 1960s.

The funds, not to exceed $35,000, will come from the university’s capital budget, which is used strictly for con­struction and remodeling. Remodeling will be done only on the residence section of the home. The other section of the building is used for re­ceptions and other university functions.

Maintenance work on the house began last January when all the interior surfaces were painted. This type of work is not included in the capital budget. It comes from a different budget which is used year around for upgrad­ing university facilities such as landscaping, painting and cleaning.

The remodeling of the president’s home is expected to begin in the next couple of weeks. Plans range from re­placing carpets, draperies, cabinets, counter tops and the dishwasher to revising light switch operations in the master bedroom.

Completion is scheduled prior to Mrs. Nelson’s arrival from Texas in June, according to John Holman, director of Facilities Management.

"What we hope to do is have most of the interior work done by the time she moves here with her household furnish­ing," Holman said.

Facilities Management re­cently discussed items that need to be done on the house with the Nelsons. Additional suggestions were given by the Nelsons on specific changes that they would like to have made. The next step is to seek bids on sections of the work, such as carpet replacement, from various companies.

The house, located on 10th
The presidential mansion on tenth street has been the home of many Central presidents. Soon, the Nelsons will see a $35,000 improvement.

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Avenue, was built in the 1940s. Former university president Robert McConnell and his family were the first to reside in the home after Central purchased it. The McConnells left in 1959. No Central president lived in it again until 1961, when President James Brooks and his family moved in. During Brooks' administration, several additions were built on the house, including a second story in the residence section, a reception hall, and an room adjoining the reception hall. These were the last expansions to the residence.

The Brooks family lived in the house until 1978. Recently, Brooks, who is now a professor of geography here at Central, and his wife toured the house. They said the house hadn't changed much since they lived there.

"It's really in excellent condition," Brooks said. Brooks helped design the expansion built in the 60s. He wanted the additions to blend in with the original house. From the outside, it looks as though the entire house was built all at once, Brooks said.

Nelson implements plan for minorities and women

by Katy Anderson
News editor

President Ivory V. Nelson has implemented a plan to increase minority representation among Central's faculty, staff and administration. The plan includes requiring women and minority representation on all search committees and keeping searches open until an adequate number of minority and women candidates have applied.

Nelson said he is committed to this plan so Central can meet the demands of the state's Higher Education Coordinating Board and "the needs of a state whose population (and future workforce) is becoming increasingly diverse."

Nelson said his strategies "have proven successful at other institutions of higher education."

"Individuals who appoint search committees are required to include women and minorities as members in the recruitment and selection of their colleagues," Nelson stated in an April 6 memo to all administrators, faculty and staff.

"Their participation will enhance committee recruitment and outreach efforts as well as provide valuable perspectives during the screening and interview stages of the search," Nelson said.

Nelson asked departments with no women or minorities on their faculty to appoint individuals from outside their department.

Departments that already have search committees in effect will be expected to include women and minorities as space becomes available, he said.

Second, Nelson said he will make recruiting women and minorities a top priority. "Search committees will develop aggressive recruitment measures to attract minority and women candidates," he said.

"When applicant pools do not reflect diversity (based on availability data from the Affirmative Action Office), searches will be extended and recruitment will continue until women and minority candidates are adequately represented."

Nelson said his intention is to "open up the search process and allow for fuller participation of women and people of color, as both decision makers and as applicants."

Nelson said his order was in effect immediately.

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Daily parking ticket dispensers pulled

by Ellen Pope
Staff reporter

Kathy Watson’s recent odyssey through Central’s parking lots started on a chilly April morning, when she drove into the lot north of the psychology building and discovered that the parking ticket dispenser was missing.

Kathy, a senior at Central, had parked there throughout the previous quarter. “I was late for class, so I whizzed through there and the machine was gone!” Still fuming, she related how she drove to the lot in front of Nicholson Pavilion, only to find the ticket dispenser had also been removed.

“After class, I moved my car all the way down to Bouillon library lot.”

Wendell Hill, Central’s auxiliary services director, offered answers to Kathy’s frustrated questions about the missing ‘spitters’. “Since Barge and Shaw-Smyser halls are being remodeled, more faculty have been moving to the north side of campus and that created parking problems,” he said. Most of them buy quarterly permits. “The first right (to park) should go to the people who make a long-term commitment,” he added.

