Student rapper, Kojo Obeng, prepares to release first solo CD.

Kayakers find low water thrills on the Cooper River.

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CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Homecoming Highlights

Matt Erickson/Observer

Freshman wide receiver Josh Lopez outsmarts the Wolves defense to catch a pass.

Wildcats pounce on Wolves

by Ericka Wood
Staff reporter

A 22-point fourth quarter scoring rally catapulted the Central Washington University Wildcat football team to a win over the Western Oregon University Wolves at last Saturday’s Homecoming game.

Both teams had good momentum coming into the game, with Central coming off a win over Humboldt State University, and Western Oregon having recently defeated Western Washington University.

The game started out as an offensive sleeper, with only one Wildcat touchdown in the first three quarters. With just over two minutes to go in the half, sophomore Central quarterback Zak Hill hit freshman wide receiver Josh Lopez in the end zone with a 25-yard touchdown pass.

Scoring a field goal every quarter, the Wolves dominated the game until early in the fourth. Western Oregon senior kicker John Freeman was seemingly unstoppable, kicking from 38, 44 and a season record 46 yards.

“In the third quarter we were really battling field position, we couldn’t get anything going,” head coach John Zamberlin said.

Mike Herb was featured as a trumpet soloist in Saturday’s halftime show.

Homecoming visitors enjoy golf, 5K fun run and hypnosis

by Annie Rossman
Staff reporter

Everyone who turned out for Homecoming weekend left the campus with fond memories and a better understanding of what Central Washington University has to offer.

“The student workers and volunteers really put it together and made it all happen,” said Stephen Waldeck, recreation director. “After five weeks of hard work, we can finally catch our breath.”

The recreation center was in charge of the Central Celebrity Golf Tournament and the 5K Fun Run/Walk. About 40 people participated in the golf tournament.

Heather Trimm/Observer

Carri Thompson, a sophomore percussionist for Central’s marching band, shows support for the Wildcats during the Homecoming showdown.

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A vehicle prowl was reported in the Q-14 parking lot. Someone broke into a 1994 Ford pick-up and stole a Kenwood CD player resulting in a loss of $400.

Oct. 25, 1:57 p.m.
Two 18-year-old men were arrested on the third floor of Allford-Montgomery Hall for possession of drug paraphernalia. Police confiscated two glass smoking pipes which contained marijuana residue.

Oct. 26, 12:45 a.m.
A 21-year-old man was arrested for DUI. Officers noticed a man driving along 8th Ave. without headlights. The man could only speak Spanish, and a Spanish-speaking officer was called to the scene. The driver was arrested on the second floor of the Kittitas County Jail.

Oct. 26, 1:10 a.m.
A 26-year-old man was arrested for DUI. Officers were involved in contacting another driver when they noticed the man driving back and forth on 8th Ave. until he eventually parked behind the patrol car. The man failed a field sobriety test and was booked in the Kittitas County Jail.

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Oct. 27, 3:52 a.m.
A member of the Central marching band injured his knee while practicing for the Homecoming game. He declined medical treatment.

Oct. 27, 6 p.m.
A 20-year-old woman was cited for minor in possession of alcohol when officers found an open case of beer in the back seat of her car.

Oct. 27, 10:17 p.m.
A 20-year-old man was arrested for MIP, obstructing a police officer and possession of marijuana after evading police for nearly an hour. Officers also seized a small green pill from the man and sent it to a lab for evaluation.

Oct. 27, 11 p.m.
A 19-year-old man was cited for MIP near Student Village.

Oct. 28, 1:39 a.m.
A 25-year-old man was arrested for DUI, obstructing a police officer and driving with a suspended license near 10th and Alder.

Oct. 28, 2:59 a.m.
Two Central students, a 22-year-old man and a 23-year-old man were arrested for burglary in the second degree. The two men entered the old heating plant on 8th Ave. near the Courson Conference Center. One man was carrying a backpack which contained a walkie-talkie and a screwdriver. The men told police they were looking for a solution, and police said, "It is difficult to regulate parking when parking is free."

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Packed parking lots at Student Village leave students scrambling to find a space. Incomplete soccer field leaves little room for cars

by Rachel Wiersma

The recent addition of a soccer field has created a parking problem for many Student Village residents.

"We've always been able to find a place to park, but it is so much harder than it was because of the soccer field," Orlyn Carney, senior education major, said.

Steve Rittereiser, Central's chief of police, is concerned about the impact the lack of parking has on students.

"We're not sympathetic to the problem, we are looking for a solution," Rittereiser said. "It is difficult to regulate parking when parking is free.

Although changing the parking lot from free to paid parking sounds like a solution, it actually creates more problems.

Visitors to Student Village would be left with no place to park, and keeping track of passes would be difficult due to student turnover from quarter to quarter.

One alternative is to expand the 15-minute parking lot near Alford-Montgomery into a larger parking area, cutting down on the half-hour parking.

Creating more parking would be an option, but it might not solve the problem.

"We'd hate to create more parking and then not have it used," Rittereiser said.

To make more room in the remainder of the X-22 parking lot, abandoned cars and equipment will be eliminated.

Rittereiser also mentioned that after the utility work being done on the corner of 18th and Alder is finished, there should be more parking spaces.

Students are encouraged to be part of the solution by calling Rittereiser at 963-2958 or parking supervisor Gene Gustin at 963-2959 with suggestions.
Interior design program earns a national endorsement

by Danielle Douglass
Staff reporter

Students majoring in interior design can look forward to a bright future. Central Washington University was the first school in the state of Washington and the 31st in the nation to be endorsed by the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA).

"It (the endorsement) definitely makes us more marketable in the interior design industry," Nichole Rodriguez, senior interior design major, said.

Jim Kengel, the director of the NKBA, visited Central last Wednesday. Current design students, students starting next quarter, faculty members, Andrea Sledge, acting associate dean of Education and Professional Studies, and five other members of the professional design community attended the event.

"According to Jim, the kitchen and bath is a $45 billion a year industry," Cami Reinke, interior design instructor, said. "He told us that all the graduates with an NKBA endorsement went to work in the industry, they would be employed by noon the day of graduation. This makes the NKBA endorsement very appealing to students."

The initial endorsement will last for three years. During that time, the program is required to submit annual progress reports, samples of student work and one faculty member will attend a national conference. One must also pass the national exams for certified kitchen and/or bath educator.

With 19 years of professional design experience, Reinke will be the one taking the exam.

"When I came to Central three years ago, it was just to fill in for one class where the department was short an instructor," Reinke said. "As I was teaching, I realized that the 'housing' major (as it was called then) was in place, but was missing someone with professional design experience to guide it."

While she was developing the curriculum, Reinke looked at Central's strengths and weaknesses.

"The Narcotics Anonymous group is a positive step at the university and providing a 12-step chemically dependent program (to help) with recovery," Ken Briggs, director of the health education department, said. "We are honored [to receive the endorsement]. It's awesome," Trudy Thayer, sophomore interior design major, said.

Reinke said that the students are exposed to a variety of design ideas, both residential and commercial. Students use the final quarter of their practicum to work on their portfolio.

"I never tell a student what part of design they should be in, rather try to guide the students to where their strengths and interests are," Reinke said.

Narcotics Anonymous program is growing

by Amber Eagar
Staff reporter

Recently there has been an effort to start a Narcotics Anonymous group at Central Washington University. The Narcotics Anonymous group is a positive step at the university and providing a 12-step chemical dependency program (to help) with recovery," Ken Briggs, director of the health education department, said.

