Central loses $2 million due to low enrollment

by Mark Stevens
Staff reporter

After winter’s frigid grip weakens and the spring winds return, many students will have either dropped out or graduated from Central, taking their tuition dollars and the spring winds return, dropped out or graduated from many students will have either numbers, have resulted in $1,902,892 in across the board bud­ get cuts.

We'll cut here and there and every­ where because we've got to come up with the budget decrease," Abdul Nasser, vice president for financial affairs, said.

In recent years, Central has man­ aged to avoid any major budget cuts by staying at or above enrollment projections.

"There have been no budget cuts to the magnitude we're doing right now," Shelly Johnson, budget direc­ tor, said.

The ultimate decisions regarding which classes might be cut have been left to the discretion of individual school deans.

Projections show an average of 7,250 full time students enrolled dur­ ing the fall, winter and spring quar­ ters, well below the 7,660 factored into the budget.

The tuition and state-allocated revenues lost from each person that leaves will end up creating an overall

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Survey participants needed to respond to preceding seminar

Observer Staff

The 61 students who participated in the Klackhohn Values Orientation Survey a year ago are invited to attend a seminar regarding communication in the Kittitas Valley. Jim Huckabay, head of the program, said he is anxious to hear from the 61 students.

“We want students who have done the interview to look at what this means,” Huckabay said. “We want the students to be a part of the process which brings this project to a conclusion.”

The Building Community Relations – All-Valley Seminar will take place 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Nov. 18. Only those involved in the study are invited to attend.

“The ultimate goal is to improve community relations in the valley,” Huckabay said. “We want students who have participated in the survey can connect Huckabay at 963-1185 or by email at huckabay@cwu.edu.

Campus police, Wellness Center sponsor program

Red Zone awareness week starts Monday in Meisner

by Amy Jensen

The Red Zone awareness program officially kicks off Monday when the Wildcat Wellness Center launches a campus-wide media message about sexual assault and alcohol-related issues in their campus newsletter.

“We will focus on stopping the violence,” Gail Farmer, coordinator of the Wildcat Wellness Center, said. “There will be three events held in Meisner Hall relating to the Red Zone. The first event, “Booze and Bongs, Know Your Rights,” will start at 7 p.m. on Monday. The Wellness Center will serve mocktails during this event.

Campus police and the Wellness Center will also address the issue of alcohol and drug-related crimes and the procedures that occur when police are involved. Campus police will have a question and answer period for students to learn about rights on campus. They will also show samples of drugs that have been confiscated. Students will have the opportunity to smell and see marijuana, crack and crack.

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Abuse Support and Prevention Education Now (ASPEN) will show a 15-minute film entitled “Playing the Game,” which focuses on acquaintance rape. Following the film, there will be a panel discussion on the definition of sexual assault and what happens to a student accused of this type of crime. This education program will emphasize the responsibilities placed on men to decrease sexual assault.

The panel will include representatives from the Wellness Center, campus police officers, members of ASPEN and representatives from the prosecutor’s office of Kittitas County.

Campus police and the prosecutor’s office will focus on why the rules of evidence are stricter in a court of law than the student code of conduct established by Central.

Delores Chary, a criminalist and ethnic studies professor, hopes that this program will help inform students of their rights and help them realize that there is more than one type of rape students should recognize.

“Whoever this guy is, he is sick and we need to stop him,” the woman said.

Steve Rittereiser, chief of campus police, said the police are concerned with this issue. He also said two similar incidents reported to campus police this year from Nov. 1 to Nov. 18 are not unusual.

“We are not devoting any additional resources besides our regular patrol at this time,” Rittereiser said. “Students should be aware of these incidents and call police immediately if they see any suspicious behavior.

Students should also be aware of the many phones and emergency blue lights located around campus and in the parking lots for added security.

Red Zone Events

All events held in Meisner Hall at 7 p.m.
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Dee Nunez (middle), owner of Total Care, Inc. welcomes patients at her new location in the old Strange Cargo Building. Total Care, Inc. provides in-home nurses aides to residents who need help taking medication or preparing meals.

Total Care, Inc. moves into old Strange Cargo location

by Rachel Wiersma
Staff reporter

Fans of the Strange Cargo store at 304 N. Pine might be surprised by what took its place after a fire destroyed the funky shop. Total Care, Inc., a nursing agency which used to be located at 109 E. Third Street, has taken Strange Cargo's place. The agency, which has been in business for three years, provides in-home nurses aides to people who need personal care.

