2002 budget faces cutbacks

by Amanda Hickman
Staff reporter

While still reeling from last year's budget cuts, Central Washington University once again prepares to stumble into a new budget quandary.

"If we have to take a cut, it will certainly affect our students because we will have to look at both academic and support services," Richard Corona, business and financial affairs interim vice president, said.

The state legislature suggested a five percent cut in Central's state general fund appropriation for 2003. Should this cut go into affect, Central's operating budget would be more than two million dollars less than it is now.

A cut like that could mean a tuition increase, a cut in Central's staff health care coverage, a delay in staff salary increases (supposed to begin on July 1 to Sept. 1) and various programs and functions would be cut or lose substantial funding.

Gov. Gary Locke told all six, four-year higher education institutions to expect a five percent cut in state funds.

Central President Jerilyn McIntyre proposed a "cut equity," Central appealed to the state to limit its cut because Central had already cut 5 percent from last year's budget. Central also suggested limiting tuition setting and uniform tuition at the undergraduate level.

Budget scenarios are being created in anticipation of a three to nine percent cut in funds.

"The 5 percent cut that is being considered in the supplemental budget, added to the cuts we sustained coming into this biennium, is a deep cut," McIntyre said.

Despite the lack in state funds, Locke proposed an increase in state funding for the Washington State Need Grant, which aids low income students.

However, the amount of the increase may not be sufficient to cover the entire cost of all tuition increases in all institutions across the state.

Locke's proposal also provides institutions unlimited authority over tuition increases in an attempt to offset the loss of the state general fund.

"Higher tuition rates are a strong possibility to offset some of the loss of state funding," Joseph Antonich, director of financial services, said.

No decisions have been made on which programs or functions to eliminate if the need arises. Enrollment projections for next year are being calculated to estimate the impact on expenditures, as well as reviewing salary and equity needs and evaluating the pros and cons of a tuition increase.

The Council of Presidents, including McIntyre, continues to meet with Gov. Locke and the state legislature to attempt to resolve the budget.

Robert E. Lee Day at casino

by Andrew Fickes
Ass. news editor

Last weekend, when most Americans expected to read commemorations on civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. Day Jan. 21. The casino manager said Lee was "a great man."

Central ex-provost heads to California to work as provost

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

With a fresh perspective and plenty of experience as a business communications professor at California State University, Stanislaus, overseeing all academic programs, Dauwalder acted as provost for nearly five years and teaches in the department of information technology and administrative management. In June he will assume the position of provost at California State University, Stanislaus, overseeing all academic programs.

"I enjoyed doing the job of provost and was interested in doing that again," Dauwalder said. "When I left the position here at Central I decided to look for another."

Before coming to Central in 1993 as dean of the school of business and economics, Dauwalder acted as professor and chair of the department of office systems and business education at California State University, Los Angeles.

Later he became the associate dean and then acting dean of the school of business and economics at CSU, Los Angeles. Being acquainted with the CSU system will help with Dauwalder's transition, but jumping into a high level position is both good and bad.

"You come in without a lot of impressions built. But you also don't have the benefit of a long history, understanding how and why things have developed over the years."

Dauwalder said. "It's a matter of learning as much as you can as quickly as you can and then taking a
Police Briefs

Compiled by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

Residential theft
1:30 p.m. Jan. 14
An 18-year-old woman reported a watch estimated at $125 and approximately $55 was taken over several instances in the past two months in the 900 block of E. 12th Ave.

Black market parking pass
1:41 p.m. Jan. 15
A 1991 Mazda Protege was broken into in the O-5 parking lot. When inspected, a parking pass and a jacket were found to be missing. Total loss is estimated at about $90.

Residential burglary
11 p.m. Jan. 15
An unknown suspect/suspects entered an unlocked door on the 800 block of E. 11th St. sometime between 9 and 11 p.m. and stole a TV and a CD player. Total loss is estimated at $350.

Vandalized masterpiece
5:20 a.m. Jan. 16
A 4-by-12 painting hanging in the Science Building had five holes punched in it. The damage is estimated at approximately $2000.

A bit backed up
11 p.m. Jan. 16
A library employee noticed the toilets of the men's bathrooms on the first, second and fourth floors had all been stuffed with toilet seat covers.

Candy machine crime spree
7 a.m. Jan. 19
The glass front of a candy machine was broken on the first floor of McConnell Auditorium. The coins and bills were taken from the machine. Damage is estimated at $350.

7 a.m. Jan. 20
The glass front of a candy machine was broken on the first floor of Michaelis Hall. The coins and bills again were taken. Also, a change machine on the second floor of the building was pried open and the coins and bills were taken. Some vandalism to posters hanging in the building was noticed. Damage is estimated at $1500.

10 a.m. Jan. 20
Coins and bills were reported stolen through the broken glass front of a candy machine in Nicholson Pavilion. Damage is estimated at $560.

1:15 p.m. Jan. 20
Coins and bills were reported stolen through the broken glass front of a candy machine in the student lounge of the Psychology Building. Damage is estimated at $560.

1:43 p.m. Jan. 20
Coins and bills were reported stolen through the broken glass front of a candy machine in the Language and Literature Building. Damage is reported at $450.

Take a whiff out of crime
9:27 p.m. Jan. 21
Police received a call reporting the smell of burnt marijuana emanating from a residence in the 900 block of E. 12th Ave. Officers arrived and confirmed the smell. Upon knocking on the door, officers found an 18-year-old woman and two men in residence.

All parties admitted to smoking marijuana. One of the men produced a pipe from which the substance was smoked, and he was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Walnut Mall construction continues

Progress on new buildings planned in Central Washington University's future can be seen in the ditches dug around Walnut Mall. Old buried utilities servicing existing buildings are being removed and replaced. Chilled water pipes, which will be used to cool new and existing un-air-conditioned facilities, are being installed. Buried power and telecommunication lines are also included in the project, which is scheduled to be completed in June.

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Computing and Telecommunication Services have been working to improve Internet accessibility on campus by Amanda Hickman Staff reporter

Faster connections will be easy as 1-2-3

Computing and Telecommunication Services (CTS) is working on a three-step process to make Central Washington University’s Internet connection a better one.

All computer labs on campus, including the residence halls, are undergoing procedures to reduce consumption, prioritize Internet use and add capacity. “We want to improve the performance of the Internet,” Chris Timmons, a network engineer, said. The department is working to improve the lives and residence halls are because of how Central students are using the Internet.

CTS noticed a substantial slowdown of the Internet connection speed because students are downloading large files, such as music files and peer-to-peer file transfer applications like Kazaa.com and audiogalaxy. “The recent slowdown in the residential Internet connection speed is due to bandwidth hungry applications,” Timmons said.

