$35 athletic fee passes easily

by Devin Proctor
Staff reporter

A striking bricklayers union responsible for exterior masonry work on Central's new $58 million science building may cause a setback in its targeted completion date of Sept. 13, 1998.

Masonry work was to begin on the project early this month, but due to the now two-week-old strike, no masonry work has been started.

Bill Hayden, executive director of Ellis-Don Construction, said the strike was called by the Seattle Bricklayer's Union when it became clear that a suitable agreement could not be reached with the masonry contractors.

The sub-contractor for the brick exterior of the science building is Lund Masonry Inc. of Seattle, but until the 350 striking bricklayers, who are represented by the Seattle Bricklayer's Union, are satisfied with the contract on the table, the strike will continue.

Negotiations have been underway since the beginning of February and will continue until wages and benefits are agreed upon by both sides.

Student trustee bill fails once more

by Devin Proctor
Staff reporter

A bill mandating the placement of a student representative on all state college's board of trustees is dead.

"I'm saddened by these developments, but I'm confident that we'll be successful next year," Amit Ranade, president of the Washington Student Lobby, said.

Bill S397, passed by the Senate for the first time in history this year was unable to get past the House Rules Committee for a vote in the Washington State House of Representatives.

Keith Boyd, executive director of the WSL, was encouraged by the bill's progress through the legislature this year.

"I have every confidence that we'll be able to pass this bill out next year," Boyd said.

Tony Geper, ASCWU vice president of political affairs, was also upbeat about the bill even though it was unable to pass into law.

Governor Gary Locke has expressed support for student trustee position at state institutions at in-state tuition prices.

Washington Student Lobby
http://www.cca.net/~boyd/wsl.htm

Washington State Legislature
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$35: Trustees must approve athletic fee

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$1,220,990, $275,400 of which went to athletics. Athletics requested $110,599 from the committee for 1997-98 before the $35 per quarter fee was proposed. Campus programs requested $2,763,769 for the 1997-98 school year.

The committee is in the process of determining allocations to all student programs. The fate of the athletic request is still uncertain.

With the fee increase passing, it should eventually allow for S&A to concentrate on funding other programs in need.

--- Gary Frederick, athletic director

Not all of the money derived from the just-passed fee increase will go to athletics. RCW 28B, legislation on higher education, stipulates that 3.5 percent of revenues collected from tuition and S&A fees be deposited into the financial aid fund for "needy" students with excessive educational loan burdens. Excessive educational loan burden is defined as a burden that will be difficult to repay given employment opportunities and average starting pay in the students' chosen fields of study.

Pending trustee approval, the $35 per quarter fee may save portions of Central's athletic department. Students agreed to pay an extra $165 per year primarily to save four sports from being cut: baseball, wrestling and men's and women's cross country.

With the passage of the athletic fee, Central students will be allowed free admission into all home games.

The athletic department had an operating budget of $1,017,280 for 1996. Of that, $275,400 came from S&A fees, not including $59,229 from S&A fees for national travel.

The state appropriated $509,624. Administration costs accounted for 67 percent of the total budget.

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Gay, lesbian and bisexual collegiate conference commences at Central

by Tim Yeaden
News editor

Gay, lesbian and bisexual college students from across the Northwest are meeting at Central Washington University this weekend at their first regional conference.

Kirk Loe, president of Central's Gay Lesbian Alliance and a conference organizer, said there are many issues not addressed concerning gay, lesbian and bisexual people in the northwest but the conference will create a regional collegiate organization to help deal with them.

"Central is going to be the birthplace for northwest activism for gay, lesbian and bisexual events," Loe said. "This activism is coming from a small town and not the big city, and Central should be proud of spawning that diversity,"

Lee said the conference had not been heavily publicized in order to minimize protest.

"Everyone may not agree with what we are getting up to do," Lee said, "but they should be happy our First Amendment rights are being exercised."

