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Education department denied appeal

Central's teacher preparation program's appeal was recently been denied. The appeal was made to the Professional Educator Standards Board's (PESB) spring 2007 decision.

"It doesn't mean that we lost an accreditation, it means, in essence, we're on probation," said Becky Watson, Central's director of public relations and marketing.

The PESB accredits college programs at the state level. Their initial decision was based on the way Central kept data, regarding students and the program itself.

According to Watson, the PESB said the teacher preparation program needed to provide more information about how Central evaluated student programs to obtain full state approval.

"We were disappointed in the ruling because we feel that we prepared a very strong case," said Connie Lambert, interim dean for the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Watson said students could still be admitted to the program during the probationary period.

The teacher preparation program is being re-evaluated by the PESB this month and will make their final decision in May. The decision will be based off the report compiled during the PESB's three-day visit to campus.

Wildcat offense comes alive

Central holds GNAC lead

by Casey Donovan
Senior reporter

In a numbers game, the Central Washington baseball team showed their offensive diversity in a three-run final inning win over Northwest Nazarene, taking three of four games in the series.

"Right now we needed something to spark us up," senior outfielder A.J. Gossney said. "A win like this is real good for us."

In game four, senior left-hander Jordan Moore went six solid innings, giving up three runs off of six hits. Nazarene's Jimmy VanBeek smashed a shot off Moore in the second inning to take the early 1-0 advantage.

Moore settled down after that, but pitched his way into trouble in the sixth inning. He walked the leadoff man, something he did in two previous innings.

Nazarene tacked on two more runs, putting hits together to take a 3-1 lead into the seventh. Head Coach Desi Storey said the later Moore got into the game, the more he was pressing to get guys out.

Storey was pleased with Moore's overall performance and the way he battled out of some tighter situations.



Jamie Nilsen
Shortstop

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Seeking Redemption

during the Darkest Hour

by Darcy Wytko
Staff reporter

William Neal Moore does not have the face of a killer.

The soft-spoken, convict-turned-Pentecostal Minister who awaited the electric chair on Georgia's death row for 16 and a half years has surprisingly kind eyes.

Moore, who was granted a stay of execution just seven hours prior to his sentenced electrocution in 1990, wears a humble smile that suggests his gratitude.

Only when asked his stance on the issue of the death penalty in America today does Moore's demeanor turn grave.

"I am totally opposed to capital punishment after being on death row myself," Moore, 57, said. "It's just our country saying that we've come to a point with these people where all that we know to do with them, is to kill them."

Moore visited Central Washington University's campus on April 2 to take part in a panel discussion on the death penalty following a screening of the controversial film "Execution."

**William
Neal
Moore**



In it, Moore stars as a convicted murderer condemned to death by the electric chair. The film's graphic depictions of a man's

final days on death row have been a source of controversy, considering that Moore was nearly executed in that manner himself.

"The only part of the film that I didn't experience was from the seven hours to the point of the execution," Moore said.

Typically, inmates spend their final moments being shaved, as hair impedes electrical currents, and diapered, as humans urinate and defecate uncontrollably during electrocution.

After the prisoner is strapped into the chair, electrodes are attached to their skull and a portion of their leg.

Once the prisoner is blindfolded, the warden signals the executioner, who pulls a handle to deliver a jolt of between 500 and 2000 volts lasting for 30 seconds.

After the body has cooled, medical examiners check to see if the inmate's heart is still beating. If it is, another jolt is applied until the prisoner is pronounced dead.

Yet Moore felt no intimidation during the filming of the events to which he was once sentenced himself.

"I wanted to go through that so that I could realize even more how much God had delivered me from being executed," Moore said. "But also so that I could minister to a family while someone in their family was being executed, so that I could be with them at that time period to explain what is actually going on with their son or daughter."

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Visual Stimulation



Sean Guffey/Observer

"Just as treasures are uncovered from the earth, so virtue appears from good deeds, and wisdom appears from a pure and peaceful mind. To walk safely through the maze of human life, one needs the light of wisdom and the guidance of virtue."

-Buddha



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Submissions are due April 21. Contact Tina Morefield at 509-963-3012 or morefieldt@cwu.edu.



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Spam fills campus inboxes

by Paul Boutte
Staff reporter

Although no one likes it, many people have to deal with spam: not the meat substitute, but the annoying online version.

Everyone receives the barrage of e-mails promising to increase the size of sex organs, sell medication online from some backwoods Canadian pharmacy or even give out lottery money from somewhere in Europe that no one has heard of.

In August 2007, Central saw a significant increase in the amount of spam. That month CWU received around five million e-mails.

Three million were filtered out as spam and never saw an inbox. One million were flagged as spam and delivered. The other million were delivered without tags.

"We eliminate as much as we can, you get 10 times that much [spam] a day," said Roland Tollefson, director of networks and operations, Information Technology Services (ITS).

According to Tollefson, CWU identifies known sites that produce spam. That mail gets sidelined and never reaches an inbox. If someone complains to the ITS office that they didn't get an e-mail, then they'll go into quarantine and release it. Otherwise, all other mail goes through a spam filter, which rates each piece of mail and gives it a spam score.

The spam scale tops out at 22.5; if mail receives higher than that, it's rejected. If it scores between 3.5 and 22.5, it's tagged as spam and appears as such in the inbox. The ITS department adjusts this scoring system as necessary.

"I get a lot of spam, it's frustrating every day, all the junk mail," said Meshelle Dearing, senior psychology and human resources major. "It's been pretty bad lately."

According to Tollefson, the reason we see so much spam is because we're a public university with a very accessible Web address.

Companies pay big bucks for valid e-mail addresses, making obtaining them a lucrative business.

"We're trying to reduce our e-mail visibility — when we can reduce people's visibility, then we'll see a decrease in spam," Tollefson said.

However, spammers are a creative bunch; they change the words they use in their subject lines and e-mails. This makes it nearly impossible to get rid of all spam without risking deleting valid e-mails.

CWU will install a new mail system late this spring or early summer which will aid in combating the growing hordes of junk mail.

Additionally, it will empower each faculty and staff member to set their own spam level tolerance. Students will not have this access.

"I think students don't get as much spam as faculty because faculty and staff are more high profile," Tollefson said.

The new equipment requires more power. ITS is installing a larger Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) system with 25 percent more power capacity to match the additional demand.

That is the reason why they shut down computer services April 5 and will again this coming Saturday, April 12. According to Tollefson, once they figure out the student impact and cost, they'll re-assess whether the personal spam filter could be offered to the student body.

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The Observer is a class in which students are constantly learning how to interview, report and produce a newspaper.

CHCI seeks to educate, involve students

by Ila Dickenson
Staff reporter

Central's Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute (CHCI) teaches students and visitors about endangered primates by getting up close and personal.

Each weekend, CHCI and student volunteers allow visitors the opportunity to learn about the facility at Central through Chimposiums.

Chimposiums are programs held each weekend from March through November. They are one-hour workshops that teach visitors about chimpanzees.

Also through CHCI, one can earn a degree in primate behavior and ecology, which makes Central unique.

"This is the only place in the world where you can work for signing chimpanzees and get your degree," Jason Wallin, docent coordinator at CHCI, said.

CHCI is a self-supporting facility whose priority is to promote the care and well being of the three chimps in its care. Any student or community member can volunteer to be a docent and work with the program.

Docents are provided with all the training and information needed to work with the program. Previous experience is not needed and all majors and minors are welcome.

Students can also volunteer to help with care giving of the chimps. Care giving is open only to students who take intro to primate lab procedures, PRIM 220, which is offered every fall quarter.

Another way students can help is through donation of "enrichment items." These items are made to enrich the lives of the chimpanzees, since they were involuntarily placed in captivity. Items include string, inflatable toys and sheets. A full list of items can be found at www.friendsofwashoe.org.

CHCI currently has approximately



Brianne Jette/Observer

Central's Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute (CHCI) is now accepting applications for volunteer docent. Applications are available to all majors, as well as community members. CHCI currently has approximately 50 volunteers caring for the three chimpanzees living at CHCI.

50 volunteers who work around four to six hours a month.

"It takes a lot of folks, even for a family of three, to keep this place running," Wallin said.

One of the volunteers is Lisa Schuster, senior primate behavior and ecology and psychology double major. Schuster initially got interested in the program when one of her friends went to a Chimposium and told her about it. Since then, Schuster has read several books about primatology and volunteers regularly with CHCI.

"The best possible lesson that CHCI imparts ... is that these are not just animals. They're individuals and that they're deserving of our respect," Schuster said.

CHCI and Chimposiums teach visitors and volunteers awareness about the world on a unique level by allowing interaction with non-humans via a human language.

To learn more about the docent program or to get involved, call Jason Wallin, docent coordinator, at 509-963-2244 or visit www.cwu.edu/~cwuchci.

Chimposium Information

Chimposiums are conducted on Saturdays at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., and on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for students – which includes pre-school, K-12 and college students.

Group chimposiums are also offered at either 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. on weekdays. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for college students and senior citizens, and \$5 for K-12 students and teachers.

Reservations can be made weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 963-2244 for individual or 963-2243 for group. CHCI staff members suggest making reservations, as sessions may fill up or be cancelled if they do not meet a minimum number of guests.

For more information visit: www.cwu.edu/~cwuchci/chimposiums.html.

New food options available at Central Marketplace

by Allie Mathis
Staff reporter

Starting this quarter, the Central Marketplace has two new food options: Thai Now and Grinders. There are also new options added to North Village Café, including calzones and an "All You Can Eat" option on specified days each week.

Thai Now, which is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, has changing menu options that allow students to experience a variety of Thai food. Some of these include red curry and many other Thai-related dishes.

Grinders, a past student favorite not

offered for almost three years, is returning. It offers new daily special to students every three weeks. New foods include croissant sandwiches, pancakes, waffles and Philly pizzas.

"It was time for a change, and time to add new food options," Executive Chef K.C. Camarillo said. "There were a lot of surveys from students asking for something new and fresh."

There are many things that are important when deciding what changes should be made to student food options. The dining staff believes it is key not only for the food to appeal to students, but that it has nutritional value as well.

"It was time for a change, and time to add new food..."

**K.C. CAMARILLO,
EXECUTIVE CHEF**

"Both taste and health are considered, and we have to maintain a balance," Camarillo said. "There are healthy options; Grinders has a low fat content and we do not use oils."

The option change is a hit among students who are excited to see new foods among the older choices they are used to. The new options appeal to those who are health conscious. Adding to the selection of healthier foods on both Main Campus and North Campus has made it easier for some to sustain more nutritional eating habits without feeling deprived.

"Having healthier options just makes it easier," said Natalie West, junior communication major who works in North Café. "I don't feel like I'm eating fast food."

According to the dining staff, as the year progresses, there will continue to

be changes made to the food choices. The staff tries to change items they believe have been offered too long, and will often make special foods according to season.

"We try to make adjustments quarterly," Dan Layman, director of Dining Services, said. "We will switch sauces, or pasta, to keep things changing. As the students request things, we expand our menus and see what we can do with them."

For a list of food options offered by Dining Services, visit their Web site at www.cwu.edu/dining or try the new options in the Main Campus SURC or North Village Café.

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Dogs revel in off-leash park

by Sarah Hazel
Staff reporter

Let the canine camaraderie begin! After six long years of planning, Ellensburg's first off-leash dog park is scheduled to officially open in late May or early June of this year.

Off-leash dog parks have recently been gaining popularity in the United States. Such parks are open or in the process of being constructed in almost every major city.

The parks help communities by providing a setting where dogs can run, play and swim without being hindered by a leash.

The off-leash park will benefit the community in a variety of other ways as well, according to Sue Markovitch, a volunteer for the park.

"There needs to be a place where people can take their dogs, and it's important for dogs to be able to go out and play with other dogs [off the leash]," Markovitch said. "This is the best kind of exercise they can get, and it's the best kind of socialization. [The dogs] become better canine citizens if they're given this opportunity to release this energy."

The site is approximately 17 acres and will include amenities such as an information kiosk, drinking fountain, bridge, play equipment and double-sided gates. The area will be bordered by fencing on all but one side, which has river accessibility.

Although the park is fenced, volunteers Markovitch and Dolores Gonzalez want to make it clear that monitoring your dog is of the highest priority.

According to Gonzalez, the park should help promote responsible dog ownership overall, including monitoring and picking up after your dog.

The site is owned and funded by the city, which has allotted the volunteers \$15,000 annually to use.

However, volunteers are using the money sparingly because maintenance costs will be significant. Also, some of the money available will go toward replacing the rough entrance terrain with smooth gravel.

Although most dogs are welcome, aggressive dogs and puppies should not

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SUE MARKOVITCH,
PARK VOLUNTEER

be brought to the park.

Markovitch, a certified pet dog trainer, provides services such as puppy training and behavior modification at the Kook K-9 Training Center, located at 204 E. 2nd Ave. in Ellensburg.

The dog park will be reviewed yearly by the city. If there are any problems with the park, such as aggressive dog behavior, the city has the option of shutting it down.

Volunteers are needed for this reason: not only to help complete construction, but to help keep the park maintained after it opens.

Volunteers will often be on-site to monitor people's use of the park, but each owner should monitor their own dog carefully to ensure safety and proper maintenance.

"The way I see it is, by people being active in the group, the park will pretty much become self-policing," Markovitch said. "It's an education process for people."

The volunteer group will be continuing work on the park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 20.

The site is located off Ringer Loop Road, and there are signs to point people in the right direction.

If people are interested in volunteering, they can show up that day, and any tools they have would be useful to the group.

For more information, contact Sue Markovitch at 509-933-3647.

Speakers across campus

Natural science seminar begins

The Natural Science Seminar Spring Series will begin with Priya Shahani, a natural area ecologist for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Her speech is called Pollinators in a Patchy Landscape: Forest Management, Native Bees and a Serpentine Specialist Plant.

Through her speeches, Shahani wishes to educate eastern Washington teachers, students and scientific researchers about Washington's native ecosystems.

The seminar will begin at 3:50 p.m. with refreshments and the talk will begin 10 minutes later in the Science Building, room 147. Shahani has allowed a question and answer time to follow.

There will be five more speeches in the seminar, all beginning at the same time:

April 11 – Birute Galdikas from the Universitas Nasional, Jakarta, Indonesia, and Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada: Update on Orangutans of Borneo.

April 25 – David Darda from the Department of Biological Sciences at

CWU: The Human Tailbone and that Thing Hanging Down the Back of Your Throat: Oddball Anatomical Structures and the Stories they Tell.

May 9 – Mark Roth from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle: Metabolic Flexibility and Suspended Animation.

May 23 – David Lygre from the Department of Chemistry at CWU: Aging and Retirement.

May 30 – Peter Zani from the Department of Biology, Lafayette College, Easton, Penn.: Integrating the Evolutionary Ecology of Ectotherms in Response to Climate Change: Physiology and Life History of Northern Side-blotched Lizards.

Central alumni shares experience

Central Washington University alumna and Washington State Teacher of the Year Laura Jones will be coming to Central Tuesday.

Jones will be discussing her philosophies of what makes an effective teacher during her speech entitled "The Teacher in the Twenty-first Century."

Jones will share her own teaching techniques to help twenty-first century

students succeed, as well as give students a competitive edge to meet the demands of the current economy.

The speech will be held from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Black Hall, room 150 on April 15.

Language use and perception

The College of Arts and Humanities research associate Ronald Beline Mendes will be giving his speech "Sounds Gay to Me: Language Use and the Perception of Gayness."