Hill said he removed three spitters, two from the lot south of Nicholson Pavilion and one from north of the psychology building. “But we put one in at the gravel lot west of Tomlinson Field,” he said. The 50-cent daily permits are only good for the lots where purchased, said Hill. “But campus meter attendants have been giving just warnings the first week of the quarter and this week due to the changes. Starting next week, however, it will be business as usual,” according to campus police. Cars that do not display any ticket on the dash will be cited. No parking permits are needed after 4:30 p.m. and on weekends.

Hill said he is adding four 30-minute parking spaces in front of the gym for free parking. They will be near the crosswalk at 14th Avenue. The signs should be up within a few days, he said. He also plans to add four 15-minute spaces north of Hertz Hall.

He recommends that people buy $20 quarterly permits in Mitchell Hall if they regularly park on campus. Twelve dollar permits for grazed lots only are also available, as well as $6.50 motorcycle permits for parking in designated motorcycle areas. Weekly permits can also be purchased and yearly permits offer substantial savings. Permits can also be obtained by mail.

National News Briefs

Las Vegas — Former President Ronald Reagan, speaking at the National Association of Broadcasters Tuesday, was shaken as an angry anti-nuclear activist rushed the stage and smashed a crystal statue.

Glass pieces hit Reagan in the head but he was not hurt. Secret Service agents grabbed the man and hustled him away as Reagan looked on.

Chicago — Life came to a standstill in downtown Chicago Monday after 250 million gallons of water from the Chicago River leaked into underground tunnels.

The city turned off the electricity in downtown buildings. No injuries were reported. Power was expected back on Wednesday.

Atlanta — The PGA’s hottest player, Fred Couples, continued his winning ways by taking The Masters Sunday by two shots over Ray Floyd.

The Seattle native has won six PGA tour events in the past 10 months.

Johannesburg, South Africa — After a turbulent 34 year marriage, Nelson and Winnie Mandela have announced they are separating.

Citing tensions because of differences over several issues, the Mandelas said the separation is amicable.

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Proposed science building to replace parking lot

by Estrella T. Faehnle
Staff reporter

Plans are underway to construct a new science building between Dean Hall and Hertz Hall on what is now the SUB parking lot, according to John Holman, director of facilities management.

Originally, funds were allocated to conduct a pre-planning study to remodel Dean Hall, the existing science building. However, William W. Barker, chairman of the biology department, said it would be “expensive” to remodel the 25-year-old science building so that it would meet safety standard codes.

It was later decided that a new science complex would be needed and that a group of community architects and builders would “have the flexibility to serve the science community in Ellensburg for the next 100 years,” said Holman.

The new science complex would consist of all of the special services offices in Kamola Hall, the telecommunications building across from the power plant, and Information Services in Bouillion Hall. Central’s Facilities Management has been working on building plans for the estimated $80 million project since last fall with five architectural companies — Tsang Partnerships, from Tacoma; Sasaki Associates, an international company in San Francisco; and McClellan Copenhagen, an international company of lab planners based in Seattle. Construction is predicted to begin in the spring of 1994 and would probably continue over three years, or six years.

The $64 million science building will have a four-story wing on the west side and three-story wings on the north and east sides. The complex will house classrooms for chemistry, physics, and biology education and physics.

Holman expects the dislocation of the SUB parking lot to be “hotly debated.”

The plan calls for a 250,000-square-foot building to be placed 100 feet south of Dean Hall and 100 feet north of Hertz Hall. The parking lot would be moved across D Street and north of Fourteenth Avenue.

The proposal will be submitted to the president’s advisory committee as well as the board of trustees and the administrative executive group, which Holman said are “the main directors of the fate of this project.”

If approved, funding for the project will come from the capital budget. The proposal will be presented to Central President Ivory V. Nelson May 11. Holman said there is confidence that Nelson will agree that the project is important.

“Nelson is saying there is a strong push towards science at the university and K through 12th (grade) levels,” he said.

Central’s science facilities are about 25 years old.

