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FCC regulations are blamed for an upset at The 'Burg

by Heather Bell
Staff reporter

Recently rumors have been spinning around campus about management problems at The 'Burg, involving disc jockeys (DJs) who have quit and are being replaced by recordings. "They wanted us to become just a radio station, not a college campus laid-back station," Josh Nolte, former DJ, said.

Station manager Chris Hull said, "The 'Burg is a fun place to work, but has undergone some drastic changes since the station went on air." When The 'Burg first went on air, the station had to make changes because it had a much broader audience than before and FCC regulations had to be followed. For some of the station's veteran DJs, the changes were too much to get used to. DJs don't want to work because it's not fun anymore," Nolte said. "The management doesn't care; they don't listen." Previously, listeners of The 'Burg had to hook-up a cable to the back of their stereo to get reception. Since June 1999, The 'Burg has been on air. Listeners can enjoy the station in their home, car or at work by simply tuning in to 88.1 FM.

"Now that we're under FCC regulations and guidelines we have to be more careful," Steve Swor, a DJ at The 'Burg, said.

Duane Schimogawa is one of the DJs at The 'Burg who adheres to the FCC regulations the station gained after going on air.

Hull decided to create an operations handbook for employees after the change took place. "Now that we're officially on air, we want an official handbook," Hull said. The music played on 88.1 FM had to change, too, once the station went on-air. Any music with explicit content or language could no longer be played. "Because we're reaching so many more listeners, we have many more guidelines," Jeff Sharp, music director, said. Former DJs said they felt they always followed FCC regulations and the music shouldn't change. Management feels otherwise.

For the volunteer DJs that means some extra work. Being careful to log in information and write-up play lists is now necessary. DJs are also required to take transmitter readings every three hours, although one transmitter reading, but said he was followed to the letter, disciplinary action is taken.

Nolte was suspended for forgetting to do one transmitter reading, but said he was given it for an upset at The 'Burg

Budget cuts made across the board

by Mark Stevens
Staff reporter

Many administrators, deans and faculty members in Central Washington University's academic community have been meeting and debating the effects and remedies for the 2.5 percent budget cut about to sweep the university.

"The dollar amount is significant," John Lasik, associate dean of the school of business and economics, said. "I say 2.5 percent, and you think that's a small amount." The across-the-board cut will impact many already tight departmental budgets whose main expense is faculty and staff salaries. Reducing staffing or layoffs causing classes to be consolidated are major concerns for those deciding how to deal with the sudden loss of revenue. "If you have to cut back on people, that will translate into less course sections being offered, and that would tend to make the situation even worse," Lasik said.

Due to late retirements and a professor on leave, the school of business and economics does not face any course section cuts or job losses this year. However, if the same cuts occur in the future academic year, the odds of layoffs or consolidation will increase. Other schools and departments across the university will have to make changes.

America waits for Florida to get its act together

Bush or Gore? A week after election day and the race is too close to tell.

by Danielle Douglass
Staff reporter

On election night, most of the nation went to bed thinking George W. Bush was the new president. The next morning, however, people learned that the 43rd president remained undecided. The race was too close to call and Florida was undergoing a number of issues, including a recount of the votes. "I think that it (the election) is kind of rigged. Why would there be a recount in Florida?" Bryce Erickson, undecided junior, said. "Bush won first in Florida but if Gore would have, I don't think they would have recounted it." The race is presently too close to call. CNN's website reported that today Bush has a 505-vote lead over Al Gore. See ELECTION, Page 3

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Nov. 6, 7:48 a.m.
Officers contacted a driver near 10th and Maple Street for expired vehicle tabs. Upon inspecting the driver's identification, police noticed the driver had a suspended license and cited him for driving with a suspended license in the third degree.

Nov. 8, 10:45 a.m.
Police impounded nine bicycles near Moore and Anderson Halls.

Residence hall advisors monitored the bike racks by tying ribbons around bikes to determine which were ridden and which were abandoned. The goal was to clear up space on the bike racks.

Nov. 9, 9:50 a.m.
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Police impounded nine bicycles near the Physical Education building. Two trees were valued at $250 each.

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Nov. 12, 2 p.m.
Officers noticed graffiti on a bridge near 17th and D Street while impounding a bicycle in the area.

Nov. 13, 7:12 a.m.
A groundskeeper reported malicious mischief in the second degree near the Physical Education building. Two trees were broken in half. The trees were valued at $250 each.

Nov. 13, 9:48 a.m.
Officers responded to a theft in the second degree in the SUB near the Wellness Center. A digital Kodak camcorder was reported stolen. The estimated loss is $484.90.

For more campus crime and updates on cases, go to http://www.cws.edu/police.

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Drive slow and buckle up for winter weather conditions

by Andrew Fickes
Staff reporter

Last week, Mother Nature previewed the winter to come when she left Ellensburg with a few inches of snow. Along with the snow, came a returning concern for safer winter driving.