The core of Narcotics Anonymous is a 12-step program adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous that helps people recover from the disease of addiction. Beginning Nov. 10 one of the local groups will be meeting weekly at 7 p.m. on Mondays and another group will meet at 7 p.m. Fridays at the Methodist Church across from the Hal Holmes Community Center. There is no cost. The only requirement is a desire to break the habit.

Those interested in Narcotics Anonymous can contact the Narcotics Anonymous 24-hour help and information line at 1-877-664-0398 or visit www.na.org.
STDs flare up around campus
by Carol Garza

Chlamydia is the number one reported sexually transmitted disease in Kittitas County. Since the beginning of the year, 50 new cases of chlamydia have been reported to the Kittitas County Health Center. Twenty-eight of the reported cases have come from the Central Washington University Student Health and Counseling Center.

"When people drink alcohol they make choices they otherwise wouldn't make," Gail Farmer, Wildcat Wellness coordinator, said. "If people don't drink, they are more likely to put on a condom, which would help prevent STDs from spreading."

Chlamydia infections are now the most common of all STDs, with an estimated 1.4 million new cases occurring each year. Many people with a chlamydia infection may display few or no symptoms and may not realize they have it. Men and women who show symptoms may both experience abnormal genital discharge and burning with urination. If women let chlamydial infections go untreated it could lead to Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, which causes infertility in women and ectopic pregnancies. Chlamydial infections are treatable with an antibiotic drug. "The clinicians offer counseling for understanding the disease process for answering people's questions," Kristin Karns, family nurse practitioner, said. "I like to see my patients three or four days after initial diagno-

Fred Meyer delayed until summer 2001
by Dana McDonnell

With construction under way, Ellensburg residents will be able to watch the Fred Meyer store grow from the ground up. The new Fred Meyer store in downtown Ellensburg is in the beginning phases of construction. Fred Meyer now expects to open in the summer of 2001. The construction site is located between Water Street and Capital Avenue.

Smaller than most other Fred Meyer stores, the Washington downtown building will be only 130,000 square feet.

The construction site is located at the intersection of Water Street and Capital Avenue.

The cost for construction of the new Fred Meyer store, estimated by Bob Boyle, vice president of public relations for Fred Meyer Stores, is $22 million.

The Fred Meyer store anticipates hiring 250 new employees from the Ellensburg community.

Club Senate will meet at 4 p.m. today in the SUB Osh! Room to discuss the Attorney General's decision on funding religious groups for nonreligious activities. The meeting is open to the public.

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Free Internet available to off-campus students

by Dana McDonnell
Staff reporter

Students who live off-campus are qualified to receive a free Internet connection. The free Internet service is funded by the technology fee, regulated by the Associated Students of Central University. Students who live off-campus are qualified to receive a free Internet connection.

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One of the main reasons for a time limit is so each student will have an equal amount of time on the Internet. "We found students that would access the Internet and have it running all day long. When a student got back from class, the Internet would still be running," Norman Imamshah, director of CTS, said.

Central does not have to forward the money. An employee using this card also helps out the state in recording statistics on what hotels or restaurants are used by most employees while traveling. Knowing this information, the state can negotiate with these restaurants and hotels on lowering their rates.

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Bigots should swallow fear, try tolerance

While I was sorting through the Observer mailbox last week, a flyer from the "American Renaissance" newsletter sparked my eye. An oversized headline reading, "Do You Want Your Children to be Racial Minorities?" marked the top of the page, followed by a body of text which had been highlighted to draw attention. It said, "If we let current trends continue, by the year 2050 whites will be a minority race in the United States. Will that be good for your country or your children?"

The letter continued on to say, "Race helps determine where most of us live, where we send our children to school, whom we marry, and what church we join. Race will also determine the character of our country."

"We, as humans, have more brain capacity and potential than any other species, so isn't it unfortunate that there are people who use all this power and energy to fulfill such hateful and ugly means?"

"If you look at it from a logical standpoint, it seems only natural that we would want as diverse a population as possible. Who wants a garden that can produce only one fruit, a flower patch that can grow only daisies, or a brain that can only process ideas one way? In the American tradition, more is always better, so why shouldn't this hold true when speaking of racial diversity?"

Personally, I think it's about time the power structure was reversed. After all, the white race has been dominant in this country for quite a while and if it were not for the sin of slavery, it most likely would still be the majority race of this country. It hasn't done this dominance for the benefit of all people.

Let's look back. First, whites came in and bullied the Native American people from their homeland. Then, they kidnapped Africans and shipped them to the United States to enter a life of slavery. And still to this day the dominant white race continues to act in ways that bar minority races from achieving an equal level of status. Consider, for example, how Washington state voters (the majority being white) overturned the affirmative action program in the election of "98."

"It seems that if a current minority were to become the majority as the American Renaissance so fears, it probably couldn't do much worse than what we've seen from whites in the past." David Duke, president of the National Organization for European American Rights, states on his Web site, "When members of a group are more similar, they are more likely to be harmonious, if they are more diverse, they are more likely to divide." This is the first time I've seen something useful come from a bigot's pen. I think he's got the right idea. Only, instead of looking at skin color as an indicator of our nation's diversity or similarity, why not look at our attitudes? If we all could adopt a pro-human stance, accepting and supportive of all races, religious and genders, we could undoubtedly find ourselves living a more harmonious existence. And just think what we could learn from each other.

-Roslyn Biggs

Abortion pill carries consequences

Dear Editor,

Women who consider aborting their children with the abortion pill glorified in the Oct. 19 Observer should realize the possible consequences of that action:

- Death: breast cancer (risk approximately doubles after having an abortion); cervical, ovarian and liver cancer; uterine perforation (could lead to hysterec­tomy or complications in later pregnancies); cervical lacerations;placenta previa (in later pregnancies, a life-threatening condition for mother and wanted child); increases risk of fetal malformation, perinatal death and excessive bleeding during labor; hospitalized newborns in later pregnancies; ectopic pregnancy (life-threatening, increases risk of infertility); pelvic inflammatory disease (potentially life-threatening, leading to ectopic pregnancy and/or infertility); endometritis; and severe pain.

- Infertility; putting offspring at risk of Down syndrome and other birth defects.

- Guilt, depression, increased stress, low self-esteem, suicidal feelings and substance abuse.

Considering the above, a woman might realize that delivering a live, healthy baby (and offering it up for adoption if it is unwanted) is the preferred alternative to the abortion pill with its appalling side effects. All statistics are documented at www.w-cpc.org/abortion/physi­cal.html and www.prolifeinfQ.org/upll33.htmL

K. St. Hilaire, senior

Libertarian Party needs young voters

I was amused to read about Central's college Green Party in last week's Observer.

One would think that college students -- a group dedicated to their personal freedom, personal growth and the search for truth -- would avoid a pack of fretting nannies like the Green Party as if it were the Ebola virus.

Read their platform! It doesn't have a lot to do with protecting the environment. The Greens, along with the Democrats, the Republicans and the various Socialist factions, want to control your life. Their universal message: you are bad, bad people who can't be trusted to recycle; to give to charity, to act with respect towards people who are different from you, or take care of your own kids. I honestly cannot understand the attraction of such a group.

