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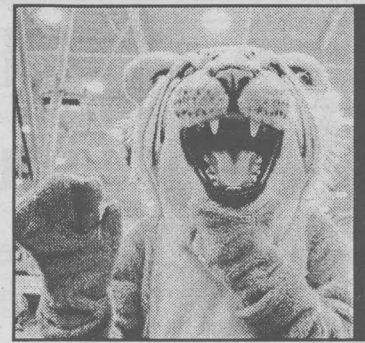


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## 'Doug' finds a home at Holmes

by Jennifer Perkins  
Editor-in-Chief

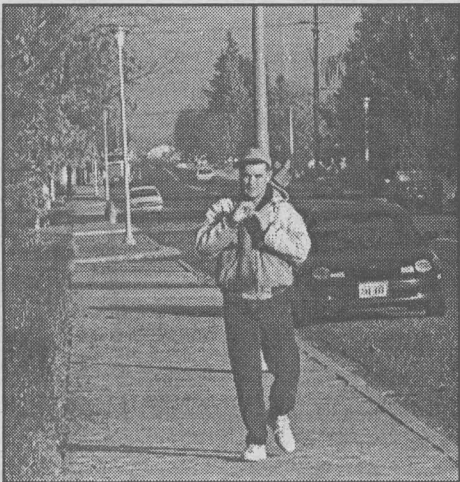
Tom Ogg, director of dining services, walks his 6-foot-4 body through Holmes Dining Hall around 8:30 a.m. each weekday. He smiles to cooks and bakers as he makes his way through the kitchen and into his office which faces the loading dock. This is where he peels off his dark purple parka, and places his briefcase-type bag on his desk near the window.

Outside the window is a loading dock and a large white dumpster. About fifty empty boxes, mostly brown, line the outer white wall of the building. Ogg pauses to look out the window.

"It's so cold outside today," Ogg says. "I bet Doug won't even wear gloves. The staff has tried to give him some, but he won't take them. I think he thinks real workers don't need gloves."

Ogg was right.

As Doug Kern makes his way up the stairs near the loading dock, it is obvious he is not



Kim Nowacki/Observer

Kern walks nearly a mile from his home at Elmview Group Center to work each morning.

wearing gloves, despite the snowy, icy paths. His hands, exposed to the cold Ellensburg air, grasp a black metal lunch box and a blue Central Washington University coffee mug. His CWU baseball cap, worn slightly off-center, a mustard-brown Carhart jacket, charcoal-gray five-pocket jeans and brown worker boots (most likely with a steel toe), are the articles of clothing separating him from the 28 degree temperature. He looks like he is going to a construction job, but he is not.

Before heading into the dining hall, Kern sets his lunch box neatly next to the white metal door. Still holding his coffee mug, Kern enters the dining hall and makes his way over to the paper slot on the wall which holds his time card. He eagerly takes his time card, which unlike student meal cards, bears a solid black square instead of his picture, over to the time machine.

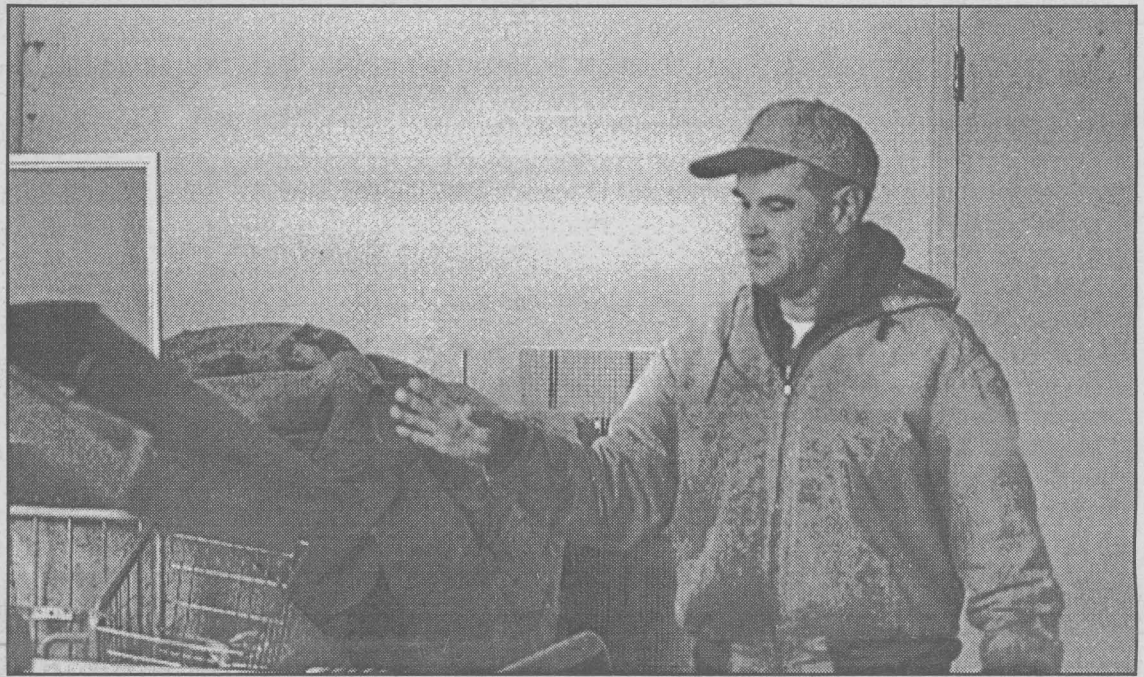
With a swipe of his card, and a beep from the time clock, Kern is officially at work.

He places his time card back in its holder, then walks over to the coffee machine and fills his blue mug. Some employees have counted the number of sugars he adds to his coffee. One woman counted as many as 24 in one cup.

Kern sips his coffee.

Having satisfied his prework rituals, Kern walks past Woncha Hansen, Holmes Dining Hall student supervisor.

"Well, good morning, Doug," Hansen says



Kim Nowacki/Observer

Standing near the loading dock outside Holmes Dining Hall, Kern breaks down boxes to be recycled. He has never missed a day of work in over nine years.

with a smile.

Doug gives Woncha a quick and firm nod. The power of his non-verbal response looks like the caffeine and sugar from his coffee has already taken effect. This is a common reaction a person with autism has.

Doug then returns to the brisk outdoors, sets his coffee mug next to his metal lunch box and begins to break down boxes.

He works like a machine.

"Sometimes I sit in my office and watch Doug work," Ogg said. "He does the job so well and with such dedication."

Holmes Dining Hall went through several students who were hired to break down boxes before Kern was hired. The students would either come to work late or would quit shortly

after being hired.

Kern is never late to work. In fact, he hasn't missed one day of work since he began his box-folding job in 1991.

"I wonder what he thinks about while breaking down boxes after so many years," Ogg said.

Due to Kern's autism, people may never know what Kern is thinking. He nods his head when people ask him questions, and he points to things as an attempt to communicate, but he doesn't say a word. When asked where his father is, Kern points up to the sky as if to say "heaven."

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## Students support Chandler

by Roslyn Biggs  
Senior reporter

Robert McGowan, chair of the physical education, health and leisure services department, surprised a number of people, including Central yoga instructor Lori Chandler, Nov. 13 when he announced he had hired Jeremiah PerDahlgren (?) to teach intro level yoga classes beginning winter quarter.

"I used to get so excited to go up there (Nicholson Pavilion) to teach," she said. "Now it's hard for me to go in that building. This has affected all my classes and my passion for going up there. It just destroyed it."

McGowan said the decision to hire another yoga instructor stemmed from a desire to diversify the teacher options available to students.

"I used to get so excited to go up there to teach."

— Lori Chandler

"Basically, a new guy came into town and we decided to give him an opportunity," McGowan said. "She's (Chandler) done a good job, and we hope that she will continue to do

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## Club funding increases

by Ellie Giannoulas  
Staff reporter

The Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors meeting started the new year with a few bumps when a newly formed club asked for money.

The ASCWU-BOD has also raised club funding this quarter. In the past, funding was \$175 per person and \$800 a quarter per club. The new budget will now begin at \$300 per person and \$1500 a quarter per club and the amount per year is \$2000, but this is contingent upon funds. Funds were increased due to growth of cost. Clubs can use the funds for travel, registration and guest speakers.

"The more money that is available for clubs the more they will be able to do and

that's a wonderful thing," Mindy Widmyer, vice president of clubs and recreation, said.

The Recreation Club asked for funding to make and sell t-shirts at the Western basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 20. The club will be using the money to attend the Washington State Parks and Recreation Association (WRPA) annual conference. It was suggested that the ASCWU-BOD and Recreation Club partner together and share the profits by agreement.

The ASCWU-BOD also discussed the sale of megaphones at the Western basketball game as a promotional tool. The megaphones will maybe bear the BOD logo and "Go Cats!"

Strategic Planning Committee is seeking input from faculty, students and the Ellensburg community about the direction the

## Police Briefs

Jan. 2, 7:50 a.m.

A burglary and theft in the first degree was reported at 12th and Alder. Someone climbed over a construction fence and stole tools and equipment from a storage shed. The property is valued at \$3,500.

Jan. 3, 10:25 a.m.

Officers responded to a call that someone was posting handbills in Nicholson Pavilion about a yoga instructor.

Jan. 3, 10 p.m.

Officers served a warrant at Muzzall Hall for a failure to appear for a minor possession.

Jan. 4, 9:03 a.m.

A vehicle prowling, theft in the first degree and malicious mischief in the second degree were reported at Campus Court Apartments. A vehicle's front passenger window was broken and several items including an electric guitar, minidisk recorder and textbooks taken. Damage is valued at \$600 and the property at \$2,200. The textbooks, valued at \$295, were recovered.

Jan. 5, 9:55 a.m.

A vehicle was damaged in a hit and run incident in the G-16 lot.

Jan. 6, 9 a.m.

A vehicle prowling was reported at Campus Court Apartments. Someone stole tools from an unlocked toolbox in the back of a truck. The items are valued at \$320. The incident happened on Jan. 1 between 3 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Jan. 7, 8:27 p.m.

The smell of marijuana was reported in Sparks Hall. Police couldn't find the source of the odor.

For more information visit [www.cwu.edu/~police](http://www.cwu.edu/~police).

# CHANDLER: Flyers and letters express student's concern for Lori Chandler

"The Voice of a 1000 Students," the group behind flyers distributed on campus, supports Lori Chandler's position as Central Washington University's yoga instructor.

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so."

He said it was understood Chandler would continue to teach the advanced classes and that he also gave her the option to continue teaching some introductory classes, but in different time slots than previously scheduled.

"We're simply making some adjustments," McGowan said.

On the other hand, Chandler said that's not the explanation she was given by McGowan. Rather, she said, she had been the subject of unacceptable behavior from McGowan and wrote a letter confronting him about it. The next response she got from him was the news she had been replaced, and, she said, he gave her no options for different time slots.

"He told me he 'hired someone else to teach your beginning classes,'" Chandler said.

Chandler said she then asked him if his decision had something to do with her teaching and he simply said he was going in a different direction

and didn't need to answer her questions.

"He has never said it was about my abilities," she said.

Chandler, who created the yoga program at Central three years ago and went through the process of getting approval to offer it through the physical education department, said she was shocked by his announcement. She has since started the grievance process through the university and is looking into other options for taking further action. Steve Schepman, professor of organizational development, has volunteered to represent her as an advocate.

Rebecca Bowers, dean of the college of education and professional studies, held a meeting between McGowan and Chandler Dec. 15 to discuss the situation. She said during the meeting, McGowan offered Chandler an apology and she accepted. Also at this time, Chandler was offered some intro classes to teach winter quarter.

"They were only offered after my complaint to the dean and they were classes I couldn't accept," Chandler said. "The times didn't work

for me, they weren't in viable locations and there were no students enrolled...they weren't existing classes."

"There was probably some frustration on both sides," Bowers said. "I think there was a misunderstanding between the two of them. I only regret that Ms. Chandler didn't take the opportunity to take on one or two more sections."

Students who know Chandler have been vocal in supporting her.

Handbills urging "Stop Harassment at CWU" and stating that Chandler "was replaced for standing up against abusive, hostile behavior from PE department chairman Robert McGowan" were distributed throughout the physical education department as students returned to class last Wednesday morning. McGowan contacted campus police regarding the incident, but by the time an officer arrived, the students handing out the material had dispersed.

The group behind the

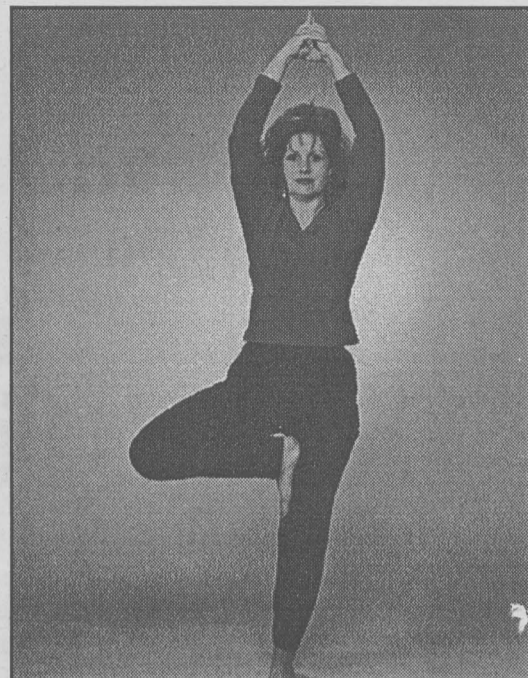


photo courtesy of Lori Chandler

The tree position, pictured above, is one of Chandler's lessons.

flyers, calling itself "The Voice of 1000 Students," also sent a letter of concern signed by 50 students to McGowan, Dean Bowers, Provost David Dauwalder, President Jerilyn McIntyre and Board of Trustees Chair Gwen Chaplin.

