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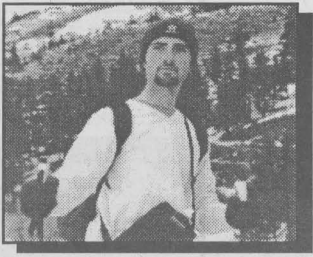
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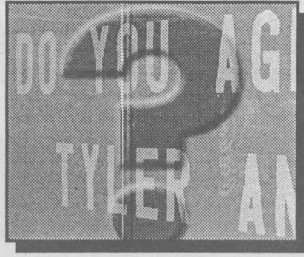
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Rash of robberies ravage two more businesses

by Andrew Fickes
Asst. news editor and
Tarena Ruehle
Staff reporter

Ellensburg's recent crime wave intensified last week when two local businesses were robbed. The robberies are Ellensburg's third and

fourth within the last two months.

"This is certainly the most armed robberies we have had in this amount of time," Captain Ross Green, Ellensburg Police Department, said. "We're very alarmed."

An armed suspect robbed the Chevron station on the 1700 block of Canyon Road. Ken's Auto Wash,

located on Main Street, was robbed sometime between 7 p.m. Sunday night and 6 a.m. Monday morning.

Ellensburg Police Department said the suspect of the Chevron robbery's description resembles Cory Wells, a man wanted by Yakima Sheriff's Office in connection with a homicide that occurred on

Wednesday, Jan. 23 in Yakima.

The suspect entered the station alone at 2 a.m. on Friday, flashed a handgun at the clerk and asked for cash. He left the station with an undisclosed amount of cash but not more than \$500.

The robbery suspect is described as a 6-foot-tall white male with long

red hair in his early 20s and weighing 185 pounds. Since Friday, Ellensburg and Yakima detectives have worked closely to try to apprehend the individual. Officials believe he is in the Kittitas Valley.

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Auditor questions director

by Allison Worrell
News editor

Taking paper clips from the office may seem trivial. However, using state resources for personal interests is exactly why Robert Sorrells, Central Washington University director of the McNair Scholars program, is facing a possible investigation by the Washington State Executive Ethics Board.

"I think it was an honest mistake," Central president Jerilyn McIntyre said.

Sorrells affirms that his mistake was unintentional.

"I was encouraged to do this by an official," Sorrells said. "I had approval of what I was doing from several people."

The Washington State Auditor's Office released a report on Jan. 9, stating Sorrells "used state resources to organize a lobbying campaign for the forgiveness of student loans." After an investigation, it was determined there was "reasonable cause" to believe Sorrells used state resources to conduct lobbying.

The Auditor's Office found six emails sent to Sorrells' university email account concerning a loan for-

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Bryan Waters/Observer

Ellensburg Middle School student Mitch Pfeifer attempts a nose slide down the rail at the skatepark in Ellensburg. Central students are encouraged to attend an open forum to discuss the issue of skateboarding on campus.

Campus skateboarding scrutinized

by Saul Hardin
Staff reporter

Skateboarding is a crime — at least on campus.

Advocate of skateboarding on campus Chriset Palenshus teamed up with Steve Rittereiser, campus police chief, to organize a discussion at 10 a.m. Feb. 8 in the SUB pit.

State law, passed in 1989, prohibits skateboarding on campuses for reasons of liability and safety, as well as lean up and repair expenses. Central has a responsibility to maintain a safe campus.

Skateboarding has become more mainstream in the last decade. Along with its growth and popularity, people were learning to do tricks which resulted in damaged property.

"We were getting an extreme amount of damage occurring on wooden benches and concrete, but primarily wooden structures were getting damaged," Rittereiser said.

The Washington Administrative Codes regulate skateboarding on campus to protect proper-

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Insufficient funding could change Wellness Center next year

by Ken Whittenberg
Staff reporter

Funding for the Wellness Center, which provides student services such as sexual assault awareness and alcohol prevention, has been drastically cut.

State funds, which supported

about half of the Wellness Center's budget were cut from \$39,429 to \$6,677 because of cuts from the state legislature.

"The balls are up in the air and we don't know where they'll land," Gail Farmer, director of the Wellness Center, said. "We don't know where our funding will come from next

year. The question is not if we're going to be funded, it's how we're going to be funded."

The Student Health and Counseling Center (SHCC) diverted its ledger-2 accounts (reserve funds) to the tune of \$87,000 this year to help fund the Wellness Center.

Bob Trumpy, director of the

SHCC, said that if it had to dip into its reserve funds again next year to support the Wellness Center the SHCC might not have enough funding for itself.

Student Affairs funds \$25,000 of the Wellness Center's budget out of student fees.

"It costs us about \$100,000 to

operate the center, which include(s) the salaries of myself, Nicole Otto (a health educator), eight student employees and the expenses of running the office," Farmer said. "Whatever is left is for program-

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Plans for new music building taking shape

by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

Central Washington University is nearing construction on a new music education building to accommodate the music department. The 35-year-old Hertz Hall contains nearly double the number of music majors it was intended to hold.

The music department, which consists of 260 undergraduate and 20 graduate students, is projected to accommodate 325 majors by 2010. Peter Gries, music department chair, expects that number to be a reality once the new building is complete by 2005.

"If you build it they will come," Gries said.

The university submitted an environmental checklist to the city as required under the State

Environmental Protection Act. The checklist allows for environmental impacts of the project to be considered before any decisions are made. The two-story, 69,000 square foot building will be located near the southwest corner of Dean Nicholson Boulevard and Alder Street, next to the Hogue Technology Building.

Construction documents, which are plans and designs for the building, are being completed to make way for contractors to begin placing bids for construction. According to Joanne Hillemann, architect, facilities planning and construction services, the university must choose the lowest responsible bidder, rather than a construction company based on qualifications.

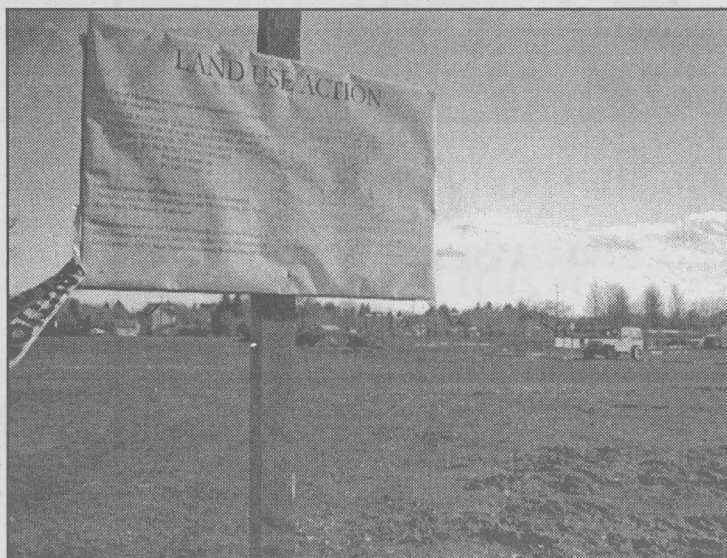
Construction is slated to start before fall quarter. The building is scheduled to be built in two phases.

The first, set to begin construction as early as August, will be complete in late 2003. The 43,000 square foot facility will include a 600-seat concert hall and a 150-seat recital hall among other things.

The second phase will be a smaller, 26,000 square foot facility. Construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2003 and finish in late 2004. It will contain practice rooms and classrooms, as well as office space for staff.

Gries said the new facility will allow the department to work more productively, and he sees the large concert hall and smaller recital hall as the greatest benefits. Hertz Hall's facilities are too small for large performances and too big for small performances.

"The new building will be a boost to both the music department and the



Andrea VanHorn/Observer

A land use action sign marks the new music education building, which will be located near Hogue Technology Building. It is scheduled to be completed in 2004.

Candy machine crime raises security questions on campus

by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

Vending machines in five Central Washington University buildings sustained \$3,500 in damage in a few days. More than \$500 in coins and bills were stolen from the machines sometime between Jan. 18 and 20.

McConnell Auditorium, Michaelson Hall, Nicholson Pavilion, the Psychology Building and the Language and Literature Building each had one machine robbed.

The glass fronts of the candy machines were broken and the money compartments were pried open, police said. The change machine was also pried open. No signs of broken entry into the buildings were found.

"Due to the time and noise involved, the crimes probably occurred at night when they were

least occupied," Steve Rittereiser, campus police chief, said.

Even on weekends, buildings may be open. Graduate classes, clubs, community events and campus tours require the use of Central's facilities.

"This leads to all kinds of potential suspects," Rittereiser said.

Buildings on Central's campus are grouped and assigned similar keys. The affected buildings are not in the same key group, pointing away from an inside job.

Apart from patrolling officers, there is no other security presence on campus. Central's custodial services are in charge of locking up the facilities after use.

Automat Vending Co., the owner of the machines, operates almost 200 units on campus. Including two other thefts which occurred in the past six months, nine of their machines at Central

have been robbed.

"I question the security on campus, for our sake and others," Randy Long, Automat supervisor, said.