That's why I'm voting for Libertarians. I want a government that is just and strives for peace with the rest of the world, and that recognizes that we can take care of our own families and communities without the supervision of social workers and drug warriors.

The Libertarian Party is the party of the 21st century. Hundreds of Libertarians already serve in public office, and many more will win elections this year. They offer a message of peace and prosperity and they have the organization to make it a reality. They are waiting for young people to join them in fighting for the country's future.

You can learn more about the Libertarian Party at www.lpws.org. And vote Libertarian by Nov. 7.

Brien Bartels

Alumni, 1997

Letters

Check out the Letters page for further discussion on these topics.

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Christianity and Wicca differ widely.

I must object to some of the comments in the article on Wicca in the Oct. 26 issue. The article presents Wicca as an extremely tolerant religion that gets along with anyone, regardless of their religious beliefs. Robyn Hall even said, "I would never want to persuade a Buddhist or Christian that 'my way' is better, because they are really the same..." 

I submit that this is perfectly false. The Wiccan worldview is radically different from the Christian worldview. Any honest observer has to agree that Wicca and Christianity are not two different ways of saying the same thing. They are ways of saying two different things that have little, if anything, in common. Cults that claim to be Christian, like the Unitarian Church, the Church of Jesus Christ, and the Church of God have some things in common with Wicca, but these are not Christians.

In addition, Wicca is not as tolerant as its adherents would have you believe. For example, Wicca is extremely intolerant of any belief system that is exclusive in nature, like Evangelical Christianity. When you read John 14:6 or Acts 4:12 to a witch, you are not likely to get a positive response. I am not bashing on witches. I love witches, just like I love Buddhists, Muslims, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Unitarian-Universalists, New Agers and any other non-Christians. They are all people that Christ died for. I'm simply critiquing a claim of Wicca in the Oct. 26 issue.

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Washington, D.C.: an example of what Democrats aren't doing

Dear Editor,

So you want to vote for the Democrats. Here is a dose of the truth. The worst city in the country is Washington, D.C. It is appalling that our nation's capital is in such a mess.

The United States Congress is at fault, for they are the ones that have all the legislative control over D.C. The Democrats had 40 years to reform welfare, social security, Medicare, and D.C. For 14 of the 40 years they had Democratic presidents, and what a mess of it they made.

In five years, the Republicans posed balanced budgets, reformed welfare and put Social Security and its surplus in a lockbox, and all Clinton did was sign. The Democrats implemented total gun control in D.C., now only the criminals have guns. Midnight basketball! Kids should not be out at midnight. The city government can't fix potholes and the schools are dead last. D.C. has had high crime and murder rates for 50 years.

Democrats pass government programs that don't work and use taxpayers' money to pay the bureaucracy that won't work and are always asking for more money.

This is the Democrats plan for all of America. Don't believe what you read or see in the news, because the editors edit by their opinion as to what they output as news. The week of the "Columbine Shooting" there was a shooting of the same magnitude in Canada. That's right, Canada, where hand guns are outlawed and all others registered. There was a tiny blip in our news that was given no follow up. If the Democrats' programs were so wonderful and right, then D.C. should be the "Best City" in the world. Don't believe me, go to the library, the facts are there.

And finally, which is dumber, a politician who goes to a fundraiser, or one who knows but believes that the people will believe his denial when he gets caught? If you don't like the system, options, or candidates, the only way to change it is to VOTE!!!

Jon Carpenter, student
Boo Central provides safe atmosphere for trick-or-treating and Halloween fun

by Matt Milton
Staff reporter

Ghosts, goblins and the occasional Power Ranger took over the SUB Tuesday night for the annual Boo Central. Offered as a safe alternative to trick-or-treating on the streets, parents, children and Central students attended the event.

Candy was handed out at various locations, several "haunted halls" were staged, and booths with bean bag tosses, and a game called "Guess the Goo" were also present.

"It's a fabulous community event," Waldeck said. "All of the clubs have done a wonderful job of making it an event catering to younger kids."

In the past, many parents thought Boo Central seemed to cater to older children.

"Last year I was a bit disappointed," Waldeck said. "Some of the things here were inappropriate for the younger kids, but now it's great. It has improved a lot over the last three years."

Boo Central exists to provide a safer trick-or-treating environment for children. Waldeck had a different reason for bringing his children though.

Steve Waldeck, Director of University Recreation, brought his three children to participate in the festivities.

Little pumpkins, vampires and goblins haunted the SUB on Halloween night for tricks and treats at Boo Central.

Medieval club duels for fun and bruises

by John Hieger
Staff reporter

Last Thursday, a violent group of people were thrashing each other with large medieval weapons outside Sue Lombard Hall. To outsiders, the scene might have looked like a Campus Cops drug bust gone bad, but to the members of AMTGARD it's all part of the fun.

AMTGARD is an international association of people who hone their medieval fighting skills with imitation weapons through combat exercises and tactical training. Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., students can watch the spectacle unravel on the east side of Sue Lombard Hall.

These practices entail a group of people with large padded swords beating each other furiously while prepping their skills for the weekly battle at noon on Sundays in Kiwanis Park.

Passing students show signs of confusion as the Sacred Wind Ellensburg chapter of AMTGARD battles one another. English major and group leader Aurin Ballou assures it's all in good taste.

"It helps people get their violent energies out. It's like fencing taken to a higher level," Ballou said. "Nobody gets permanently damaged."

The participants bring an assortment of home-made weapons resembling their medieval counterparts, the only rule is they have to originate from before 1650 A.D. AMTGARD also stresses that no head or neck shots are allowed, but this is more of an ideal than a reality.

Injuries are rare but that does not mean they don't happen.

"One time a guy fell on his shield and almost bit through his lip, but usually you just get bruises," Ballou said. "They come with the workout."

AMTGARD has over 150 chapters nationwide and boasts members in countries as far as Sweden. Every year members work toward the big showdown known as Clan. Clan is an annual battle involving hundreds of participants who flock to the New Mexico desert to celebrate their mutual appreciation for exercising their violent tendencies.
Introduction


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American democracy was once called the Great Experiment. To be successful, the citizens of this country have to be informed participants in the democratic process, in community life. We all need to be interested not only in our own pursuit of liberty, but in the common good.

This is a guide written by college students for college students. Students chose the issues they were interested in writing about for the Com 308 Reporting course. They also wrote profiles of the contenders in the races.

Particularly interesting is the perspective that international exchange students bring to the coverage of American politics. (See page 4.)

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Voting Young

Social issues, family views, knowledge bring students to care about voting

by Danielle Marsh

Political parties are groups of people who share the same views about how the government should be run and what it should do. But for many students, choosing one is difficult.

“I know that many of my friends vote for the party which they grew up with; not because they stand behind it,” Alana Davis, a 21-year-old Central student, said.

Davis has been registered to vote since she was 18, but has never voted. She said the schools don’t teach students the importance of voting. Political candidates have their target audience and it doesn’t seem to be the students.

“Colleges should have a required [politics] class, a basic class you must take to graduate,” Davis said.

“There’s a point in everyone’s life where politics becomes your own, and not your parent’s,” Kyle Lynch, vice president of Central’s College Republicans, said.

Lynch, studying education at Central, worked at a homeless shelter for his church; this sparked his interest in politics.

“As a club we fight problems such as, why the school uses our Social Security numbers for our identification, why a letter goes to our parents if we have received an MIP,” Lynch said.

