Tasers take down suspect

by Andrew Fickes
Asst. news editor

Employing one of four newly acquired M-26 tasers, Ellensburg Police Department Corporal Drew Houck responded to an urgent request from the Cle Elum Police Department last Sunday afternoon to subdue Cle Elum resident Kevin Chiles. This is the first time the Ellensburg Police Department has used the tasers.

“The subject was fortunate that the tool was available,” Captain Ross Green, Ellensburg Police Department, said.

Cle Elum police responded to a call from the 300 block of Fourth Street that someone was wielding a knife, behaving in a disorderly fashion, and disturbing the peace of the neighborhood.

Officer Lori Brune was unsuccessful at subduing the suspect on See TASERS, Page 2

Accreditation of college affirmed

by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

Central Washington University received the news it was looking for from the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NASC), on Monday. NASC is the institution that accredits the university, which allows access to federal funds.

“It’s good news,” Central President Jerilyn McIntyre, said. NASC commended the university on the advancements it has made in recent years to earn its continued accreditation.

Central underwent an evaluation this fall to check the university’s progress on improvements requested by NASC in 1999. The improvements were in response to some concerns found during NASC’s review, which occurs every 10 years.

Challenges were found in the areas of mission statement and goals, governance, assessment, faculty salaries, faculty evaluation and development of graduate programs.

A change in Central’s administration was another factor prompting the evaluation. At the See NASC, Page 3

Street is permanent executive assistant to President McIntyre

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

Central Washington University President Jerilyn McIntyre has named psychology professor Libby Street as executive assistant to the president.

Street is familiar with the position, having been the temporary special assistant to Central’s former interim President James Norton. She held that position since January 2000. When McIntyre decided to create a permanent executive assistant position, Street had experience.

As executive assistant to the president, Street will coordinate the divisions that report to the president, represent the president’s position on the cabinet, conduct research, and act as a liaison between the president and other parties.

“It’s my job to be available to anyone in the university that would like to raise an issue or has a concern,” Street said. “Everybody comes forward with things that are legitimate, but they are sometimes better referred to someone else.”

A committee chaired by Lishana Armstrong, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, conducted the internal search that selected three candidates for the position.

“When I was asked to do the temporary position I had just finished serving on the NASC accreditation,” Street said. “It is important for this See STREET, Page 5
Metallurgy professor receives $10,000 for expanding and improving program

by Ken Whitesberg
Staff reporter

Central Washington University industrial and engineering technology professor, Craig Johnson, was one of only three professors in the nation to receive a $10,000 gift from the Foundry Educational Foundation (FEF) through the Ray Witt Gift Program. The monies will be used to improve the facilities at the Hogue Technology Building and help fund research of future projects.

"Dr. Johnson is a highly talented and energetic young professor with a strong desire to continue working in the metal castings field," Walt Kaminski, chair of the industrial and engineering technology department, said.

The money will be used to improve some of the facilities already in place at the foundry, where metalworking is done, and will also be used to expand access to the foundry to more students.

"We haven't done as much undergraduate development as I would like," Johnson said. "We could coordinate with some engineering classes, to bring in some outside departments."

Johnson hopes to use some of the money to upgrade the sand management system at the foundry and increase the use of the foundry during the year. He would also like to include younger students outside of Central in the foundry's future.

"I would like to have a much more interactive experience with K-12 age students," Johnson said.

Students seem pleased at Johnson's progressive initiatives.

"I think it's great that Professor Johnson wants to expand the resources already available to us and to others as well," Matt Wright, junior mechanical engineering major, said.

The Central foundry was designed into the Hogue Technology Building in 1970 for the specific purpose of non-ferrous metals and a sand system.

Since then, the major supervisor was retired professor Bo Beed, who was recently awarded the title of emeritus professor of industrial and engineering technology.

The FEF was established in 1947 and is the metal casting industry's educational program at the college level. The FEF awards community colleges, four-year technology schools, traditional universities and graduate schools, focusing on development programs from production supervision to specialized research.

There is no research underway at the Central foundry but Johnson is in the process of developing funding for a collaborative research plan.

"I want to start some new stuff and expand the system, hopefully in composite research," Johnson said.

Industrial engineering technology professor Craig Johnson makes minor adjustments before his class begins. Johnson is one of only three professors nationally to receive $10,000 from the Foundry Educational Foundation.

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TASERS: Cle Elum culprit caught

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her own. After an attempted attack by the suspect, James, decided to call the Ellensburg police, Cle Elum police and the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office shortly after 12:15 p.m.

Chiles was accused of being armed with three knives. One was described as a butcher knife, the other two as medium sized knives.

The standoff persisted between Chiles and the officers for two hours before Houck finally took down Chiles with the taser.

During the standoff, Chiles was described as extremely agitated. Officers said he continually babbling incoherently regarding the FBI.

"We believe he was high on drugs," Chief Brennan Bell, Cle Elum Police Department, said. "He was imagining that there were FBI agents and he needs to arrest him."

Chiles' wife suspected he was using drugs the two days previous to the incident.

The effectiveness of the taser impressed all the officers involved. Cle Elum Sergeant Scott Ferguson said it brought an immediate resolution to a tense situation. Ferguson believed, if not for the taser, the incident's conclusion would have been fatal.

"The taser saved a life, that life being Kevin Chiles," Ferguson said.

The Ellensburg Police Department purchased its first two tasers last November. In January, two more were purchased. Green hopes to purchase two more by the end of the year, so all six squad cars have them.

Tasers are appropriate in situations when the target is in close proximity and not mobile.

When fired, they attack the central nervous system and incapacitate the individual, allowing authorities to arrest the person.

"It's a cost consideration but a responsible alternative," Green said.

The M-26 tasers cost $400 each.

The Cle Elum Police Department wants to purchase tasers for its officers. Chiles was booked in three counts of assault and one count of malicious mischief and is detained at the Kittitas County jail.

His arraignment is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Kittitas County Courthouse.
time, Central was searching for a new president.

The university received a positive evaluation.

Proceeding the evaluation, faculty were confident they took the right steps to secure NASC’s endorsement.

“We are optimistic the commission will agree Central has made improvements in addressing the changes suggested,” Libby Street, executive assistant to the president, said.

NASC requires Central to submit a progress report in the fall of 2002.

SEARCH: Recruiting underway for several positions

have been placed in the Chronicle for Higher Education and other professional journals. Advertising has been conducted through the Internet, in newspapers and through personal contacts.

