City ponders possible uses for old train depot

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Women hope to break 20-win mark with final two road games

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**Men snag host role with win**

by Angie Dirk
Staff reporter

"Left. Right. Left. Right. SIT DOWN!"

One by one, Western players fouled out...their footsteps to the bench loudly announced until they finally sat down. Eventually, they would get up again, but only to go to the locker room. By night's end, they were on the bus and heading home...with a loss.

In a packed gym with more than 3,500 fans, the Central men notched their ninth win in a row, beating arch rival Western 94-83. Saturday night's game, the last of the regular season, secured a first-place finish for Central in the PacWest.

Head coach Greg Sparling is happy that Central secured the right to compete in the playoffs at the loudest venue in the West, and in front of the rowdiest crowd — Wildcat fans at Nicholson Pavilion.

"It's great. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: We have the best fans in the West. In fact, I'd say we have the best fans in the nation at the NCAA Division II level. They're just awesome," Sparling said.

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by Carrina Galloway
Editor in Chief

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**Summer 2000 tuition rates increased**

by Jennifer Perkins
Asst. News editor

Tuition costs for summer quarter 2000 have increased by an average of 4.9 percent per student.

Unlike the rest of the academic year, the state does not fund summer quarter. Summer quarter is made possible by student paid tuition. The money is used to pay faculty and personnel as well as to fund other resources needed to keep Central running June through August.

"We just want to continue to offer classes and pay our faculty," David Dauwalder, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said.

Dauwalder said the tuition increase varies slightly from student to student because tuition rates differ depending on whether a student is an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate student.

A memorandum issued by the budget advisory committee states tuition for undergraduates will go from 1999's price of $83 per credit to 2000's prices of $89 per credit. post-baccalaureates will go from $93 to $99 and graduates will go from $119 to $126.

"It's not fair because most people need (summer classes since) it takes more than four years to graduate," junior Janelle Thomas, retail management and fashion merchandising major, said.

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**Gates Millennium Scholarship offered**

Beginning this fall, a new scholarship program, established through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, will offer financial assistance to 1,000 high-achieving minority students annually. The scholarships require nomination by a teacher, principal, professor, dean or program director. For the inaugural year, nominations are open to all eligible high school seniors applying to college and currently enrolled undergraduates who will be sophomores, juniors or seniors during the next academic year. For more information about the scholarship program, contact the Central financial aid office at 963-3005.

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"That's exactly what we wanted," Chaplin said with a tone of relief in her voice.

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**Central's David Stone drives past a Western defender Saturday night. With its 94-83 win over Western, Central secured a spot in the playoffs, to be held here Saturday.**

Heather Trimn/Observer
Casino hopes to roll

by Karl Edie
Staff reporter

Picture walking through an all glass doorway into a room full of winners and losers, money, heartache and smoke. Picture being pummed out in a $75 suit bought on sale at JC Penney and an entire room getting ready to roll the dice and take their chances. Then, looking up, above it all, surveying the scene, is Big Al.

Or, at least, a sign that says Big Al's Casino.

An establishment called Big Al's Casino has applied for licenses and permits to move to Ellensburg. It is unknown when they may move in, if ever, but they have taken steps in doing just that.

The city manager's office said the business has been approved for its zoning permit, and the Planning Commission said if Big Al's wants to come to Ellensburg, it sees no reason why it shouldn't be able to.

There is a motion before the City Council at this time to block gambling establishments from setting up in Ellensburg, but because Big Al's Avon Lawn, which is where Big Al's Casino would be located.

APPAREL DESIGN PROGRAM WRAPS UP AFTER 17 YEARS

by Tasha G. Shives
Staff reporter

While making dresses and raising six children in the Yakima Valley, she never guessed one day she would create an internationally recognized fashion program for a university. In 1983, Professor Carolyn Schactler established Central's apparel design program and 17 years later, she is about to say good-bye.

Beginning fall quarter 2000, Schactler will enter phased retirement. The design program will close this spring when its final graduates walk and Schactler will continue to teach a small load of classes within the family and consumer sciences department next year.

Boasting many national competition awards and successful graduates, the apparel design program sprang forth from the clothing and textiles portion of what was called the apparel design program over the years. Schactler, who has taught at Central since 1976, nurtured her students' inherent interest in apparel design by establishing a program specifically for them.

Apparel design students learn how to design clothes, make patterns and complete garments in addition to intensive studies in the history of design, illustration and a variety of other art courses.

"It takes a tremendous amount of work as well as a strong gift," Schactler, who received Central's distinguished professor award in 1996, said.

Hard work and special gifts seem to pay off for graduates of the program, who find themselves working for an extensive list of well-known clothing designers including Nordstrom, Eddie Bauer and Land's End. One of her former students is even vice president of production for Calvin Klein's men'swear line.

The apparel design program also has a close relationship with Central's fashion merchandising program.

"We design and make 'em, they market and sell 'em," Schactler said. It also seems the traditional small number of majors has empowered the program over the years.

Not only does the program demonstrate a high placement rate, but "the industries have a very high regard for what our students know," Schactler said, stressing the importance of one-on-one time with her average of 10 students each year.

"If you nurture students who are potentially creative, you can watch them bloom," Schactler said. "Their rich imaginations are just electric by the time they graduate. That is what I'm going to miss the most."

Washington State University fashion merchandising major Lisa Charbonneau transferred to Central for a year specifically because of Schactler's reputation. She heard of the program's impending closure from her professors at WSU and decided to transfer for a year of study under Schactler before completing her degree at WSU.

"WSU professors think Central has a really great program," Charbonneau said. "I learned more from Schactler in a quarter than I would in a year at WSU."