The recent thefts occurred during the three day weekend commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. In November, during Veteran's Day weekend, three machines were robbed in a similar fashion in two of the same buildings, Michaelson and Nicholson. No arrests were made.

Police said they find the commonalities between the two weekends very interesting.

Evidence found at last week's scenes is being analyzed, but police have not focused in on any individual suspects. Rittereiser feels the most help could come from someone in the campus community.

Police urge anyone with information to call 963-2958.

Legal issues continue for basketball player

by Ken Whittenberg
Staff reporter

Lawyers confirmed that Central Washington University basketball player B.J. Letcher will appear before a judge in a pre-trial hearing regarding his arrest last fall.

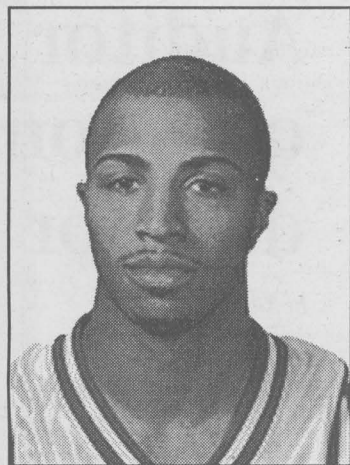
Letcher, a junior guard on the Central men's basketball team, was arrested on Nov. 27 for possession of stolen property in the second degree and forgery and theft in the second degree.

Each count Letcher is charged with carries a maximum penalty of five years.

The lead prosecutor in the Letcher case doesn't plan to try the Central basketball player any differently than anyone else charged with the same crimes.

"I intend to prosecute him as I would anyone else," Margaret Sowards, district attorney, said.

Sowards would not comment on any negotiations concerning a Letcher plea bargain or how the state intends to prosecute this matter.



B.J. Letcher

Letcher is eligible to play in games after being suspended for 14 games.

He was allegedly caught purchasing electronic equipment from the Ellensburg Fred Meyer with a woman's stolen credit card.

Central's athletic department was unable to comment on Letcher's situation pending a decision by the Kittitas Superior Court.

Winter Fireside Chat to be held Monday

by Observer Staff

Central Washington University President Jerilyn McIntyre is inviting the university public to her home for another Fireside Chat. The chat is scheduled to be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 4.

McIntyre, in conjunction with 88.1 The 'Burg, held the first chat

last quarter. The format will be similar for the upcoming chat.

McIntyre and her cabinet will discuss Central's issues and answer Central students' questions. Those students not in attendance can ask their questions via 963-2311, The 'Burg's request line.

To reserve a space at the Fireside Chat, contact The 'Burg by Friday.

Vice president candidates visit campus next month

by Observer staff

Robert K. Bruce and Leslie R. Smith, the two finalists for the position of vice president of university relations, are planning to visit campus next month.

A Central Washington University

search committee selected the two from 50 candidates.

During their visits, each will meet with students, administration, staff, faculty, and those in the community concerned with university relations.

Smith will visit Feb. 3 to 5 and Bruce will visit Feb. 18 to 20.

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ETHICS: McIntyre refers to actions as honest mistake

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giveness campaign he was organizing. Sorrells said the United States Department of Education asked him to organize the campaign.

Sorrells' activities were brought to the attention of the Auditor's Office through its whistleblower program.

"I was doing something good, with good intentions, and someone bad, with bad intentions, tried to get me in trouble," Sorrells said.

The Auditor's Office sent a referral report to the Executive Ethics Board. Executive Ethics Board Director Brian Malarky will review the report and the working papers. If Malarky decides to recommend to the Board to initiate a complaint, the Board will neutrally investigate Sorrells' actions and make a decision. The maximum penalty Sorrells faces is \$5,000 per violation plus additional fees. However, that is unlikely.

"We seldom, if ever, go near the maximum penalty," Malarky said.

Even if a penalty is assigned to Sorrells, Malarky still has the authority to dismiss complaints under certain conditions.

Sorrells received support from about 70 people.

"Dr. Sorrells has done an excellent job as the director of the McNair Scholars Program," David Hedrick, executive director of international studies and programs and assistant economics professor, said. "I think we can deal with situations like this in a much more efficacious way."

Tuition increases likely to fund new SUB

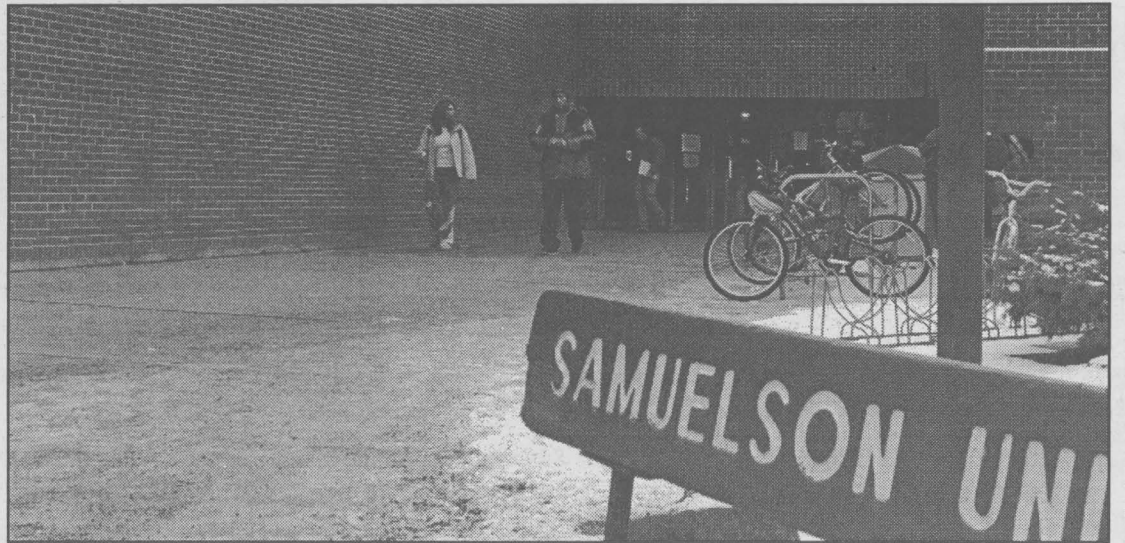
by Amanda Hickman
Staff reporter

An additional \$159 per quarter in student fees could be implemented to pay for a new Super SUB and Recreational facility. The Services and Activities Funding Committee (S&A) and the Board of Trustees (BOT) will decide the answer to that question soon.

At the S&A Funding Committee meeting last Monday, Super SUB/Rec bonding issues were on the front burner. The main issue discussed was how the Super SUB/Rec activities will be supported and who will end up paying for it.

"We need a new SUB," Joe Antonich, director of financial affairs, said. "But, we have to plan for something like this years in advance. Unfortunately, the costs keep increasing. Something has to be done, and we are trying to find the most economical way to do it."

The Super SUB/Rec facility, which has been in the works since 1995, will bring with it an annual expense budget of more than four million dollars in debt service. Much of the costs will be covered by the sale of bonds and monies received upon retirement of bonds issued 40 years ago for the Bassetties and Residence Hall Systems. The remaining 70 to 80 percent of the costs will be charged as student activity fees. The fees are estimated at an additional \$95 for operation of the Rec Center and \$64 dollars for SUB activities. The fees will not be collected until the Super SUB/Rec facility is in operation. The Rec facility is scheduled for operation in 2004, and the Super SUB is scheduled to be



Daren Schuettpelz/Observer

Building costs for the new Super SUB and Recreational facility could be as much as \$159 per quarter for Central students. Fees would not go into effect until 2006.

operational in 2006.

"A lot of big decisions will be made within the next year — decisions that will change the face of this campus for the next 50 years," Maren Oates, project assistant with facilities planning, said. "The next phase of the project will be really exciting, and students need to get involved."

The \$550,000 to be received upon retirement of the Bassetties and Residence Hall bonds in 2008 will go directly to the S & A fund. Guidance from the S & A committee and Central students is needed to spend that money. The SUB/Rec Project

Project, it is important to understand that we are taking away monies used to improve programs like Campus Life, the student government, intramurals, Service Learning — a lot of student programs," Josh Kilen, S&A Funding Committee chair, said. "All of these programs might take a cut...we could be sacrificing the growth of these programs in the future. Students don't have the money to pay for both."

At Monday's S&A Funding Committee meeting, the SUB/Rec Project Committee made an official motion to acquire the monies received from the retired housing bonds plus an additional \$300,00, which would be transferred into a fund for the Super SUB.

Now, the S&A Funding Committee members (six students and three faculty) must make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, who will make the final decision.

"We need student input on this matter," Kilen said. "We need to make a decision right now on whether to continue working on plans for a new SUB and Rec Center, or work on improving student pro-

gramming."

The new Super SUB is expected to be 145,000 square feet, and the Rec Center is 75,000 square feet. A dining hall, copy center, ballroom, meeting rooms, the University Store, and student programming offices will be housed in the new SUB.

The Rec Center is expected to include a three court gym, an elevated jogging track, weight training, fitness room, a rock climbing room, multipurpose room, locker rooms and a laundry room.