“National searches take quite a while to complete,” Street said. The Human Resources department said it is doing everything it can in order to generate interest in these positions from a large-based pool of applicants.

“Each of the positions has a specific recruitment plan that was developed by the appointing authority and the search committee,” Howard said.

The application and hiring process is arduous.

Once the applications are received, they are rated, and the highest scoring applicants are notified. The top seven scores are then sent to the department for scrutiny. The hiring department chooses who they wish to interview, and contacts those applicants directly.

In the meantime, staff, faculty and administrators have acted as interim employees when needed.

Fortunately, no single department faces an unusually large number of vacancies.

“Those positions fall in a variety of areas on campus,” Howard said.

Central may see the positions of assistant director of gift planning, dean of the college of sciences and financial aid counselor filled within a few months. Screening dates for these positions began on Jan. 11, 15 and 16, respectively.

Citizens’ Academy students listen as Ellensburg Police Chief Robert Richey discusses hiring new police officers.

Officers teach police procedures 101

The Ellensburg Police Department is making an effort to educate the public about their jobs through a Citizens’ Academy. These classes are aimed at teaching the participants about law enforcement and how it is applied in the Ellensburg community.

“Our overall goal is to inform citizens of what we do,” Ellensburg police officer Mike Luvera said.

Luvera said police work is not a secret. He thinks many people often wonder how they handle things.

“I think there are a lot of misconceptions about what we do,” Luvera said.

This is the third time the department has offered the academy. Only 12 people are able to participate in the course because of space limitations. The eight-week class meets once a week for three hours.

The group met for the first time last Tuesday. Various members of the police force teach the classes, receiving help from others who work at the jail and the dispatch center when the academy tours those facilities.

Criminal law, crime prevention, narcotics investigation, prosecution and traffic investigation are covered throughout the course. Special emphasis is applied to situations typically seen in Ellensburg as well as an overview of important laws.

“We talk about what we see on a local level,” Luvera said.

Luvera is pleased with the diversity of people who applied for the academy. A wide range of ages as well as several Central students and employees are taking the class.

Depending on whether the department has the time available and interest from the community, police may offer another academy as early as next fall.

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Police Briefs

Compiled by Shane Cleveland  
Staff reporter

Verbal dispute  
10:20 a.m. Jan. 7  
A 28-year-old man driving a black BMW accused a 39-year-old woman of stealing his parking spot and threatened to damage her vehicle.

Residential burglary  
10:24 p.m. Jan. 7  
Unknown suspect/suspects entered an unlocked door in the 1500 block of North Alder. A digital camera valued at $400 is missing.

Stakeout  
9:10 p.m. Jan 9  
Officers working in an undercover vehicle observed a man near the Seven-Eleven at 10th and Maple. A second man approached the man and supplied him with alcohol. The first man was found to be 19-years-old and was subsequently arrested for minor possession. The second man, 21, was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Residential Burglary  
5 p.m. Jan. 10  
Unknown suspect/suspects attempted to enter a locked room in Anderson Hall sometime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The lock was broken but nothing was missing.

DUI  
11:55 p.m. Jan. 11  
An officer parked at 14th and Hitchcock Hall on Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. proceeded to pull over the vehicle after observing a man entering an unlocked door in the 1500 block of North Alder. A digital camera valued at $400 is missing.

Officers were dispatched to reports of an argument near Hitchcock Hall. A man and woman were contacted and admitted to having an argument. The woman, 19, was found to be intoxicated and had reportedly punched the man, 22, in the back and kicked him in the chest. She was arrested for fourth-degree assault and minor in possession.

Malicious mischief  
8:15 p.m. Jan. 12  
The rear window of a 1995 Ford Escort, parked on the 1600 block of N. Walnut, was smashed. Nothing was missing and the damage is estimated at approximately $275.

Mystery disappearance  
3:35 p.m. Jan. 13  
Officers responded to the lobby of Muzzall to find someone who had stolen the handset of the phone. Loss is estimated at about $40.

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Health and Counseling Center aids tired, weak, poor students

by Tarena Ruehle  
Staff reporter

The average doctor's visit can be quite expensive. For Central Washington University students, $45 covers all visits for an entire quarter.

"It's reasonable when you consider how much it costs to go to a clinic for each visit," Matt Thompson, a graduate student in economics, said.

The staff at the Student Health and Counseling Center can assist anyone who is feeling sick or even someone in need of minor surgery.

Services include routine examinations, treatment of orthopedic injuries, care of acute and chronic illnesses, STD and HIV testing, allergy injection and other medical treatments.

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Four years ago the quarterly fee was $40, with a $5 co-pay each time the student visited the center.

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Robert Trumpy who also deals with the Wellness Center on campus is trying to combine the health, counseling and wellness centers into one building.

"The Wellness Center does not have a home after this year," Trumpy said. "There will be no place to house the center, which is now on the first floor of Sue Lombard Hall. Next year, the Wellness Center will be replaced by a residence hall.

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by Observer Staff

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Free clinic gives hope to needy patients

Low income families who may not have insurance or other means to pay medical bills have a new option: APOYO, Spanish for "help," offers services free of charge to those in need.

by Amanda Hickman
Staff reporter

The Allied People Offering Year-Round Outreach (APOYO) is looking for volunteers and wants Central Washington University students, faculty, administrators and staff to get involved.

APOYO, Spanish for "help" or "support," is a non-profit, charitable organization that receives space and related support from Central, and three professors are on the Board of Directors. The volunteer-based program operates a food and clothing bank, free medical clinic and other social services to low income families with or without medical insurance.

"The volunteers at APOYO not only assist in operating the food and clothing bank and free clinic, we also help in accessing social services," Evelyn Heflen, a volunteer, said. "We provide interpretation, transportation and tutoring in English."

APOYO volunteers are organizing English classes for adults in the Hispanic/Latino population. "Right now we are in the process of organizing adult English classes in cooperation with Central student volunteers," Stella Moreno, professor of Spanish and a member of the APOYO Board of Directors, said. "It is a very positive thing. The more they can communicate, the better they would fit in the community."

APOYO was formed to provide an outreach and advocacy to Hispanic/Latino communities. It also provides educational materials and cultural assistance and acts as a liaison between Hispanic communities and private and governmental organizations.

APOYO's goal is to foster a greater understanding of the presence, history, culture and contribution of the Hispanic/Latino communities.

"APOYO also helps the Hispanic/Latino community find information about jobs available, Washington state laws, medical and dental services and health care," Moreno said.

Many Central students have volunteered at APOYO in the past, some for credit hours, and some just for the experience. Some internships have been arranged in the past, and many more are possible.