The conference will begin Friday, May 16, with a keynote address from Paul Segal, a Gallaudet University law professor, on how gays are denied full First Amendment freedoms.

Lee will address the conference Saturday in an open forum in the Samuelsen Union Building. Other events include a dance and party at 10 p.m., Friday in the SUB, and a workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the SUB ballroom.

All events are free to Central students. For more information please contact GALA at 963-1994.

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Gillespie wins presidency

by Tanya Dykstra
Staff reporter

It's official. Amy Gillespie is the new ASCWU president.

She said it has been her goal since her freshman year of college.

"The campaign was fun but tiring. It seemed to be never-ending."

Gillespie lost the primary to Brad Hawkins by 73 votes but went on to win the general election by 153 votes.

"I wasn't worried," Gillespie said. "The night the unofficial postings were out I spent some time with my friends."

Gillespie said she wants to create a climate of teamwork on the board of directors and to arrange diversity training. She said she will do this by stressing awareness and communication.

Gillespie hopes to facilitate at least two forums per month.

"It all depends on how many campus issues we come up with," she said. "We should join KHC (Residence Hall Council), the club senate, housing and dining services.

"I think that this year's BOD is going to sit down and try to establish a committee in regards to the fee," Gillespie said. "We haven't sat down and discussed it so I don't know exactly what will happen. Getting a committee is important, I think that needs to happen before it goes to the board of trustees."

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Gillespie was passed by an overwhelming majority and will allow the continuation of sports programs if approved by the board of trustees. Gillespie said it is important students know who will control the money and how it will be spent. She said she would like to see the BOD establish a student committee and discuss the issue first before it goes before the board of trustees for final approval.

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The project first began in 1966 at the University of Nevada in Reno, where Beatrix and Allan perceptions previously held towards the intelligence of animals. mimicking the sign language she saw and soon began combining signs together in short using ASL without any human interaction. In 1980, Roger and Deborah Fouts moved the Gardener raised Washoe, the oldest of the chimps, as if she were a deaf child. Washoe reacted Since then, the Fouts' have been able to pioneer a chimp study which has broken the mold on she adopted Loulis, an immature male chimp, and taught him how to sign and communicate in much the same way human children do. The five chimps here at Central - females Washoe, Moja and Tara, and males Dar and Louis - each have their own distinct personalities. Moja likes to dress up in clothes, especially red, while Washoe has a fascination with shoes. Dar, whose father was the largest chimp ever in captivity, is the best out of the group at using tools. Tara likes the color black and uses the word as a synonym for "cool," and Loulis is always ready for a good game of chase. Together, the chimps form a unique family to converse with each other and their human caretakers. In the wild, every group of chimpanzees has a dominant male leader. But at CHCI, the female Washoe is the leader and mother of the group. At 31 years old, she is also the oldest of the chimps. Washoe has a vocabulary of 240 "reliable" signs. A reli­able sign is one a chimpanzee displays to three different observ­ers for 15 consecutive days. By giving the chimps positive encouragement for acquiring ASL daily, CHCI researchers have acquired a broader un­derstanding of the chimpanzees' abilities. Deborah Fouts said the chimps do more than just mimic the signs they see. They can invent or combine signs to express new experiences, understand and translate spoken English, and produce prepositional phrases to convey their wants and emotions. The chimps have conversations with each other and even sign to themselves when alone or asleep.

**Endangered Chimps**

In 1900, there were 2 million chimpanzees in Africa. Today, only 200,000 chimps remain in the world causing them to be placed on the endangered species list. Humans are primarily responsible for the decline in biologi­cal research and use of chimpanzees for research; some study the chim­panzees' cognition, while others

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Show me the BOD

The ASCWU-BOD elections are over for another year, and Central students have chosen Amy Gillespie as president. We congratulate her on her victory and wish her luck in the coming year.

Gillespie received 913 votes; her opponent, Brad Hawkins, received 763. Only 1,676 all together, about 23 percent of students at Central, voted for president.