Steve Rittereiser, chief of campus police, said the two rules of winter driving are to drive slowly and buckle up. He also recommends that all drivers make sure they have clear visibility through all car windows before heading out.

"People that try to look through a peephole surrounded by snow and ice while driving can't see very well out their windshield," Rittereiser said. "Drivers could hit little kids and cause accidents because of poor visibility."

To avoid this problem, drivers should have an ice scraper in the car. Additionally, Rittereiser encourages drivers to take extra clothing, blankets, food and water. A first aid kit and cellular phone can prove useful in emergency situations. Rittereiser said dialing 911 on a cell phone calls the most local state patrol office.

If a person does get stuck on the pass, it is best to stay in the car.

"If a driver leaves their vehicle, there is a high risk they may get hit. I suggest just putting on the four ways," Rittereiser said. "I don't encourage flares, as well. It requires getting out of your car."

The concern for safer winter driving in town is just as important. Drivers should increase their following distance. This tip is also good for driving on the pass. Drivers with 4-wheel-drive are not invincible to sliding. If a driver begins to slide, he or she should put the car in neutral. This will slow the speed of the car.

Rittereiser suggested checking the tires, antifreeze fluid and window washer fluid frequently. Studded tires became legal on Nov. 1 and are available at local tire stores.

To get information about pass conditions, Rittereiser said AM 1610 provides a wealth of current information. Drivers can also call 1-800-695-ROAD for pass reports. He added that drivers should add an extra hour to the trip to reach a destination on time.

"If conditions are bad on the pass, then don't go," Win Charlton, Ellensburg Department of Transportation supervisor, said.

Driving at night in the winter is not encouraged, but if drivers do, they should drive in groups. Rittereiser said this will prevent driver fatigue.

"If it's icy and if your car isn't working, try walking," Rittereiser said. "It can be healthy for you, good for the environment, and it will make you more invigorated to learn in class."

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4. If your residence is vacant for a short time, set your thermostat high enough so the pipes won't freeze.
5. If your residence is vacant for an extended period of time, have your water turned off at the meter by the City Water Department, at no charge during normal working hours, but the repairs are completed.

If your pipes should freeze, do not use an open flame to thaw the pipes, and use caution for clearances when using a space heater. If you are unable to locate your shutoff valve to repair broken pipes, the City Water Department will turn off your water at the meter, at no charge during normal working hours, while the repairs are completed.

It is very important only City personnel turn off water meters as the shutoff valve may freeze during cold weather causing it to break easily. In order for City personnel to shut off your water in a timely fashion, make sure your address is visible on your house and all debris is removed from the top of the water meter box.

If you have any questions, or for after hours emergency shutoff, please call the City Water Division at 962-7230.

A public service message from the City of Ellensburg Public Works Department.
The clamp holds the skin nice and taut. The needle burs through the pre-deter-
dined location. Then, the jewelry is thread-
ed through the freshly punctured hole. For
Kelly Cox of Threads and Needles, this is
how she earns a living.

"This is fun, I love doing it," Cox said.
Cox is co-owner of Threads and Needles
with her former sister-in-law. The store
recently moved to 310 N. Main St. and
added Mainline Espresso.

Mainline Espresso, which offers espres-
so and a quiet place for studying.
Computers will be provided by Computer
Central for student use.

More and a quiet place for studying.
Central Washington," she said.

Anyone under the age of 18 can be
performed if parents are present; Cox does not
allow notes of parental consent.

Lloyd Sherman, barista for Mainline Espresso, invites local artists
such as Enhee Mijiddori, painter of the Buddha mural, to showcase.

Besides body piercing, Threads and
Needles buys, sells and trades clothing.

Threads and Needles is open from 11
a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday,
11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday,
and noon to 5 p.m on Sunday. Mainline Espresso will be open from noon to 3 a.m.
and is expected to open tomorrow.

ELECTION: An
election for the
history books

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Gore in Florida. Gore has won 18
states and the District of Columbia
for 255 electoral votes and Bush has
won 29 states for 246 electoral votes.
Two states, Oregon with seven elec-
torial votes and New Mexico with
five electoral votes, have not been
counted.

A candidate needs 270 electoral votes to
to occupy the White House. Florida
counts for 25. The winner of Florida
will be the new president.

"It's interesting how close the
race is. Last time I checked the polls,
the counts were that Bush was
almost 2,000 votes ahead of Gore in Florida,"
Rose Robertson, sophomore
history education major, said. "I'd
actually prefer Bush in the seat over
Gore even though I don't agree with
him on many of the issues."

A challenge such as the current
one has not been raised since 1876.
Florida election officials recounted 6
million votes.

Florida votes were certified by
the Florida Secretary of State at 5
p.m. Tuesday. Overseas ballots will
be certified Sunday.

Absentee ballots may also play
an important role in the count. Many
U.S. residents are military personnel
stationed overseas.

The Associated Press estimated
there could be at least 5,000 absentee
ballots and this could postpone the
final tally.