Police beat

By Andrew Martin
Staff reporter

• According to campus police, two mountain bikes were taken from Student Village and Stephens-Whitney on Saturday. One was a man’s black fifteen speed with yellow trim, the other was a man’s eighteen speed bike locked to a stairwell in the hall.

• A Muzzall resident was cited for a charge of reckless driving and damaging property in the hall.

BACCHUS KO’s substance abuse

by Michelle Miller
Staff reporter

Substance abuse and local and campus officials both took a beating last weekend at a BACCHUS weekend conference that was tackled in workshops and the officers were tackled in the boxing ring during a charity Fight for Life.

The Northwest Regional Conference on Collegiate Wellness was open to all Washington state college groups with an interest in student health. The conference and activities took place in the SUB. Lindsay Rude, 23, elementary education major and BACCHUS student trustee, coordinated the event.

BACCHUS is a campus organization which promotes responsible decision making regarding the use or non-use of alcohol or other substances.

The conference was comprised mainly of workshops in which students discussed issues such as student leadership, safe sex, sexually transmitted diseases and alcohol awareness.

Students brainstormed new ways to discuss these issues, coming up with fresh ideas for drug and alcohol awareness programs.

Students also shared information about success rates of various methods and programs already implemented at their own universities.

This is the second year in a row that Central has hosted the conference. BACCHUS member Tony Freitas was pleased to see an increase in the number of participating students.

“Last year we had only 20 people — this year we had 75 to 90,” Freitas said.

A large part of the weekend’s activity was Friday night’s “Fight for Life” in the SUB ballroom. The event was attended by more than 400 people, according to program coordinator Jack Baker.

“It was an exciting evening of boxing, karate, and different forms of self-defense,” Freitas said.

There were a few broken ribs and knockdowns, but the boxing was not for cashing it was for a good cause.”
**EDITORIAL**

**OBSERVANCE**

Recycle or else

As the 22nd Earth Day approaches there seems to be a looming question: has the international Earth Day had any impact on the environment in 22 years?

Before we answer that—let's discuss a few things.

First, the most current and perhaps most damaging development is that President Bush is the only world leader not attending the unprecedented Earth Summit in Brazil this June.

How can we expect the citizens of the United States to have any interest in saving the planet if the president doesn't?

The summit's goals may be big: stopping the destruction of rain forests, conserving natural resources, eliminating toxic waste and the greenhouse effect, and reversing global warming, but these goals aren't out of reach.

Admittedly, these goals will take years to reach but the fact is, nothing can be accomplished without the first step.

George has yet to put on his shoes.

How many people recall Bush's campaign-speak that he wanted to be the "environmental president?"

Not unlike his stance on taxes and its subsequent reversal, Bush seems incapable of keeping one campaign or platform promise. Something about "read my lips" comes to mind.

While we busy ourselves with getting an education to better our futures and the futures of our children, we can no longer neglect or ignore the environment, without which we have no future.

I don't know how much clearer I can be. Without a clean and healthy environment, we have no future.

As for Central's part in saving the planet, the university has implemented a recycling program and the dining halls introduced the Earth Cup.

Is this enough? Can we do more?

These are questions people have to ask themselves and those around them before any changes can be made.

I wonder if everyone knows where the Ellensburg recycling center is. In a city this size, how hard is it to find?

How hard is it separate aluminum cans and newspapers and take them to the recycling center? My roommate Dana and I have a great little system of recycling. We do it.

At this point, no one can afford not to.

Kristina Hansen, editor

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**LETTERS**

**To the editor:**

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Sincerely,

Kip Anderson
Political Science

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**LETTERS**

**To the editor:**

Peter fans express outrage over letter

As students who participated in the Feb. 4 legislative trip to the capital, we were outraged by Aaron Reardon's letter to the editor that appeared in the April 9 edition.

Mr. Reardon suggested that Eric Peter and the other students who attended the legisla­tive trip did little more at the capitol than hear the history of the marble floors. Though Mr. Reardon may have spent his day at the capital admiring the scenery and taking tours, the rest of us met with our various senators and representatives thanks to appointments made by our student government officers for making the trip possible and so effective.