"People want to stay in their own home. They do better there," Dee Nunez, Total Care, Inc. administrator, said. Being reminded to take medicine and helping prepare meals are some of the duties performed. Nunez said any college students who are interested in working for Total Care, Inc. are encouraged to apply. Applicants will have to take a competency test and must register to be certified as a home health care provider.

Nunez is also administrator of The Uniform Shop, which provides scrubs to nurses and nurses aides. The Uniform Shop, which is located across the street from Total Care, Inc., opened last Friday and is managed by Renee Luck.

"There was nothing like this around town," Luck said. "People would have to get their uniforms from Yakima or out of a catalog."

Luck is a family friend of Nunez, who owns both businesses.

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MUSIC: New music hall based near Hogue Tech

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habitual."

The present building also has an old heating system that causes many problems. Gries said that sometimes the rooms are too cold and sometimes they are too hot.

He said the furnaces are so loud they disrupt practices.

Hartz Hall has 18 practice rooms while the new building will have about 36, and the 16 faculty offices will increase to 26.

The music department gives more than 200 concerts a year, so another feature of the new building will be a 600-seat auditorium.

"People were sitting in the aisles at the Halloween concert," Gries said. "There just wasn't enough room."

The new facility will also have an additional recital hall.

The present hall is used for various purposes, including classes, ensemble rehearsals, large rehearsals and numerous choir practices. With an additional hall, ensembles will have more time to practice.

"I think it's absolutely necessary because we are running out of space," junior music performance major Ashia Gruzesik said. "Entire ensembles cannot get into a room."

The music hall will be located on Dean Nicholson Way, next to the Hogue Technology Building, which should help solve the current parking problems. Gries said the site would either have additional parking space or room to build more.

Ultimate, the experience he gains in Ecuador will change the lives of the kids in his neighborhood back home.

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Spring graduates should prepare now

by Carol Garza
Staff reporter

The graduation application fee is $25 and $15 for those students applying for graduation. "We charge a re-application fee because we (evaluators) have to relook at a file completely," Patti Taylor, degree checkpoint supervisor, said. "I encourage students to turn the application in, the sooner students will hear back. Last year approximately 1,000 applications were submitted for spring quarter graduation. "The reason for the deadline is otherwise, we wouldn't know when students planned on completing their degree," Taylor said. "It also helps to get things done in a timely manner. Some of the problems students face when completing graduation requirements is not submitting their substitution or elective approval forms. "As stated in the catalog, elective approval needs to be completed by the major or minor advisor and the completed form sent to Degree CheckOut," Cheryl Grunden, credentials evaluator said. Students who transferred from a community college with a transferable Associate of Arts degree should check their file to make sure their community college sent a final transcript with the degree posted. Students can also help themselves out by keeping their address updated. A letter is sent to students stating their status for graduation. Senior Salute will be Feb. 27 and 28. At that time, students will be able to pick up cap and gown order forms. "Last year it (cap and gown) was $23 with tax," Gloria Wilson, university bookstore supervisor, said. She added, "They (students planning on graduating) can order everything (at Senior Salute). About six departments will be there. One stop and you can do it all."
Faculty Senate focuses on future

Dead days and low enrollment were the main topics of a heated Faculty Senate meeting on Nov. 1. Nearly 50 faculty members were present to approve the 2002-2003 Central Washington University academic calendar and to discuss possible budget cuts due to low enrollment this year.

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FUNDING: Religious club allocations remain controversial

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had no problems. Justin Silvers, a Phi Beta Lambda member, reemphasized that point.

Silvers is a transfer student from Skagit Valley Community College (SVCC). SVCC allows funding for non-religious activities as well.

"Allowing funds for non-religious activities helped religious and non-religious groups work together better," Silvers said. "To have been legally advised that it is okay to fund non-religious groups work together would have to come before the Club Senate and state the purpose of the trip. They would have to come before the Club Senate and state the purpose of the trip.

"We trust everyone here. We're not trusting every group on faith," Josh Merrill, a Campus Ambassador member, said. "We like to do things for fun just like anyone else."