His speech will be held Tuesday, April 22 from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in Science Building room 142.

Mendes is an associate professor of sociolinguistics at Brazil's university of Sao Paulo.

Mendes will discuss language use, perception and personal identities. Mendes will focus on gay male speakers and the speech forms used in communities to express sexual identity.

For more information regarding either of the CAH speaker series, please call 509-963-1858, or visit their Web site at <http://www.cwu.edu/~cah/FacS-peakSeries.html>

'Career Quest' comes to Central campus April 17

by Matthew Hartmann
Staff reporter

College is the time when students learn skills vital to reaching their goals for the future. Often, however, it is unclear on how students can reach these goals. On April 17, Career Services will grant students the opportunity for this to change.

Career Quest is an annual event held by Career Services for students to meet prospective employers.

It is also a way for employers to search for upcoming college graduates who might be suitable for positions they need to fill.

Employer Recruitment Coordinator Teresa Youngren is in charge of organizing the event, which will bring 94 companies that are applicable to many of Central's majors to Career Quest.

"It's always exciting seeing students try to find what they are going to do in the future and to try and see if we can help them make it become their career," Youngren said. "We are taking into account the higher demand for IT, accounting and law and justice jobs that are currently in the real world market."

Although many of the companies represented will only supply information, many representatives are at Central to look for people to apply for both post-college jobs as well as summer internship.

One of the companies being represented at Career

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SCOTT SPIEGELBERG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

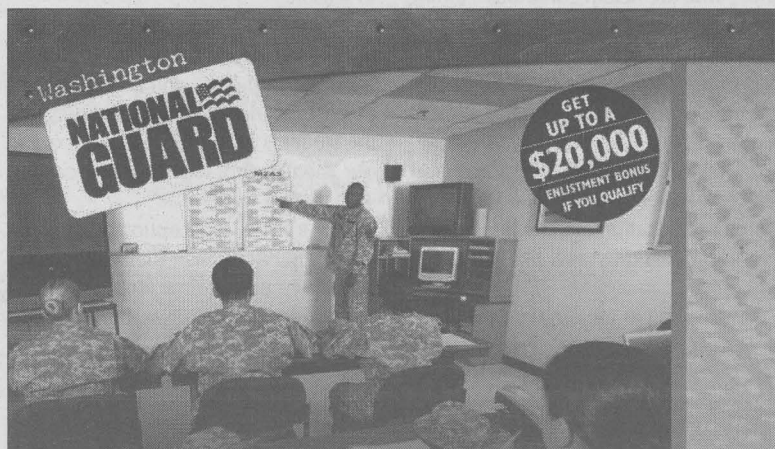
Quest is JELD-WEN. JELD-WEN primarily designs and installs windows and doors for houses and is based out of Corvallis, Ore.

They have been represented at Career Quest in the past and hire 100 manufacturing managers and 60 summer interns each year.

"We feel that the quality of Central students is very high and most are work-ready upon graduation from this institution," Scott Spiegelberg, assistant director of University Relations, said.

Career Quest will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 17 in the Student Union and Recreation Center.

An additional informational event is being held on April 16 by Boeing.



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Springtime blooms with student-owned business

by Kevin Opsahl
Staff reporter



There is a touch of spring in Ellensburg, despite how the weather has held up this quarter. That touch would be Boutique Corral, a flower and gift shop located off University Way and operated by Central Washington University student Abby Reynolds, sophomore undeclared. The store officially opened on April 1 and will hold its grand opening on April 18 and 19.

The store specializes in floral arrangements for special occasions, as well as sales of flower pots, bouquets, spa body supplies and home décor. The floral design is done by Reynolds herself. Reynolds remembers clearly when she developed a strong interest for the floral business.

She took a floriculture class at Warden High School in Warden, Wash., as a member of the national Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization, a career-based group that promotes agricultural education.

From there, Reynolds moved up into an internship at a grocery store floral department owned by one of her instructors. Once her instructor left, she took the managing position. While Reynolds was still in high school, she began student assistant teaching in one of her FFA classes. Reynolds became the general manager of the Moses Lake Food Pavilion floral department when she was 18. She continued to work there until last June. According to Reynolds,

“... I love the designing, creative end of it ..”

ABBY REYNOLDS, SOPHOMORE
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she also worked at a number of other floral shops in the Moses Lake area, and has taken other plant science classes.

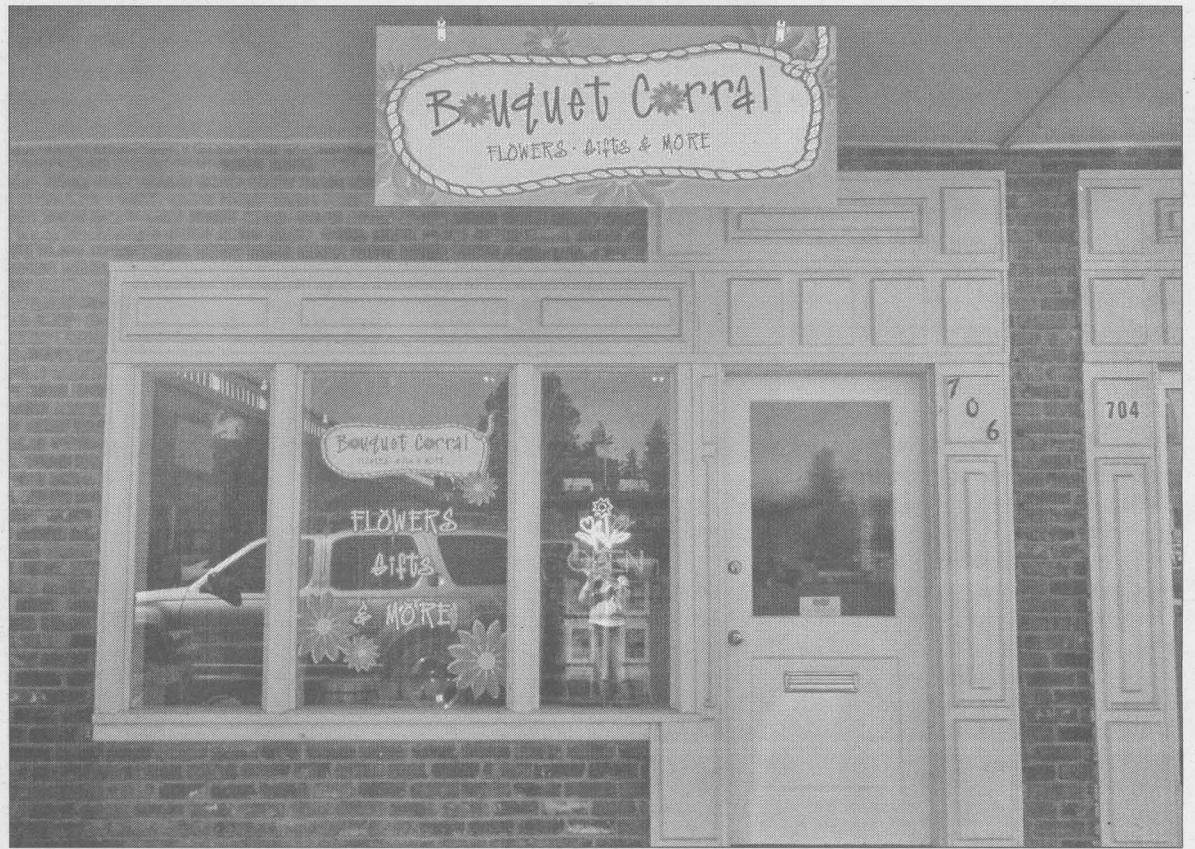
Reynolds attended Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake before coming to Central, and then transferred in 2007 after one year.

The Canyon River Bakers (now located on E. 18th Ave.) used to occupy the space that is Bouquet Corral's current location at The Plaza at 706 E. University Way. Reynolds found the space was for lease in the local paper.

After she made a deal with the original owners, she went down to Ellensburg City Hall to obtain a business license. Once she was given her Unified Business Identifier (UBI) number, she was allowed to set up shop. She credits her parents for their moral support during the transitional phase.

Reynolds warns Central students who share her same goal not to get ahead of themselves.

“You have to have the energy for [a business] because it's a lot of work and you need to know what you want to do and keep your mind open to other things,” Reynolds said. “It takes a lot of your time, and so if you [want to] start your own business, make sure ... you're well organized, and you're



Kristine Alipao/Observer

Abby Reynolds, sophomore undeclared, opened her flower and gift shop at the beginning of this month after assisting in a Future Farmers of America class in high school. She will hold a grand opening April 18 and 19.

able to balance school ... and extra curricular activities.”

This is not just rhetoric for the small-town shop owner. Between attending CWU and helping customers at an average of 42 hours a week, she is also a member of the Rodeo Club, which meets three times a week. To meet her academic demands, Reynolds often does her homework while she is in the shop.

Recently, Reynolds helped a couple

with flower arrangements for an upcoming wedding. She also donated an arrangement for a silent auction as part of the 2008 Lincoln Day dinner event at Central, hosted by the Kittitas County Republicans.

“So far, I like meeting all the different people that come in ... and I love the designing, creative end of it and that's why I started in it, because I've always been sort of creative,” Reynolds

said. “This is where I found my niche.”

The shop is not hiring at this time, but Reynolds hopes that by next spring she will be able to take on employees. The boutique serves Ellensburg, Kittitas and Cle Elum.

To contact Boutique Corral call 509-925-2660 or toll free at 1-866-438-7146. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Weather affects float trip

by Charlie Daehne
Staff reporter

Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals (OPR) will be hosting a float trip at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 18, down Yakima River but recent weather conditions could postpone or even cancel the event.

University Recreation Coordinator Ryan Hopkins said that it will be "hit-or-miss" when it comes to weather conditions.

"We do it early in the season at half-price just so people who have never been on a river can get acquainted," Hopkins said.

Jonathan Spiry, junior mechanical engineering technologies major, shares concern for the unusual weather this season.

"Weather permitting, I would be interested in joining a group of students and enjoy spending some time on the water," Spiry said.

The float trip is part of the organization's annual Spring Outdoor Symposium that includes an outdoor film festival and an intercollegiate boulder-

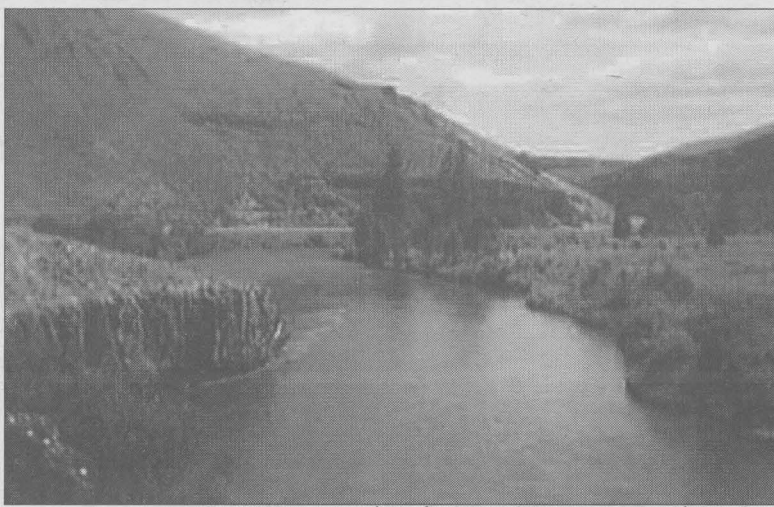


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ing competition.

Vendors will open booths from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, on the east patio of the Student Union Recreation Center (SURC) to promote the events and hold giveaways.

In the evening there will be an informative film shown involving biodiesel and kayaking.

Students can sign up for the Yakima River float and other events before the deadline at noon on Thursday, April 17, by calling or going into the OPR office located on the southeast corner of the Student Union and Recreation Center.

There will be a \$10 sign-up fee for the float trip.

Central faculty member to be honored this Saturday

This year's Bridge Builder Award, an annual award through the CWU Foundation, will be given to Dr. James Pappas, professor of education.

Pappas has served as administrator, dean of academic services, dean of admissions and records, faculty member and interim university president in his span of 28 years at Central. Pappas has also given back to the Central community in more ways.

He was honored for his service in

For more information regarding the reception, please contact Kim Thomas at 509-963-1416.

2003, when he was given the CWU Distinguished Professor Award for Public Service.

He has also created his own scholarship for those hoping to study abroad, called the Jim and Denise Pappas Study Abroad Endowment.

His late wife, Denise, was the inspiration for the scholarship after she died in May 2006.

The Bridge Builder Award will be given at the tenth annual Building Bridges Scholarship reception at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, in the Student Union Ballroom.

During this time, scholarship recipients will also be recognized and they will be able to meet the scholarship donors.

Central gives opportunity for students to give back

This Saturday, April 12, the Civic Engagement Center is sponsoring the Campus Canal Clean Up.

The event will help the city and campus join forces to clean out the trash that accumulates in the canal throughout the winter.

Once winter ice thaws, it reveals the trash and debris that has accumulated over time. That trash leaves the canal unsightly and unsanitary.

This is Central students' opportunity to give back to the community and help the environment.

The Clean Up will last from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Volunteers can meet at the Music Building's south patio, where they will receive safety information and cleaning materials.

After the cleaning, those involved will be given free pizza.

The Civic Engagement Center suggests comfortable and durable clothing and requires closed-toe shoes.

Students who are interested should register before Saturday online at www.takeaction.com/10095.

For questions, call Kiley Baker at 509-963-1643 or e-mail takeaction@cwu.edu.

Central is attempting to improve the general education program through the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA). The CLA staff needs 100 students to take a 90-minute exercise in analytical reasoning, critical thinking, problem-solving and writing.

These areas make up general education courses because they are seen as especially important for future careers and personal use. Thus, they were chosen as indicators of improvement in the program.

The CLA will use the data from the exercise to improve clarification, focus, integration and streamlining of general education requirements.

In return for students' time, they can have their \$30 graduation fee waived and priority registration for fall quarter 2008. Participation in the national CLA also looks good on résumés.

The next session will be tomorrow, April 11, from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. in Shaw-Smyser 218. The CLA will add extra sessions next week if necessary.

Students may register through Carmen Pederson at Testing Services in Boullion 125, 509-963-1847 or pedersoc@cwu.edu.

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News from throughout the Kittitas County and community

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Tomorrow:

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20% chance of precipitation
Partly cloudy



Saturday:

High: 74°F Low: 45°F
20% chance of precipitation
Partly cloudy



Sunday:

High: 74°F Low: 43°F
20% chance of precipitation
Partly cloudy



Monday:

High: 56°F Low: 37°F
20% chance of precipitation
Mostly cloudy

More area through smart planning

by Chloe Robbins
Asst. News editor

Reflecting the feeling of spring in the air, Ellensburg is starting to show its greener side. Along with celebrating 25 years as a Tree City, Ellensburg will recognize Public Health Week and Arbor Day this month. Also this week, Ellensburg became a member in the Cascade Agenda.

"I think it's been a very good night," Council Member George Bottcher said about the eco-conscious leanings of this week's city council meeting.

The Cascade Agenda, created last summer through the Cascade Land Conservancy, seeks to preserve land through creating well-planned communities.

Jeff Aken, the project manager for the Cascade Agenda, said the way to improve the community was to accommodate new residents, create a strong economy and preserve rural lands.