"This issue is very important," Owens Barrios, vice chair of the S&A Funding committee, said. "It is also important for students to stay in contact with their student leaders. We've spent a lot of time and money already on the SUB/Rec Project. We've got the green light, now we have to keep rolling."

For additional information regarding the Super SUB, visit the Super SUB/Rec Project Web Page at www.cwu.edu/~facility/fdd/SUB.html.

For information on the S&A Funding Committee meetings or want to become more involved, contact the BOD office at 963-1697.

“The next phase of the project will be really exciting, and students need to get involved.”

—Maren Oates

Committee is asking for an additional \$300,000 in funding from the S&A Funding Committee, bringing the total funding request to \$850,000.

"The main point to be made here is if we (S&A Funding Committee) allocate \$850,000 to the SUB/Rec

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Mac labs suffer from lack of technicians

by Ken Whittenberg
Staff reporter

Macintosh maintenance services underwent a change in leadership this year. Lynn Linnell, the former Mac specialist on campus, was promoted to an administration position and is now the computer support services supervisor, a part of the Computer Support Services (CSS) management team.

Last year Linnell repaired Macs all over campus, including administrative computers and Macs in the student computer labs.

This year Jeff Knackstedt, information technology systems specialist III, took over the duties that Linnell performed last year. Knackstedt has two students working with him to repair Macs that go down anywhere on campus.

Macintosh computers make up about 40 percent of the computers on campus.

"There are 11 technicians with corresponding students to repair the PCs on campus whereas there is only me and my two students to repair all the Macs," Knackstedt said.

Some students have found repair services are limited and inadequate because of the leadership change and the extra duties Knackstedt has

inherited.

"Over the last few months it seems like there has been a void in Mac services on campus," Scott Slusser, a sophomore, said.

Other computer technicians are also available to help with Mac repair, but they're usually busy with PC repairs.

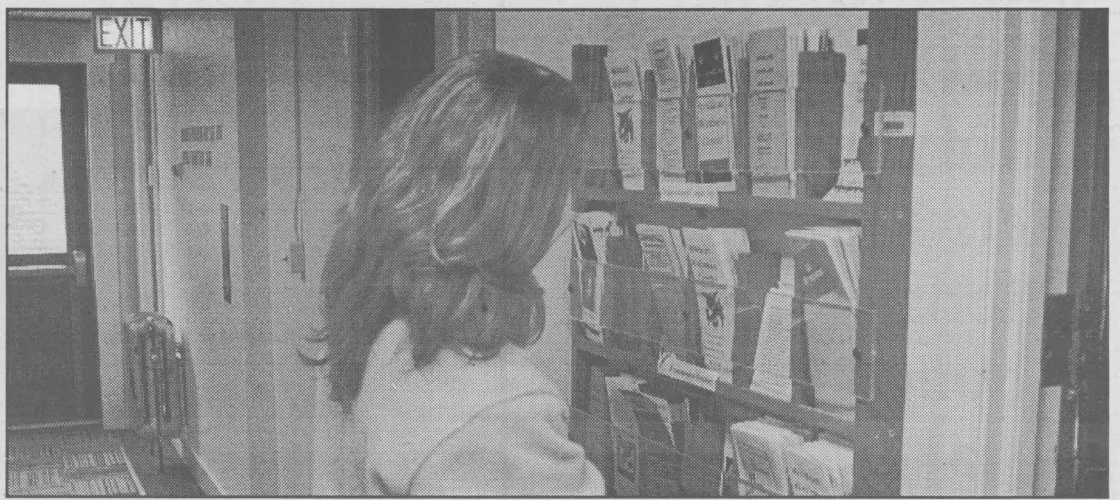
"The fact is the Macs are capable of being fixed from our offices versus the PC," Dave Storla, assistant director for Computer Technology Services and Computer Support Services, said. "The Macs are much easier to maintain and operate than PCs."

The most challenging problems facing Knackstedt is the element of time.

"Some weeks it seems like everything is going well and other weeks it seems like we get calls left and right," Knackstedt said. "I wish that I had more time."

Another problem Knackstedt faces is repairing the Macs used by campus administrators.

"Fixing the computers in the labs is easy. The faculty literally can't do their job when their computers don't work," Knackstedt said. "You have to worry about information already saved on their computers, so it makes things a little more tricky."



Daren Schuettpeiz/Observer

Health Educator Nicole Otto examines services available at the Wellness Center. Despite funding cuts, the Wellness Center offers more programs this year than it ever has.

FUNDING: State budget cuts will affect Wellness Center

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ming."

As of this year the programming at the Wellness Center increased.

"We have more programs this year than we've ever had. We work really hard to get things done," Farmer said.

The expanded services include the HIV/AIDS campaign, S.A.F.E. (Students for an Assault Free Environment), Prime for Life, which offers extensive educational curricu-

lum that focuses on the prevention of alcohol related problems. The center works in coordination with Safe Ride. The center also provides peer educators (student volunteers), and is an educational resource center for issues such as sex, stress, nutrition, alcohol, drugs, tobacco and body image.

"I value her work and what she does," Charlotte Tullos, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, said. "Gail works hard to make the Wellness Center one of

the best social marketing programs I've seen. The Wellness Center provides important resources to the students on campus and we want to make sure that they're around for a long time."

Student officials in student government also recognize the value that the Wellness Center provides.

"It's commendable that they've worked as hard as they have even though their funding has been cut," Jessica Sutton, vice president for Student Life and Facilities, said.

Would-be banner thieves apprehended by police

by Observer Staff

Ellensburg Police apprehended a 19-year-old driver and a 19-year-old passenger, both dressed in black and wearing black stocking caps, on January 16 after a car chase took them from Ninth Avenue onto B Street and then onto Tenth Avenue.

Officers previously had seen the suspicious men and their truck in front of Jerrol's Bookstore before the car chase commenced.

One man was seen standing on the corner sidewalk of Jerrol's, while

the other was thought to be lying in the bed of the truck.

When the men were apprehended after the chase, they both admitted to an attempt at removing a large "go Wildcats" banner outside the store.

The driver received citations for driving without a license and reckless driving. Both are charged with a gross misdemeanor of attempted theft in the second degree.

"We will be padlocking banners that we hang on the outside of the building," Michele Bradshaw, Jerrol's employee, said.

DISCUSSION: Controversy continues concerning campus skateboarding

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ty such as wooden benches, steps and paved walkways. The purpose is to minimize physical damage to the property.

Students say banishing skateboards is unfair when bicycles, roller blades and scooters are allowed.

"It doesn't make sense that there can be roller-bladers and scooters on campus but not skateboards," Palenhus said.

Rittereiser agrees with Palenhus. He said he believes regulating behavior rather than the equipment would

be a better approach.

"We want to empower students to work with the university when things may not seem right and when rules don't seem to quite help, instead they hinder," Rittereiser said.

The purpose of the discussion in the SUB pit is to arouse student awareness of the law and generate ideas for possible revisions in the code.

Some students feel skateboarding in heavily traveled areas, such as the malls around campus, is unsafe.

"If they're not in control, they need to be in a practice field," Kara

Bradford, senior family and consumer science major, said. "I've been hit three times by skateboards."

Others don't see a difference between skateboards and bicycles.

"Skateboards are a way of transportation," Rhiannon Dawson, sophomore diagnostic medical sonography certification program, said. "I think they're less dangerous than a bike."

The 'Burg, Palenhus and Rittereiser are hosting a live discussion on the issue before the debate. Tune into 88.1 FM The 'Burg at 11 a.m., Feb. 6. for the broadcast.

CRIME: Recent wave sweeps Ellensburg

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Green said the Ellensburg Police Department has no explanation for Ellensburg's high crime rate.

"It's pretty tough to stop this," Green said. "There's no rhyme or reason to when and where a suspect

may strike."

Ken's Auto Wash was robbed when vandals drilled open the coin machines in all four car wash bays and removed the coinage. Approximately twice a week the money in the machines is emptied. The amount of money taken is still

uncertain.

Bob Fogle, manager of Ken's Auto Wash, said the machines were closed back up and the damage was not noticeable. The crime was not reported to the police until Monday morning.

There are no suspects at this time.

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Experiencing foreign cultures enrich professor's perspectives

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

Wisdom that can cross boundaries is rewarded, opportunities to continue research are given and individuals willing to share their knowledge simply change lecture location.

The Fulbright Scholar Program offers grants to faculty, professionals and scholars across the globe.

The goal is to "increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries...and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic, and peaceful relations." Keeping that in mind, one can extend his or her career in a very humanistic manner. Or just change a perspective.

Grants reflect either the host country's special interests or the proposed project of the candidate. Generally, candidates participate in research, lecture, seminar or a combination of the three.

"If you only know one culture, there's a real chance that you don't know any culture. That may be one of the bottom lines of the Fulbright program, it provides a mirror to look into," Scott Lewis, Fulbright scholar and Central Washington University professor of mathematics, said.

Two Central Washington University faculty members are overseas fulfilling Fulbright scholarships.

Bang Soon Yoon, associate professor of political science, has been in Seoul, South Korea, since last fall. Hugh Spall, professor of business administration, left Ellensburg in January to work in Pecs, Hungary. Both have many goals planned for their trip.