Lynch said issues like these are what college students are more interested in. Every student in high school should be required to take a government class to teach kids the importance of voting as well as the process itself.

“We need to teach kids before they turn 18 rather than after,” Lynch said. He also believes younger students needs to be approached in a different manner.

See Young Voters, page 2

So you cast your vote and then what?

by Kim Nowacki

As products of the MTV generation, twenty-somethings have been urged to “Rock the Vote” and “Choose or Lose.” The problem is most people do not know what happens after they cast their vote. The United States has a unique system of electing the president called the Electoral College.

When the founding fathers of this country were writing the Constitution, they needed to agree upon a way to select a chief executive. The first idea was to have Congress select someone, but this was ruled out because it did not provide the checks and balances of separating the executive and legislative branches. The next idea was to have direct election, where every eligible voter in the country casts a vote for whom they want to be president. This would seem the fair thing to do, but the logistics of collecting and counting all those votes in a huge country with no rapid communication system seemed impossible. Most of the founding fathers also felt that the general public was ill prepared for such a momentous responsibility. The final solution was the Electoral College system.

“When you vote for the president, you don’t
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Meet the Presidential Candidates

George W. Bush

He's been called "spoiled little rich kid," "George dubya," and of course "TB," but who is the man that wants "to bring integrity back to the White House?"

George W. Bush is. the 41st governor of the state of Texas, a Yale graduate and a Harvard graduate, first-born child of former President George Bush and his wife Barbara Bush. A former major of a minor baseball team, father of twins, and a husband. He would like to add President of the United States to this list.

With his experience in owning and operating a major league baseball franchise, and his involvement in the oil business, Bush feels he has the credentials to be "the man that wants to bring integrity back to the White House." His involvement in the oil business, Bush has the stigma of the rich kid who is taking over the family business. In his dealings with the oil industry, Bush has often met middle class families find him hard to trust.

When not descending comments from the Gore Campaign, George W. Bush is pushing his policies on education, health care, taxes, and social security. In television ads, adding his work in education for Texas schools, Bush calls for saving accountability. - Ernie Nickels

Al Gore

Democrat and presidential hopeful. Al Gore has been tackling education and safety issues in his campaign.

"To crack down on guns, Gore said he wants to "raise the minimum age to own a gun from 18 to 21. This doesn't ban assault rifles, it prohibits juveniles from possessing assault rifles and large capacity ammunition feeding devices."

"I would provide training in all new teachers to make sure they can spot signs of trouble," Gore said on his website. "These measures will help avoid violence before it starts."

Gore also feels strongly about making college affordable for all Americans.

"I am proud of the fact that we have had over 200 years of college tuition affordable to every qualified young person with the HOPE scholarships, and made further education the right through Lifelong Learning Tax Credits," Gore said in a press release.

In the future, he hopes to increase the maximum Pell Grant award and carry through with his proposal of a National Tuition Savings Plan. The National Tuition Savings Plan would give families the opportunity to fund their children's college education inflation-free and tax-free.

Gore began his career in politics in 1969 when he graduated with honors from Harvard University with a degree in government. After he served in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam.

Upon returning from Vietnam, Gore studied law at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee while working as a newspaper reporter at the Nashville Tennessean. He began his career in public service when he was elected to represent Tennessee in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1976. In 1984, Gore was elected to the U.S. Senate and was re-elected in 1990.

By: Jennifer Perkins

Ralph Nader

Ralph Nader may not be one of the main candidates in the upcoming presidential election, but he's no stranger to politics.

"I want to be president for a very simple reason," Todd Schaefer, assistant political science professor at Central Washington University, said.

How the Electoral College Works

The Electoral College gives each state a certain number of electoral votes based on Senators and Representatives. Each state gets an automatic two votes because each state has two Senators. The remaining number of votes is based on the population of the state, which also determines how many Representatives each state has.

Washington State has 11 electoral votes, two from Senators, and nine for the nine Representatives. California has the largest number of electoral votes with 54.

When Washington goes to the polls on Nov. 7 and cast their votes for president, those votes only go as far as the nearest courthouse to be tallied. The state tallies all the votes and announces which candidate won the state. All but two states have a winner-take-all policy, so if Al Gore wins Washington by one vote, he gets all 11 electoral votes. If George W. Bush wins California by one vote, he would get all 54 electoral votes. This is the way in which one vote can make a difference.

Maine and Nebraska are the only states that allocate their electoral votes based on which candidate wins different regions of the state. There are 38 total electoral votes and a candidate needs at least 270 to become president.

A call is the House and Senate into the process. The House chooses the president and the Senate chooses the vice president.

The problem with this is that the House majority could be Democrat and the Senate majority could be Republican, or vice versa, and in essence a Democratic president could be chosen with a Republican Vice President.

The Electoral College faced opposition from the day it was created as the 12th Amendment to the Constitution in 1804. Opponents of the Electoral College insist that it wastes votes, does not reflect the popular opinion and hinders a third-party candidate. Parts of these statements are both true and false.

Problems with the Electoral College

There are two different votes tallied on election night, the electoral vote and the popular vote.

"That's the [popular vote] what everybody thinks actually elects these people," James Brown, chair of the political science department at Central, said.

The popular vote is how many actual votes a candidate receives. Yet three times in America's history the winner of the popular vote lost the election and the White House. John Quincy Adams in 1824, Samuel J. Tilden in 1876, and Grover Cleveland in 1888 won the more popular vote but lost the election.

"In that sense it [the Electoral College] can be anti-democratic," Brown said.

This occurs when a candidate carries smaller states by landslide victories. Then with the bigger states that have more electoral votes, carry the states in that area, such as winning all the west coast states. A third party candidate, like Ross Perot, can have 20 percent of the popular vote and not win a single state.

As times change and the line between Republicans and Democrats becomes harder to see, the American public may start looking for something new.

"I think we're reaching the point where a third-party candidate is feasible," Brown said.

Voting in this country is important and does make a difference. According to the Voter News Service exit polls, in the 1996 presid­ental general election Generation X represented 33 percent of the voting-age population but accounted for only 24 percent of voters. This made them the only generation to under-repre­sent its voting-age population in the election.

If this trend carries on, politicians will continue to focus on the older generations and ignore young people's issues. In the end, unless there is some radical upturn to change or abolish the Electoral College, this will continue to be the way Americans choose the president. It has some flaws, but it works and only three "wrong winners" politicians out of 42 may not be that bad.

People, especially the younger generation, need to get out and vote; besides, as Brown said, "Politics is full of surprises."

Young Voters

Organizations such as Rock the Vote and the Hip-Hop Coalition for Political Power seek to educate younger citizens on freedom of speech, the power to vote and political issues facing the American youth. In 1997, Rock the Vote registered more than 515,000 young voters. This was accomplished by targeting the younger market, and using pop culture to interest the audience in politics. Todd Schaefer, assistant professor of political science at Central, said he believes politicians fear that if they target young adults they won't vote, and it will be a waste of their time and money. "Young adults are not socially established," Schaefer said. College students won't be living in their college community for very long and don't care what's happening with current issues or what's going to happen.

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- Jordan Condit, a volunteer for the Democratic's headquarters in downtown Ellensburg, said Condit said he believes if younger voters were involved in local elections they would see the difference their votes can make.
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Dams and salmon have politicians ducking for cover

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o dam? Or not to dam? That is the question. The spotted owl has been booted out. This election year it is the Pacific Northwest salmon that is grabbing all of the attention — yes, the salmon, a prominent figure that is a staple of importance in the Pacific Northwest standing right up there with Starbucks, Microsoft and Boeing.