"This is an excellent opportunity for students who will be graduating and going into the real world to have first-hand experience working with third-world cultures," Heflen said. "It is a unique experience, it's not easy to do that."

The APOYO organization and clinic offers its services to the community on the first and third Saturday of every month, and is located along the alley next to the Conference Center. In the meantime, volunteers seek new donations, as well as prepare the food and clothing bank and clinic for business.

"We've had a lot of students help out in a number of different venues," Heflen said. "Volunteers pick up food, sack up food, sort through clothes, provide tutorial services — whatever they feel comfortable doing."

APOYO services are expanding, and the need for such an organization is great. Demands are increasing for the food and clothing bank, free clinic, and tutoring and interpreting services. APOYO gladly accepts any food and clothing donations. Just call ahead of time to donate.

"Being a part of APOYO is the most positive thing that I've been in," Heflen said. "They are a wonderful group of volunteers who are there because they believe in what's being done."

If anyone is interested in volunteering their time with APOYO, or want to donate food and/or clothing to the organization, call Evelyn Heflen at 962-5004.

STREET: Psychology professor hired as President's top aide

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position to be a person that knows the school well."

Street sees this job as a chance "to make sure the president's attention can be directed toward the most important things that only she can accomplish."

Mcintyre heads all four divisions of the university: student affairs and enrollment management, academic affairs, university relations, and business and financial affairs. Street acts as a representative on behalf of the president to those units. That representation comes with the position to be a person that knows the school well."

"I so enjoy working with (Mcintyre)," Street said. "I like the particular management style of President Mcintyre...I enjoy the team she is putting together."

The president's cabinet, which conducts the "management meetings of the university," is comprised of six positions. Four of those positions are held by women.

"It's not the common situation, it certainly wasn't common here. That's really kind of wonderful," Street said. Although, she added that her enjoyment of working for Mcintyre is not related to Mcintyre being a woman, but to the way she conducts her staff.

Aside from assisting the president, Street is a faculty member in the psychology department. Employed at Central since 1979, she has headed the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NASC) accreditation process, helped develop Central's Center for the Preparation of School Personnel, and spent time in Washington, D.C. as a staff member for Sen. Edward Kennedy D-Mass.

Chandler returns to teach yoga

by Observer Staff

After battling illness since early last spring, Lori Chandler is once again able to teach again, and is teaching a yoga class at the dance center in the Nicholson Pavilion. Her class takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays during Wellness Hour, from noon to 1 p.m. It began Jan. 9.

Faculty, staff, administrators and community members are welcome to attend the class.


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tide by offering a week of events and speakers celebrating King’s life and work.

Even after the week comes to an end, one can’t help but wonder if more should be done. Of course more can and should be done on a larger scale.

In essence, this one holiday is meant to capture the spirit of the civil rights movement. Many more people than King were involved in the movement and thus, many more should be honored. Present day activists should push more ardently for a Civil Rights Day. The focus could be extended to all those people who struggled and died to extend equal rights to all Americans, regardless of their creed or ethnicity.

Long before King helped the civil rights causes, men and women were attempting to alter an unjust and ignorant system. But if one would ask people on the street who some prominent civil rights activists of the past were, the answers would most likely be limited to either Rosa Parks, or King. W.B. DuBois fought long and hard around the turn of the century. His legacy, the NAACP, still functions in today’s society.

The beauty of celebrating all the activists under one holiday would be that it allows for a broader understanding of civil rights. A contemporary of DuBois, Booker T. Washington helped the cause in his own way. Others including Susan B. Anthony, Stokely Carmichael and Fannie Lou Hamer each pursued their goal of a free America with untold vigilance.

It’s good that we celebrate King’s accomplishments, but it would be better to honor those who inspired him and those who he inspired to continue making America a more free nation.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day in itself is fairly static. It celebrates a man who is no longer living. However, the cause lives on so to speak. The day could be a constant reminder that no matter how much things have improved since King’s time, there are still areas that Americans need to address. We owe it to King to pay tribute to his work and those who shared his passion to make America a more equal and free nation.

—Daren Schuettpelz
Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a Dream" speech

Delivered on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963.

"Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity.

But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a March to freedom. One hundred years later, the Negro still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition.

In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent declaration of independence and the great American pronoun, our nation the 'We,' declared that 'all men are created equal.' But they forgot to add another pronoun, 'the Negro.' So we have come to cash this check-a check which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.' But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check, a check that will convert this season of the autumn of our years into the springtime of our lives.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not let our just zeal degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. We will not be satisfied as long as a Negro in the United States can look out of his window each morning and see three civil rights workers murdered in a church in Birmingham.

I say to those who are going to suffer. If you are going to suffer, let that suffering be the seed of life, the beginning of freedom, the foundation of justice, the beginning of light. So we can come out of a great trial and still see light, still see hope, still see the light of the future.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from onetere to another. We will not be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. We will not be satisfied as long as a Negro is denied the right to serve at the table of brotherhood. We will not be satisfied as long as the Negro is denied the right to live in a country where he can not buy a decent house and raise his children in safety.

I say to the doubters who ask, "When will you be satisfied?" We will not be satisfied as long as a segregated schoolhouse is still a prisonhouse for Negro children. We will not be satisfied as long as the Negro is denied equal protection under the law. We will not be satisfied as long as our center city Negro is stillolted from the economic, political, social, and spiritual winds of change. As long as the Negro is denied equal employment opportunities, as long as he is denied decent housing and basic human needs, as long as he remains at the bottom of the totem pole of power, we will not be satisfied.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from the fields, from the hard drudgery of the cotton harvest. I am sure that I have traveled theanks of freedom and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. So we can't walk alone.

But we can't walk alone. I say to those who are asking "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as our Negro is still languishing in the ghettos and slums of today. I say to those who are asking "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as our black children are destined to live their lives in a shadowland of segregation.

I say to those who are asking "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as our ghettos are not cleansed of poverty, nor our schools, our churches, our homes, our community服务机构, and institutions of a race that has been deemed by the grossest and most inhuman acts of violence in a nation that prides itself on the humanism of its creed. We will not be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which he is entitled to vote. We will not be satisfied as long as the Negro is still denied equal protection under the law, but we are not satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and rightousness like a mighty stream.

Finally, I say to those who are asking "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as our basic economic needs are not met. It cannot be said that we are content, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and rightousness like a mighty stream.

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But in spite of difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of Liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountain and every hill repeat on.

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hills of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heights Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California! But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every mohrell of Mississippi.