Wendy Cort, a sophomore business major involved with "The Voice of 1000 Students," said the group formed in support of Chandler because a number of people were concerned that there wasn't justification for her to be replaced. Cort estimated that about 100 students have been actively involved in the group.

"She's very passionate, she knows what she's doing," Cort said. "She's a very good asset to Central's educational system."

In addition, "The Voice of 1000 Students" collected letters from students who feel Chandler's replacement was unnecessary.

"As an educator for five years in a variety of settings, I've come to appreciate those who show dedication and ability. Lori Chandler has been a committed teacher to her students, always answering extra questions about how to do this or showing an extra stretch for that. This (Chandler's replacement) does not bode well for the credit of this university which, as I understand it, is in a strained situation regarding student admissions in the first place," Chris Gerston wrote in a letter submitted by "The Voice of 1000 Students."

"I've been overwhelmed with support from students, faculty and staff telling me what a great job I do," Chandler said. "I can't really walk from here to there without someone saying that. It really makes you feel good."

The Voice of 1000 Students say:

## STOP HARASSMENT AT CWU

Our yoga instructor Lori Chandler, who is suppose to be teaching this class, was replaced for standing up against abusive, hostile behavior from PE department chairman Robert McGowan.

Letters and petitions have been sent, but the bureaucracy isn't listening. This is step two. How many steps will it take? Please join us!

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Drop this yoga class, but wait until Monday!
- Tell your Friends / Parents / Professors
- Write Letters to:

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The Voice of 1000 Students

This is the flyer distributed by "The Voice of 1000 Students" in front of Nicholson Pavilion on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

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# Winter break cut a week short

by Staci Miller  
Staff reporter

After fall finals, the fried brains of most Central Washington students are thinking of skiing, snowboarding and just plain relaxing. The disappointment was clearly felt all over campus when news hit that winter break 2000 was shortened by a week.

This year's break was cut down to 18 days, seven days shorter than average. The cut in days resulted from the yearly calendar. Every year, dates fall on different days and those days deter-

mine when the school year starts, stops and when breaks begin. Every sixth year, the school calendar has to play a game of catch-up with the yearly calendar, which disrupts the course of school days and dates. This sixth year occurrence results in the shortage of days available for breaks.

As calendar plans emerge, there are certain things to consider as well. If the school year starts too early, athletes would be forced to start practice before the summer's end, which in effect, would raise the cost of living for those students because residence halls would not be yet be open.

Summer jobs are also considered in the plan-

ning process. If the year starts too early, students would be forced to quit jobs that may be helping to pay their way through school. If school starts later, vacation days need to be cut and the only expendable days are those in winter break.

If the days in winter break remained the same every year, days at the end of the regular academic year would be extended at least one week longer. This would push graduation back one week and change the length of summer break as well.

Six years from now this will all happen again and students will still complain.

# Vehicle prowls decrease on campus

by Heather Bell  
Staff reporter

Breaking into cars is a quick way for some teens and adults to try to make money these days. It is also a risky line of work on the Central Washington University campus.

Central Washington University police have seen an average of 60-100 car prowls per year since 1997. During the year 2000, that number has dropped to only 26 incidents, with most reports occurring during spring quarter.

"A tremendous amount of police presence seems to be keeping the number of incidents down," Steve Rittereiser, chief of campus police, said.

An emphasis patrol has been set up that involves county, city, state, and Central police officers. This patrol helps make police cars much more visible to car prowlers and discourages criminal behavior.

Rittereiser hopes this new emphasis patrol combined with some lighting improvements on campus will keep the number of car prowls down permanently. The patrol, which essentially puts more officers on the streets, will continue periodically throughout winter and spring quarters and will focus on special events happening in town and at concerts at the Gorge Amphitheater in George.

"I feel completely safe parking on campus; it's monitored well, and this is Ellensburg," Amy Armstrong, senior accounting major, said.

Rittereiser encourages everyone to report any suspicious behavior to

“...police presence seems to be keeping the number of incidents down.”

— Steve Rittereiser

police immediately. If witnesses see someone breaking into or casing a vehicle they should call 911.

"The best way to catch a vehicle prowl is while it's in process," Rittereiser said.

Once property is stolen from cars, it is almost impossible to recover it. Stolen goods are most often sold, either in Ellensburg, Seattle, or Yakima or kept for personal use. This generally happens within 24 hours of the theft.

This means if the thief is not caught in the act, the stolen items will most likely not be returned.

Generally car prowls occur between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m., and the thief enters through an unlocked door or by smashing a window.

The typical car prowler is 16-18 years old and not a Central student. Most prowlers case the cars, or "go shopping" first to check out the scene.

By being aware of the facts and reporting any suspicious behavior to police, the number of car prowls on campus will remain low.

## Safety Tips for vehicles on campus

- Set alarms if you have them each time you leave your car.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Do not store CDs, cell phones or other personal belongings in your car.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Secure your vehicle registration and do not keep it in your car.
- Check on your car every day, even if you do not drive it.
- Report suspicious behavior to police immediately.

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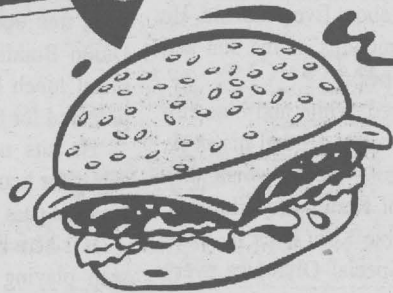
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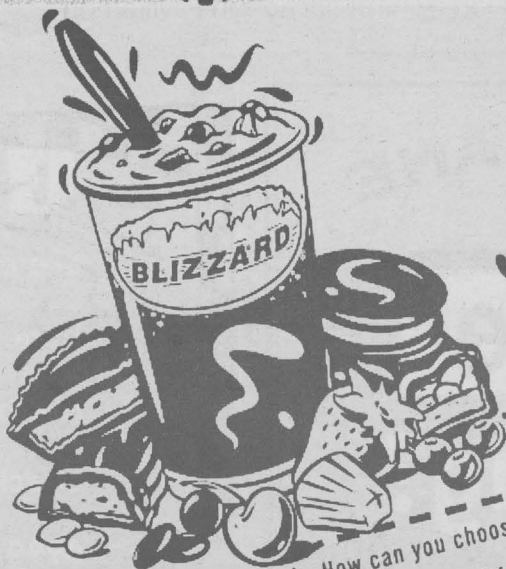
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## SPECTACLE

Eyes on news

### Commencement speakers needed

The university is searching for commencement speaker candidates. The candidate should be some one who is familiar with Central Washington University, has experience as a public speaker and be able to present a well thought out address. Please send suggestions to Jody Baxter at [baxterj@cwu.edu](mailto:baxterj@cwu.edu) by Feb. 1.

### International Program has openings

International Programs has openings for two students at the University of Hull in Kingston-upon-Hull, England for the 2001-2002 academic year. Interested students should visit the International Center across from the Language and Literature building or contact Rob Lynam or Steven Cook at 963-3612.

### SUB scheduled to be closed

The SUB will be closed at 10 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12 and will not reopen until Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 a.m. due to the holiday weekend. The Tent-n-Tube rental shop and Ticketmaster outlet will be open on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. These shops will be accessible through the SUB west entrance.

### Campus Life website up and running

Students can now view upcoming Campus Life events online at [www.cwulife.com](http://www.cwulife.com). For more information call Jared Fielding at 963-1693.

### Financial aid checks cut today

Students can pick up financial aid refund checks after 1 p.m. in the Cashier's Office. Anyone picking up a check will need to bring a picture ID.

# Energy bill skyrockets in cost

by Amber Eagar  
Asst. news editor

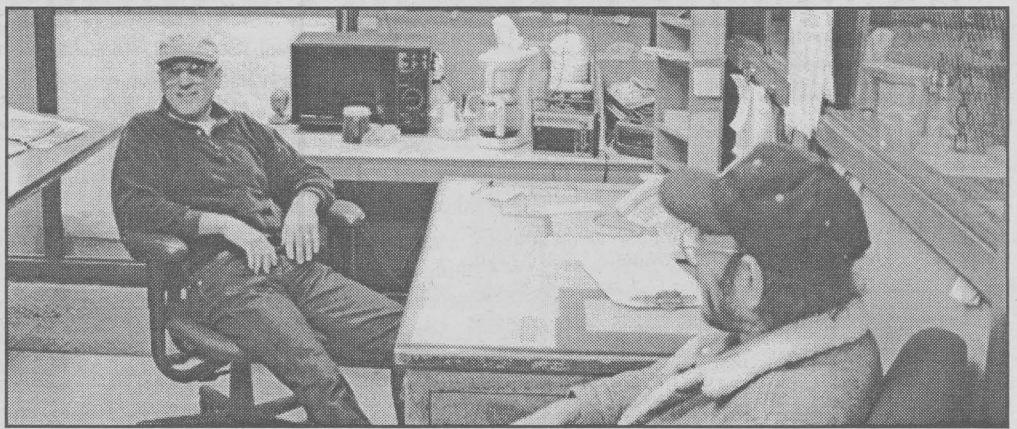
The effects of the nationwide power crisis are felt even here at Central Washington University, particularly in the cost of natural gas.

"Our increasing operating costs will be less because of what we're doing with utilities," Bill Vertrees, facilities management director, said.

For the 2000-2001 academic year, Central will use about 2.7 million therms of natural gas. A therm is the unit of measurement for natural gas and is equivalent to 1,000 calories. Two years ago, facilities management budgeted 39 cents per therm at about \$1 million for the year. Right now, gas prices are over 70 cents per therm and at this rate the costs will be near \$2 million for the year.

The increase in price is due to the increase in the demand for gas to fuel natural gas generators that produce electricity. Natural gas generators are quickly replacing coal generators because they are cleaner.

Central's participation in the Energy Services Company (ESCO) project has helped to keep energy costs down. The ESCO projects on Central's campus are building and distribution system upgrades that will help to conserve energy. The energy company doing the work is Abacus Engineered Systems.



David Burnett/Observer

The boilers that provide the heat and power to Central are monitored by Larry Phillips and Mike Mouer

ESCO's energy conservation projects include replacing the light fixtures in buildings, such as the library, with more energy efficient ones and replacing deteriorating steam lines that carry steam to the buildings on campus to heat them. The new steam lines are insulated and have been suspended in the utility tunnels to help minimize heat loss. The steam is heated in a boiler that uses natural gas.

Students, faculty and staff members can help conserve energy by keeping windows and doors

closed, manage thermostats conservatively and dressing appropriately for the weather.

Even with the ESCO energy conservation projects, the increased gas prices are putting stress on an already over-stressed budget.

"It didn't affect the utilities budget, but the people who maintain the buildings," Vertrees said.

If the trend in rising gas costs continues, facilities management won't be able to maintain and operate the buildings efficiently, Vertrees said.

## KERN: Autistic man leads a simple life

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"He's sort of a mystery to me," Ogg said, "but the pictures he carries in his pockets help explain a little of his past."

Kern carries approximately thirty pictures at all times. Depending upon whether the short-sleeved plaid button-up shirt selected for that day has two front chest pockets or one, he'll split the photos up.

Many of the tattered and dog-eared pictures are of family. There are some of his mother in her Ellensburg home, a few of his brother and one of a woman on skis. There is a school photo of himself taken when he was about five years old. He also carries pictures of the sun and other landscapes.

A broad red, white and blue ribbon, worn proudly around his neck, supports a gold medal which also tells a little of Kern's life. Elmview, the group home Kern lives in, takes him to the Special Olympics every spring. He competes in both running and swimming events.

Kern will often pause in the middle of his work to show a fellow

employee his shiny gold medal or some photos, but he will not take a very long break. He likes to work, and anything that keeps him from breaking down boxes is bothersome.

The job at Holmes Dining Hall takes between forty minutes and one hour. After that, he walks to Tunstall Commons where he breaks down more boxes for about twenty minutes.

"We tried to tell him that he didn't need to go down to Tunstall anymore there weren't enough boxes, but it threw him off," Ogg said. "It was just easier to keep him in a set schedule."

After work at Tunstall, Kern walks to his special place under a large tree outside of the Samuelson Union Building. Here he opens his metal lunch box and eats the meal prepared for him by Elmview.

He sits under the tree, rain or shine, for hours on end, watching the students pass by.

It is here where Kern can often be seen playing with a brown rubber band.

He holds it between his left index finger and left thumb while flicking it back and forth with his right index

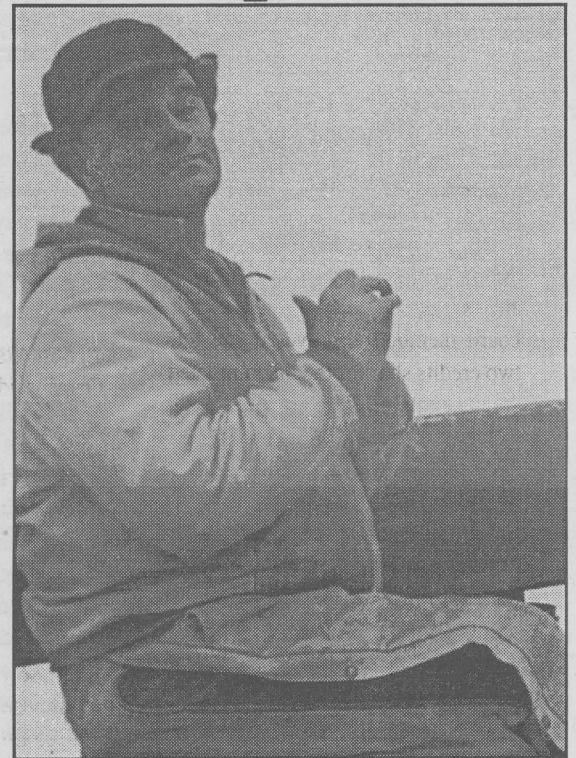
finger.