The goal area for the group is 1.3 million acres conserved altogether within King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Pierce and Snohomish counties.

The time frame for completion is within 100 years. The city council's resolution says that lower Kittitas county will likely double within that time and cites this as more reason to conserve that amount of land.

"This is all sort of in line with what the city wants to do," Fennelle Miller, a city council member, said.

Because of its consistency with the 10-year Comprehensive Plan, the city council unanimously voted to become a Cascade Agency Member City shortly after Aken made a short presentation.

The council members even had a short discussion about becoming a leadership city, which would have come with a \$5,000 annual membership fee. However, the council decided to ease into the process.

The city will need to hire a new staff member to act as a liaison between the city and the conservancy group. This person will relay news and attend informational meetings based on individual area data. The individual recommendations are created from research by scientists.

Much of the pushing for this membership was done by Jill Arango, the local representative for the group. She has also been an active member of the Ellensburg community for approximately two years.

"I just want to thank Jill for her efforts — in the county and in the city,"



Ellensburg is now a Cascade Agency City member, which seeks to preserve land through careful city planning.

Jani Niner, a city council member, said. The first event in April to celebrate Ellensburg's blue skies is National Public Health Week, which began on April 7 and will last through Sunday.

The theme is "Climate Change: Our Health in the Balance." The week was proclaimed in Washington by Governor Christine Gregoire and the American Public Health Association.

A couple of weeks later, on April 25,

Arbor Day will mark Ellensburg's 25th year as a Tree City.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation's Web site, the Tree City USA program helps with cities' community forestry programs and calls national attention to these cities.

Miller remarked on how appropriate it was that Washington's first Tree City should be eastern Washington's first Cascade Agency Member City.

The city council also made decisions on the following:

- Robyn Hull was added to the Arts Commission.
- The Ellensburg Police Department will trade all firearms that are over five years old to properly licensed federal firearms dealers for newer weapons.
- The Downtown Task Force will consider creating a process for event parking.



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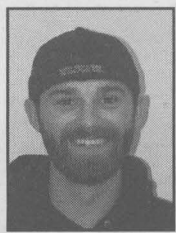
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CHARLTON HESTON: 1924-2008

Honoring an American legend

I was shocked when I heard the news. The inevitable had come as expected. Although not quite as stunning as the unexpected death of Heath Ledger, but yet another far more infamous name in American history passes on into the books.



Pete Los
Asst. Photo editor

Although his legacy will live on, the life story of Charlton Heston is now complete.

You may know him better as Moses in "The Ten Commandments" or Judah Ben Hur in, of course, "Ben Hur," and I certainly can never forget his outstanding performance in the sci-fi classic "Planet of the Apes."

These are only a few of the many works of Heston's acting career; some of my favorite old films from when I was a child.

Not only was Heston an acclaimed actor, being awarded an Academy Award for Best Actor in 1959, but he became an icon for many Second Amendment-believing Americans, including myself, as spokesperson and unofficial poster boy for the National

Rifle Association (NRA). Heston served as President of the NRA for half of the 10 years he lobbied with the organization.

Being from a very avid hunting family, both of my parents are members of the NRA, so I always had easy access to the information and knowledge within the NRA magazines at home throughout my high school years.

I grew up understanding more about the big picture about gun control: it means using both hands. I read the facts and did not naively buy into the propaganda and hogwash the television tried to feed me.

Ignorance is not bliss. Ignorance is idiocy.

Now that the NRA has lost a great friend and asset, I'm curious as to how Heston's death will affect the immediate and long-term future of the NRA.

The NRA commented recently saying that Heston helped rescue the Second Amendment because he believed it was America's first freedom and the foundation for the Bill of Rights.

I couldn't agree more. If the consti-

tution is compromised, what's next? What freedoms will we have stripped away from us once the doorway to a downward spiral has been opened?

I don't believe many people fully understand the gravity of the battle Heston was fighting for us, and for that I admire him greatly.

As the Beastie Boys said, you got to fight for right to party, so did Heston fight for his and our right to bear arms. And he fought with a great honorable passion in every breath until his last.

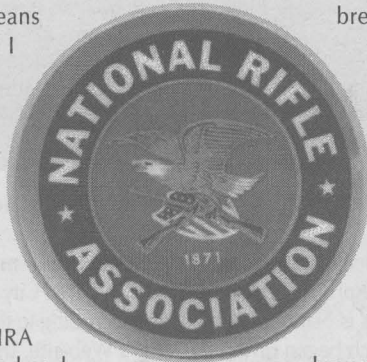
Truly this man was a great American patriot; worthy of remembrance and the utmost respect.

He clearly loved and served his country with all his heart.

I will never forget how proudly he raised his rifle over his head in reply to those who wish to deceive our nation into forfeiting our right to life and liberty.

"I have only five words for you," he said, "from my cold, dead hands!"

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Craigslist.com: some crazy adventures for everyone!

Most people never get a chance to stand on top of a mountain and proclaim their love for something.



Eric Haugland
Copy Desk chief

Well this is my mountain, and I want to proclaim that I love Craigslist!

It isn't very often that you come across something totally revolutionary when it comes to saving money. Over the years, however, I find that looking back I probably wouldn't be able to survive without Craigslist.

Not only has it lead me to some great deals on things I need, but it has also introduced to me some very interesting people along the way.

My friend and I bought a totaled car from a family who were so friendly they managed to convince half of the neighbors on their block to help us get the broken vehicle onto a trailer.

Afterward, the mother invited my friend and I to their son's upcoming wedding. Lamenting us to say yes, it was probably one of the more awkward situations I have ever been in.

It only got weirder when the father tried to teach me binary and tried to persuade my friend and I to go to the bachelor party. Weird.

On a whim, I bought a motorcy-

cle from a 6-foot tall Vietnamese man, to this day I am absolutely positive he was a former kickboxer.

In all honesty, I didn't even want the bike, but he was such a badass I ended up taking it home.

Later I realized that this bike was in such disrepair it was beyond ridiculous on the danger meter. Yet my Vietnamese friend had driven it daily.

I don't even feel bad he totally ripped me off.

While selling the bike a few months later I received a very interested call from a man with an English accent.

Only later would I learn that not only was this particular style of bike highly sought after by enthusiasts, but also this specific buyer was a former Porsche Supercup race car driver.

Meeting him was probably the best thing that came out of buying that motorcycle, aside from not being murdered by an angry Vietnamese kick-boxer.

My current car is hands down my favorite purchase ever. I took it off of the hands of a student at the University of Washington. He was positive that the engine was failing and I scored it for under a grand.

I installed a new clutch and it has run perfect for over a year and a half since. Normally I would feel bad for the guy, but I figured to hell with it, I really wanted that car.

After blowing up a motor in a truck that wasn't even worth repair-

ing I ended up selling it to a Hungarian father-and-son tow truck-driving duo.

I specifically stated in my listing I wanted a case of beer on top of the asking price. He was not only happy to oblige with money and beer, but we ended up talking for several hours about growing up in Soviet Hungary.

That was probably the only time I have sold a vehicle and felt lucky to be in the United States at the same time.

Craigslist goes beyond just buying items though. My former roommate, and now my current roommate found the room for rent in my house through a Craigslist ad.

Judging by the fact that none of my stuff has been stolen and I haven't been molested or murdered in my sleep I would say they are pretty good people.

In a world where people are afraid of their neighbors, it is nice to know that there still are decent people out there, even if they are strangers.

There aren't many things in life that lead you to meet interesting people, so next time you are looking to buy something and want a deal, consider Craigslist.

Not only will you be able to get what you want for cheap, but you will probably come out of it with an interesting story to tell.

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Learning from the past, looking to the future

Isn't starting over great?

Well, maybe not so much 'starting over,' more like moving on, or exploring new horizons.

I know it's scary and a ton of work, but it's also an opportunity to change the things in your life that you are not happy with.

It was no secret among my circle of friends that I was unhappy living in Moses Lake, and I'm sure everybody got tired of hearing about it. To me, that place had nothing left to offer.

During my two-year-tenure in that town, I earned my pilot's license and finished my AA degree, so it definitely served its purpose.

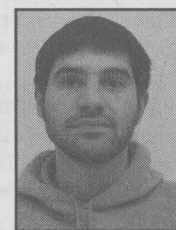
However, I knew that staying there any longer would just deteriorate my motivation to keep moving up the ladder towards my goals.

There are a lot of things in my life I still need to achieve, and I'm positive that CWU is going to be instrumental in my continuation of that pursuit. I have no doubts that my life is going to be absolutely amazing; it has been so far.

I encourage anybody who is tired of their routine or feeling stuck and depressed with their life to simply do something about it.

Starting a new life in an unfamiliar place is terrifying. I didn't know anybody in Ellensburg when I first made the move, but the same was true with Moses Lake two years ago, and the friendships and connections I established there have become lasting ones.

I'm now immersed in my third quarter as a student of CWU, and the outlook of where it may lead me



Dan Fisher
Asst. Scene editor

is bright. Every day that goes by, and every connection I make --- both personal and professional -- does nothing but serve as a reminder of the fact my decisions from the past few years have been sound.

Recently, accompanied by several of my colleagues from The Observer, I spent two days in Portland at a journalism conference sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists.

The beauty of these kinds of experiences is not necessarily the journalistic approach, but rather the opportunities to network with professionals.

As a student looking forward to a career in the field, interacting with these professionals is a very real reminder of my purpose in this program. Where they are now is where I want to go.

Without having made the decision to go back to college in the first place, I would still be driving a truck. Without completing my transfer degree in Moses Lake, I wouldn't be at Central today.

Every decision I've made, as intimidating as the process may have been, has helped to keep my life moving forward.

Knowing that my efforts are all leading to something worth striving for keeps me content.

Your life is what you make of it. Don't waste time wishing it were something else, just go make it happen. Life and, more specifically, being satisfied with your own, is beautiful.

Please don't lose sight of that just because things in the here-and-now aren't going the way you'd like. Make a change. I promise you, it's a great feeling.

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Observance: the 2008 Olympic Games

An emerging pawn in the struggle for Tibet

Being guilty by association: it's never really a good feeling. Having an inadvertent stake in something simply because your name is brought up somewhere is rarely advantageous, and when the stakes are so high, it would be better to just tune out.



Frank Stanley
Editor-in-Chief

Pretty much, it really sucks to be a hopeful Olympic athlete right now.

As the events leading up to the summer games in Beijing begin to pick up, the growing number of protests and demonstrations already mars the entire competition across the globe.

Every protest so far denounces

China for their violations of human rights in Tibet and their support of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir's heading of the militias in the Darfur region. The demonstrations have so far stretched across the globe: Paris, London, Rome, Tokyo, Sydney, Toronto and most recently San Francisco.

So, where does the athlete fit into this equation? They don't, but unfortunately, someone will find a way to squeeze them in.

It's a shame that the Olympics have garnered so many political implications, stretching as far back to Munich in 1972, or more recognized in Moscow and Los Angeles in the early 1980s.

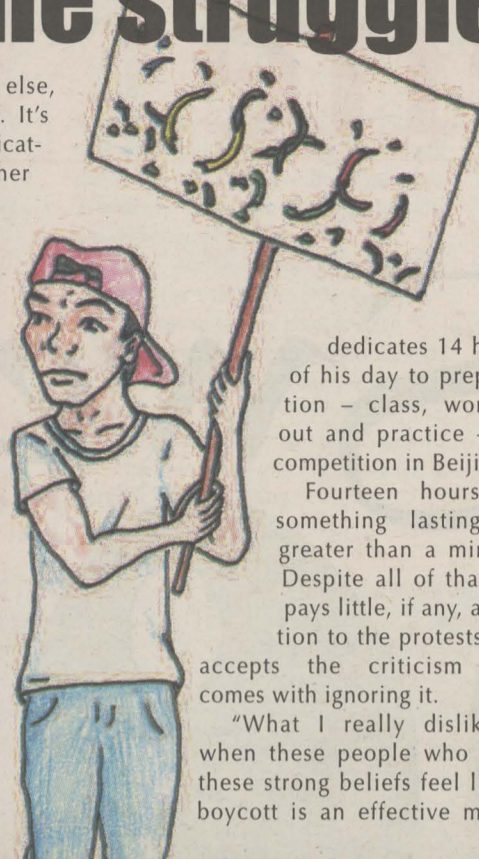
What confounds me more is that with these issues, whatever they may be, we don't turn to the advocates voicing their concerns; we don't go to our political leaders that speak out.

Instead, we go to the athletes.

People that, above all else, just want to compete. It's something they've dedicated their lives to, rather than standing before a news group and being questioned about the situation in Tibet. Usually, with such global exposure, the tendency is they reflect the thoughts of their whole nation.

This is like asking me, as Editor-in-Chief of The Observer, asking how I'm going to improve the jobs of people in Student Affairs: I couldn't possibly give proper input and it just isn't my place.

Adam Nelson, who won silver in 2000 and 2004,



dedicates 14 hours of his day to preparation — class, working out and practice — for competition in Beijing.

Fourteen hours for something lasting no greater than a minute. Despite all of that, he pays little, if any, attention to the protests and accepts the criticism that comes with ignoring it.

"What I really dislike is when these people who have these strong beliefs feel like a boycott is an effective means

for political change," he said in an article on ESPN.com. "If you look at the '80 Olympics, really the only ones who lost out are the athletes."

There's no doubt that those involved in speaking out are doing so with good intentions. I firmly support their aims and I hope to see a free Tibet in the not-so-distant future, but this is really not the time nor place.

With the most recent events in France, London and San Francisco, I guess all I need to know is what significance does trying to put out the Olympic Torch offer? How does that bring about support?

Though they work for the minority train of thought, they should still respect the tradition of the game and what the athletes must endure for the gold medal.