Schactler's students have competed all over the country, taking home what she said is likely the best record in numbers of students who made it to finals and won awards.

Schactler traveled to France one year for a fashion show sponsored by the International Textiles and Apparel Association and the French Fashion University.

Schactler recently completed her twenty-fourth year of teaching at Central and was honored at the Board of Trustees meeting on Feb. 11, where she received a standing ovation.

The apparel design program will hold its last fashion show, featuring designs of both current and past students, in Yakima this June.

ASSOCIATE VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CANDIDATES WILL VISIT

by Observer staff

When Jerilyn McIntyre was hired to fill Central's presidential seat, some might have thought the university would get a small break from the complex hiring and evaluative processes. Think again. Five candidates for the positions of Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs - Academic Programs, and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs - Faculty and Administration have been selected and invited to visit campus.

The three candidates for the academic programs position and their scheduled dates of visitation are as follows:

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Detailed itineraries for the visits will be available soon.
Voters had the choice to vote Republican, Democrat, or unaffiliated. George W. Bush flocked to cast his ballots in Washington's primary Feb. 29. Jason Czebotar

SALARY: McIntyre contract signed

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Chaplin said McIntyre's contract is similar to, and competitive with, typical presidential contracts for four-year universities in this region. Nelson's annual salary included an additional tax-free annuity of about $25,000 for each year he served as president. Chaplin said this type of annuity is not part of McIntyre's contract. She also said the newly-signed contract allows the board an opportunity for annual reviews of McIntyre's performance. "When she (McIntyre) gets here we'll make a charge as to what our expectations for her first year will be," Chaplin said. "We already have some ideas, but we'll have to have the chance to talk to her first.

McIntyre's July 1 start date will allow for her salary to be part of the 2000-2001 university budget. It will also give McIntyre the opportunity to complete the communication classes she is teaching at the University of Utah. In addition to her charge as University president, McIntyre was also hired as a tenured communication professor at Central. McIntyre applied for tenured status in order to continue teaching communication classes after her arrival at Central.

McIntyre's tenure was endorsed by Provost David Dauwalder, College of Arts and Humanities Dean Liahna Bobinec, and unanimously supported by a vote of tenured communication faculty. At the Feb. 10 BOT meeting Chaplin said McIntyre intends to visit the Central campus a few more times before she takes office. Chaplin said she believes McIntyre may visit the Central West Side branch campuses in April when the BOT meets in SeaTac.

Committee plans SUB by Heather Bryant Staff reporter

The proposed SuperSUB has moved from being just an idea into the preliminary planning phase. The first step in the planning is a reprogramming analysis that will look at the existing programs the SUB houses and the demand for space by the current inhabitants of the building. This analysis will help in determining how much and what sort of space the SuperSUB would need in order to be efficient. The analysis will also consider what the students would like to see in the SuperSUB, such as a bank or the financial aid office. The Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) set spring quarter as a completion target for the reprogramming analysis.

Although not definite, Mike Grigg, executive vice president of the ASCWU-BOD, anticipates funding will be the next phase of the SuperSUB planning. A financial draft has $400,000 coming from S&A fees, allocated to the project last year, $500,000 from a reassigned building use fee and $700,000 from Housing and Dining Services and the Conference Center. Both the bookstore and the state are projected to contribute $100,000 to the SuperSUB.

Grigg is adamant that no student fees be used to build the SuperSUB. He said it isn't fair for students who will not be attending Central when the SuperSUB is completed to have to pay for the project. "Students aren’t going to pay a fee until the building is built and they walk through the door," Grigg said. The next SuperSUB Committee meeting will be held 6 p.m. on Mar. 2 in SUB 204-205. The public is encouraged to attend.

### Finals Week Change

**By Cameron Rogers Staff reporter**

Classes will be held on Monday of finals week this quarter to make up for the late start because of V2K. Central began winter quarter two days later than usual. One day was made up on President's Day and the second will be made up Monday, March 13.

Finals will start on Tuesday, March 14 and will end on Friday, March 17.

### TUITION: Increase averages 4.9 percent

Continued from page 1 of the summer tuition increase, there is a decrease in fees students will encounter. The pre-registration fee, which in years past was $30, has now changed to $40.

Registration fees provide revenue to fund the academic services support costs plus the costs of the student work program. Any extra money would be distributed to various departments. Due to the reduction in the registration fee, Dauwalder said departments will not be receiving as much funding as they have in years past. "We just can't please everyone," Dauwalder said.

By combining the amount of tuition increase with the $10 student fees saved during pre-registration, the overall 4.9 percent estimated increase for students attending summer quarter was halved. Dauwalder stressed that the increase of this summer's tuition does not affect any other quarter.

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Jostens will be on campus these days:
April 11th and 13th from 10:00-4:00
CWU Campus: SUB Ballroom

Get squared away

Six-year-old kills classmate
Kayla Rolland, a six-year-old first grader at a Michigan grade school was fatally shot by a six-year-old boy. The boy pulled a .32 caliber handgun from his pants pocket and fired one shot, hitting Rolland in the chest. The boy was apprehended in the school bathroom by a teacher and school principal after he had thrown the gun into a wastebasket.

Bush, Gore take Washington
Al Gore and George W. Bush won Washington state’s presidential primaries Tuesday. Gore’s win left little hope for Democratic candidate Bill Bradley’s run for the White House. Bradley has since been encouraged by several key supporters to drop out of the race, but has refused to do so.

Singer files suit against tabloid
Celine Dion sued the National Enquirer for $20 million for an article it wrote claiming she was pregnant with twins. Dion accuses the tabloid of running the story without knowledge of its falsity, in a lawsuit filed Monday.