For five months, Spall will be lecturing on international business and international business law in the English language program in business administration at the University of Pecs. This is a return trip to



Photo courtesy of Mike Launius

Bang Soon Yoon is one of two Fulbright Scholars from Central. She is studying in her native South Korea.

Hungary for Spall.

"The greatest advantages and opportunities are the professional contacts that one makes, the research opportunities that present themselves, and the opportunity to learn about another people, culture, and business environment," Spall said.

A native of South Korea, Yoon carries out her Fulbright award at her undergraduate alma mater, Ewha Women's University, and Yonsei University.

The majority of her work will continue book research regarding "military comfort women." She will also teach on contemporary issues of American politics, culture and society.

"At the professional level, I want to research women's roles and their

pattern of political participation in South Korea's political processes, and work on a book on Imperial Japan's sexual slavery-issue," Yoon said.

In addition to a new lifestyle, Yoon is able to experience a different type of student in her classroom. Confucian cultural influences are evident in the hierarchic structure of teacher-student relations.

"Students' passive attitudes in the classroom setting may be explained in part by this traditional culture," Yoon said. "In my classes, students would in rotation bring something to drink for me and would place them on my lectern during the break."

For more information on Fulbright programs visit www.cies.org or www.fulbright.org.



Police Briefs

Compiled by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

Malicious mischief
4:00 p.m. Jan. 22

A van belonging to the computer center had its tires slashed sometime between Jan. 18 and 22. The cost of the damages is still unknown.

Assault
12:01 a.m. Jan. 23

A 17-year-old man reported to police that he had been attacked for no apparent reason as he was leaving the library. A cut on his lip and redness to his face was visible.

The victim said he did not know his assailant, but thought his name might be Mark. Police, using that information, constructed a photo line-up, and the victim identified Mark Styles, a 25-year-old Ellensburg resident as the culprit.

Apparently, shortly after the alleged incident, Styles was recognized by an Ellensburg police officer and arrested for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Styles was charged with assault in the fourth degree and the victim was transported to Kittitas Valley Community Hospital for treatment.

Residential burglary
2:51 p.m. Jan. 23

A computer was reportedly stolen from an unsecured room in Alford-Montgomery Hall. The Compaq Presario computer is estimated to be worth approximately \$1,725.

Unwelcome visitor
10:04 p.m. Jan. 24

Police received a call at 9 p.m. concerning a person who is banned from the residence halls was in Hitchcock Hall. The 20-year-old man was contacted by officers and told to leave and warned not to return.

Police received a second call at 10:04 p.m. that the man had returned and was in a resident's room. When officers contacted him the second time, the man was told he was under arrest for trespassing.

Police said the intoxicated and out-of-control man resisted the officers. The Washington State Patrol and the Ellensburg Police Department arrived to assist the campus police in subduing and transporting the prisoner to the jail.

In addition to trespassing, the man was also charged with minor in possession and resisting arrest.

Harassment
4:17 Jan. 25

The Student Affairs office reported to police that a man had called and was threatening to staff. Officers contacted the suspect and determined the threats were the result of an emotional situation and were no longer a problem. No charges have been filed.

Stolen bike
4:02 p.m. Jan. 27

A yellow and black KHS mountain bike, which was valued at approximately \$400, was reported stolen.

Thousands of dollars spent on CWULife's discontinued website

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

When a student logs on to a computer, CWULife.com, displays smiling students surrounded by eye-catching icons. But this site is nothing more than a ghost town, all facade and no substance.

The site was discontinued after less than two years of service, with more than \$8,000 invested into it. CWULife.com was an advanced site with many capabilities, until it became unstable.

"It was a good idea, but the server was extremely unreliable, functioning only 50-60 percent of the time," Jesse Days, Central Washington University Web developer. "No matter how technical it is, if it doesn't work people can't access the information."

CWULife.com began as an idea by senior education major Jared Fielding to create a student site including a calendar, club announcements, email notification of upcoming events and many other features. Fielding began seeking funds for the

site from various clubs on campus, such as the Empowerment Center and Student Life.

Fielding's fundraising produced \$8,000, and much was spent on programmer wages and server costs. The site worked off a server separate from Central, through a university link. Problems arose when that server could no longer accommodate the site's heavy traffic.

The site's inaccessibility reflected poorly on the university.

With that concern, the site's information was moved to www.cwu.edu/~schedulecalendar on the university's Web site.

Fielding turned the site over to the scheduling center and Web developer. The new calendar still receives a high volume of activity.

"We're still getting huge amounts of hits on it," Cherie Wilson, program supervisor for the scheduling center, said. "Anywhere between 12,000 and 39,000 hits can occur in a single week."

The original site contained features that required active server pages (ASP); Central's network is

not ASP compatible. This made it impossible to retain CWULife.com without making changes to the university's network.

"When little things came up, as they always do, a lot of money and energy got wasted," Fielding said. "Part of it was little things that could have been fixed... technology that people felt uncomfortable with."

Introducing ASP to Central's network brings up issues of cost, security and personnel experience. ASP runs best on Microsoft's Web server, but Central uses Apache, an open source Web server.

Once implemented ASP would increase networking opportunities and make programming simpler. The computing and telecommunications services (CTS) department acts as the "network administrators" and would have to approve those changes.

"Now if I came across a server or a Web site that was reliable and if we could come up with the funds to retain the service, then I wouldn't have a problem going back to putting a site on the outside," Days said.



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Observance

Student Board of Directors assault First Amendment rights

The officers of the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (BOD) seem to think they are above the law.

One would come to that conclusion after watching the BOD molest the little credibility they have managed to scrape together by passing the "Guidelines for public relations issues regarding ASCWU BOD."

The guidelines mandate that documents written on behalf of the BOD, documents signed with BOD titles, and any other documents sent to the press

regarding BOD businesses must be approved by Nate Harris, the BOD vice president for equity and community service. Good grief. I honestly hope the BOD members who voted for this nonsense (Dustin Stahl, Steve Erickson, Emily Ravsten, Alyssa Scarth, Nate Harris, and Jessica Sutton) did so out of complete ignorance, and not something more sinister.

Under the BOD constitution, Harris' job is that of public relations official. However, I'm not sure how that makes him the censor king of the student government. The way this proposal is written ("must receive approval"), it supports the censorship of anything or anyone Harris disagrees with.

What Harris and his cronies do not seem to understand, is each of the members of the BOD is an elected official. They are not a private organization; they are public officials. The individual members of the BOD are accountable to the students who voted them into office, not to each other.

On a national scale, this would be the same as the president signing an executive order forcing all members of Congress — Republican, Democrat and independents — to seek presidential approval prior to any public information release. One cannot simply limit the free speech of other pub-

lic employees. Everyone would freak out. One cannot openly deny someone the right to free speech. That's part of the joy of living in America.

The grievance process in this proposal is just as insidious. If one member disagrees with Harris' censorship, he/she may appeal to a majority group. That isn't a solution, that's making the problem worse. Now it's not a pure dictatorial censorship, it's censorship by oligarchy. Personally, I wouldn't want a group of people who may not like me, determining if I am allowed to voice my opinion and exercise my constitutional right.

Harris' position could be used for good, not evil. His job as public relations specialist is to disseminate information, not prevent its flow. Central students need to know exactly what the BOD is up to and not be left in the dark. The proposal is ludicrous at best and malicious at worst. Students who value their rights and don't want them eroded by people like the BOD should demand every BOD member independently stand up and voice their opinion as often as possible.

—Daren Schuettpelz

Letters to the Editor

Robert E. Lee was more than one-dimensional racist

I am writing this letter concerning the article in last week's Observer, "Robert E. Lee Day at Casino" by Andrew Fickes. This issue is by no means a new one to me. I was born and raised in Virginia where the debate over commemorating Robert E. Lee has persisted for decades. While both sides make valid points, I think that the manner in which Fickes presented this issue was extremely biased.

It is disappointing to hear about people who are so quick to criticize Lee's remembrance. He was a brilliant general who accomplished the impossible by organizing a successful army from scratch. Robert E. Lee did not stand for slavery, nor did he ever own any. When Virginia adopted an ordinance of secession, Lee was torn

between the decision to side with his country or with his state. In a letter to his sister, Lee said, "With all my devotion to the Union, and the feeling of loyalty and duty of an American citizen, I have not been able to make up my mind to raise my hand against my relatives, my children, my home."

I am not going to argue that the South should have won, nor do I agree with some of the things they fought for. The point I'm trying to make is that despite the fact that Lee fought for the "other" side, he was one of the great Americans in history. And just like we do with other great Americans, we should remember him. The reason this is even an issue is because Lee's birthday ironically falls on the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. Between three days, I think we can make room to appropriately remember both.

So, if the Observer wants to print a submitted letter arguing that John Walker Lindh should be hon-

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What is the BOD?

We asked Central students, "What is the BOD?"



"The who? No, I've only been been for two quarters."

—Laura Anderson, education major



"They're the Board of Directors. They have weekly meetings in the SUB."

—Paul Guerrero, junior



"BOD? What is it anyway?"