From every mountainside, let freedom ring. When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"
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Quote of the week

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“A man who won’t die for something is not fit to live,”
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Students have a chance to see pictorial review of MLK’s life

by Meredith Willingham
Scene editor

"The Marines have landed, and we now own a piece of Afghanistan."
The commander of the Marine force in Afghanistan, Brigadier General and Central Washington University graduate James Mattis, offered this statement to reporters after the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade arrived in Afghanistan. The brigade immediately began setting up a base of operations for America in the war against terrorism.

Mattis attended Central from 1968 to 1971, graduating with a double degree in political science and geography. According to a Yakima-based Marine recruiter, the political science degree probably helps an officer’s career the most.

"Politics, that’s a big thing for an officer, with a lot of political debate," Staff Sergeant Jimmy Rundell said.

He is in charge of Combined Task Force 58, a group of up to 9,000 soldiers and sailors who are able to land in hostile territory and carry out their mission to protect American interests. They have also been tasked to find Osama bin Laden, if he is actually in the southwestern portion of Afghanistan where their camp is located.

Mattis joined the Marines in 1969, and was commissioned as an officer in 1972. He moved through stations and jobs in the first 20 years of his 32 year career, but during Desert Shield and Desert Storm he commanded the 1st Battalion of the 7th Marines and participated in the attack on Iraqi divisions. He is also a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the National War College.

The Central graduate was in charge of securing the Khandahar airport, which will be used as a supply point for aircraft fuel and ammunition.

Alumnus leading the fight in Afghanistan

by Amy Tibbles
Staff reporter

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This week has been set aside to commemorate the birthday of one of the most prominent figures in American civil rights history, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A timeline, which has black-and-white photos of King, along with an explanation for each picture, is posted along two walls in the Owhi Room. There is also a partial wall with a presentation of the "I Have a Dream" speech. The timeline opened to the public at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, and runs through Friday, Jan. 18, at 5 p.m. in the SUB Owhi Room, next to the Diversity Center office. Admission is free. Also showing Monday through Friday in the Owhi Room is a continuous running of the film "The Century Memphis Dream: Searching for the Promised Land".

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King’s dream remembered in SUB presentation

by Amy Tibbles
Staff reporter

"It’s really important for students to recognize Martin Luther King’s role in history.

— Crystall Hassell

Tuesday, Jan. 15, was Dr. King’s actual birthday, but the observed holiday is Monday, January 21. There will be no classes on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

“It’s really important for students to recognize Martin Luther King’s role in history," Crystal Hassell, Program Coordinator for Diversity Education said.

On Jan. 16, there was a special presentation on Central’s campus. Debbie Wooten, comedienne, lecturer and inspirational speaker, spoke Wednesday evening at Club Central in the SUB.

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Professor Hubbard to direct Macbeth in spring

Nine-year theater veteran enjoys creating and directing Central theatre students in her "ideal job"

By Jennifer Castaneda
Astr. scene editor

Working in her ideal job as an associate producer and producing artistic director for the theatre department, Brenda Hubbard has been part of the Central Washington University faculty for five years.

"I'm doing my ideal job," Hubbard said. "I love this job because you get to work with people at the beginning of their professional lives." Hubbard will be directing Macbeth in the spring, and recently had the first reading of her play, "Concrete Dreams."

A native of Yellowsprings, Ohio, she received her theater degree at Ohio State University. Upon high school graduation, she was awarded in three areas, which were in creative writing, physical education and theater.

Based on her three strengths, becoming an actress seemed more appealing to her. "Acting sounded pretty interesting and challenging," Hubbard said.

On the advice of her drama instructor, she was told to pursue a career as a speech and hearing therapist and to pursue theater for fun. Hubbard entered the University of Ohio with that in mind and became drawn to the theater department. After her exposure to theater, she never left and didn't take any speech and hearing courses.

While in college, she auditioned for a selective actor-training program. "I was accepted into it," Hubbard said. "It got me on the road to becoming a professional in theater."

After two years in college, she transferred to the University of Washington to finish her actor-training program.

"It was very surprising and I felt a little bit guilty because I didn't take the audition seriously," Hubbard said. "It was a life transforming moment."

Hubbard's feelings were if she was about to be treated seriously, then she should do the same with herself.

While training, she was exposed to fencing, ballet, singing, mask work and various acting styles.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in the fine arts from the University of Washington in 1977, she decided to take a break from acting as she began working as a waitress in various Seattle restaurants. Soon after, she offered to tour with a children's theater group called Young Artist Company, which is a contemporary theater group.

She toured around five western states for almost two years before she began working in the theater with various repertory theaters before moving to New York City. "I didn't like it too much so I came back," Hubbard said.

Once back in Seattle, she worked with regional theaters where she did commercials and modeling.

"You do anything to supplement your income because acting is sporadic," Hubbard said.

Following graduation, she applied for teaching jobs around the country.

She accepted Central's offer because it was closer to Portland, which is where her ex-husband was working at the time.

Get ready, the parents are coming!

By Andrew Patrick
Staff reporter

When freshmen enroll at Central Washington University, one of the first classes they must take is 101. This non-academic class helps orient the students and make their responsibilities clear.

On Jan. 25, Central will open its welcoming arms to the parents and families of Central students with much the same goal.

"When the parents get here, they are going to have something to do as they come in," Scott Drummond, assistant director of Campus Life, said.

This year, many activities for students, parents, siblings and other family members are planned. Activities designed to help parents get a feel for Central range from tours of the campus and winter outdoor activities, to a comedy filled murder mystery dessert theater.

Parents and family weekend begins with an early check-in from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 at the SUB information booth. Promptly starting at 8 p.m. will be the Carolines, a duo of Seattle restaurants.

"The women's and men's basketball teams are both playing home games Saturday night. The women will play Seattle Pacific University at 5 p.m., with the men following at 7 p.m., hosting St. Martin's College. Saturday's activities finish off with a murder mystery dessert theater in the SUB Fountain Room that promises to entertain as well as indulge."

"It's going to be a Murder at Capone's Place," Drummond said. "They are using the audience and get them involved. It should be a riot. We're really pleased with the first responses and responses."

For Sunday, only one activity is planned. Central President Jeffery McElroy will be the special guest for brunch. Brunch times will be from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. "Dr. McElroy is going to speak and that's very special. She's been really good about doing things like this and I think it gives parents a personal feeling to have the college president there," Hubbard said.