Kerry Zeh
Kris Wetzel

**DDR not a newspaper, but a forum**

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**Peter is hardworking, not above the “law”**

To the editor:

Our first reaction to the letter written by Aaron G. Reardon regarding Eric Peter and his "pedestal" like leadership style was that it was unfounded and slanderous. Usually such fictitious propaganda does not deserve a response, but these non-truths should not be inflicted on any "chump."

The letter stated that "King
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Eric is "brain dead," "lazy," and too "powerful." How did Mr. Reardon come to these conclusions? We would like to know, considering his conspicuous absence from BOD affairs and areas of involvement. As Eric Peter's co-workers, let us tell you that this is not so. Eric is a hard-working and dedicated individual who exceeds the required working hours and has the students' best interests at heart. Eric Peter cannot be described as "lazy" or "above the law." If Mr. Reardon were to investigate the ASCWU constitution, he would find that Eric Peter, as acting chairman, can only vote in the case of a tie. All BOD members have their own opinions in issues allowing no one individual to be the sole bearer of power.

To address the accusation made in regard to the Olympic trip and our representation there, were we and Mr. Reardon on the same trip? In Olympic's trips, there is just a little sight seeing. Each seat has been done for him. To attend legislative hearings the trip by the BOD office, to meet with their legislators and make in regard to the Olympic trips, is not Eric's problem. Each seat has been done for him. To attend legislative hearings the trip by the BOD office, to meet with their legislators and make in regard to the Olympic trips, is not Eric's problem. Each seat has been done for him.

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Consequently, our response will be inappropriately retaliatory when it should serve as a vehicle for good will.

You might, please, take note of the fact that the word "English" should be capitalized. How odd that this particular error should appear in your very letter.

We rest our case, Alex Whitman Pistorese Eugene J. Pistorese, students of English

P.S.—The term "English students" is equally incorrect; it implies we are students from England, which we are not. We signed our original letter "Students of English," which is exactly what we are, but you chose to rearrange our signature line, thereby creating yet another error in English usage.

Rape: Awareness is key

To the editor:

One in four women will be the victim of rape or attempted rape in her lifetime. An estimated 10% of rape victims are male. 84% of sexual assault victims know their attackers, and 57% of these women were on a date. The average age of a rape survivor is 18.5 years old. These may be statistics, but they are about real people. Young people. People who look and think and talk like you. Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which happens this year April 19-25, is designed to make us aware of the realities of rape and what we can do to change this reality.

The focus this year is on the partners of those who survive a sexual assault. The attack itself may be an isolated event, but the healing and recovery is an ongoing process. There are support systems for survivors and their partners. On campus, STEPS (Students and Staff for the Education and Prevention of Sexual Assault) is available for advocacy and support directly following an assault and throughout the healing process.

Take time now to speak to your partner about sexual assault. Discuss how you might feel if either of you were attacked, and consider the likelihood that it might be someone you know. If you don't have a partner, talk to a friend.

STEPS will be offering programs during Sexual Assault Awareness Week, and invites everyone to an open "education" (FUN!) meeting on April 21. Please see posters in the SUB for details, or call Pat Cole at the Counseling Center, 963-1391, for more information.

Sincerely,

The students and staff of STEPS

Nelson should be held responsible now, not later

To the editor:

I agree with Kristina Hansen's opinion (Observance, April 9) that Dr. Nelson has quite a lot of work ahead of him on Central's campus; changes will have to be made. I feel that the students must be an active (and consulted) part of this process because we are who counts on this campus.

While I respect Kristina's opinion, I see the role of the students in Dr. Nelson's plans differently than she did.

She wrote, "No one wants his/her program or department axed, but the fact is it must be done." Does it have to be done? Dr. Nelson must consult with the students, whose futures will be greatly affected by him re- configuring his major departments into a conglomerate. The smaller departments are just as important as any of the departments on this campus, and should not be reduced for a budget or any other reason. They are departments because students need, want, and use them.

Kristina wrote: "Let's give the guy (Dr. Nelson) a chance, see how it flies, and then if his plans crash and burn we can get mad. Then, THE STUDENTS will have to deal with the plans that have crashed and burned." I say NO! I say Dr. Nelson (and the board of trustees) must consult with the students to our satisfaction before he takes our major depart- ments away from us and it's too late.

I understand that Dr. Nelson's plans are, to quote him, not "carved in stone" yet, and now is the time to let him know how we feel.