Guerrillas kill five in attack
Five Israeli-allied militiamen were slain in a Hezbollah attack in southern Lebanon on Wednesday. Guerrillas set off a roadside bomb and fired mortars at the South Lebanon Army unit, 10 miles north of the Israeli-Lebanese border. The attack was preceded by a number of hit-and-run guerrilla strikes against the Lebanon army.

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BOD hears tech fee concerns

by Melissa Mitchell
Staff reporter

Computers and technology took up a major portion of the Feb. 29 meeting of the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD). The academic advising committee discussed students transferring to Central from out of state and university 100 classes.

Brian Tormohlen, chair of the tech fee committee, discussed the cost effectiveness of placing video cameras in the computer labs.

The student paid tech fee totals $650,000 per year and $350,000 of that goes to pay labor costs. Money is also spent, among other things, on internet connections, Web mail (Group Wise), and the modem bank.

“I don’t want to see the tech fee raised,” Tormohlen said. “I want to see the money we have used efficiently.”

This is one reason the committee is considering placing video cameras in the Shaw-Smyser computer labs along with a person to monitor the cameras, help phones and two floating student assistants versus one SA for every lab.

“We need to look at what the majority of students need, and I hear they don’t want more fees,” Tormohlen said.

The tech fee committee will hold a forum to gather student input in the near future.

Computers continued to dominate the agenda as bookstore management is discussed discontinuing the sales of computer hardware. Last year (’98-’99) the bookstore lost $500,000 from computer sales. The projected loss is $10,000 for 2000-2001. Last year only 2.5 percent of the

Smoke scare brings fire department to Farrell Hall

Ellensburg firefighters Allan Heer, left, and Brad Wallace, right, were called to Farrell Hall Monday afternoon. The hall was evacuated after reports of smoke and a bad smell on the first and fourth floors. According to Lt. Rick Tuckness, the smoke and smell came from a fan motor, but there was no fire. Central maintenance was called to repair the problem.
Greyhound riders need a ride to ride

by Jessica Jones
Staff reporter

Greyhound Bus Lines is out of bounds for pedestrians due to the termination of a 30-year lease. Now more than ever, students from Central will have to "burn rides" or take a cab simply to get to the station, which is now located in the Pilot gas station at the intersection of Dollar Way and Cascade, just under two miles from its previous location on Eighth and Okanogan Streets.

"It's a crazy idea to set the station over there... for a new Japanese student who does not speak (English) hardly at all, what is he going to do?" Takuya Hara, freshman exchange student from Japan, said.

Without proper pedestrian walkways or public transit, friends with cars, taxi cabs or Central's SafeRide may be the only ways to get to the station anymore.

For two years Greyhound and the City of Ellensburg tried to figure out where the station could feasibly relocate. City Councilman Dean Curtis said it is a necessity that the Greyhound station be in Ellensburg and accessible to the freeway.

Two options explored by Greyhound and the City of Ellensburg were building a new location on Ninth Street and East Tenth Street, or re-opening the train station. Using the old train depot conflicted with traffic and pedestrian issues regarding the lay-of-the-land.

"It was a private business decision rather than a city decision," City Councilman Edward Barry said.

Randy Hawk, the current owner of the property on Eighth Street and Okanogan, did not raise the lease of the property, but received a letter two years ago that Greyhound wished to terminate its contract.

After a few years of planning and exploring options, Greyhound accepted an offer from Pilot, which includes rent-free use of facilities.

The re-location of the Greyhound Bus station to the Pilot gas station has not received rave reviews, but there are some added benefits, such as readily available food.
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**Ladies’ night no more**

What can I say about Black History Month at Central...how about better late than never? Whew, I was starting to worry guys! But some people pulled it out at the last second, and I have to say I was pleased.

Campus Life’s presentation of “Malcolm X” in the SUB Feb. 29, with better late than never? Whew, I was starting to worry guys! But some coaches and ladies’ night at the basketball game, and this fact has final­

and rightly so.

and educational. The speaker from the NAACP, sponsored by the Legislative Affairs, was a great ending to the month.

Diversity Education Center, College Republicans, and the Office for Education Center director Carolyn Malone told me that Black History

should be a part of a university’s mission for strengthening diversity.

I, like many people, would like to see simple differences stop being a motivation for violence, hatred, and all sorts of nasty things. We have a long way to go, whether it be looking for equality of race, religion, sex, or any other myriad of things. Central just named a female president—the first one in over 100 years. While that’s a good thing that should be celebrated, 1 out of 13 isn’t the best of odds. Our new president’s female counterparts. It seems to me we still have obstacles.

Looking over the line up I was genuinely impressed with the depth, sophistication, and variety planned for Women’s History Month. One of the planners told me the other day that groups from all over the universi­

have come to the E-Center offering to be part of the celebration. This sort of involvement always impresses me, especially in a campus community that all too often shows its aphasic side.

The Women’s History Month line up shows a way of celebrating women that includes everyone, and yet celebrates women and their accomplishments. The E-Center is not just emphasizing “women”, but African American Women, Latinas and Chicanas, famous women, liter­

ally unknown women, women in our university, women’s rights, and a whole slew of other issues and people.

I won’t go into the details of what’s going on (although I assure you a calendar of Women’s History Month events is somewhere in this pub­

lication) but it’s a line up worth checking out. Clear off your calendar

next week and make an effort to go to these events. I’m going to.

—Curtina Galloway

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**Letters**

**Student questions “Pledge” column**

To the editor, As a political science senior and reasonably intelligent

and patriotic American citizen, there are a lot of things in the guest column about the pledge of allegiance with which I could take issue.