—Peter Smith, freshman, undecided

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ored, I think the least they could do is be a little more understanding of those who honor Robert E. Lee, someone who didn't fight for an organization that believed in the killing of innocent civilians.

Jeff Schroeder
CWU student

Central's band hits tune to complete game

To the editor,

What a great pleasure it was to have a pep band at the CWU-Humboldt State basketball games on Thursday night. The band adds greatly to the atmosphere of the game, especially in view of what normally is played over the P.A. system, and the band has been missed in its long absence.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Don Ringe
Ellensburg resident

Central official notes the irony in Robert E. Lee story

Dear editor,

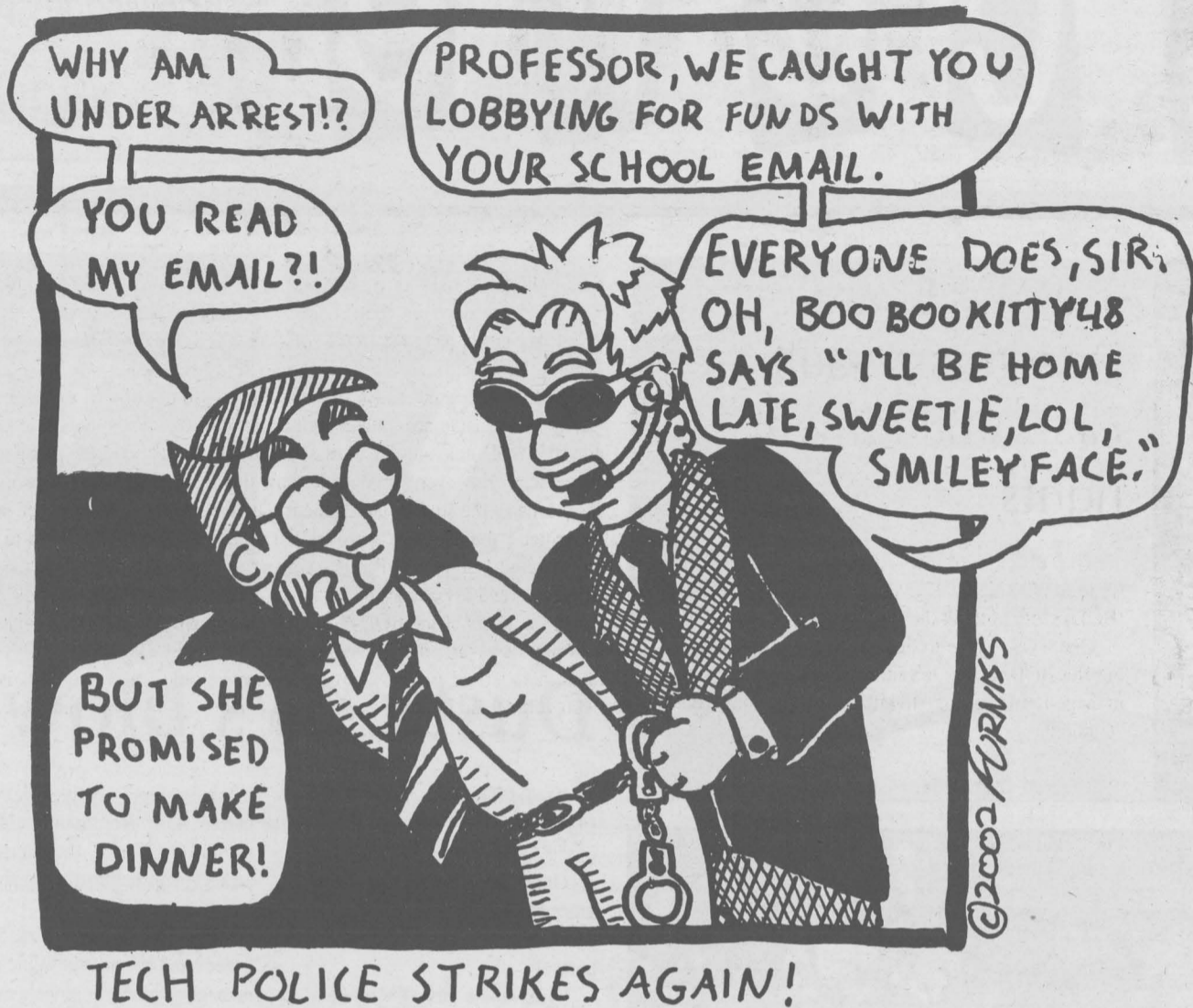
I would like to point out a line from your article concerning the sign announcing Lee's birthday. I am from Georgia, and have lived in the south for many years. My comment concerns the allusion to "Southern mentality" in the valley. Isn't there a word for thinking that a group of people all think the same way? It reminds me of a comment I once heard. "At least we are not a bunch of prejudice hayseeds like the people in the south." Don't you just love irony?

Robert Sorrells, PhD
Director of McNair Scholars Program

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Drop by our office in Bouillon 222, give us a call at 963-1073, or email us at: observer@cwu.edu.

Cartoon by Chris Furniss



Cartoon by Jed Waits



A call to action

Each week, we publish many stories that could very well get people emotional and excited. Conversely, we may have missed a story that some thought was crucial for the community to hear about.

When either of those instances occur, the best action is to write a letter to the editor. We will publish it so long as it is not offensive or libelous, even if your comments are negative to the *Observer*.

However there are guidelines. The letters must be in our office, Bouillon 222, or to our email box, observer@cwu.edu, by Tuesday at 5 p.m. Also, the author's and phone number must accompany the letter so we can confirm the author did indeed write it. This week, for instance, we received a well written letter about the BOD but could not print it because it did not contain a name of a person we could contact.

The Letters section is a public forum for this university and community. A free society relies on citizens to be willing to keep each other informed about the issues. Healthy debate does not harm us; rather it is a source of emancipation.

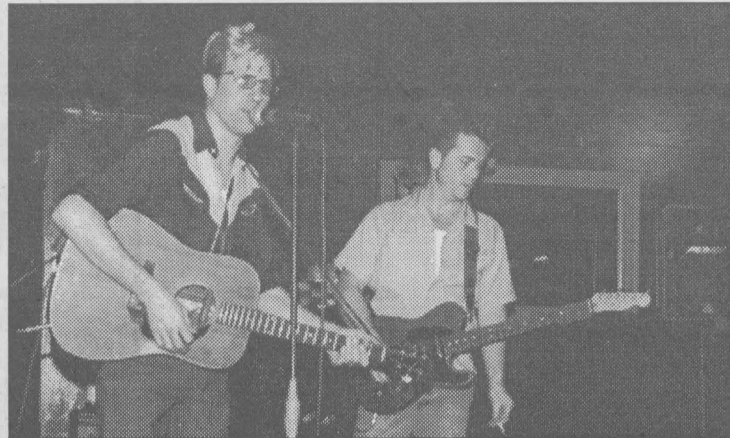
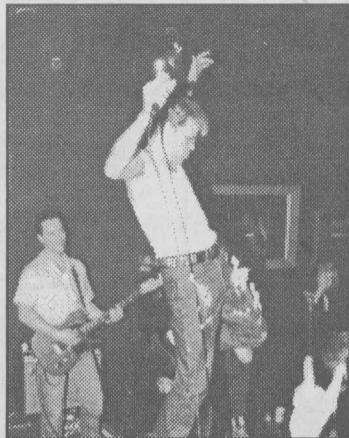
SCENE

Quote of the week

<http://www.cwu.edu/~observer>

“Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.”

— Jimi Hendrix



Dusty 45's blow into town

by Rachel Wiersma
Copy editor

Once again, the Dusty 45's graced Ellensburg with their kick-ass blend of rockabilly, country and rock and roll.

“This is the best f***in' band to ever come to Ellensburg,” was overheard as the band began to play last Saturday night.

Slowly but surely, people of all ages took to the small dance floor at the Mint, beginning to shimmy and shake to the spirited music. The energy was high as bodies twirled and hands clapped to the beat.

Marking their fourth visit to Ellensburg in the past year, the Dusty 45's were prepared with new band members, new music and a new attitude.

“(The band) is now based on

musicianship,” Billy Joe Huels, Dusty 45's frontman, said. “We wanted to make the music and arrangement better—it's not about the kitschy appeal.”

Formed in 1997, the Seattle-based band became the apple of Mint manager Djordje Popovic's eye.

“I just called them about a million times and begged them to come over here,” Popovic said. “Billy Joe finally called me back and agreed to come here.”

The Dustys define their original brand of music as “American roots music,” influenced by old honky-tonk, R&B, swing and of course, rock and roll. Everyone in the band has their own personal influences, but “focus on the ones we have in common,” Huels said.

As the Dustys played their set with Huels on lead vocals, trumpet

and guitar; Kevin Scott on upright bass; Micah Hulscher on piano; Mo on lead guitar; and Boots Kutz on drums, close camaraderie could be noticed between the band members.

“Everyone in the band knows what their job is,” Huels explains. “We own our own sound with the instrumentation.”

The Dusty 45's flat-out rocked the crowd, both Friday and Saturday night. A highlight of the show occurred when Huels doused his pants with lighter fluid, lit them on fire, climbed on the bass and blared his trumpet. This fired up the crowd for the last song of the evening.