Gillespie will clearly be challenged to accomplish her stated goal of increasing student involvement.

Her campaign statement in last week's Observer said she would like to take student concerns to the administration with "500 students, 1,000 students, it's more powerful and more influential." Is this likely to happen when fewer than 1,000 voted for her?

She said forums in the SUB pit are an important part of gathering involvement and support. However, as a member of this year's BOD, she was not involved in BOD sponsored forums in the pit.

Perhaps the BOD should have all of its meetings at noon in the SUB pit when the SUB is most crowded. That way we all know what's going on.

Let's see how the BOD works and what they do. Do any of us really know how decisions are made by this group? These folks are our elected representatives, and most of us don't know the least bit about how the organization is run.

To encourage involvement, we urge Gillespie, and the other incoming BOD members, to make meetings more accessible. Make it easy for students to see you and find out what you're all about. Make students feel like they are part of the process. Maybe then we'll get involved.

Editorial

Central celebrates Gay Pride Week'

GALA president honors the courage of being openly gay

Guest column

by Kirk Lee

GALA president

First off, I wish to thank the Observer for inviting this guest editorial. My assignment: tell us about Gay Pride Week.

Easy enough; I thought, then I sat down to write. Another scenario rang evident. How do you go about explaining something that is either crystal clear or beyond comprehension...but here goes!

First, a bit of history. The modern gay movement was started at Stonewall in 1969. It was a response from gay men in New York City who decided to fight back against violence targeted toward them. The entire movement has been about gaining equality, not privilege.

There was not a gay movement up until the rights of gay people were taken away. We are currently still seeking basic constitutional protection.

Gay Pride Week at CWU exists because many gays, lesbians and bisexuals (who, for brevity sake, I will refer to as 'gays') have never been made aware that there and what they are is worthwhile.

A myriad of dualities tell gals otherwise. A military that fights for democracy and equality, actively discriminates against gays. A push for restoring the family is allow, yet gay people are excluded from the legal, cultural and spiritual satisfaction of marriage that still realistically defines families in America.

We are one nation under God, yet there are some Christians who believe gay people choose their orientation, consequently turning their backs on God. Media often depict gays as irresponsible, and the state of Washington still retains the right to fire people from their jobs strictly on the basis of a homosexual orientation, whether perceived or actual.

Is it any wonder why gay kids between the ages of 13 and 17 years are two to three times more likely to commit suicide? Listen to the messages we receive as children and teens.

Gay pride is about letting go of this very real biases and concentrating on the accomplishments and diversity of gay people.

We celebrate Ellen DeGeneres and her courage. We honor openly gay members of our United States Congress (both Republicans and Democrats). We pay heed that more and more churches are becoming reconciled to their gay worshipers.

We reach out and thank the openly gay professors, staff and students at CWU for their presence.

We rejoice in families being started by gals and the children born unto them.

But most of all, Gay Pride Week is about taking the time to recognize the strength and courage that goes along with being openly gay in today's society.

Hopefully, the occurrence of Gay Pride Week can help those currently in the closet and struggling with their own orientation.

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To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the opinions of Carey South and Cory Rikard about the intramural program this spring. I would first like to say that the two teams “Justin Gurnsey” and “Pearl Necklace” that I play for have never made a derogatory or insulting comment to any members of another team besides ourselves. Our team is composed of a group of friends that have been involved in intramurals together for the majority of our years here at Central. As far as we are concerned we may say anything to each other because we know we are not serious. You see, we play to have fun! We are not trying to act "tough" or "bad" when a couple of bad words or comments are made along the way. If you don't know us don't try to judge us. I am not sure what league that Cory Rikard played in last year, but there has never been a warning and then a prompt ejection for the use of bad language in the five years that I have played here.