Kristina wrote that if Dr. Nelson's changes are not productive, then, "He will have to be accountable to each and every student on this campus for his plans."

I say Dr. Nelson is accountable to all of us NOW!

Sincerely,

Arlene Falkin

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by Amy Gillespie

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by Brent DaPron

Scene editor

The Sarah Spurgeon Art Gallery in Randall Hall is currently presenting the paintings of popular Northwest artist Fay Jones through May 1.

The paintings are life-size, ranging up to six feet in width and 10 feet in height. "It took about a year to get used to working big," Jones said.

Prior to 1977, she did small paintings only. "It gives you a broader position of her world," said Cathy Nisbet, Central graduate art student.

Central is fortunate to have paintings by such a highly regarded artist.

Jones's social-cultural art contains a combination of acrylic on paper, with collage strips of paper forming layers with the paint.

The colors are bright, often sharp, and her work can be called figurative reflections on some of society's contemporary cultural anxieties.

"They are pertinent observations of today," Nisbet said.

One of the paintings, "Bird Cage," took Jones three months to complete; she worked on three different panels simultaneously on separate walls.

"The challenge was to keep them threaded together in my head," Jones said.

"I am satisfied that it's well constructed and complete, a single statement."

Her art is influenced by language.

"My paintings are very literary," Jones said. "If I could be a writer, I would do it. Words are what makes me work."

Her work is fiction set in the present. It is caught between a curious affection for history and anxiety for the future.

"I draw on a vivid and accurate memory and somewhat quirky observation of contemporary American life," Jones said.

She attended the Rhode Island School of Design.

"During and since art school I have been most deeply influenced by Philip Guston's work—his painting and his intelligence about painting," Jones said.

Critics have called Jones "an artist to watch," and Central Washington residents will have an excellent chance to view the painting that has recently kicked her career into high gear, according to Jim Sahlstrand, director of the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery.

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Double movie review...

‘White Men Can’t Jump’ and ‘Fern Gully’

Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson star in “White Men Can’t Jump,” a fast-paced, wildly-entertaining film by Director Ron Shelton, creator of “Bull Durham.”

Snipes is brilliant as Sid Deane, a fast-talking Los Angeles basketball hustler. Harrelson plays Billy Hoyle, a seemingly hopeless out-of-towner looking for a game. One con-game leads to another and Sid and Billy become hustling business partners, with the playgrounds of Los Angeles their office.

The action is fast, but basketball and hustling are not the only issues presented by Shelton in “White Men Can’t Jump.”

Whether intentional or not, Shelton gives the audience an accurate portrayal of the racial tension still prevalent in many major cities.

Deane, refers to Hoyle several times in the movie as Opey, equating whites with Snipes’ powerful stage presence, make “White Men Can’t Jump” a hit.

“White Men Can’t Jump” plays through Thursday, and possibly the weekend, at the Liberty theater.

Robin Williams, Christian Slater, Cheech and Chong, Tom Lovett and Elton John band together to make an animated feature film from Director Bill Kroyer. “Fern Gully” is the story of a forest community of tree fairies and wildlife hit by the ravages of deforestation.

The movie depicts violent deforestation and its consequences. Although the logging equipment is a little far-fetched, the message is clear: humans are destroying the forests by clear-cutting. We are destroying habitats.

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Kroyer could not decide whether or not to make Pips a main character. The film would be better off if Kroyer had made Slater the voice of Zak, one of the film’s two main characters.

Cheech and Chong are the voices behind two blast characters who are part of the clan following Pips. The soundtrack of “Fern Gully” is wonderful, with music from Tom Lovett and Elton John. What makes “Fern Gully” special, is that it is a message with its audience.

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Students mosh to Seattle grunge

by Dave Lee
Staff reporter

The Ultra Lame Festival at the Seattle Paramount April 4 was the place to be for fans of new-wave alternative grunge.

The show, sponsored by Sub-Pop records, showcased top new local bands: Earth, Pond, Supersuckers, Seaweed and Mudhoney—who headlined the show.

The concert started off on the wrong foot as Earth played 20 minutes of the same distorted, reverberating chords. "This band sucks," echoed in the Paramount as the fans shouted in disappointment.