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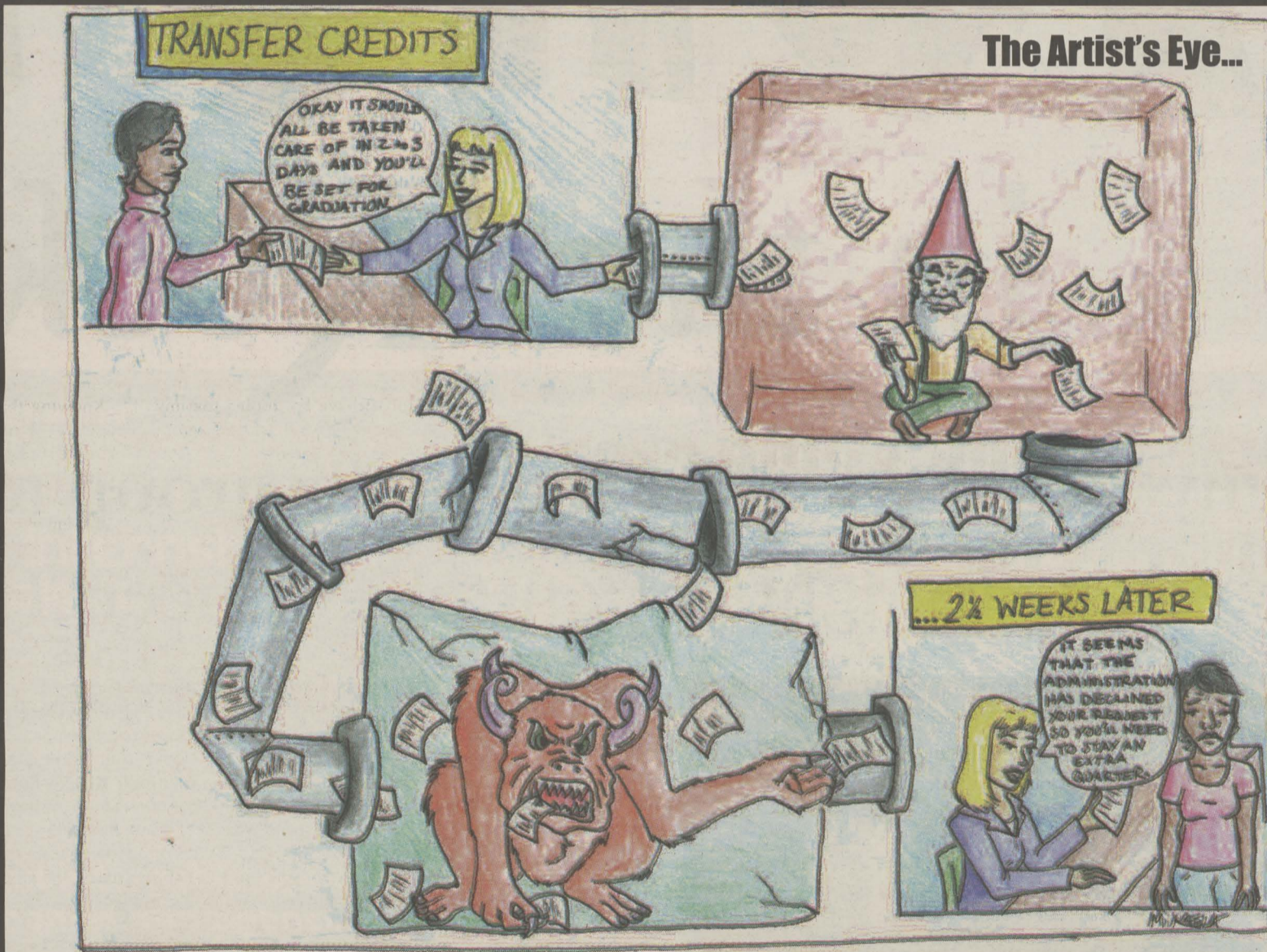


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Letters to the Editor

Dear Observer,

As a student aspiring to be a Communication major, I read the Observer weekly. Since I have been a student here at Central Washington University, I have picked up a copy of the Observer every week. I have followed the paper through various news stories and editorials, typically enjoying the writing presented by the students.

In the most recent issue of the Observer, Editor-in-Chief Frank Stanley described a very important issue here on campus, student apathy. I agree that students seem to have lost passion for the university community beyond personal issues; twice, I have been quoted in the newspaper, mentioning student apathy as a concern.

While I commend Stanley for bringing

an important issue to the attention of the students, I am extremely disappointed in his research, wording, and credibility of the article as a whole.

The piece begins well, describing how students can easily get involved on campus. However, the article turns grim at the end of the first column.

A confusing sentence leads to the main idea of the piece, universal apathy. While many students indeed seem not to care, many in fact do. Stating that all incoming students do not care about the campus and community is untrue.

As a passionate student, I became involved on campus soon after I moved into my residence hall. I now volunteer regularly at the Don and Verna Duncan Civic

Engagement Center and am involved in various clubs and committees. Although I am only one student among thousands, I do care and I am doing my best to share my passion with others.

To answer several of the questions posed in the article, yes, I am aware of the state of Central outside of what I read in the Observer. Yes, I do care about what the Services and Activities Committee is allocating funding for; yes, I even know what the S & A committee is.

I cannot answer the third question because it is blatantly wrong. The Associated Students of CWU Board of Directors is not ineffective; students who take just a few minutes to visit the busy office know this.

They are working very hard to support

thousands of students' needs and concerns. Because nearly every dedicated officer works more than their allocated hours per week, and are not paid overtime, they deserve far more than the small stipend they receive for serving the student community.

I am currently running for Vice President of Equity and Community Service, and hope that I get the opportunity to further spread my passion for education and the community to my peers.

I am disappointed in the entire piece Stanley wrote. Although his was an opinion piece, the incorrect information and disrespect for dedicated students is upsetting.

Kiley Baker
FRESHMAN, UNDECLARED

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Scene

1 Sweet Honey in the Rock

Grammy award-winning a cappella group takes center stage tonight at Central's Concert Hall



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More than 20 women have given their talents to the a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock in the 35 years since its establishment. Their first performance at Central is tonight.

by Kayla Schroader
Staff reporter

Sweet Honey in the Rock developed its name with Psalms 81:16 in mind. The biblical reference of being fed honey from out of the rock suggests the sweet strength of the 35-year-old female group.

The a cappella sextet encompasses a mix of gospel, blues and jazz music, frequently inspired by the group's African American heritage. The five-piece harmonies are often created by the group itself.

"Sweet Honey is the musical embodiment of the spirit of freedom," Marian Lien, Interim Director, said. "...Whose roots go back to Africa, were nurtured by the injustices of slavery, the jubilee and the continuing struggles to realize that freedom."

Sweet Honey in the Rock emerged in 1973 from the Washington D.C. Black Repertoire

Theatre Company by founder Bernice Johnson Reagon, who retired from the group in 2004. Their first, self-titled album released in 1976, followed by nearly two dozen other albums. Their most recent album, "Experience...101," was released in 2007. Sweet Honey in the Rock earned numerous Grammy nominations and won the 1989 Best Traditional Folk Recording for

their version of "Greygoose."

Through the years, more than 20 different women have contributed their vocal talent to the group. Today, featured vocalists include Ysaye Maria Barnwell, Nitanju Bolade Casel, Aisha Kahlil, Shirley Childress Saxton and original members Louise Robinson and Carol Maillard.

"When you get one [new member] out of six people, 15 percent of the group is new," Gary Weidenaar, Central's director of choirs, said.

"Most groups need not just breaks and talent, but commitment to staying together. It really takes sacrifice to make a group [like Sweet Honey] work."

As part of the 2007-2008 Performing Arts and Presidential Speaker Series, Sweet Honey in the Rock will visit Central for the first time at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, in the Music Building Concert Hall, following a 3:30 p.m. question and answer ses-

sion. Tickets can be purchased for \$35 for reserved seating, \$25 for general seating or \$15 for students. The group will also provide a sign language interpretation to accompany the performance.

"We try to bring performers and speakers who [will] add another intellectual or cultural layer of discourse to the community," Lien said.

"Sweet Honey is the musical embodiment of the spirit of freedom ... whose roots go back to Africa, were nurtured by the injustices of slavery ... and the continuing struggles to realize that freedom."

MARIAN LIEN, INTERIM DIRECTOR

Belly dance club shakes up workouts

by Stephanie Olson
Staff Reporter

Hip bumps, belly rolls and shim-mies.

The belly dance club is bringing the ancient art of belly dancing to CWU with classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. in one of the open Group Fitness rooms in the Recreation Center. The classes are free and open to any fitness level.

"That's what's really cool about belly dancing," said Kelsey Meyer, Belly Dance Club president and class instruc-

tor. "It works on any body type."

Meyer has been belly dancing in professional competitions for three and half years and started offering private lessons to a few people she knew. After getting five interested people and an advisor the belly dance club became official this quarter. According to Meyer, the last few classes had 20 to 30 girls each time.

"I am surprised," she said. "I haven't really advertised...so it's really exciting."

Each class builds off the other. Meyer teaches new moves on Tuesdays and

"It's a really good workout. It works a lot of muscles you don't realize you have."

KIMBERLY GREEN

SENIOR DIETETICS MAJOR

then reviews on Thursdays. The class is open to any skill level. The majority of the people in class are beginners but eventually she hopes to add some simple choreography.

"[The classes] take any level of dancer," she said. "Beginners are great to have, advanced are great to have."

Meyer teaches an Egyptian style of belly dance. There are different theories as to the origins of belly dancing but Egyptian belly dancing dates back to the Pharonic times and is considered a part of Egyptian culture.

Kimberly Green, senior dietetics

major, enjoyed the belly dancing classes she took when she went to Washington State University.

"It's a really good workout," Green said. "It works a lot of muscles you don't realize you have."

Belly dancing targets specific muscles and calls for them to move individually, specifically stomach muscles. It also encourages a healthy mind as well as a fit body.

"[Belly dancing offers] self benefits, self esteem, confidence," Meyer said. "It's a lot of fun and a great workout."



Ellie Oehler/Observer

CWU's Belly Dancing Club, lead by Kelsey Meyer, freshman undeclared, invites all skill levels. Anyone is welcome to come in and learn to belly dance on Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-9:30 p.m. at the Group Fitness rooms in the Recreation Center.

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"The Ruins" falls flat; audience bummed out

Not another lame horror movie! Oh wait, that's exactly what it is.

I consider myself a horror movie buff; I've always loved being scared, grossed out and simply offended.

With the release of the trailers for "The Ruins," I immediately assumed that the trend of lame, opposite-of-scary horror movies would be broken.

I was wrong.

We are introduced to the main characters at the beginning of the film, a group of four Americans vacationing in Mexico (this alone should have been a hint of the predictability of what was to come).

Two girls and their boyfriends, who are partying on the beach, randomly meet a man from Munich. Through the course of their conversation, the man informs them of an unmapped Mayan ruin he plans on visiting the next day in order to search for his lost brother. The four Americans decide to make an adventure out of their last day in the country.

I'm going to stop right there. At this



Dan Fisher
Asst. Scene
editor

point, we were only five or ten minutes into the movie and I felt no real need to see the rest. Aside from the unnecessary, gratuitous physical violence afflicted on the main characters by each other, the apparent predictability of the movie proved to be true.

Well, it didn't take long for the characters to find their way to the spooky ruins, and from there on out it was obvious that an ominous force was tracking their presence.

At first I thought it was the local villagers who'd end up being the bad guys, given the entrance they made directly behind the four Americans. As soon as they had climbed onto the pyramid, the villagers pulled their guns and arrows. Their motive was not to kill these intruders, but rather to quarantine them.

Enter the villain: A PLANT!

This Mayan pyramid, in all its ancient glory, stood above the group with an ominous blanket of thick vine. Cutting through the chase, it turns out that the ruin is not haunted, nor are the villagers the enemy, but rather the vines (yes, meaning plants) are alive and preying upon human beings.

At this point, I was done. Nothing could possibly salvage this film's chances of redemption.

The only times throughout this 90-minute so-called-horror-film that actually made me jump were the unnecessary graphic scenes of bodily mutilation.

Wait? How do you go from man-eating plants to self mutilation? I never was able to solve that puzzle.

Suffering from two broken legs, the German sidekick to our protagonists was subjected to a crude, backwoods form of a double-amputation. It was gross, and only served the function of shock-value effect.

In a separate scene, one of the American girls was hunting down vines crawling beneath her skin (yes, the plant is also parasitic) with a hunting knife, resulting in additional sighs of annoyance and rolling eyes.

In the end, everything turned out as I assumed it would. I don't want to give away the climax, but consider this: every mainstream "horror" movie released over the last few years have had similar progressions of events.

Do people fall victim to the evil force? Yes. Does the plot depend on people being convinced to be terrified of a plant? Sadly, it does. Do I feel ripped off? Well no, but only because I went to a matinee, and this was the first time I've ever had an entire theater to myself.

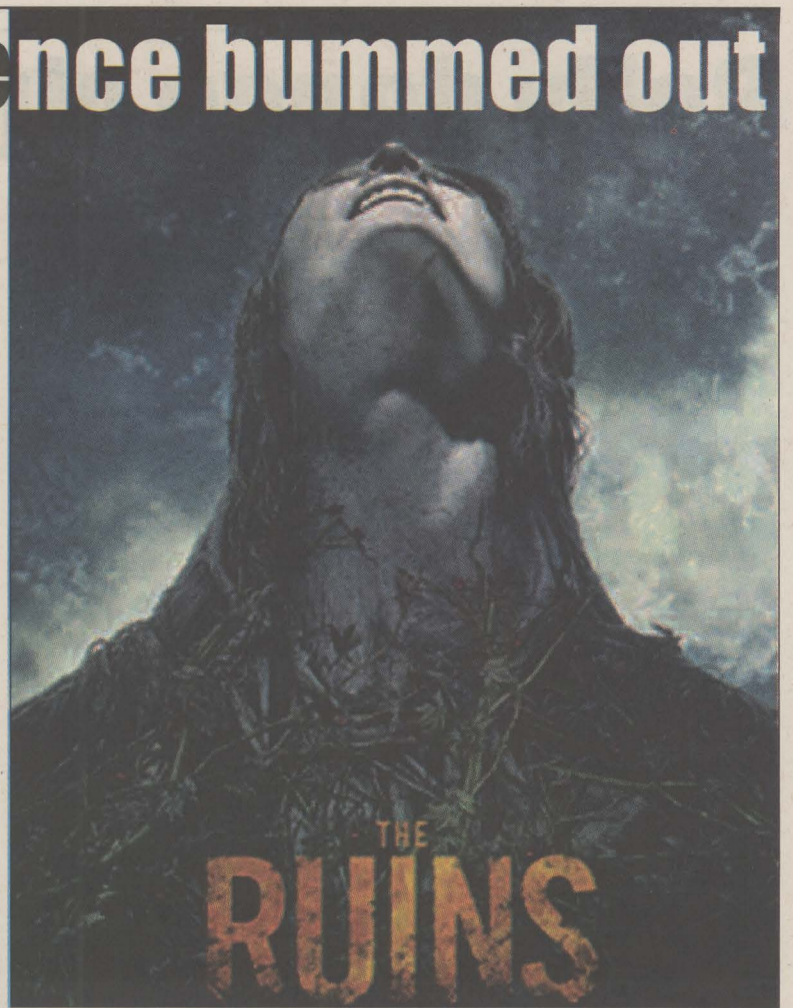


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Open mic at Grant's

The last time I saw the band Contaminator was on Valentine's Day. They played in a dank, musty basement, full of thrashing twenty year-olds. It smelled of day-old sweat and beer. It was awesome.

Contaminator played at Grant's on Wednesday April 2, and I went hoping to see some of the same chaos from last time. Grant's is a tough gig for any band, but Contaminator pulled it off.

Upon walking into Grant's, bassist RJ LaCourt handed me a copy of their demo CD "Tonight We Raise Hell". He was excited to play Grant's and get his music out to new people.

Starting out as an instrumental band, everything really came together last fall with the addition of lead singer, Stein Hansen. He seemed to be the added touch they needed to really kick everything into high gear. Hansen's vocals have the ability to pay homage to the likes of Zakk Wylde while still sounding



Megan O'Malley
Staff reporter

unique.

"I like playing as many shows as possible," Hansen said, "It's fun. Rock and roll!"

Contaminator hit the stage around 9:45 p.m. and only got to play three songs. But in that time, they unleashed the disarray that I had hoped for.

During their short set, Contaminator managed to fill the back room at Grant's. Some were obviously friends of the band or Grant's regulars, but it seems most of the audience was specifically there to see the band.

Hansen made the most of the small stage area. Stomping around as if he had fifty feet instead of five. LaCourt focused intently on the task at hand, never missing a beat and keeping everyone focused on the music. Guitarist John Baran pulled off the perfect metal persona. Dressed in tight jeans and a denim vest with no shirt, Baran stood like a rock god and head banged.

