Rock climbing becomes popular as temperatures rise.
See Scene page 8.

Gary Frederick steps down from athletic director position.
See Sports page 12.

Caps will fly at commencement
by Jessica Terrel
Staff reporter

Central President Ivory Nelson will hand out 1,120 bachelor’s diplomas and 62 master’s degrees to eagerly waiting graduates during Central’s 108th Ellensburg graduation commencement Saturday, June 12 at 10 a.m. at Tomlinson Stadium.

The 1999 Silver Cortege, a select group of students in junior standing who have achieved high academic excellence at Central, will lead the procession of graduates into the stadium.

Pierce County Executive Doug Sutherland will give the commencement address. Sutherland is a 1959 graduate of Central with a bachelor’s degree in history.

William Schmidt, professor of instructional media and director of Central’s educational technology center, will end his 37-year career at Central as the 1999 faculty marshal.

He will lead the faculty procession and carry the university mace.

“Do to graduate at the advent of the new century is exciting in terms of grand opportunities, but also sobering in terms of many problems needing solutions and there will clearly be no lack of challenges,” Schmidt said.

S&A funds theatre, music
by Karl Edie
Staff reporter

The members of the Services and Activities Fee Committee met with some difficult decisions concerning their budget recommendations for the 1999-2000 school year.

“I’d like to commend this committee on working so hard, and making some very tough choices,” President Ivory Nelson said at the beginning of a meeting on Tuesday, May 25 in Club Central.

The meeting was called to address budget cuts the committee made for next year, specifically the music and theatre arts departments and the Wildcat Wellness Center.

The original budget which was released in early May allocated no money to music and theatre, and $25,000 to the Wildcat Wellness Center. The groups had requested $90,529, $65,000, and $52,948 respectively.

The primary issue was whether the S&A Fee Committee should give money to academic programs such as music and theatre.

Academics are supposed to be the domain of the provost, but in the past S&A dollars had funded music and theatre because the programs are oriented around community-involved activities.

“It’s not that we don’t value the programs, it’s that the university should fund them... We’re sending a clear message to the administration,” S&A Chair Walter Waddel said.

President Ivory Nelson agreed with the committee’s decision.

“[These are] academic programs, and should be funded that way,” agreed Nelson.

Nelson proposed the committee take $100,000 from the $400,000 allocated for the SUB bonding project, and give $10,000 apiece to theatre and music, and $80,000 to other under-funded off-campus projects.

Theatre and music would also get $10,000 apiece at the end of the year from the rollover of money that inevitably occurs when S&A-funded organizations do not use all of the money they are given.

This plan met with some concern from committee members, who were not comfortable promising money that they were not positive would be there.

See S&A, Page 4

by Kristie Hughes
Staff reporter

April showers might bring May flowers, but the warm weather of June brings flooding to Ellensburg’s rivers and creeks.

Ellensburg generally sees creek flooding problems every spring from the melting of mountain snowpack. This spring has already seen flooding from Wilson Creek; however, many believe Ellensburg has seen the worst for this year.

“Overall, I estimate that we’ve seen the flooding peak and it shouldn’t get any worse,”

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**FLOOD: It's going to be mellow**

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Director of Central Facilities Management Bill Verrett said. On average, Whiskey Creek, Mercer Creek, and Wilson Creek are the local waterways most likely to flood in the spring.

While Rucker Creek and Carrier Creek have flooded in the past, they generally spill over earlier in the year.

The most recent major flooding problems occurred in early 1996 when high melting caused a majority of Ellensburg waterways to flood.

Ellensburg Public Works Director John Ankera attributes the local flooding to the severity of yearly snowpack, log jams, and occasional irrigation problems.

While many residents are not affected by the local flooding, residents living close to potential flood areas can work with the city to prevent damage to their homes.

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**Search committee finalized**

by Nao Miura

Staff reporter

Due to the announced resignation of President Ivory Nelson in April 2000, Central's Board of Trustees has been kept busy with the assignment of finding a new president.

Roger Fruts, psychology professor, has been selected as the chair of the search committee by the BOT, along with Jay Reich as vice chair, and trustees Judy Yu and Mike Sells as members of the committee.

In addition, the 14 member Presidential Search Committee will consist of faculty members, administrators, classified employees, alumni, and students. The final committee membership will be made final during the July 11 BOT meeting.

The search committee will provide the BOT the names of five to eight candidates who it believes have the credentials, experience, values and potential to lead the university.

The ASCWU-BOD will select two students who will serve on the committee to represent students.

“Students are a key constituency,” Gwen Chaplin, chair of the BOT, said, “and we want to have their participation in this important decision.”

Chaplin said students bring energy and insight to the teamwork needed to achieve the committee’s goal.

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—John Akers

“Generally, I would say that our community responds to this crisis quite well,” Akers said.

This year’s winter brought 180 percent of a normal snowpack. However, due to a cool spring, snow packs have melted at a slower rate, resulting in a normal rate of run off.

“I think we’re probably going to see a consistent level of run off,” Akers said.

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STDs high at universities

by Jessica Terrel
Staff reporter

Sixty percent of college students contract a sexually transmitted disease during their college careers according to a recent study by University of Washington professor Jeanne Marrazzo. This, Marrazzo said, makes college students more likely than prostitutes to spread STDs.

Family nurse practitioner Kristin Karns, who works at the Student Health and Counseling Center, said 60 percent of positive testing for all STDs in Kittitas County reported to the state is sexually active students. Karns said the most common STDs at the CWU clinic have been genital warts, herpes and chlamydia. These are contracted only through sexual contact.

Karns said specific statistics about STDs are hard to give out because of both availability and privacy issues. She said the instances of some STDs, such as genital warts (HPV), are often not reported, which means statistics about them are merely anecdotal.