The past several years the salmon population has been declining. The Northwest has lost several populations of salmon and salmon runs to extinction. A number of Northwest salmon have been added to endangered species list. Depletion of habitat due to the dams is to blame, say environmentalists.

"This is a wake up call to the region that this is no easy way out," Northwest director for American Rivers Rob Masonis said in a recent article. "Alternatives to dam removal may be more economically painful than dam removal and loss.

According to a draft report on the Snake River Juvenile migration done by the US Army Corps of Engineers and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), juvenile salmon may have to travel past as many as eight federal dams before reaching the Pacific Ocean. Salmon go through dam turbines and experience water temperature, pressure, and turbulent conditions. Depletion of habitat due to the dams is to blame, say environmentalists. They also go through spill bays and may be harmed in the fall as the water is being released.

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The Oregon Natural Resource Council report shows that the United States has spent $1.7 billion restoring salmon population levels. When Social Security first started there were 12 working people for every one person collecting Social Security. In 2030, Appleton estimates that there will be only two and a half people working to support one person collecting Social Security.

"This is why there won't be enough money," Appleton said. "The age at which people are choosing to retire is going down, and the number of new workers taking their places has shrunk."

"Under Bush's plan, people would be allowed to take the money that would normally go to Social Security and invest it for their own retirement," Appleton said. "People could choose to participate in the current system combined with the ability to move a portion of the payments to the account they have set up for retirement and invest this money in such things as stocks and bonds."

"If you look at what Americans do, that (market plan) should be scary," Appleton said. "We save the lowest of the lowest income groups. If you save less than half of one percent of our income."

Under Gore's plan, participation would also be voluntary, but any amount invested in Social Security would be tax deductible. The government would match the level of contributions by providing a tax credit to those who qualify. However, the level the government would match at would vary from $500-$1500.

Health care, Social Security, Medicare

Future paycheck will pay the bills for many people

by Melissa Mitchell

With all the campaigning efforts directed toward senior citizens and baby boomers, health care, social security and Medicare/Medicaid are key running issues in this presidential race. However, the decisions made in the next four years over the future of the Social Security system will be coming directly out of their paychecks.

This money may not go to support themselves or people of their own generation, instead, it will go to support the generations allowed to take the money that would normally go to Social Security and invest it for their own retirement.

Foster was a co-chair for the Buchanan Reform campaign. Foster is also a former president of the John Birch Society.

For 33 years Foster was a teacher and administrator for the Los Angeles Unified School District. She also served as president of Black American for Family Values from the late 1980s until this year.

Amber Kaylor

John Hagelin

As the line between Democrat and Republican becomes more blurry, this year's election is hosting a wide range of third-party candidates.

Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan are probably the most visible of the third party runners. Even these radical political may seem run of the mill to some voters. Then there is the Green Party's candidate, John Hagelin.

Hagelin has a PhD. in quantum physics from Harvard University and worked at Europe's most prestigious physics lab and at Stanford. He continues to research Einstein's equations and explains everything in the universe — a fundamental level of existence that connects all things, that underlies all of the laws of nature. This is what is called government, our workplace, our environment. Nader is running with Winona LaDuke, also a Harvard graduate, under the Green Party, formed in 1996.

— Danielle Douglass

Pat Buchanan

Both Reform Party Presidential candidate Patrick J. Buchanan and Reform Party Vice Presidents Wittigo Elmore and James Hagerty have political pro­file, anti-gay rights and pro-school prayer. Unlike their common view on issues their backgrounds are strikingly different.

Buchanan has a rich political back­ground. He has served as President Richard Nixon's senior advisor and executive assistant, foreign service changes, judge water conditions and striking machinery. They also go through spill bays and may be harmed in the fall as the water is being released.

"The Safe Car You Can't Buy," was published in the April 1959 issue of the Nation.

"We're trying to really appeal to the most underrepresented minority in the political process — the young people who don't vote, but don't," Nat Goldhaber, Nader's running mate, said in an Oct. 7 article. "That's what got Jesse Ventura elected."
International students watch salmon, wonder at American politics

by Chia Pei Cheng, Akiko Izuka, Tomoko Konai, Yukiko Kubayashi, and Marie Judith

T he international students living in the United States have a different view of the 2000 U.S. election. Their views can be seen in the results of a survey taken by European, Botswana, Taiwanese, Japanese and Korean students about the U.S. political system and 2000 presidential election. Some people are interested in the election because it may affect their future lives. European students are paying attention to the American politics and presidential election campaign. The survey shows that European students answered they are interested in American politics and presidential campaign. Eight European students are getting election information from the Internet. Marie Judith, a French student said, “I get the majority of my information about the candidates by reading news online, since I watch TV news regularly, or read the newspapers.”

Although European students are interested in the American politics, eight of 10 people explained they would not vote in the election because it would not make a significant difference between the United States and their own countries.

A French student, Cecil Bertron is one of the two European students, who watched presidential debate on TV. “My general impressions of the debates were that Gore was much more educated than Bush about the issues brought up in questioning, and probably fared better,” he said. “As for the vice-presidential candidates, both Cheney and Lieberman were equally impressive and I would vote them even.”

“My opinion on the debate was that no one won,” a German student, Flavio Muttits said. “Gore was a better debate, but Bush didn’t screw up horribly.”

The survey shows that six of 10 European students do not enjoy negative advertisements. However, some found out the negative advertisements are effective.

Dan Glor, a Swiss student said, “I don't enjoy negative campaigning and it is rude, uncivilized, and for the most part unpatriotic.”

At the same time, it is quite also effective and therefore do not see it going away anytime in my lifetime.”

Central students from Botswana think that election campaigns are different in their own. They say that it seems like people here are not showing a lot of democracy. It also seems like the youth is not very politically active. Students from Botswana also think the media is just talking about elections and that it even confuses the people who want to vote. They think that the candidates are very manipulative.

Babu Konde, an art major student from Botswana, said, “I am not following the elections process in America, and everything is messed up.”

The students who come from Taiwan and study at Central, do not really attach importance to the 2000 U.S. election because the foreign policy does not play a significant role in presidential election campaigns. The two presidential candidates are clearly focused on domestic issues. Yet the students still worry that the election may affect relations between Taiwan and China.

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Some people vaguely know an American election is a direct election and a Japanese is an indirect election. A lot of students could not know what other differences are, however. Instead, many of them see some differences in election campaigns between Japan and America. The campaign period is very long in America and has lots of advertisements and yard signs. Compared to America, the Japanese campaign period is very short, television ads are allocated to parties on a formula, and individual candidates aren’t able to make use of them. Also, most Japanese people have point system of American political campaign in America, going around from place to place, repeating the slogans and the names of candidates. The repeated calls made for a particular candidate during election time is even too much for Japanese to take.

With lots of campaign ads in the United States, there are no negative campaigns. Three of 10 Japanese students perceive a negative campaign is one of the strategies to get elected and is a common thing among the political world.

The other seven think it should not be carried out. Their view is it is acceptable to oppose other candidates’ policies, but national credential is lost if one blames another personally. “It may be one of the strategies to win the election, but I don’t think it is necessary. I don’t think something like TV commercial RAT (a subliminal message) is a thing that an intelligent person would do,” Fusuako Notsuka, a senior, said. It is rare to see negative election campaigns in Japan.