In the interests of brevity, however, I would just like to know what department Niki Abraham belongs to, that picking definitions out of a dictionary which support one’s position is considered “research.” If that is the research method being taught to students at this school, funding is the least of our problems.

Benjamin Steele

CWU student

Circle K dance successful—thanks to all

To the editor, On Saturday night, lights, music and dancing trans­

formed the Hal Holmes Center into a night to remember for about 40 people of all abilities who gathered to “Rock Around the Clock.”

Once again, the Circle K Service club identified a need in the community and organized and put on this free event for people with disabilities. Circle K, along with the Ellensburg Noon Kiwanis Club and Independent Lifestyle Services wanted to provide this social event for people who normally don’t get such an opportunity.

Circle K put hours into organizing the event, making dec­

orations, calling businesses for donations, and advertis­

ing. But it was totally worth all the work.

“It was great to see the looks on their faces,” said Deborah Riedler, co-president and coordinator of the dance.

But, as Sarah Hawkins and Deb Riedler, co-presi­

dents, pointed out, the dance would not have been such a success if it weren’t for the support coming from the Ellensburg community. Contributors for the dance were Williams Florian, Subway, SS Subs, Donor’s, and Godfather’s. Financial support came from the Ellensburg Kiwanis and Rodeo City Kiwanis. Hugh Wilder, a local Kiwanian donated his balloon services and Ryan Kothenbeutel, a local disc jockey, said he would be hon­

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All students are welcome at Circle K, which meets on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in SUB 210 and coordinates various service projects on campus and in the community. For more information on Circle K, call Sarah or Deb at 963-7703.

Deborah Riedler

Circle K co-president

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Guest Column: Hassles irk at "student-centered" school

Kyle Alm

This is partially in response to the new university mission statement and the rest is just pent up frustration and anger. But if the BOT is going to declare this a student centered institution than it really ought to put its money where its motion is. Let's back up these words, because they are the right words, but without some type of action behind them they don't mean a damn thing to anybody. Without some substance to the mission statement, it is only going to mean something to a group of people who only come to Ellensburg for a meeting once every month. So what is to be done here around?

This is not going to be a rapid change, it is still a bureaucracy and it will take some time. But the value that has been fairly assessed, even kindly, there ought to be some kind of compensation. This group of people, widely known as the BOT, will be coming to our fair institution for a day in the next month to talk about tuition and how much it ought to go up next year. Well I think that it may be time to call bullshit on them all seven of them and not pay tuition or housing next quarter until we get a freeze on tuition. We pay more for our education at Central than they do at Western, a much more respectable University both locally and nationally. Why can't they do it cheaper or better than Western? This column is not meant to be taken lightly, if it is I can guarantee that the tuition rates next year are going up next year, the year after that, and the year after that ...

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Guest Column: Pondering Christ: the egg-laying rabbit

Niki Abraham

I love this time of year. Spring is coming and Cadbury has released its "only once a year" cream eggs.

As I lick the remaining sticky inards of these chocolate wonders off my fingers, I am reminded of why they are like many students at this University you know exactly what they are doing it because that's what they are told. My mother's words echo in my mind right about now, "If you are like many people, widely known as the BOT, will be coming to our fair institution for a day in the next month to talk about tuition and how much it ought to go up next year. Well I think that it may be time to call bullshit on them all seven of them and not pay tuition or housing next quarter until we get a freeze on tuition. We pay more for our education at Central than they do at Western, a much more respectable University both locally and nationally. Why can't they do it cheaper or better than Western? This column is not meant to be taken lightly, if it is I can guarantee that the tuition rates next year are going up next year, the year after that, and the year after that ...

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MEETINGS

Thursday, March 2
Psychology Club/Psi Chi
PSY 2nd floor student lounge, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Student Lobby
SUB 210, 5 p.m.
AGAPE Revelation Bible Study
SUB 209, 7 p.m.
S&A Committee
SUB 107, 4 p.m.

Friday, March 3
Catholic Campus Ministry Movie Night
CCM House (706 N. Sprague), 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 5
Catholic Campus Ministry Campus Mass
Mary Grupe Center, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 6
Swing Cats
SUB ballroom, lesson 6:45 p.m., open dance 8 p.m.
Catholic Campus Ministry Prayer and Praise Scripture Study
CCM House (706 N. Sprague), 7 p.m.
Catholic Campus Ministry Rosary
CCM House (706 N. Sprague), 8 p.m.
Philosophy Club
Faculty-Staff Lounge 1st floor L&L, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7
GALA
SUB Oswi, 6 p.m.
SALT Co.
CMA Church, 8 p.m.
Nutrition Science Club
Michaelson 126, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8
PRSSA
SUB 206/207, 5 p.m.
Key Club
SUB 210, 5-15 p.m.
AGAPE (Adventist Group Association)
SUB 105, 5:30 p.m.
Catholic Campus Ministry Time Out Discussion Group
CCM House (706 N. Sprague), 7 p.m.
Spanish Club,
L&L 106, 7 p.m.
Campus Crusade for Christ Real Life
SUB Theatre, 7 p.m.

Let us know YOUR group’s meeting schedule
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Time line moves through history
by Seren Rakes
Staff reporter

The earth was fairly desolate 4.6 billion years ago. To many, how long 4.6 billion years can be difficult.

A time line was created last fall to help people understand the changes. Jim Peterson, professor of geology and creator of the time line, wanted to offer a visual representation of time, for his Introduction to Geology students.

Peterson's time line follows the evolution of the earth and its inhabitants from its creation to the extinction of large animals and the spread of modern humans, 10 thousand years ago. Between those years people could find the time for his Neanderthal man, 100 thousand years ago, the first organism, 80 million years ago, and the approximate time the earth entered new stages of development.