The 20-minute discussion was cut short after Vincent Rasulo, Residence Hall Council member, noted the discussion was going around in circles. Widmyer allowed each individual club representative to vote in secret on cards.

"I'm glad that an issue that has been talked about for years has finally been resolved," Widmyer said.

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Police marginalize threat of masturbator

The numbers have been tallied and the news is in. Central's enrollment is down, the budget will soon get hacked again, and I can't possibly imagine why.

After all, Central has a good reputation and has even been featured repeatedly as one of the nation's "top 10 college boys." Ah yes, I can see the feature now, "Located in beautiful Ellensburg, Central Washington University offers the college student a tight budget more than just a great education. Complimentary pamphlets are also part of the basic package!"

For those of you who aren't so good with anecdotes or haven't been following the news, another masked whacker has been reported twice and the cops still don't care.

Many made jokes last year when the infamous "masked masturbator" was finally apprehended due to the quick thinking of 19-year-old woman he had assaulted. This after the whacker paralyzed his private parts around campus for more than a year, drawing little response from the campus cops.

Well, it's happened again and I'm here to say I AM NOT amused this time. Although, apparently the campus cops are, as Officer Higgins told an Observer staffer that the two recent events are being investigated, but are suspected to have been "Halloween pranks?"

Maybe these incidents can be viewed as "entertaining pranks" by a bunch of macho cops, who walk around with deadly weapons strapped to their belts, but as a female student, I am thoroughly offended. I wonder, do these hackadoline crime fighters realize that I (and many other female students) walk around campus at night with our car keys or pens positioned between our fingers ready to defend ourselves against such "pranking" perverts at a moment's notice?

Similarly, do the cops realize that these indirect aggressors often escalate to become dangerous threats to society? Example? In his final assault, the masturbator of yesteryear grabbed the breast of our 19-year-old woman outwitted them) to take the new reports seriously. I'd like to think I attend a proactive university and that we, as a campus community, will take this situation seriously soon... preferably before someone is raped or murdered. However, the history of the situation has been all encouraging, and sadly we may have to become more self-reliant in ensuring our personal safety.

Since the campus cops won't tell you, I will: this behavior is not a prank; it should not be taken lightly and it most certainly does NOT reflect positively on the university. These guys are perverts who get off by making women feel threatened. Until we remove those brief "pranks" from our campus environment, we don't have the right to question why fewer people are choosing Central.

- Roslyn Biggs

Letters

Van Horn's argument lacked a point

Observer,


I am not a follower of Christianity, Wicca, or any other set of religious beliefs or doctrines. I am, however, a graduate of Central with a degree in philosophy and a focus on religious studies.

With regards to this matter, I was first inclined to "let a dead dog lie," but after thinking on it, Mr. Van Horn's argument struck me as so ridiculous that I felt I must say something. In fact, I can't see the point of his letter at all, he seems to say that Wiccans might very well be tolerant of almost all world religions - their practices, beliefs, and doctrines - but they are most certainly not tolerant of belief systems that are "exclusive" such as Evangelical Christianity.

Now, I'm not sure what exclusivist means, but I fairly certainly that we could put "dogmatic," "narrow-minded," perhaps even "intolerant" in its place. So, isn't it quite possible that Wiccans reject Evangelical Christianity and specific passages from the Bible because these structures represent a belief system which is dogmatic, closed-minded, and "exclusive," and not because Wiccans themselves are any of these things.

After all, Evangelical Christianity is the source of much of our country's sexism, racism, gay bashing, hate crime, and abortion clinic bombings. When was the last time you heard of a Wiccan, or the follower of any nature-based religion committing such heinous acts?

Yes, Christianity has succeeded (for the most part) in driving out the "old religions," whether it was by robbing the people of their language, threatening them with damnation, or simply burning them at the stake, this most tolerant of all faiths has done a pretty good job convincing the world, that their way is the right way. Come on, isn't it time that you Christians got off your high horses? You love everyone and you're going to live forever in eternal bliss, so stop concocting arguments when you don't even have a point.

Thomas B. Dell

2000 Alumni

Students tire of second class treatment

Dear Editor,

I have concerns with the athletic department and how I feel like a second class citizen. It is concerning the admittance of students into the Central Washington University football games. As students, we pay an athletic fee that helps support the teams and provides us a ticket to the sporting event. I was very disappointed when we were denied access through the main entrance and were forced to walk the length of the field and enter in the visitor's side of the stadium. This shouldn't continue. We, as students, pay an exorbitant amount of money to attend this university, and we should be catered to, not ushered through the back door.