He smiles as he plays.

This activity is another sign of his autism.

As people stroll along the mall on their way to class, many take notice of Kern. Some stare, some look at him quickly then look away, almost afraid of him, but the people he works with know about Kern and accept him into the dining hall employee family.

"He is probably richer than most of us. He has inner peace because he isn't concerned by some of the petty things that we are," Ogg said. "He is a sort of humanitar-



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Kern can often be seen sitting in front of the SUB watching students pass by.

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# Think ahead: Deadline approaches for 01-02 financial aid, scholarships

by Melissa Mitchell  
Asst. news editor

Today is financial aid refund day for winter quarter. As students line up in the cashier's office to collect what is left over from their grants, scholarships and loans, they make plans to spend it. Meanwhile, it is time to start making plans to pay next year's bills.

In order to qualify for many forms of financial aid, a student must apply for federal student aid (FAFSA). This requires a student to be able to verify their income as well as their parents', using information from their income tax returns.

Agnes Canedo, director of financial aid, said it is possible to use estimates for tax information. However, it extends the process students must go through to find out how much financial aid they qualify for because the information eventually must be verified.

"If a student is interested in being considered for everything," Canedo said. "The easiest way is to fill out an application for federal financial aid, as well as an institutional application."

Last year, the financial aid office distributed \$52,049,326 to 6253 students out of the 8233 students who were enrolled during fall of 2000. Applying for the FAFSA allows the financial aid office to see how much financial help and what type of aid a student qualifies for under the guidelines. This information will also permit a student to be considered for tuition waivers, housing fee waivers, loans and grants such as the federal Pell Grant and the Washington State Educational Opportunity Grant.

"It is not too late for students to apply for and receive financial aid for the 2000-2001 school year," Canedo said.

The other half of the money pool available to students is scholarships.

The scholarship office has many resources for students looking for money they do not have to pay back, as well as for students who do not qualify for federal aid but need more money than they have in order to attend college. They offer printed copies of scholarships, help individual students search for scholarships to meet their needs and offer an updated website with scholarships unique to Central. Students may also go to their major department to find out about any scholarships offered exclusively to students enrolled in that department.

For more information, both offices have websites with useful links to the FAFSA form on line and **s c h o l a r s h i p s** : <http://www.cwu.edu/~finaid> and <http://www.cwu.edu/~scholar>. Students may also call or visit the financial aid office in Barge 115 at 963-1611 and the scholarship office in Barge 102 at 963-1788.

# BOD reinstates Sutton

by Roslyn Biggs  
Senior reporter

The Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) voted Tuesday to reappoint Jessica Sutton as vice president of academic affairs. Sutton resigned Nov. 21 after board members discovered she fell two credits short of the 45 completed credits required to be seated as an officer.

"Jessica, for one, is still the best candidate for the job, and the 45 credit minimum didn't stop that, didn't change that at all," Maren Oates, ASCWU-BOD president, said.

Sutton was appointed through an application process fall quarter after Nicole Holt, the elected vice president of academic affairs, resigned the seat for personal reasons. BOD members and John Drinkwater, director of campus life and adviser to the BOD, said the selection of Sutton was done in good faith and the fact that Sutton lacked adequate credits at the time of appointment was an oversight of process.

Sutton became officially eligible to serve as an officer after her fall

“ Jessica has been doing a wonderful job. ”

— Maren Oates

quarter credits were applied.

Oates said the board discussed the situation privately and came to the conclusion that implementing another search for the position would take a lot of time and probably wouldn't be in the best interest of the students.

"Jessica has been doing a wonderful job... she definitely knows the position now and it would be, I think, unwise to try and find someone to retrain them to the position," Oates said. "Really the 45 credit mistake that happened is just a minor mishap because it hasn't changed her dedication to the board or to the students at all."

While Sutton never really stopped working on the projects she was involved with as vice president of academic affairs, she said she is

happy to have her title back.

"I'm excited to be part of it on an official level again," Sutton said. "At the same time I don't really feel like things have changed."

## Available scholarships

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- Washington State Society Daughters of the American Revolution-Sarah Soule Patton Scholarship  
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- Peter D. Courtois Concrete Construction Scholarships and Fellowships  
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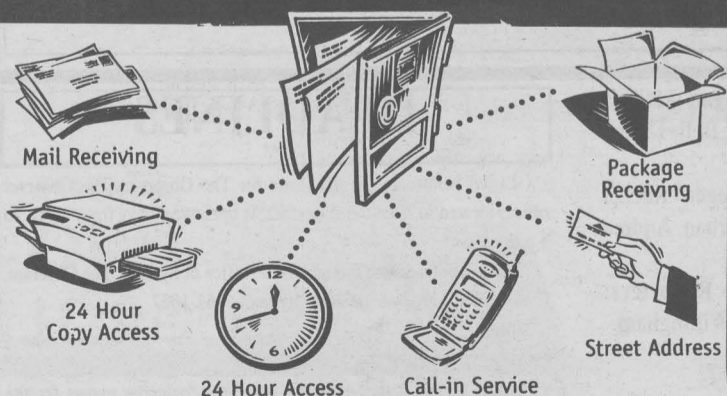
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## Observance

### Prepare for four years of hilarious late night shows

Get ready for four years of hell in the White House. With so much controversy over this year's election, I can't believe George W. Bush would even want to be president.

Now, let me pose a thought for you. After all the hoopla over Florida's intelligent voters, ballots, dimples and chads galore, George W. Bush may not have won fair and square, at least according to the media and the electoral college.

CNN's website ([www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)) posted a story about how twenty-two media and public interest groups are taking another look at Florida ballots. These groups are investigating all marks made by voters to determine whether the "right man" was chosen. News organizations such as USA Today, CNN, the New York Times and The Associated Press are trying to form a set of standards to examine ballots. They want to determine what the outcome would have been if the trashed 45,000 ballots had been included in the total.

I wonder who these media groups think they are. There is no point in recounting the votes when the final decision has been made. I am curious to know what will happen if and/or when the media's recount results in a win by Al Gore. He did win the popular vote; that should count for something. If we are going to hold a general election then not count the votes, the United States government might as well appoint a president. This election proves how screwed up our electoral system really is. In order to change or abolish the electoral college, there will have to be some serious changes to the Constitution.

Maybe this embarrassing election experience will grease the wheels of our government to change the electoral college and/or the voting process. Public outcry will be inevitable.

I can't help but remember a bumper sticker I saw in early November which read "Don't plant another Bush in the White House." I thought it was nothing more than a clever slogan until I found out about two of the people he chose for his Cabinet.

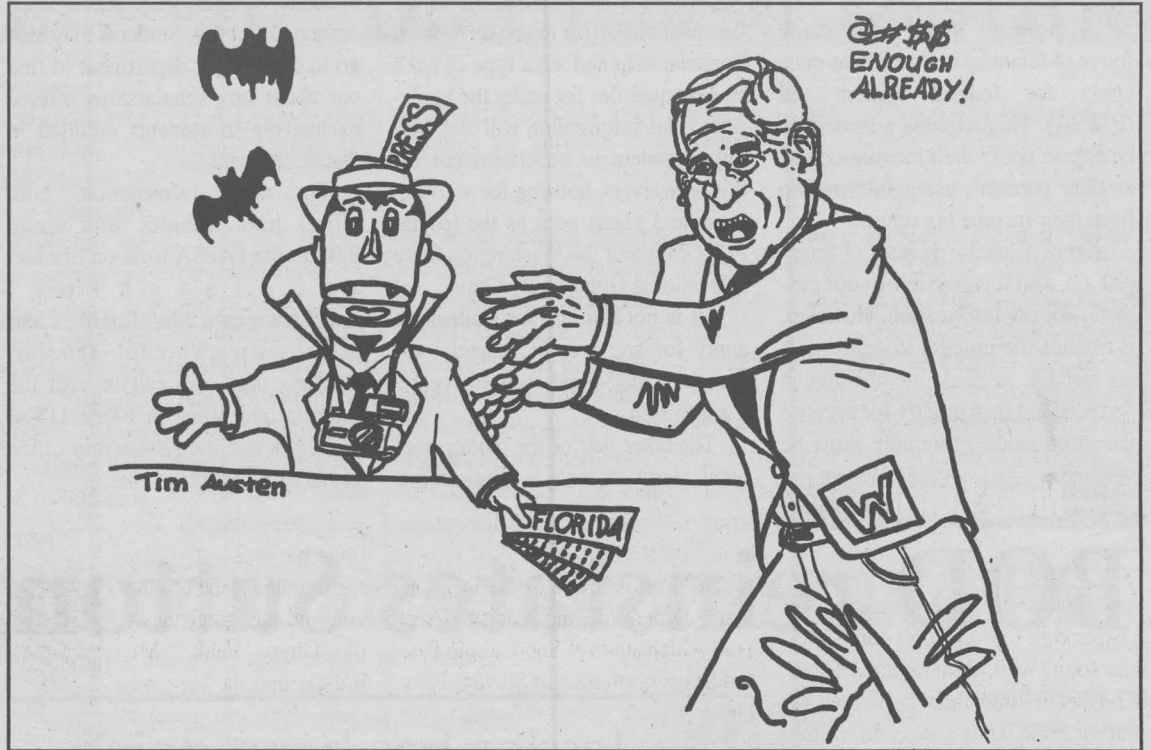
Linda Chavez was nominated as labor secretary by Bush but recently withdraw her name from the race due to the illegal alien she houses.

John Ashcroft, nominee for attorney general and devout Christian, is a strong advocate of pro-life. His place in the Cabinet might overturn of Roe vs. Wade hindering the availability of a women's right to choose.

Every move Bush has made so far, and every move he'll make in the future will be criticized up the yin-yang. We all really know Bush was a shoe-in because of his family ties. He must really be looking forward to \$200,000+ a year, new china, rides in Air Force One, free postage and all the power of the free world (yikes).

Well, at least we can all sit back and enjoy the next four years of gut-splitting hysteria on Saturday Night Live, Letterman and Leno.

—Jennifer Perkins



Cartoon by Tim Austen

## MEETINGS

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### Thursday, January 11

**Alpha Kappa Psi**  
Shaw-Smyser 106, 6 p.m.  
**Men's Rugby**  
SUB 208, 4 p.m.

### Sunday, January 13

**Catholic Campus Ministry Mass**  
Mary Grupe Center, 7 p.m.

### Monday, January 14

**Swing Cats**  
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**Peer Theatre**  
Wellness Center, 5 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 15

**ASCWU-BOD**  
SUB Yakama Room, 5 p.m.  
**Outdoor Adventure Club**  
Shaw-Smyser 205, 5:30 p.m.  
**Chi Alpha**  
Mary Grupe Center, 7 p.m.

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**Campus Crusade for Christ**  
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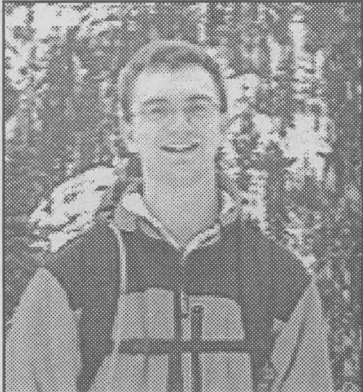
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# OUTDOORS

## Snowshoers tread the trails of Snoqualmie



**Matt Smith**

It's January and the gray skies and snowy weather make it seem like backpacking season won't come anytime soon. Well, think again. There is no better time than right now to strap on some snowshoes and hit the trails.

Last weekend Aaron Clifford, his friend Alex Levell and I took the drive to Snoqualmie Pass for a hike on the Pacific Crest Trail. Our destination was the Commonwealth Basin for some fresh mountain air.

We took Forest Service trail number 1033, located on the south end of the parking lot. This trail loops around the Kendal Peak clear cut. It was a steep hike but the views were worth it. Great vistas of Guye Peak, the Alpental Backcountry and the other ridges and valleys were spectacular. There wasn't much sun and the clouds obscured most of Mt. Rainier but we could still see the great mountain trying to emerge from its cloudy envelope.

We didn't expect to see many others on the path. We thought we were the only ones on the hillside until we came across a great waterfall cascad-

ing over the frozen rocks. When we looked up, two daring ice climbers were rappelling down next to the freezing water.

Later on we saw a handful of hikers and snowshoers who took the shorter, easier route, trail 2000. They were gathered in the valley eating lunch and enjoying the scenery.

We continued up the trail toward Red Pass when we looked back and saw the whole Snoqualmie Pass valley at our feet. The view was invigorating and completed our backcountry fix for the day.

The Commonwealth Basin is the first segment of the Pacific Crest Trail which starts at Snoqualmie Pass and heads north toward Stevens Pass. There are two different routes to get there. The easiest way to the main

“  
...we could still see the great mountain trying to emerge from its cloudy envelope.”

—Matt Smith

Pacific Crest trail number 2000 is from the parking lot. It is a short 1.5 miles through the valley to the basin.

Be ready to jump over a few creeks though. We got a little wet when our leaping abilities failed us.

The harder route, trail 1033, starts in the same parking lot but on the south end. This route is rated most difficult and is 2 miles to the basin and gains 700 feet elevation.