What really stole the show was Mitch Bengston's drumming and Nick McLean's guitar playing. They may look somewhat mild mannered, but when they get on stage everything changes. Even with his tennis ball-colored hair, Bengston is the quietest of the group. Yet behind a drum kit he transforms. One song allowed the audience to glimpse the realm of Bengston's talent in a quick but memorable solo.

Complimenting Bengston's drumming is McLean's guitar skill. With an intent look on his face, McLean shreds on the guitar. His technical skills are above par, but it's the style he plays that is impressive. The graceful McLean has the ability to steal a show without arrogance. He is simply playing the music he loves.

Contaminator is not a band for everyone. They are hard, loud and filled with testosterone. Loving metal music is somewhat of an art form.

Sophomore Keith Lund has seen them four or five times. "It's good to see a metal band that sounds different than most metal bands," Lund said.

While Contaminator could easily pull off a big show, right now they are still confined to the musty basements of Ellensburg. Fans of metal will enjoy Contaminator, but those who enjoy a good, loud concert will get a kick out of them as well.

Junior Nate Steigenga fell in love the first time he saw them. "I really like Contaminator because they just make you want to dance and break your clavicle," Steigenga said.

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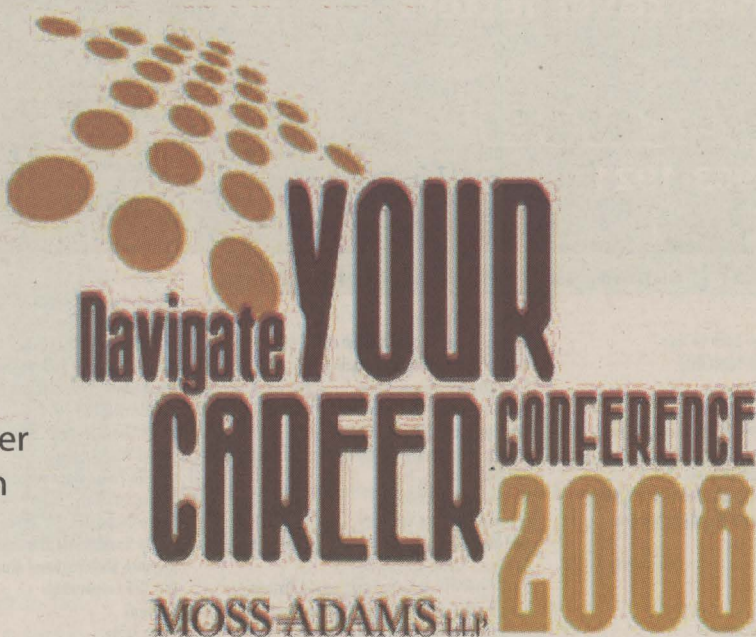
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Indie rock show tonight

Bands Barcelona, Mon Marie, The Lonely Forest hold free concert in the SURC Ballroom for Central students, Ellensburg community

by James Anderson
Staff reporter

On Thursday, April 10, three well known and diversified indie rock bands are set to perform live at Central. The three bands -- The Lonely Forest, Mon Marie and Barcelona -- are up-and-coming indie bands rising through the ranks of mediocrity, with sights set on indie rock fame.

Three distinctly original sounds will be emanating from all three bands, because of their creativity and their twist on classical formats of music.

"Our first album was 'Nuclear Winter,' a space rock odyssey, about the end of the world," said John Van Deusen, singer/songwriter, guitar and piano player for The Lonely Forest.

The Anacortes-based indie pop rock group released "Nuclear Winter" in 2007 to great success. The band was formed in 2006, spawning from the successful solo career of Van Deusen.

Their influences include XTC, Animal Collective and The Microphones. Van Deusen and company are currently working on "We Sing The Body Electric!" their latest album which is set to release later this year.

"'Nuclear Winter' was a depressing album to make because it's about the end of the world, after all," Van Deusen said. "'We Sing The Body Electric!' is a lot more personal."

The name The Lonely Forest came from the famed C.S. Lewis novel, "The Silver Chair." The Lonely Forest will be the first of the three bands to perform.

Mon Marie will be the second to perform at Central, after The Lonely For-



www.myspace.com/monmarie

est. The band started in Jackson, Mich., when song writing partners Jason Davis and John Smithson decided to embark on a journey to create a band.

"I love playing in the band because you start with nothing, just four band members, and you create something

original you perform," said Davis, keys, guitar player and songwriter.

The band was known under the name of Very Olympian when performing in Michigan, but during the relocation to Washington, the band changed their name to Mon Marie.

Mon Marie is, in part, derived from Sault Ste Marie, a town in Michigan with personal ties to the band members.

"We realized that if we used the name Sault Ste Marie, nobody would be able to pronounce it," Davis said, "So we settled on the name Mon Marie."

The concert at Central will be the band's last official showing in Ellensburg; they are moving to Portland in June.

The final act is the band Barcelona.

"Piano melodic rock with an indie twist is the best way to describe our music," said Brian Fennell, lead singer/songwriter and keyboard player.

Fennell released his debut solo album "Safety Songs" in 2005.

"Barcelona started two-and-a-half years ago and grew out of my solo career," said Fennell, who decided to transform his solo endeavors into a band in early 2007.

The band released their first album in September 2007 called "Absolutes." As of right now, Barcelona is re-mastering, re-editing and adding fresh new tracks to "Absolutes." They plan to rerelease the album under a new label later this year.

The indie rock concert starts at 7 p.m. and is sponsored by Campus Activities, Public Relations Student Society of America and 88.1 The 'Burg.

The performances will be held in the SURC Ballroom and admission is free.

With all three bands ready to jam at Central, the stage is set to explode for a night of all-out indie rock, from three of the most talented bands in the industry.

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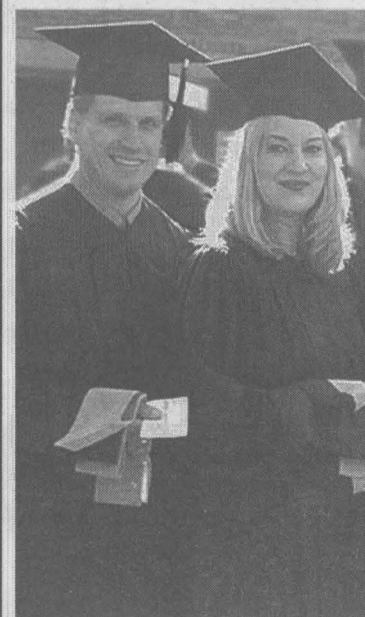
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Moore: formerly condemned man drives home the realities of prison

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Today Moore believes the message of redemption and forgiveness extends not only to the prisoners and families he ministers to, but also to himself.

After returning from military service in Vietnam in 1974, Moore found that his wife had become addicted to heroin and abandoned their 3 year-old child. Strapped for cash, Moore conspired to attempt robbery with an Army buddy who claimed to have an uncle that kept \$30,000 stashed in his home. Once Moore and his friend broke into the uncle's home, a gunshot rang through the dark. Moore fired back, ending the life of 77 year-old Fred Stapton. Moore was 22 at the time.

"When I found out that I had actually killed somebody, I couldn't believe it," Moore once told BET.com. "I felt sick, as if a part of me had died. I was at the lowest point that somebody could reach."

Moore immediately pled guilty. Three months after the crime, he was sentenced to die without the case ever going on trial. While awaiting his death at Riedsville Prison, he studied law and obtained a bachelor's degree in theology. Soon after his conviction, Moore openly embraced Christianity.

"What kept me going was faith in God," Moore said, "and having a desire to help others. One of the things that I wanted to do was to try to help everybody in there."

Yet it was the forgiveness of the victim's family that ultimately set Moore free.

A decade-and-a-half long campaign led by the Stapton family to commute Moore's sentence eventually garnered the support of Mother Theresa and Jesse Jackson. Once his case reached the U.S. Supreme Court, improper legal practices surrounding the handling of Moore's conviction dissolved his sentence. Today, Moore is the only man in America to be convicted of first-degree murder with an open confession of guilt to have his punishment commuted to life imprisonment.

In 1990, Moore was released on parole. Since then, he has spoken regularly at universities, most notably Harvard and Yale, about the human implications of capital punishment and the legal system. Moore has formed Jesus Christ Prison Ministry to minister to at risk individuals in rehabilitation centers and prisons about the redemptive powers of Jesus Christ.

"I go to different schools, colleges, prisons, and rehab centers to talk to inmates and talk to people on drugs, and explain to them about the positive choices they can make in their lives," said Moore, "to let them see, from what I went through, that you don't have to do this. You don't have to go to prison. Look at my experience. You can let that be your experience."

Today, Moore lives in Rome, Ga., with his wife, Pastor Donna Moore.

'Execution' brings death row live to CWU students in sobering visit

Darcy Wytko
Staff Reporter

At 6:30 p.m. on April 2, 350 students and faculty members packed the SURC Theater for the CWU Law & Justice Club's screening of the controversial film "Execution," which follows two filmmakers as they video the last seven days of a condemned man's life on death row, and ultimately, his death on the electric chair.

The showing was followed by a panel discussion on capital punishment with the film's star, William Neal Moore, who himself spent 16 and a-half years on death row before his sentence was commuted in 1990. Moore was joined by two distinguished CWU Alumni; William Holmes, Director of Kittitas County Probation Services, and Katie Hitch, a retired Department of Corrections parole officer. Steven Scaffidi, the award-winning New Orleans-based director of the film, was also present for the event.

"You've got those that say, 'An eye for an eye,'" Scaffidi said, "and those that say, 'No matter what you did, we should not execute anybody because taking one man's life isn't going to solve anything.' We've got both sides addressed in this film."

Scaffidi, who has produced and directed programs for NBC, CBS, and HBO International, set out to make "Execution" after not being allowed to witness the death of a convict with whom he had worked closely while producing documentary footage. Scaffidi then

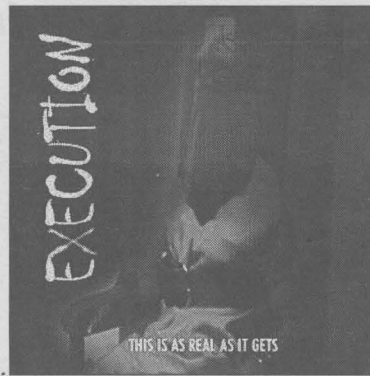


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decided to make a film that would depict the final moments of an execution unlike ever before.

"I wanted to put the audience at the front row of an execution and let them decide for themselves if this is something we should be doing in America today," said Scaffidi.

To heighten the movie's degree of realism, Scaffidi hired individuals whose lives paralleled their characters over Hollywood actors. William Moore, a former convict, plays the film's condemned man. Donald Cabana, who plays the film's warden, executed four men during his 30-year career as a warden at the Mississippi State Penitentiary. Father Joel LaBauve, who plays the film's priest, was once the chaplain of Angola Prison, which was considered the bloodiest prison in America for years.

The documentary-style has caused scandal among viewers as to whether "Execution" is actual footage or fictional

account. As one CWU viewer posted on the film's website, "I seriously thought I was watching a real execution. Next thing I know, the man who just died came walking down the aisle right past me to be on the discussion panel."

During the events question and answer period, Scaffidi stated openly that film was a movie, not an educational documentary.

While each panel member answered questions about their stance on capital punishment, it was Moore who fielded the majority of the audience's questions.

"You young people are inheriting the legal system. If you can see the fallacies in it now, you can straighten it out," said Moore. "Sometimes the sacrifices are people's lives and people's freedom."

Associate CWU Professor Sara Britto, co-advisor of the CWU Law & Justice Club, considers the event a success.

"The general reaction has been very positive," Britto said. "It includes an appreciation for being allowed to reflect on the death penalty without being told how to think about it."

Britto became acquainted with Moore in 2004 while researching for her book "In the Shadow of Death: Restorative Justice and Death Row Families." After years of correspondence, Moore informed Britto he had accepted the role in "Execution," which led to the CWU Law and Justice Club's decision to host screenings at CWU's campuses in Ellensburg, Lynwood, and Des Moines.

The death penalty: facts and statistics

1. Numbers: Since 1976, 1,009 people have been executed in the U.S. Currently 36 states enforce the death penalty. States with the most death row inmates: California (669), Florida (388), Texas (370), and Pennsylvania (228).

2. Methods: The 4 execution methods used are hanging, firing squad, electric chair, and lethal injection.

3. Crimes: Crimes punishable by death include murder, murder-conspiracy, kidnapping, perjury resulting in death, capital drug trafficking, capital sexual battery, aircraft hijacking, train wrecking, treason, and the rape of a child.

4. Cost: In Texas, a death penalty case costs an average of \$2.3 million, three times the life imprisonment on high security for 40 years.

5. Region: Texas alone has executed 405 criminals since 1976, more than 29 states combined.

6. Race: 42% of all death row inmates are black, though African Americans make up roughly 13% of the U.S. population.

7. Gender: 51 women are on death row, comprising 1.5% of the total death row population.

8. Juveniles: 22 defendants have been executed for crimes committed as juveniles since 1976.

9. Innocence: In the last 100 years, 400 people innocent people have been placed on death row. Of them, between 20 and 40 were executed. Since 1973, over 128 people have been exonerated with evidence of their innocence.