"With the overseas ballots, most
military, the majority are
Republicans because the Democrats
have cut back on military causes,"
Hansen said. "I'm assuming that
Bush is going to get the majority of
them."

A new ballot used in West Palm

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Central closes for Thanksgiving

The students and faculty of Central will break from classes Nov. 22 at 12 p.m. for Thanksgiving break. All campus offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24. Classes will resume and campus offices will reopen on Monday, Nov. 27.

No Observer on Nov. 23.

The Observer will not print an edition on Nov. 23. The next paper will be out on Nov. 30.

Board of Trustees meeting scheduled

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 17. The session will begin at 1 p.m. in Barge 412 and is open to the public. For more information, call 963-2111.

Thanksgiving dinner for ESL Students

About forty students from the University English as a Second Language program have no place to go for Thanksgiving. Individuals, organizations or groups interested in inviting one or more of the students for a Thanksgiving dinner can call 963-4375 or email kehones@ewu.edu.

Flu Shot Shortage

Two flu shot clinics have been set up but the flu shot does have not arrived. Of the 600 doses ordered only 60 are available. High risk people, those who have asthma or other major health concerns, are encouraged to go to the Health Center and request their free flu shot as soon as possible.

Central hosts “Night of a Thousand Saxophones”

Central’s saxophone music students will present “Night of a Thousand Saxophones” at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21 in Hertz Hall. The concert will feature large ensembles and student solo pieces. For more information call 963-1216.


For information call (509) 358-2230 or email john.keeble@mail.ewu.edu

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BURG: Station management and staff face off

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At The ‘Burg, Dan Donovan, DJ at The ‘Burg said recorded music does not take over the airwaves during peak hours. “Most shifts still have live DJs,” Sharp said. A computer that randomly selects imputed songs fills other on-air time. The computer normally only runs during the late-night hours to early morning, midnight to 9 a.m. The ‘Burg has 40-60 DJs, although some are never on-air. If all DJs were working, all shifts would be covered. “I don’t want to cover other people’s shifts, it’s too much extra work,” Donovan said.

When The ‘Burg went on-air, it changed not only regulations, and kinds of music, but also many staff members, whether they were fired or quit. “They’re firing people they can’t afford to lose,” Nolte said.

Whatever the case, the management staff and some veteran DJs changed not only regulations, and they’re firing people they can’t afford to lose,” Nolte said. Whatever the case, the management staff and some veteran DJs couldn’t see eye to eye on the changes. “Disagreements with management don’t justify ignoring standard policies,” Hull said about some DJs who recently quit.

For most DJs who quit or some who were fired, the consensus is the fun has been taken out of working at the station. The music also has to be music. Some former DJs feel the management don’t justify ignoring standard policies, Hull said about some DJs who recently quit.

The Observer needs you! Stop by BU 222 for more information.

Alternatives to turkey

by Kim Nowacki
Photo Editor

Fourth graders across the country learn the song Albuquerque the Turkey sung to the tune of Clementine. College students may also be reminiscent of the old ditty. For those who don’t remember, the song is about a boy and his pet turkey named Albuquerque. When Thanksgiving day arrives the boy can not eat his pet and instead the boy and his family eat egg foo young. If this story of the love for a pet, especially a turkey, tugs at the heart strings then consider a tofu turkey next week.

Both Better Life Natural Foods and Daybreak Natural Foods stores offer tasty organic alternatives for this year’s Thanksgiving meal. For the main course try either the Now and Zen brand [Un] Turkey or the Turtle Island brand Tofurkey. Each come with stuffing and a vegetarian gravy. The Tofurkey even has tofu wishbones. Better Life and Daybreak also carry organic pumpkin pie mix, cranberries, and wine, as well as organic, free range real turkeys if tofu is just a little too daring.

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While you and I excitedly stuff our faces with juicy bits of turkey and pumpkin pie this Thanksgiving, the real turkeys of late will be sitting in court, clocking emotionally over who gets what and how much is fair. It was probably last Thursday when I realized our national election system, the very basis of our Democracy, had turned into a frenzied three-ring circus.

When did this happen? I must have turned my head for a moment. Last I checked, all the analysts were talking about what might happen if the Founding fathers had been over, the voting populace’s intellect crumbled and there were an even split in the electoral college vote. Nobody thought it would happen.

First of all, regardless of political affiliation, why would anyone vote for George “W.” Bush? It should be apparent, even if you’re not the type to poke fun, that the guy isn’t the smartest kid on the block. He doesn’t know his own over, the voting populace’s intellect crumbled and there were an even split in the electoral college vote. Nobody thought it would happen.

It’s funny how politics work.

Al Gore was declared the victor? Suddenly, the ball switched courts and the state reformers in this show can behave in as mature a manner as is characteristic of politicians. Beyond that, I guess all we can ask for is a good show.

Dear Editor,

While students were away on their summer vacations, there was a new policy passed saying the school will become our “babysitters” while away from home. The administration has taken it upon themselves to become our “babysitters” while away from home. While students were away on their summer vacations, there was a new policy passed saying the school will become our “babysitters” while away from home.