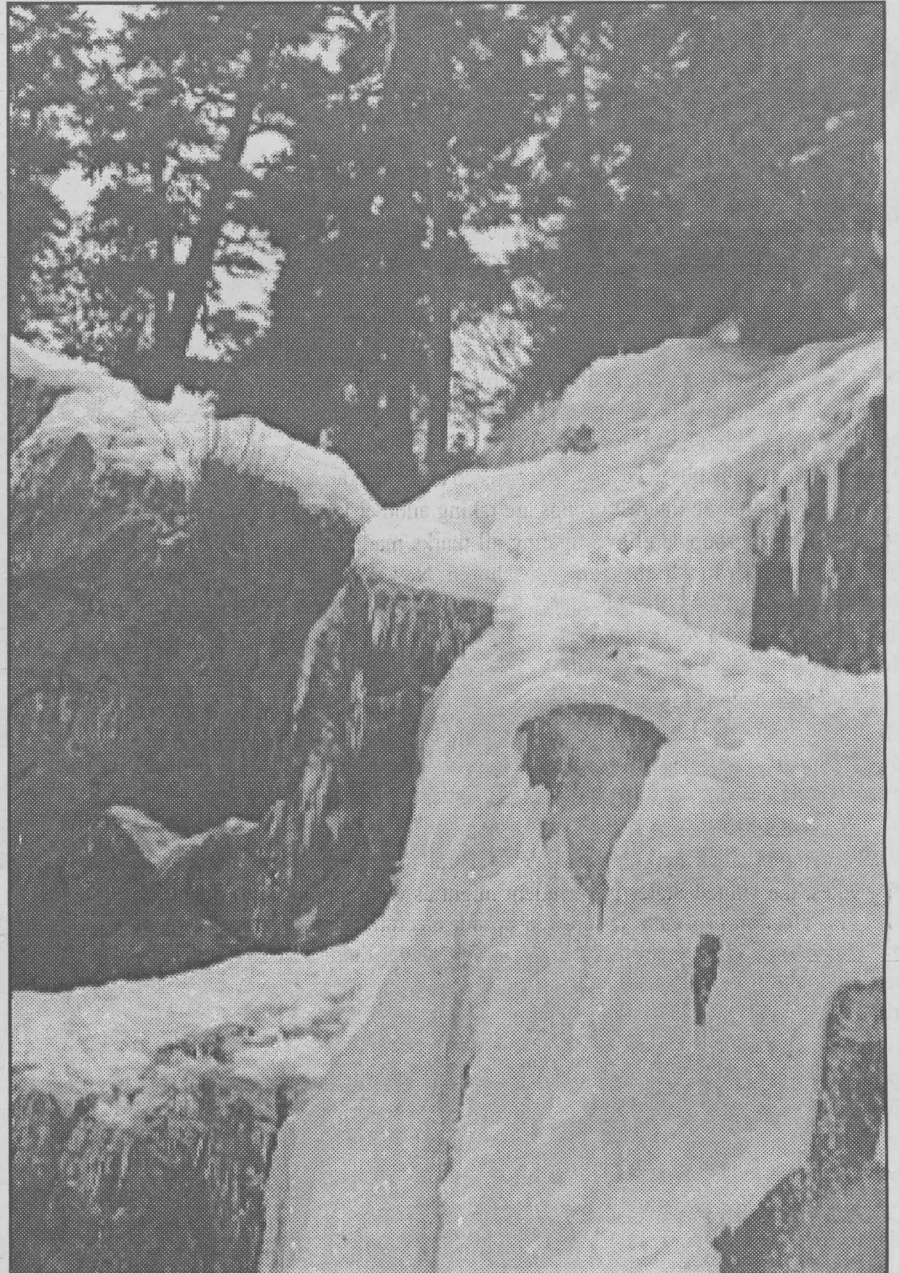
I recommend this route because it lets you see the landscape around you and has great views of Guye Peak, Mt. Rainier and the local ski areas. For a longer excursion you can hike further up the trail to Red Pass. Make sure to pay close attention to the trail signposts since a few different trails divert from the main route.

Along the trail there are some great places for backcountry skiing and snowboarding when the snow conditions permit. These spots are further up the trail after the big boulder fields. The best ones are closer to Red Pass and are on the slopes of Kendal Peak.

The Forest Service Information Center on Snoqualmie Pass will also be putting on ranger-led hikes that will be offered throughout the winter. These hikes focus on snowshoe techniques and teach about winter forest ecology. These hikes are by reservation only. The hike is free but a \$7 to \$10 per person donation is appreciated. (For more information call (425) 434-6111.)

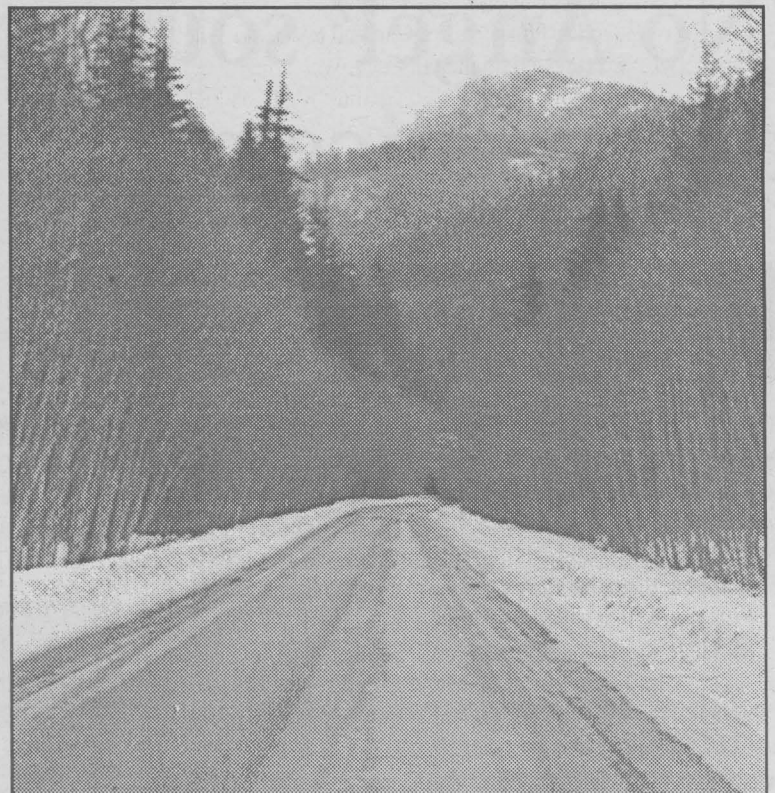
Caution must be used during the winter conditions. Check in with the local ranger station for trail and avalanche conditions. Always bring the 10 essentials in case a storm rolls in. The trail isn't far from civilization, but a snowstorm could complicate getting out and could easily cover the trail. For this hike and others in the area check out the Mountaineers book "100 Hikes in the Alpine Lakes" and use Green Trail map number 207. The Snoqualmie Pass forest service can be reached at (425) 888-1421 for current trail and avalanche conditions.

Snowshoes can be rented at the Tent-n-Tube for \$4 a day and \$6 for a weekend, poles are included. Call 963-3537 for more information.

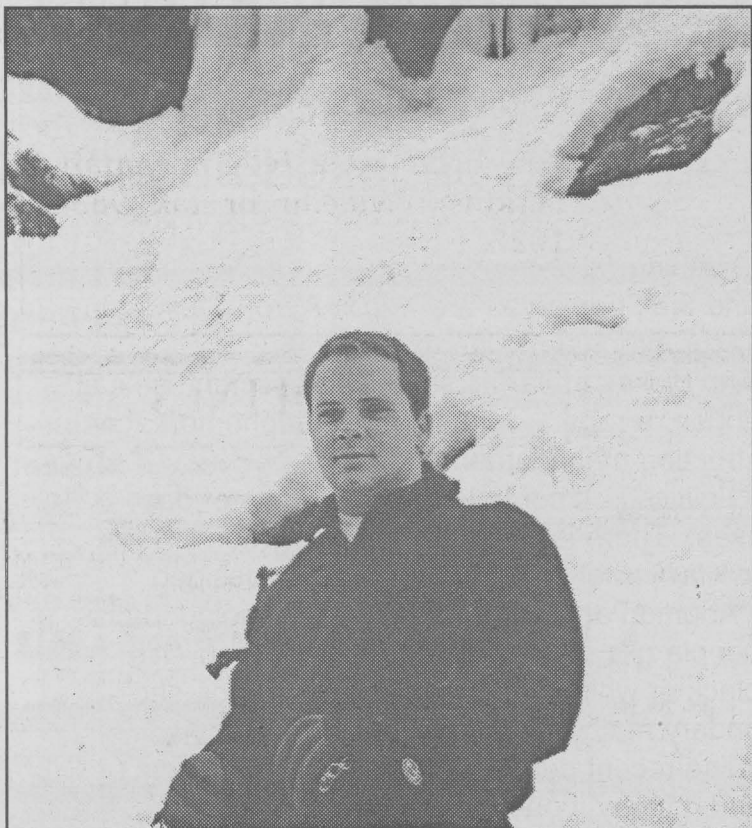


Photos by Aaron Clifford

Cold temperatures and waterfalls make ice perfect for climbing. Ice-climbers are often camera-shy.



One hundred miles is a long drive inside a car, especially on Snoqualmie's gray backroads.



Hardcore backcountry man Alex Levell surveys the trail from below the frozen waterfall. Although the conditions were not good enough to ski, Alex found his thrills in jumping streams and logs on snowshoes.

**Next week: The story of Marc Fairbanks, a local man who received a serious injury in the outdoors and made a miraculous recovery despite the odds. Look for it in the Outdoors section.**



# Scene

## Quote of the week

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

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## Liquid Lounge brings food and cocktails to the edge of campus

by Kelly Allen  
Staff reporter

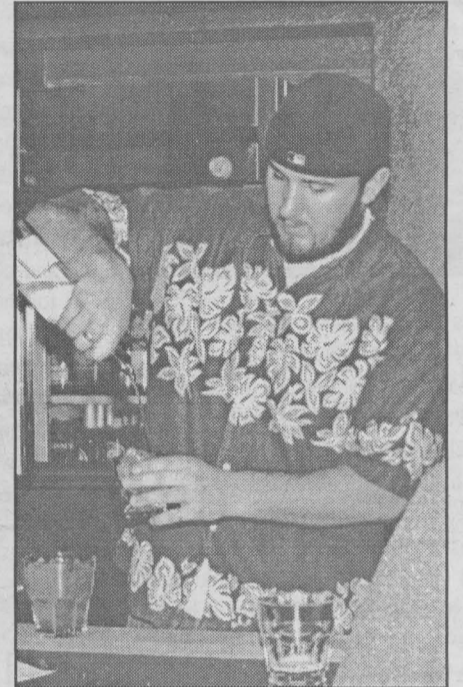
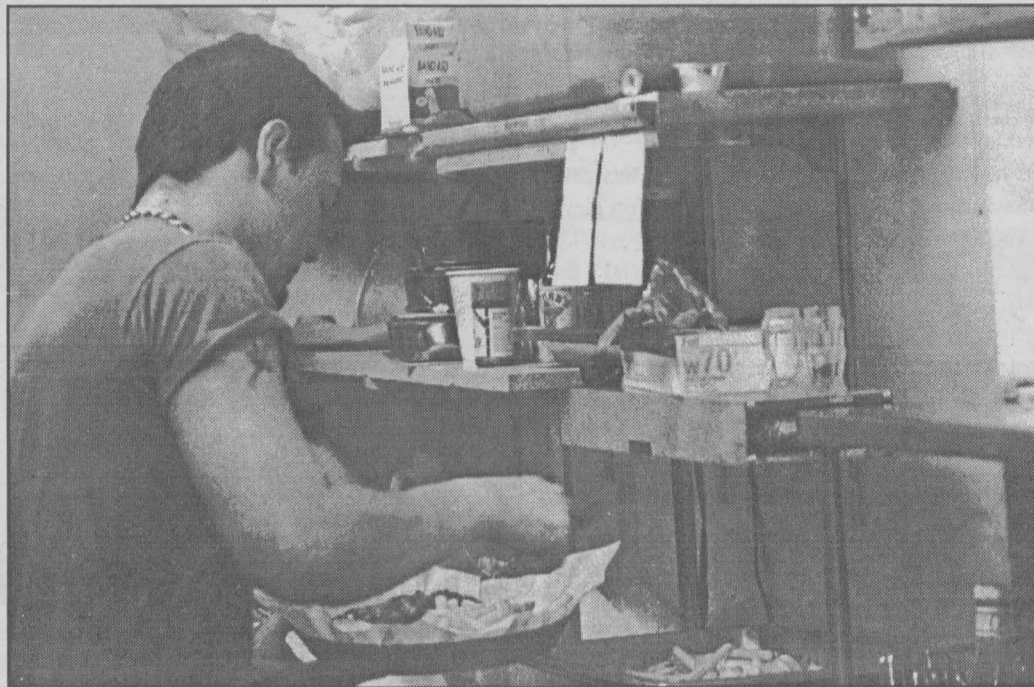
Ellensburg has a new place to lounge. The Liquid Lounge opened its doors on Friday, Jan. 5, to a huge crowd of students and locals alike. Vibes remained positive as patrons showed up throughout the weekend to scope out the new club.

With a unique look and an intimate feel, the Liquid Lounge offers a change of pace from the usual scene. Located on the corner of 8th and Chestnut, just across the street from Mr. G's grocery store, the Lounge is separated from the concentration of downtown bars. Co-owners Audra Bishop and Scott Abrams want that to be just one of many distinctions.

"We came here because we wanted to offer something different for people who want it," Bishop said. "For example, we're the only place to have servers. You don't have to wait in line for a half hour for a drink."

Bishop also hopes to shake things up from night to night. The "other 80's night" is one idea, offering such forgotten 80's icons as Iron Maiden and Pat Benatar. In addition to a ladies' night, a "guys' night" is also being considered.

"Why should the ladies get all the nights?" Bishop said. "We could have a night with drink specials for



photos by Kim Nowacki/Observer

Liquid Lounge provides more than just cocktails. Cook Kurt Caron (left) serves up a generous portion of fries along with a grinder. Bartender Tucker Tupek (right) quenches the thirst of some lunch time patrons. Located across from Mr. G's, the Liquid Lounge offers a quick bite between classes.

just the guys."