As Earth crept off stage, Pond found themselves in the position of trying to warm up the bewildered crowd.

Soon the melodic sounds of Pond began to erase the horror of Earth and the crowd began to move around and enjoy themselves.

The moosh pit was in full swing as the Supersuckers lit up the stage with a hard-driving beat and a wall of distortion.

The reaction of the audience was immediate as a wave of people were tossed around and a few daring stage divers leapt into the crowd.

The crowd's intensity dropped off just a hair as Seaweed performed songs off their new album "Weak."

Although Seaweed played as intensely as earlier bands, it was not enough to keep up the crowd's energy level.

The moosh pit's intensity reached a critical level as the headliners of the Lamefest, Mudhoney, reached the stage.

Mudhoney, predicted by local band followers to be the next Seattle group to explode on the music scene, just signed with major label Reprise/Warner.

The concert gave the band an opportunity to play music off their latest album "Every Good Boy Deserves Pudge," which is released on the Sub-Pop record label.

The only way to describe the show is "absolute anarchy," said one exhausted security guard.

The concert ended with a good, socially impacting message from Mudhoney bass player Matt Lukin: "Always wear your rubber."

Students from left to right are Julian Kim, So-Ho Ah, Kumiko Murakashi, Junko Nagakoshi, and Kazumi Sato. A combination of about 200 students and residents mixed and mingled.

New students receive warm welcome

by Chandra Burdette
Staff reporter

Central students welcomed a diverse group of newcomers to campus at the SUB last Sunday to discuss cultural issues and make new friends.

"There are about 75 American, 60 Asia University, eight International, and 35 ESL students who all need to be welcomed to Central," Kelly Katzner, the coordinator of this event said.

The students participated in games and enjoyed refreshments and cross-cultural entertainment, Katzner said.

"We are playing a name game, two variations of telephone, and musical chairs," Katzner said.

Two Japanese singers, a singer from Colombia, and a Chinese dance featured the entertainment, said Katzner.

Many people assisted Katzner in welcoming the new students.

"We tried to get a wide variety of ethnic groups and a diversity of people from campus to attend," Katzner said.

"Faculty, students, and all the clubs and organizations were invited.

Donations from Residence Living and various Ellensburg businesses and restaurants provided refreshments and prizes for the welcoming event.

Katzner is the former president for the International Students Association.

"We did this event two years ago and it went very well," said Katzner. "So I volunteered to do it again; this time I got more people involved."

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Students mosh to Seattle grunge

by Andrew Martin
Staff reporter

Tacoma police officer Ron Lewis spoke to eighty people last Thursday in the Mary Grube Center about gangs in the classroom.

The seminar was sponsored by the Student Council for Exceptional Children. Veronica Houser, 21, a special ed major from Seattle, organized it.

The seminar was put on to educate future teachers about gangs in the classroom before we are in the classroom," she said.

"Students are being put into two high gang activity areas, Yakima and Federal Way."

Lewis used an investigative video to start the seminar. It showed a gang leader calling five hundred Crips (a major national gang) together to show them the proper way to carry out a drive-by shooting.

Lewis used a slide show to illustrate gang symbols and clothing types. One slide showed a gun lying on top of money, blood and drugs.

"Blood, money and drugs go together—you cannot have one without the other," said Lewis.

Lewis said there are many reasons why people join gangs. They include peer pressure, self-esteem, respect among peers, and a sense of unity.

"A person can join a gang if they choose," he said. "Gangs can be of any race or economic group."

Lewis ended the seminar by talking about many ways for people to minimize gang activity.

One method, Lewis said, is to educate students, staff and parents about gangs. Another is to have a no-tolerance policy regarding gangs and have it enforced for all students.

Another suggestion stressed the role of schools in helping people out of gangs.

"Everyone should have an idea of how to help people get out of gangs because you may be the only person that they respect. Respect is very important to gang members and they could lose that if you do not know how to help them," Lewis said.

Lewis's final suggestions included removing graffiti as soon as it is discovered and exposing the culprits, having schools offer classes to teach parents how to deal with children and gangs, and having an "alert" system in place.

Lewis said an "alert" system can be used if the school knows when a gang incident may happen on its grounds.