Most Korean students said that one of the big differences between American and Korean election is way of campaigning.

Woo-In-Chung, a Korean student in Yakima, stated that Korea has a strict rule of the politicians campaigning by using media. Many Korean students are interested in the fact that American candidates always talk to people by using TV. In the question of how the Korean students think about American elections, “They look like actors or actresses,” one of the Korean students answered. Everyday, on many TV stations, people see Gore’s and Bush’s pictures on the TV.

Bush’s negative campaign, “RAT,” gave Korean students a very bad impression.

Most students said that a negative campaign was not very useful, not giving voters a good impression, and destroys Bush’s credibility.

Most of the Korean students’ interests are in how a candidate looks on TV, how each candidate speaks, and in how each candidate campaigns, rather than the candidate’s political policies.

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The AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION is not only an American issue, but it is also something that countries outside of the United States pay attention to. Unlike the American media, foreign countries’ media do not cover the presidential election daily, but they follow its advancement through newspapers, television, and the Internet.

WHETHER AL GORE OR GEORGE W. BUSH WILL BE VICTORIOUS in the 2000 U.S. presidential election is not only something that Americans look at, it also matters to Japan: Who the U.S. president will have an impact on Japan.

UNLIKE AMERICAN POLITICAL MONEY SCANDALS, the Japanese political money scandals involve politicians paying money to voters. Japanese politicians tend to be more moral because of corruption and related crimes. These kinds of money scandals have occurred in past American elections.

THE UNITED STATES IS SO FAR THE STRONGEST POWER IN THE WORLD, and the American politics will be compared to that of the United States. The result of what the United States has to do is look at the threat of the conflict between Taiwan and China; the United States policy toward Taiwan is individually linked to China.

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Dam breaching is typically the method of digging a canal around the side of a dam to free it from water and opening up a major impediment. This, in turn, allows salmon to pass by without issue. In the past, methods like trucking fish past dams have been used, but they have introduced non-native and sustainable stocks on the river systems. Many local scientists believe that the genetic lineage of these systems is at a great risk. Millions of spring/summer Chinook, Fall Chinook, sockeye and steelhead once returned to the tributaries of these rivers. Numbers as high as 15,000 spring/summer Chinook passed the Lower Granite Dam. Only one-third of those fish were wild.

The dams slow the flow of the river, which in turn causes the water temperature to rise, which stimulates the chance for bacteria and sickness in the fish, geography professor Scott Brady said. "It seems that almost any event that occurred in the same period as the construction of the dams, with the possible exception of disease, is attributed to damming—something one as a cause for the decline of our fish," Jeff Curtis, policy analyst for Trout Unlimited, said.

Chinese students watch the Snake and Columbia rivers are used for more than one thing these days. It’s an issue that has been treated like the plague.

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by Kelly Allen & John Bieger
Staff reporters

Home to one of North America’s largest night skiing operations, The Summit at Snoqualmie has been a favorite of Central skiers and snowboarders for many years. Permanent new attractions at Snoqualmie include a second Half-Pipe Grinder (HPG) and a Half-Pipe and Terrain Park at Summit Central. Both Half-Pipes are sponsored this year by the Nordic Sports Haus. Pre-season discounts are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the downtown Seattle and Redmond REI stores. They can be purchased on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. until closing through Nov. 5 at prices ranging from $169-$329.

 Weekend and holiday lift tickets are $37 for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. or 12:30 p.m.-10 p.m. and $31 for 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Midweek tickets are $29 and $24.

The Summit at Snoqualmie is located off I-90 at exit #52.

Almost a two-hour drive from Ellensburg is Stevens Pass. A favorite on powder days, Stevens offers great variety and more challenging terrain for experienced skiers. A newly remodeled, fully equipped rental shop offers the best in Rossignol skis and snowboards. Expanded parking facilities as well as a brand new lodge have been added to meet demand.

Advance Season Pass sales have been extended until Nov. 10 at a cost of $650. Passes will be $750 after Nov. 10. Midweek passes for Monday through Friday are $249 and will be available for $245 after Nov. 10. Daily lift tickets are $41 after 9 a.m., $34 after noon, or $26 after 4 p.m.

To reach Stevens Pass, take Highway 97 North over Blewett Pass to Highway 2 West. The ski area is at the top of the pass.

White Pass boasts excellent snow conditions due to its base elevation of 4,500 feet, which is good for family skiers who seek to spend their time on the slopes and not in line. Offering a high-speed quad along with three additional chairs and 32 runs spanning 1500 vertical feet, White Pass hopes to surpass its record attendance last season. “Our numbers are up all the way around, including first-time skiers and snowboarders. We had to limit the number of passes sold as an effort to maintain the quality of the experience on the hill,” White Pass General Manager Kevin McCarthy said.

The hill offers a variety of difficulty for different skill levels roughly divided between 60 percent for intermediate skills and 40 percent shared for experts and novices. Area officials plan a 300 acre expansion to begin next summer that will open terrain on the east side of the area that has not yet been utilized. The addition would include a 4,000-foot detachable quad chairlift and a small mid-mountain lodge.

Outside Magazine chose White Pass as one of the ten best places in “the West” to relax and enjoy outdoor activities. White Pass also offers slope-side lodging, full rental facilities, day care and a 20K Nordic Center. For more information contact the Snowline at (309) 672-3100.

About 20 minutes outside of Wenatchee is one of the more hidden gems in Washington State skiing. Mission Ridge sits at a base elevation of 4,200 feet and boasts itself as the highest snow park in the state. The area starts out with a narrow neck where several of the first chairlifts start. As the chairlift climbs up the mountain, the snow park begins to open up, offering a variety of runs for the experienced skier. The terrain gets steep as the mountain ascends its 2,300-foot elevation gain, and there are many opportunities to stray off the beaten path for jumps and tree slalom.

Mission Ridge is a favorite for area snowboarders because it offers large half pipes and other accessories with the boarder in mind. Rental facilities and dining areas are available, however, lodging packages must be arranged via Wenatchee or Leavenworth. Seven-day operation begins Dec. 15 and will run until March 1.

Season Passes are now on sale for $290 for unlimited skiing and $230 for student unlimited passes. Call 1-800-73-RIDGE for more information.

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Deadline approaches for annual arts and crafts fair

by Annie Rossman
Staff reporter

Every fall for the past 25 years, Central’s Ware Fair has inhabited the SUB for the three days preceding finals week. Sponsored by Campus Life Programs and Services, this event enables people and groups to exhibit and sell their own hand-crafted items.

The idea of Ware Fair was introduced to Central by a graduate student in 1975. Even though the concept of Ware Fair has evolved from being held every quarter to just once a year, the focus has not changed over 25 years.

“It is a holiday arts and crafts fair that was originally brought to Central to encourage student involvement,” Ellen Long, event organizer said.

The fair does not allow the sale of items made in foreign countries. Throughout the event, organizers will regulate the fair to ensure that all crafts are original pieces created by the person showing them.

The 25th anniversary of the Ware Fair will begin Wednesday, Nov. 29. The fair will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, call Campus Life Programs and Services at 963-3315.

Central Orchestra scares up a ghoulish good time for Halloween

I just spent an hour and 15 minutes sitting on the floor in Hertz Hall, among a standing room only crowd, doing something I have never done before listening to classical music. Man, my butt hurts.

