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At A Glance

Let your voice be heard

Central students have a chance to speak in support of higher education and increased funding for Central at CWU Day. Transportation to Olympia and back is available for $5. For more information, call Jody Baxter at 963-2160.

Emergency phone line

For questions regarding late or cancelled classes, call the campus emergency phone line at 963-2345.

Central prof awarded

Nita Green, a Central faculty member, was named Outstanding Business Educator of the Year. Green teaches at Central's SeaTac center.

'Housewives' still rockin'

Central's dinner theatre production of 'Angry Housewives' continues through Feb. 16. There are brunch, supper and dinner theatres. For further information call 963-1774.

ACUI regions

In the SUB games room on Feb. 12 and 13, there are tournaments for ping pong, cribbage, backgammon, and chess. Qualifiers will receive free registration and transportation to UW on Feb. 20 - 22. Sign up by Feb. 12 in SUB 111.

Support group being offered

The Counseling Center has free workshops for individuals dealing with eating disorders. They are every Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. in the Health and Counseling Center.

Romantic raffle

Today and Friday in the SUB you can buy a gift bag for your Valentine and a raffle ticket for a Valentine's Day date package. The drawing for the raffle is at noon on Friday. This event is sponsored by PRSSA and the Marketing Club.

Wildcats whip Western, clinch league title

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On no!

Snow

On Tuesday, the combination of several days of below freezing weather and a fresh dusting of snow played havoc around campus.

Many people were not prepared for the hazardous driving conditions around the university, leading to numerous "fender benders," according to Steve Rittereiser, the head of campus security.

Aside from people driving too fast and inadvertently sliding through busy intersections, there was only one snow related, non-injury accident, involving a student in the L.8 parking lot.

In order to help reduce the ice on streets around campus, crews from Facilities Management spent Tuesday afternoon and evening sanding the roads.

By 9 p.m., those sanding efforts helped improve road conditions.

Tuesday night's snowfall made it difficult for some to get to classes.

When good grades are no good

by Brian Bartels

Here's something to remember while taking midterms: Grades don't matter. Not anymore. That's the fear of a faculty senate committee studying grade inflation.

Grade inflation is the increase of grades and grade point averages over time without any real increase in students' abilities. And some professors say Central's grading system may be in danger. Robert Fordan of the communication department chaired a faculty senate committee on grade inflation last year.

Attached in a packet given out to BOT members were examples of beer coupons in the campus directory and the Marketing Club coupon book.

The packet also included Section 2-213.37 of the CWU Policies manual which states:

"The university name will not be associated with the advertising of alcoholic beverages."

"[The BOT] wanted us to be very clear in communicating to everyone that we would, from this point on, abide by the policies that have been established in this area," Sarah Shuremate, vice president of Student Affairs, said.

CWU Marketing Club representative Jim Branty said he didn't think the ban will have much effect on the club's coupon book, published each quarter of the academic year. He said local taverns could advertise food or activities instead.

"There are ways to get around it," he said. "It's just going to be a little more paperwork."
Saturday, Feb. 8, 2:40 p.m.
Two residents of Carmody-Munro Hall had a total of $124 stolen from their unlocked rooms.

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 10:16 p.m.
Answering a call for a suspicious odor, Campus Police cited a 16-year-old woman of Davies Hall for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 11:47 p.m.
Police were dispatched to answer a call for a noise complaint in Student Village. When the 21-year-old man came to the door, police smelled marijuana and gave him a citation.

Thursday, Feb. 6, 7:54 p.m.
A suspect, calling from the Moore Hall lobby phone, has been calling people and mimicking scenes from the movie "Scream." This report is still under investigation.

Thursday, Feb. 6, 11:45 p.m.
University Police were answering a call in Alford-Montgomery Hall for a suspicious odor. Police contacted the 19-year-old male and gave him a citation for possession of marijuana.

Friday, Feb. 7, 9:06 p.m.
Police answered another complaint of suspicious odor in Hitchcock Hall. A 19-year-old female was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Friday, Feb. 7, between midnight and 7:30 p.m.
Three windows were broken in the SUB costing an estimated $2000 in damage. The suspects were apparently on the roof of the SUB and threw rocks into the windows. Police are still investigating the incident.

Friday, Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m.
Several of the work shifts at the Science Facility construction site were vandalized. Suspects broke door handles, a copier and a window. They entered some of the sheds but did not take anything.

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Three residents of Carmody-Munro Hall had a total of $124 stolen from their unlocked rooms.

Two women from Moore Hall reported they had received 15-20 harassing phone calls. The women suspect it is an ex-boyfriend. Police are still investigating this report.

University Police pulled a driver over for failing to stop at 9th and Euclid. Upon contact, police smelled a strong odor of intoxicants. The 20-year-old male was cited for minor in possession.

Several of the work shacks at the Business School parking lot caused an estimated $124 stolen from their unlocked rooms.

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Central students work hard to stay airborne

By Dave Henderson
Staff reporter

As the plane taxis down the runway, Adam Nelson, a Central flight student, runs through the pre-flight check which includes testing the breaks and condition of the flight controls and instruments. He then does an engine and spark plug check, and revs the engine up to 1700 rpm. He sits at the hold short line and requests permission to take off.