The Lounge is decorated like no other Ellensburg club. Each room has a different color and the billiards room even has leopard print on the walls. The other rooms also offer amazing artwork from Bishop's personal collection, which must be seen to be appreciated.

The fireplace at the end of the

main room adds to the intimate feel as well.

The music is also noticeably different from what is heard at most other bars. Saturday night offered recordings by Blink 182, Johnny Cash and just about everything in-between. After a few weeks of settling in, the owners want to start offering live music with local bands

and even some west-side acts. An open-mic for budding talents is also a possibility.

The drinks are reasonably priced and nicely potent but the big hit seems to be the food. Everyone asked gave a thumbs-up as they scarfed down huge bites.

The menu offers unusual fare such as a steak sandwich and chicken

cordova as well as traditional bar food like hand-cut onion rings and a plate of nachos the size of a flattened hippo. Take out orders can be placed by calling 933-3380.

Effie Fulton, an employee enjoying her Saturday night off at the club, summed it up nicely: "The managers are rad, the food is way too good, and the atmosphere rocks."

## 'No Angel' sounds like a little slice of heaven

Column by  
Andrea Spiller

So you've heard Eminem's latest CD. Well then you've probably heard the song "Stan." But not many people know who sings the background lyrics. Her name is Dido and her debut album, "No Angel," is currently infiltrating the radio waves.

With a voice that sounds uncannily like Sarah McLachlan's and music that is reminiscent of Sinead O'Connor, "No Angel" is ethereal and Celtic in nature. However, not all the songs on the CD are ballads. Several of the songs, including "Hunter," "I'm No Angel" and "My Life," incorporate lyrics and music that put Alanis Morissette's "You Oughta Know" to shame.

The album, produced by Dido's brother Rollo and techno-scientist, Youth, is dream-pop mixed with a

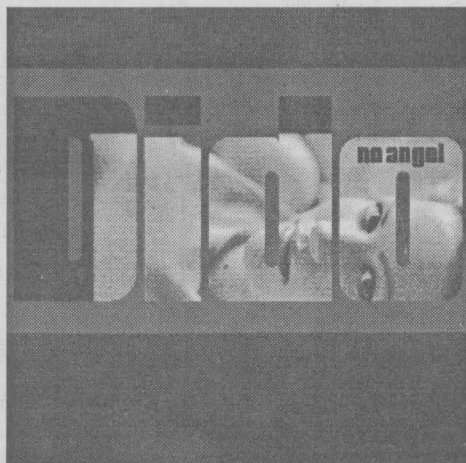
Portishead-esque sound, which expresses at once both angst and ease. Her lyrics cry out to old flames and potential lovers. This is the type of CD that can be played when you are in a bad mood and should be listened to with the lights off.

Some of the better songs on the album include the latest single, "Here With Me," "Isobel" and "Thank You" (which can be heard in the background of Eminem's "Stan"). This is not to say that the rest of the album lacks.

The entire CD is inspiring and refreshing. It is great to rock out to and would be an excellent purchase. The music is a reminder that other people have feelings too. The album could also help release some of the

demons that haunt listeners, while at the same time, taking them into a real stranded somewhere between the conscious and the sub-conscious.

Oh, and don't worry if Eminem isn't a favorite. Dido's CD is nothing like any of his music. It's an enigma how this stylish artist was paired up with the bleach-blond rap artist in the first place.



## Question of the Week

What, if anything, is too serious to be joked about?

"Nothing. It depends on the format you are in and the people you are with." -Aaron Stein, education graduate student

"Any jokes as far as sexual harassment, sexual abuse or rape." -Jennifer Clerf, sophomore, construction management

"Politics... It controls so many parts of our lives. There is no room for jokes when it goes too far." -Mel Diehl, sophomore, undecided

"Abortion and religion. You're just going to piss people off. There's no common ground. It's black or white." -Amanda Zderic, senior, secondary math education

"The recent death of a loved one. I wouldn't find it funny if one of my parents or siblings died." -Luke Van Horn, sophomore, religious studies

## Campus Life comes out on top at conference

by Andrea Spiller  
Staff reporter

The National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) recently held its regional conference in Wenatchee. Approximately 450 delegates from all over the Pacific Northwest competed in 10 different categories for recognition of their achievements in Campus Life.

Two Central Washington University students, Lindsay Beckman and Jeremy Cavner, along with Assistant Director of Campus Life Scott Drummond, were awarded for their outstanding efforts in the Campus Life program at Central. Beckman received the award for "Best Large-Format Poster" and her entry can be viewed in the SUB pit and in Holmes Dining Hall. Cavner was awarded for "Best Web site." His entry can be seen at [www.cwu.edu/~camplife](http://www.cwu.edu/~camplife). Drummond received the "Outstanding Professional Staff Award" for the Pacific Northwest Region. He has been involved with the NACA since 1990 and has worked in Student Affairs for 21 years.

Their excitement was summed up in the words of Cavner: "I felt pleased that my great work was recognized for the art that it was."

# Diversity Center celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr.



David Burnett/Observer

The Diversity Education Center displays the dreams of many black Americans. Bill Bilyeu stops to take a look at the many achievements honored in the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

by Andrew Fickes  
Staff reporter

It has been over 30 years since Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the grounds of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Now, in the new millennium, Americans of every color still carry his dream in their hearts and strive each day to make it a reality.

King was not the first black American to have a dream and stand out in American history. For the entire month of January, the Diversity Education Center will display 30 pictures of prominent black Americans and the accomplishments they brought to our society. Among them are Garrett Morgan, who invented the traffic light; Benjamin

Banneker, who laid out the town of Washington, D.C.; Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, who performed the first successful open-heart surgery in a saloon in 1893; and Charles Drew, who founded the blood bank.

The display outside of room 106 in the Samuelson Union Building is a take on King's "I Have a Dream" speech and is entitled "They Had Dreams."

"Although Martin Luther King, Jr. never met these prominent black Americans, their success directly influenced his accomplishments," Carolyn Malone, Diversity Education Center director, said.

On Jan. 11th, a video titled "America's Civil Rights Movement" will be shown in the SUB Pit. The film will educate viewers on the accomplishments and involvement of all civil rights activists, including King.

Also, representing King's historical endeavors and on display outside the Owhi room and in the SUB Pit, is a time line of his life.

"We want to focus on the reality of the dream, not the dream itself," Malone said.

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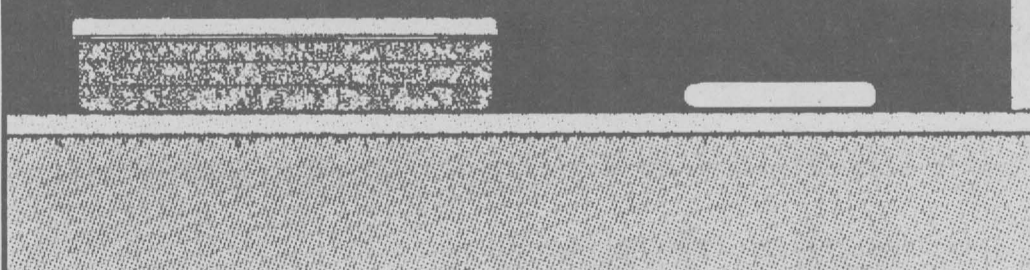
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# Spurgeon Gallery kicks off the quarter with Bach exhibit

by Andrew Fickes  
Staff reporter

Chinese culture is eloquently described and delivered this month at the Sarah Spurgeon Art Gallery, thanks to associate professor of art and graphic design Glen L. Bach and his still-life black and white photos. The first exhibit of the quarter, titled "China through the Lens of a Holga," will be offered for viewing from Jan. 5 to Jan. 26. A closing reception will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 25 in the gallery.



Aaron Zerby/Observer

The Sarah Surgeon Gallery presents a still life view of China seen through the lens of a Holga. The black and white photographs offer a unique perspective of a unique country.

In September of 1999, Bach joined five other faculty members on a trip to China to set up study abroad opportunities for Central Washington University students. Their trip was successful and enjoyable.

While in China, Bach toured the countryside and documented his trip with a "toy-like" camera called a Holga. The Holga camera, originally designed as a carnival toy, brings uniqueness to each picture it takes due to its weak focus, lens distortion, light leaks, and aberrations. Many of the pictures taken by the Holga have blurry edges, but instead of ruining the pictures, it enhances them. The price for a Holga camera is \$14.95, which says a lot about its simplistic structure.

"Taking photographs with a toy camera allowed me the freedom to compose an image without the worry of technology," Bach said.

In the middle of the gallery is a reader board describing Bach's intentions for taking these pictures. Bach describes the pictures as "dreamlike."

"From the pictures, I'm trying to express the Chinese socialist democracy struggling to develop the richness

hidden in its country's natural and personal resources," Bach said.

He hopes that viewers will see and feel the richness and uniqueness of the Chinese culture and the beauty of the world.

Dispersed around the large airy room are five pedestals, each displaying a white bowl of white rice. The rice brings a quietness to the room and adds to the Chinese culture being expressed.

"The rice is used as a visual transition from one image to the next within the gallery space," Bach said.

Bach's photos portray open-air food markets, Chinese architecture, waterfronts, downtown China, homes and the Chinese youth lifestyle.

Bach hopes to take a small group of Central students over spring break to China and stay on the campus of Northern Jiaotong University in the city of Beijing. Any students interested are welcome to contact him at 963-1544.

The Sarah Spurgeon Gallery is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and noon to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

# Weekend Rental

## John Cusack couldn't save 'High Fidelity'



Jaimee Castaneda

Dumb, long, boring. These are just a few adjectives that briefly describe the romantic comedy, *H i g h Fidelity*, starring John Cusack.

Cusack plays Rob Gordon, a compulsive list maker who is an owner of a semi-failing vinyl record store in Chicago. The movie begins by Cusack being dumped by his girlfriend, Laura (Iben Hjejile) and he isn't impressed with her dumping process. He categorizes the break-up, which falls within his top ten list of traumatizing break-ups that date back to the seventh grade. Throughout this movie, Cusack tries to reconcile with the others on his list, trying to figure out exactly what went wrong so that he can win back Laura's affection. During this time, he is forced to reevaluate his life.

Cusack is moping around analyzing his pathetic life or listening to depressing music with his quirky co-workers, Dick (Todd Louiso) and Barry (Jack Black). That isn't what I consider funny. The only funny scene throughout this whole movie featured three different takes on a record store confrontation between Cusack and Ian (Tim Robbins), Laura's current boyfriend.

Watching the reruns of *Seinfeld* would deliver more laughs than watching this movie. I wouldn't recommend renting this film, unless you enjoy watching John Cusack movies; then, by all means rent it. Cusack is good actor and this movie has a great cast, but as far as achieving the romantic comedy theme, it doesn't go over quite well.

# what's happening

### thursday, 1-11

- Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Rights Film Festival, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. SUB Pit & Cafeteria
- Basketball: CWU Women vs. Humboldt State University, 7 p.m. Nicholson Pavilion
- Alpha Kappa Psi--Winter Pledge Informational Meeting, 6 p.m. Shaw Smyser 106
- Green Party Film Series: "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington", 6 p.m. SUB Pit, Free Admission

### friday, 1-12

- Winter Intramural Registration Deadline, 5 p.m. SUB 111 (5-on-5 indoor soccer, volleyball, basketball, racquetball, tennis)

### saturday, 1-13

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- Swimming: CWU vs. Seattle University, 1 p.m. Swimming Pool
- Basketball: CWU Women vs. Western Oregon University, 7 p.m. Nicholson Pavilion
- Rock-and-Bowl, 11 p.m.-1 a.m. Rodeo Bowl

### monday, 1-15

- NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### tuesday, 1-16

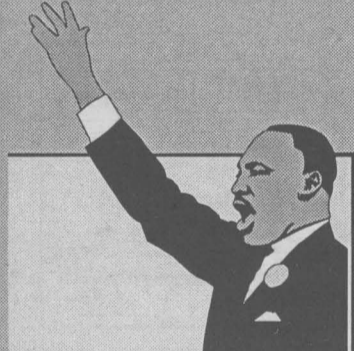
- Study Abroad/Exchange Information Session, 4-5 p.m. International Studies and Programs Office
- Singing the Winter Blues, 4-5 p.m. Student Health and Counseling Center's Wickerath Lounge

### wednesday, 1-17

- Papa John's Coffeehouse presents Caleb Baker, 8 p.m. Club Central

### thursday, 1-18

- Atom Premier-Films 2001, 8 p.m. Club Central



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# One man's opinion: Safe Ride leaves students cold for old 'drunk bus'



**John Hieger**

Central Washington University isn't exactly the Stanford of the Washington state college system, so it's not surprising when the school takes a good idea like the "drunk bus" and turns it into the current debacle known as Safe Ride.

Central's imbibing scholars require a high-speed transit system that supplies immediate access to the downtown business district during peak drinking hours. But lately this hasn't been happening. For years the "drunk bus," as experienced riders know it, was the crown jewel of University programs. Visiting students from more prestigious state schools would marvel at the genius of a free bus that whisked kids about town without question.

But the winds of change have blown in the Kittitas valley and like the cattle lots west of Safari Burger, things have begun to stink.

Safe Ride no longer offers rides to the bar. Students looking for a ride downtown can expect to be dropped off at Catholic Campus Ministries or any other house of moral standing that's sure to be low on quality liquor.

The outrage is this: drinking is the only thing to do in Ellensburg and the

University is either denying this truth or essentially promoting DUI's. Winter quarter at Central offers all the benefits of a student exchange to central Pakistan. Students have two options in Ellensburg: study or drink. We have a school and a handful of bars; in a nutshell these are the luxuries of life as a Wildcat. The least the administration could do is attempt to accommodate students so we might maintain our basic standard of living.