The logical solution seems to be a revote. However, I have the brains to say that this in the case, the solution may present too many unintended repercussions to be plausible. Therefore, the circus will likely continue into tomorrow, next month, maybe even next year. Let’s just cross our fingers and hope the performers in this show can behave in as mature a manner as is characteristic of politicians. Beyond that, I guess all we can ask for is a good show.

—Roslyn Biggs

Babysitting legal adults is uncalled for

The students of Central Washington University are now facing an unjust policy in regards to student privacy. The administration has taken it upon themselves to become our “babysitters” while away from home. While students were away on their summer vacations, there was a new policy passed saying the school will become our “babysitters” while away from home.

This policy is in direct violation of students’ rights as adult citizens of this country. The day we turn 18, one becomes an adult in the eyes of our country, but the administration feels that parental notification of an adult’s actions regarding alcohol consumption is just. Students come to this university to gain an academic education that we pay for. We are not paying to be supervised like kindergartners on a field trip.

Recently, the university has had trouble recruiting new students for full-time enrollment. The policy should condone underage drinking. We do, however, amplify this problem to an even greater degree. Retention of students is also a problem that the university is faced with. It is not our position that this school should condone underage drinking. We do, however, feel that the actions of any violations of policies at Central by a student over the age of 18 are the business of the student and the school, not their parents.

Starting Wednesday, Nov. 15, the Washington Student Lobby at Central will be distributing a petition around campus, attempting to gain student support against this new policy. Also, a forum will be held this Monday at noon in the SUB Pit on the issue. We encourage all students to come out and support our efforts in eliminating this unjust policy.

Sincerely,

Sam Leonard

Assistant

Reggie Ramey, Vice Chair of the Washington Student Lobby

Thanks extended for inaugural help

To the editor,

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We would like to extend our thanks to all those who made the inaugural month a month to remember.

Thanks especially to...
It was on Tuesday Nov. 7, that I found myself cheated. Wandering from precinct to precinct, talking to one condescending volunteer after another, I looked for my name. Finally, I found myself in line at the County Courthouse, under a small plastic sign that read, “voter registration.”

“Could you please check which precinct I’m under,” I asked. “Because I can’t figure out where I’m supposed to vote.”

After running my name, the courthouse employee calmly informed me that I was not registered to vote. A little less calmly, I explained to her that I had registered to vote.

I clearly remembered registering to vote at the Kittitas County Department of Motor Vehicles in April 1999. The guy behind the counter had practically forced me to register, when all I really wanted was to get my license renewed. The nice lady at the courthouse then told me that a large percentage of people who fill out forms at the DMV or on campus are never registered to vote. The paperwork is sent to Olympia and it just doesn’t return. Most of the people who fall prey to this bait-and-switch are students, and most of them probably aren’t that bothered by the fact that they can’t vote.

True, my one vote might not have made much difference in this election (unless I was from Florida), but the idea that my rights were simply lost in a sea of government paperwork is really bothersome.

How can I put my faith in a political system that doesn’t keep track of who its voters are? Where do you have to go, and how many times do you have to register before you can be sure of your rights?

Later that day I met a man who was voting. He told me he had registered through a woman selling perfume outside of Super 1 Foods. The voter registration had simply been a means of attracting business for her. The registration had gone through however, and this guy was voting. Should we trust strangers selling perfume outside of supermarkets more than our familiar government services?

Maybe the state should collaborate with Taco Bell. People who come in after midnight have to be registered voters to get their burritos. Show your registration, get your chalupa. If you don’t like it, make a run for the border.

---MEETINGS---

**Thursday, November 16**

- Psychology Club
  - Psychology Building, 2nd floor student lounge, noon
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)
  - SUB, 1:30 p.m.
- CWU Horn Club
  - Hertz Hall, noon
- College Democrats
  - Psychology Building 257, 7 p.m.
- Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)
  - Shaw-Smyser 132, 6 p.m.
- Philosophy Club
  - SUB Owhi Room, 7 p.m.
- Drop-In Relaxation Group
  - Health and Counseling Center, 4 p.m.
- American Sign Language Organization
  - SUB 208, 7 p.m.
- Baptist Student Ministries
  - Chestnut Baptist Church, 8 p.m.

**Sunday, November 19**

- Catholic Campus Ministry
  - Mary Grupe Center, 7 p.m.

**Monday, November 20**

- Swing Cats
  - SUB Ballroom, 7 p.m.

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**Tuesday, November 21**

- 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 22**

- Black Student Union
  - Sam’s Place, 5 p.m.
- 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 206/207, 5 p.m.
- M.E.Ch.A.
  - Owhi Room, 5 p.m.
- National Broadcasting Society
  - Bouillon 215, noon

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Students and community help kick off 'Thanks-for-Giving' with Project Linus

**by Katie Berglund**

Staff reporter

"Thanks-for-Giving" began Nov. 13 and will run through Dec. 13. It is an event that the Service-Learning and Volunteer Center has put on for the past four years and is composed of several different projects.