"Ellensburg traffic, Cessna 48769er departing runway 29er straight out, Ellensburg," Nelson reported to flight controllers. Have you ever wondered who's flying the planes that pass over head on a clear blue day? Well, while we're attending our classes here on the ground, the students in the flight tech program are attending their classroom in the sky.

Here on campus, we don't hear much about the flight program because of it's location north of campus, but over 160 students are enrolled in the program.

To become a flight tech major, students have to be in good health and have the money to afford the flight costs. Students enrolled in the program have to pay approximately $25,000 in flight costs to complete the program. Financial aid, loans and scholarships are available to students to help them cover their expenses. About 50 percent of the students drop out of the program, mainly because of lack of funding.

Learning to fly is a large part of the flight technology program for students. CWU has been working in cooperation with Midstate Aviation for almost 30 years. Midstate contracts out the airport and their planes to Central, which are reserved exclusively for use by students in the program.

"Graduates have flying background and classroom knowledge, and since this is the only four year aviation program on the west coast, I think that's unique," Ron Mitchell, owner of Midstate Aviation said. "I think we have a really good program here at Central that all the kids can be proud of."

In order to graduate from the program, students must take 89 credit hours in the classroom and spend an average of 250 hours in flight. The flight portion of the program consists of five different levels that student aviators must master in order to pass.

Beginning students start in Cessna 152's which are single prop, two seat planes. It normally takes pilots 60 hours in these light weight planes to obtain their private pilot license. After students have their license, they can fly longer distances and carry passengers.

The next step in the training is the instrument rating, where students must fly by their instruments alone. A hood is placed over the pilot's head to simulate flying through clouds and make sure they can fly without looking outside the cockpit. After this, pilots are able to fly in adverse weather conditions and in excess of 18,000 feet. Instrument rated pilots then move on to the commercial phase of their training, where they fly the more complex Cessna 182's and Piper Arrows which have retractable landing gear and more horse power.

Here, pilots practice advanced flight maneuvers and fly as far away as northern California. Next, pilots work towards becoming a certified flight instructor, where they receive pay and free flight time to instruct beginning students. Once they are certified, they can go and instruct anywhere in the country and work towards getting experience in bigger, multi-engine planes.

"After finishing the program, most students continue instructing to gain more flight hours without cost," Mitchell said. "It is one of the few avenues where they can get flying time and get paid for it, until they meet the hourly requirements that it takes to become a regional airline pilot."

"As a commuter airline pilot, they work long hours for relatively low pay and they pay their dues for several years, normally until they get enough experience in hours to get hired by a major airline," Mitchell said. "And that's where it finally pays off, when you get a job and start working half the days in a month."

"You have a long road ahead of you if you want to become a successful pilot," Nelson said, who is working on the commercial phase of his training. "You must really love flying to want to stick with it. I can't understand why everyone doesn't want to fly, I couldn't imagine doing anything else."

Mitchell said the major commercial airlines are looking more and more towards graduates of university aviation programs because all of the veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars are retiring, leaving an increasing amount of openings for new pilots. He also said that the number of pilots being trained by the military has dropped dramatically, compared to 10 or 15 years ago.

"The flight industry is growing and the pilot population is shrinking," Harry Clark, director of the flight program said. "There aren't enough people to replace the ones that are retiring and fill the seats that are being made by the new airplanes. As long as Boeing is building airplanes and selling them, I think our student population is in excellent position for jobs."

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GRADES: A nationwide problem affects CWU students

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year. "We have a nationwide problem, it's not just at Central Washington University," Fordan said. "We have some hemorrhaging in the educational system."

The committee looked at existing grade studies in grading, and at one Central's own statistical records. The records from fall 1996 through spring 1997 showed the percentage of 4.0 grades issued by professors has increased all over the university.

However, the total number of students enrolled in remedial classes, such as English 100 and Math 100, did not decrease.

"We expected that if the grade point averages were going up, those numbers should be going down," said Fordan. "The higher grade point averages should mean that students are more competent, but that's not the case."

Spradheets from Institutional Studies and Research showed that 32.2 percent of all grades given in the College of Education and Professional Studies were A's in 1986. By 1995, the percentage had increased to 42.9 percent. Percentages for the College of Sciences, the College of Arts and Humanities, and the School of Business and Economics varied between 12 and 25 percent of all grades.

Committee member Mark Kaminski, of the industrial and engineering technology department, said there is an explanation for the trend. The majority of the students in the CEPS are education majors.

"Part of the situation is that they have to maintain a B to stay in the program," he said. "So the ceiling raises up one more grade level."

Fordan said there are "incremental changes" in grading departments can make to bring courses in line with Central's grading regulations. Two of these are increasing use of the satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade, which does not affect G.P.A., and eliminating un-contested withdrawals. Withdrawals, by freeing students from classes in which they are doing poorly, raise the overall grade average. Fewer F's and more W's mean higher average grades.