In effort to correct the problem, CTS is reducing consumption by discontinuing services that are not being used anymore, and by web caching. “Web caching involves keeping local copies of commonly used Web Pages, like CNN.com for instance, in ‘storage facility’ so they can instantly be brought up,” Timmons said.

CTS also installed hardware called Packetshaper that places a delay between a site’s internal network and the Internet. “Packetshaper works like a valve that slows the stream of certain traffic to make more room for time-sensitive applications like the Web. It is a very useful device...especially when over 75 percent of the residence hall’s Internet connections are to applications like Kazaa.com and audiogalaxy.”

In another effort to remedy slow Internet connections, an upgrade was performed last week for additional capacity in the residence halls. Central needs to find funding for more upgrades in the computer labs. “The recent upgrades (to the Internet) in the residence halls are as good or better than other colleges,” Ken Baxter, director of housing and conference services, said. “Students have a larger appetite for Internet use...it’s become an extension to all of our lives.”

The office of Housing and Residence Life paid for the high-speed connection upgrade.

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Residents may have noticed flyers posted around the commons area of their residence hall advertising in-house activities like pizza parties, dances, lip-sync competitions or mixers.

The Resident Hall Association (RHA), which oversees in-house resident activities, has a lot of events planned that their residents may not know about.

The RHA, which meets at 6 p.m. every Wednesday in the Barto lounge, is the governing body that determines these events, available to any resident interested in participating in them.

Cruises, winter retreats at fun centers, pizza parties, the Hall Olympics, mixers and movie nights are a few of the events that might be planned.

The RHA is planning a three-hour cruise sometime in May, which will likely be on Lake Chelan. The cost of the cruise will be covered by the RHA funds, which come from Office of Residential Services and fund raising activities.

There is also a winter retreat planned at Bullwinkle’s fun center, located in Renton; the only cost to residents would be to pay to play video games.

The Hall Olympics are scheduled for Saturday, February 23 and will be taking place at Nicholson Pavilion, the SUB Game Room, the Recreation Center and possibly in the “Dug Out” located at Holmes Dining Hall.

“We hope the games will instill some hall pride,” Dale Scully, area coordinator of residential services, said. “We would call it a success if we got everyone out there just to meet some new people.”

There will be up to 13 events open to any resident hall occupant. The events might include: basketball, volleyball, floor hockey and some non-traditional events like co-ed Trivial Pursuit and Playstation.

Medals will be awarded for first, second and third place finishers with the overall winning hall receiving a trophy. It’s cool that the resident halls make an effort to create activities for us,” Jeremy Howard, sophomore, flight technology major, said.

“Sometimes when you’re involved in your studies, you forget that the hall often times provides the perfect outlet for a change of pace.”

Fun events aren’t the only thing that is discussed or planned at RHA meetings. Meetings are also a forum for residents to voice their opinions about hall life or seek some RHA monies for hall activities.

Grant Datgel, RHA chairperson, said, “The most important aspect of the RHA is it’s ability to allow on-campus residents a chance to get their voices heard.

The RHA fields residents’ concerns on many subjects; ranging from how narrow the bridge is crossing the Ganges to black ice that hazard residents on their way to class.

Any resident can attend RHA meetings.

A.C.E.S.S. makes career planning accessible

by Tamera Ruehle
Staff reporter

The seventh annual Accessing Career Employment Success Strategies (A.C.E.S.S.) will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, on the Central Washington University campus.

“It’s a great resource to prepare students for spring interviews and Career Quest’s 29th annual career fair on April 18,” Teri Hendrickson, Central recruiting coordinator-event planner, said.

The day will begin with interactive group sessions. Students will choose four topics of interest and attend only those sessions. Topics include: Job Prospects in a Challenging Market, Leadership Equals Teamwork, Marketing Yourself, Evaluating Your Benefits and many more.

The topics will address the changes in the economy over the past few months. The day will also include a luncheon with employers, a business wardrobe presented by Alpha Kappa Psi, mock interviews with employers and resume reviews by Central career counselors.

The cost is $15, including lunch, and can be paid at the Career Development Office in Barge Hall, room 204 or online at www.cwuCareer.com.

The registration deadline is Jan. 28. If the deadline is missed, call and check for additional room.

Local anti-hate leader priest lives with Lou Gerhig’s Disease

by Staci Miller
Asst. sports editor

Priest. Anti-hate leader. Husband. Friend. Imagine being all of these before the age of 60. From small community to big city to college town, one local man has influenced lives and battled the fight against hatred but is now faced with the battle of his life.

Bill Wassmuth, 59, was born and raised in a large, loving and supportive family in northern Idaho. In 1967, Wassmuth chose a life as a Catholic priest.

For 21 years Wassmuth served the Catholic Church as a parish priest and friend to the Coeur d’Alene community. After leaving the church in 1988, Wassmuth moved to the Seattle area.

In 1989, he married artist Mary Francis Dondelinger and began development of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, (NCAMH).

While working in Seattle, Wassmuth reunited with an old friend from Coeur d’Alene, Rick Morse, who took up a ministry in the Kirkland area.

Wassmuth and Morse first met in 1979 in Coeur d’Alene while serving as priests in the community.

“I was always impressed with his deep spirituality and sense of justice,” Morse recalled. “He was a person who knew his values and was committed to his values and I truly respected that about him.”

In the 80’s and 90’s years of helping people fight the war against racism and intolerance, Wassmuth left NCAMH and shared his stories of inspiration and peace with the people of the Northwest. In the year 2000, he gave over 25 presentations which included workshops, keynote addresses and small group discussions, which focused mainly on fighting hatred and intolerance.

Wassmuth and his wife moved from Seattle to Ellensburg and have made their home in the shadow of Central Washington University for the past two years. They moved east to enjoy the warmth of the sun and the small town life Ellensburg offers.

“The thing we were missing in Seattle that we found here was the sense of community,” Wassmuth said. “In a big city, you can find community if you work at it, but it is not easy. The community sense we get here in Ellensburg is great. Folks care about the community and they work to make it good and they work to make it strong.”

Last October, Wassmuth was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gerhig’s disease. As a result of his illness, he said, “There are good things that can result even though it is a bad thing, but it is a bad thing.

Though Wassmuth’s activity is limited, it does not stop him from being a friend to those in the community.

When he was diagnosed with ALS, Wassmuth received warmth and kindness from the community. One such instance was just the other day.

“When I realized he was sick, I decided to bake him some cookies as a neighborly gesture,” neighbor Carey Olsen said. “We got to talking about general things about the day.”