"This event gives Central students an opportunity to reflect on what they have to be thankful for and show an interest in giving back to the community," Lorinda Anderson-Ramsdell, Service-Learning and Volunteer Center staff, said. "It helps students to also know that they can make a difference." Anderson-Ramsdell has worked in the Service-Learning and Volunteer Center at Central for the past four years.

The first project for "Thanks-for-Giving" is Project Linus. Project Linus is an organization that gives security blankets to children who are going through tough times. It began Monday, Nov. 13, and will end Friday, Nov. 17.

Circle K Club is working in conjunction with Project Linus and is organizing this event on campus in the SUB pit. Circle K hopes to be able to donate at least 30 blankets this year.

Adopt-A-Family provides local families with packages of holiday cheer. For Thanksgiving, different departments around campus, as well as campus clubs, have adopted families with financial strain in the Kittitas community.

For the Christmas season, groups also donate holiday trees and ornaments, board games, movie tickets or rentals, gift wrapping supplies, phone cards, gas vouchers and other items to families in need.

EXCEL school gives students options

**by Matt Milton**

Staff reporter

Central Washington University isn't just home to Central students. It's home to an alternative high school program as well. The EXCEL alternative high school program is located in Michaelsen and home to a Ninth through 12th grade program that is an extension of Ellensburg High School (EHS).

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Josh Camp, Nick Edwards and Eric Snyder stand guard over the POW, MIA Vigil which honors those who have sacrificed so much for our country and its freedom.

Veterans, POWs remembered

On Nov. 9 the senior class of Central Washington University's Air Force ROTC began a 24-hour Vigil honoring those who have been prisoners of war (POW), or missing in action (MIA). Starting at about 7 p.m. cadets took turns of 15 minutes each standing guard over a plaque honoring America's MIAs and former POWs. It took place in front of Barge Hall and was visible from Eighth Street.

Many people passing by stopped and observed the Vigil, and those that it honored.

This was not the first time that the Vigil has been held. The seniors hold the Vigil in recognition of Veteran's Day. The tradition of holding the Vigil goes back further than any of the cadets remember.

Senior cadet Jennifer Hearing said, it is important to honor the MIAs and POWs, "so that people understand what our history is." In fact, it would be shameful to forget those that have made great sacrifices, so that we can live the way we do.

—Nathan Fry, R.O.T.C.

Un-original but still worth a listen

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Mayhem Central answers with laughs

Student club dishes out the comedy and works on improving acting skills

by Melissa Mitchell
Staff reporter

Central's drama students add to the chaos on campus with Mayhem Central for the third year.

"There is a growing interest in the community," Maureen Eller, Mayhem Central president, said. "People love to watch it.

Mayhem uses improvisational acting skills very much like the ones that can be seen on "Whose Line is it Anyway?" to provide members with skills they will need as future actors and actresses.

The individual pieces are referred to as games. Some skills the games teach are how to handle something unexpected happening in a scene, helping the characters build relationships and increasing the members exposure to acting.

"It is a great tool for actors to improve their creativity," Eller said.

The club is run by students and everyone is welcome to participate. Three years ago, when the club began, the founders discussed becoming a recognized club on campus; however, the members decided against doing so when Mayhem began to get offers for paid performances.

"We have a bank account for things like member t-shirts, pizza, dinner during gigs and props," Eller said.

We ask that people who come try to get involved," Eller said. "Otherwise, it begins to feel like we are performing in front of an audience.

Mayhem does not charge its members dues, and people can reach active member status based on meeting attendance and level of participation in the games. Active members may then have opportunities to participate in paying gigs.

If you would like more information about Mayhem Central or are interested in scheduling a performance by Mayhem. Contact the club either by posting a message on the message board outside McConnell 107, call 933-2770 or email the club at mayhemcentral@hotmail.com.

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Wildcat Wellness Center
"Red Planet" should be left undiscovered

Val Kilmer in space sounded pretty cool to me. Boy, was I wrong. "Red Planet" is a trite, over done drama-fest, with hardly any action. After last summer's horrible "Mission to Mars," I thought this film would blow it off the earth. Kil-er stars as "Gallagher," a space jin-tor, who along with five other dark.

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Mars to discover how to make the

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Back home on earth, pollution is

depleting the environment, and Mars

seems to be the only place to start

over. I'll have to admit that the special

effects were spectacular. One of the

main stars of the film, was AMEE, a

robot that looked like Robo-Dog, which was designed to navigate and

protect the space explorers.

Although the movie looked great visually, it lacked a decent plot and pretty much turned sour by the sec­

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"Smoke Out" encourages people to take first step

By Annie Rossman

Staff reporter

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Central Washington University is doing its part to

encourage the stomping out of tobacco products one
day at a time. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov.

16, booths will be set up in the SUB by the Wellness

Center to distribute facts and information.