The committee report also suggested Central faculty aim at maintaining the C, C- or D grade level. "In order to decreasegrade inflation, that's fine," Burkhart said. "But I'm not for any policy that harms students, that limits students' ability to improve their grades."

He also opposed ending withdrawals to combat grade inflation.

One reason grade inflation is worrisome is that grades can be used by both employers and graduate schools to screen applicants. However, many employers don't seem to see that it's way. Teri Hendrickson, recruiting coordinator for Central's Career Development Services, deals with employers who come to Central to interview future graduates. She said grades are not a deciding factor in the hiring process.

"Except for specific firms, they don't look at grades first," Hendrickson said. "They look at personality, how well you come across."

She said grades are still important factors in accounting firms and for actuarial jobs.

-- Bill Gossett
Physics students help community and win national award

By Kwame Amoeteng
Staff reporter

For the second year in a row Central’s chapter of the Society of Physics Students has been named the region’s outstanding chapter by the SPS national office. Central’s chapter is one of 21 in the Northwest region, which includes schools in Washington, Oregon, Alaska and part of Idaho. Only 27 of the 620 chapters nationwide were honored.

“The award is very prestigious in the area of physics,” Central SPS chapter president Christopher Carr said.

Outstanding chapters are selected based on activities they have accomplished.

“They’re looking at how you’ve promoted physics at your university and in your regional area,” Central SPS chapter advisor Sharon Rosell said. Promotional activities include having chapter representation at local, regional, national and international conferences. Five representatives from Central’s chapter took part in a 1994 North American physics conference in Cancun, Mexico.

In regard to community outreach activities, Central SPS members produced physics-related public service announcements for airing on KCWU-TV, as well as hosting “Physics Day” demonstrations in the SUB. They were also involved in the “Expanding Your Horizons” workshops for middle-school girls on campus and at Yakima Valley Community College.

“We’re presently working on getting a local industry (Mike’s Rental Market) to donate laboratory equipments to our department,” Carr said.

The chapter is also planning a trip to Vancouver, Canada where they will visit the Tri-University Meson Facility which is known for its treatment of cancer and research into other areas of physics.

“Part of the reason for the trip is to help the physics majors to see how physics is used in research areas,” Tom Zobrist, SPS member said. “Students will also have the opportunity of making professional contacts with the scientists they meet over there.”

EMPATHY: misunderstanding defeats workshop's purpose

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Chief replied, “it’s part of who I am and I wish to maintain that.”

The GALA News article also said Black Student Union members walked out of the meeting at that point. Other witnesses were unsure as to whether any members of the BSU were even present at that point in the meeting. Robbins said she left because she could not recall any tension or argument or people walking out of the session.

Lue said he faxed the article to the police department several days before printing the newsletter, telling her what would be printed and asking her to discuss her views further. Kirkpatrick said she received nothing from Lue.

“What’s so unfortunate about this is that in reality, this chief of police would never tolerate the abuse of anyone who was gay, anyone who was a member of any minority, and if Mr. Lue did any checking into my background and my history, he would owe me a huge apology,” Kirkpatrick said.

As a result of interviews for this story, Lue and Kirkpatrick finally talked about their differing perspectives.

“We just had a misunderstanding,” Loe said. “We talked about it, we don’t see eye to eye, but we’re cool with it.”

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Plaque for Kit?

I came across the article titled “Student affairs response to suicide evaluated,” in last week’s Observer, and it really struck a chord with me. In particular a quote from Brandy Langfitt, a former Moore Hall resident, concerning a memorial plaque, which was supposed to be erected in Kit Felice’s honor.

Felice is a student who hanged himself last year. Where is this plaque? You will not find it in Moore Hall. I didn’t have the chance to know Kit, however others like Brandy Langfitt did. Based on her comments in the Observer she seems angry about this. She should be.

If a memorial was supposed to be erected in memory of Kit, how come Student Affairs hasn’t followed up on their promise? Moreover, even if they now decide to erect this plaque, would this be a result of the pressure put on by angry students? I understand that a tree was planted in Kit’s honor, a very noble gesture. But the fact remains that a promise is a promise. Student Affairs shouldn’t have allowed this plaque to go unerected until they didn’t intend to follow through. If I had been a close friend of Kit, I would find this very insulting. This plaque probably will not cost the school a gross amount of money to purchase, so what is the hang up? Take it out of my tuition check if need be.

It seems to me this oversight on the university’s part does little to boost a feeling of sympathy for Kit Felice’s family and those students who knew and loved Kit. Death is never an easy thing for anyone to cope with. Erecting a plaque in Kit’s honor would be an excellent reminder to all of his senseless death.

Three suicides here at Central. Unfortunately, suicide has been somewhat of a trend at Central.

We all need to take an active part in reaching out to people so tragedies such as these don’t persist. What we don’t need to do is take away from Kit’s memory by promising something, and then failing to deliver.

— Mark Weller Staff report
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SOMETHY STUDENTS, AS WELL AS OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS WISHING TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY FUNCTIONS, WITH SO CALLED "TRAN

SOMETHY RESIDENTS."