This is another situation in which this university is cheating students.

Josh Sherin, student

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Psychology Club
Psychology Building, 2nd floor student lounge, noon
American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)
SUB, 1:30 p.m.
CWU Rodeo Club
SUB 204/205, 7 p.m.
Alpha Phi Omega
SUB 210, 5 p.m.
Rejoice in Jesus Bible Study
SUB Yakama Room, 7:30 p.m.
Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
Hebeler 121, 6 p.m.
Catholic Campus Ministry Prayer & Praise Bible Study
CCM Center, 7 p.m.
International Student Association
International Office, 4 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 15

Circle K
SUB 204, 5:30 p.m.
CWU Astronomy Club
Lind Hall 215, 8 p.m.
Catholic Campus Ministry TimeOut Discussion
CCM Center, 7 p.m.
Campus Ambassadors
SUB 215, 6:30 p.m.
CWU Trombone Consort
Hertz 121, 9:30 p.m.
Campus Crusade for Christ
SUB Theatre, 7 p.m.
PRSSA
SUB 205/207, 5 p.m.
M.E.Ch.A.
SUB Owhi Room, 5 p.m.
Hot Lava Burn Monkey
Bouillon Lobby, 8 p.m.
Health Education Club
PE 208, 6 p.m.
National Broadcasting Society
Bouillon 215, noon
Recreation and Leisure Club
PE 114, 5:30 p.m.

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Spurgeon Gallery art exhibit examines different sides of self

by Melissa Mitchell
Staff reporter

The latest exhibit to grace the walls, floor and ceiling of Central Washington University’s Sarah Spurgeon Gallery can leave multiple impressions if one dares to enter.

Self/Self Entering/Exiting uses multiple elements, as the student artists who developed the exhibit explore images of self both in the media and in their own histories. The artists expressed their ideas in mediums such as lights, running water, music, doors and walls.

“This is a process-based piece, so that as each indiv­idual and group was designing solutions, ways to con­vey an idea or thought they had had, they would then react to someone else’s,” Janet Maristine, curator of the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, said. “If you would take this exhibit and put it in another space it wouldn’t work.”

The exhibit, which runs through Nov. 17, constantly changes as the artists add and subtract vari­ous elements, including changing the directions of the doors and making minute changes to things like pictures and music. The entire exhibit is done in a labyrinth layout, so a per­son’s impression of the exhibit changes depending upon how they choose to enter or if they choose to go past the main door where the exhibit begins.

Maristine said nothing in this exhibit is museum qual­ity and will only last through the end of this month.

“It’s a way of kind of denying, challenging the idea of art as a commodity,” Maristine said, “that you do art so it can hang on a wall, you can hallow it and wor­ship it; then it has this price tag.”

Students can explore the world through exchange program

by Matt Milton
Staff reporter


All of these are possible through the Central Washington University Office of International Studies Student Exchange Program. Students who wish to study in an environment much different from Central are offered opportunities in 53 different countries at many different univer­sities.

The most regions of the world are represented by study abroad programs. Yet many students believe they shouldn’t take advantage of these opportunities because they do not speak a sec­ond language. Actually, several exchange pro­grams are in locations where English is the pri­mary language.

One requirement of the program is accept­able grades. At least a 2.5 GPA is needed for most exchanges, although many require 2.7-3.0 average. Also, an applicant must submit an application, a transcript, letters of recommen­dation and a personal statement.

Some programs last as long as a full year, while others take only four weeks to complete. One-semester or one-quarter exchanges are usually cost between $2,000 to $5,000, while one-year exchanges usually range between $2,000 and $7,000.

Most types of financial aid apply to study abroad, including Pell Grants. However, work study, tuition waivers, and Washington State need grants are not applicable to exchanges. Many scholarships are available for students wishing to study abroad. Inquiries about schol­arships can be made at the Office of International Studies and Programs in the International Center.