"HPV is mostly a silent infection," Karns said. "Many people who have it don't know it. The same is true for herpes."

Karns said the Student Health and Counseling Center tests about 1000 students each year for some sort of STD. This is because Central provides a large number of yearly female examinations, which include some STD testing.

"It is not unusual to see students come back a second time to be tested for another STD or they may have had more than one STD to begin with," Karns said.

Some students opt to visit the Kittitas County Health Department for STD testing. The Kittitas County Health Department said in 1998 students (ages 15-24) were 80 percent of those tested for chlamydia. Kittitas County ranks has the 24th highest rate of chlamydia out of the 39 counties in Washington.

Health educator Anne Riley said 296 county residents were tested in 1998 for HIV/AIDS, with one third being Central students. All tests came back negative.

"The overall risk for getting STDs is having multiple partners and if two people plan on starting a new relationship, both parties should get tested for HIV/AIDS and STDs and every time use condoms," Riley said.

Sophomore community health major Jessica Kindler was unaware "One group of flight tech program graduated of North Dakota's success, Central decided to negotiate an agreement with Horizon Airlines. A select group of flight tech graduates from Central are picked to be interviewed by Horizon. The "Preferred Hiring Program" is different from regular hiring procedures because the select pilots have significantly lower flight experience than pilots under Horizon's regular application process.

Coordinator of Central's flight tech program Ken Stege said graduating pilots are what Horizon is looking for.

Horizon has learned that hiring students with lower flight hours has been more successful because they perform better with training from Horizon to complete their 1000 flight hours.

"CWU students will actually perform as well or better than someone with the little flight experience or commercial airline. It's better than getting 1000 hours of medicare training," Stege said.

Stege also said this agreement is beneficial to Central's graduating pilots and provides Horizon with highly qualified and competent test pilots.

The program is very competitive among graduating pilots. Graduation dates, academic performance, flight performance and training consistency are the deciding factors that Central uses to decide who will get an interview with Horizon.

Having lower flight hours does not mean a lower salary for newly hired Horizon pilots. Once the pilots join Horizon, they train for three months as part of their internship.

Screening of the candidates happens each February and the recommended applicants are sent to Horizon.

Flight tech student Adam Hannskaike is excited about the new agreement with Horizon.

"I give graduating students an edge of possibly getting hired. I see myself doing this program and I am confident it will set me up for a successful future," Hannskaike said.

1998 Kittitas County STD Rates

Chlamydia - 46 cases

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Alcohol 101 targets freshmen

Matt Parretta
Staff reporter

Central's Wildcat Wellness Center and the Office of Residential Services have enacted a new program aimed at excessive consumption of alcohol.

The program, called On Campus Talking About Alcohol (OCTAA), started a couple years ago, terminated, and then reactivated.

Wildcat Wellness Center staff expect it will continue through winter quarter.

"It's the cutting edge prevention program for binge drinking," Director of Student Health and Counseling Bob Trumpy said. "It's used all over the nation."

OCTAA is a program set up to educate students who are caught consuming, or in possession of alcoholic beverages.

The program tries to reduce the amount of binge drinking on campus and inform students of the risks associated with heavy alcohol consumption.

Institutions such as the University of Denver and the University of Hartford in Connecticut have also found the program successful.

Wellness center staff involved in the program focus on how much and how often someone consumes alcohol.

Then they compare the results to the student's biological background to determine any potential future problems.

"The program is a good idea because it shows Central is trying to teach students about alcohol awareness, but the alcohol 101 video is more entertaining than anything else," junior psychology and communications major Joanna Martin said.

Most students who are first time offenders are required to take a course called Alcohol 101.

The program includes a CD-ROM information system that examines alcohol's effect on the body.

Second time offenders are expected to attend a two day, seven hour program, detailing the effects of alcoholism, impairment, and harm to the body.

One concern of Wildcat Wellness Center employees is the amount of freshmen who end up in the program.

The twelve students who were sent to participate in the OCTAA program over the last two quarters were freshmen.

One student believes the OCTAA program is a means of progress to eliminate underage drinking, yet does not focus on long term goals.

"Punishing the students and not giving them an alternative for weekend activities seems like short term thinking," senior law and justice major Quan Ralkowski said.

"In the long run the program will only effect a few people."
Associated Students of Central Washington University

The 1998-1999 ASCWU-BOD extends a big Thank You to all of the students involved in committees, clubs, and organizations this year. Your involvement makes Central a better place.

We would also like to wish Best of Luck to the 1999-2000 BOD!

The CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP would like to thank the C.E.L. Adviscry for a great year. Thanks also to all of the volunteers for helping to make “Dream Big”—An Evening of Recognition a success.

Student Appreciation Day is TODAY, JUNE 3!

The RUGARE marimba ensemble
10:30 a.m. in the SUB Pit
Come see the free performance of this 23 member percussion group from Richland’s Marcus Whitman Elementary School, under the direction of Central alum Walt Hampton.
Sponsored by Campus Life Performing Arts.

The KELLEY JOHNSON quartet
11:45 a.m. in the SUB Pit
Awarded “NORTHWEST VOCALIST of the YEAR” by Earshot Jazz and the Seattle jazz community, Kelley Johnson is a gifted improver, arranger, and lyricist. Whether singing a bittersweet ballad or scatting like a veteran instrumentalist, Ms. Johnson invites her audience into her music with a stage presence that is both sassy and intimate. Don’t miss this free performance!
Sponsored by Campus Life Performing Arts & Club Central.

STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY BBQ
4:45-6:45 p.m., Barto Lawn
Hey all you residence halls and meal card holders! Come on over to Barto Lawn for a fantastic barbecue, complete with music provided by KCWUI. Cash customers also welcome.
Sponsored by Dining Services and KWUI.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY
5:00 p.m., Brooklane Village
Hey all you University apartment dwellers, off-campus students & families. Come on up to Brooklane Village for outdoor activities, games, BBQ & live music featuring Naked to the World, named “Acoustic Band of the Year” by The National Academy of Songwriters. Activities & music are free; the barbecue (burgers, hotdogs, side dish, drink & cookie) is just $2 per person (kids 9 & under free.)
Please note: this event will move to Club Central if it rains.
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Opinion

Now is the time to kill the athletic fee

To the relief of many in our campus community, this is the final time I will be allowed to have my say in the Observer. Although many would probably like me to quit ranting, I can’t leave my editor position without something that actually benefits students’ educations.

The Athletic Fee is not set in stone, however. Just like our student government members, the fee can be kicked out of the coffers of the Athletic Department even though the Athletic Fee Committee, which was supposed to oversee any allocations, has never met.

Freshmen and sophomores probably don’t even know why they pay this fee. The benefit to paying $105 a year is free admission to athletic events. Oh, boy! For those of us who aren’t too interested in college athletics, or have schedules too busy to attend games, it doesn’t make much sense. The money could be better used for something that actually benefits students’ educations.

Student government is truly undemocratic

I am dismayed by (1) the refusal of the Election Commission to take any substantive action in response to the documented irregularities during the May 6 ASCWU elections, and (2) recent criticisms of the Observer.

First, I am appalled that newly-elect ASCWU President Kristy Gillespie opposed new elections because “she feared the election process might once again be tampered with.” Her logic suggests that we should accept certifiably manipulated election results rather than reviewing, improving and reconstituting the process. Why? Because the revamped processes might again be flawed. Such screwy logic begs us to accept improprieties because attempts to correct them might not work. Nonetheless, we shouldn’t be shocked that Gillespie does not want a new election despite irregularities. After all, the tainted election put her and her cohorts into office. However, a person of integrity would not sweep under the rug irregularities for the sake of “closure” (whatever the hell such diversionary psycho-babble means in this context). Elections in our country are not about “closure,” but are guided by principles of fairness, openness and due process. Gillespie, in not making these three pillars central, evidences a suspiciously undemocratic (and personal?) character better suited to brash despots than citizens of a democracy.

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Non-students are evidently not welcome here.

Matthew Parretta, Jon Guddat, Jason Leavitt, Rebecca Matzen, Wendy Roberts, Steve Griffith, Toby Staab, Mike Wells.

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Don't use our money to attack students

This is a friendly suggestion to the BOD of 1999-2000. I realize that on this campus it's not bylaws or high moral principles that guide the board's actions, but precedent set by past boards. It seems that if a past board executed an act, even if the deed was reprehensible, the next year's BOD to not spend student money. Did you think it appropriate to take out the Observer, which coines from student funds, a tabloid. The process is a joke? Who's the Observer to be such a reactionary upset at attempts of elected officers to cover up irregularities, as misguided?

Jim Cadello
philosophy professor

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but as a warning heed when considering condemnation of this institution integral to the defense of our liberties and with a history of exposing illegibilities, irregularities and abuses of power. Clearly, the Observer in no way attempted to deceive; they did not hide their involvement, but reported irregularities. Unlike Gillespie, who wants to sweep problems under the rug, the Observer sought to bring them out into the open. Those who want to take action against the Observer, while not being outraged at attempts of elected officers to cover up irregularities, are misguided.

Troy Goracke
student

Work in the system, don't mock it

In response to last week's Observer, which declared the election process to be a joke. Having a reporter vote multiple times just to see if he could get away with it, does not constitute investigative journalism. And quite frankly, it seems to me that if the Observer has known about the errors of our voting system for over a decade, that perhaps the Observer should have taken a stand earlier in the year. Perhaps even working with the election commission to improve our system. I realize that it must be fun to sit back and mock those students who do actually strive to make Central a better place, but it is unacceptable for the Observer to be such a reactionary tabloid. The process is a joke? Who's making it a joke?

Ryan L. Beckett
student

LASTER LETTERS

Government, at all levels, whether it be national, state, city, or university, is required to follow certain procedures when holding meetings and making decisions. These rules are in place to prevent government from abusing the power given it by the people. Lately, Central's governing bodies have been manipulating the Washington State Open Meetings Act in order to keep the public in the dark about certain sensitive issues. Whether or not these errors in procedure were deliberate, they have happened far too often. Bad habits are hard to break, and when rules are ignored for the sake of expediency or on a whim, no matter how innocent or well-meaning the intent is, the potential for abuse increases.

It is the duty of the press to monitor government and keep the public informed of violations. The Observer has several procedural errors slide, foolishly presuming that they would not be repeated. Earlier this year, for example, the Associated Students of Central Washington University's Board of Directors called a "special session" to discuss an anti-hate resolution. The event was not properly advertised (the Open Meetings Act says an agenda needs to be publicly posted 24 hours in advance), and the resolution was illegally passed. The Observer protested, and the resolution was deemed unconstitutional.

On March 5, the Board of Trustees excluded one of their own members, Student Trustee Amy Gillespie, from attending an executive session. An executive session is a meeting behind closed doors, an exception to the Open Meetings Act requirement that all meetings be open to the public. The BOT declared the executive session to discuss "personnel issues," more specifically, Ivery Nelson's performance at Central. While the actual content of the private session may have been legitimate (the BOT has offered no explanation) and therefore closed to the public, a performance review is not a legal reason to exclude a member from the meeting.