Lewis describes the alert system as, "A reverse fire drill," where people go indoors instead of outdoors.
Wildcats fighting to make playoffs

by David Jones
Staff reporter

"If you win, they will come."

Central's baseball team is hearing voices these days. The 'Cats must win 10 of the last 11 district games, which includes a sweep of Whitworth on April 29, before the playoffs. However, head coach Desi Storey remains optimistic. "I'm still hoping we'll get things going and we'll make the playoffs," Storey said. "Talent-wise, we're as good as anybody in the league."

Central fell to I-4 in district play last weekend after losing 7-6 in a nine-inning nailbiter at Whitman. The Missionaries rallied from a 4-1 deficit to defeat the 'Cats despite being out hit 12-9. After a 4-4 tie, Whitman broke away with three runs in the seventh.

Mead Fenton came off the bench for the 'Cats in the eighth inning and hit a solo home run. Chad Bala pulled the 'Cats to within one in the ninth with his RBI single.

"We can win," Chamberlain said. "This team needs to be mentally tough. We need to continue hitting the ball and play hard all nine innings."

Central starts an 11-game road trip, including three games against the Canadian National Baseball Institute, and a double-header at Lewis and Clark State tomorrow.

"To stay in the race, we need a split down there," said Storey.

Tracksters run well despite injuries

by Denise Cugini
Staff reporter

Central tracksters broke four records at the Western Washington University Invitational last weekend.

Central fared well in three of the four events Friday night. The women won first place in the sprint medley relay with a qualifies in 3:16.8. Running in this relay were Mitchell, Baker, Gorean Hudson and Brian Meyer.

Gary Anderson finished first in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:52.9. The men's 4x100 meter relay took first, along with the 4x400 meter relay team, which also broke the meet record with a time of 3:16.8. Running in this relay were Mitchell, Baker, Gorean Hudson and Brian Meyer.

The women showed their mettle as well by finishing second in the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 49.9. Running in this relay were Brena Buck, Tammy Matson, Heather Wade and Dawn Fletcher. "We have a strong team," said Wade. She thought the team would be ready for districts in spite of injuries suffered by her teammates.

Women's coach Lisa Olson was also pleased. "This was a good meet to see what they need to work on," she said.

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Men still streaking

by Heidi Trepanier
Staff reporter

Dropping four matches last week, Central's women's ten-
nis team slipped to an 8-14 record in dual meets.

The Cats lost a 9-0 decision to Pacific Lutheran University.

"It was a really good match," said Ladycat Amy Templeton. "We came straight from the van and had to play. We could have played closer matches. Still, every match you learn from, and you find stuff to work on."

The team traveled Saturday morning to Bellingham and lost 6-1 to Western Washing-
ton University. Lisa Dirks, a freshman from Woodinville, registered Central's only vic-
tory with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Karen Richert at the fourth singles position.

Central then traveled to Au-
burn Saturday afternoon to take on host Green River, which downed Central 6-3. Templeton prevailed at the second singles position with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Sonja Ellison.

Sheila Gibbons gets some practice in earlier this season.

Hosting the University of Puget Sound on Sunday, Cen-
tral lost 5-4. Dirks toppled Megan Garness 7-5, 7-5 while the other victories were by for-
feit.

Dirks, playing her first year of tennis, said, "With a few games left before district competition, we will try our hardest to im-
prove."

Hoiby, a senior from Everett, holds the best season record for the women's team at 11-6 in singles and 8-7 in doubles. Hoiby had an eight-match winning streak until her loss against Pacific Lutheran.

Tennis action resumed for the Lady Cats as they traveled to Gonzaga University yesterday and will host Yakima Valley Community College this af-
ternoon.

Women's Tennis

the overall singles record for the Cats at 11-6.

In doubles action, Huynh and fresh-
man Valez have won their last seven in a row to increase their winning streak to 13-7.

Central goes for its eighth straight victory here this af-
mber against Yakima Valley Community College at 2:30 p.m. and take on Pacific Lutheran here, tomorrow.

"P.L.U. will be a good contest. They'll be very tough for us," said Morrill.

Morrill is looking forward to the district playoffs here at Central for the first weekend in May. "We'd like to move up a spot or two from last year's finish of fifth place."
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