As for the team names around our great intramural program, any sporting team names can be regarded as offensive. Take the "Indians" and the "Braves" for example. Some people in this nation are of Native American decent and take offense to the Cleveland and Atlanta ball clubs who have had these names since 1901 and 1876 respectively. Yet no actions have been made up to change their names so why should we take such actions here at Central? I am sure when people make their team names there is not only a lot of thought, but also a lot of circumstances behind why they decided upon that certain team name. They are not trying to offend people in order to get a letter written about them in the Observer. In our case, "Pearl Necklace" is a jewelry store that a player's uncle owns. We have had this name for the five years of competition in Central intramurals and have no previous complaints.

Taking sportsmanship into consideration is something that Mr. Rikard obviously did not apply to his journalism when he said that we "are probably very mentally disturbed or just can't find dates." In fact, we have more dates than we can handle after being crowned the Intramural Pre-Season Champs for both the men's and co-ed leagues. In closing, I would like to speak on behalf of myself and my teammates, and say that we are really not trying to offend anyone by our style of play, we're just trying to have fun. So if you like to have fun and watch good softball, bring out a blanket or a lawn chair and cheer us on.

-Kyle Parkin
and "Pearl Necklace"
Check out some "Cats" at the Elks

by Carrie Starbuck
Staff reporter

The house will be rockin' this Sunday when four bands come together to raise the roof of the Elks Club in downtown Ellensburg.

Three Ellensburg-based bands, The Penners, Canvas and Spunk, and one Seattle-based band, The Devious, will join up on May 18 to share their talents through more than three hours of live music.

Spunk, a group of Ellensburg High School students, will kick off the evening at 8 p.m.

The Devious will bring their west-of-the-mountains sound to join the Ellensburg natives for the spring's jam.

Punks ambush Roswell stage

by Roxanne Murphy
Aust. Spotlight editor

Punk rockers will be storming Roswell Cafe soon.

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Good music and good (?) counsel on KCAT

by Jim Lenahan
Staff reporter

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Central takes time out for disability awareness

by Jeff Porter
Staff reporter

The Americans with Disability Act Affairs and Student Assistance office will be sponsoring several events to raise the consciousness of Central students, faculty and staff about the plight of the disabled.

The week of May 19 to 23 offers students several opportunities to hear speakers, network and talk about Central’s accessibility for its disabled population.

The events run in conjunction with Disability Awareness Week and help prepare Central staff and faculty to the needs of the physically and mentally impaired.

"Central Washington University has never really done this before," Bob Harden, ADA director said. "We hope this will turn into a huge spring event that will be held annually.

The week will begin with a presentation by Rebecca Nielsen, the Seattle chapter president of the Learning Disability Association of Washington. Nielsen will discuss the latest scientific research on learning disabilities. Wednesday is networking day. Students with traumatic brain injuries, mobility impairments, learning disabled and those with attention deficit disorders will be able to talk with each other about their experiences and classes here at Central.

"A lot of disabled people feel isolated and alone," Harden said. "The networking works well with people of the same disability. They can get together to talk about things, share useful information and come up with problems they find here at the university." An open forum with four student representatives, two faculty and two staff members, all with disabilities, will discuss the accommodations at Central regarding accessibility and ease of use of the facilities.

"Central has a great reputation for accessibility," Harden said. "The panel’s discussion will center around what works and what doesn’t work, and what things can be done better on campus."

The week wraps up with the "Dave Brown Excellence in Service to People with Disabilities" award, being awarded to Marva Brown, the disabled student services coordinator at Edmonds Community College.

A reception will follow the award ceremony at Club Central in the DUB. Dave Brown was the head of ADA at Central before he moved on to Olympia where he educates legislators on disability laws.

Brown was named to President Clinton’s national committee on disability issues.

Art show cleans house at Best Western

Western artists recognize silver anniversary

by Phil Deutsch
Staff writer

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The Americans with Disability Act Affairs and Student Assistance office will be sponsoring several events to raise the consciousness of Central students, faculty and staff about the plight of the disabled.