In spite of this glaring mistake, the Observer simply wrote about the problem and optimistically expected no further reoccurrence. A recent event has prompted the Observer to intervene in a more authoritative manner. The Election Commission and its adviser, John Drinkwater, called an executive session on May 19 to discuss (you guessed it) "personnel issues." Unfortunately for the Election Commission, it does not have the authority to hire, fire or conduct a performance review of public employees. In fact, the Election Commission doesn't even have employees.

Members of the Observer staff have sent a letter of complaint to Student Affairs and other campus authorities, asking that steps be taken to look into the problem. Hopefully, the problem will be resolved for good. After all, as much as the Observer likes to catch mistakes, watching boards and committees repeat their incompetence is not enjoyable.

The complaint is not an intrusive or drastic step to take. In fact, more decisive action is available. The Open Meetings Act allows anyone legal recourse against illegal executive sessions. One of the applicable violations is, "A public official who knowingly attends a meeting in violation of the Act" (RCW 42.30.120, 42.30.130). The penalty is $100 plus legal fees. In this case, the public official could very well be the adviser, John Drinkwater, whose job it is to assist and guide the Election Commission in the right direction when they are about to make stupid decisions.

The intent of the complaint is to make the governing bodies of this university take note and do things the right way. Breaking the law repeatedly will eventually lead to punishment. Because unrehearsed protests are not enough. Bad habits are hard to break, and when rules are ignored for the sake of expediency or on a whim, no matter how innocent or well-meaning the intent is, the potential for abuse increases.

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Students climb their way to the top

by Roslyn Biggs
Asst. Scene editor

With the sun beating hot against his back, Central freshman Daniel Bannister grapples for a hold far above his head. With the movement his body stretches, adding a few inches to his height. The movement is difficult, but Bannister quickly regains his balance and in doing so, looks down to discover the world looks a lot different from 40 feet up.

Bannister is one of several Central students who have discovered the thrill of rock climbing. "It's a rush," Bannister said. "It's just like driving fast. Being 40 feet above the ground and having only a rope to save you definitely gets the adrenaline going."

While the rope is important, a number of additional aspects are also essential in the sport. Among these are a strong sense of balance and spatial orientation, a good grip, and probably most importantly, the ability to trust another individual with your life. "Trust is very important," Erica Bottkol, a sophomore majoring in biology and anthropology, said. "If you do something unexpected and your partner isn't paying attention, then you're screwed."

The physical exercise involved in rock climbing is one of the obvious benefits of the activity, but one thing that is often overlooked is the extreme intellectual stimulation climbers experience. "It's a giant puzzle," sophomore psychology student Jeremy Tidball said. "To be able to think things through and solve them is very rewarding."

Fifteen minutes after being raised, Bannister looks down to the world of people below. "It's a rush," he said. "It's much more than climbing, it's a complete experience."

"It's an exercise in exact precision," Twillie said. "You either make it or you don't."

The event has only seen 12 attempts this year. Two of the 12 people who have tried the feat died. One person tried the jump during a dust storm, which is strongly discouraged. The other fatality occurred because the person didn't "have the timing."

"You either make it or you don't," Twillie said. "Either make it or you don't."

The jump is forbidden by the FAA, so Twillie will make the jump over an Indian reservation.

Freshman Chris Powell tests his footing while rock climbing near Vantage. In recent years the sport has become popular among younger generations, who enjoy the individual competitiveness and adrenaline rush it offers.

French Club hosts annual fundraising banquet

by Roslyn Biggs
Asst. Scene editor

Fifteen short minutes after being officially chartered by Club Senate, Central's French Club, Un Coin de France, held their first annual French Banquet at Austin's Eats last Thursday.

The banquet, featuring an authentic five course French meal, was held to raise money for students hoping to travel abroad in 2000. Each meal was $40 and with the moderate turnout, French professor Nathalie Kasselis estimates around $700 was raised.

Guests not only ate great food and helped deserving students, but broadened their cultural horizons in the process.

"I think this brings a deepened understanding of a different culture," Joy Martin, a senior majoring in French and Spanish, said. "Dining is a very French experience. In America we tend to focus on filling up, whereas in France, it's more of a ritual, an experience and a hobby."

Members of the club prepared most of the food, with help from Austin Smith of Austin's Eats. Entertainment was also provided by club members.

"We tried as hard as possible to make this as authentic as we could," Josh Lumoden, club president and French sophomore said.

Un Coin de France plans to make the event an annual occurrence and hopes for an even greater turnout at the next banquet, tentatively being planned for February or March of next year.

Nearly 40 people gathered at Austin's Eats for the first annual French Banquet Thursday. The banquet was held to raise money for students hoping to travel abroad.
Central promotes campus with local photographers

by Tim Bottorff
Staff reporter

It was James Pappas, vice president for Enrollment Management and Marketing, who came up with the novel idea. Instead of hiring a costly freelance photographer to take pictures of Central, why not let those connected to Central (students, faculty, and administrators) take pictures of the campus?

"We wanted to harness the creative talent of people at this university," Pappas said.

Free film and developing of the pictures were given to those who participated in the program.

From April 21 until May 25, free film was available at the Instructional Media Center in the library. Participants had until yesterday to return the exposed film to the IMC.

Kelly Totten, a junior majoring in anthropology and math, took the picture inside of the science building.

"It has a unique layout with nice colors," Totten said.

John Ebenal took a picture of the Japanese Garden. Ebenal is a graduate of Central and an accounting supervisor.

"We have one of the best looking campuses in the state," Ebenal said. "The garden is a pleasant place to relax.