The kindness of the community does not stop there. Every Wednesday afternoon, a local businessman takes time out of his schedule to bring lunch and a little conversation to the Wassmuth home.

“Hey enjoy, chattering,” Wassmuth said. “He has a lot of stuff he can do but he chooses to spend that kind of time with me.”

What Bill Wassmuth sees in his future is what he thinks most people should keep in mind for their own lives. He would like to live life to the fullest and with peace. He would like to keep his relationships strong with those around him particularly his family and friends.

“Whatever time I have left I want to live as much as possible with the same peace as I can,” Wassmuth said. “Live as many days as I have left as fully as possible as much as possible. That’s my goal.”

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Tina Kamphier (left), a information technology system specialist at Computing and Telecommunications services, helps senior Concetta Jennings check her email on Wednesday in the CTS office. CTS is one of many services available to resident hall members.

"Some things I took for granted before, I don't anymore."

—Bill Wassmuth
HOLIDAY: Robert E. Lee honored at casino

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through and appreciated it," Bilbo said.

Bilbo moved to Ellensburg from Mississippi last April when the Wild Goose Casino opened its doors. The casino is a Washington-based company and has no ties to the South.

"To celebrate Lee's birthday is to validate his principles and to honor his memory," Bobby Cummings, Washington College Women's Basketball head coach, said. Bilbo said no racist intentions were involved.

"It's a bad representation of the town. It's just so ignorant and random. Why would you put that up anywhere?" — Crystal McLean, freshman, undeclared

"I don't necessarily see a problem with it because the Civil War had to do with other political things besides slavery." — Melissa Stokke, senior, public relations

Welcome CWU Parents & Families!

CWU Parents & Family Weekend 2002

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

6-8 pm:
Parents and Family Weekend Early Check In at the SUB Info Booth (Relief your tickets, t-shirts, schedules, etc. at this time.)

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

9 am-1 pm:
Parents and Family Weekend Check In and Welcome Center at the SUB Info Booth (pick up your tickets, t-shirts, schedules, etc. at this time.)

9 am & 1 pm:
Snowshoe Tour $10, includes rental and transportation. 509-963-3512. Meet 15 minutes prior to departure time at Tent-n-Tube in the SUB.

9 am & 1 pm:
Cross-Country Sking $10, includes rental and transportation. 509-963-3512. Meet 15 minutes prior to departure time at Tent-n-Tube in the SUB.

10 am:
Inner Tube Trip to Sun Country Winter Park $12, includes tubes & transportation. 509-963-3512. Meet 15 minutes prior to departure time at Tent-n-Tube in the SUB.

9:15 am:
Chimpanosome (one hour educational workshop involving our world-renowned signing chimpanzees) at the CHCI (Chimpanzee & Human Communication Institute), at D St. & Nicholson Blvd., $10 adults, $7.50 students (college, university, K-12, preschool).

10:45 am:
Chimpanosome at the CHCI, D Street & Nicholson Boulevard, $10 adults, $7.50 students. 509-963-2244.

10 & 11 am:
Campus Tours leave from the SUB.

5 & 7 pm:
Women's & Men's Basketball Nicholson Pavilion. Women's Basketball vs. Seattle Pacific University at 5 pm and Men's Basketball vs. St. Martin's College at 7 pm. $6 general, $4 senior and non-Central students, Central students free (admission includes both games).

3:30 pm:
Murder Mystery Dessert Theater in the SUB Fountain Room. An evening of gourmet desserts and intrigue! $12 general, $8 student.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

10 am-1:30 pm:
Parents & Family Weekend Brunch at Holmes West Dining Hall. $7.50 cash or $5.40 student debit card price. Meal plans accepted (students can "buy" their parents and/or friends brunch with the meal card also). Pay at the door.

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Letters

Central’s parking problem needs a shot in the arm to make student lives more easy

Dear Editor:

I am very frustrated with the parking situation on campus lately. For a full year it cost about $75 to park in any parking lot on campus. I thought that this was a fairly good deal, but how good is it when you can’t find anywhere to park? I end up waiting for 20 minutes to find a place or parking so far away that I am late for class. Although I don’t mind walking, I live seven miles out of town so it is a must for me to drive. I didn’t realize that Central could over-sell their parking permits. I know that they figure that not all of the students are in class at the same time, but there seems to be popular times for classes. If Central is going to charge that much money for something that I can only have 50 percent of the time than maybe they should use their funds more wisely.

A very concerned student,
Jill Fischer

American Taliban should be honored

I am writing in support of John Walker, the American Taliban fighter. I don’t know exactly how he feels about the situation that he is right now but I look up to him. When I look at him I don’t see a traitor. I don’t see some poor kid that was confused and ended up fighting for the wrong side. I see a man that found a place for himself in the world. He found the religion that made him complete and what I presume he thought was the home in which he wanted to practice that religion. Now, after all the effort that he has put into separating himself from the homeland where he was born he is being brought back and placed on trial as a traitor, the highest crime against a country.

—Daren Schembri

State should invest in Central, not punish it

During this year’s legislative session, Governor Gary Locke and the state representatives must deal with a $1.25 billion budget deficit. Along with many state funded projects, education’s getting a swift kick to the head.

Locke announced he would like the state colleges and universities to cut their operating budgets by about five percent. In real numbers, that means a little more than two million dollars Central won’t see again. Bear in mind, Central cut 5.5 percent last year. If this goes through, Central will have lowered its budget by more than 10 percent in the last two years.

Although the state was rolling in surplus monies last couple of years, our economy has slid into a recession, depleting those resources. Any Keynesian economist will tell you that a recession, governments need to spend more (deficit spending), not reduce spending. Although theory says the state should start deficit spending, our university is asked to take another cut.

Gov. Locke will leave it to each individual university to decide how to deal with the cuts. Since Central cannot afford to just slice two million from its operating budget, some other funds must be raised. You better believe the legislature expects Central’s Board of Trustees to raise tuition to meet its budgetary needs. Central’s President Jerilyn McIntyre admits that raising tuition is, at best, a short term solution to the financial problem.

To its credit, the state plans to pump more money into the Washington State Need Grant, which helps students from lower-income families. However, since each university can raise tuition by leaps and bounds, there is no guarantee that extra money will do much good.

Money from the state makes up almost 70 percent of Central’s operating budget, so any cut can be devastating. It seems to be a trend with our state legislators to gradually cut that percentage. As students paying for your education, it may be prudent to contact your representatives and tell them what you think about these wacky ideas. Locke admitted that the funding of universities needs a fix, but this is the same song and dance we’ve all seen before. Locke and the legislators need to come up with a plan and return funding to the schools.