Drummond said he hopes the parents and families of Central students leave the weekend with two feelings. "We want to make them feel like they are very important as anyone and give them recognition for the big role they play in supporting their students," Drummond said. "We want them to have fun, feel welcomed, and see what a slice of life in Ellensburg.

The State of Washington will support the cost of education to Central Washington University students during Academic Year 2001-2002 to the approximate amounts of the following table:

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*Photo courtesy of University Relations* 

Professor Brenda Hubbard is planning on directing the play Macbeth in the spring.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25**

6-8 p.m.: Parents and Family Weekend Early Check In at SUB Info Booth

8 p.m.: Rock and Roll with "The Carolines" in Club Central, SUB. $5 general, $3 student. Free refreshments.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Parents and Family Weekend Check In and Welcome Center at the SUB into booth. Pick up your tickets, maps, schedules, etc. at this time.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Campus Tours leave from the SUB. Free admission.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Visitor Center Tours leave from SUB. Free admission.

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Tours of the University.

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: March to a Murder at Capone's Place.

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Meet 15 minutes prior to departure time at Tent-n-Tube in the SUB.

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Cross-Country Skiing, limited rental and transportation. Limited space. Prepaid reservations required. Call 509-963-3344.

10 a.m.: Women's & Men's Basketball at Nicholson Pavilion. $7 general, $5 student. Free admission.

10 a.m.: Limited Space - prepaid reservations required by telephone only. Call 509-963-3344.

10:30 a.m.: Chimpsumption (one hour educational workshop involving our world renowned chimpanzees) at the CHCI (Chimpanzee & Human Communication Institute), located at D Street & Nicholson Boulevard. $10 adults, $7.50 students (college, university, K-12, pre-school).

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Chimpsumption: the CHO! D Street & Nicholson Boulevard. $7 general, $5 students (college, university, K-12, pre-school).

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11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Murder Mystery Dessert Theater in the SUB Fountain Room. An evening of gourmet desserts and internet becomes detective for a night. There will be historical scenes of accusation between the characters. The plot is charged with lust, greed, revenge, jealousy, and murder. The close cases will be treated seriously, and if solved, will lead you to the "bail" $12 general, $6 student.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Parents & Family Weekend Brunch at Holmes West Dining Hall. $7.50 cash or $4.50 student debit card price. Meal plans accepted (students can "buy their parents and/or friends brunch with the meal card deal." Pay at the door.)
Daily Record now available on campus

by Mandy Harter
Staff reporter

After 93 years, Central Washington University is on their circulation list. The Daily Record, Kittitas Valley's local newspaper, has served the area since 1909, and circulates daily close to 5,500 papers. Available in Holmes Dining Hall, and various other locations on Central Washington University's campus, the paper proves a useful tool in keeping the students informed of what's going on in the city and world outside of Ellensburg.

"Making newspapers available on campus is a win-win situation for all concerned," Central President Jerilyn McIntyre said. "It's an amenity for students in the residence halls, and it's a way for local newspapers to reach college-age readers with news and information about the nation and the local community."

"Our goal is to promote newspaper readership," Bill Kunerth, publisher of the newspaper said. "But if students are reading the paper and becoming more informed about the issues, whether it's about the university or the community, then everyone benefits. It's just my opinion, but I'd like to see students have a more active voice in the community, even if it's about the university or the local community."

"President Mcintyre said. "As I've indicated, our goal is to promote newspaper readership among young adults is declining, and we would like to reverse that."

There is, however, a concern about the newspaper's distribution on campus in the future. "I'm not sure what will happen next year," President McIntyre said. "As I've indicated, although the papers are made available at a reduced cost, that cost is underwritten by the president's office budget—and with the current budget climate in Olympia, I may not be able to support the program next year. I would be interested in hearing how students feel about continuing it."

SAFE RIDE

by Observer Staff

Bodil Rørbech visited Central Washington University January 10, 2002. She performed a free concert playing four different pieces. One of the pieces, The Letter, was composed by Central music professor Mark Polishook, and dedicated to Rørbech.

Rørbech, from Copenhagen, Denmark, plays contemporary pieces combining classical violin with today's modern computer based techno sound.

Among the many awards Rørbech has won is the Music Critics Award, the Jacob Gade Prize, the Schierbeck Prize and Denmark's Radio's Bolero Prize.

"I've heard from many students this year that they appreciate the project, and enjoy getting a chance to read the newspaper every day," McIntyre said.

For students living on campus, having a newspaper around keeps them connected to the world going on outside of Ellensburg.

"I read the Daily Record in order to stay connected with what's going on in the world around me, especially the Middle East," sophomore Scott Andersen said.

For many students, reading the newspaper back home was a routine part of their lives and now with the Daily Record available they can continue that tradition.

"I'm hoping students get into the habit of reading a newspaper," Kunerth said. "Studies show that newspaper readership among young adults is declining, and we would like to reverse that."

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New line-up to play on 88.1 FM The 'Burg

by Heather Akhird
Staff reporter

Bowling, blues, and basketball are on the new line up for this quarter at 88.1 FM The 'Burg. The Burg will host a wide array of new programs to old favorites to try and spice up your winter blues.

Lace up your bowling shoes! Every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. to midnight students can throw a few strikes while listening to your favorite tunes at Ellensburg Bowl.

"It is a great chance to bowl against some of your favorite DJs and listen to your requests," undecided Junior Tara Smith, said.

Live broadcasts will also continue this quarter with some special additions. The CWU women's basketball games will be aired through the end of the season. Live broadcast will also include this quarter: Live from CWU will air at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, and a Faculty Flute and Cello Recital at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6.

The 'Burg will air Fireside chats with President Jerilyn Macintyre at her house 8:15 p.m. on Feb. 4 and 8.

"This is a great opportunity for students to ask and have answered questions about the university. Students interested in signing up to be in the audience should contact ASCWU student offices or by calling the 'Burg radio station," Danne Shimogawa program director, said.

Also new to the 'Burg this quarter is the addition of some new programs ranging from the Top 30 Countdown at 6 p.m. on Wednesday nights to Modern Christian music every Monday night at 9 p.m.

"I try and catch the Top 30 Countdown every Wednesday night," senior Information Technology major Casey Piere said. "It is a great wind down after a stressful day."

Tune in to the Mothership every Tuesday nights at 9 p.m. to fulfill your daily dose of the blues and jazz. Students looking for something a little heavier you might want to tune in to Assault and Battery, Wednesday nights at 9 p.m., which will play bands such as Godsmack, Morbid Angel, and Neuron.