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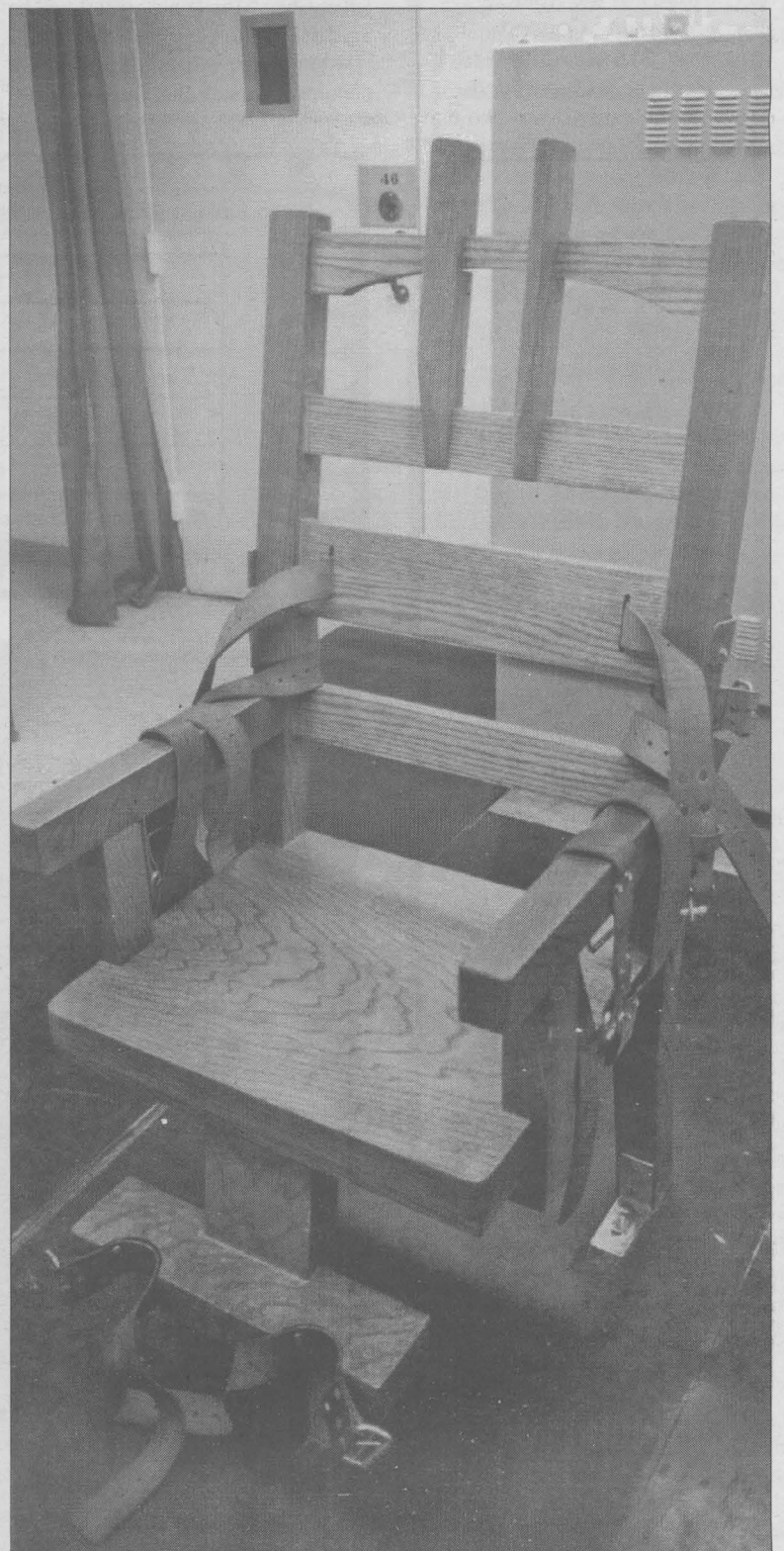
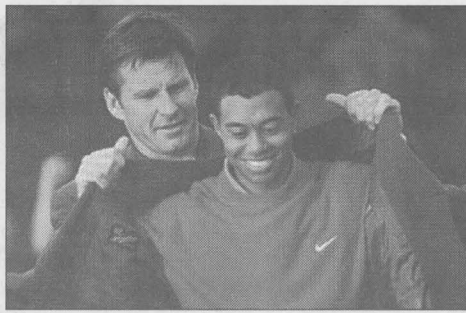


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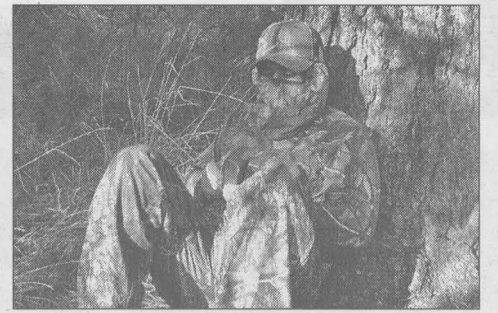
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Men's rugby falls to Utah in Round of 32

by Curtis Crabtree
Sports editor

The Central Washington men's rugby team dug themselves a 26-0 halftime hole to try and climb out of against 10th ranked Utah in the Round of 32 of the NCAA Division I playoffs on Saturday.

The slope was too steep to climb.

The Wildcats made a strong second-half push and were able to get back within 16 points, but there just wasn't enough time remaining for Central to complete their comeback.

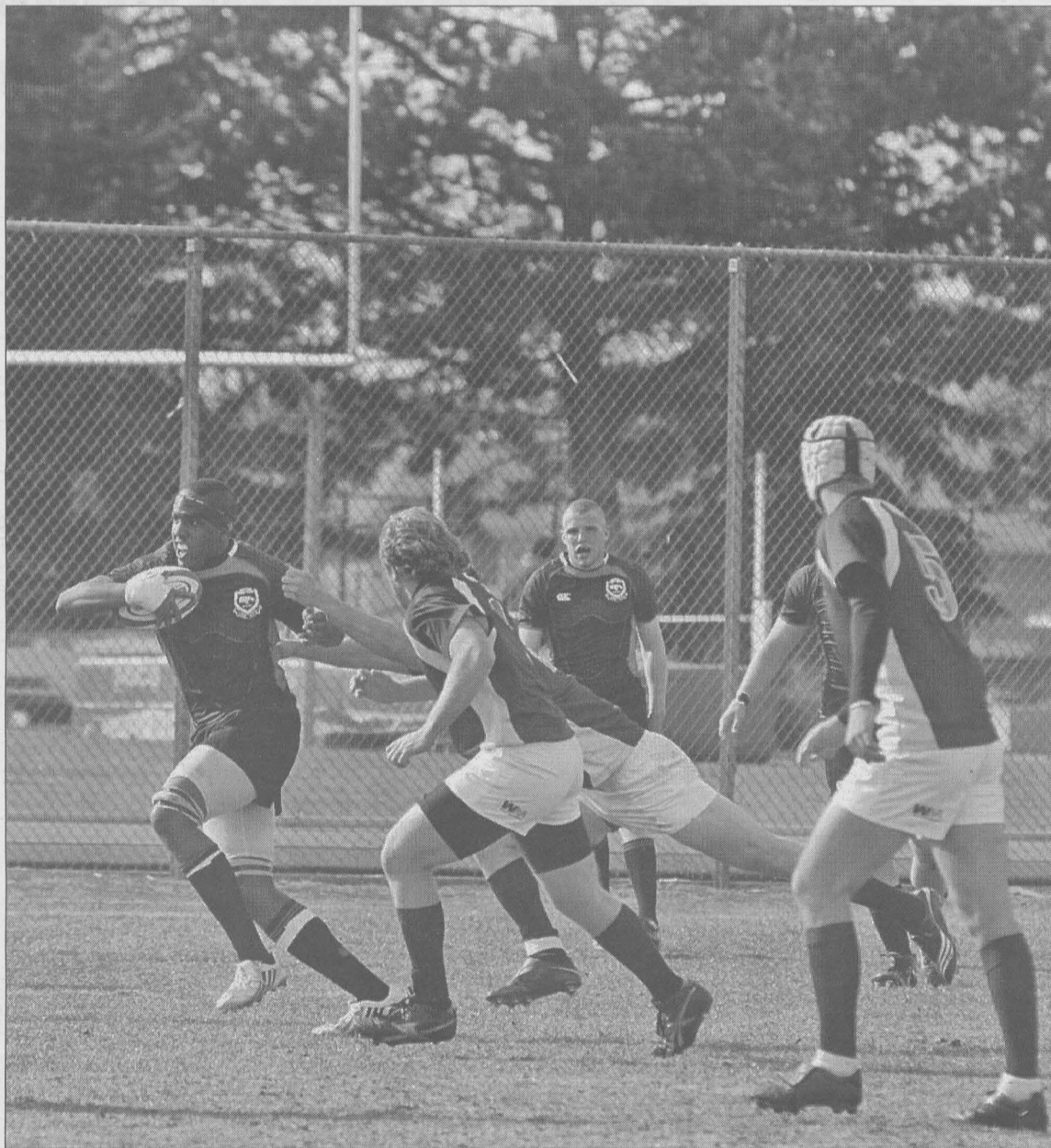
Central, who entered the contest ranked 15th in the country, had to deal with the early loss of two players to injury. Tim Stanfill suffered an apparent seizure after colliding with a Utah player in the opening minutes, and Victor McKenzie was also lost after suffering a deep contusion on his right side only a few minutes later.

Central head coach Bob Ford said the hospital visit was only precautionary as Stanfill was able to get to his feet and walk to the gurney before being loaded into the ambulance.

The Utes were able to take advantage of the Wildcats' losses and built a 26-0 lead in the opening stanza. The playing surface also yielded to Utah in the first half as they were running downhill and downwind as the pitch is slightly uneven.

"We chose to go into the wind in the first half because we knew they were going to try and put the game in our half, which they did," hooker Joe Schmid said. "They were running really hard lines at us all game."

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Jessica Liddle/Observer

Lock Ahmed Hirei breaks a tackle as center Tim Stanfill looks on as part of a 27-19 victory over Chico State last Friday at the CWU rugby field. The Wildcats advanced to face Utah the next day and lost 33-17.

Softball pulls into GNAC lead

by Dusty Kindred
Staff reporter

The Central Wildcats women's softball team moved into first place in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) with a two game sweep of Northwest Nazarene in a double header at the Central softball field on Saturday.

The opener was a close one throughout, despite the strong pitching performances by junior Linse Vlahovich, and sophomore Katrine Reime.

"We had several base running errors that hurt us," said head coach Gary Frederick.

The two pitchers only gave up two hits, but Vlahovich left the game after four innings facing a 2-2 tie. The rest of the game was dominated by Reime. Who came in and pitched three-and-a-half innings of scoreless softball.

"I was just trying to keep the ball down and hit my spots" Reime said.

The two runs came from Nazarene's Vanessa Shaw's solo home run in the second inning, which was the Crusaders only hit against Vlahovich. NNU also

scored once in the third after a walk, sacrifice bunt, stolen base and a throwing error on a steal attempt that, at the time, tied the score at 2-2.

The Wildcats got their first two runs in the first and second innings. Then waited until the fifth to strike again with a two-run fifth inning, sparked by Wallace's RBI single and a two-out double-steal play on which Logan Mohr scored after Wallace was tagged out between first and second in a rundown.

Central finished with a 10-2 hit advantage in the first contest. Led by three hits each from Senior Kasey Druffel

and Wallace. Senior Mallory Holtman had a pair of doubles, while sophomore Ashley Fix also had a two-hit game as that foursome accounted for all of the Wildcats' hits.

The second contest of the day was again a closely matched game, 1-0, in Central's favor until the bottom of the fifth when Wallace's three-run double capped a four-run fifth inning.

A hit batter and a fly-out started the fifth before three consecutive hits by Holly Rossman, Mohr, and sophomore Cami Halstead loaded the bases for Wallace.

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Football team donates blood

by Michael Johnson
Senior reporter

College athletics can be demanding for students. Many hours are spent fine-tuning technique, lifting weights, watching film and doing individual work outs.

However, the Central Washington University football team donated their time elsewhere and teamed up with the American Red Cross to host its first annual blood drive.

The Nicholson Pavilion field-house was filled with beds, coolers, medical equipment and nurses last Thursday as they waited for incoming students.

JayAnne Markle, a Red Cross representative, said that their goal was to collect 84 units of blood. Blaine Bennett, the head football coach at Central Washington University set the team's goal for 100.

"They support us, so it's important for us to give back to the community," Bennett said. "What we've done with the players is if we have 100 percent participation, there will be no 6 a.m. workout, so it's a good motivator."

Thursday's workout consisted of numerous stations and grueling running drills. To make sure everyone donated blood, head athletic trainer Ken Kladnik sat at a table with a roster of each player. He went through and scratched them off the list as they went in at their scheduled times to donate blood.

Kladnik was aware of Bennett's intentions when he was hired, so when Bennett came to him with the request to organize the blood drive, he wasn't surprised.

"I wasn't surprised he did this," Kladnik said. "He said he liked to do these things. He's a classy guy."

Bennett said this won't be the last event they put on; the team was also involved in the Yakima River Cleanup and has been involved with other volunteer work.

JayAnne Markle was excited for the opening.

"I think it's a great bonding experience," Markle said.

The players sat around waiting and laughing with each other it seemed everyone was in high spirits.

"I was a little bit nervous," said Mitch Reffett, the senior nose-guard. "I figured I'm going to need someone's blood one day so I might as well give mine."

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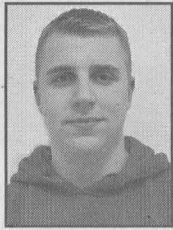
Early season slumps: So what!

This just in: The Washington Nationals win the World Series. It's not a likely headline, but it could happen.

In sports, there are many things that are true: the ball goes through the hoop in basketball. To score a touchdown in football, one must get in the end zone. In baseball, fans can't call a team out of the playoff race until Memorial Day.

This week was the opening week for Major League Baseball and according to baseball analysts, 12 teams are already out of the playoff race.

Shocking, since they play 162 games per season, and most of the time a 90-win season will land a team a division title. It is beyond me



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why the so-called "experts" make these outlandish predictions.

Let's begin with the Detroit Tigers; the team that was touted as the likely World Champions this year. After a 0-7 start, the Tigers are in the cellar of the American League Central.

The AL Central is a tough division, but a bad week in September could make the difference for the first place team. The Tigers will bounce back, trust me. I am not a Tigers fan by any means, but the team is just too good to give up on the entire season in April.

Seattle is another great example. After a 2-1 start at home, the Mariners lost four in a row to the Orioles. Pitcher J.J. Putz is on the 15-day disabled list and the Mariners' bats are cold.

Yeah, of course they are cold. Spring training only lets the starters play about three innings and that is the first time they pick up a ball or go on the field after a three month layoff. The Mariners

are another team that will pick it up in late April and be fine come September.

Once again, the Yankees are not off to the best of starts at 4-4. But, they are the Yankees, and they always seem to find a way into the postseason.

My last example will be the Chicago Cubs. Cubs' fans have prayed for a World Series since the great fire of 1908. The team started out against the Milwaukee Brewers, a great young team that could be in the playoffs as well, but after a 1-2 start, the Cubs are in danger, according to Chicago Sun columnist Jay Mariotti. The team is not in trouble, they are just working out the kinks like every other team is doing.

Upstart teams such as the Kansas City Royals and the Tampa Bay Rays are doing well because they have so many people on the roster who played winter ball.

The teams are young and will get better through time, but come the dog

days of summer fans will see a shift to the more experienced teams making the push for the playoffs.

The same goes for players. Matt Holiday of the Colorado Rockies is off to a slow start and many wonder if he can get the Rockies back to the World Series. I'm pretty sure the Rockies are a team and Holiday only bats once every trip through the lineup. So it is not just Holiday's problem the Rockies are off to a slow start.

Josh Beckett, pitcher for the Boston Red Sox and 2007 World Series MVP, is another player who is off to a less-than-stellar start to the season. He was battered pretty bad in his first start of the season, and analysts feel he has lost something over the winter.

Of course, he lost something: he lost his conditioning. Beckett is coming back from an injury and he needs time to heal. I bet money right now that if Boston makes the World Series this season,

Beckett will start game one and win.

So before sports fans go home and burn all their favorite team's gear because they are off to a less than stellar start to the season, just sit back, relax, take a deep breath and watch.

Fantasy owners don't go out and trade Miguel Cabrera for Kevin Millar because Millar is hitting well right now. Don't throw Josh Beckett in the free agent pool because he can't help you right now. Keep playing your best players and watching the streaks of the season.

Baseball is a sport of streaks and this is no more apparent than in June, when spring ends and summer begins.

So take your rally cap, flip it back over and just watch. I am willing to bet come October you will be happy you didn't burn your playoff tickets just yet.

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Men's Lacrosse home for a pair of matches

The CWU lacrosse team is off to a great start for the season and just in time for a couple home matches.

On Saturday, the men will be playing Lewis and Clark College at 1 p.m.

Then, on Sunday, the men will take on the Southern Oregon Raiders at 1 p.m.

CWU lacrosse President Kevin Norris sounded confident about his team's chance this weekend.

"Our freshmen and sophomores have been producing well and that is encouraging," Norris said.

The team, which is in its fifth year of existence and fourth year of competitive play, has a record of 5-2 and is preparing for their first playoff run ever.

"This year we have had a lot of new guys step in and produce and that helped," Norris said.

The lacrosse matches will be held at the community fields located on the corner of Alder street and 18th Avenue across from the soccer fields.

The field area is open and matches are free to all spectators.