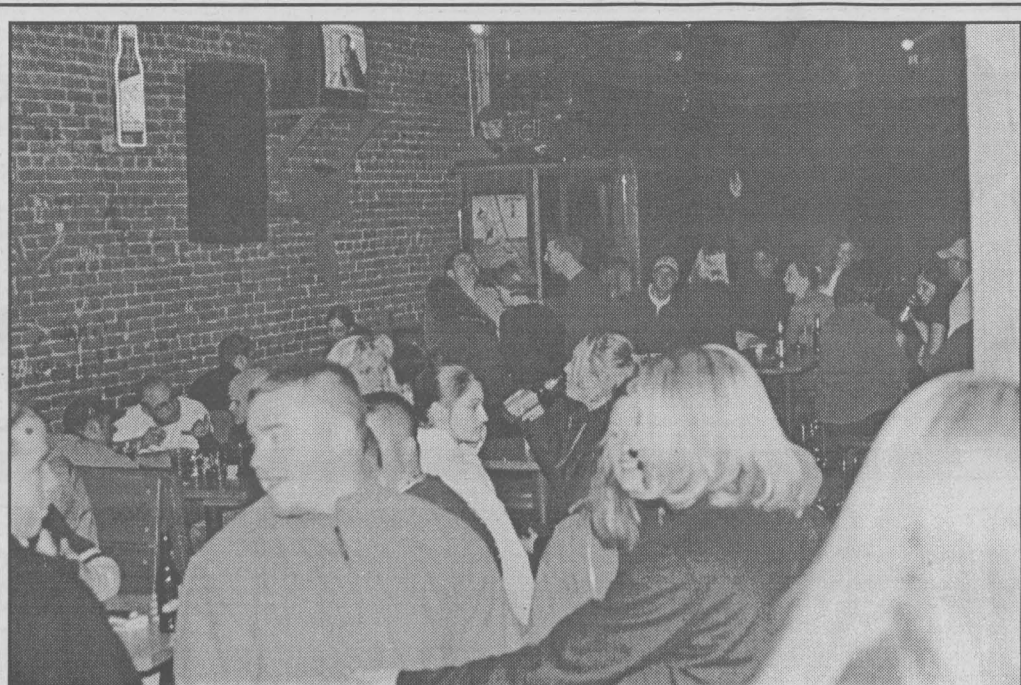
In lieu of the school's Safe Ride reforms, students have resorted to hitchhiking with crazed, coked-out truckers and trekking on foot, risking hypothermia and amputation just to supplement their needs.

"How do they call it the Safe Ride? I don't see anything safe about getting shifty and having to drive drunk to the bars," senior Steve Johnson said.

Passengers on Safe Ride can expect to be interrogated for accurate address destinations, making physics in Japanese seem like a theatre appreciation class. Students are getting discouraged and when Wildcats get discouraged, they drink. Dangerous parallels are at play here and violence seems imminent.

"The drunk bus used to be a great way to meet underage girls, now you can't even do that," Will Heaton, senior business major, said.

As it stands now, frozen drunks are forced to face the winter months with the knowledge that a drunk bus that won't take students to the bar is about as worthless as Jon Kitna in the red zone.



Kim Nowacki/Observer

Many Central students celebrated the first weekend of winter quarter at the newly remodeled Mint Bar and Grill. New seating and removed counters provide more room for bar-goers to shake their groove thing.

## The Mint starts the remodeling trend

by Kelly Allen  
Staff reporter

If you thought you knew what The Mint was all about, you may want to have another look. The popular bar has gone through some changes.

Some walls and barriers have been removed and new booths have been brought in, giving the bar nearly twice the seating that was previously

available.

Manager Djordje Popovic hopes the changes will be part of a new direction for the club.

"We're trying to provide a venue for live music in Ellensburg," Popovic said. "Every Saturday we will have at least one live band, and every Tuesday we will have live jazz music."

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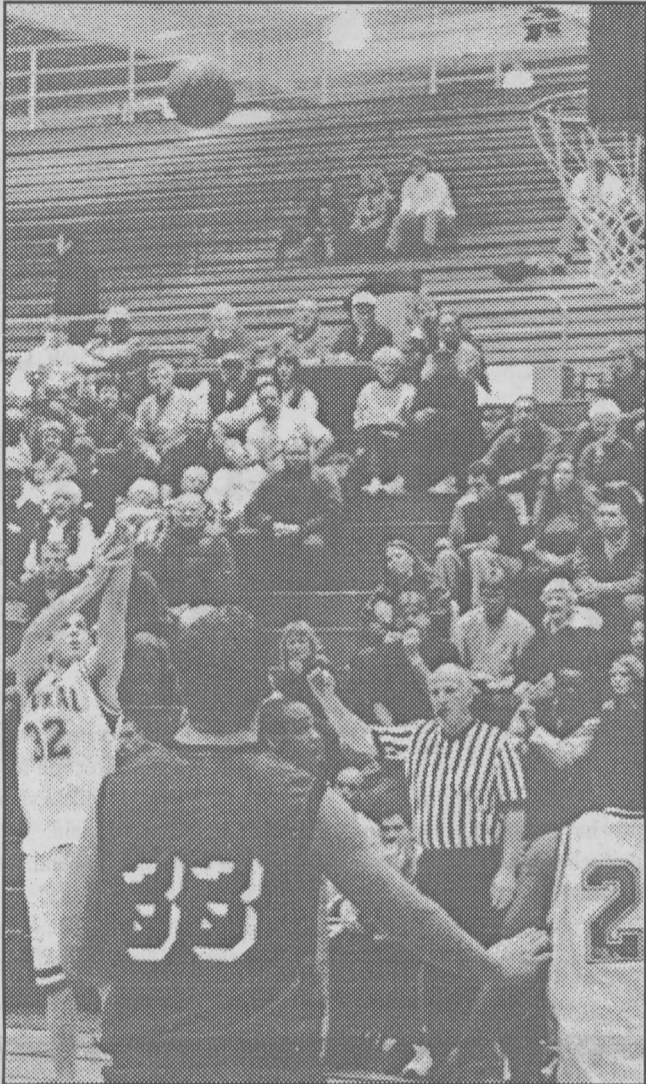
# SPORTS

## Wildcat Sports

Men's B-Ball: Jan. 11 @ Humboldt State  
Jan. 13 @ Western Oregon  
Women's B-Ball: Jan. 11 Humboldt State  
Jan. 13 Western Oregon  
Swimming: Jan. 12 @ Whitworth University  
Jan. 13 Seattle University  
Wrestling: Jan. 12 @ Pacific University

Justin Thompson puts up a three-point attempt in the game against St. Martin's Dec. 9 in Nicholson Pavilion. See an exclusive feature on Justin Thompson on page 14. The Wildcats are on the road this week, taking on Humboldt State and Western Oregon.

Matt Erickson/  
Observer



## The Last Frontier tamed by Wildcats



Remi Fattal/Observer

While Alaska-Anchorage Head Coach Charlie Bruns chewed on a towel Jerry Tarkanian-style, the Seawolves seemed to have their feet glued to the floor. Central outthusted them and won 95-82 on Saturday night.

# Alaska's men's teams no match for Central

By Kevin Endejan  
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University men's basketball team completed a sweep at home over the Alaska schools Saturday, Jan. 6 with a victory over a tough University of Alaska Anchorage team 95-82. The Wildcats have now won 18 straight conference home games since they joined the Pacific West Conference three years ago.

After struggling early in Thursday night's game, the Central Washington University men's basketball team rallied to beat the University of Alaska-Fairbanks Nanooks 90-78.

Wildcat Head Coach Greg Sparling was disappointed with his team's effort at the beginning of the game.

"The first half of basketball was selfish," Sparling said.

At one point in the first half, the Wildcats trailed the Nanooks 24-11. This was due partly to the lack of ball movement by the Wildcats, but also by the Nanooks strong seven for ten three-point shooting in the first half. In spite of their first half difficulties, the Wildcats were able to pull within four at halftime, 39-35.

The second half was a different story.

"The second half was a lot

better to watch," Sparling said. "We weren't selfish; we moved the basketball and got people open."

The Wildcats didn't hesitate as they jumped out to an immediate lead, which was not relinquished.

Central was more aggressive in penetrating to the basket, which allowed the team to draw fouls and get to the free throw line.

The Wildcats made 18 of 32 free throws for the game, while the Nanooks converted only six of ten in the game.

The Wildcats were led in scoring by junior forward Justin

Thompson with 17 points; he had a left-handed circus shot in the second half worthy of an ESPN highlight. Senior guard Damien Chapman contributed 16, while the Wildcats received a spark off the bench from junior guard Troy Nealey and junior forward Sam Moore, who scored 14 and eight points,

respectively.

The Nanooks junior forward Bogadan Popescu led all scorers with 20 points, while junior guard Tommy Servine contributed 18.

On Saturday night, the Wildcats came out in the first half and established an aggressive style of play, which the University of Alaska Anchorage Seawolves could not match. Central drew charges and forced the Seawolves into turnovers. They had 20 turnovers for the game, the most so far this season.

"They out-toughed us tonight. We knew we had to withstand their pressure, and we didn't do that," Seawolves Coach Charlie Bruns said.

The Wildcats were led by hot shooting from junior forward Justin Thompson, who finished with 27 points. Junior forward Jason Littleton also had a strong game with 13 points and eight rebounds. Other key players for the Wildcats included senior guard

**"We knew we had to withstand Central's pressure, and we didn't do that."**

—Anchorage coach C. Bruns

Damien Chapman with 10 points, junior guard Troy Nealey with eight, and junior forward Sam Moore and sophomore guard Gabriel Ladd with seven a piece.

The Seawolves have one of the best point guards in the conference: senior Ed Kirk, who averages over 20 points a game and had 32 against UNLV earlier this year.

"If he's not the best point guard in the league, I don't know who is," Sparling said.

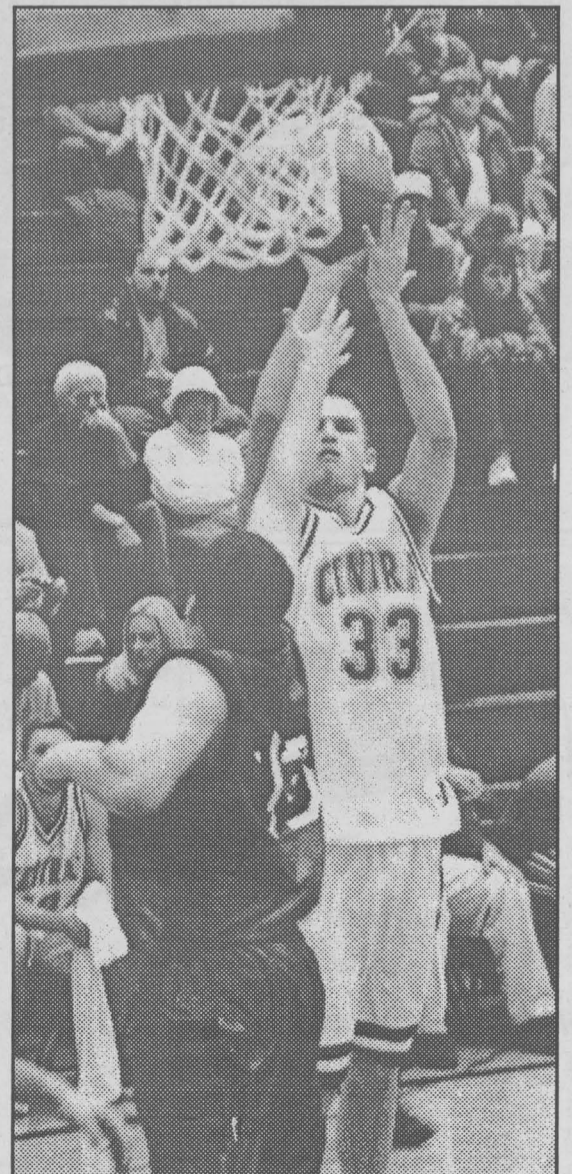
The Wildcats were able to contain Kirk when it counted, even though he finished with a game high 29 points.

The game featured a combined 81 free throws by both teams. Sparling credits the Wildcat victory on the ability to make free throws.

"One of the biggest things we did tonight was hit our free throws," Sparling said. Central was able to hit on 71 percent of their free throws.

On the flip side, the Seawolves struggled from the line, completing only 31 of 46 free throws.

Last week's victories put the Wildcats at 8-3 for the season and 3-0 in Pac West play. This Thursday, Central is on the road to take on Humboldt State University and plays the University of Western Oregon on Saturday.



Matt Erickson/Observer

Jason Littleton shoots over a St. Martin's defender in the Wildcats' home opener.

# Willis back in lineup at home this week

by Jacquelyn Diteman  
Staff reporter

Senior guard Kristin Willis will be back in the lineup on Thursday for Central's women's basketball team after an ankle injury forced her out of the last six games.

Willis is extremely valuable to the Wildcats. Last year she ranked 15th in the PacWest in scoring; she was sixth in three point percentage; fifth in free-throw percentage; eighth in assists and second in steals.

"It's been feeling really good the last couple of practices," Willis said about her ankle. "I'm obviously a bit slower than I normally am. It will be just a matter of time getting my speed and confidence back," she said.

Willis and company (4-2 conference, 9-2 overall) will host the Humboldt State University Lumberjacks (3-3, 5-5) this Thursday and the Western Oregon University Wolves (4-2, 7-4) on Saturday. Both games start at 7 p.m. in Nicholson Pavilion.

The Wildcats are undefeated at home this year.

While the Lumberjacks have eight returning letter winners this season, all are sophomores and there are seven freshmen, making Humboldt the second youngest team in the conference next to Western New Mexico University.

The Wildcat roster hosts five freshmen, one sophomore, seven juniors and two seniors.