"My goal is to make my students aware of how old the earth is," Peterson said.

This year he made some improvements and the time line was available for viewing from Feb. 22 through 29.

"It's a great way to bring new interest to people about geology," Shane Moloney, a junior majoring in law and justice, said.

Matanich is a senior finishing her last quarter at Central. Majoring in computer science and working in the IET office for everything she does keeps the office running smoothly.

She said it helps when you work in an office where all the people are so nice.

After winning student employee of the year, Matanich has managed to balance work and school.

Matanich was nominated for student employee of the year by the IET office because she does her job very well.

Visiting professor speaks on racism

Dialogues: racism yesterday and today is presenting Quintard Taylor, Jr., professor of American history at the University of Washington.

Taylor will speak on "African Americans in the Pacific Northwest: The Civil Rights Era" from 1-2:30 p.m., March 2, in the Chief Owhi Room in the SUB.

This is the third presentation in a four part series.

The presentation is free and all are welcome.

Reserves help homeless
by Alicia Boggs
Staff reporter

Veterans make up one-third of Washington state's homeless population and Central's Army and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) will help some of them.

More than 19 veteran organizations, including a joint effort between ROTC, have come together to create "Veteran's Stand Down 2000." It is a national, non-profit effort to give back to veterans who have fought for our country.

The purpose of the stand down is to identify homeless people, with an emphasis on veterans and Native Americans and their families who reside in the central Washington area. The services provided include housing information, legal advice from defense attorneys, social-security information and Veterans' Administration information. Food, medical check-ups, hot showers, haircuts and fresh clothes will also be provided free of charge. Approximately 500 veterans are expected to attend.

"We (ROTC) have a special vested interest in helping out those who have served for our country, since we are the future soldiers of America," James Nelson, a senior majoring in law and justice and a ROTC cadet, said.

Approximately 20 Central Army and Air Force ROTC will be participating in this program. They will be helping veterans register and fill out the initial paperwork that provides benefits and a variety of opportunities for each person.

"I think it is a great way to help veterans get back on their feet, and for us to meet people who have fought for our country," Jacob Ceksa, a senior majoring in geology and a ROTC cadet, said.

People in the community can get involved by donating to the Kittitas and Yakima Valley food banks. The food banks are the primary meal source for this event.

The veteran's stand down begins at 8 a.m. and will take place at the United States Marine Corps (U.S.M.C.) Reserve Center in Yakima.

Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full services will be provided throughout the day.

For more information about "Veteran's Stand Down 2000" contact Bob Harems (Yakima) at (509) 248-9305, Frank Harwood (Yakima) at (509) 457-2736 (extension 365) or Dave Coyote Mann (Toppenish) at (509) 865-5121.
Safety tips sometimes forgotten during break

When dreaming of spring break, one might imagine endless days on a tropical beach soaking up the much-needed sun or a road trip with best friends. Spring break is a greatly welcomed experience that can be described as enjoyable time, some may have the unexpected, excessive use of drugs or alcohol and just being carefree and have some fun. While most will have a safe and enjoyable time, some may have experiences that can be described as nothing but a nightmare. A number of things can lead to a disastrous vacation including being unprepared for the unexpected, excessive use of drugs or alcohol and just being careless in unfamiliar surroundings.

During spring break, many students take the opportunity to go places that require air travel. Traveling by airplane has its advantages but there is also a lot that can go wrong. A fast way to ruin a vacation is to have luggage lost or stolen. A way to keep this from happening is to travel light. Having less luggage means less time is spent keeping track of it, fighting with it and less worry about losing it. By traveling light, one is less likely to stand out as a target for thieves.

The consumption of too much alcohol and drug use can also lead to problems during a vacation. Students can be arrested for public intoxication, underage drinking and drunk driving. People are killed in car accidents, drownings and from falling because of excessive drinking and drug use. The threat of being raped or robbed is also a factor when students are not capable of making clear judgments due to alcohol and drug use. These situations can be avoided by being responsible and knowing your limitations.

Road trips with friends are common during spring break, and there are a few essentials that need to be packed before pulling out of the driveway. A medical kit with the basics should be taken for emergencies. Also, make sure you have a spare tire, tire jack and road flares for the possibility of a flat tire. God knows you don’t want to be stuck in the middle of nowhere and have some creep person stop to help because you and your friends were unprepared.

The most important thing you should do is make sure you contact someone to let them know your travel plans. And, if you can, take a cell phone along. You can never be too careful. Hotels are often the sites of large parties during spring break. If you are going to party, do it in moderation. There are a lot of crimes that can go on in hotels, and you need to be careful. Make sure to keep your room locked and don’t leave valuables lying around. Keep all of your things safe.

Breeze into spring smoothly

Spring Smoothie
Prep: 1 minute
Serves: Two
First you will need 1 container (8 oz.) Cool Whip Lite or Free Whipped Topping.
Lastly, you will need 1 cup chopped fresh or frozen strawberries or any other seasonal fruit (optional.)
Place yogurt, whipped topping and strawberries in blender.
Cover and blend until your smoothie is smooth then serve immediately.
If a thinner consistency is desired, ice cubes may be added to prefer it.
This is a refreshing drink to enjoy during the spring and summer, as well as throughout the year.