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Danish violinist takes modern angle on music

by Observer Staff

Violinist Bodil Rørbech performed for music students last Thursday night in Hertz Hall.

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Every hour, nearly 12,500 puppies are born in the United States.

Hippopotamuses have killed more people in Africa than all the lions.

Gorillas do not know how swim.

Zebras, like other equids, have a row of eyes around their shells.

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Concert honors the memory of Erin Klotz

by Meredith Willingham
Scene editor

A Central Washington University student killed in a drunken driving accident on Highway I-90 Nov. 17 was remembered Sunday night in a memorial concert held in Hertz Hall. Erin Klotz, 20, was a junior music major who died instantly after the car she was a passenger in was struck head-on by a vehicle driven by Debra J. Acey, 44, of Snoqualmie. Acey has been arraigned and was charged with vehicular homicide and vehicular assault.

Klotz was involved in multiple activities on and off campus. She played in the university Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and flute choir, as well as small ensembles in the music department. All three large ensembles performed Sunday night as a tribute to Klotz’s commitment to the music department. Klotz was also the vice president of the peer mentoring group, Circle K, and a student in the William O. Douglas Honors College.

The concert opened with "Air from the Suite in D" by J.S. Bach, and was followed by an introduction from Hal Ott, Klotz's personal instructor. Klotz was planning on following a career in musicology, studying the historical and scientific aspects of music.

One of her advisers was Margret Gries, a music instructor and musicologist. Gries played "O Welt, Ich Muss Dich Lassen" for organ by Johannes Brahms. She chose the piece because Brahms wrote it just prior to his death, knowing the end was near.

"We each worked with Erin in a different aspect of her development as a scholar, but we all could see that she had a clear vision of the kind of future she could enjoy as a scholar in music," Gries said. "It has been very sad for us all to lose someone with such great enthusiasm for scholarship."

Klotz was known as dedicated to her studies and improving her skills as a musician. "Erin was a wonderful person and a great friend to many in this school. She also had great patience, and was daily engaged in those activities necessary for success as a performer and scholar," Gries said. "She practiced her flute everyday. She was always prepared for class discussion. She wrote and re-wrote every paper submitted. Erin was eager for critical feedback, and at least once a week I'd receive a draft with her polite note asking for 'Comments, questions, critiques.'"

Ellicia and Adam Thiessen, Central students and long-time friends of Klotz’s, spoke about their friend and what she meant to friends and family from home. Ellicia Thiessen is taking an active stand against drunk driving, writing letters to newspapers across the state, including the Observer. She also teamed up with her husband and friends and passed out candy canes with reminders about drinking and drove to students before winter break.

"It’s made me very angry," Thiessen said. "I’ve had people I’ve known before dying of cancer, and old age, but I always knew that they were in pain, and it wasn’t a surprise. This was the first person that wasn’t supposed to die."

Thiessen is considering asking local high school leaders to implement a program educating students about drunk driving, similar to one in her high school.

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Cruise and Cruz team up for 'Vanilla Sky'

4 stars out of five

by Jaimee Castaneda
Asst. Scene Editor

Smart, intriguing, energetic and suspenseful, are a few adjectives describing the movie “Vanilla Sky.” “Vanilla Sky” is based on the 1997 Spanish romantic thriller, “Abre Los Ojos,” (open your eyes) written by Alejandro Amenabar. “Vanilla Sky” is the American version and was directed Cameron Crowe.

Giving it the signature Crowe touch, he incorporates ideas such as a painting by Monet, which is a reference to the movie’s title and contemporary music from Bob Dylan. Cruise and Crowe re-created “Abre Los Ojos” and cast Penelope Cruz.

The movie begins by introducing David Aames (Tom Cruise), a multimillion-dollar publishing company he inherits and gorgeous Julie Gianni (Cameron Diaz). Aames’ carefree attitude gets him into trouble with Gianni as she re-evaluates her feelings toward him. She wants more out of the relationship and is tired of being a crush. It was that same night Aames learns the meaning of falling in love as well as what a commitment entails. With a smile on his face, he leaves Sofia’s apartment with the hopes of seeing her again.

The story doesn’t exactly have a fairy tale ending and he no longer has the world at his feet. Jealous, Gianni sits in her car, waiting for Aames to leave Sofia’s apartment. His life begins to change for the worse in a short car ride with Gianni. He soon finds himself being interrogated by a psychiatrist, played by Kurt Russell, about a murder Aames commits.

This movie is enjoyable, but it deviates from movie norms, which usually include an easy to follow plot line. Many layers of plot incorporate the mixture of dream and reality. In a sense, it’s like watching the “Twilight Zone.”

Over all, this movie is worth seeing. Cruise is a great actor and entertaining to watch on the big screen. It was nice to see him in a different role other than being a cocky and/or arrogant prick. His character starts off cocky, but as the story progresses, his attitude changes. He begins to regret his actions and taking people for granted.

It’s a movie that makes one think, and it tantalizes the mind with its unpredictable plotline.
Four-game slide halted

Senior forward Jenny Dixon goes for up the shot during practice this week. Central hosts Humboldt State and Western Oregon this weekend. Both games start at 5 p.m. in Nicholson Pavilion.

Wildcats victorious at home invite

Entire varsity squad qualified for finals against Clackamas College and PLU

"All we've needed has been confidence."

— Senior Cole Denison

Two forfeits by CCC at the 133-pound class and by Central's Dupre Lacey in the heavyweight division, canceled each other out. Lacey was forced to forfeit after missing practice.

Adding to Central's victory were junior Ty Roberts at 174 pounds, freshman Josh Brock at 197 pounds, freshman Jaime Garza at 125 pounds, Denison at 141 pounds and junior Shane Jaime at 184 pounds.

"Ross Kondo stepped it up last weekend," Denison said. "He and Jaime Garza were probably the most impressive as far as improvement on the season goes."

Going up against Matt Holt of PLU, sophomore Ross Kondo, weighing in at 133 pounds, put him down on the mat for a pin in 4:52.

"It was a good match," Kondo said. "The whole weekend went great. All of us are doing very good and will definitely be improving throughout the season. We're going to be ready for nationals."

Also accounting for victory by pins against PLU was Denison over Wade Brzozowski in 2:54, Novak over Gustavo Anaya in 2:30 and sophomore Franco Santiago at 184 pounds over Greg Nelson in 2:27.

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...these wins put us right back into the hunt.

— Head Coach Jeff Whitney

by Duane Shimogawa
Staff reporter

Central Washington University went up to Alaska to take care of some business and to snap a four game skid.