Western Oregon University,

Central's opponent on Saturday night, has a new coach this year. Tim Hills was the men's basketball coach for Western Baptist University for 23 years before heading up the Wolves. They have seven returning players.

Their fire will most likely be coming from post players Heather Laats and Mandi Dinan. Both were ranked in the top five in the PacWest conference for rebounding last season.

Laats took the title, averaging 9.15 rebounds per game. She also is a conference leader in free throw shooting.

Dinan's defensive skills put her in one of the top spots for her blocking, averaging more than three rejections per game.

The Wildcats will also need to hold point Shannon Copple, and wings Tia Brudgardt and Emily Anderson inside the three-point line. All three are strong from the perimeter.

Laats leads the league in scoring and rebounding, Dinan in blocking.

"We have to limit their touches to the basketball offensively and we need to make sure that we know where they are so we can block them out," Wildcat Head Coach Jeff Whitney said.

Western Oregon will be coming off a 71-67 loss to NW Nazarene College on Jan. 6 and a 63-51 win over Seattle University on January 4.

The Wildcats were victorious against the University of Alaska Anchorage on Jan. 4 in a nailbiter,

52-51. The Wildcats played an exceptional first half and then hung on for the win.

Junior center Rose Shaw had the game high 19 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore guard Meggen Kautzky also scored in double digits with 10 points. Forward Jenny Dixon had seven rebounds, while forward Jody Sargent had five.

The game Jan. 6 against the University of Alaska Fairbanks dealt a blow to the team. The final score was 74-49. The loss dropped the Wildcats to a 4-way tie for 3rd place in the PacWest conference.

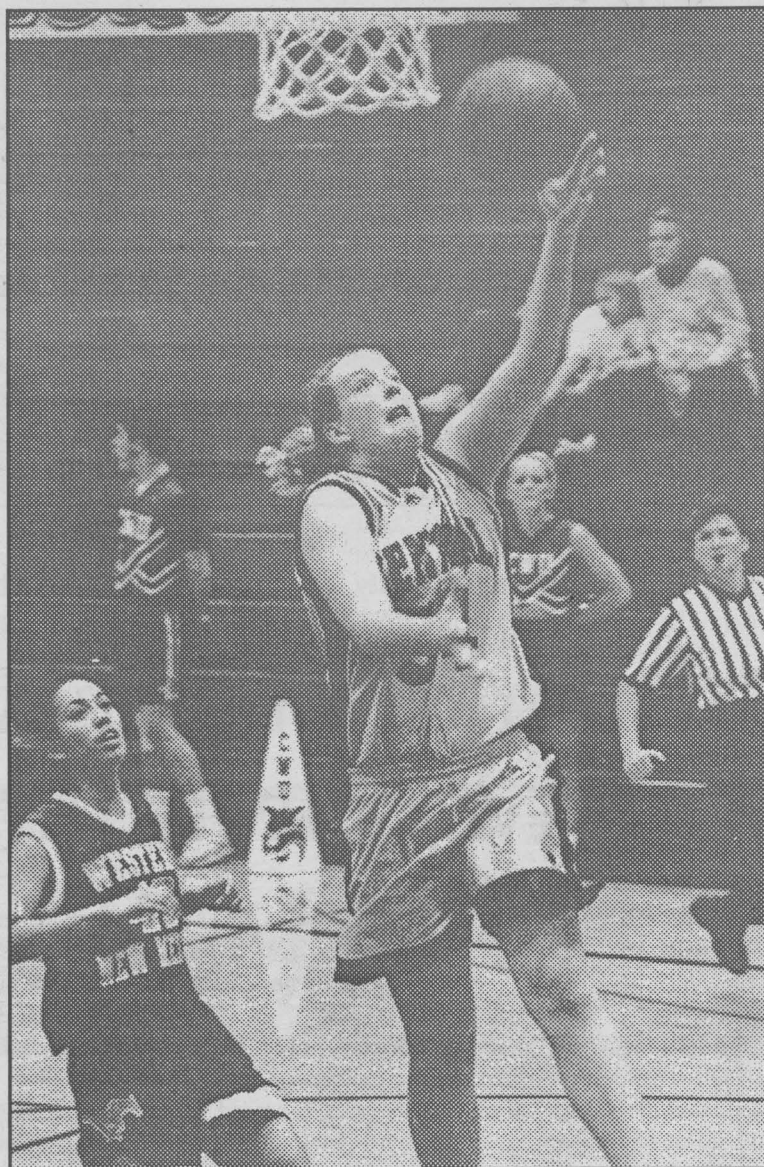
"Getting a split is a good thing and it was a long road trip," Whitney said. "With Anchorage, it came down to the last second and we really stuck it out. In Fairbanks we didn't play well from the beginning. We couldn't dig ourselves out of the hole."

Guard Dawnita Liabraaten had the team high in points, scoring 10. Kautzky scored eight points.

"Megan started here as a freshman and has continued to do a great job while Kristin Willis has been injured," Whitney said.

Shaw was limited to seven points.

"Rose played incredibly well on Thursday against Anchorage, but she had a setback against Fairbanks," Whitney said. "Rose needs some of her other players to step up to help her out so she doesn't have to score all the points," he said.

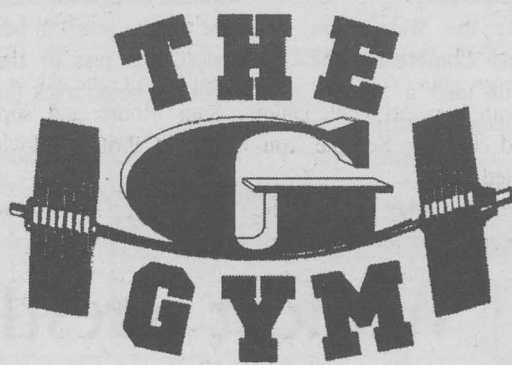


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Junior center Rose Shaw takes it to the hoop against Western New Mexico University Dec. 2. Shaw is second in the conference in scoring, averaging 19.1 ppg.

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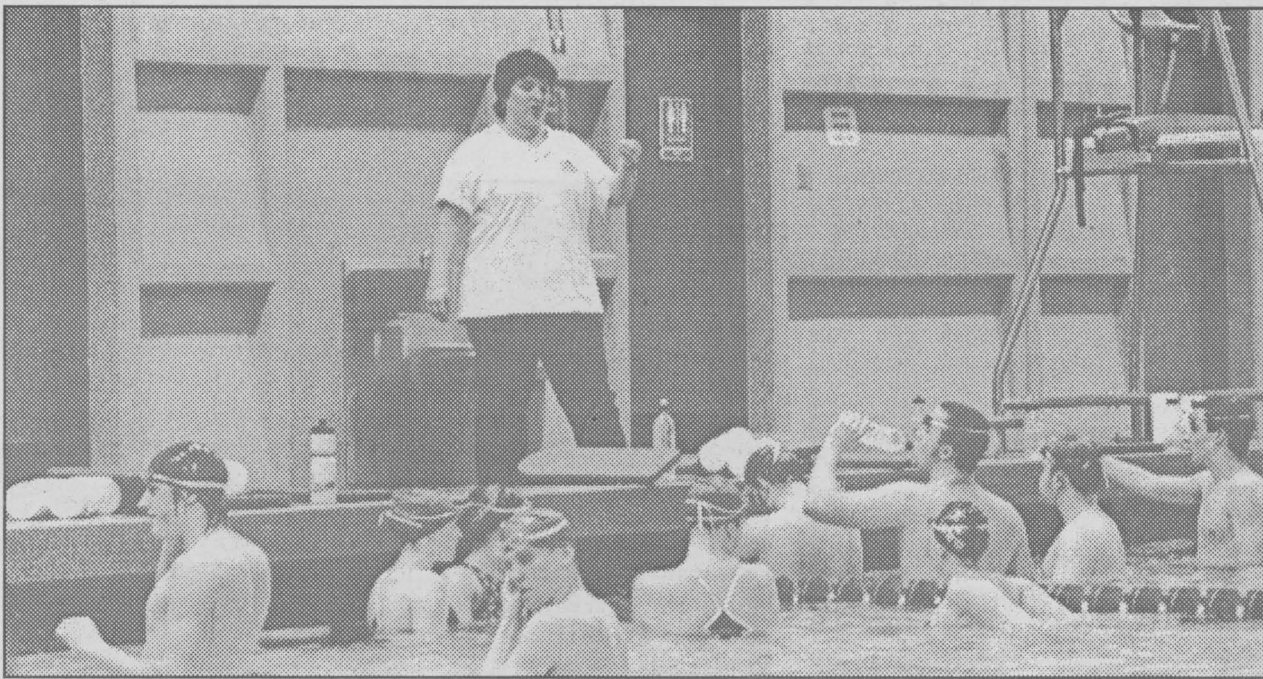
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The Central swim team is thirsty for a victory. They compete at Whitworth University in Spokane Friday before coming home to host Seattle University at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Aquatic Center.

## Swimmers start new quarter with two meets this weekend

by Meredith Willingham  
Staff reporter

Revived by their Christmas break, the newly energized Wildcat swimmers will start the second half of the season off on Jan. 12.

The Wildcats travel to Whitworth College in Spokane on Jan. 12, hoping to improve on their times from the extended rest of the holidays.

The team is anticipating swimming times that will qualify them for Nationals. As a team, the main challenge will be competing against the Whitworth distance swimmers.

"They have more distance guys than we do, but that is one place where we are really trying to recruit," Central Swimming Head Coach Candi Eslinger said.

Faster times at the Husky

Invite on Dec. 1-3 were encouraging, and Eslinger was pleased with her team's performance.

Overall, the Wildcats swam their season bests, or in some cases exceeded their personal fastest times.

"We had a few good swims at the Husky Invite, but it's still early in the season, so we're expecting faster times at the Washington State Open in February," junior swimmer Amy Mahre said.

The meet will be held at the King County Aquatic Center on Feb. 1-3.

Standout swimmers of the Husky Invite were sophomore breaststroke swimmer Ann Miller, who swam impressive individual times, and senior freestyle swimmer Jay Box, who has improved his times from last year.

Miller swam two lifetime bests in the 100 and 200

meter breaststroke at the Husky Invite.

"In swimming my two lifetime bests, I got closer to national times. I was really happy with this, since I'd taken a three-year absence from swimming," Miller said. "I worked hard on getting myself back into shape last year and this year."

A consistently strong swimmer, Vickie Schmalz has already earned two qualifying times for nationals this year.

Eslinger said the main goal for the season is to secure qualifying times for nationals, while winning dual meets is secondary.

Before the Washington Open and Conference, the team will take a "taper," which means resting, to increase their chances for faster times.

This involves decreasing

the yardage swum during practice and working more with the individual events they are going to be swimming in. Perfecting the little things beforehand gives the team a chance to rest up for the actual event.

After the rest, chances are the Washington Open times will be the fastest of the season.

Eslinger emphasizes that nothing will make the team swim faster than hard training and steady improvement throughout the season.

"I believe in good old-fashioned hard work; it's pretty simple," she said.

With the hard work ethic that she tries to instill in her swimmers, the rest of the year looks to be on track for Nationals.

The swim team will host Seattle University in a meet Saturday, Jan. 13.

## Thompson tries to take team to title

by Kevin Endejan  
Staff reporter

Junior forward Justin Thompson has shown great success with the Wildcats men's basketball team. Thompson scored 17 points in the Wildcats' win last Thursday and 27 points in the win on Saturday. He is the rebounding and scoring leader on the team, and is ranked number seven in the Pacific West Conference with 18.3 points a game.

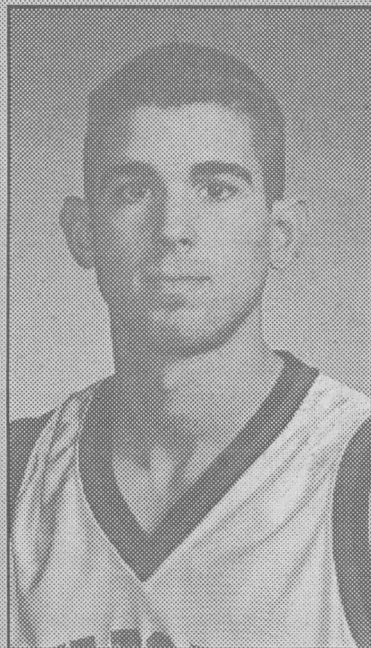
Thompson recently transferred from Lower Columbia Community College where he was named team and league MVP his sophomore year. As a freshman he was named first team all-league.

When Thompson is on the court there is potential for an exciting play. With his great leaping ability, Thompson has already thrown down some eye-opening slam-dunks this season.

Thompson's consistent ability to score and rebound has helped the team to an 8-3 record and a tie for first place in the conference. He may be the scoring leader on the team, but that doesn't mean he's a selfish player. Thompson knows that success will come from teamwork.

"I think we have a chance to go all the way, if we continue to play as a team," Thompson said.

The transition from com-



Justin Thompson  
Athlete of the Week

munity college to Division II basketball hasn't been as easy as he makes it look. Thompson credits his success this season to learning how to play better defense, which has provided him some easy transition baskets. He also feels the seniors have helped him out a lot.