In a recession, cutting education should be the legislators last move. Ultimately we want to ease the recession, so why not invest in the future of this state? Locke should convince the state to give more money to the universities and to the Washington State Need Grant. The state and country would ultimately benefit from an entire generation of highly educated workers. Then these highly educated individuals would take better paying jobs and would pay more in taxes. It’s that simple. Invest in the youth now and reap the benefits in the future.

—Mark Kendrick

Letters to the Editor Policy

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Try. I don't believe he has committed any crimes though. He was fighting for his country. Just because he didn't stand before a judge or consulate or any other official and renounce his citizenship does not mean that he was a traitor. Official or not, he was no longer a citizen of this country when he was fighting for the Taliban. Citizenship is simply an official term used by officials. I believe citizenship is a feeling of belonging where you are and knowing where you belong. He knew where his loyalties were and he stood up for them. I respect him for that more than anyone else that is involved in this conflict.

My opinion is that he should be handled like any other prisoner of war. If he was not a leader or one of bin Laden's key men then let him go back to Afghanistan with his life but not with his passport. Make it official. Take away his citizenship and allow him to go wherever he wants to go. America may be the land of the free but I think it is also the home of the bullies. Our policy is not that of the world and the sooner we see that the better off this country will be.

So I want to say one last time that I support John Walker the soldier, John Walker the devout Muslim, for standing up for what he believes in.

Mark Constantine
Central Student

Cartoon by Jed Waits

Due to a recent lack of funds at the state and local levels, I am officially enforcing budget cuts on all state universities...

I realize these universities have regularly received funds for further advancement in educational programs, facilities, and technology to better enrich students in their academic pursuits...

However, I feel that even though I deem education as my No. 1 priority, these cuts will demonstrate what I term "Give-and-Take Relationships!"

Gov. Geary Locke

Human rights activists should look further than Cuba for violations

Up until the War Against Terrorism, human rights activists harped about the blatant violations administered by states against their people. Yet all those accusations fell by the wayside as soon as the U.S. government placed detainees in Camp X-Ray, on the Guantanamo Bay navy base in Cuba.

Of all the hot spots for oppression, I would not pick this one for such a powerful media assault. However, the Red Cross, British tabloids and others have complained about the harsh and nasty treatment these detainees received. It's certainly no walk in the park, but I would not say life is terribly bad for these people in comparison to others around the world.

The U.S. military must be aware that their actions would be viewed through a microscope, but this is getting ridiculous. The detainees are fed, have shelter and are allowed to practice their religious beliefs. That's not too shabby. It's not supposed to be a dream vacation. The government is not keeping these people in Cuba because they have some extra tax money to spend. They are being kept and interrogated to help the government become more knowledgeable about terrorism.

As for taking them to Cuba, that was a wise move. The U.S. attempted to interrogate prisoners in an Afghan prison but some of the prisoners revolted and killed CIA agent John Spann. American safety needs to be considered.

What has been lacking in the rampant complaints from human rights activists is violations in other countries. Iraq used biological weapons on its own people, Iran and Syria are very repressive. Over the years China demonstrated its ability to be ruthless to foreign citizens as well as its own. Although it's wise to watch the U.S. actions in Cuba, it is irresponsible to ignore many more blatant attacks on human rights around the world.

—Daren Schuettpelz

Take advantage of some free money today

Although some Central students may complain about their university, many more have the time of their lives here. Many alumni go on to successful careers and, in their golden years, decide to give something back to the university that gave them the skills they needed.

One of the most common ways people “give back” is through scholarships. Each year, more scholarships are created to aid Central students. As tuition will most certainly rise this year, the need for scholarship money becomes even greater.

All too often, Central students arrive here and accept whatever financial aid package is presented before them. Unfortunately, no matter what income bracket one falls into, most of the package consists of loans. After four to six years at Central, the post-graduation bill can be unbearable. Many students who graduate from Central with four years of financial aid pay nearly $30,000 back to the federal government. Just think how much $30,000 buys.

The state provides grants to students who meet certain financial requirements. These help, but only those who are eligible, and the grants do not pay for an entire year at Central.

There are also those students whose parents make a substantial income but do not pay a dime for their children’s education. Students are not considered financially independent until they are 24-years-old. If one starts college at 18, then that provision provides little relief. Students in this situation often find themselves working full-time and taking 15-18 credits.

In light of all the scholarships available, this is ridiculous. Scholarship money falls like manna from Heaven. However, it takes much more effort to apply for a scholarship and that seems to keep many students from trying.

People have free will, and if they choose to take loans, they are certainly free to do so. For those who would like to get some extra money as a gift, Central can help. So if you hate your boss and your job and would like to spend more time studying, get some money. Most scholarships require some letters of recommendation and some personal information. In about four hours of work, one can bring in $1,500 or more. That's time well spent. Or you can work long hours for four years and barely scrape by. The choice is completely up to you.

The Scholarship Office, located in Barge 102, announces new scholarships almost daily. Every student, regardless of their financial situation should go and see what's available. Chances are, there is a scholarship designed for someone like you.

—Daren Schuettpelz

Observance II

Observance III
The Milk Products Building, built in 1936, was the primary stop for Darigold trucks. It now houses local bands and artist studios.

Andrea Vanhorn/Observer

Volunteer Center is asking for students to donate some of their time to help bring a little happiness to lives around Ellensburg. Those who are interested in helping during the week should visit Random Acts of Kindness, Page 11.

Mike Allenby, owner of Ellensburg Rodeo Bowl said, "They wanted to do a live telecast from somewhere off campus, and we thought it was a good idea." The "Burg has its own bowling team which consists of on-air staff and management. The team is always looking for another team to give them a run for their money.

"We want other teams to challenge us," Tighe said. "And those challenging teams get free bowling when they bowl against us. All they have to do is give me a call at 963-2311 to sign up."

Kevin Tighe, the station's promotional director, was the brain behind the idea of 'Burg 'n' Bowl. "This has been a fairly popular event that takes place during the week of Valentine's Day. The Service Learning and Volunteer Center will be promoting this week through various activities. Service Learning Fellow Meg Johnston, junior, said the purpose of the event is to raise the morale of the university.

Students build morale by participating in activities that will help them give Valentine's Day gifts available and the Service Learning and Volunteer Center is giving students a chance to give.

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Help your neighbor by Susan Bandy Art. scene editor

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Students build morale by participating in activities that will help make Valentine's Week more enjoyable. Some of the events include decorating the SFB for Valentine's Day, passing out candy to students on campus and setting up free coffee bars.