For students seeking a more flavorful exchange experience in more than one country, there is the Semester at Sea program. The pro­gram takes place on a large cruise ship, which sets sail twice a year. In the spring, the ship leaves from Nusaan, Bahamas, and travels to Coba, Brazil, South Africa, Kenya, India, Vietnam, Malaysia, China and Japan. For the fall semester, the ship leaves from Vancouver and visits Japan, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, India, Egypt, Croatia, Turkey, Italy and Morocco.

Courses on the ship range from anthropolo­gy and women’s studies to history and theatre arts. All credits are accredited by the University of Pittsburgh and will transfer to Central.

Credits taken while away on an internation­al exchange, Page 10
An ‘A’ for KID A?

Milton urges listeners to give it a chance and let it soothe body, mind and soul.

To be brutally honest, after I listened to Radiohead’s new CD “Kid A” for the first time, I wanted to find a dog and use it to play fetch.

Yanni gone techno was the best way to describe it. Closely resembling elevator music, the soft flowing beats didn’t make me feel anything but tired. But each time I listened to it, my opinion slowly changed.

I started talking to other people, who I knew loved “Kid A,” and asked them what they thought about it. My opinion on the CD was changing when I put in “Kid A” in my ride, but it was relaxing and thought-provoking music.

One of my favorite songs was track three, called “The National Anthem.” Swirling guitar strumming, violent horns and strange, unintelligible lyrics make this song a great flagship for the album.

Track nine, called “Morning Bell,” had the distinction of being the only song on the album with understandable lyrics. Lead singer Thom Yorke’s haunting voice took center stage here, and commanded it well.

Track eight, “Idioteque,” combined a club-worthy beat with the art rock style that this CD so closely followed.

All in all, though you won’t be bumping it at your next party, this is a good CD that will make you think.

Havilah returns to Central for next Papa John’s

by Katie Berglund
Staff reporter

The SUB pit will once again host to Papa John’s coffeehouse on Wednesday featuring Havilah. This will be her second performance at Central. The audience response was so enthusiastic from her concert two years ago that Papa John’s Coffeehouse decided to bring her back.

Havilah is from Bellingham, and has recently returned from her tour of the West Coast. The artist has previously performed at the Northwest Folklife Festival in Seattle. She received professional vocal training in both classical and jazz technique from the Interlochen Arts Academy and the Manhattan School of Music.

Havilah moved to Seattle from the East Coast in 1992. Her first CD was released in 1997 and is entitled “Superfarmhouse.” This CD sold more than 1,000 copies independently in only one year.

Havilah’s second CD, “Crashing Into Harmony,” was released in 1999. “...Havilah’s new CD offers a breath of fresh air in folk music,” stated What’s Up Magazine.

Coordinator of Papa John’s Coffeehouse, sophomore Andrew Fickes, believes that she will play songs mostly from her latest CD. She plays acoustic guitar and is described as playing a mix of up-beat blues.

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Charlie’s Angels unsurprisingly lacks content, but is box office success anyway — I wonder why?

Although he isn’t given much to do in this one and it seems beneath him, he makes the best of it. On the flip side, Barrymore's fiancé Tom Green makes a typically useless appearance, but it is thankfully brief. (Those of you who think I'm just jealous of Tom may actually be onto something.)

What’s good about it is that it doesn’t take itself too seriously. It’s not an Ultimate Cheeseburger that thinks it’s prime rib. Bill Murray’s presence is always a plus and he’s at his best in supporting roles (see Caddyshack, Kingpin, and Rushmore).

Despite the antics, the real star is Drew Barrymore's butt (you'll understand if you see it), which seems to be the main attraction of the movie. The plot is as thin as the wind and has something to do with bad guys wanting to kidnap and torture Charlie. Since we have never even seen Charlie, I'm not sure why we're supposed to care but the girls seem to love him, or at least his fat pockets.

So go see it if you must, but I would recommend a matinee if you expect to get your money's worth. Drew honey, if you're reading this, I hope I didn’t hurt your feelings.

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EXCHANGE:

Students learn new cultures in other countries

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For more information on exchange programs can go to the International Studies and Programs link off of the Current Students page at www.cwu.edu. Anyone seeking more information about Semester at Sea go to www.semesteratsea.com.
African dance and rhythm come to Central

by Annie Rossman
Staff reporter

The college experience is about exposure to new concepts and people and learning from them. Therese Young is implementing those ideas into the dance program at Central Washington University.