"We wanted to harness the creative talent of people at this university." - James Pappas

Josh Humphrey, a junior in music, took a picture of the Ganges. "It's a nice place on campus," Humphrey said. "It's great to get the opportunity to experiment for free.

Greg Kummer is one of the organizers for the program. He hopes to continue the program the next time photos are needed for a Central publication.

"I hope it's a replacement for hiring a freelance photographer," Kummer said. "There are quite a few good pictures that we can use.

Approximately 25 people participated in the program this year.

These pictures by Kelly Totten (left) and John Ebenal (right) are among a group of photos being considered for publication in the Viewbook.
Better than Finals

Thursday, June 3

MOTHER THESIS ON DISPLAY
Graduate art student Cheryl C will present her master’s thesis, titled “Passenger,” from June 1-4. The display will feature ceramic sculptures and color pastel drawings. Cheryl C’s work will be featured at the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery. The exhibit is free and gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CHEMISTRY SEMINAR
Barb Eaton will present a lecture, "Carbene Intermediates From Photolysis of Phenylthionyl Xylenes" at 4 p.m. in room 203 of the Science Building. Erik Thronsen will follow with a seminar titled "Hydrogen Bonding Interactions between Ester and Urethane Linkages in Small Model Compounds and Polyurethanes" at 4:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

NORTHWEST JAZZ VOCALIST PERFORMS
Kelly Johnson, 1998 Northwest Jazz Vocalist of the year, will perform a free public show at 11:45 a.m. in the SUB.

RUGARE MARIMBA ENSEMBLE
The Rugare Marimba Ensemble, featuring 23 percussion players from Richland’s Marcus Whitman Elementary School, will present a free public show. Time and place of the event will be announced.

STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY
Several Central offices will host Student Appreciation Day featuring outdoor activities, games, a band and barbecue. The event will begin at 5 p.m. Activities and music are free; the barbecue is $2 per person.

SENIOR RECITAL
Sam Ormson will perform a saxophone recital beginning at 8 p.m. in the Hertz Hall auditorium.

Friday, June 4

PSYCHOLOGY SEMINAR
Four Central psychology students will present a free, public seminar, titled “Do You Remember Your Emotions Changing Your Opinions? Creating False Memories, Emotions and Opinions in Three Short Studies.” The seminar begins Friday at 4 p.m. in room 147 of the Science Building.

COMEDY NIGHT FINAL
Comedians Jay Wendell Walker and D.C. Malone will be featured in the last comedy night of the quarter. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are $1 for Central students with ID and $3 for the public.

JAZZ NITE I
Central students will perform Jazz Nite I, under the direction of Cathy Jensen-Hole. The show will begin at 8 p.m. in Hertz Hall. Admission is $3, but students will be admitted free.

AUSTIN’S EATS HOSTS SUN FESTIVAL
Austin’s Eats will host the Sun Festival and Costume Contest, featuring the “Dank Valley Drifters” tonight beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is $3 with costume or $3 without. All are welcome.

Saturday, June 5

STUDENT RECITAL
Kousake Morotsu and David Brown will perform a joint trumpet recital beginning at 5 p.m. in the Hertz Hall auditorium.

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Student creates horror film

by Kristen Schwab Staff reporter

Fear, horror: these are the heart of nightmares and they can be found... in Ellensburg?

This summer Antony Abraham is featured in video communications, will produce and direct a low budget horror movie "Twin Dragons."

"Twin Dragons" is one of a collection of Abraham’s stories published in 1997 to be filmed in Ellensburg. Last summer Abraham, along with James Fox, a senior in psychology and Cameron for "Nikki’s Ghost," produced and directed "Aiming at the Dead," also written by Abraham.

Abraham said there is no dialogue in the movie other than subtitles, so the music is very important. "Barefoot Mile" and "Indian John Holl" are bands that are being considered for part of the soundtrack.

"We’re definitely looking for music that fits the scene," Leela Luna, a sophomore in Abraham’s design and direction for "Twin Dragons," said. "It will include techno, rock and some softer music."

When the movie is finished, copies will be given to video stores that rent independent videos, but at the moment extras are needed.

"The rewards are immense," Fox said. "Seeing the product is really fulfilling, even more so than the money. Trying to convey what we have to say through film is really cool.

Anyone interested in becoming an extra may call Abraham at 963-9860.

Enjoy the summer, get a tan, relax and sign up for the Observer for fall quarter. Call 963-1073 for more details.
Students enrolled in Spanish 457 will present two short Spanish plays, "Estudio en Blanco y Negro" and "El Delantal Blanco," today at Ellensburg H.S.

CLIMBING: Old activity gains new fans

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through while you're scared is essential.

Within the last ten years, rock climbing has become increasingly popular. A number of people who lack interest in some of the more "traditional" sports have shown enthusiasm for rock climbing because it provides an opportunity for self-gratification on an individual level.

"One thing that's really cool about rock climbing is that it's a real individual sport," freshman Chris Powell said. "You don't have to conform to any rules, you can do your own thing. It's just you against the elements.

Non-climbers who have never experienced "the rush" firsthand may be reluctant to give rock climbing a try. However, those who have been to the top claim there is nothing to fear and the view is well worth the trip. Modern climbing equipment has been developed to the point of becoming virtually unbreakable; so there is little threat of problems.

"There's really not a fear factor because it's very safe," Bottkol said. "I would say getting to the top is the most thrilling part."

About 30 miles from Ellensburg exists a climbing area well-known among local enthusiasts. Over time, a number of rock climbers have inserted metal bolts in a cluster of rocks surrounding the Columbia River Gorge and with the development, the site has become extremely popular.

Add in the spectacular view of the Columbia River valley and it is no wonder that climbers consider this spot the closest thing to natural perfection available near Ellensburg.