I walked toward Hertz Hall not knowing what to expect. My assignment: to watch and review the annual Halloween Concert put on by the Central Washington University Orchestra. At the time, I was entertaining thoughts that the hall would be half full and was asking myself, “Who would go to a college orchestra concert at 8 o’clock on a Monday night?”

When I arrived, a good three minutes before the show started, I found a packed music hall and only half the hard concrete floor to sit on. (The music department is lobbying for a new building; now I know why.)

The orchestra walked out in full Halloween costumes. Everything from bees to cheerleaders to Britney Spears was represented, and then the music started.

I don’t think my mind or my attitude could have been rearranged faster if I had been hit by a Mack truck. I can’t really describe the music. I remember there was some Star Wars, a few movie themes, and a couple of guys doing a hilarious performance of Abbot and Costello’s “Who’s on First” sketch to the delight of a captured audience.

My advice to anyone with a brain would be to clear whatever you are doing on Nov. 19 and to go to the next concert that afternoon at 3 p.m. in Hertz Hall. It’s free to get in, and what you get out of it is something that no amount of money could ever buy. But please, for those who arrive late, remember to bring a pillow or a cushion or something. The auditorium fills up quickly and my butt still hurts.

Campus Calendar

Thursday
- “Scanning Tunnelling Microscopy” Dr. Stephen Gregory from Department of Physics, University of Oregon, 4 p.m. Lind 215
- Symposium on the Elections, 4 p.m. Mary Grupe Conference Center
- “Picasso at the Lapin Agile,” 7 p.m. McConnell Auditorium

Friday
- Bake Sale, 8 a.m.-noon Psychology Building Lobby
- Comedy Night, 8 p.m. Club Central
- Mike Lowry, candidate for lands commissioner, will be in the SUB 10:30-noon
- Brown Bag Beethoven, noon, Hall Holmes Center
- “Picasso at the Lapin Agile,” 7 p.m. McConnell Auditorium

Saturday
- Film Festival: “Art Making and the Collaborative Process,” 9:30 a.m. Science Building 101
- West African Dance Workshop, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nicholson Pavilion Dance Studio; $10 for one class $15 for both. First come first served
- “Picasso at the Lapin Agile,” 7 p.m. McConnell Auditorium

Sunday
- CWU Flute Choir, 3 p.m. Hertz Recital Hall
- Student Recital: Elaine Ray on Violin, 8 p.m. Hertz Recital Hall

Tuesday
- Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. Games Room-$4 entry
- Geological Sciences Seminar Series: Professor Kent Keller, Department of Geology, Washington State University, noon Lind 215
- “Self Esteem and Your Health,” 4 p.m. Student Health and Counseling Center, Wickerath Lounge
- Classic Film Series: “Visions of Light,” 7 p.m. McConnell Auditorium
- Native American Basket Making by Elaine De Coteau, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. SUB Pit

Wednesday
- Papa John’s Coffeehouse, 8 p.m. SUB
- Exploring Alternative Medicines, noon-1 p.m. Student Health and Counseling Center
- Choral Festival, all day, Hertz Hall, free admission. Call 963-1616 for more information

Correction
The John Bennett story which ran in the Oct. 12 edition of the Observer stated that the Daily Record had rejected Bennett’s article “Smoke, Smoke, Smoke that Cigarette,” when in fact the Daily Record had published that story.
Faculty jazzes up Papa John's

by Katie Berglund
Staff reporter

Papa John's Coffeehouse will try something different next Wednesday. Instead of the usual rock bands, it will host a jazz performer.

Kristin Korb and Friends will perform for Papa John's on Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. in Club Central. Korb sings while playing the upright bass. She will be the first faculty member to perform for Papa John's Coffeehouse this year.

Korb is the director of Jazz Studies at Central and this is her first year teaching on this campus.

"A different style of music will bring in a different crowd of students and people," Andrew Fickes, Papa John's Coffeehouse coordinator said. Korb has toured nationally, as both an artist and educator. One of her most recent performances was a featured spot on the International Society of Bassists' 1999 Conference. She also recently toured Japan with the Richard Wyands trio.

Her debut CD is entitled "Introducing Kristin Korb," and is out under the Telarc label.

"Korb has a strong career ahead of her, and she's off to a great start," the Chicago Tribune said about the artist.

Central rapper releases first CD

by Lexie Ohlde
Staff reporter

Local rapper Kojo Obeng busts a move to his hit debut single. His first album is due out in December.

Obeng is a new flavor for the rap industry. His song "Bitches" is part of the album titled "Cool Dre Presents Hits for the New Millennium," which was released last March and is in stores now. Although the title of his song sounds somewhat harsh, Obeng is actually talking about how the word "bitch" can be misused, and how it is a much harsher word than it seems.

"It sounds like I'm using the word negatively, but really the song is about how the word gets misused and the wrong women get called bitches," Obeng said.

In addition to his time spent studying and socializing, Obeng is producing his first album. He lived in California where his producers worked with him on his upcoming album and send him off-the-hook rhymes to the producers.

Besides the thrill of having a song on the same album as Tupac, Master P and Kurupt, Obeng has also met quite a few famous rappers and artists. He once opened for Jon B and had the opportunity to meet Exhibit, Ahmad (who sings "Back in the Day") and B.B. King. Obeng hopes that these opportunities will help him in the future with his work and improve his talent.

Obeng's first song is currently available in stores. His first album should be in stores in December.

El Dia De Los Muertos

by Leslie Ohlde
Staff reporter

To those people on the campus of Central Washington University who would like to be enriched culturally, this article explains what Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 are to the Mexican people.

El Dia De Los Muertos is the time during the year that the people of Mexican/Chicano descent celebrate the spirits and memories of those loved ones that are deceased. This day is seen as life flowing into death and death evolving into birth in an unending cycle.

The original celebrations can be traced to the Mexican Aztec practice of Miccailhuitontli, ritually presided by the goddess Mictencuaxchil (Lady of the Dead), and dedicated to children and the dead.

The ritual originally fell at the end of July and beginning of August, but when the Spanish Conquistadors invaded, they altered the tradition so it coincided with the All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day (Nov. 1 and 2). Now the Mexican/Chicano people construct ofrendas, (offerings set out for the returning souls), visit and decorate the grave sites of those lost loved ones, or acknowledge the holiday by painting their faces all white, or skeleton like.

On this day, the worlds of the living and the dead are brought together as one in a celebration of life through death. This is a day for all people to honor and show their respects to the lost loved ones in their lives.

M.E.Ch.A. would like to invite everyone on campus to go to the Chief Owhi Room in the SUB Nov. 2 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to offer their respects to those they have lost and to join with us in celebrating El Dia De Los Muertos.

The Self/Self exhibit is now showing at the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery through Nov. 21. The gallery is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. This is a collaborative installation exploring the dynamic person and community.
Several Wildcat football players stepped up for Central down the stretch in Saturday’s Homecoming game against the Western Oregon Wolves, including #85 sophomore wide receiver Brooks Denny, #89 freshman wide receiver Jake Roberts, #28 sophomore running back Shawn Brathwaite, and #12 junior defensive back Jason Patterson.

These diaper dandies will make up the core of an even better team next year. Central won, 29-19. The story appears on page 1.