After each show, people would come up to various band members, asking when they would return to Ellensburg. Hopefully, the Dustys will be armed with a new album they hope to record in the coming months.



Photos by Andrea VanHorn, Rachel Wiersma and David Burnett/Observer

The Dusty 45's jolt the crowd at the Mint last Friday and Saturday night. Frontman Billy Joe Huels lit his pants on fire (top, middle) for the last song of the evening.

Everybody agrees: Tyler and Pete create confusion and curiosity with posters

by Susan Bunday
Asst. scene editor

“Tyler and Pete” are infiltrating campus.

“Do you agree with Tyler and Pete?” is becoming an infamous question on campus.

Orange posters and flyers are becoming a regular sights in residence halls, dining halls, buildings and newspaper ads. A banner asking the question hangs across 8th Avenue.

The program is run by S.A.L.S.A., an organization recently recognized by Club Senate that includes most of the Christian groups on campus.

“Tyler and Pete are the figure-heads,” Dave Hunter, a S.A.L.S.A. adviser, said of the activity. “The program was my idea.”

The purpose of the project is to raise awareness about issues Hunter said are important.

Peter Briggs and Tyler Critchlow are “Pete and Tyler.” Both are mem-

bers of S.A.L.S.A. and have known each other for a couple of months. They first heard about the activity in the middle of fall quarter.

“I was approached with the idea by Shawn Mitchell, a member of

“It's a waste of paper.”

— Sophomore Stephanie Senon

Campus Crusade,” Briggs said.

The purpose of the “Tyler and Pete” campaign will be revealed Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the SUB ballroom.

The campaign began on Monday, Jan. 28 and will continue until Feb. 8. Starting on Feb. 4, students involved in the organizations will begin wearing orange t-shirts that read “I agree with Tyler and Pete.”

“We are asking people to wait. It's not deceiving,” Briggs said of remaining silent on the topic of the campaign.

Around campus, the reluctance to release information is causing tension between people who know the purpose behind the posters and people who don't have any idea.

“It's a waste of paper. They are trying to make a point, but I have no idea what it is,” Stephanie Senon, a sophomore, said.

People involved in the campaign are keeping tight-lipped on the subject.

S.A.L.S.A. members, along with SALT Co. and Campus Crusade, are hoping people will come and listen in search of answers to what the program is about.

“We wanted to get people very, very curious so that they will come and listen,” Hunter said, “People need to relax. There's no reason to be getting upset.”

Speakers celebrate Black History Month

by Meredith Willingham
Scene editor

Black History Month begins this week for the full month of February. The celebration of African-American culture and heritage was originally started in 1926 as Negro History Week, later becoming Black History Month.

February was chosen because of the birthdays of two leaders in the month, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. The 15th Amendment was passed on Feb. 3, 1870, granting blacks the right to vote.

On Feb. 6, speaker Melanie Denise Cunningham will speak on issues dealing with global relations and African-Americans in business. She will also be premiering a 30-minute documentary called “Shattering Images”

for the lecture.

“It will be real exciting,” Richard Penton, Black Student Union leader, said.

The next Wednesday, Feb. 13, percussionist Rodney Turner will play a variety of drums in the SUB Pit. He will also present a lecture detailing the progression of music from earlier African music to modern-day hip-hop and reggae.

Turner has performed with people and groups like Marvin Gaye, Destiny's Child and Puff Daddy.

The last Wednesday of the month, Feb. 20, Robert Penton, and ex-Black Panther, will be speaking in the SUB about his past experiences and explaining what the organization is about.

“We just want to get the word out, and let people know our perspective,” Penton said.

“Orange County” lacks typical Jack Black



Mandy Harter
Staff reporter



4 stars out of 5

“Orange County,” director Jake Kasdan’s sophomore film, could have been a bit more fresh-squeezed.

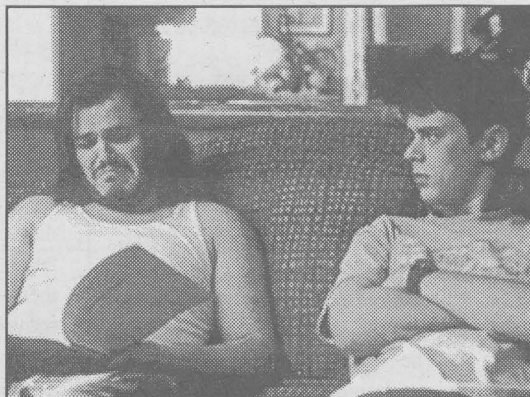
Written by Mike White, who can take credit for the hilarious and boisterous “Dead Man on Campus,” “Orange County” debuts Tom Hanks’ son Colin, as Shaun Brumder, a surfer turned scholar after an epiphany resulting from the death of

a close friend.

All Shaun wants to do is attend Stanford University and become a writer, but with so much hope and anticipation lying on his acceptance, the inevitable twist of fate found in all good teen movies eventually appears—Shaun does not get in. How, you ask, could something like this happen? His guidance counselor, who can’t seem to even remember her own name, sent out the wrong transcripts to the university. Lily Tomlin gave this character exactly what they must have been looking for when writing this part.

Shaun’s mother, played by Katherine O’Hara, seems to be on permanent holiday since divorcing from Shaun’s dad, played by John Lithgow, and does not hide her happiness about this, while his brother Lance, played by comic genius Jack Black, is too far in his constant stupor of pills to have an opinion one way or another.

With a doting girlfriend on the



side, played by Sissy Spacek’s daughter Schuyler Fisk, friends that can’t seem to have the ability to form coherent sentences, and a family that could have been made up of Jerry Springer guests, it’s no wonder Shaun wants to get out of Orange County...or does he?

The movie follows his path to acceptance into Stanford, while eventually finding acceptance of himself, his family, and the place where he’s lived all his life.

“Orange County” has its good points and its bad. The plot of the film seems to head in the same direction every other teen movie goes: the

main character is always struggling with something, which he hopes to overcome. Then something will happen to throw him off track, and the rest of the film is spent dealing with these issues. The end is more often than not a happy one, leaving you saying “I knew it!” as you leave the theater with your half-eaten tub of popcorn and melted ice in your cup.

Colin Hanks, in his first starring role, puts something into the movie no other actor could have. A face somewhat fresh to the movie screen, Hanks is a welcome interruption in the recycled list of actors that typically star in the overwhelming slew of teen movies. Hanks seems to take after his father when it comes to dedication and talent, shooting a bit of something new into a movie that, in ways, seems to have been done a million times.

There is, however, something else different and superior about this somewhat predictable movie. And that something can be summed up in

two words: Jack Black. Black, the other half of the hilarious music duo Tenacious D, and credited with such films as “High Fidelity” “Shallow Hal” and “Saving Silverman,” lends a highly hysterical and spontaneous side to this film. His antics throughout the film always produce a laugh, even from those not accustomed to his off-the-wall humor, and are really what lead the comedy in the movie. When you hear a laugh in the theater during “Orange County,” Jack Black is almost always behind it.

For those coming to see this movie solely for Jack Black, a minor disappointment might be in your future. It seems there is not as much Black that the film promised before release, and might leave you wanting more. But the rest of the movie does prove to be enjoyable, with a good mix of madness and something more solid.

This movie is ideal for those who want a good laugh, and the perfect chance to see a family crazier than your own— just when you’ve begun to think it can’t get any more weird than it is now.

Alternative music added to Thursday nights

by Jennifer DeJong
Staff reporter

The Ellensburg Inn will soon welcome a new night of musical entertainment as a hip alternative to the usually boring Thursday night bar scene.

Luke Dier, a 21 year old local, has put together a live music techno night to be held every Thursday at the Ellensburg Inn. He welcomes

“One...in the beginning there was a beat” on Jan. 31 and hopes to have other techno spinners in weeks to come.

“There is a lot of local talent in the area that I would like to see gain some recognition,” Dier said.

Opening night will begin at 9 p.m. and go until about 2 a.m. The event will be held at the Ellensburg Inn Bar on South Canyon Road. The cost is three dollars at the door, ladies

free until 11 p.m. The event is for anyone 21 years and older.

“This is live entertainment, not just a person in a booth with CD’s,” Dier said. “There will be cheap drinks and people from all over the state.”

Dier has also coordinated with Safe Ride to have the van pick people up every 45 minutes.

“One of my first concerns was to find everyone a safe ride home,” Dier

said. “Safe Ride was more than willing to drop by.”

Dier has talent lined up for many Thursday performances to come, including D.J. Kril, formerly of 88.1 The ‘Burg and D.J. Rusty, who spins progressive techno.

“We need an alternate form of entertainment here,” Davis said. “The same old bars get really boring.”

Dier also hopes to add other night

performances mixing in hip-hop and possibly rock. Hip hop artists “Off the Hook Boys” have already agreed to play at the Inn.

“I want to please every different musical preference while giving back to our local talent,” Dier said.

For more information about the performances, Dier can be contacted by email at itsajungle22@hotmail.com.