The week of May 19 to 23 offers students several opportunities to hear speakers, network and talk about Central’s accessibility for its disabled population.

The events run in conjunction with Disability Awareness Week and help prepare Central staff and faculty to the needs of the physically and mentally impaired.

"Central Washington University has never really done this before," Bob Harden, ADA director said. "We hope this will turn into a huge spring event that will be held annually.

The week will begin with a presentation by Rebecca Nielsen, the Seattle chapter president of the Learning Disability Association of Washington. Nielsen will discuss the latest scientific research on learning disabilities. Wednesday is networking day. Students with traumatic brain injuries, mobility impairments, learning disabled and those with attention deficit disorders will be able to talk with each other about their experiences and classes here at Central.

"A lot of disabled people feel isolated and alone," Harden said. "The networking works well with people of the same disability. They can get together to talk about things, share useful information and come up with problems they find here at the university."

An open forum with four student representatives, two faculty and two staff members, all with disabilities, will discuss the accommodations at Central regarding accessibility and ease of use of the facilities.

"Central has a great reputation for accessibility," Harden said. "The panel’s discussion will center around what works and what doesn’t work, and what things can be done better on campus."

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**Movie Review**

**The 5th Element**

**Starring:** Bruce Willis and Milla Jovovich

**Plot Summary:** "The 5th Element" is a sci-fi movie about Korben Dallas (Bruce Willis), an ex-military officer turned cab driver, who is trying to save the world from the ultimate evil—a gigantic ball of fire hovering in space with a human voice. To do so, Dallas must discover and protect the fifth element, a woman named Leeloo (Milla Jovovich) who is the only one capable of destroying the ultimate evil.

**Review:** I thought this movie was complete crap and a waste of time.

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**High rollers find E-burg as fun as the big cities**

by Aisha Duckett

Staff reporter

The third annual "Casino Night," hosted by Alpha Kappa Psi, had many hopeful gamblers wandering into the Thunderbird this weekend to try their luck. Everyone who came in the smoke-free makeshift casino included roulette and six blackjack tables, each full of people the entire night.

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Like many others attending "Casino Night," some did not have accomplished their goals but seemed to have fun trying.

"I'm here because I need a new car," student Brenda Compton said. "This is our primary fund-raiser," Ryan Landon, Alpha Kappa Psi president, said. "We also do it to gain some professional experience."

Alpha Kappa Psi raised $1,700 at the two-day event.

The proceeds go toward scholarships, guest speakers and fees for conferences and related events. Even though they came out with a profit, they only made half as much as last year.

With Mother's Day, the (NBA) playoffs and the wonderful weather, it's hard to get people in here to spend their money," Landon said.

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DOWNTOWN ELLensburg

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12-4
Wildcats sweep St. Martin's in doubleheader

by Aaron Maul
staff reporter

The Central Washington University men's baseball team completed its season by sweeping a doubleheader with St. Martin's Saturday.

The Wildcats became the second team in school history to win 30 games. Central won a school-record 32 games in 1970, including three wins in the playoffs.

Scott Earle won his 11th game of the season and Dave Silverton had five hits to lead the Wildcats in the series sweep.

In the first game, Earle pitched a six hitter, allowing just one earned run as he tied the school mark for most victories in a single season set by former major league David Heaverlo in 1970. Earle, now 11-4, walked three and struck out four in going the distance while failing one game short of the school record for the most complete games.

"Scott had a great year for us," said fellow pitcher Mark Stewart. "Every time we needed a win, he stepped up and got us one."

The Cats broke a 2-2 tie in the third on back-to-back doubles by Silverton and David Blocklinger. Blocklinger also hit a two-run homer in the ninth.

Central then broke it open with six runs in the fourth inning, including two on a single by Silverton.

In the second game, Central rallied from a 3-2 deficit to tie the game in the seventh and force extra innings. They won with two runs in the eighth.