Most Spanish majors who joined the Latin American theater class wanted to fulfill one of the required literature credits. Little did they know it would also be Acting 101.

On Thursday, June 3 at 8 p.m. in the intimate setting of Ellensburg High School's Little Theater, Javier Martinez de Velasco's Spanish 457 class will present two short plays.

The plays are free and open to the public, and will be entirely in Spanish.

"We are aware of our audiences," Martinez de Velasco said. "We tried to make the script easy to follow. I changed some of the wording because of local colloquialisms. But, even someone who doesn't speak Spanish can understand the action in the play."

Each play runs about 30 minutes. One, titled "Estudio en blanco y negro" (A study in black and white) is a Cuban comedy directed by students Kara Butsch and Zack Reeves. The plot explores the absurdity of human existence and the emptiness of words.

The other play is called "El Delantal Blanco" (The white uniform). This fast-moving Chilean piece challenges accepted social values and structures. It is directed by Hillary Thrift and Shawna Greene. In her first experience as director, Thrift hopes the play connects with the audience.

"I hope they enjoy it," Thrift said. "It could really make a person think.

The Latin American theater class held open auditions for the plays, and invited anyone who was willing to help. Greene is a guest director.

"I'm in the Spanish 253 class," Greene said. "Usually, I'm acting rather than behind the scenes, so I asked Javier if I could help direct. So, here I am."

Not everyone in the play is adept at Spanish, but through the plays, the students' ability to work with the language is improving. "People are very fluent," Thrift said. "They talk in these plays like they speak Spanish in everyday life."

Martinez de Velasco is proud of his students.

"They have learned about linguistics, context and culture," Martinez de Velasco said. "Most importantly, they've become better friends."

He challenged students throughout the entire process. They spoke and worked only in Spanish. Many students mentioned feeling a great sense of accomplishment.

Students produce and star in plays

by Stephanie Barnett

Staff reporter

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Frederick steps down as athletic director

Gary Frederick put in his resignation as athletic director last week, and will be devoting his time to teaching and coaching.

by Tara Ratray
Sports editor
Mike Wells
Staff reporter

After 18 years of being the athletic director and serving as the women’s softball head coach for the past five years, Gary Frederick has decided to hang up his suit and tie to focus on improving a 67-113 record on the diamond.

"I want to see if I can do something with the softball," Frederick said.

Resigning from such a high position was not an overnight process for Frederick.

"I made the decision last month," Frederick said. "The demands of this position increase, as they should. To be fair to this position and the softball program they both need full-time jobs," Frederick said. "With the move to NCAA Division II the demands became more magnified."

Before Central’s inaugural season at the NCAA Division II level this year, Frederick helped build the university into one of the top NAIA small-college programs in the country.

For 10 straight years, Central was ranked in the Top Eight in the NAIA Men’s All-Sports competition, including winning the title in 1987.

Frederick began his days at Central in 1955. He then coached at Waitsburg High School and Central Kitsap High School before returning to Central in 1967.

Frederick guided Central to its only District 1 title in 1988 and twice was named District 1 Coach of the Year.

Frederick’s decision to resign as athletic director was partially due to the current move to the NCAA Division II.

"Since I’ve been here I’ve done multiple jobs," Frederick said. "I want to see if I can do something with the softball, and the Wildcots posted a respectable 164-146 record.

Frederick’s first coaching experience occurred in 1959 at Thorp High School, where he coached both basketball and baseball for one year. He then coached at Waitsburg High School and Central Kitsap High School before returning to Central in 1967.

Upon his return, Frederick became assistant football coach and head baseball coach, beginning what would be more than 30 years of coaching experience at Central.

As head coach of the baseball team for 11 years, Frederick lead the Wildcats to the NAIA World Series twice and was named District 1 Coach of the Year.

Summer brings outdoor fun

by Becki Matzen
and Wendy Roberts
Staff reporters

The academic school year may be coming to a close, but for many students staying in Ellensburg for the summer, the outdoor sports and other activities won’t be.

As far as sports go in Ellensburg, get irrevered.

City softball and basketball leagues are always a sure bet for summertime sporting competition. There are outdoor basketball courts around campus and other locations throughout town for those who wish to pass time by shooting hoops.

Softball fields are always open for anyone who wants to get into the action.

There are tennis and volleyball courts all around Central’s campus for those who are fans of those sports.

"I really enjoy the summers around Ellensburg," senior Tony Nelson said. "I play volleyball and basketball and hang out at the pond. I also do a lot of fishing."

There are many different things to do for all types of people. Whether adventure seeking or relaxation, Ellensburg is a great place to be.

Many people opt for rafting down the Yakima River when they want to cool off in the summer’s heat. Rafts are available to rent at Tent-N-Tube located in the SUB. The price is $2 for a tube, $15 for a raft or $30 for the weekend.

"I really enjoyed water rafting," senior Todd Pettit said. "It was something to do and a bit of a challenge."

For those who would rather keep both feet on the ground when doing outdoor activities this summer, rent roller blades and roam around the city. Mountain High Sports, located at 105 E. Fourth Ave. supplies all the gear.

Golfing is another outdoor sport many students enjoy. Ellensburg offers two choices of greens, either at Carey Lakes Golf Course, for a short round, or at The Ellensburg Golf and Country Club for the avid golfer.

For a less expensive outing, hike the Manastash ridge also known as "The Book." Bike riding is another option for outdoor fun.

The fishing around the area is wonderful; try fishing on the Yakima or even the little ponds around the surrounding area.

"Fly fishing is great," senior Angie Barnes said. "There is a lot to do along the Yakima River."