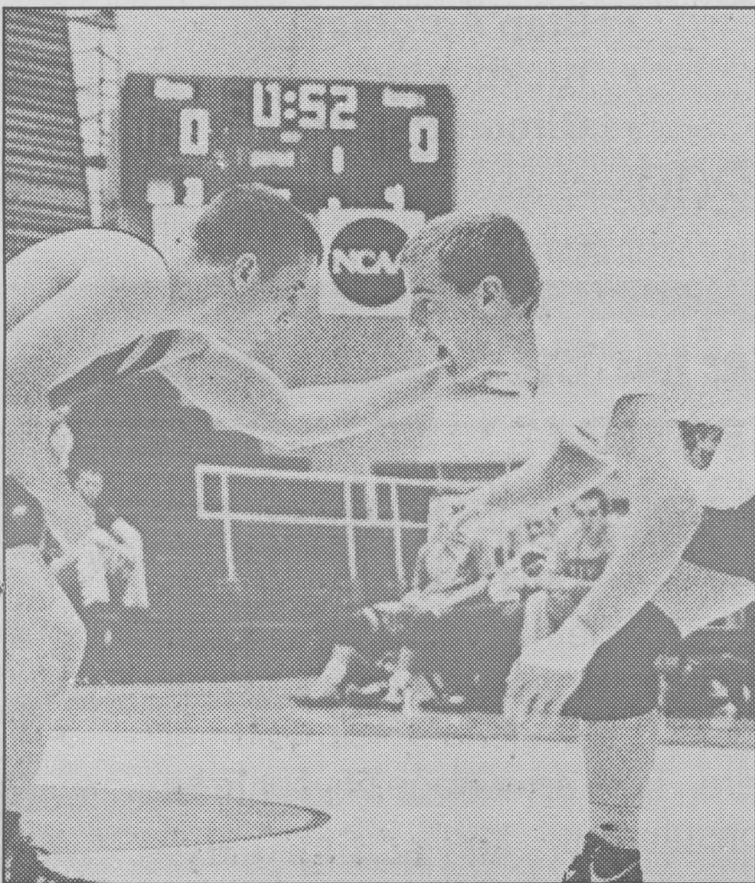
Wildcat fans should be excited about Thompson's attitude on the court. He has the desire to win, and it shows in his play.

"I like the atmosphere of the game and playing to win," Thompson said.

Off the court Thompson enjoys hanging out with friends and listening to music, but his main focus is basketball.

"There's really not too much to do here in Ellensburg," Thompson said.

He plans on majoring in Law and Justice.



File photo

Central Wrestlers will appear in two tournaments this weekend in Oregon. Their next home match is Feb. 2.

## Wildcat wrestlers take to the road

by Nichol Braucht  
Staff reporter

Central wrestlers came home smiling after claiming a 22-20 victory over Simon Fraser Friday, and having five of their men place in the Pacific Lutheran University Open on Saturday.

Friday night started with 174-pound Franco Santiago winning by major decision over SFU's Roozbeth Banihashimi.

"Franco isn't intimidated by anyone," Head Coach Kevin Pine said.

Jess Workman and Cole Denison really helped the Wildcats by pinning the opponents in their respective weight classes. Workman, wrestling in the 285-pound weight class, laid James Messenger down in 2:18 to win his match, and 141-pound Denison squashed Matt Crockett in a mere 61 seconds.

"Cole is a team player who is very talented technique-wise," Pine

said.

Other winning Wildcats were Chris Feist and Kyle Smith, both winning by decision. Feist beat Luigi Bianco in the 197-pound class with a final score of 3-1. Smith, 157 pounds, had five take-downs, which occurs when a man takes his opponent to the mat from a standing position. He beat Nathan Rolfe with an end score of 13-7.

At PLU on Saturday the Wildcat wrestlers stayed on top. The young team, made up of a strong group of freshmen, had five men place.

In the past the wrestling team had only a couple of freshman team members; however, this year, the team is driven by them.

"Many of this year's matches are being determined by how well the freshmen did," Pine said. "This is a very talented group of freshmen."

One of the biggest matches of the day was a battle in the 133-pound weight class. Central freshman Ross Kondo took on Jason

Chao of Southern Oregon University for the third place title. The match came to a climax when it went into double overtime. With only four seconds left, Kondo pinned Chao and took third place.

"In order to keep going I just had to get it in my mind that I was going to win," Kondo said.

Feist, Santiago, Denison and Shaine Jaime also brought home wins for the Wildcats. Feist took first place in the 197-pound weight class.

Santiago grabbed the third place spot in the 174-pound class. Denison held second place for the 141-pounders. Jaime gave the Wildcats a win with second place in the 157-pound weight class.

"Overall we had a solid weekend," Pine said.

This coming weekend the wrestling team will participate in the Oregon Classic Duals. The matches will start at 12 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12, in the Portland Coliseum.

# Winter break sports wrap-up

by Heather Brown  
Staff reporter

While many of us took a much-needed winter break, Central Washington University's wrestling and men's and women's basketball programs continued their respective schedules at full throttle.

Three wrestlers came out in a big way against Southern Oregon University on December 29 in the Northwest Wrestling Conference bout in Nicholson Pavilion.

Freshman Ty Roberts pinned his 184-pound opponent, freshman Ross Kondo from Othello won in his first dual appearance, and senior Matt Ballard received a victory against 165-pound John Sills.

Central hosted the annual Central Washington Open Wrestling Tournament Saturday, December 30 at Nicholson Pavilion.

Oregon State captured this year's

title with 164 points. Central placed third with 93 points. Junior Cole Denison placed in the finals by defeating Jeremy Wynia of Southern Oregon University.

Central's women basketball received an early Christmas present in the way of an 82-57 win over the St. Martin Saints on December 22 in Nicholson Pavilion.

Central's high scorer, center junior Rose Shaw contributed 22 points with ten points each coming from junior forward Jenny Dixon and junior forward Jody Sargent.

After an impressive game, Central's Shaw received Pacific West Conference Player of the Week and led the Wildcats into their next win over Trinity Western in an exhibition game December 30 in Nicholson Pavilion.

Shaw scored 21 points, making ten of 15 shots, and led the team with nine rebounds and four blocked

shots. Dixon brought in eight boards to help with the win.

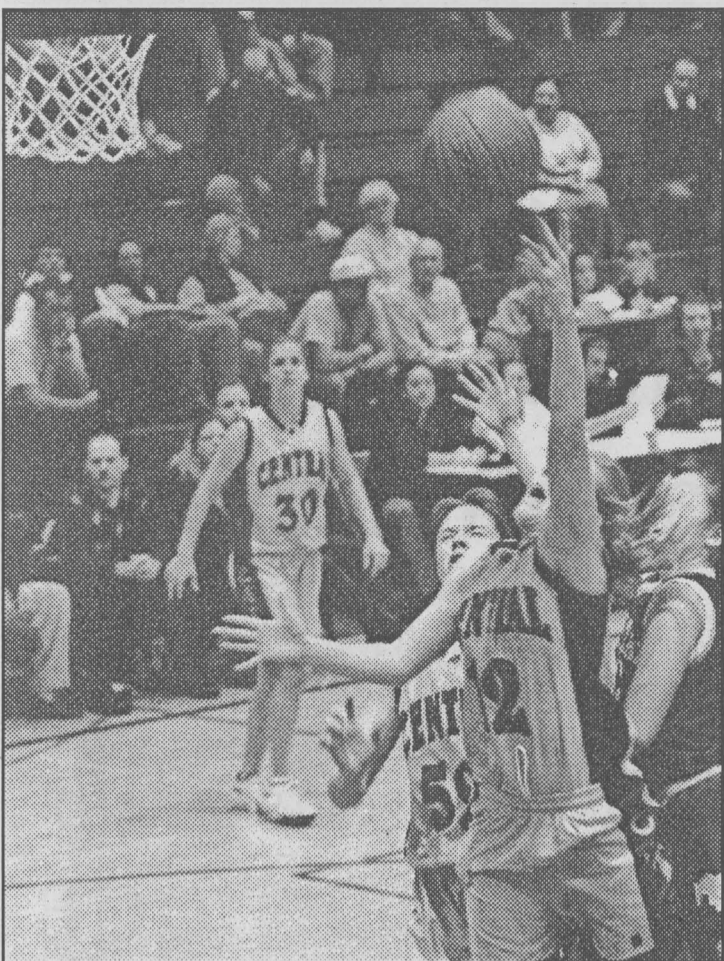
On the other side of the mountains, Central men's basketball held onto a 77-73 lead over the University of Puget Sound on December 30 in the annual Oak Harbor Freight Lines Holiday Classic.

Junior forward Justin Thompson scored 28 points, and seven rebounds. Senior guard Justin Bursch came in with 11 points.

In the final seconds, a three-point ball by UPS' Sean Kelley threatened the Wildcats' lead but two free throws from Bursch gave Central the victory.

"We were a little flat against UPS," Central Head Coach Sparling said. "We've only had three home games, otherwise we'd be 8 and 3 at this time," Sparling said.

With the recent wins and a little rest, the men's basketball team might be back on top in no time.

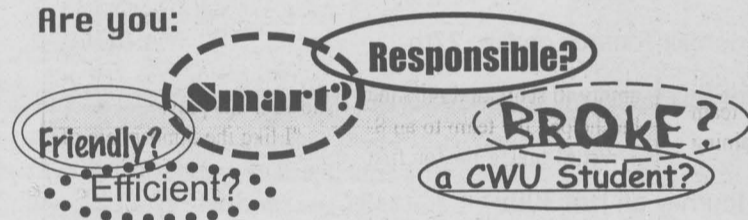


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## Legislative Update

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Fellow Students,

Thank you for taking the time to read the first installment of the ASCWU-OLA Legislative Update, *your source* for information about the legislative issues that affect CWU. Over the course of the year, it is my hope that this update will accomplish three goals. The first, and most important goal, is the education of students. Beginning this month, the Washington State Legislature will make many decisions that directly impact our lives. If we as students do not know about these decisions, we can do nothing to influence their outcomes. This brings me to our second goal: student action. What most of us do not realize, what many people do not want us to realize, is that as students, WE HAVE A VOICE. It is possible to make a difference. The Washington Student Lobby and the Office of Legislative Affairs are both here expressly for this purpose. It is up to us to take advantage of these organizations so that we may bring our issues to the legislature. The third goal that I have for this update is to let students know what we're doing in the Office of Legislative Affairs. All too often it is the case that you see your elected officials only when it comes time for them to be elected again. I want you to know what's going on with me, and I want to know what's going on with you. Again, thank you for your interest, and I hope that this will be useful.

Sincerely,

Ryan McMichael • ASCWU-BOD Vice President for Political Affairs

## Current Issues in Olympia

### TUITION

Rising tuition rates are some of the biggest obstacles we face as higher education students. These rates are currently controlled by Central's Board of Trustees, a group appointed by the Governor. Since these people are not elected, they are held accountable only to Governor Locke, who will most likely ask for a 5% tuition increase this year, the maximum allowed by state law. We are lobbying to take this power away from the Board of Trustees and put it in the hands of elected officials. This would provide for some sort of accountability in adjusting the costs of our education, a great benefit to us as students.

### STUDENT PRIVACY ISSUES

Recently, student privacy issues have become increasingly more important on Central's campus. Here in the OLA we are focusing our attention on three key problems: the use of Social Security Numbers as student identification, the sale and distribution of confidential student information by the University, and the monitoring of student internet use. Along with the Washington Student Lobby, the ASCWU-OLA is leading the fight at the state level to solve these problems that compromise our privacy as students.

### TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS

Nearly half of all students in the state of Washington get some type of financial aid. When we buy our textbooks, a significant portion of this aid goes right back to the state in the form of sales tax. We are looking for sales tax exemptions on textbook sales, and many legislators have already come forward to show their support.

### WASHINGTON STATE NEED GRANT

The Washington State Need Grant is currently offered to all students whose families are at or below the 65th percentile of the state median income. The Higher Education Coordinating Board's recommendation is to push the level up to the 70th percentile, thus allowing more students to become eligible. The OLA, along with the Washington Student Lobby, supports the HEC Board's recommendation.

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# Signup deadlines for winter intramural sports fast approaching

The registration deadline for all winter intramurals is tomorrow, Friday the 12th.

## WINTER INTRAMURAL SPORTS OFFERED

- 6 on 6 indoor soccer- coed and men's leagues
- Volleyball- three coed and one women's league
- Basketball- women's, coed, six foot and under, and open leagues
- Racquetball- men's, women's and mixed doubles leagues
- Team tennis

Managers meetings for all sports will be held in the Yakima room in the Sub on Jan. 17th and leagues will open the season on Jan 22nd.

## Winter Tournaments:

- Snow Flag Football Tourney on Jan. 27th  
Registration for this event will be between Jan. 16th and the 25th.
- Badminton Tourney on Jan. 30th  
Registration for this event will be held between Jan. 16th and the 29th.
- 3 on 3 Hoops Tourney on Feb. 3rd  
Registration for this event will be held between Jan. 22nd and Feb. 1st.

## CURRENT PACWEST STANDINGS

as of January 10

### Women's Basketball

	Conference		Overall		Home	Away
	W	L	W	L	W-L	W-L
Alaska Fairbanks	5	1	9	2	7-0	2-2
Northwest Nazarene	5	1	7	3	6-2	1-1
Seattle Pacific	4	2	9	2	4-0	3-2
Central Washington	4	2	9	2	5-0	2-2
Western Washington	4	2	8	3	4-0	4-3
Western Oregon	4	2	7	4	5-0	1-3
MSU-Billings	3	3	7	4	3-1	3-3
Saint Martin's	3	3	6	5	4-0	2-5
Humboldt State	3	3	5	5	3-2	2-3
Alaska Anchorage	1	5	3	8	3-5	0-3
Seattle	0	6	2	9	2-6	0-3
Western New Mexico	0	6	0	11	0-4	0-6

### Men's Basketball

	Conference		Overall		Home	Away
	W	L	W	L	W-L	W-L
Northwest Nazarene	4	0	7	6	5-2	2-3
Western Washington	3	0	11	1	6-1	3-0
Central Washington	3	0	8	3	3-0	1-0
Seattle	2	2	5	8	4-1	1-5
Humboldt State	1	2	10	2	5-0	4-2
Seattle Pacific	1	2	8	3	3-1	3-2
Saint Martin's	1	2	6	6	5-2	1-3
Western Oregon	1	2	3	9	3-2	0-5