Young welcomed Sherri Bentley to the Nicholson Pavilion Dance Studio last Saturday, Nov. 4, to conduct a West African Dance Workshop accompanied by a West African Drumming class.

“Whatever is really interesting about bringing this to the university is it’s very informative,” Young, part-time dance instructor at Central and facilitator of the workshop, said. “The teacher is very good at telling the meaning and history of the movement.”

November reminds people of the seriousness of diabetes

by Melissa Mitchell
Staff reporter

Almost two million Americans died from a disease for which there is no cure in 1996. It is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, often going undetected until damage has already been done. November is designated as the month of diabetes awareness.

Dr. Depalma, medical director for the Student Health and Counseling Center, said, “Especially how complex it is.”

People with type one do not produce any insulin, so they must take insulin by injection to survive. The situation is different for those who have type two or adult onset diabetes. Their bodies either do not produce enough insulin or cannot properly use the insulin that the body does produce. These people account for about 90 percent of diabetes cases.

Bentley began her study of West African and Caribbean dance nine years ago. After four years of instructing dance in Spokane, she now teaches in Olympia.

The drumming class was taught by Rusty Knoer. He has played a variety of drums for 23 years and studied West African music nearly half that time.

“I really wanted to bring more cultural diversity to the dance program here. So I hope we can continue bringing these workshops here and expose people to many different styles of dance,” Young said. “It is such a freeing movement, and we hope to be able to do it again in the spring.”

Call the Central Dance Program at 963-1939 for information on this and other upcoming events.

HAVILAH: Artist’s second appearance

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alternative and raw-edge folk/rock songs.

“She has story-like lyrics. Her inspirations come from simple, everyday occurrences,” Fickes said.

Sponsored by Papa John’s Coffeehouse and Club Central, this event is free and will begin at 8 p.m. For more information about this event, or for persons of disability who wish to arrange for reasonable accommodations, call 963-1450

ATTENTION BRANCH CAMPUSES!

The Observer and the Ellensburg community would like to know more about what’s been happening at Central’s branch campuses. If you are a student at one of our branch campuses and would like to contribute stories to the Observer, call (509) 963-1073 or email observer@cwu.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!
Wildcat football hangs tough with Aggies

by Ericka Wood
Staff reporter

Despite falling to the University of California-Davis Aggies 31-24 on Saturday, the Central Washington Wildcats are still in the running for the Columbia Football Association title.

Currently tied with Western Washington University in the CFA rankings, Central needs a win next week at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, Canada to keep the first place tie with Western. Up until this weekend, Western Oregon University was in the race, too; however, a 21-17 upset to Simon Fraser last Saturday took the team out of the running. The win broke a seven game losing streak for Simon Fraser.

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Though the Wildcats couldn’t quite pull off the win, Saturday’s game had some individual play that kept the team in it right up to the end. The Aggies jumped out to a big lead by scoring 21 points in the first quarter on three consecutive possessions.

“We gave them too many big plays in that first quarter, we put ourselves in a hole,” head coach John Zamberlin said.

The next quarter however, the Wildcats took advantage of UC-Davis’ first of five fumbles on the day. Senior linebacker Brandon Christensen recovered the ball on the UC-Davis 15-yard line, setting the Wildcats up for a seven-play touchdown drive.

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This would not hold for long though, as the Aggies soon scored again, ending the half with the Wildcats trailing 28-14.

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FOOTBALL: CFA title still up for grabs

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yards and two touchdown passes. Lopez also leads the team for the season, and is second in the CFA, with 571 total yards and seven touchdowns.

The Wildcat defense stepped up after the break as well, holding the Aggies to only one field goal in the second half.

Both Robins and senior strong safety John Hallead led the defense with nine and 10 tackles respectively. Robins also had three quarterback sacks.

"We challenged our defense to rise up and take care of things," Zamberlin said. "We got more aggressive with our play, calling on defense to try to put more pressure on their quarterback."

The Wildcats had their closest chance to tie the game with seven minutes to go in the third. Hill completed 14 of 24 passes for 240 yards. The Wildcats had the ball on second and goal on the UC-Davis five-yard line when Hill's pass up the middle was intercepted by Aggie tackle Robby Flannery.

Hickey is now 6-7 on the season for field goal kicking, his longest being 35 yards.