On a larger scale around the community, volunteers go out clothes to needy individuals in the area.

To make this week possible, the Service Learning and Volunteer Center is asking for students to donate some of their time to help bring a little happiness to lives around Ellensburg. Those who are interested in helping during the week should visit SFB 104.

"It's really great to do nice things just because. It brightens the day of someone else."
New park at Summit
by Andrew Patrick
Snag report
Table-tops, spines, handrails, quarter-pipes, a half-pipe and other obstacles are all things riders of both skis and snowboards can find at Snoqualmie’s newest obstacles parks that will challenge their abilities.

Daily action in the park can be seen as both snowboarders and skiers vie for air over 50-foot-plus tabletops and kickers.

“I think our overall package is the best because we have better terrain parks and pipes than everyone else,” Guy Lawrence, marketing and public relations manager for Ski Lifts, Inc., said. “We put them right in our best terrain, right in front of the busiest ski area.”

Snoqualmie’s commitment to providing riders with quality terrain parks with which to test their skill is easily seen, but better to experience.

“We’ve got grommets in there that are experienced and know what they’re doing, and they’re making safe features,” Jason Bergman, e-marketing manager for Ski Lifts, Inc., said.

Safe features include jump faces that are properly shaped so they don’t throw the rider up so high that he has no chance of clearing the down side.

“I hang out with a lot of the riders that are from around here that are definitely on the top-notch level for sure,” Bergman said. “This year, I’ve heard a lot of positive responses from it and just looking at it, it’s a much better pipe that we’ve had.”

The judicious effort of the terrain crew created a half-pipe at Summit West that is better than ever.

“Every morning that I’ve walked the course, the key will be to stick your landings so you can maintain your speed,” Pretty said.

The terrain park at Summit West doesn’t offer the most lines, so good planning and practice runs will be necessary to get the best scores possible and walk away with some prizes.

“We also have beginner bumps in there as well, which is all a part of the progression up to the bigger jumps,” said Bergman.

“Black Hawk Down” offers sobering view of war
By Meredith Willingham
Scene editor
“Black Hawk Down,” the true-life retelling of the 1993 battle of Mogadishu, is a first-rate war movie.


Aidid is intercepting international food shipments targeted for the starving Somali citizens. What was supposed to be a one-hour mission ended up being a 16-hour fight for survival against Somali militiamen.

The film’s subtitle lays out the United States’ involvement with a humanitarian United Nations mission in Somalia. The film does not focus on the lives of individual characters, which would have caused confusion. Instead, Scott emphasized battles rather than character development and focus adds clarity to the film. The retelling of a battle where American troops are heavily outnumbered and unarmed and yet end victorious, speaks for itself. And any movie where Americans kick ass is always a crowd pleaser.

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The film doesn’t shy away from showing the blood, guts and gore of war in the battle scenes, which explains its R rating. Blood begins to flow from the first 20 minutes of the film and continues to the film’s end.

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Perfect places for mom and dad to dine

Fiesta en Jalisco serves up quality Mexican food

With four Mexican-style restaurants in Ellensburg, the process of deciding on the one at which to eat may be lengthy and frustrating. Last Tuesday evening, I set out to solve this problem. My destination: Fiesta en Jalisco, located at 1315 Canyon Road.

The owner of the restaurant, Jose Uribe, originally from Ayotoca Jalisco, near Guadalajara, Mexico, came to Ellensburg from Southern California. "I thought this would be a good place to have a restaurant," Uribe said, when opened Fiesta en Jalisco just two days before the Ellensburg Rodeo in Sept. 1999.

Uribe, his cousin, and his friends operate the restaurant, serving about 150 customers on an average weekday. Their most popular dishes are fajitas and enchiladas, and I can say from personal experience that the margaritas are excellent.

Colorful artwork adorns the walls of Fiestas, capturing the essence of Mexican culture. "[The paintings] are about Mexico, they are typical of Mexico," Uribe said. A Mexican artist, now living in Seattle, created the artwork, which represents Hispanic festivals and celebrations.

"[The art] celebrates Mexico. Here in Ellensburg you guys celebrate the Rodos, so it's something like that in Mexico," Uribe said.

When my friend and I arrived at Fiesta en Jalisco at around 6 p.m., the restaurant was nearly full of diners enjoying baskets of chips and large plates of burritos or fajitas. Uribe, the working waiter that evening, saw us almost immediately, asked us how we were, and said that he would be right back to seat us. We were at our table in less than a minute, a nice touch in the corner of the semi-crowded, L-shaped room.

El Caporal is located at 1315 Canyon Road. The restaurant serves a variety of lunch and dinner plates.

The authentic Mexican music was turned up, but not too loud. There, a waitress, poured water and served us the traditional appetizer of freshly fried tortilla chips and spicy salsa. We ordered two margaritas, on the rocks ($4 each).

The chips - thin, crispy and still warm - went quickly. They were perfect for dipping in the spicy, thin salsa, and for picking up the pieces of onion which sat at the bottom.

Fiesta en Jalisco's menu has 52 meals in total, plus side orders, drinks, etc. The meals range from mariscos (seafood) to fiesta favorites like nachos, to pollo (chicken) or steak, and are priced from $7.95 to $13.95.

After much deliberation, I finally decided on the Fiesta Burrito with Chila, Belleno ($8.95). I then changed my mind and ordered #16 on the Combination menu, an enchilada, a chile relleno, a tostada, and a combo plate, followed by beans and rice, of course ($9.95).

The margaritas arrived in glass-shaped glasses with salted rims, and our meals came soon afterward. One look at the 14" plate covered with food and I knew I wouldn't be able to finish my meal. I didn't, but it wasn't because the food didn't taste good.

We were never without chips, salsa, or water (necessary for washing down the well-seasoned salsa) at our table, and the food was hot, flavorful and filling. The only complaint I have about my experience at Fiesta en Jalisco is that we never received the extra napkins we had asked for, twice.

I give Fiesta en Jalisco four stars (out of five), and would recommend the restaurant to anyone looking for a satisfying, relaxing eating experience with a cultural twist.

My opinion is reflected in the owner's statement about his business. "It think it's a good restaurant, with good service, and good meals," Uribe said.

Interview was conducted in Spanish and English. Some quotes are translated.

Bite size reviews to get a grasp on the tastes of E-burg

This classy establishment gives the feel of a fancy, big city restaurant, while maintaining the luxury of a quaint, cozy small town café.

Take your parents to this café if you are desperately trying to prove that Ellensburg is more than just a truck stop. Soft lighting and an elegant bar in the middle of the restaurant give the needed ambiance to make the Valley Café stand out in Ellensburg.