Summer is a fun time and even though Ellensburg is small there are still things to do for an exciting summer of fun.
Rodeo Club sends six women to nationals

The women's Rodeo Club team qualified for nationals in Wyoming

by Jason Leavitt
Staff reporter

Central's Rodeo Club is gearing up for nationals. The team, consisting of Katy Miller, Cori Sizemore, Katie Stewart, Kelsey Kayser, Jodi Lowe and Lauren Whitney, make up a small number of the estimated 300-500 other contestants vying for a national title in Casper, Wyo. June 14-19.

The women qualified for nationals by taking second in their region, which consists of colleges and clubs from Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Regionals were held in Hermiston, Ore., over the weekend of May 22-23. Individual achievements were taken by Miller and Stewart.

Miller, a senior, took first in their region in barrel racing, with Stewart doing the same in breakaway roping.

"It was a good goal. It is an accomplishment to me because I am a senior and this is my last year to compete, so if anything it's a blessing in disguise," Miller said.

The other women were able to qualify by placing in the top 30 percent of their respected events.

Kayser, a junior, who also competes in barrel racing, is excited about the teams' chance to go and compete at the higher level.

"I am really excited about it, it was a personal accomplishment," Kayser, who placed sixth at regionals, said. "I am also confident in our team and our ability to compete. It's amazing considering three years ago Central was starting from the ground up and look where the team is now."

The three events the team will be competing in at the national tournament are barrel racing, goat tying and breakaway roping. Barrel racing consists of timing the rider and horse as they go around three barrels set in a triangle shape in the arena. In goat tying the cowgirl rides out to the middle of the arena where a goat is tied to a stake, jumps off the horse and ties the goat's legs.

Breakaway roping pits the rider versus a calf. The calf is let out of the gate before the rider, and the rider has to chase it down and rope it, let the rope go in order to reveal a flag that is tied to the rope. Once the judges see that, they stop the timing of the event.

"It's just a pure adrenaline rush for me," Kayser said of the barrel racing. "I count on my horse a lot and it takes a good amount of teamwork between the two of us to make it work."
Student runs to save a life
by Jon Guddat
Staff reporter

Struggling through a marathon is tough. Battling leukemia is even tougher.

Cassie Gage, a freshman at Central, decided to play a role in the fight against leukemia. A casual runner, Gage received a mailing last December about a marathon to benefit leukemia research.

The Suzuki Rock n' Roll Marathon was held on Sunday, May 23 in San Diego. Although Gage had never trained or even thought about running in a marathon, she made a decision to run the marathon and to help make a difference. Gage had some running experience from her high school days on the cross country team.

She had tapered off her running after high school, but began training soon after learning about this event. The thought of running a marathon, all alone finishing one, was intimidating, but it was certainly within reach.

Upon entering the race she received an "honor patient." Gage received updates on how her "honor patient" is doing with her leukemia research.

Gage was sponsoring a 4-year-old girl from Wenatchee battling Leukemia. Gage had some running experience after high school, but began training in December about a marathon to benefit leukemia research.

"I decided it was the thing to do," Gage said.

Gage was placed in a team that was essentially made up of people from the Greater Spokane area. She was also in contact with an assigned coach that the event provided her. The coach provided training, advice and motivation.

As if running the marathon was not enough to deal with, Gage also had to work around a sprained knee she endured about a month before the race. This inevitably forced her to greatly reduce her training. Her doctor strongly recommended that she not compete in the race since added stress on an injured knee could result in further damage. With the threat of continued injury, Gage traveled to San Diego with her coach and competed in the marathon.

The race was tough, and she ran the initial 11 miles pretty well. She finished the race in about five in a half hours, not allowing her injured knee, the lengthy course or extreme exhaustion to force her to quit.

"It's the hardest thing I've ever done in my life," Gage said.

There were about 20,000 people who ran in the relatively new event, which has been around for about five years. This year, close to $15 million was raised for leukemia research.

The prospective business major is juggling two jobs, school and a social life while in school but enjoys dedicating herself to fighting the battle against leukemia.

Gage is proud of the fact that she overcame many obstacles during her training and the race. However, she is very satisfied that she was very much a factor in providing help for the girl in Wenatchee and leukemia patients throughout the United States.

"It did it for the cause," Gage said.

Gage is a perfect example of someone who looks past their own hectic life in order to make a difference in someone else's.

"I just entered the race to help others and Gage chose to do it by running a marathon. When similar events take place throughout the year, you can bet that Gage will be there too. Seeing how fulfilling the marathon was, she plans on taking advantage of other races and events that have a cure in mind.

Although the financial and time commitments were very trying, Gage didn't help much either, but I did my part," Gage said.

"I decided it was the thing to do," Gage said.

We at the Observer hope you enjoyed this year's newspaper. Until next... Goodbye from our staff.

A fond farewell to the dome
When Seattle was granted a major league team in 1977, the decision was made to build an indoor stadium due to weather concerns. For the last 21 seasons the Seattle Mariners have called the Kingdome home.

A trip to the Kingdome for the average fan typically involves stale hot dogs smothered in mustard and relish, fresh roasted peanuts and wafer cups of watery beer. The artificial fluorescent sun is out, the taba man is playing "Louie, Louie," and you just step down the escalator and grab a bubble gum left by a careless little boy screaming at Ken Griffey, Jr.

You enter the building dodging a fat guy crying "Programs!" and are greeted by a swatch of unnatural greenery. As the game wears on, bleacher butt sets in, the water is being lost its charm, and the hotdog begins to swim in your stomach. You hardly care because you are too busy watching a ridiculously long bathroom line while the drunk guy in front of you speaks to his bladder, and the 7-year-old behind you grabs his groin, hops on one leg and begs his dad for permission to pee in the sink.