Women’s History Month Calendar of Events

- Angela Swanson

Sunday, March 4
Brown Bag Series: "Women’s Ideology versus Black Women’s Reality
Presented by Carolyn Malone, Diversity Center Director
SUB Pit, 12:00-1:00 pm

Thursday, March 9
"Storytelling with Reanae McNeal"
SUB, 6:30-8:30 pm.
Friday, March 9:
Closing Ceremony and "Thank You" to all.
It’s a celebration with refreshments. SUB Pit, 12:00-1:00 pm
Sponsored by the Center for Student Empowerment
With support from the Diversity Education Center, Student Affairs, Campus Life, the Women Studies Program, American Indians in Science and Engineering (AISES),

Women’s History Month Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 2
Film: "Interview with Maya Angelou by Oprah Winfrey"
SUB Pit, 12:00-1:00 pm

Friday, March 3
"Swamp Mama Johnson & Celebration Kick-Off"
Comedienne Jan Barrett as MC & opening act
Club Central at 8:00 pm. Door Prizes!

Monday, March 6
Film: "Aadelante Mujeres!"
SUB Pit, 12:00-1:00 pm
Display Case Exhibit: "Women of Our World"
Film: "Naturally Native"
Chavez Room, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm
General Admission: $3

Tuesday, March 7
Brown Bag Series: "Womenism versus Feminism—Whiteness versus Black Women’s Reality"
Presented by Carolyn Malone, Diversity Center Director
SUB Pit, 12:00-1:00 pm

Thursday, March 9
Film: "Virginia—Women in Serbia"
SUB Pit, 12:00-2:00 pm

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Thursday 3/16
8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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Thursday, March 2
Wind Ensemble Festival coordinated by Larry Gookin, all day, Hertz Hall, runs through March 4
Bake Sale, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., first floor Randall Hall
P.E. Club Bake Sale, 8:45 a.m. - 3 p.m., first floor P.E. building
Maya Angelou interview film, noon - 1 p.m., SUB Pit

Friday, March 3
Veterans Stand Down 2000, 8 a.m., USMC Reserve Center, Yakima
"Application of Uranium Series Isotopes to Understanding Geologic Processes" by Dr. Wendy Bohrson, 2 p.m., Science building 216
Jazz Night I, Hertz Hall, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., $5 admission
Swamp Mama Johnson Concert & celebration kick-off, 8 p.m., Club Central in SUB Pit

Saturday, March 4
8th annual "Expanding Your Horizons" for 5th - 9th grade girls, 8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., CWU campus
Community Contra Dance, 8 p.m. - 11 p.m., beginner instruction 7:30 p.m., Lincoln School, $5 admission

Sunday, March 5
Nicolas Danielson senior piano recital, 2 p.m., Hertz Hall
Kim Lynes senior voice recital, 5 p.m., Hertz Hall
Belly dancing classes, 7 p.m., Jazzercise Center - $5 per class
Bennett Hansson bass trombone recital, 8 p.m., Hertz Hall

Monday, March 6
PE Club-Bake Sale, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., first floor PE building
Women's History film "Adelante Mujeres!", noon - 1 p.m., SUB Pit
Women's History film "Naturally Native," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Cesar Chavez room, SUB, $3 admission
ReJoyce in Jesus Campus Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., SUB Yakama Room

Tuesday, March 7
Orchestra Festival coordinated by Pau-Elliott Cobbs, Hertz Hall, all day, runs through March 8
Bake Sale, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. first floor Randall Hall
"The Side Edge of Kamchatka Slab: Mantle, Slab and Crust" by Jonathan Lees, noon, Lind 215
Surviving Finals, 4 - 5 p.m., Student Health & Counseling Center, Wickerath Lounge
Karaoke night, Horsehoe Sports Bar, free

Wednesday, March 8
Psychology Club Bake Sale, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., first floor Psych building
AA meeting, noon, SUB 107
Adult Children of Alcoholics meeting, noon, Sue Lombard
Women's History Month student presentation of talent, noon - 2 p.m., SUB Pit
Circle K Volunteer Club, 5:15 p.m., SUB 209
Black Student Union, 6 p.m., Sam's Place (located in SUB Cafe)
Karaoke night, Frazzini's Pizza, 8 p.m. - midnight

Pitch Black: Somebody's has been listening to me!

David Twoby, who also directed "The Arrival" (1996), walks a juggled line of brilliance with his newest film "Pitch Black." Even admitting its flaws, this movie is destined to become a classic.

I've heard a few people complain that they found the movie's style distracting, the plot thin and the acting horrible.

If you're one of these people, don't worry about it, it's not your fault; you were just born that way. The story line of "Pitch Black" was actually well thought through (it's not entirely predictable, like most) and the ending is even decent (in light of it still being "Hollywood-esque"). Travelling in deep-space, the crew and passengers of a space cruiser awake to find themselves thrown off course and about to crash into a nearby planet.

Vin Diesel ("Saving Private Ryan"), stars as Riddick, an on-board prisoner who immediately escapes after the ship crashes.

This planet, having three suns, only experiences darkness once every 22 years. Of course, darkness is quickly approaching as the survivors realize that dark-thriving, flesh-eating creatures are coming with it...then, lots of death!

Oh, yeah—suspend and thrill too.

The cinematography alone is a work of art in this movie, the special effects were balanced and well done and, au contraire, the acting was great.

Diesel, in fact, was so good in his role of Riddick that he bordered on genius. As for its flaws, the most noticeable was in the beginning: ship crashes, glass shards fly everywhere, and girl is unclothed!

What can I say? They screwed up.

Nobody's perfect (except perhaps me, of course).

What they need to do is simply have me screen their flicks before release and I could solve most of these problems long beforehand.

Feel free to support me in this endeavor, in any way you see fit...

Again, if you're one of those people who didn't "like" this movie you'd better prepare yourself for the inevitable future of cinema as stated in Wired Magazine Online:

"This is an entertainment world where computer-generated actors are competing with flesh and blood; feature films are created on desktop computers for less than $1,000; the cinema experience is being transferred to theme parks and onto massive video murals that will forever change our classrooms; celluloid is going the way of vinyl records as movies are distributed digitally. And the industry has gone global as fiber-optic cables allow simultaneous work on the same movie by creatives working from Cannes to Calcutta."