When the ordinance passed, there was a promise made that the RPZ would undergo an evaluation a few months after it was in place. I believe the RPZ has been in place long enough that problems with it have been identified. I believe that the council should take another look at the discriminatory wording used in the document. The council should also be reminded that the purpose of the RPZ was to solve problems with parking related to the building of a new science facility.

I have a few questions that I would like to address to the council. First, when will the RPZ review take place? Second, what is the rationale behind the 24-hour zone? And third, where has the $20,000 the university gave the city for enforcement gone? How many tickets have officers written during the past few months? How often are the zones patrolled?

I hope that action on these concerns will take place soon. I thank you for considering my comments.

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I would like to address the problem with the readers of the Observer who can’t seem to understand the lingo and slang written in the basketball articles. A person thinks about what Shaquille O’Neal does on the basketball court, a slam dunk comes to mind. Since the slam dunk is what he is predominantly known for, the word “shaq-ed” makes an interesting substitute. I can understand if a word like “shaq” is tossed into a story without thought as to what the word means. Dennis Rodman rebounds the ball well, therefore the word “Rodman” can take the place of rebound. Please try to understand the lingo and give credit to the sports reporter who tries to bring diversity in his work for people of all colors and creeds.

When the first basketball player dunked the basketball, the word “dunk” didn’t just become what it was known as that day. Someone had to create a word to describe the way the ball went through the hoop. Whoever invented the phrase “slam dunk” thought of a word that would catch the attention of listeners as well as viewers. The word “dunk” helps one visualize what is happening with the basketball. The term is slang and was adopted by society before I was even thought of. I personally find no problem with updating some of the basketball terms. After all, this is the 90’s and times are changing.

The latest basketball stories written in the Observer have been very interesting to read and, I must say, the choice of words to describe certain aspects of the game impressed me as a reader. I am eager to see more of this type of flavor (style) in future stories.

The bottom line is if someone has a problem with certain terms and the meanings of the terms written in parentheses next to the term, find someone to hold your hand through the lingo like the English teacher who helped you with Shakespeare! Brett Allen, keep the stories poppin’ (good) and on status and keep up the lingo creativity.

Peace Out! (Bye Bye.)

Jason Jackson

To the Point
Valentine’s Day fosters indifference as well as romance in students

by Jo Lynn Draper
Asst. Scene editor

Roman Emperor Claudius II believed that if men remained single his army would be larger. Claudius made a law forbidding people to marry and arrested anyone who broke his law.

Saint Valentine did not believe in Claudius’ laws and secretly married army soldiers who were forbidden to wed. Valentine was finally caught and arrested. He spent many days in prison where he fell in love with Asterius, the blind daughter of the jailer.

On Feb. 14, Valentine sent Asterius a message that he signed “From Your Valentine.” Little did Valentine know that message would be the last message he would send as Claudius beheaded Valentine later that day for breaking the marriage law.

Since then, Feb. 14 has been a celebration of lovers, romance and happiness. Is it?

“Valentine’s Day is just a normal day for me,” freshman Dorothy Talavaca said.

Many people around Central look at Valentine’s Day as a day to lounge on the couch with the remote control in one hand and a drink in the other. Although you may not have a date, you can still have a good Valentine’s Day.

“I’m going to go visit my parents because they love me,” senior Vivian Chamberlain said.

If you’re feeling sad about being dumped or not having a date, there are ways to get even.

Leave your dirty socks on your ex’s doorstep. Speak high-school French on your ex’s answering machine until it fills up or get together with friends and have a bashing day complete with pictures for a dart board.

If you’re trying to make this as memorable a Valentine’s Day as Saint Valentine did, there are ways to impress that special someone.

“Don’t be outrageous, stick with the original,” senior Craig Harrington said. “Simple is sweet, too.”

Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will be selling bags of candy and warm fuzzies in the SUB today and tomorrow.

Dinner and a movie is one option for Valentine’s Day.

PRSSA and the Marketing Club are also raffling off dinner date packages for $1. The raffle drawing will begin at noon tomorrow in the SUB pit.

“Only a buck you can buy a card, sweetie coupons and a warm fuzzy. What more can your valentine ask for?” Laura Lucchessi, PRSSA president, said.

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom, SALT company will be hosting a line dance. SALT company is asking for a $2 donation to go towards the rental of the ballroom.

XXL will be at Roswell Cafe tomorrow night followed by live music by Susan Creek. Susan Creek will also play Saturday night at Roswell’s.

Ever think about chocolate tasting? The Ellensburg city library will be hosting “Chocolate and Friends,” a contest of the city’s finest chocolates, today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hal Holmes Center. Anyone who attends and makes a donation will be able to sample all of the delicious treats entered in the contest and vote for your favorite selection.

Historically, Valentine’s Day hasn’t always been fun for everyone. If you remember St. Valentine—things could be worse.

by Erin Drebis
Staff reporter

It’s Valentine’s Day. You’re oddling with your sweetie. Romantic music is softly playing. The lights are dimmed. You’re wearing your sexiest undies. That righteousness of love is in the air.

February is National Health Awareness Month, and the American Social Health Association (ASHA) will sponsor National Condom Day on Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14.