Harsh Kittitas winters attract snowmobile fans this year

by Heather Abhold
Scene reporter

While a majority of people try to flee from the harsh winters of Kittitas County, snowmobilers flock to the miles of groomed trails and remote terrain.

“Kittitas County hosts a number of trails that will satisfy all riders from the beginner to the advanced,” Todd Stone, a member of Sky King Snowmobile Club, said.

Trails run from Salmon La Sac in the upper county, to Reecer Creek in the lower county. Snowmobile riders at Central Washington University only have to take a short 20-minute ride to be in snow heaven.

Reecer Creek, 13 miles north of

Ellensburg on Reecer Creek Road, is a great place for beginners to putt around in the vast meadows and also holds an area for advanced riders to test their thrills on the many jumps and steep hills to climb. Riders can head to the top of Blewett Pass and check out the amazing view from Tabletop Mountain.

South Fork Manastash, south on Thorp Highway, with an elevation of 2,580 feet, is another popular spot among Ellensburg natives. The South Fork has the greatest versatility for riders. With hundreds of trails, riders have the choice to ride to Cle Elum, Easton, Cascade Park in the Wenas or Whistling Jack Lodge on Chinook Pass.

“Riders can ride all day, stop, gas

up, and grab a bite to eat and then ride all night,” Bryan Jewell, senior, said.

Taneum Creek, not as well known as Reecer Creek and the South Fork, also has some of the best riding in the state. North on Elk Heights Road, with an elevation of 2,580 feet, Taneum Creek is a great place to ride without running into too many other snowmobilers.

“Taneum Creek is my favorite place to ride. It has awesome groomed trails and you don’t have to worry about running into cross-country skiers,” Nate Arland, senior, said.

For more information on groomed trails or where to ride call the Cle Elum Forest Service at (509) 674-4411.

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Comedian laughs at self

by Andrew Patrick
Staff reporter

Club Central's first comedy night in February could be a night full of contrasting perspectives and firsts for students. The event will be at 8 p.m., Feb. 1 in Club Central. It's the first Friday of the month, the first day of the month, and the first time comedians Jim Wiggins and James Johann have come to Central to entertain students with their takes on life.

"Usually when we have a regular comedy night, we have an opener who does half an hour to 45 minutes, then we have a headliner who does an hour show," Kayte Anchors, Club Central programmer, said. "Usually the opener does not have as good a comedy act as the headliner, but these guys are both really good and will be splitting the time equally."

With both Wiggins and Johann co-headlining the night, the topics discussed with jocularly will range from growing up in the drug-addled world of the hippie generation, to the hilarious stupidity of deep backwoods hicks.

"James is from Kansas City and he mostly does young hick comedy. Jim will be doing comedy about growing up in the 60s and 70s and the drug culture," Pat Wilson, Comedy West Agency, said.

"A lot of the comedy people come in and they're like, 'Is this going to be more of an R rated show?' so they'll ask before they go on stage," Anchors said. "Basically they ask before they come in and we tell them they can say some things R rated, but that they should test their audience first and see where it goes."

For students who have never been to a comedy night, Anchors says it is a great way to start out your night, if given a try.

"Students need to wake up and smell the coffee and face that there is programming out there and that they should adventure out there and try it," Anchors said. "Everybody says, 'I don't want to go, it will cut into my bar time!' It's not going to. It gets over at 10 o'clock and bars don't start hoppin' until 10:30 or 11:00. So I think it's a great opportunity to come sit and watch some good com-

edy and then go out and have a good time."

The comedians Wilson has booked for Club Central have had a really good time in the past, and Wilson said it is because of Anchors and Scott Drummond.

"I think it will be one of the better shows. Comics like coming to Ellensburg because of how well they are treated," Wilson said.

The reality that the comedians have a designated place and time to perform, instead of being thrown into a cafeteria trying to break starving students concentration on feeding themselves, is another draw for the performers.

As people complain that there is less and less to do in Ellensburg besides imbibing intoxicating liquors to the point of incoherence, Campus Life and activities continue to offer alternatives.

"Our programming is not an end-all-means to your weekend plans, but it would be nice to see students turn their focus away from drinking, to having some fun and then going out," Anchors said.

Kill the clichés

by Observer staff

Throughout our day, we toss around familiar clichés during typical conversation. We say them without realizing where they come from and what connotation they used to have with them. Here's the breakdown of some of our favorite clichés.

Raining cats and dogs: Back when straw was used to build the roof of a house, animals, such as cats and dogs, would sleep in the hay to remain warm at night. When it would rain, the hay would get slippery and the cats and dogs would slide off the roof and onto the ground. Thus, a heavy rainstorm could be described as 'raining cats and dogs.'

Kick the bucket: During the Revolutionary war, soldiers were placed on the top of towers serving as look out for nine day shifts. They were not allowed to leave

the tower during their post, so a bucket was used as the resident toilet. If a soldier knocked the bucket over, the stench on top of the tower could become unbearable. The others often revolted and beat the soldier mercilessly, many times until he died or, as the phrase was coined, "kicked the bucket."

Being gypped: The Gypsy form of pick pocketing was to throw their babies at a person, and then steal their money. The person would not drop the child, therefore making it easy to take their money. Because of this, being taken advantage of is often called "being gypped".

Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey: On a ship, sailors placed cannon balls on brass plates known as brass monkeys. In the cold, the brass would shrink and the cannon balls would fall off. This made it "cold enough to freeze the balls of a brass monkey."

CALENDAR

Thursday Jan. 31	Club Central Comedy Night Club Central 8 p.m. Snowshoe Tour Tent-n-Tube Noon Cost: \$10	Sunday Feb. 3	Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Mary Grupe Center 7 p.m. Gala-GLBSTA SUB Owhi Room 6 p.m. Kappa Xi Meeting Shaw Smyser Rm. 111 6 p.m. History Club L & L Building Rm. 247 4 p.m.	Black History Month: Melanie Denise Cunningham-speaker Noon SUB Pit Marketing Club Shaw Smyser Rm. 11 7 p.m.
Friday Feb. 1	CWU Production: Man of La Mancha CWU Theatre 8 p.m. Cost: \$14 general admission, \$12 senior citizens, students \$10 CWU Women's Basketball Nicholson Pavilion 7 p.m. 80's Film Series- "Weird Science" Club Central 8 p.m. Cost \$1 TNT (Thursday Night Thing) Chestnut Street Baptist Church 7 p.m.	Saturday Feb. 2	CWU Production: Man of La Mancha CWU Theatre 8 p.m. Cost: \$14 general admission, \$12 senior citizens, students \$10	Tuesday Feb. 5
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Hike tackles 4000 feet in four miles

by Allison Worrell
News editor

Driving winds, crampons and ice axes, life-threatening conditions, utter isolation and solitude are all elements of mountain climbing. Visible from Interstate 90, Mount Si contradicts each of those generalizations, and can easily be summited in a few hours, usually in the company of a few hundred climbers.

The temperature hung in the low forties and it was raining steadily in North Bend last weekend as I drove to the trailhead. Unenthused about the task ahead of me, and feeling sluggish after an enormous lunch, I drove slowly to put off leaving the shelter of my Subaru. However, it was only a 10 minute drive from the freeway to the trailhead, elevation 650 feet, all on paved roads.

One of the most accessible trailheads in the

state, the Mount Si trail attracts thousands of hikers each year. I was only a little surprised to see a multitude of sport utility vehicles and Volvos in the large parking area; it seemed others were also braving the uncomfortable weather.

I donned a Gore-Tex jacket, pants and gaiters to protect myself from the incessant rain, and stepped from my car. The trail began pleasantly, winding next to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, then into a fairly dense alder forest. I was pleased when the trees provided protection from the rain.

The trail began to gently climb, and a series of long switchbacks followed. The path is well graded and even more well traveled: kids bundled in parkas, men laden with high-tech gear training for more extreme climbs, tourists and old-timers all shared the trail.

It's an eight-mile-long round trip from the

trailhead to the base of the Haystack, an enormous rock at the summit of Mount Si. Each half-mile was clearly marked, and at about one mile was a viewpoint, the first on the route.

By this time I had surrendered to the rain and removed my hood, and was enjoying sloping through occasional muddy patches.

The trail continued to switchback, and, at one and three-quarter miles, after Snag Flat (which includes informational signs about flora and fauna), the first signs of snow appeared. The amount of snow and the steepness of the trail both increased steadily and the crowds thinned as I neared the summit.

At three and one-half miles, the driving wind often associated with mountain climbing made itself known. The snow was deep now, and the trail was slick.

The last one-half mile was somewhat treacherous, and I found myself facedown in

the snow twice.

The summit, elevation 4,167 feet, was completely socked in; the top of Mount Si was shrouded in fog and clouds.

On a clear day the Puget Sound area, from North Bend to the Olympic Mountains, is mapped out below.

After a brief stay at the summit, I returned to my car. In just over three hours, without getting my car muddy, using any technical skills or risking my life, I joined the ranks of peak baggers everywhere.

Mount Si is generally snow-free from April through November, but can be climbed with waterproof boots nearly any time of year.