Chet Gillaspie was hit by a pitch in the seventh and Mike Ringo walked to set up an RBI single by Brian Cobb. Then in the eighth, Pete Mirkovich was also hit by a pitch and scored on a two-out double by Ross.

Ross, who homered in the third inning, scored on a single by Silverton. Jason Morrow pitched the final four innings to help even his record to 5-5 on the season. He allowed just three hits and struck out five batters.

Despite setting a regular-season record for victories, the Wildcats will not advance to the NAIA Far West Regional playoffs which begin Tuesday at Riverside, Calif.

Coach Desi Storey holds a conference on the mound.

Record-setting baseball team wins 30

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by Sean McKinnie
staff reporter

Central's Women's Rodeo Club team could be headed to nationals if they are successful in this weekend's rodeo in Hermiston. Currently the lady Wildcats are in third place in their league, but a top-two finish is necessary to attend nationals in Rapid City, S.D.

This weekend a Wildcat team of four women will try to take the place of the current second-place team, Walla Walla Community College.

The lady Wildcats will likely send Kayla Kaiser, Henna Keyes, Jodi Lowe, and Katie Stuart to represent the Central club in nationals should the team make it.

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The rodeo is the final of 10 rodeos that the league puts on. Tough competition will come from Walla Walla, Eastern Oregon State, and the University of Idaho, all of whom are also vying for the second spot. Point totals of teams are earned from points each individual each team member receives in their events. The four events that women's teams participate in are goat tying, breakaway, barrel racing and roping.

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Playoff hopes shut down

by Nick Buckmaster
staff reporter

Central's baseball team finished with the best regular season record in school history, 30-17.

The Wildcats had an outstanding all season breaking individual and team records, but they're not going to the playoffs.

The final northwest poll had Lewis Clark State, Albertson and George Fox ranked first, second and third.

Willamette was awarded the at-large berth over Central even though the 'Cats record was better. The at-large playoff berths are available to northwest schools for being the next highest ranked team.

Independent teams, like Central, or teams that didn't win their conference, can only make the playoffs by being highly ranked on the coaches' poll. The coaches vote on who they think are the best teams. Willamette received five more coaches' votes than Central so they're off to the playoffs.

A swing and a miss; Central denied postseason play.

Central baseball (

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Young fastpitch team has tools for a winning future

by Dan Hanken
Staff reporter

Despite finishing the season 12-23, the young Central Wildcats' women's fastpitch team showed unlimited potential for years to come.

The core of starting players is returning next year with only one starter graduating.

"I think there is a foundation for an excellent team," head coach Gary Frederick said. "If the pitchers get stronger and the younger hitters become more consistent, the team will be solid next year."

The 1997 starting lineup, consisting of three freshmen, three sophomores, two juniors, and one senior, had a breakout year offensively.

The inexperienced team produced the most hits (258), runs (126) and total bases (333) in school history. The teams' potential for success begins at the top of the lineup with lead-off hitter and sophomore center field speedster Julie Majeski.

Majeski clawed her way into the Wildcat record book and into the upper echelon of players in her first year at Central.

To go along with her first team all-PNWAC and all-sectional team awards, the Grays Harbor Community College transfer notched an 18-game hitting streak, shattering the previous school record of 9, she compiled the most hits in a season with a PNWAC-leading 67, had the best batting average in school history at .420 (3rd in PNWAC), tallied the most total bases with 53 and tied the Central record for most hits in a game with four.

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Kitna Watch Continues

Jon Kitna remained Spain's king of the gridiron last weekend, as the Dragons destroyed the Amsterdam Admirals, 28-21. Kitna, nicknamed the "magic dragon," threw for three touchdowns in the game, and ran for one more. He is the leading passer in the WLAF with a 98 rating and a 59.1 completion percentage.

Now with a record of 4-1, the Dragons have claimed the first-half championship and will host the World Bowl.