ASHA estimates 12 million new cases of STD’s are reported each year, two-thirds of which are found in people under the age of 25.

“Condoms are highly effective, 98-100 percent effective, when used consistently and correctly,” Sharon Broom, spokesperson for ASHA, said.

Many schools have encouraged National Condom Day in 1992 to encourage the use of condoms, because of the rapid spread of STD’s.

“For one, National Condom day is everyday,” Bonnie Nicke, from the State Department of Health, said.

Nicke said it’s important for students who practice risk behavior to seek testing because many STD’s show no symptoms.

DAPPER is giving out free condoms, four per person, throughout the month of February in their office, SUB 106. Feb. 10-14, they will be available in the SUB pit.

“We want to promote students practicing safer sex, to always use condoms to prevent pregnancy and STD’s,” Mark Dettert, interim director for DAPPER, said. DAPPER is also sponsoring a call-in talk show with Karl-Erik Andreassen, a counselor from the health center, which will be broadcast by KEAT in the SUB Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at noon.

“We’re offering more grocery stuff than ever before,” Lisa Larrabee, Planned Parenthood educator, said.

If a student is unsure what to do they can anonymously call the Washington state HIV/AIDS hotline at 1-800-277-2437. They can answer questions on STDs and offer referrals if needed.

“Or for more information, contact the student health center at 963-1881.”
**Observer**

**Question of the week**

What’s the coolest thing that’s happened to you on Valentine’s Day?

“My boyfriend sent a string quartet to my work-place.”

Dana Murray, sophomore, anthropology

“My girlfriend got me a Guinness Stout in the can.”

Ryan Bettinger, junior, finance

“I was really surprised when I received a bouquet of flowers from a secret admirer.”

Kristen Nielsen, education sophomore

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**“Peak” fails to pique**

by Michael Bellamy and Lydia West

Staff reporters

*AT THE MOVIES*

**Movie:** Dante’s Peak

**Starring:** Pierce Brosnan, Linda Hamilton

**Mike’s take:** Bond, James Bond.

**Lydia’s take:** Twister II.

**Plot Summary:** Activity in a dormant volcano prompts geologist Harry Dalton (Pierce Brosnan) to come to Dante’s Peak, a small town nestled in the northern Cascades, to investigate.

Dalton finds evidence that the volcano is becoming active again, and sends for his colleagues from the U.S. Geological Survey. While the team is busy testing the area, Dalton becomes enamored with town mayor Rachel Wando (Linda Hamilton). Then the volcano erupts, and all hell breaks loose.

**Lydia:** The action definitely tops the acting in this film. Brosnan and Hamilton were plugged into the disaster film formula, and the volcano was the scene stealer.

**Mike:** I thought the special effects sucked. There were quite a few times when I thought “Ooh... a mini-set and a fire hose.” The “ash-covered” sets looked really fake, too.

“I didn’t really think the acting was bad, but there was definitely no chemistry between Brosnan and Hamilton. Lydia: Wrong, wrong, wrong. The special effects were good and the acting was really bad. The forced drama was enough to make me sick... When Hamilton’s ex-mother-in-law (Elizabeth Hoffman) sacrificed herself by jumping out of a disintegrating boat into an acidic lake to pull the rest of the passengers to safety, I thought I was going to laugh out loud. What was that about?

**Mike:** I don’t know; I never said the plot was good. How can you say the acting is bad when it’s “Bond, James Bond?” Brosnan was great in this role, although he must either be seriously one-dimensional, or strictly typecast, because he seems to play the same kind of character in every role. Granted, Dalton is not as dashing or charming as Bond, but he just seems to always be a variation of the same character.

**Lydia:** I’d say it’s not something you need to see in the theater, but if you’re looking for a disaster flick, you can get a blast out of the effects.

**Mike:** Not.
Blind Melon to release last CD

Cocaine overdose steals heart and soul of group

by Mark Weller
Staff reporter

When Shannon Hoon, former lead singer of Blind Melon, died of a cocaine overdose in October 1995, it was the demise of a talented and inspiring band. Left without their heart and soul, the surviving members, Roger Stevens, Brad Smith, Christopher Thorn, and Glen Graham, recorded Rico as a tribute to Hoon's legacy. The album is named after Hoon's daughter, Nico Blue, who was only 13 weeks old when her father passed away.

This album, a gift to Nico Blue from the band members, will be released as an enhanced-CD which seems a fitting memorial to the group and its late singer complete with lyrics, previously unreleased photos, interviews, concert footage and several full-length videos.

It will be accompanied by the aptly named full-length documentary home video, "Letters From A Pornstar," a historical perspective of the band's personal and musical progression.

In a recent interview Stevens fielded questions about the new album, the search for a new lead singer and Hoon's death.

Stevens, along with his other band members, felt like this album was a form of catharsis for their band.

"We really got so involved in this album as you can probably imagine," Stevens said. "It was like we were getting to make music with Shannon again. A lot of blood, sweat and tears went into this album. We let things happen in a totally spontaneous way. It was king of uplifting, a new experience. It was very informal and it was very personal and it was very honest."