When you finally get back to your seat, you find yourself envying the chain-smoking fiends on the outer concourse. At least they can watch the sun set over Puget Sound.

The building shows its age with dirty restrooms, uncomfortable seats, and crypt-like ambience. It has never been a baseball park.

There are seats where the players look like army ants. Seats strategically placed for viewers' pleasure behind pillars, and the "obstructed" view seats, which the organization usually refuses to sell on general principle.

On June 27 at 3:25 p.m. the Mariners will host the Texas Rangers in the final baseball game to be played in the concrete batten. Many will say good riddance, but despite all the inglorious flaws the Kingdome holds many great memories for Seattle baseball fans and players alike. So I say the words no one could ever expect. Thank you Kingdome.

Yes, Safeco Field will be a palatial shrine to the game. Yes, I hate AstroTurf and I hate the new guy. And yes, the dome smells funny due to the enormous amount of rubber in the nacho "cheez." But think of all the positives.

In 1977 over 57,000 fans jammed the dome for the first game in Mariner history. Even though the Mariners were beaten 7-0 by the California Angels that night, the fans of Seattle were happy just to have a major league team. Even if they were wearing uniforms so atrocious looking that even a colorblind moron wouldn't be caught dead in them.

Who can forget the moment when the mighty New York Yankees with game-winning home runs on back-to-back nights on May 2 and 3, 1981. Made champions out of a last-place team or only for a day. There are scores of memorable moments. Alvin "The Lumberjack" Davis is straight up to the right field fence, the year 1984, Brian Holman narrowly missing a perfect game in 1990, followed by 1992, losing the last game of the season by a few months later. And just even more memorable, the day that Ken Griffey, Sr. and then Ken Griffey, Jr., trotted onto the field together and made baseball history.

The list goes on and on, and on featuring famous names such as Phil Bradley, Randy Johnson, Ken Griffey, Sr. and then Ken Griffey, Jr., Randy Johnson, Jim Presley and Scott Bradley.

The coup de grace of all great Mariner moments has to be the dramatic pennant of 1995. The team captured the city's heart, its first division championship, and was out of going to the World Series. Amastd all the heroes, the thing I'll always remember is the tearful standing ovation the game was given by its fans even in defeat. Nearly lifted the roof off the Kingdome.

"Louie, Louie," and you just step down the escalator and grab a bubble gum left by a careless little boy screaming at Ken Griffey, Jr.

The Kingdome is not the ideal facility for the game. That much is obvious just by walking into that dungeon. But before bidding the old dinosaur adieu, take some time to reflect back on the ghosts that will always fill its pauper-covered aisles. Baseball has a funny way of staying with you even if you are a casual fan, and home is where the memories are in life as well as baseball. Think of the Kingdome in the same way you would think of your first dorm room: as lousy as the facilities are, you came to think of it as home after a time.

I still remember attending my first game in June of 1986. It was little league day and I actually got to walk on the field and shake hands with the players.

When it finally came down to the game, the Mariners were pummeled by the New York Yankees 6-3. I was so excited I barely noticed the score. The hot dogs had made me sick and the soda pop didn't help much either, but I did care.

Safeco Field is going to be a beautiful baseball park, but the fondest memories of Mariners' baseball will always reside in the soon-to-be-tie pile of rubble across

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Bishop tops the baseball awards
Senior outfielder Nathan Bishop and senior pitcher Scott Earle shared the Most Valuable Player award presented Tuesday during the baseball team's awards banquet. Bishop received the Honorary Team Captain award as well. Senior Matt Acker was presented with the Most Inspirational award and senior Tom Ammerman received the Steve Orrell Coaches award. Ammerman is the second in his family to have been given the award. His uncle, Mike Ammerman, won the same award in 1978. Ammerman batted .404 and led the team in game-winning RBIs with 6 and stolen bases with 13. He also set a school record in B1 consecutive games over the past two seasons. Bishop was named a GTE All-American District VIII all-star earlier in the season as well. He also led Central’s triple crown this year. Bishop led the team in batting (.427), home runs (6), RBIs (39), runs scored (35), slugging percentage (.687) and on-base percentage (.500). He also posted a .978 fielding average, committing just one error in 77 chances. His .427 batting average is the fifth best single-season average in Central’s history. A total of 21 players were awarded letters, including Acker, Earle and Toby Russ, who each won their third letters.

Softball team distributes awards
Senior Viki Wenzel was named the Most Valuable Player, Most Inspirational Player and shared the Honorary Team Captain award with senior Marie Smith at the team’s banquet held May 16. Smith batted .310 this spring and led the team in sacrifice hits with seven. She also ranked second in RBIs with 12. A total of 20 players were awarded letters. Wenzel was the only team member to receive her fourth career letter as a Wildcat. Third-year athletes were seniors Joelle Whitescarver and Amber Rikerd and juniors Nikki Bahr, Kaci Bridges, Andrea Knight and Brandy Tacia. Second-year lettermen were seniors Mari Amrine, Stacie Galbavy, Marc McDowd and Marie Smith, and junior Jessie Carson.

Holby struggles at track and field nationals
Senior discus thrower Tony Holby, Central’s only competitor at the NCAA Division II Nationals for track and field, finished 17th with a throw of 154-3 at the tournament held last Saturday in Emporia, Kan.

Sports trivia answers
1. Central 33, Western 26
2. The volleyball team finished with a record of 5-23
3. Those ruffians from Western, of course.
4. Marcus Mays (141 lbs.), Jack Anderson (157), Ben Orth (165) and Bart Orth (174).
5. Nathan Bishop with six round-trippers.

--- Gary Frederick
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