The humble restaurant is tucked into a corner sized setting on 3rd Street has a modest, but entirely adequate menu. The menu is designed with a more lunch-feel based, playing up the café aspect of the restaurant. At the Valley Café, the tasty food is accentuated wonderfully by the great service that you will encounter.

The pasta dishes are incredible; my personal favorite is the chicken alfredo pasta. Also highly recommended are the quesadillas. This egg and cheese based dish is full of delicious ingredients. Sandwiches are a sure bet if you aren't feeling to daring.

Everyday, there is a different meal special. It is more often than not the best on the menu that day. Live on the edge and try something that you normally wouldn't get.

The prices are a little more expensive than other restaurants in a college town. Remember that it is more edible than other restaurants in a similar fashion. The only complaint is that the food can sometimes taste like that in Mexico,

I recommend the two-enchiladas combination. I usually get one chicken and one cheese, but that's because I am up in the air constantly on whether or not I am a vegetarian or a meat eater. This gives the best of both worlds. The enchiladas are enormous and will feed the bottomless pits that we refer to as college men. The taco salad does its job well for the girls who will "just have a salad." Prices are around $8 a plate and you will have plenty of leftovers to live off of until you are ready to brave school food again. Does El Caporal do the job? Absolutely.

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El Caporal screams average, but that isn't to say that the food isn't okay. Take average as meaning reliable. The food isn't going to speak to you in the party in your mouth, but it will alleviate your hunger without making you feel you wasted your money.

If you've ever been in a Mexican restaurant before, then consider this meal to be a continuation of that one. Trust me, it's going to taste the same. The food is well prepared, and tastes like the way we all know Mexican cuisine to taste.

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Perkin's is a high class Denny's. The only difference between the two is Perkin's better food and lack of constant cigarette smoke. Perkin's, like Denny's, offers a wide variety of foods with breakfast available all day.

The menu at Perkin's is your standard breakfast all-day style. The food is typical and predictable, but more edible than other restaurants of similar fashion. The only complaint is that the food can sometimes taste the same. It's all of similar genre, therefore making it possible for things to mix together. This creates a like taste among the different meals.

For breakfast, go with the omelet. It can be prepared a variety of ways and Perkin's allows you to customize the omelet to every taste bud's desire. Quesadillas are perfect for my mid-day appetite.

For lunch, I prefer the sandwich portion of the menu. Grant's is one of the best in Ellensburg, nice prepared with chicken, cheese, onions and sour cream. For dessert, go with a steak. It will be well prepared and nicely garnished. Vegetarians, or those not in the mood for a hearty chunk of meat, should try the pasta. The sauces will put anything that you normally eat in the dining halls to shame.

You will leave happy and so will your parent's wallet; meals will cost from $7.95 to $13.95. You will leave happy and so will your parent's wallet; meals will cost from $7.95 to $13.95.

Family bondage is all that parents want over the weekend. What better way to casually avoid questions about "illegal activities" than shooting pool and eating pizza. The casual atmosphere of Grant's Pizza is the perfect place to eat with your parents. Your parents are used to the typical pizza chains that are all over the continental U.S., and what better way to show the local flavor then a town favorite.

My personal favorite at Grant's is the Hawaiian style (Canadian bacon and pineapple), but really whatever is your usually pizza preference will be great.

Though pizza is a typical college meal, Grant's is not a typical pizza place. The casual atmosphere will relax the tension between you and those who gave you life.
Thursday
Jan. 24

INT (Thursday Night Thing)
Cheestnut Street Baptist Church
7 p.m.

Filipino American Student Association (FASA) Meeting
SUB Room 209
5 p.m.

Friday
Jan. 25

CWU Chamber Choir presents "A Winter Feast"
Tunstall Dining Hall
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Vocal Concert
Vijay Singh
Hertz Hall
8 p.m.

Rock & Roll with "The Carolines"
Club Central-SUB
8 p.m.

Cost: $5 general admission, $3 student

Saturday
Jan. 26

CWU Chamber Choir presents "A Winter Feast"
Tunstall Dining Hall
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

CWU Swimming Nicholson Pavilion
1 p.m.

CWU Women's Basketball
Nicholson Pavilion
5 p.m.

CWU Men's Basketball
Nicholson Pavilion
7 p.m.

Parents Weekend Events:
Snowshoe Tour
Tent-n-Tube-SUB
9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Inner Tube Trip
Tent-n-Tube-SUB
10 a.m.
Cost: $12

Chimposium Tour
9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Campus Tour
SUB
10 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Murder Mystery
Dessert Theater
SUB Fountain Room
9:30 a.m.
Cost: $12 general admission, $8 student

Sunday
Jan. 27

Parents & Family Weekend Brunch
Holmes West Dining Hall
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Horn Ensemble
Hertz Hall
3 p.m.

D. Graybill-Flute
Hertz Hall
5 p.m.

Andrea Blowers-Flute
Hertz Hall
8 p.m.

Tuesday
Jan. 29

Chi Alpha
Mary Grupe Center
7 p.m.

Classic Film Series
"The Endurance"
McConnell Auditorium
7 p.m.
Cost: $3 single admission, $10 bargain pass

Salt Co.
CMA church
8 p.m.

Gala-GLBSTA
SUB Owhi Room
6 p.m.

Kappa Xi Meeting
Shaw Smyser Room 111
6 p.m.

Wednesday
Jan. 30

Graduate Orals
Shaw Smyser Room 225
2 p.m.

Faculty Senate Meeting
Barge Room 412
3:10 p.m.

Campus Crusade For Christ
SUB Theater
7 p.m.
John Hanskin
Hertz Hall
8 p.m.

ALANON Meeting
Wickerath Lounge-noon

New student help desk open in Meisner

by Jennifer DeJong
Staff reporter

Meisner Hall, one of the residence halls in the Bassetti Complex at Central Washington University, recently added a student Help Desk available to all on-campus residents.

The Help Desk was implemented this year to serve as an outlet for students looking for some fun extracurricular activities. The Help Desk offers free movie rentals, pool table equipment, cleaning supplies, and staff will answer any questions or concerns residents may have.

"We come down to get a vacuum cleaner every day," freshman Kristin Chatlay said. "It is really convenient."

Movie rentals include popular titles such as "Animal House," "Traffic," "The Mexican," and "O Brother, Where Art Thou." Though the choices are limited, the selections are considered new favorites. Resident Advisors from every hall participate in the new program by working at the Help Desk in four-hour shifts.