"There were two times when we were down in there and we came away with no points. That could have made a big difference in the game," Zamberlin said.

Zamberlin was still happy with the day's results, regarding the game with seven minutes to go in the third. The Wildcats had the ball on second and goal on the UC-Davis five-yard line when Hill's pass up the middle was intercepted by Aggie tackle Robby Flannery. Hill completed 29 of 53 passes for a total of 280 yards, and three touchdowns. Hill now leads the CFA with 228 passing yards per game. UC-Davis quarterback J.T. O'Sullivan completed 14 of 24 passes for 240 yards.

Central also led in offensive possession time with 35 minutes to UC-Davis' 26. This was the last home game for Central's senior football players, who have their final game this weekend at Simon Fraser.

"We want to take this one out on Simon Fraser, we want to send our seniors out on a good note, a winning note," Zamberlin said.
Traveling with mittens -
Aaron hits the ski slopes

The Mission: In the middle of October, Southeast Montana was hit by several early winter storms, one of which dumped more than three feet of snow overnight. Big Sky Resort, located just north of Yellowstone National Park, opened on Oct. 16. This is a full six weeks ahead of schedule and is the earliest the resort has opened in its 30 year history. The conditions have been less than perfect, however, and the runs have been open primarily on the weekends.

After getting this information from the Internet, the Birdman and I made a decision to go to Big Sky as soon as possible and by any means necessary. We knew that we would need to assemble a group of crack professionals. The Crew - Linsy: Observer photographer and killer skier. The Birdman: Dangerous mischievous and dedicated boarder. Beto: Mr. Hippysticks. Beto represents the tele-marking community on this trip. "Brothers for life." Me: It's my car and my story, so I guess we could use another snowboarder. Saturday, 8 p.m. Leaving Ellensburg we munch on old Halloween cookies. The sugar fuels our excitement and keeps us driving into the night.

Just after crossing the highway he hits a bared wire fence and goes down in a tangle of torn, bloody clothes. Still in high spirits, he accompanies the Birdman on his snowboard.

Beto's journal entry: "Friday 4 a.m., I am cold." Friday 7:30 a.m. It is icy cold and we wake up covered in frost. Quickly loading the car, we drive into town and fill up the gas tank. We restock our supplies with buffalo jerky and doughnuts. On the road again, Bob Dylan's "New Morning" propels us through Missoula and over the Continental Divide. 2:15 a.m. Linsy falls asleep in the truck and Beto lies down in the gravel parking lot. The Birdman and I stumble down to the rocky bank of the Clark Fork River and find places to sleep.

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Beto and the Birdman check out the local post office. The doors are open and it is warm inside, but our photographer has moral issues. We camp at a public fishing spot near the freeway.

Soon after we set up camp the Birdman disappears. We spot him on the other side of the freeway, sitting on a billboard and playing his guitar. Beto follows excitedly, running through the fields of tall grass.

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Volleyball - it's not a sport for wimps

by Tim Biddorff
Sports Editor

The casual observer might not realize how physical the sport of volleyball really is. Volleyball requires a player to have extremely quick reflexes and the ability to stretch out, dive and jump, just to keep the ball in play. After a Central home volleyball match, it is common to see several players limping down and wrapping up their knees, shoulders or backs.

Just ask Kari St. Martin, senior captain and record-setting setter for Central's volleyball team. A chronic back injury has forced her to retire from her favorite sport twice.

New Mexico State University offered St. Martin a volleyball scholarship when she graduated from Davis High School in Yakima. She couldn't accept the offer because participating in volleyball and track and field had already taken a toll on her spine. Three disks in St. Martin's lower back have been slowly deteriorating for five years, because the synovial fluid in the joints have been squeezed out after being inflated for so long. Lumbago, a condition causing an irregular curvature of the spine, adds to the pain. She hasn't been given up on volleyball.

"I wanted to play so bad," St. Martin said. "There was a part of me missing that makes me happy." Raising has had the therapeutic effect in relieving her pain.

St. Martin took a year off after high school before playing at Yakima Valley Community College. Her skills were recognized and she earned a scholarship to Portland State University after a year at YVCC. She didn't last very long at PSU; her back flared up again.