Senior football player looks forward to future

by Tim Bottorff
Sports Editor

Senior strong safety John Hallead’s last Homecoming football game meant something special to him. His friends and family watched from the stands of Tomlinson Stadium as Hallead played one of the best games of his life.

Hallead got credit for 10 tackles and an interception Saturday versus the Western Oregon Wolves. His interception stopped a key WOU. drive in the first quarter, shutting down the Wolves’ momentum for the majority of the game.

On the play, the player Hallead was covering ran a slant. Hallead read the play and stuck to the receiver like white on rice on a paper plate with a glass of milk in a snowstorm. The Wolves quarterback Adam Bledsoe threw the ball behind his receiver.

“I just dove and happened to get my hands between the ground and the ball to catch it,” Hallead said of the interception.

For his efforts, he was named CFA Defensive Player of the Week in addition to winning the game 29-19.

“I’ve been an athlete since I was 5 years old,” Hallead said. “This is the biggest win of my life. A game never meant so much to me.”

Hallead said there was also extra motivation going into his senior year Homecoming game because the team had a chance to tie for the lead in the league standings if they won.

“I took the mentality to leave everything I had on the field,” Hallead said. “I felt so focused out there.”

An unfish player, Hallead credits the Wildcats’ defensive line for putting pressure on Bledsoe.

“Tie was the game plan - when he gets pressure, he cracks,” Hallead said. The Ellensburg native grew up watching Central football games. He idolized such players as running back Ed Watson. Watson was inducted into the school’s Athletic Hall of Fame during halftime of Saturday’s game.

The tradition at Central and the memories of going to the games as a kid are what Hallead said influenced him to enroll at Central.

Upon graduation, Hallead aspires to be a high school history teacher and football coach.

“High school is perfect,” Hallead said of coaching high school sports. “They have a long off-season, which gives time to spend with family.”

He explained that college football coaching is a year-round, time-consuming occupation. A full season, recruiting, and spring and fall practices would demand too much of his time.

The history education major took a professional detour before playing football for Central. The Colorado Rockies drafted Hallead right out of high school and sent him to Rookie A ball.

The contract he signed prevented him from doing anything remotely dangerous, like riding a motorcycle, water skiing or playing football. Hallead made it as far as AA ball, but he didn’t like the limited role he had as a pinch hitter. He got out of his contract and came home to his family and football.

Some might say no one in their right mind would turn down a professional career in sports.

“If you would’ve seen the football game Saturday, you would’ve known why I quit baseball, why I walked away,” Hallead said in response.

Hallead plays his last collegiate home football game Saturday afternoon against nationaly ranked UC-Davis.
Rugby takes on top teams

by Ericka Wood
Staff reporter

Imagine getting up at 8 a.m. on Saturday mornings to play a game for an hour and a half that takes as much skill and stamina as soccer and is as rough as football. For about 70 Central Washington University students, this is life; this is rugby.

The rugby teams at Central are classified under club sports, so anyone can join, any time during the year. Last week, the men’s and women’s teams had their first home games of the season, playing exhibition matches against their own alumni. The alumni won both the men’s and women’s games. The men’s alumni won 35-25, but the women didn’t keep an official score.

Both teams have home games this weekend against Oregon State University, and are looking forward to the challenge. The women’s game starts at 9 a.m. and the men’s will follow directly after it. It is a non-league game for the women, they will be using it to warm up for their next two games against Western Washington University and Washington State University, both league contests.

Women will face Western at home Nov. 11, and travel to Pullman for their final game this weekend. Both clubs are part of the Pacific Northwest League. The season-ending season will end this weekend with the conclusion of the league season.

Rugby — call it football without pads.

The men face the University of Oregon on Nov. 11, then the University of Washington on Nov. 18, both are home games.

Both teams will break over the winter holiday, but the season starts back up again during winter quarter when they will do more traveling.

The teams are open to any student, and Tyler said they are working hard to get ready for the season.

"With about 25 new girls out there this will definitely be a rebuilding year for us," junior Marie Schoessler said. "Once the girls get into the swing of things, we should really be able to step up."
Standing on the wet rocks, beneath dark sinister pines, we surveyed the drop. The water was pouring out of a pool and over a large curved rock. In the center, a jagged sheet of translucent ice broke up spray and threatened to grab anything that came near it.

"It looks good to me," the Birdman said. "Let's go."

To be sure, we threw in a couple of sticks and cast the line in the water's higher," he said. "There's no eddy when the water's higher," he said.

We were beginning to get that restless feeling that can only be cured by an adventure of massive proportions. Grinning maniacally we began making plans. Directions to the Cooper River: Drive through Cle Elum and Roslyn toward Salmon La Sac. From the Salmon La Sac Road take a left on road #46 to run the section of river between Cooper Lake and the Cle Elum River. To reach the drop that the Birdman ran, drive straight and cross the narrow bridge. Follow the dirt road to the Salmon La Sac trailhead. The drop is just a few miles up the trail on the left side. "A hole" is a term for a place in a river where water falls over a rock or other obstacle. The force created by these holes can pull kayaks off course or even underwater in some cases.

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Central soccer is like buttah — on a roll

by Thabiso M. Leshoai
Staff reporter

Central Washington University’s soccer team increased its win streak to four games with a 2-1 victory last Saturday at Alder Community Park.

Central could have scored in the second half, but missed some shots. One shot by Melissa Hardin passed just inches from the post.

On Monday afternoon, Central ran past Western Oregon University with an assist from Glusick to seal the team’s victory.

Coach Farrand said they got the result they wanted, but overall, their play wasn’t as polished as they hoped for.

On Saturday, Central plays Northwest Nazarene University, who they played in a 1-1 draw last month. The game starts at 11 a.m.

The Wildcats left Humboldt State University players dazed and confused last Saturday with another overtime goal and a 2-1 victory. Central’s last game of the season is at 11 a.m. Saturday versus Northwest Nazarene at Alder Community Park.

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Wellington the Wildcat loses his drawers
Band members draw attention with an offensive attack of their own

FOOTBALL: Central tied for first in conference

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Roberts.

"It's always a good thing to see your offense dominate in ball control and possession," senior defensive end John Fields said.

Central's defense recovered the ball quickly. A fumble recovery by Fields on the first play of Western Oregon's next possession gave the Wildcats the ball on the Western Oregon 13-yard line.

Four plays later, Central scored when another pass from Hill found Lopez in the end zone from 22 yards out. Sophomore kicker Steve Hickey brought the extra point for the Wildcats making the score 22-12 with nine minutes to go in the game.

The next Wildcat to step up was Junior defensive back Jason Patterson, who intercepted Western Oregon quarterback Adam Bledsoe's first pass in Central territory and ran it back 59 yards for a touchdown that sealed the deal for the Wildcats.

This was Patterson's second straight game with an interception score, as just last week he set the Columbia Football Association record with a 99 yard interception return against Humboldt State.

Patterson is racking up the points for Homecoming enthusiasts face the brisk Saturday morning air to compete in the 5K Fun Run/Walk. The race began at Nicholson Pavilion.

EVENTS: Hypnosis show wows students

Continued from Page 1 and snacks. One of the new additions to the festivities this year was a huge success. About 400 people were in attendance to witness the theatrics at "Kevin Wolfe's Amazing Hypnosis Show."

"Everything went really well," said Liza Meeks, special events programmer. "The hypnotist on Saturday night was awesome. He really was amazing."