"The students seem to enjoy it and it keeps the Resident Advisors busy," Meisner Resident Advisor Andrew Amrine said.

Students from any residence hall on campus can use the services of the Help Desk providers, and students from north campus can utilize their own Help Desk located in Alford-Montgomery Hall.

Both desks are available every day from 1 p.m. to 12 a.m. All of the rentals and services are free of charge. Resident Advisors plan to add new services to the Help Desk throughout the year. The next coming attractions quarters available for laundry service. Starting in spring, the Help Desk hopes to offer a quarter exchange for students who want to do laundry but don't have quarters. The Help Desk will give quarters in exchange for $5, $10 or $20.

"It's just another way we can make dorm life more convenient," Amrine said.

HELPING: Getting ready for Valentine's Day

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up the campus," Johnston said. This is the third year Central has participated in the Random Acts of Kindness activities. Funding for the project comes from allotted money given by the university.

In addition to the volunteer hours donated by the Random Acts of Kindness Week there are numerous other activities the Service Learning and Volunteer Center participates in.

The Wish List is a project that provides local elementary schools with Central students as room helpers.

Teachers from the schools come to the learning center to request help in their classroom with reading, writing, math and science.

"The students love having a new person in the classroom teaching," senior Cy Delgado, Service Learning Fellow, said. "The purpose of this activity is to give younger kids positive role models while giving college students an opportunity to visit an actual classroom."

Most participants in the Wish List project, including Delgado, are elementary education majors.

"Going to the elementary classes allows us to experience teaching the different ages," Delgado said. Participation in the program is strictly on a volunteer basis. Goals for the project include some form of credit for the hours spent with the children and the addition of more Wish Lists to secondary schools in the area.

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Central improves to second

Wildcat women win fourth straight game over weekend

by Duane Shimogawa
Staff reporter

Defense wins championships. It's as simple as that in the game of basketball. For the Central Washington University women's basketball team, defense is the name of the game. If they intend to win it all in March, the Wildcats might have the edge.

"Our defense is the key and we feed off of our defense and when it comes down to it, any team can score a 100 points, but can they hold an opponent when they need to," head coach Jeff Whitney said. The Wildcats lead the GNAC in scoring defense, allowing a stingy 37 points a game. They clamped down even more last week against the Humboldt State Lumberjacks (74-54) and the Western Oregon Wolves (60-47) to increase their win streak to four games.

In the showdown against Humboldt State, Central got a wake-up call as the Lumberjacks jumped out to a 14-2 advantage. The Wildcats clawed back to take a 20-15 lead into the locker room. Senior guard Dawnita Berglund, a WSU transfer, knocked down three of four three-pointers before halftime to increase the 30-28 lead into the locker room. Senior center Rose Shaw, who looked back as they finished off the Lumberjacks' guards into scoring eight points each for the Wildcats.

In the second half, the Wildcats scored eight points each for the Wildcats.

Wildcat continues its five game homestand at 5 p.m. on Saturday against Seattle Pacific University, which shares the second place spot in the GNAC along with the Wildcats. SPU leads the GNAC in scoring and features the league's third leading scorer, Kelley Berglund, a WGU transfer. "We've pumped going into the SPU game, we're also excited about the past four wins but we have to take it one game at a time," Whitney said.

With conference-leading and undefeated Humboldt State coming to Ellensburg, Sparling would have to find a way to entice his players into believing a higher power didn't have something against his team. Another loss, making four in a row, could have serious­ly put an end to playoff aspirations. But the basketball gods smiled down on the Wildcats Jan. 17, as the HSU Lumberjacks left chilly Ellensburg with its first loss of the season. Central sported a 51-25 lead at half, riding eight-of-nine shooting from the three-point line. Senior center John Townsan led the team with a career-high 22 points and team-high seven rebounds.

"That's a good team that we beat," Sparling said. "The Humboldt win will give our guys a lot of confi­dence. They weren't 14-0 for noth­ing."
Freymond leads Wildcats on and off court

by Staci Miller
Asst. sports editor

Dedication, hard work and time are some of the key ingredients to any successful athlete. But when Central Washington University basketball player Scott Freymond stepped onto the court in the fourth grade, he was less than stunning. He said he was terrible when he started but as time went by he gradually developed his skills by working hard and now has a successful college basketball career to show for it.

As an Elma High School junior, Freymond helped lead his team to a state championship win, and for his efforts was named Most Valuable Player of the league but he did not stop there. The following year, though his team did not make it to the state championships, he once again received the honor of MVP of the league. Freymond looked back on his time at Elma High School and remembered fondly his team's road to victory at the state championships.

"It took so much work to get there and in high school that's the ultimate goal because you can't go any further than that," Freymond said. "It was a great experience. I'll never forget it."

Throughout Freymond's high school career, Wildcat head coach Greg Sparling watched him like a hawk, but recruiting the young talent would not be easy. After persistent scouting and offers by Sparling, Freymond had a hard decision to make. With hopes to fulfill a dream of playing Division I basketball, he chose to test his skills on the court of Eastern Washington University instead.

As a freshman, Freymond red-shirted his season and then decided Eastern was not for him, but Central would still have to wait. The following year, Freymond transferred to Whatcom Community College in Bellingham and played his first season of college basketball. After a successful first season, Freymond was finally ready to give Central and Sparling a chance after a long two years.

"We would have liked to have him right out of high school but he went and pursued the Division I dream," Sparling said. "Now he's back with us and we love to have him and he's playing well."

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Since his move to Central, Freymond has proved to be worthy of Central's Athlete of the Week. Last Thursday, the 6-foot-2 inch senior point guard posted 15 points against undefeated Humboldt State and 14 points against Western Oregon on Saturday. Though he is one of the top point guards out of commission, Freymond has had a lot of time on the court.

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Joe Whiteside/Observer

Sophomore point guard Scott Freymond sets the offense in Central's 88-74 upset over Humboldt State University last Thursday (above). Freymond scored 15 points in the game and led the Wildcats with nine assists. Freymond (right) dunks the ball on a first-half fast-break against HSU. On the season Wildcat averages 10.9 points, 4.8 assists and 2.6 rebounds per game.

Indoor track-and-field at UW Invite

by Observer staff

The Central Washington University track-and-field team fared well at the University of Washington Small College Invitational.

Six female Wildcat athletes placed fourth or better in their respective events Monday during a track and field meet at Dempsey Indoor Arena.

The top Wildcat performances were turned in by junior Leigh Tahir, who finished first in the triple jump, senior Jenos Potter, who finished second in the high jump, and graduate student Davina Strauss, who finished second in the long jump. Tahir posted a mark of 33-10.75 and Potter tied three others at 5-1. Strauss was just two inches off the event-winning mark with an effort of 17-75.