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Wildcats end season with forfeit by Thabiso M. Leshoai
Staff reporter with Sports Editor

The Wildcat women’s soccer team ended the season at home on Saturday with a win over the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders, 3-1. The win would have been the team’s fifth straight, tying the record for most wins in a season since 1987. However, on Monday afternoon, the team was forced to forfeit the game because an ineligible player participated.

Last week, a member of the team dropped a class and fell below the minimum 12 credits needed to play a collegiate sport. However, the player participated in the game against Northwest Nazarene.

After confirming with Athletics Eligibility and Compliance Coordinator Paula Romeo, it was determined that Central was in violation of the rules and had to forfeit the game.

“It’s unfortunate,” Head coach Michael Farrelld said. “But it’s the town and the team that we lost.

Saturday’s match was played in a mixture of sunlight, wind, rain and cold, but the Wildcats managed to rise above their competition.

Senior midfielder Jenny Merkel opened up the scoring run in the first half with her eleventh goal of the season. Merkel netted the ball past the Crusaders’ goalkeeper, Shunna Vos.

Two minutes later, sophomore Kim Glusick’s goal was called off on account of a handball. Northwest Nazarene came back to tie the game in the third minute of the second half as Central’s goalkeeper, Emily Barber was beaten by NNU sophomore Emily Schrepple. Central answered back in the 52nd minute on a corner kick shot by sophomore Lisa Buckley that was netted at point blank range by the right foot of sophomore Rebecca LaBorde.

Buckley had another corner kick shot in the 65th minute and this time, sophomore Amy Auckland hit it off her chest for the (not-so) equalizer.

The Wildcats finished the season with a PacWest record of 6-5-1 and an overall record of 11-7-1.

After making a deal with the Big Sky Public Relations people, I manage to get free lift tickets for all of our, in return for shamelessly promoting their resort in this article (go there; it’s really cool). We triumphantly head for the gondola.

Follow the adventures of Beto, the Birdman, Linsy and Aaron as their Montana adventure continues in next week’s Observer.

MONTANA: the ski season is here

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jammin’ in the back seat, imitating Bob Dylan. The music is good, but the driving is wearing thin. My only hope for the night is that I’ll have a roof over my head. The mountains seem to be closing in on us. It’s really time to stop driving, we seem to be driving in circles. Spirits are still high, only because we anticipate tomorrow, then this will all be worth it.”

5:30 p.m.

After some wandering, bickering and irritation we find the apartment of our friends. We relax and drink a couple of local beers to celebrate having a warm, dry place to sleep. 7:30 p.m.

Our gracious host takes us out to an extreme sports slideshow that is being put on by local skiers, climbers and kayakers. The show includes an auction and $1 beer. We partake in both and mingle with the locals.

Saturday 7 a.m.

We rise early and prepare to hit the closest town. Speeding up the dry country roads we reach Big Sky shortly after it opens. 9:30 a.m.

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VB: Coach Andaya happy with progress of team this season

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“Scenic Pacific is a very good team,” Andaya said. “We knew going in that we would have to play our best volleyball to do well.”

The Seattle Pacific Falcons swept Central 15-11, 15-9, and 15-3 to clinch the PacWest division crown for the second time in three years.

With West Division Champion honors, the Falcons (23-4, 17-1 PacWest) automatically qualified for a berth to the PacWest Conference Championships to be hosted by Pacific Division winner Hawaii Pacific in Honolulu, HI, Nov. 10-14.

Down two games to one, Central had a chance to come back in game three when they were on top of the Falcons 5-3.

Junior outside hitter Leah West ended all hopes of a rally when she switched six kills to give Scenic Pacific the third game sweep; Central fought hard, but it was too late.

“We really wanted to go out and leave everything in the court after what had happened the night before,” Mills said.

For Central, Mges tallied a team high 13 kills while St. Martin put up 30 assists.

The Wildcats received another solid match from Osgood as she posted 17 digs.

Central University Washington finished their season 13-15 overall and 11-7 in the PacWest.

“I am proud of our program,” Andaya said. “We were able to finish sixth this season and we finished third. Our main goal was to move up in the standings and we did that.”

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Enterprise isn't funny uniforms. It's dressing professionally, conducting sales calls, planning logistics. Easy? No. But people who succeed here aren't afraid to prove themselves, or have fun together. And now that I have the potential to outearn most MBAs, I look forward to doing both.

And it's all mine.