The "Smoke Out" is not limited to cigarettes. If a

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teaching on the side of a pack of cigarettes is often over­

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The warnings do not say that a non-smoker can

expect to live eight years longer than a smoker, or that

smoking costs the nation about $65 billion annually in

health care expenses and lost productivity.

This year's slogan is "If not now, when?" Whether a person quit 15 years ago or 20 minutes ago, the

benefits of kicking the habit will make a significant
difference to the quality and quantity of life.

Photo illustration by Matt Smith, Heather Trimm /Observer

Even though there are warnings on the labels of all

tobacco products, they do not tell the consumer specif­
ically why warnings are even necessary. The Surgeon

General warns people against various ailments often

associated with the use of tobacco products like lung
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Wildcats grab share of CFA title with win

by Ericka Wood
Staff reporter

The Wildcat football team garnered their share of the Columbia Football Association championship title with last Saturday’s win over the Simon Fraser University Clansmen. The Wildcats came on strong with 28 points in the first half to beat the Clansmen 38-24, ending the season 5-5 overall and 3-1 in the CFA. Central will share the CFA trophy this year with Western Washington University which also finished the season 3-1 with the only loss being to Western Oregon University.

Sophomore quarterback Zak Hill led the offense to a season-high 531 yards for the game. Hill achieved a career-high 389 yards. Hill’s performance also made him the CFA Offensive Player of the Week.

Central quickly gained the lead, scoring touchdowns on their first two possessions. The first came from a one-yard run by sophomore wide receiver Richard Penton. Penton led the receiving corps with 134 yards and scoring touchdowns on their first two possessions. The first came from a one-yard run by sophomore wide receiver Richard Penton. Penton led the receiving corps with 134 yards.

The Wildcats scored their next touchdown on a one-yard run by sophomore running back Shawn Brathwaite. Brathwaite led the game in rushing with 87 yards on 19 rushes for the day.

Quarterback Zak Hill completes a pass to #65 and fellow Prairie High School graduate sophomore Brooks Denny during last week’s game against UC-Davis.

Patterson made his sixth interception of the season to stop the Clansmen from scoring on the drive. Patterson led the team in interceptions this season, and holds the current CFA record for the longest interception return.

Central has won 14 of the last 15 games it’s played against Simon Fraser, with this game adding to a four game winning streak against the Clansmen.

The seniors led the way for the defense in this, their last game for Central. Senior strong safety John Hall had 10 tackles, senior linebacker Rawley Robins had eight and senior linebacker Brandon Christensen had six, with one behind the line of scrimmage for a loss of six yards.

Hill eluded Simon Fraser’s defense throughout the game, completing 28 of 41 passes for the day. Aside from Penton’s seven catches for 134 yards, sophomore wide receiver Brooks Denny and Lopez each caught six passes for 81 and 57 yards respectively.

Swimmers set school records at first meet of season

by Sarah Edmunds
Asst. Sports editor

Last weekend the Wildcats’ swim team took on the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. The men’s team came out on top with a win but the women’s team came up short against the Loggers.

The final score for the men’s team was 119-84. While the women were defeated 110-95.

“The women lost, but it was the closest in quite a while against UPS,” Eslinger said.

Despite their loss, three team members broke school records. Junior Vicki Schmaltz marked records in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle races, and senior Natalie Price set a time of 9:31.74 in the 800 meter freestyle.

Junior Amy Mahre also won her event with a 5:29.60 in the 400 meter individual medley.

The men’s team took nine of 11 events in their win over the Loggers, with team members sophomore Cliff Brook and junior Nathan Monley each winning two events.

The other events were captured by senior Jay Box, freshman Matt Erickson and Kyle Rahul, each winning one event.

The teams have grown in size since last year, from 13 women to 18, and from eight men to 18.

“"We did a lot more recruiting this year," coach Candi Eslinger said. “One of our main goals is to improve our dual meet record.”

This year the swim teams will be able to compete in a conference meet.

Wildcats opened their season on Nov. 11 with a win for the men’s team, but the women’s team lost to UPS. The team competes next on Nov. 18 at Seattle University.

This is a significant opportunity for the swim team because it has been many years since the team has competed in a conference meet.

The team plans to send 15 men and 15 women to Long Beach, Calif, for the meet. The Wildcats have set their goals high and have their minds focused on Nationals.

“Our goal is to qualify relay to National,” Eslinger said.

Coaches Candi Eslinger keeps a watchful eye on team members sophomore Rob Rooney, junior Amy Mahre and senior Joy Carlson, at a recent practice.
Central looks for another shot at the title

Wrestling ranked 18th in country

by Ahmed Namatalla 
Staff reporter

Four returning seniors, just two of whom are expected to start, give this year's wrestling team a bit of an experienced, although thin core to build on. After qualifying four wrestlers for last year's National Tournament, Coach Kevin Pine is looking at a year of uncertainty, though he maintains that a National Championship is not out of the question. The team will miss the skills of one of its top wrestlers in All-American Shane Jaime who, with a third place finish, was the top Central finisher at last year's Nationals. Jaime is expected to redshirt this season after not meeting academic qualifications.