Central will try to continue its success at its next competition on Feb. 2, at the University of Idaho in Moscow against the Vandals.
Fists fly at Toughman Contest

by Kevin Eudeiken
Sports editor

Warning: If you’re looking for a fight in Ellensburg, Central Washington University has two guys you probably want to avoid.

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Siverts, a member of Central’s sixth nationally ranked Division I rugby team, is a veteran of the event. After he made it to the semi-finals last year, “It’s a rush going into the ring," Siverts said. "I just like to go out and see what I can do." Siverts didn’t break a sweat in his first round opponent quit because of a fallen toughman. Scottie Ross
Clockwise from top: Frankie Salcedo, 2001 light-heavyweight champion pounds his opponent. Women’s champion Holly Tacke dodges a left hook. The ringside referee counts out fallen toughman. Salcedo lands a punch on the left cheek of an opponent. Scottie Ross focuses on his fight after the first round; his opponent could not answer the bell because of a possible broken jaw.

There is a maximum of three one minute rounds each lasting one minute. The idea is to knock your opponent out as quickly as possible. At the beginning there were 59 contestants slugging it out in light heavyweight, heavyweight, and women’s divisions. Friday night there were 28 fights with three people receiving a bye. Fighters only knew they would face someone from their weight class. They had no idea who they would face or when they would fight, names were simply drawn out of a hat. On Saturday, there were 22 elimination fights until there was one champion for each of the three divisions.

In the end Carlos Garcia took the heavyweight championship. Holly Tacke won the woman’s title and Lance Craig claimed the light heavyweight championship for the third time in five tries.

Those who missed out will have another opportunity to prove their toughness April 5 and 6 in Kennewick and the following week in Tacoma. If you think you’re tough enough log onto www.toughmancontest.com or call 1-888-868-4462.

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Central wrestlers will be on the road this week competing against Southern Oregon and the University of Oregon.

Wildcats compete at NWCA Division II National Duals

by Lauren McKean
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Wildcats (7-6) went on for two at the Cliff Keen/NWCA Division II National Duals at Ohio State University last Saturday.

There were 16 teams in the dual tournament, each subject to a process of double elimination, which left 11 teams to be ranked and recognized.

After losing the anticipated first dual meet to third-ranked Ashland, Ohio (23-12) the Wildcats came back for a victory in consolation over 17-ranked Gannon, Pa., 37-6.

"The overall score of the match [against Ashland] doesn’t really show the closeness of the match," Jay McGuffin, Central head coach, said. "We lost a few by one or two points that could’ve changed the overall outcome of the match."

Jaime Garza (125 pounds) put up a fight against Ashland’s Leonard Phillips by earning a decision, 8-7.

Franco Santiago (184) also dominated Able Shields (3-2).

"Jaime had an overall good weekend," McGuffin said. "He won all three matches, which included a win against the number one guy in the nation."

Also bringing victory against Gannon, Ross Kondo (133 pounds) with a major decision over Ronnie Bosko (15-4) and Santiago won after a forfeit.

"Jaime had an overall good weekend, p e r i o d," McGuffin said. "I honestly thought we had a chance to beat Pittsburgh," McGuffin said. "I really thought we’d be able to carry the momentum from beating Gannon."

Team energy swayed abruptly when Garza and Ross Kondo (133) were pinned. Pittsburgh won at 12-0.

"That really hurt our momentum," McGuffin said.

Denison, Jaime, and Dupree Lacey (heavy-weight) were the Central three who posted scores in this match.

"Overall, it was a good experience. Individually we did really well and I was impressed with that," McGuffin said. "We didn’t do as well as a team."

Central travels to Oregon this weekend for two duals. The first of the two will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24 at Southern Oregon University in Ashland at MacArthur Court. The second will be at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25 at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

"Central will be seeking its first win over Southern Oregon since 1973," sports director Roy Elia said. "Southern Oregon currently has an 18-straight winning streak against Central."

Individually, the Wildcats have been victorious over Southern Oregon wrestlers in their battles from the past. Central will be competing against the University of Oregon, always ranking one of the top teams in the PAC 10, next.

"If there’s anytime that we can do it, it’s this year," McGuffin said. "We have the strongest team out of the past five years."

In the past, the team has been strong at about five weights. This year the story is a little different.

"I don’t think that we have one specific weak link that can’t compete against a tough opponent," McGuffin said. "We’re ready when it counts, which is regions and nationals."
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12/12 bottles  $12.99
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Wellington the Wildcat associates with a band member during the game against Humboldt State. Central hopes to extend its winning streak to three games when it hosts St. Martin’s College Saturday at 7 p.m.

MEN’S HOOPS: Central upsets No. 1 Humboldt St. Lumberjacks

The Wildcats’ short handedness at the point guard position after the loss of Letcher became very evident as the Lumberjacks made short runs each time the sophomore, Freymond, stepped out of the game for a breather.

“Scottie played real well,” Sparling said. “He’s putting in a lot of minutes and doing a real good job considering.”

Now with a little bit of confidence, Central faced the Wolves of Western Oregon. The Wildcats forged out to an early 11-0 lead and never looked back.

Junior guard Terry Thompson led the team in scoring at 19, but sophomore forward Jay Thomas made key contributions down the stretch. Thomas finished with a career-high 12 points and one big alley-oop slam dunk off a beautiful pass from senior guard Troy Nealey. The dunk started an 8-0 run that broke the backs of the Wolves.

“It was nice to have a good week of practice at home,” Sparling said. “We don’t lose at home.”

With a record of 10-6 (3-5 GNAC), the Wildcats have climbed back to respectability. With ten games to play on the season Central can claim sole possession of fourth place in the conference with a victory over Saint Martin’s College Saturday.

“This conference presents a challenge every night,” Sparling said. “We have to step up and win games.”

The Wildcats look to continue their winning streak against the Saints at 7 p.m. on Saturday in Nicholson Pavilion. Having JT at full-strength will give the team a big boost in SMC sports a large front-court. Six-foot-eight senior forward Gerrit Eades and six-foot-ten junior center Nick Gibbs make for a powerful tandem in the paint. Eades leads the Saints at 16.8 points and 8.4 rebounds per game.

“They’re very talented inside,” Sparling said. “They’re big, but don’t shoot very well. Hopefully we can have another shooting performance like we did last weekend.”

Central travels to Bellingham for a rematch with Western next week. Now that the dice have finally rolled in the team’s favor a strong finish to the season seems entirely possible.

GNAC basketball standings

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