"We receive very encouraging feedback about this album and we are very excited," Stevens said. "We all think about Shannon all the time, but I think he would be proud of our effort and his on this album. Musically, we still have some great things ahead of us.

This album is free-spirited and spontaneous. It is very informal and it lacks the technicality of a studio produced album.

Especially foreshadowing are lyrics such as "I smoke grass and I pop a lot of pills/But I never done nothing I could kill And I walked around with these tombstones in my eyes" (From "The Pusher") and "We never got a chance to say goodbye to Shannon."

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Shannon Hoon

"We are still trying to feel it out and find the right fit, we’ve been looking for a new singer for about eight months now," Stevens said. "The balance or cohesion of the way we used to work as a band is hard to replicate with a new singer.

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**Satus seeks status**

by Sarah Petty
Staff reporter

Local band Satus Creek, although relatively new to Ellensburg's music scene, hasn't wasted any time putting together a sound that really rocks. What's awesome about this band is its musical diversity. Their music is so eclectic that there is something in it for everyone.

"We play a lot of classic rock, Aerosmith...to funk like 'Play That Funky Music White Boy,' to Prince, a lot of modern rock like STP..." Gino Striano, bass guitarist, said. "We basically cover all the ground," Gino Striano, bass guitarist, said. "We even do a Garth Brooks song, just in case."

What's awesome about this band is its musical diversity. Their music is so eclectic that there is something in it for everyone.

"We do a Garth Brooks song, just in case. Our goal is to get people to dance. We're definitely not a listening band," Mike Wilson, 32, Striano, 21, and Tony Langdon, 27, have only been playing together just over two months, but they've already established positive relationships between themselves and their audiences.

"We all have really cohesive personalities," Langdon, drummer, said. "We had just met, we were just joking around, we did some stuff and it just had to be that band going and it just had to be that name."

"He's 'all ways so optimistic."

Mike Wilson has an extensive background. In Seattle, before moving to Ellensburg, he and a friend started a sound company and worked with artists such as Tonic Loc, Soundgarden, and Dwight Yokam.

After some time, Wilson had more of a desire to play rather than just be behind the scenes. He moved to Ellensburg where he met Striano and Langdon who were in another local band together at the time. The trio then hung out together more and more and eventually became Satus Creek.

So, what do these guys do when they're not playing a gig? Well, currently they live and breathe the band.

However, Langdon, a Central gradu­ate, is substituting teaching. Striano is awaiting his Washington residency and will attend Central when resi­dency comes through. He plans to major in education with a minor in music. Luft is a communication ma­jor at Central while Wilson's main work is with the band.

Satus Creek is very goal-oriented. Every one of the members has a future for himself in mind, and right now, the band is their way of having fun and making money.

The band not only plays in Ellensburg, but in Yakima and Roslyn as well.

When in Ellensburg, they play Roswell Cafe. Despite the awkward acoustic in Roswell, they produce a sound that makes the audience get up and dance. Last Wednesday night when not many people were out, those who did make it really dug the music we're all Tom Petty freaks," Langdon said.

Although Satus Creek is a young band, they're definitely up and coming. They have a lot going for them right now as far as talent, time, and the right frame of mind. They're driven and determined to have fun, make their audiences have fun, and fulfill their own dreams and desires in the process.

"We all kind of ride on Mike's optimism," Langdon said. "He's always so optimistic."

Satus Creek will be playing Roswell Cafe Feb. 19-21, 26, 28 and March 1.

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The men’s hoopers clinched the league title last week with two conference wins. The Wildcats destroyed league opponents St. Martin’s and Western to stay undefeated in league and earn home court advantage in the PNWAC playoffs.

The ‘Cats ran their winning streak to five games after beating St. Martin’s 92-74 last Thursday at Nichols Pavilion. Central announced its presence early, jumping out to a 26-6 lead. The ‘Cats burned the nets up from the outside, hitting 10 of 16 three-pointers in the first half. The Wildcat’s hot shooting gave them a 24-point lead at the break, 53-29.

Central never looked back, finishing with 14 of 27 three-pointers for a sparkling 51.6 shooting percentage on the night. The men’s squad once again shared the wealth scoring-wise, with six players in double figures. Paul Fraker and Todd Nealey were perfect from the arc, both going three for three from three-point land. Grady Fallon ended up with 12 points going four for five from three-burg.

The ‘Cats complemented their great shooting with hustle and hard work. Tyce Nasinec had 18 points, eight assists, five rebounds, and two steals, and Willie Thomas chipped in with 11 points, 10 rebounds, two steals and two blocks. Central journeyed up to Bellingham on Saturday to tangle with arch-rival Western Washington. The Wildcats blew the second-place Vikings out of the water, 104-84 to clinch the PNWAC title.

The win assured Central of a first-round bye in the PNWAC playoffs and home-court advantage throughout the playoffs. The ‘Cat’s shooting was on the money once again, going 62 percent from three-point range. The Wildcats led by double digits for the entire second half, stretching the lead to 26 points on two occasions.