Needless to say, you haven't seen nothing yet.

Spoken word artist Jeff Ott discusses politics, religion and music to promote his book.

Ott speaks all words
by Bevin Parrish
Staff reporter

Five presentation boards stood in the SUB Pit covered with phrases like "Women Don't Get Paid," "Drug Deaths," "FBI Murder," "Needle Exchange" and "Just Another Form of Imperialism." These presentation boards set the scene for what was to come from spoken word artist Jeff Ott.

Last Wednesday Central welcomed Ott at Papa John's Coffeehouse. Aneta Petrie, coordinator for Papa John's Coffeehouse, invited Ott when she heard he was touring to promote his first book.

"Always wanted to write a book, never thought I was gonna," Ott said. Petrie knew of Ott from his music, which she had always enjoyed. Some may know Ott from his band, Fifteen, which he has been part of for the last 11 years.

The book is about Ott's life experience and discusses subjects such as the physical and sexual abuse that Ott suffered as a child, being home-less during his childhood and adulthood, being an intravenous drug addict, and having a 15-year-old-girl die in his house from a heroin overdose. It also touches on environmental issues and drug policy issues.

Students listened to Ott share his messages through song and spoken word about issues that he feels strongly about at noon and 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Some of the issues that are most important to Ott are drug policy, gender issues, militarism, keeping the world safe for kids and the environment.

"Just because Ott is now an author does not mean he does his nights with Fifteen are over. Fifteen is going to start recording a new compact disc which will be out in July. Ott said he has always wanted to write a book, so in writing "My World, Ramblings of an Aging Gutter Punk" he has accomplished a goal that he had for years.

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Ellensburg jazz quartet delivers tight harmonies

Singh is Central's vocal jazz and chorale director, as well as a vocal instructor.

Give a Wildcat round of applause for Central's very own Vijay Singh and his a cappella jazz quartet Just 4 Kicks.

Together, the group has conjured up a phenomenal collection of tight harmonies and vocal percussive solos on their new release All in Good Time.

Alongside Singh with equal prestige stand Randy Crenshaw, Kirk Marcy and Kirby Shaw. Crenshaw is the first tenor of the group and has under his belt.

Next to Crenshaw is Marcy, who is the second tenor of the group and who is also an excellent clinician/judicator at jazz festivals and the director of the globally popular vocal jazz ensemble Soundstation at Edmonds Community College.

Last, but not least, is Shaw, who seems to be the traveler in the group. He is the baritone in the quartet and has shared his musical knowledge with the countries of Canada, Australia, the Bahamas, Sweden and the Netherlands.

Looking at these credentials, you know if you put the four together you get something magical.

It comes through in tracks such as "I'm Waiting," "Poppy-Pop," "All Blues," "Take the 'A' Train," and the classic '70s pop hit "Superstition," an arrangement even Stevie Wonder would enjoy.

There are also smooth ballads throughout the album that, with the detailed harmonies, prove what these guys are made of.

Together, the four have put out a powerhouse jazz album. The coolest thing is that they didn't have to use any background band, just their voices.

So, if you happen to see Singh in Hertz Hall or somewhere on campus, make sure to take the time to say "hello" and "job well done."

The CD, All in Good Time, features the vocal talents of Vijay Singh, Randy Crenshaw, Kirk Marcy and Kirby Shaw.

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Tournament time for the Wildcats

By Tim Booth
Observer Online

For any team on the west coast wishing to travel the long, drawn-out highway to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight in Louisville, Ky., that highway now goes smack-dab through the middle of Nicholson Pavilion.

Thanks to the Wildcats’ 94-83 victory over Western Washington last Saturday night, Central won the right to host the PacWest Conference tournament Friday and Saturday at Nicholson Pavilion. The Wildcats finished in a tie for first in the West Division with Seattle Pacific at 12-2, but Central won the tie-breaker due to its two conference victories over the Vikings.

“We’re so tired of the road,” Central head coach Greg Sparling said. “We wanted to make everyone come to our place.”

But while the Wildcats are hosting the tournament, they are not the No. 1 seed. The PacWest uses power ratings to determine the seeds, and SPU has a higher power rating. The Falcons will face fourth-seeded Western in Friday’s first game, while the Wildcats face third-seeded and Pacific Division champion BYU-Hawaii in Friday’s nightcap.

“To host the conference tournament means more as a senior,” Wildcat forward Carson Payne said.

Western’s participation in the tournament was up-in-the-air until Monday afternoon because of a situation dealing with an ineligible player for Montana State-Billings. The player did not have his Associate Degree from Skagit Valley Community College when he transferred to MSU-Billings.

“We came in Sunday afternoon to begin preparing and had a note saying they don’t know who we’re going to play,” Sparling said. “We ended up having to watch film of two different teams.”

The controversy was settled Monday afternoon, with SPU coming out with a 94-91 victory over Montana State-Billings. The player is a transfer from Montana State-Billings.

“We don’t have his Associate Degree,” Payne said. “We have to focus on ourselves and our garnet and white colors.”

The early game on Friday features two West Division rivals who played a classic only two weeks ago, with SPU coming out with a 94-91 win on their home court. In that game, the Falcons overcome a 13-point deficit in the second half to win.

Since then, the Falcons have kicked point guard Yasisi Romeno off its squad for disciplinary reasons.

“He’s a good player and helped us get a lot of victories, but it was probably in the teams best interest to dismiss him from the program.”

SPU head coach Ken Bone said.