"That's exactly what the women's basketball team did as they roared back to win two straight against the Alaska-Fairbanks Nanooks 72-52 and the Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves 78-55."

"I'm very excited about the wins and especially being in their home gyms," head coach Jeff Whitney said.

Central, 10-3 (4-2 GNAC), elevated its play in Alaska as senior center Rose Shaw solidified the middle and led the Wildcats in scoring by averaging more than 17 points on the road trip.

"We won because of our tenacious defense and we were inspired to win after losing four straight, which is the first time that has happened since I've been here," Shaw said.

In both games, Central jumped out to a huge lead and never gave AFU a chance to answer.

"We are now refocused and ready to take it one game at a time. These wins put us right back into the hunt," Whitney said.

Against Alaska-Fairbanks, Central came into the game poised to take on the tenth ranked team in the NCAA II West Region. After jump­ ing out to an 8-0 lead, the Wildcats never looked back as they garnered a 46-24 halftime lead and breezed to a 20 point debacle 72-52. The Wildcats' defense proved to be the big key in the game as they held the Nanooks to just three-of-14 from downtown.

Aside from Shaw's 16 points, junior guard Megan Kauzky dropped in 13 points and senior guard Dawna Lialbratzen chipped in with 12 points. Kauzky and Lialbratzen were also hot from behind the arc as they each knocked down four trifectas. Amy Woodruff led the Nanooks with 12 points.

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Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Wildcats slammed Clackamas Community College (36-9) and Pacific Lutheran University (46-3) on the mats in the two dual meets held Friday night at Nicholson Pavilion.

“We wrestled really well. It was a good set-up for this week-end. It was a good confidence builder for everyone on the team. Traditionally PLU and Clackamas are good teams. Taking it to them makes you feel good about the talent on our team," head coach Jay McGuffin said.

The Wildcats won all but three matches Friday. Six pins accrued to the Wildcats' high scores.

Senior Cole Denison credits the team's performance over the weekend to hard work.

"Jay (McGuffin) has been pushing us pretty hard," Denison said. "We've been pushing each other. All we've needed has been confidence."

Junior Jared Novak started the night out right with a decision over CCC's Ryan Storemetz at 159 pounds.

Immediately following was an impressive pin by Central's Kyle Smith at 165 pounds over Paul Menssen.

Adding to Central's victory were junior Ty Roberts at 174 pounds, freshman Josh Brock at 197 pounds, freshman Jaime Garza at 125 pounds, Denison at 141 pounds and junior Shane Jaime at 149 pounds.

“Ross Kondo stepped it up last weekend," Denison said. "He and Jaime Garza were probably the most impressive as far as improvement on the season goes."

Going up against Matt Holt of PLU, sophomore Ross Kondo, weighing in at 133 pounds, put him down on the mat for a pin in 4:52.

"It was a good match," Kondo said. "The whole weekend went great. All of us are doing very good and will definitely be improving throughout the season. We're going to be ready for nationals."

Also accounting for victory by pins against PLU was Denison over Wade Brzozowski in 2:54, Novak over Gustavo Anaya in 2:30 and sophomore Franco Santiago at 184 pounds over Greg Nelson in 2:27.
Central Athlete of the Week

LiaBraaten proves to be wise investment

by Staci Miller
Asst. sports editor

Investments are sometimes a shot in the dark, but for Central Washington University basketball player Dawnita LiaBraaten, the risk proved to be worth every penny. In the second grade, with her mother’s permission, she spent her hard earned allowance on a small basketball hoop, igniting her love for the sport.

Today the 5-foot-7 senior is reaping the benefits of her childhood investment as a starting guard for the Wildcats. She is the second leading scorer on the team and by the way her season is going she has no intention of slowing down.

As a transfer student from Clark Community College in Vancouver, LiaBraaten had a difficult decision to make during the recruiting process. Schools as far north as Alaska made offers for the young talent but none made the cut until coach Jeff Whitney put his two cents in.

“It was a good experience,” she said. “It’s really interesting and fun to have someone really want you.”

Whitney was so impressed with LiaBraaten, he offered her what she had ultimately been searching for: a full athletic scholarship.

“She’s one of those junior college recruits that you’re lucky to get,” Whitney said. “And those are hard to come by.”

Energy and talent also played a part in LiaBraaten’s high school glory days on the court. When she played for Kelso High School, LiaBraaten performed well enough to set a few school records. She broke the records for the best free throw percentage and the best three-point percentage and she was also the recipient of the Most Inspirational Award for her team. Not only does she possess talent, energy and the award for most inspirational, she also has obtained life skills from the game of basketball.

“Basketball has taught me numerous things like leadership and how to work with others and to confront others,” LiaBraaten said. “It has been very, very helpful.”

Over the past couple of years, LiaBraaten has brought more than a great outside shot to the court. She added more defensive skills to her repertoire of basketball talents and in affect has added a new dimension to her craft and it has helped the team dramatically.

“For the most part, the 21-year-old health and fitness major from Kelso has no regrets in the investments she has made for herself in becoming a Wildcat.”

In the end she hopes to leave Central feeling as though she has made a difference in the lives she has touched and the sport she loves.

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Senior guard Dawnita LiaBraaten (left), the second leading scorer for the Wildcats, has helped lead her team to a 10-4 record this season.
Wildcats are falling fast
1-5 Central takes on undefeated Humboldt State tonight

by Casey Steiner
Asst. sports editor

Riding a three-game losing streak, the Central Washington University men's basketball team saw its five-week, eight-game road trip come to an end last weekend in a rather unfurling fashion. The Wildcats' promising 4-0 start didn't pan out as the team went 4-6, 1-5 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, over their next ten games making aspirations of a postsea- son and national glory hard to fulfill.

Central concluded the road trip, which dated back to Dec. 8, with a 77-82 loss at Northwest Nazarene University and a 73-83 loss at Seattle University Jan. 10 and 12. The pair of losses drops the Wildcats' record to 8-6 overall and 1-5 in the GNAC, good for ninth place in a ten-team conference.

"We didn't play well defensively," head coach Greg Sparling said. "We didn't play well defensively at all."

The Wildcats shot themselves into a hole, firing a combined 5-of-26 from the three-point-line against NNU. Knocking down outside jump shots stretches the defense giving the Central post players a much-needed advantage on the inside.

Senior power-forward Justin Thompson did all he could to carry the Wildcats with 27 points on 13-of-19 shooting, six rebounds and three assists. But without the help of his teammates, who shot just over 31 percent from the field, Thompson could not overcome the balanced inside-outside game of the Crusaders.