Central used all the weapons in its arsenal on the Vikings. Nealey scored a season-high 31 points, and Thomas and Eric Davis both had 19 points. Nasinec tossed in 13 points, and Fraker had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

The Western win was big, especially for former Central star and current head coach Greg Sparling.

“IT feels real good,” Sparling said.

Sparling is happy to contribute to the Central tradition.

“It’s hard to explain in words what it means to be able to post a (league championship) banner in the gym,” Sparling said, “I remember when Will Thomas first came into our gym and looked at all the banners hanging there and said ‘It’s like the Boston Garden’.”

The coach wants to maintain the Central mystique.

“I want to post as many banners as I can,” Sparling said.

Even with the title in hand, the ‘Cats aren’t changing gears just yet.

“Playing hard hasn’t failed us yet,” Nealey said.

“Our next goal is to go undefeated in league,” Nasinec said.

The team will use the next two weeks to learn and improve on the good thing they have going.

“We still need to work on our defense — take it one game at a time, and stay mentally prepared,” Nasinec said.

The squad has used sharp shooting and teamwork to run over every team in the PNWAC so far this season.

“Other teams have good talent and great athletes, but they don’t play well together like we do,” Fallon said.

“All the way down the line from our point guards to our post players, we can all shoot the ball,” Nealey said referring to the Wildcats outstanding shooting ability.

The head ‘Cat attributes their undefeated record to tough games away from home.

“Our biggest advantage is the fact that we played a hard pre-season schedule on the road,” Sparling said.

The Wildcat’s skill will be put to the test this week when the team locks horns with Hawaii-Pacific and BYU Hawaii. Both teams are nationally ranked, second and 11th respectively.
Championships: Men earn home court

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Wildcat wrestling earning respect

By John Fazio
Staff reporter

Wrestling at Central Washington University has, without a doubt, made a name for itself over the years. The wrestling team has finished as one of the top 10 teams in the country 17 times in the past 31 years, and their solid reputation continues to attract numerous student-athletes to this university. No scholarship money is dished out to these hard-working and dedicated athletes. They just want to wrestle, and they want to do it at a school with a quality program.

Not only did the team draw healthy-sized crowds this season, they have qualified 10 wrestlers for national competition to be held in Jamestown, N.D. on March 6. Earlier this season the Wildcats beat Portland State University in NCAA Division I school snapping a 23-match losing streak to PSU dating back more than a quarter of a century.

Head coach Kevin Pine and assistant Brent Larcena look over the program at the beginning of last season, and they have seen three varsity wrestlers transfer in from other schools and take advantage of the opportunity to wrestle for CWU.

Senior Tim Kitchen is a transfer who wrestled for the University of Oregon and Big Bond Community College.

“I came to Central for the education program because I want to teach and coach,” Kitchen said. “I had one more year of eligibility, and I decided to wrestle.”

Freshman Ben Orth transferred from the University of Montana with academic goals in mind, but the wrestling program is what really drew him here.

“I just really wanted to wrestle,” Orth said. “I wouldn’t have come here if they didn’t have wrestling.”

Wrestlers who have seen what it is like to wrestle at other schools can attest to the reputation of the program.

Central’s team has wrestled its way to 10 national qualifiers this year.

Central

Another national qualifier, Rich Wheeler, is a transfer from Oregon State University.

“I wanted to finish my wrestling career on a good note,” Wheeler said. “I wouldn’t go back to OSU for anything.”

Wrestling is definitely on the rise at the in the state of Washington, but only two in-state four-year universities have wrestling programs. The other Pacific Lutheran University, which has a relatively high tuition. It doesn’t leave the younger wrestlers in this region much of a chance to stay in the state if they want to wrestle.

“I wanted to stay in the state and wrestle at a four-year school,” two-time All-American Leighton Smiley said. “Central and PLU are the only two in the state.”

“Wrestling will affect every level from high school down to kids, that’s thousands of athletes.”

The history and tradition of wrestling at Central is highly respectable. In the past three years, the wrestling program has had 14 All-Americans. In the program’s 30 year history, they have pumped out a total of 87 All-Americans, 15 individual national champions, and two national titles.

In addition, wrestling is a sport that appeals to a variety of different athletes and, unlike other sports, doesn’t discriminate against size. A person who weighs 115 pounds is as intricate a part of the varsity team’s starting lineup as a person who weighs 275 pounds.

Needless to mention, many student-athletes choose which college they want to attend by first learning about the sports programs. An overwhelming majority of the wrestlers on this year’s team admit that wrestling is one of the main reasons they came to Central.

“If it wasn’t for wrestling, most of this team wouldn’t be going to school at Central, and that goes for all of the sports,” Pine said.

Central has a wrestling program that can be proud of, and the enthusiastic crowd support and numerous exciting matches this season is a reflection of the program itself.
Maloney's quiet style of play speaks loud and clear

By Lisa Allen
Asst. sports editor

Every team has a leader who stands out, and the Central's women's basketball team has a player who stands without saying a word.

When Marne Maloney, a senior transfer from Seattle University, joined the team in the middle of the season, her teammates welcomed her without hesitation.