The University of Oregon transfer was averaging 10 points per game for SPU. Nevertheless, Western head coach Brad Jackson isn’t worrying about his opponent.

“It doesn’t matter who we play, we just have to focus on ourselves and our game,” Jackson said.

Tickets are on sale at the cashier offices in Barge Hall and are $6 for adults and $4 for students, including Central students since this is a post-season tournament.

By Heather Trimm/Observer

In its last regular season game, Central grabbed a win from the visiting Vikings, 94-83. Up next for the Wildcats is the Pac West tournament.
Four grappers to compete in national tournament

by Jon Goddar
Asst. Sports editor

Last weekend, Central traveled to Kearney, NB and competed in the NCAA Division II West Regionals. The team came back to Ellensburg with five wrestlers that placed in the top six in the region. Four of those five move on to nationals next weekend in Brookings, SD.

Sophomore Shaune Jaime, senior Jack Anderson, junior Matt Ballard and sophomore Jess Workman all wrestled their way into the national meet March 11-12.

Jaime, placed third in the meet winning the third place match with a score of 6-5 over Oscar Frias of Colorado School of Mines. After setting a setback in the third match, an 8-3 defeat, Jaime won his next two matches by a combined two points.

Anderson, who won the award of Outstanding Wrestler of the meet so by beating #1 ranked Royce Johnson of Western State in the championship round. Johnson suffered his first D-II loss this season and it was his second career defeat to Anderson. The two may meet again.

Ballard bleded his way to a first place finish winning the 195 lb. title with two pins and a major decision. Ballard, who competed in nationals for YVCC, said he is preparing for nationals this year as if it was another tournament.

"I treat it the same," Ballard said. "I want to be an All-American." 

Heavyweight Workman's road to a third place finish was similar to Jaime's. After suffering a loss early last Saturday to #2 ranked Keith Blalke of Fort Hays State, Workman stormed back to pin his next opponent in 41 seconds. Workman said that he used his loss against Blalke as a motivational tool to win his next match.

This is Workman's first trip to nationals.

"I know what to expect and what I need to get done in the next week to place," Workman said.

Sophomore Cole Dentifson missed making the cut by a handful of points. Dentison suffered three losses in the meet, two of those losses by only a few points. His sixth place finish was not good enough to move to the national meet and he missed the cut for an at-large berth as well.

Like Denison, it wasn't in the cards for sophomore Marcus Mays to move on either. Mays went into the meet seeded first and endured two quick defeats at the hands of two Colorado wrestlers.

Like all four wrestlers, Anderson has high hopes for nationals and personally would like to cap off a great career as a Wildcat.

"Kevin (coach Kevin Pine) has really helped me utilize my body to wrestle the best. Every year I've really improved," Anderson said.

Fresno State Marc Eylar, sophomore Joe Chaves and junior Pete Reardon all excied the meet with two opening losses. Sophomore Ty Michaelson went 1-2 on the weekend.

Sophomore Marcus Mays won the 191 lb. title with his third place finish winning the 165 lb. title last year's tournament. Nebraska - Kearney lead all teams with 119 points.

The team placed sixth in the eight team event with 73.5 points. This surpasses the eight place finish in last year's tournament. Nebraska - Kearney lead all teams with 119 points.
Wildcats hit the road for last two games

by Jeff Whitney

Staff reporter

Central swept last week’s opponents Western Oregon University and Humboldt State University to keep their playoff hopes alive. Neither team had the lead in their games against the Wildcats.

Western Oregon fell victim first, losing 54-67 Thursday night on their home floor. Junior guard Kristen Willis was the top scorer with 20 points. Willis went to the free-throw line 10 times in the second half, converting all of them. Freshman guard Meggen Kautzky and senior forward Becki Matzen were hot from the perimeter. Kautzky was two for three and Matzen four for six from three-point range.

The accurate three-point shooting continued Saturday versus Humboldt State in Arcata, Calif. Kautzky went for three and Matzen four for nine. Central shot 41 percent from beyond the arc in the contest.

Meanwhile, Humboldt put on a display of mason’s workmanship, laying brick after brick. The Lumberjacks shot just 17 percent from outside. Lumberjacks point all season, frustrated the buming Lumberjacks. The Wildcats grabbed 18 steals Saturday.

Sophomore center Rose Shaw dominated the post yet again by scoring her sixth double-double of the season Saturday against Humboldt. Shaw finished with 13 rebounds and tied Kautzky with a game-high 18 points. Kautzky also swiped seven steals in the contest.

Willis again earned her points at the free-line Saturday. She went five for eight from the line and posted 11 points. Willis also grabbed seven rebounds.

Central’s defense, their strong suit all season, frustrated the buming Lumberjacks. The Wildcats forced 34 Humboldt turnovers and grabbed 18 steals Saturday. “Defensively, our ball pressure was excellent,” Central head coach Jeff Whitney said.

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Jeff Whitney said, “If we play the way we’re capable, we can win both games.”

Central track and field will begin its spring season competition at 10 a.m., March 4 at the University of Washington’s Husky Stadium. UW will host this year’s Washington Preview meet where several NCAA Division II teams including Central will compete.

“It’s a preview so everyone’s going to go out and get their general marks,” Amy Forey, junior distance runner and biology major said. “The team’s first scored meet for the season will be hosted by Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma on March 11.

Kevin Adkisson, the men’s and women’s head track and field coach, said both men’s and women’s teams are performing strong in distance events from the 400 meters up. “The men’s team is strong overall and has some pretty good depth across most of the events. We have several people who could be national qualifiers,” Adkisson said. “The women’s team is a little weaker overall. But we have several people who could be national qualifiers,” Adkisson said. “The team’s first scored meet for the season will be hosted by Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma on March 11.

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