BLOOD DRIVE: Players donate blood to American Red Cross

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Reffett's most painful moment was the prick of the needle, but not the one intended for his arm.

"The part that hurt was when the nurse poked my finger to check my iron," Reffett laughed.

Coach Bennett was there for the entire event supporting the American Red Cross; he also kept a close eye on his players.

"It's great to have the coach out here supporting them- so that's great," Markle said.

With each donation, up to three

lives can be saved. Kladnik received confirmation from a Red Cross representative that the 100 pints they donated would help nearly 300 people.

The football team actually had 115 players on hand to donate blood, but because of difficulties, 15 tries went unsuccessful. Still, Bennett succeeded with the goal of 100 he set at the beginning, and the students enjoyed it.

"The kids set a precedence here; they realize these things are a little more enjoyable than expected," Kladnik said.

Tiger looks to tame Augusta

Woods seeks fifth title in 13 trips up Magnolia Lane

The first round of the Masters starts today and there is no one more focused on winning the green jacket than Tiger Woods.

Tiger has dominated everything since the 2007 Masters. In 15 starts since then, Woods has compiled eight wins and 2 runner-ups finishes. His score to par is an astounding -139, and his money earned totals \$11,473,661. Woods has finished first or second 67 percent of the time since last year, and has 4 wins in 5 starts this season. Woods is also putting the ball as well as he did back in the 2000-2001 season, when he dominated the PGA tour.

This is Woods' 13th Masters. He has four wins (1997, 2001-2002 and 2005) and tied for second in 2007.

Woods is coming off a two-week break where he failed to win The World Golf Tournament; Woods said he is eager to get started Thursday.

So with Woods probably playing the best golf of his career, who has the best chance of beating him at Augusta?

There is one player who can handle the distance of Augusta National and beat Woods. The number two ranked player in the world and two time Masters champion, Phil Mickelson.

The first thing Mickelson is going to have to do is birdie the par 5's. Woods owns the long holes, where he's a combined 93 under par in his 13 Masters. But that doesn't mean it can't be done. Last years champion Zach Johnson was 11 under par, 2 strokes better

then Woods and it proved to be the difference in the tournament.

However, there is one thing Woods struggles at the Masters, and that's the par 4's. Woods is an atrocious 24 over par in his career, and his inability to capitalize on this has proven to be Woods' down fall in the past.

With "Lefty's" creative shot making and his magic around the greens it's ideal for Augusta's tricky layout. Another thing Mickelson needs to do is make a plan. This worked for him in 2005 when he used two drivers, one to draw the ball and the other to fayed it.

Mickelson is working on the same thing this year. He has two drivers in the bag at the moment, but is trying to figure out if he needs the two or get rid of one and put an extra wedge in the bag for the slick and undulating greens at Augusta.

Mickelson also needs to start off hot. Woods' lowest score in the first day of play is 70, and his average is 72. Mickelson's is two strokes lower, and can put the pressure on Woods early forcing him to make up strokes.

Pray for rain Phil. Last year the temperature was in the 40's, and the winds blew Augusta National around like the British Open. Woods couldn't hit is booming drives and cut the corners of the doglegs. Instead, he had to hit low running tee shots down the middle of the fairway taking away Woods' most valuable arsenal of shots, his distance.

Finally the most important thing Mickelson needs to do is play all 72 holes. Woods struggled in the back nine on Thursday and Saturday last year and it proved to be costly for Woods. If Lefty does all these things, he has a pretty good chance of beating the number one



Dusty Kindred
Staff reporter

player in the world and picking up his 3rd green jacket and his 4th major title.

He begins first round play at 10:45 a.m. Thursday with U.S. Open Champion Angel Cabrera and Australian Stuart Appleby. Mickelson Tees off at 1:41 p.m. with Andres Romero, and the 6th ranked player in the World K.J. Choi.

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Notable Thursday Tee Times

7:23 a.m.: Zach Johnson, Luke Donald, Geoff Ogilvy

7:34 a.m.: Mike Weir, Padraig Harrington, Jeev Milkha Singh

7:45 a.m.: Tiger Woods, Angel Cabrera, Stuart Appleby

10:00 a.m.: Bubba Watson, Sergio Garcia, Mark Calcavecchia

10:19 a.m.: Adam Scott, Paul Casey, Reteif Goosen

10:30 a.m.: Vijay Singh, Steve Stricker, Stewart Cink

10:41 a.m.: Phil Mickelson, Andres Romero, K.j. Choi

10:52 a.m.: Ernie Els, Shingo Katayama, Jim Furyk

11:03 a.m.: Aaron Baddeley, Camilo Villegas, Lee Westwood

Fast Fact

Former CWU Basketball player Lance Den Boer is currently playing basketball in Germany.

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Sophomore pitcher Katriina Reima delivers in relief as part of a 4-2 victory over Northwest Nazarene on Saturday. The win valuted the Wildcats into first place in the Great Nortwest Athletic Conference.

SOFTBALL: Women look to sweep two straight weekend series

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Then the Wildcat shortstop took the first pitch she saw from NNU pitcher Dana Shipley and hit a bullet into the right-center field gap to end the game.

Seven of the eight runs for the Wildcats came in the last two innings of the game.

The Wildcats finished with 11 hits in the second game, although their first three hitters were a combined 0 for 8. Wallace had another three-hit outing and added four RBI's in the second contest, while Ashley Fix, Logan Mohr, and Holley Rossman had two hits apiece. Vlahovich went four innings in the contest, striking out seven and earning the victory (8-10).

Two members of the Wildcats squad were recognized for their outstanding play this week.

Liz Wallace has been named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Hitter of the Week, and sophomore teammate Katriina Reime has been selected as the conference's Co-Pitcher of the Week, announced on Monday.

Reime shares the Pitcher of the Week award with Kelsey Reynolds of Seattle University.

"I have been working myself individually so I can contribute my part to the team," Wallace said.

Central Washington continues its four-game home stand with a double-header today against Montana State Billings.

The Wildcats have lost to the Yellowjackets in each of their meetings this season, and for Central to get into the top eight, they have to win these

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games to improve their chances for getting into the playoffs.

"If everyone does their individual rolls then we will be successful," said Wallace.

Central lost the first meeting 4-3 in the last inning of the contest. The second loss was a 5-1 defeat at the Clarion Hotel/Central Washington Invitation in Richland.

"If we want to get into the regional playoff we are pretty much going to have to win the league," said Frederick.

The two games, originally scheduled for a 1 p.m. start, are likely to be moved to an 11 a.m. start to accommodate the visiting Yellowjackets' travel plans.

"We're pretty much past the half way part of our season, so we are just trying to get the timely hits we need, make sure our pitching is adequate, and that the defense does the job," Frederick said.

Turkey calls: what to use

by Jay Renwick
 Staff reporter

You have the perfect spot picked out, the wind is calm and the sun is starting to rise as you sit down in your turkey blind and pull out your call, but do you have the right one with you?

With spring turkey season starting on April 15, it might be time to think about the perfect call to bring in that monster tom. There are many different calls for turkey hunting and finding the right one might be the difference between a successful hunt and coming home empty handed.

Some hunters might think a box call is better, or a Call's em All or maybe even a Tone Top diaphragm, it's up to the hunter to decide. While every call is different, they all have a purpose, and if used properly they can bring in that big tom that has been in hiding all year.

"I really like to use a diaphragm because it keeps your hands free to use your binoculars or your shotgun if you want to shoot," senior mechanical engineering technology major Edgar Cossio-Rojo said.

Rockie Jacobsen is the owner of Bugling Bull Game Call, the inventor of the Palate Plate and the Tone Top diaphragm calls, and a three-time world champion elk caller.

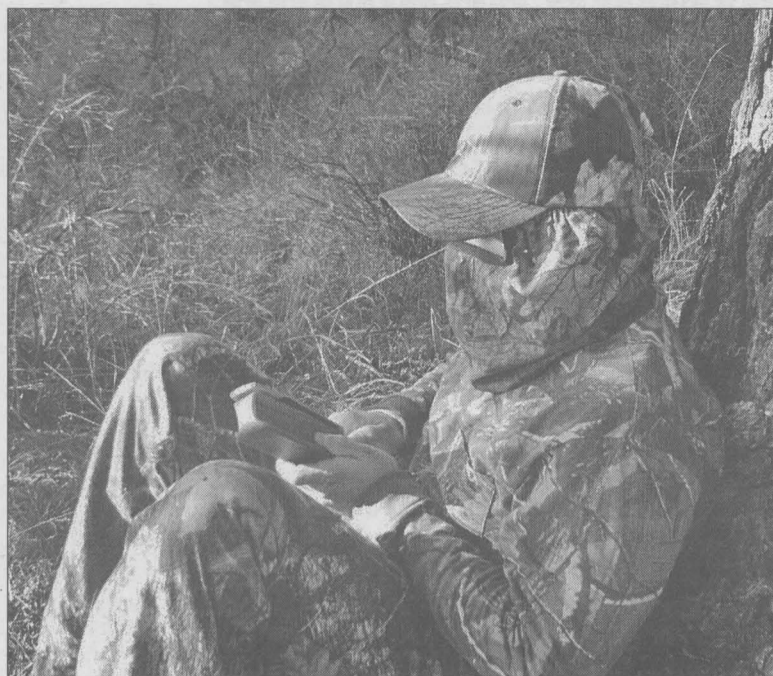
According to Jacobsen, the Tone Top diaphragm will sit in the top of the mouth correctly so the call will sound right.

There are three different styles of tone top diaphragm calls: one that sounds like young turkey, another sounds like an average-aged turkey and the other one sounds like a boss hen. These small portable calls are easy to pack so all three can go out into the field to help harvest that big tom.

"To make each call sound different we have the latex stretched differently," Jacobsen said.

One call that can do multiple calls is the Call's em All. The Call's em All company is owned and operated by Bruce Hancock. In 1994, Hancock won the Kitsap Bow Hunters Archers Rendezvous calling championship for deer, elk, predator and turkey using this single call.

"The call can be used for turkey by using a turkey yelp/cackle or the peacock call that can be used as a turkey



photos by Jay Renwick/Observer

Above: Central senior Edgar Cossio-Rojo uses a box call trying to call in some turkey while scouting near Ellensburg. Below from top to bottom: Water proof box call made by Primos, Tone Top diaphragm from www.buglingbull.com, Call's em All from www.gamecall.net.

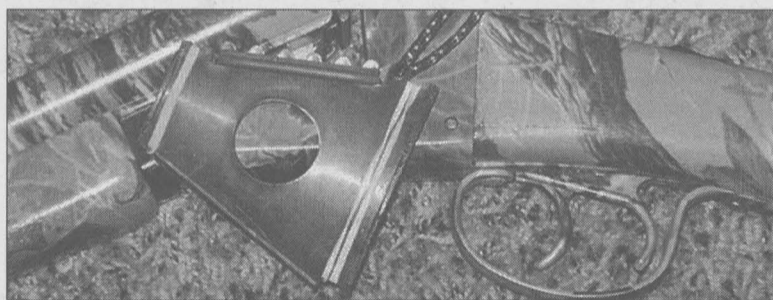
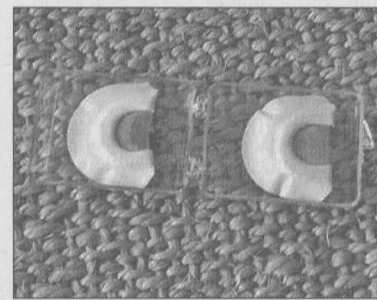
locator; both calls can help during a turkey hunt," Hancock said.

The box call is a great turkey call that can be fun to use, the problem is the chalk. Older box calls have chalk on them to help create the sound, but if that chalk gets wet, the call isn't going to work properly.

Today, hunters are lucky enough to have box calls that don't require the chalk. These waterproof calls are a good choice on rainy spring days.

All of these different calls can be used during spring turkey season but it takes time and practice to master them. Some of the calls have instructional DVDs like "Primos Mouth Calls Made Easy." Check out the web site for the Call's em All for audio instructions, www.gamecall.net.

Now, go out, find that perfect blind, figure out which call works best, sit down and call that monster tom in.

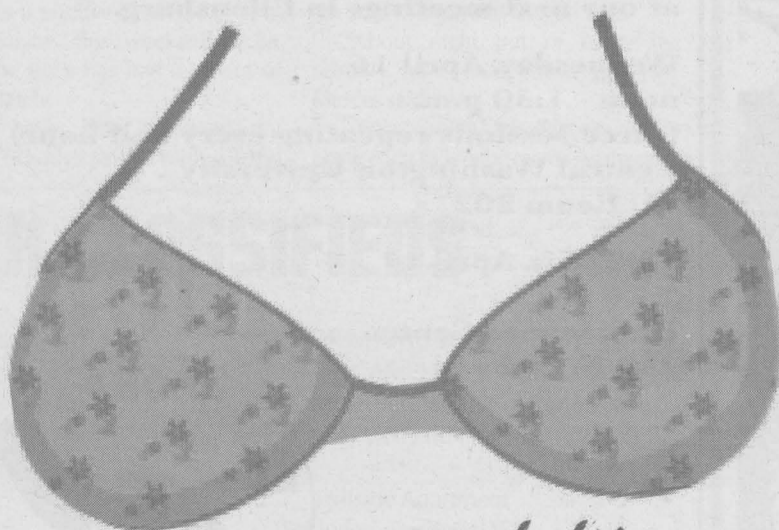


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Track and Field has strong showing

Many athletes set personal records over the last four track meets

by Brooke Saul
Staff reporter

Making personal bests, setting individual goals, and battling the wind are several things the Central Washington Track and Field team are currently doing.

The team just competed in four events: the Willamette Invitational, Stanford Invitational, Shotwell Invitational and a Western Washington University Combined Events.

At the Willamette Invitational, two women from Central competed among 17 runners in the 500-meter race.

"It was really disappointing," junior sprinter Rachael Kaercher said.

Kaercher came in fifth with a time of 1:00.61 and teammate senior sprinter Chelsea Evans, placed second with a time of 58.60.

Other teammates, such as senior sprinter Britany Hood, felt expressed different emotions.

"It feels amazing," Hood said. "I have never placed that high in college."

Central sent several participants to the Willamette Invitational. In the women's 100-meter dash, freshman sprinter Tisha Wells came in second place with a time of 13.04. Hood finished with a time of 13.21.

In the 200-meter race, Hood placed fifth with a time of 27.00, Evans had a time of 27.15 and Wells posted a time of 27.23.

In the women's 400-meter dash, Evans came in second with a time of 58.60 and Kaercher came in fourth with a time of 1:00.61.

"Chelsea had a real strong race in the 400," head coach Kevin Adkisson said.

Adkisson also added that Evans has put in long hours of hard work and was excited to see her get close to her personal record.

In the women's 1500-meters, sophomore mid-distance runner Stephanie Cooke competed against 19 runners and came in fourth with a time of 5:07.83.

In the women's 5000-meters, freshman distance runner Alejandra Borunda posted a time of 19:38.53, barely beat junior distance runner Kirsten Clarke with a time of 19:38.57.

In the women's shot put, sophomore

thrower Shaina Afoa placed second with a throw of 11.93m. Afoa also placed second with a distance of 37.51m in the women's discus throw.

In the men's pole vault, senior valuter Scott McCoy placed second out of 13 participants clearing a height of 4.55m.