"It wasn't a big deal to us that she was coming in late, it was a big deal that she was coming," teammate Wendy Roberts said. "We all knew that she was coming," teammate Katzer said.

With a basketball career dating back to elementary school, Maloney says she has always loved basketball. In elementary school her father was her assistant coach.

"He was always supportive of me playing sports," Maloney said.

With a family of athletes - her younger brother is a swimmer, and her younger sister is a volleyball player at Highline Community College - her parents have always been supportive and never missed a game.

Maloney attended John F. Kennedy High School in Burien where she won numerous honors and awards. In volleyball, she was a three year letterman, voted league MVP and selected as the Channel 11 Student Athlete of the Month.

In basketball, she was a three year letterman, voted league MVP in her senior season and was selected three times as the Seattle Times Athlete of the Week.

Not only was Maloney an exceptional athlete, she was an exceptional scholar, graduating with a 3.8 grade point average and winning an academic scholarship.

In choosing an institution of higher education, Maloney's first choice was Seattle University because of its academic reputation and basketball program.

"I didn't want to go too far from home and I had an academic scholarship to any institution, and their basketball coach was great," she said.

In her sophomore year alone, Maloney saw ample playing time in all 28 games and had a total of 142 points in the season, then opted not to play a third season with the Chiefs.

"I've always loved basketball," Maloney said, "but when I got to Seattle University it was different, it almost wasn't fun. I can't really put my finger on what aspect of basketball I didn't find fun anymore, I think I was just worn out to the point where I just didn't like it anymore."

It wasn't until Maloney decided that she was going to be an elementary education major that she transferred to Central Washington University.

"I really like kids, my mom has run a daycare for the last eight years and I coached kids in basketball and volleyball," she said. "It was to the point where everything I did revolved around kids, so it seemed like the logical decision."

After Maloney transferred to Central, she decided not to play basketball for the university. She sat out the entire season last year, but stayed in the mix by playing intramural basketball and cheering on the Central team from the stands.

"I think playing intramural basketball made me remember how much I missed playing basketball," she said.

With this year's women's basketball team ailing from players being sick or injured, Maloney helped the team out during practices. It was at the urging of teammate and friend Tiffany Rutter who encouraged Maloney to play for the university that Maloney made the decision to play again.

"Marne is a good athlete and a good person," Rutter said. "I just knew that we could use her on the team and she could help us out." Already missing the game she loved, Maloney finally decided to come down from the stands and join the women's team.

"I just decided if I was going to practice with them everyday, I might as well play with them," she said. Joining the team in the middle of the season was not a setback for Maloney or the team.

"She learned everything in terms of our plays and presses in a matter of a week," Katzer said. "She is very coachable, accepts feedback openly and well, and is just a pleasure to work with."

But actually the pleasure is all Maloney's as she is happy to be playing basketball again. Not because she missed the game so much, but because this woman's team has put the fun back in basketball.

"Since the beginning, this team has welcomed me even though I came in the middle of the season," Maloney said.

Marne Maloney, a junior, transferred from Seattle University at the beginning of this year. "We're close and we play as a team. I consider myself a team player."

As it stands now, Maloney is shooting 60 percent from the floor and 72 percent from the free-throw line. Maloney also had a game high 27 points in a victory over St. Martins that snapped a seven game losing streak for the 'Cats.

"I just stayed underneath the basket, unnoticed, so the team kept feeding me inside enabling me to score," Maloney said.

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"Cats in the hunt to host playoff game"

By September Woods
Staff reporter

With an important win in the bag, the women's basketball team now has its sights set on the playoffs. "Hosting a playoff game is our number one goal," head coach Nancy Katzer said. "It's been my number one goal all season."

The Cats had their biggest win of the season against St. Martin's last Saturday, 83-63, after a disappointing loss to Clark State, 75-45. Forward Carrie Gosselin led the Wildcats with 20 points, including five three-pointers, helping the 'Cats beat the Saints.

"I feel confident that our team is capable of beating Seattle U.," Katzer said. "Seattle is a solid ball team, and we're going to have to play a strong game to beat them."

The players will continue practicing this week in a search of a strategy to beat Seattle U., who is currently ranked fourth in the PNWAC.

The last time Central played Seattle U., they came up short, losing by only three points. Both Central and Seattle U. have beat PLU and lost to Whitworth. If Central wins the playoff game, they will likely play Seattle again in the playoffs.

"A playoff game at home is an awesome position," Katzer said. "We've had good support from students, faculty, the community and administration."

The Wildcats hosted St. Martin's in last year's Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference playoffs after a fourth place finish in the conference. The Wildcats host Seattle University at 7 p.m., Feb. 22 in Nicholson Pavilion.

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A Political Science major with a minor in Women's Studies, Amy's past accomplishments include winning a 1st Place award in the Individual Free Enterprise Project at State DECA while attending Capitol High School in Olympia, and acting as the RHC Chair at CWU during the 1995-96 academic year. Asked about her future plans, Amy says she would like to be a University administrator, then enter politics, then be a storm chaser. The quote that most describes Amy’s life philosophy: “If there were ever a time to dare, to make a difference, to embark on something worth doing, it is now.”

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