"Of course our No. 1 goal is winning a National Championship. Losing Shane doesn't help, so this will be a learning year for us," Pine said. "It has the potential to be a great year, but since we have so many young guys, it's kind of hard to predict just how good we're going to be."

Pine will be looking at a starting group that includes three freshmen for the first time in his six years at Central. He attributes the fact to strong recruiting during the off-season and the wrestlers' abilities. Among those returning for the Wildcats is junior Cole Denison. Competing in the 133 lb. division, Cole placed sixth in last year's Western Regionals. At 149 lbs., junior Marcus Mays did not enjoy the best of seasons last year as he was hampered by injury and, consequently, did not make it out of regionals. Still, Mays finished seventh nationally two years ago along with All-American Honors and should provide much needed experience to the young squad.

The 18th-ranked Wildcats will take on 17th-ranked San Francisco State tomorrow night in Ashland, Oregon. They will then compete in Saturday's Southern Oregon Open, featuring some of the region's Division II as well as Division I schools.

Central wrestlers are looking at one of the toughest schedules in the conference. In addition to opening the season with nationally ranked San Francisco State, the Wildcats are scheduled to meet with top-ranked Augustana College in early January. "The philosophy is that the more you wrestle the better you get," Pine said. "In order to be the best, you have to compete against the best, and that's been our approach to things."

The Wildcat wrestling team has one of the toughest schedules in the conference. They open against San Francisco State on Friday.
Traveling with mittens—skiing at Big Sky, Part 2

In last week’s episode, our heroes Beto, Lissy, the Birdman and Aaron were in Montana. Let’s find out what happens as they take their first run at Big Sky Resort.

Outdoors with Aaron Clifford

From the gondola we can see that the lower runs are covered in snow and our excitement grows. Leaving the gondola we take a chair up to the bowl. To our dismay, the bowl is closed and the lifts.

7 p.m. Back in Bozeman, we cook a large dinner and prepare to go out on the town. Our host has recommended an area called the “Bermuda Triangle”. Before leaving we discover that the Birdman has lost his keys and Beto has lost his wallet. Outside it begins to snow, dropping a blizzard of large, soup-slopping flakes on the town.

11 p.m. After a long search for the missing keys and wallet, and some driving around in the snow we give up and go to bed. Still curious about the Bozeman nightlife we make plans to discover the mystery of the “Bermuda Triangle” sometime in the not-so-distant future.

Central quarterback Zak Hill finished the season on a tear. On Saturday, against Simon Fraser University, Hill completed 28 of 41 passes.

In his first full season as starting quarterback, the sophomore from Prairie High School proved he could lead the Wildcats offense. He set a Columbia Football Association season high against SFU, passing for 386 yards and totaling 2,268 offensive yards.

To no one’s surprise, Hill was named CFA Offensive Player of the Week. In 10 games this season, Hill led the league by throwing for 2,449 yards and totaling 3,293 yards through the air.

The Wildcats made a noticeable turnaround this year in the homecoming game against Western Oregon. In that game, Hill said the team never gave up.

“We knew we could score on them,” Hill said. “After the game, our confidence in the rest of the season was high.”

The toughest and most important part of the job on the field is being able to read the defense before the ball is snapped, Hill said. He does that as he breaks the line and approaches the line of scrimmage.

Once Hill recognizes what defense is coming at him, he has to call a play that will work against the opposition.

Leading team chemistry is vital in keeping Central winning games, he said.

“It’s all about earning their respect,” Hill said about the Wildcat football team. “You do that by playing well and getting to know them outside football.”

Growing up watching football on television, Hill found inspiration in legendary 49ers quarterback Joe Montana.

“My coaches kept calling me Joe Montana because I’m small but I can still throw well,” Hill said.

The 6-foot, 183-pound sophomore quarterback is still perfecting his craft. Next season, he plans on scrambling more and throwing fewer interceptions.

He said Wildcat quarterbacks coach Dan Baldwin has helped him improve since Hill came to Central.

Hill said the team’s main priorities next year will be defeating rival Western Washington University at Toppenish Stadium and making the playoffs.

“Being always yelling at me about ‘why are you running so slow?’” Hill said.

Hill aspires to be a police officer after he graduates from Central. If that doesn’t work out for him, Hill said he wants to coach high school football and P.E. after earning a degree in physical education and health.

Sophomore quarterback leads league

by Tim Battorff

Sports Editor

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Athlete of the Week

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**Twin runners dedicated to their sport**

by Ahmed Namatwalla
Staff reporter

They will find a way to wake up at 6 a.m. and run two miles. They will find a way to run the best race of their lives when the team needs it the most. But the Forrey twins, Amy and Sarah, refuse to go out of their way to try to be different.

Identical in almost every way, the Forreys have shared a passion for competitive running since their junior high years. Through each possess a unique personality, the two have relied on each other, both in and out of races, throughout their lives. They have come to form a bond that extends far beyond sisterhood and friendship, one that many people never get the chance to experience.