In the men's javelin throw, freshman thrower Andrew Stiger placed first with a distance of 60.21m. Adkisson added that it was a big personal record and a provisional qualifying mark. Teammate, junior thrower Chad Acock followed with a distance of 55.66m placing second.

Central sent four people to Palo Alto, Calif. this past weekend to participate at the Stanford Invitational.

Sophomore thrower Tyler Fischer, senior thrower Ian Wells, junior thrower Matt Valdez and sprinter Matt Rogstad, competed well.

Fischer participated in the hammer and discus, Wells participated in the javelin, Valdez participated in the hammer and shot put and Rogstad participated in the 200-meter and 400-meter race. Fischer threw the discus 157 feet, and eight inches. Rogstad's time in the 200-meter race was 22.47.

Adkisson said that Rogstad battled head winds and his 200-meter dash was more of warm-up for his 400-meter race. Valdez's shot put was 49 feet, eight and a half inches. Wells' threw the javelin 188 feet.

At Wilamette, senior distance runner Marcie Mullen, came in first in the 1000-meter, with a time of 36:41.83. Other people who did well were senior mid-distance runner Sarah Benson who came in fifth at the women's 3000-meter steeplechase with a time of 11:22.51.

Central will compete at the Pelleur Invitational on April 10 and April 11 at Woodward Field on the campus of Eastern Washington University in Cheney.

Central also will be competing at the Pacific Lutheran University Invitational at 10 a.m. in Tacoma, Wash. on the PLU campus

Adkisson said that he plans on being able to see his team continue to build in the future by identifying goals and having breakout performances from individuals.



Jessica Lidde/Observer

Junior third baseman Frank Donangelo dives back into first base to avoid being picked off against Northwest Nazarene on Saturday. Donangelo was 2-3 with two RBIs in the final game of the series.

Baseball: Wildcats come from behind to take game four of series against the Crusaders on bases loaded walk

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Storey was pleased with Moore's overall performance and the way he battled out of situations.

"It was just a matter of getting into a groove," Moore said. "The longer that I went, the more the game came to me."

Central's last opportunity came in the seventh inning when Nazarene completely fell apart under pressure.

Senior Tyler Scoggin was hit by a pitch and senior shortstop Jamie Nilsen — who leads the team in runs scored, RBIs, stolen bases and doubles — was walked. Gosney laid down a perfect bunt that was bobbed by Nazarene second baseman Ryne Phillips, which loaded the bases with no outs.

Senior first baseman Nate Rylaarsdam singled to left center, advancing the runners with Scoggins scoring. Junior third baseman Frank Donangelo ripped a shot to right field, scoring the tying run and leaving the sacks full for junior pinch-hitter Sean Sloppy.

"I was just trying to look for something to drive," Sloppy said. "When it got to 3-1, I was just going to be patient."

Patience worked for Central, as Slop-

"It was just a matter of getting into the groove. The longer I went the more the game came to me."

JORDAN MOORE

SENIOR PITCHER

py produced the infamous walk-off walk.

Although they took the series, Storey acknowledged the fact that better teams are not going to give Central situations like they saw in game four.

"I told them we will take 3 of 4 anytime," Storey said. "Realistically they gave us that game. We talk about league championships and then just go through the motions. It's us that just need to not get complacent."

Central's only loss in the series came in game two Friday. Junior right-hander Derek Shoemaker — fresh off earning Co-pitcher of the Week — had

trouble throughout the game, giving up 6 runs off 10 hits in four-and-two-thirds innings.

"The time he got hurt was when he left the ball up in the zone," Storey said. "He just couldn't get the ball down."

Crusaders' pitcher Chris Mahelona gave up only one hit in the first four innings, something that clearly upset Coach Storey. Central muscled six runs off Mahelona, but it wasn't enough and Central lost 8-6.

"We waited too long in the game to adjust to the pitcher," Storey said. "With the runs he [Mahelona] gave up in three innings it should have been enough to get the win."

However, Storey is optimistic about his starting rotation, and with the bullpen surrendering only four combined runs in the series, the pitching is headed in the right direction, he said.

Freshman right-hander Jake Millbauer pitched solid, giving up one earned run in his two outings on Saturday and earning a save in the process.

Sophomore right-hander Kevin Walkenhauer shut the door on the Crusaders in his one inning of work, getting the win in game four.

Central is now 18-11 overall and 12-3 in GNAC play. NNU fell to 21-15 overall and 5-11 in the GNAC.

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Wildcats v. Wolves in GNAC showdown

by Casey Donovan
Senior reporter

Now it's all about winning. Throw all of the statistics out. It's safe to say the coming series against Western Oregon is the biggest series of the year for head coach Desi Storey and his players.

The Central Washington baseball team needs to take three of four from the Wolves this weekend.

Central is clinging to a one-and-a-half game lead over the Wolves in Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) play. Central is playing its best ball as of late, going 7-1 in its latest home stand.

"It's really big to go down there and keep playing the way we have been playing," junior catcher Andrew Snowden said. "It is crucial that we get wins to stay on top in the conference."

Senior right-hander Tyler Levin knows the importance of this series. Central's number one starter heads into Monmouth, Ore. coming off of a complete game win against NNU last weekend.

Levin understands that the pitching starts and ends with him, and Storey has put significance on all four starter performing well, including Derek Shoemaker, Michael McCanna and Jordan Moore.

"These four are capable of complete games, and we expect them to go deep," Storey said.

The Central bullpen is tightening up loose ends, putting more pressure on Western Oregon's offense. Both freshman right-hander Jake Millbauer and sophomore

right-hander Kevin Walkenhauer are still the first two that Central depends on in the bullpen.

"Jake and Walkenhauer threw great against [Northwest] Nazarene," Storey said. "We rely on those guys to finish things up."

One guy that is coming in hot to Western Oregon is junior third baseman Frank Donangelo. Storey has placed him in the cleanup spot and Donangelo has proved to be worthy of hitting there.

"I am comfortable hitting in the four spot," Donangelo said. "Guys tend to

pitch you backwards, so I just have to react."

In his last four games, Donangelo has had six RBIs and five hits.

In the five hole is senior first baseman Hank Anderson, who got his hitting turned around when Central faced Western Oregon three weeks ago.

"I just want to get the bat going again," Anderson said.

Anderson is hitting .302 this season and leads the team with four home runs.

Central senior shortstop Jamie Nilsen is battling Western Oregon outfielder Dylan Bruck for the GNAC batting title. Nilsen is hitting .447, just ahead of Bruck's .420 average. Nilsen said that obtaining the batting title is important to him.

Levin will get the start in game one and plans to go after hitters aggressively. He says it helps his strategy out the defense by getting them off the field quickly and allows him to get ahead of hitters and keep his pitch count down.

"He is mentally tough and makes pitches when he needs to," Storey said.

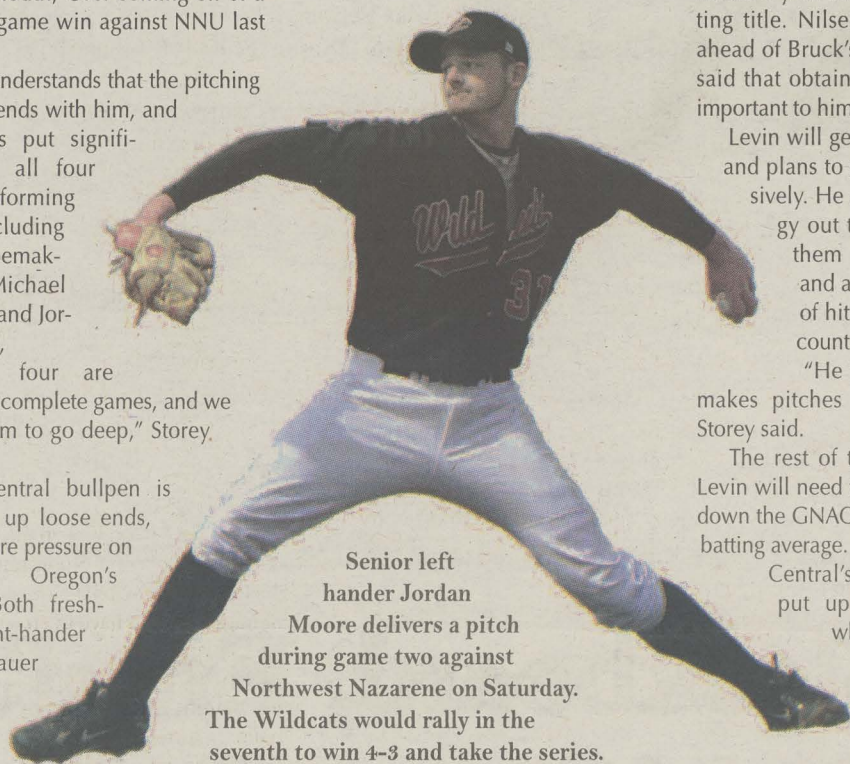
The rest of the rotation following Levin will need to perform well to shut down the GNAC's second-highest team batting average.

Central's offense will need to put up numbers similar to what they did earlier this season against Western Oregon. Central's average of six runs a game should suit them well if Wildcats' pitching is effective.

"It is crucial that we get wins to stay on top of the conference."

ANDREW SNOWDEN

JUNIOR CATCHER



Senior left hander Jordan Moore delivers a pitch during game two against Northwest Nazarene on Saturday. The Wildcats would rally in the seventh to win 4-3 and take the series.

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Senior shortstop and reigning GNAC player of the year Jamie Nilsen digs for third against Northwest Nazarene on Saturday.

QUICK HITS

Nilsen earns GNAC Hitter of the Week: Shortstop Jamie Nilsen earned the honor, going 8 for 12 at the dish. His 16-game hitting streak was snapped in the second game against Northwest Nazarene when he went 0-1 and was pegged twice by Crusader pitchers. He leads the league with a .447 batting average and a .509 batting average in GNAC play.

Nazarene Coach not happy: After NNU lost the final game Saturday on a walk-off walk, Crusaders Head Coach Tim Onofrei stormed home plate and got in the face of the home plate umpire, challenging the calls in the Crusaders collapse in the last inning that led to a 4-3 victory for Central. Onofrei was not available for comment after the game.

Cycling club set to burn rubber

by Joseph Siemandel
Asst. Sports editor

This weekend is big for the CWU cycling team. Not only because they are fighting to win the Pacific Northwest conference, but also because for the first time in team history, they will host an event in Ellensburg.

"This is a big event for us as a team," said Jeffery Rhodes, president of the CWU Cycling Club. "Whitman [College] usually hosts this event, but we are hosting this year."

For those not familiar with cycling the main races are called "omniums." This weekend the cycling club will host three different events. The first event will be the "Badger pocket road race" on Saturday at 9 a.m., at the old Kittitas

High School and will go down courses totalling 30 to 60 miles long.

Saturday at 5 p.m., the team time trials will be held at the Damman School. That is when the riders will race 12.5 miles against the clock.

Sunday will be the easiest race to see according to Rhodes. "The Criterium" is an omnium style race where the cyclists earn points. The event will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday morning at Ellensburg High School and will host races ranging from 20 minutes to one hour long.

Rhodes is positive about the cycling clubs chances this weekend, even though the team has had its share of bad luck lately.

"We have been plagued by injuries," Rhodes said. "With all the

injuries and mechanical problems we hope that we get passed all that at our own event."

Next week the cycling club will be at Montana State University-Bozeman for an event. Then in two weeks they travel down to Pullman for the conference championships.

"We are a young team and that has been very positive," Rhodes said.

Central's cycling team is one of 11 schools in the Pacific Northwest conference. They compete competitively against big teams such as Washington, Washington State, Oregon and Oregon State.

"About eight out of every ten schools have competitive cycling," Rhodes said.

Event goers are encouraged to come early to see the team's warm-ups.

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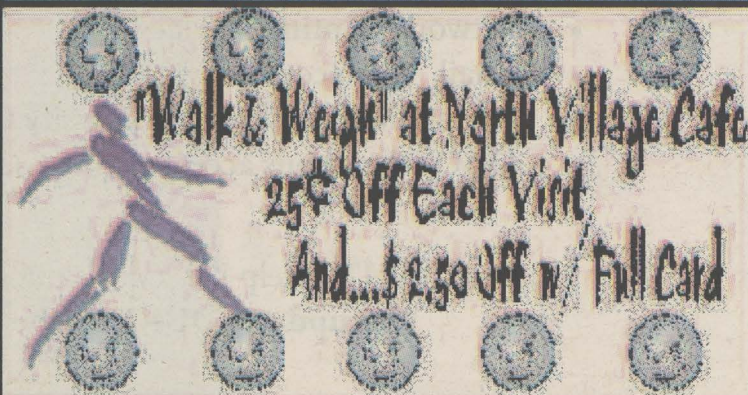
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RUGBY: Wildcats season comes to a close after loss to 10th ranked Utah in playoffs.

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The Wildcats were able to get within a few yards of a try late in the first half but turned the ball over and ended the half scoreless.

Central changed their gamelan in the second half and it allowed them to finally make headway against the Utes.

"We noticed their midfield was coming pretty hard at us so we chipped some balls in behind them to slow them down a little bit and that opened up some running lines," Ford said.

The Wildcats were able to score three tries in the second half and controlled the flow of the game after the intermission.

Despite the Utes offensive struggles in the second half, the Wildcats were never able to significantly threaten the Utah lead.

"I think we played really well in the first half and that gave us a little too much confidence in the second half and we weren't able to put together a complete game," Utes head coach Dave Anderson said.

The Utes advance to the Round of 16 to face the Colorado Buffaloes in Albuquerque, N.M. while the Wildcats season comes to a close.

"They got the better of us," Ford said. "They are a good team and hats off to them."

The Wildcats advanced to face Utah after a 27-19 victory over Chico State the previous day.

Central was able to take advantage of the sloped field in the first half as they built an early 15-0 lead

"They got the better of us. They are a good team and hats off to them."

BOB FORD, HEAD COACH



photos by Jessica Liddle/Observer

Above: Wing Kevin Wills turns upfield against Chico State on Friday. Fullback Mike Nelson, right, and prop Alex Lee, left, look to position themselves behind Wills.

Left: Eight-man Cameron McVicker goes up to gain possession of a line-out.

against the visiting Wildcats.

Chico State mounted a strong comeback in the second period when the field turned to their advantage.

The wind, which was a factor against Utah on Saturday, was even more vicious on Friday.

Chico State was able to break the Wildcats defense on a couple occasions and were able to claw

back to within one, 20-19, with about seven minutes to play in the contest.

The Wildcats were then able to put the outcome to rest as they punched home a game clinching try with less than a minute to play.

Center Devin Snyder punched the ball across the goalline for the try. Snyder, whose grandfather passed away earlier in the week,

played in both of the Wildcats playoff games despite his grandfather's funeral falling on the same day as their match against Utah.

The referee's whistle sounded to end the contest just a few seconds following the Wildcats successful conversion.

Central finished the season as champions of the Pacific Coast Rugby Football Union champions

and were awarded the number one seed in the region.

During the regular season, the Wildcats outscored their opponents by a whopping 256-93 with their only two losses coming against Oregon State, and a 26-6 loss to Utah on January 26. The loss was Central's last on the season and both teams joined Central as part of the regional playoff

SAFARI, Blackboard, Email and the entire Central Computer Facility will be down for maintenance on April 12th



The ITS and Facility Management Departments want to remind everyone that the entire Central Computer Facility will be "offline" for maintenance again on April 12. Schedule as follows:

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