5-on-5 basketball tourney

The Kings and Queens of the Court 5 x 5 basketball tournament will be held this Saturday and Sunday at Nicholson Pavilion. The tournament is limited to the first 16 men's teams and the first 16 women's teams. The tournament will be in double elimination format with prizes awarded to the winning teams in each division. To sign up, go to the University Recreation office in SUB 111, deadline is Friday at 3 p.m. For more information call 963-3512.

WRAP-UP: Softball to return starters

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McLeod tallied a school record at 56 Ks and tied a single-game record for strikeouts with nine. Bridges led the team with six victories and 10 complete games. Sophomore closer Joelle Whitescarver set the single season mark for games finished in relief with six. The only hole the 'Cats need to fill next year will be at shortstop.

Freshman redshirt Angie Dirk looks to be the front runner for the position. This all-region high school player was batting .308 before falling ill after the fifth game of the season.

"I think Angie Dirk can come in and play well next year," Wenzel said. "I love her attitude toward the game, she loves the game of softball and will practice for hours on end."
The ASCWU Board of Directors would like to extend an open invitation, as always, for all students to attend this meeting to discuss this Diversity Resolution.

ASCWU Board Of Directors Resolution

A RESOLUTION relating to the ASCWU Board of Directors’ commitment to educating the students of Central Washington University in the area of diversity as well as promoting the celebration of cultures.

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Central Washington University has committed to a proactive approach to teaching diversity outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, in order to develop a more open-minded and enlightened society, we all must endeavor to educate ourselves on perspectives of all peoples; and

WHEREAS, members of our campus community have been threatened by those who make statements of intolerance; and

WHEREAS, the actions of a few have created an uncomfortable social and academic environment on the campus; and

WHEREAS, an unwillingness to learn about and be educated on these perspectives is disappointing in a world where boundaries do not end with an individual’s personal belief system; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students of Central Washington University as follows:

We resolve to continue to provide opportunities for campus community education on the subject of diversity and cultural awareness.

We will continue to provide safe environments for open dialogue of issues.

We will continue to encourage active student participation in the celebration of diversity.

We resolve to step forward and support campus groups which provide information and awareness to our student body in the celebration of our diverse culture.

We support, and will provide services, for any investigation into illegal activities such as hate letters or threats against any student, group, or organization.

We call upon each department of the University to review its commitment to diversity and explain to students and staff what actions they can take to educate themselves and others.

We reaffirm our commitment to work with students, faculty and administration to, “prepare them for successful integration into a dynamic and diverse global society.”

CWU Strategic Plan 1996-2001

To the newly elected 1997-98 ASCWU Board of Directors:

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And to the CWU ATHLETES with the passage of the Athletics Fee Initiative! The ASCWU-BOD would also like to THANK all candidates who participated in this year’s elections, the election commission for all of its hard work conducting the elections, and the League of Women Voters who helped work at the voting booths across campus.

*OFFICERS-ELECT WILL OFFICIALLY TAKE OFFICE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13 AT 5:00 PM.

TECHNOLOGY FEE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The mission of the Technology Fee Committee is to support a relationship between the students’ need for computing and technology, and the university’s responsibility to provide a quality education, so that all students may benefit.

The following is a summary of accomplishments from the Technology Fee Committee this year:

• Established a committee with appropriate CWU representation and excellent student leadership.
• Established E-mail accounts for all freshmen this year, and for freshmen and sophomores next fall.
• Established a student technology fee schedule that treats all students fairly.
• Given power to students to take control of their education.
• Awakened the campus to the changing needs of the students as they relate to technology.
• Established a more inclusive process for advancement to technology.

Brought to you by this Committee Chair, Colby Clark.

SERVICE & ACTIVITIES FEES Committee Budget Hearings.

TODAY, Thursday, May 15th, at 1:10 pm in SUB Chief Owhi Room: Presentation by the Women’s Resource Center.