People are going to have to step up and make sure we're going to have any success the rest of the season," Sparling said. "We can't shoot the way we did at NNU and SU again.

Two nights later the Wildcats were forced to find a way to score without their star, Thompson, who sprained his ankle in the final minute of the NNU game. Yet again Central mustered only 7-of-28 shooting from long range and committed a ghastly 26 personal fouls. Junior guard Terry Thompson led all scorers with 26 points and shot five-of-10 from the three-point-line. Combine the 26 personal fouls with the superb free throw shooting ability of the Redhawks and you get 28 (26-of-31) free points for SU. Central, in turn, shot only 57 percent from the charity stripe (8-of-14).

"JT's (Justin Thompson) status is day to day," Sparling said. "The swelling is starting to go down. The most important thing is to get him back to full-strength so he's not hampered by the ankle the rest of the season."

With twelve games remaining, all of which are in conference play, Central has a lot of ground to make up on the conference elite. And they may have to get started on that comeback tonight without team leader Thompson.

"I don't have a crystal ball," Sparling said. "We have to go out and play one game at a time. Ultimately we need to win. Hopefully the NCAA will let us in (the playoffs) with a 20-4 record."

Conference-leading, number 12-ranked and undefeated Humboldt State brings its high-pow­ ered offensive attack to Nicholson Pavilion tonight (7 p.m.) for its first match-up of the sea­ son with the Wildcats. HSU, 14-0 overall, 5-0 GNAC, leads the conference in team scoring at 93.8 points per game which amounts to the third-best scoring average in the nation. Sophomore 6-foot-5 guard/forward Austin Nichols has led the Lumberjacks in scoring in all but four games this season and has a GNAC- leading cumulative average of 24.4 points per game.

"They're playing extremely well," Sparling said. "We have to see what we can do in our house. The key is to get our defense rolling."

If Thompson is unable to play, senior guard Troy Neely will step into the starting line-up.

On Saturday, Western Oregon visits chilly Ellensburg. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. The Wolves sport a 5-9 overall and 2-3 conference record good for sixth place in the conference.

Sophomore 6-foot-5 wing Robert Day leads WOU at 19.2 points per game.

WOU's record reveals its woeful inconsis­ tencies. The Wolves have yet to win consecu­ tive ball games. For the Wildcat's sake, hopefully WOU will keep to that pattern as they won their last game against Alaska Fairbanks.

"We need those wins for a shot at the post­ season," Sparling said.

Sparking encourages students to come out and support the team.

"We've got a good team and a nationally ranked team (HSU) coming to town," Sparling said. "It's exciting basketball and it's free to students. We haven't seen you guys in a while."

Central continues its home stand next Saturday with a conference match-up with St. Martin's College before heading back out on the road. Jan. 31 the Wildcats travel to WWU in a rematch of their overtime loss Dec. 8.

Joe Whiteside/Observer

Freshman guard Gabe Bowns passes the ball in practice earlier this week. The Wildcats want to redeem themselves tonight after a disappointing (1-5) start to the season against the twelfth ranked team in the nation and top team in the GNAC, the Humboldt State Lumberjacks. The Western Oregon Wolves invade Nicholson Pavilion Saturday night for another GNAC encounter with Central. Both games begin at 7 p.m.

Show your ID and come support the team."

If you can't make it to the gym, all men's basketball games can be heard on KXLE 1240 AM or accessed on the web at www.cwu.edu/cwuslam.
Central wrestlers prepare for Nationals and will see 12 of the top 20 teams in the country. Saturday, the Wildcats face third-ranked Ashland University of Pennsylvania. Central hopes to improve upon last year's fifth-place finish at Nationals.

WRESTLING: National duals this weekend

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Two forfeits against PLU counted in Central's favor in the 165 pound and heavyweight division. Following these two action filled meets was the Eric Bardsley Open at the Pavilion on Saturday. Lasting all day, Central had a hot spot of wrestlers from all around the northwest region.

"Everybody is wrestling a lot better," Denison said. "We're pulling it together as a team just in time to compete nationally this weekend."

The Wildcat champions of the day included Garza, Kondo, Denison, Novak, Smith and Lacey. Losing in the championship match were Roberts, Santiago, and Brock.

"All of the varsity guys were in finals on Saturday, except for the 149-pounder who was injured," Garza said. The Wildcats now 6-4, head to Columbus, Ohio, for the NCAA II National Duals, Jan. 18-19, at Ohio State University. In Columbus, each Central wrestler is expected to face four or five wrestlers ranked nationally in their weight-bracket and 12 of the top 20 teams in the nation will attend the dual meet.

The Wildcats will face third ranked Ashland of Pennsylvania 11 a.m. Saturday. "It's kind of like the David and Goliath story," McGuffin said. "They've got eight of 10 wrestlers ranked in the top eight in the country. We've got zero. We have to think positively. We can beat anybody."

After finishing fifth a year ago in this event the Wildcats believe they can do even better this year despite the tough Ashland wrestlers who stand in their way.

"Last year we took fifth and we were unranked," junior Ken Salvini said. "We're not ranked again this year so why not do it again and hopefully even better."

Coach McGuffin also has high team expectations.

"I expect us to win it," McGuffin said. "There's no reason we shouldn't win it. We've been wrestling really well in January so far. I've got confidence in my team."

McGuffin and his wrestlers head south to Oregon after returning from Ohio. Central faces Southern Oregon University Jan. 24 and the University of Oregon Jan. 25. There is only one more chance to see the Central wrestlers in Ellensburg. The Wildcats host San Francisco State University and Simon Fraser University Feb. 8 at 4 and 6 p.m., respectively, in Nicholson Pavilion.

Toughman contest hits Yakima

by Observer staff

As seen on television, the Original Toughman Contest comes to Yakima this weekend.

Contestants will compete for a chance at Toughman World Championships where they will have the chance to earn $100,000 in prize money. Central student Scottie Ross will try his luck at hand-to-hand combat against other local tough guys.

The doors open at 7 p.m., and the fights begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18-19, at the Yakima SunDome. Ticket prices are $20 daily or buy a two-day pass for $40. Weigh-ins are tonight at Jackson Bar and Grill, located at 432 S. 48th St. in Yakima.

The Toughman has produced such athletes as Butterbean, who will fight William "Refrigerator" Perry Feb. 2 in a boxing match. If you are competing in the Toughman Contest and are a Central student please contact Kevin Endegar at 963-1073 before 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18.

Buy tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone at (206) 628-0888.