"In many ways they're kind of inseparable," coach Kevin Adkisson said. "They've always been quiet, no need to look for them in a center of attention. They work together well. It's like one drives the other more than anything else."

After leading the way for the majority of last season, the Forreys have not been able to find their way into the top three this season.

"This held true until their dramatic break of that streak, as Amy and Sarah finished in the first and second spots respectively at this year's Regional meet."

"It just takes one person to make up their mind and go. We just felt really good that day," Sarah Forrey said.

In his four years of coaching the duo, Adkisson has come to rely on the twins to train and perform with consistency. Following a record 2002 and almost the entire year, the two have done their job to impress their coach, and now look to add a solid final impression at this week's NCAA Division II National Meet.

"They're both such a blessing to have on the team," teammate Abby Bielenberg said.

**Montana: the ski season is here**

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equipment the day before are covered now. High-siding and cutting through the deep powder collected around the tree line, I try to make the most of my run.

10:45 a.m.
At the lift line again, we agree to leave for home. Loading our wet gear in the car for the last time, we make plans to return as soon as possible. We cut down through the snowy mountain roads and take one last look at Bozeman.

12:00 p.m.
We hit I-90 with empty stomachs and a full tank.

1 p.m.
We stop for lunch in Amsterdam, Montana. Crispy fast food renews our energy. As we get back on the road, the West-coast flavor starts to fall. The roads are dry, but the clouds above guarantee that will change. Pedal to the floor we race to beat the snow and return home.

2:30 p.m.
"Are you guys awake? You should be!

Linsky is at the wheel as we cross back over the Continental Divide. Having just learned how to drive a stick, she is a little nervous. The pass is icy and crowded with semi trucks, but she pilots us through the chaos with ease.

4 p.m.
We miss Misoula for gas. This is the home stretch of the race to get back to Ellensburg and we begin to predict what time we will arrive.

Dramatic scenery and decent snow conditions made skiing at Big Sky a blast for Beto.

Linsky Nickels/Observer

Bozeman: 8 1/2 to 9 hours
Money spent per person (not including gas): $100
Money spent on gas: $180 (any car that gets better than 15 mpg will cost less)

The crew found the trip to be well worth the money and time spent. We all felt that the town of Bozeman itself was worth the effort. The drive was relatively easy and the passes were not much worse than Snoqualmie on an average winter day. One look at Big Sky’s upper bowl told us that winter skiing is phenomenal here.

The lower area also sports a terrain park in the winter.

**Men’s basketball opens in Steeltown**

By Thabiso M. Leshou
Staff reporter

The basketball season is about to start. Having had a taste of the regional finals last season, Central Washington University's men’s basketball team is determined to repeat that feat and possibly win the National Championship.

Head coach Greg Sparling said Central has an athletic, smart, and solid NCAA Division II team that will do great this season. The team is set on improving last season’s record which led them to the regional finals. “Players just have to believe in their role and do what they’re asked,” Sparling said.

Sparling added that this year, returning players will build on last season’s run at trying to be national champions.

The non-league teams are going to be our toughest opponents this season," said Sparling. In the conference, Central’s teams to beat are Seattle Pacific University and Long Island University. Western Washington University, Western has many returning players but Central has been on top of the situation, winning four of their last five meetings.

We have just to win the big games and get through the league, “said junior guard, Troy Neley. “If we do that, then we’ll be fine.” Neley added that to get to the finals again this season, the team has to win or get second in the league to get home court advantage going into the playoffs.

Central’s record last season was 12-2 PacWest, and 21-7 overall.

The Wildcats stars playing on the road this weekend in a non-conference game against University of Pittsburgh. The first home game will be Dec. 9 at 7 p.m against St. Martin's College.
Central fall sports all-stars

Soccer PacWest Conference All-Star team
First Team
Jenny Merkel
Rebecca Laliberte

Second Team
Stacey Wyman
Honorable Mention
Sarah Windham
Briana Wagner

Academic All-Conference Team
Rebecca Laliberte
Elizabeth Medford

Volleyball Conference All-Star Team
First Team
Kari St. Martin
Second Team
Katie Orgill
Honorable Mention
Carolyn Mires

Academic All-Conference Team
Tess Weigel
Stacey Schmitz
Katie Orgill
Alison Gargus
Carolyn Mires

XC Academic All-Conference Team
First Team
Jenny Merkel
Rebecca Laliberte

Second Team
Stacey Wyman
Honorable Mention
Sarah Windham
Briana Wagner

Football Conference All-Star Team
First Team
John Hallead (CFA Defensive Player of the Year)
Brandon Christensen
Jason Patterson (cornerback)
John Fields
Josh Lopez
Zak Hill
Josh Johnston

Second Team
Jason Patterson (punt returner)
Rawley Robins
Jared Carter
T.J. Horgan
Clint LeCount
Pete Kalasontas
Ethan McDonald
Chad Phillip
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Ski class offered winter quarter

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