To reach the trailhead from Interstate 90, take exit 31, follow North Bend Way east through town, turn left on Mount Si Road, and follow signs to the trailhead.

Café Eden offers music and food



Amy Tibbles
Staff reporter



3 1/2 stars out of 5

Ellensburg's narrow storefronts may give the impression there isn't much to do in this town, but plenty is happening at 311 N. Main Street. The long, narrow building is in which Café Eden is squished between the Antique Mall and the Guns and Ammo Shop. Although it doesn't immediately catch

the eye, it is not hard to see the sign above the door announcing its existence.

Many people may be aware of the good food and casual, relaxing environment, but few people might guess that Café Eden is also the hottest underage venue in Ellensburg.

Jessica Schenck, senior English major, was at Café Eden for a costume party featuring the musical group Dank Valley Drifters.

"There were tons of people, it was really high-energy," Schenck said.

The venue is unique to Ellensburg for its all-ages atmosphere.

"It gives the underage kids a place to go," Kinney said.

Hoffman went to some of the live music shows at Café Eden.

"I've seen Open Country Joy play there, and RavenWolf," Hoffman said. "They're really fun

shows, especially now that they serve beer. But they make sure to card."

Owned and operated by Jerry and Julie Kinney, the restaurant will have its second anniversary in March.

"Being able to cook and watch people eat is my favorite thing," Julie Kinney said. "I get my sense of identity through food." Aside from a small window-painting business, this is Kinney's first entrepreneurial endeavor.

The prices at Café Eden are fairly typical for a deli-style restaurant (\$5.25 to \$7.50) and more reasonable than the jacked up fares at most mainstream, trendy vegetarian/health food restaurants. The Kinneys have combined the two ideas, serving thick, juicy hamburgers and BLT's along with the Hummveg sandwiches and Boca Burgers (a vegetarian version of the traditional beef patty). Every day they have a fantastic variety of soups, such as clam chowder, French onion and beef noodle.

"I had a cajun pasta with extra cajun sauce," Robin Hoffman, senior anthropology major, said. "It was real spicy."

Café Eden also boasts its own creative sandwiches, such as the Hammore, which consists of artichokes, roasted red pepper, ham and honey mustard dressing on thick slices of light wheat bread. Although the presentation was beautiful and the flavor distinctive, the Hammore, ironically, did need more ham. It would seem their new vegetarian theme may have slightly affected the meaty sandwiches, as the BLT also should have had a little more bacon. Aside from these minor disappointments in the heartiness of the food, the atmosphere and attitude portrayed at Café Eden was unique, pleasant, and comfortable.



Bryan Benjamin/Observer

Café Eden, located on Main Street, offers an eclectic mix of food and music for customers of every age.

"It's nice, it's comfortable, and the people are friendly," Augustine Fuentes, anthropology professor, said.

They have an ample supply of baked goods on hand, the most popular of which is the giant oatmeal-chocolate-chip-butterscotch cookie.

"Anybody can come in and relax," Kinney said. "Give us a shot and see what happens."

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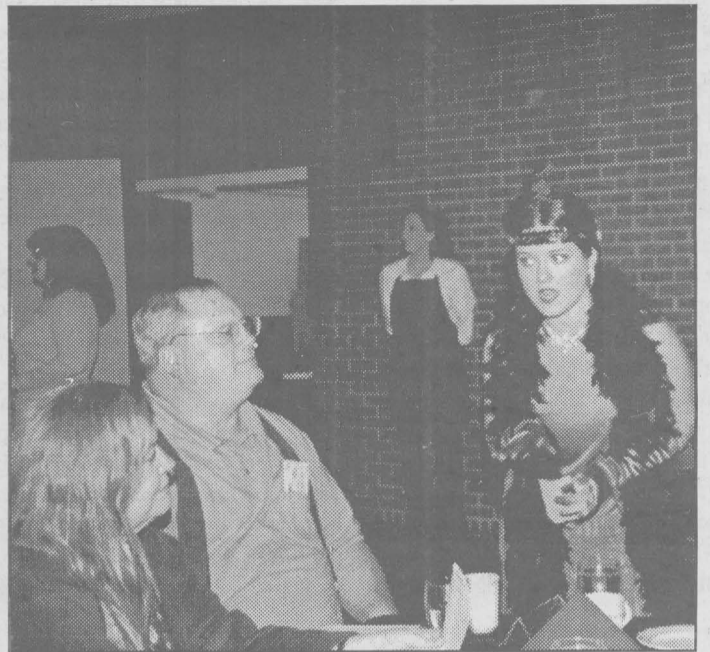
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Parents solve murder mystery



Andrea Vanhorn/Observer



Dessert, deception and detective work. The Murder Mystery Company of Portland visited Ellensburg Saturday, Jan. 26. They entertained Central students and their families by performing the act "Al Capone's Place". The night included dessert, murder and audience participation in solving the case.

Art Walk showcased at local eateries

by Meredith Willingham
Scene editor

Local art galleries, restaurants and museums will have a chance to showcase their material before the community in the First Friday Art Walk tomorrow.

First Friday Art Walk is a collection of local businesses and eateries showcasing varieties of art to the public.

Sweet Memories, the Valley Deli and Wineshop, and D&M Coffee Downtown all present the casual diner an opportunity to look at local artists' work while eating and drinking the fare they have to offer. Local antique stores are being added to the list of places to visit this month as well.

The Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, located on the Central Washington University campus, will have a spot on the monthly walk. The Clymer Museum is presenting the works of local artists as well as the permanent exhibits of John Clymer.

The Central Washington Gallery of Fine Art, formerly the Amby Edinger Art Gallery, will feature poetry readings and the normal collection of paintings and sculptures normally seen.

"In here, there are people from Ellensburg, the Yakima River valley, China, Mongolia, South America, Russia and Belarus. This gallery is international," Reuben Edinger, gallery director, said.

Edinger founded the gallery five years ago,

but has since converted the structure of the gallery to a non-profit organization headed by a board of directors. Edinger and the board have compiled an art collection that doesn't present the normal vision of an art gallery.

"We do lots of different art mediums; everything from the visual concrete art, to the performing arts, to the literary arts," Edinger said.

The gallery presents international art to an audience who wouldn't normally be able to see work from around the world.

"A lot of people in this community don't necessarily travel internationally, so what we're doing is we're bringing all these cultures in to central Washington, to familiarize people with other cultures," Edinger said. "We're also developing pathways out for artists from central Washington to exhibit all over the world."

The Gallery of Fine Art will be highlighted with a visit from Central professor Mark Halperin, who will be reading poems from his latest book, "Life Poetry."

Halperin will add a vocal element to the work presented at the gallery.

"He's widely traveled. He will add the American opinion, the American viewpoint. He is the American who is culturally diverse," Edinger said. "He will add the literary human element to what otherwise is considered sometimes to be static art."

The Central Washington Gallery will present a dollhouse exhibition next month for the next First Friday Art Walk.



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Reuben Edinger, director of the Central Washington Gallery of Fine Art, sets up the Stephen Abhaya paintings to include in the First Friday Art Walk. Mark Halperin will be reading from his latest book, "Life Poetry" and signing copies for listeners who wish to buy the book.

SPORTS

Wildcat Sports

Men's B-ball:	Jan. 31 @ Western Washington 7 p.m. Feb. 2 @ Seattle Pacific 3:30 p.m.
Women's B-ball:	Jan. 31 vs. Saint Martin's 7 p.m. Feb. 2 vs. Northwest Nazarene 7 p.m.
Swimming:	Feb. 1-3 @ Washington Open
Track & Field:	Feb. 2. @ U. of Idaho

Wildcats knock off nationally ranked Seattle Pacific University

by Duane Shimogawa
Staff reporter

Coming in against the Seattle Pacific University Falcons, the Wildcats knew they would have to play a near perfect game and that's exactly what they did with an 84-82 overtime win.

"All the facets of our game are running on all cylinders and we just beat a terrific basketball team," head coach Jeff Whitney said.

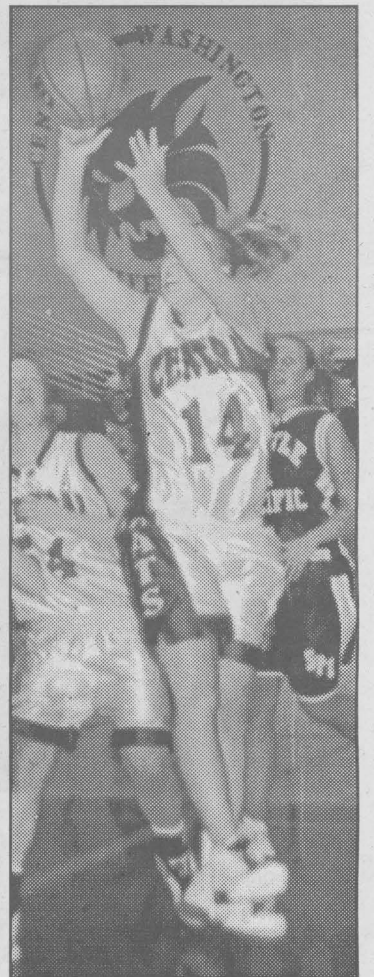
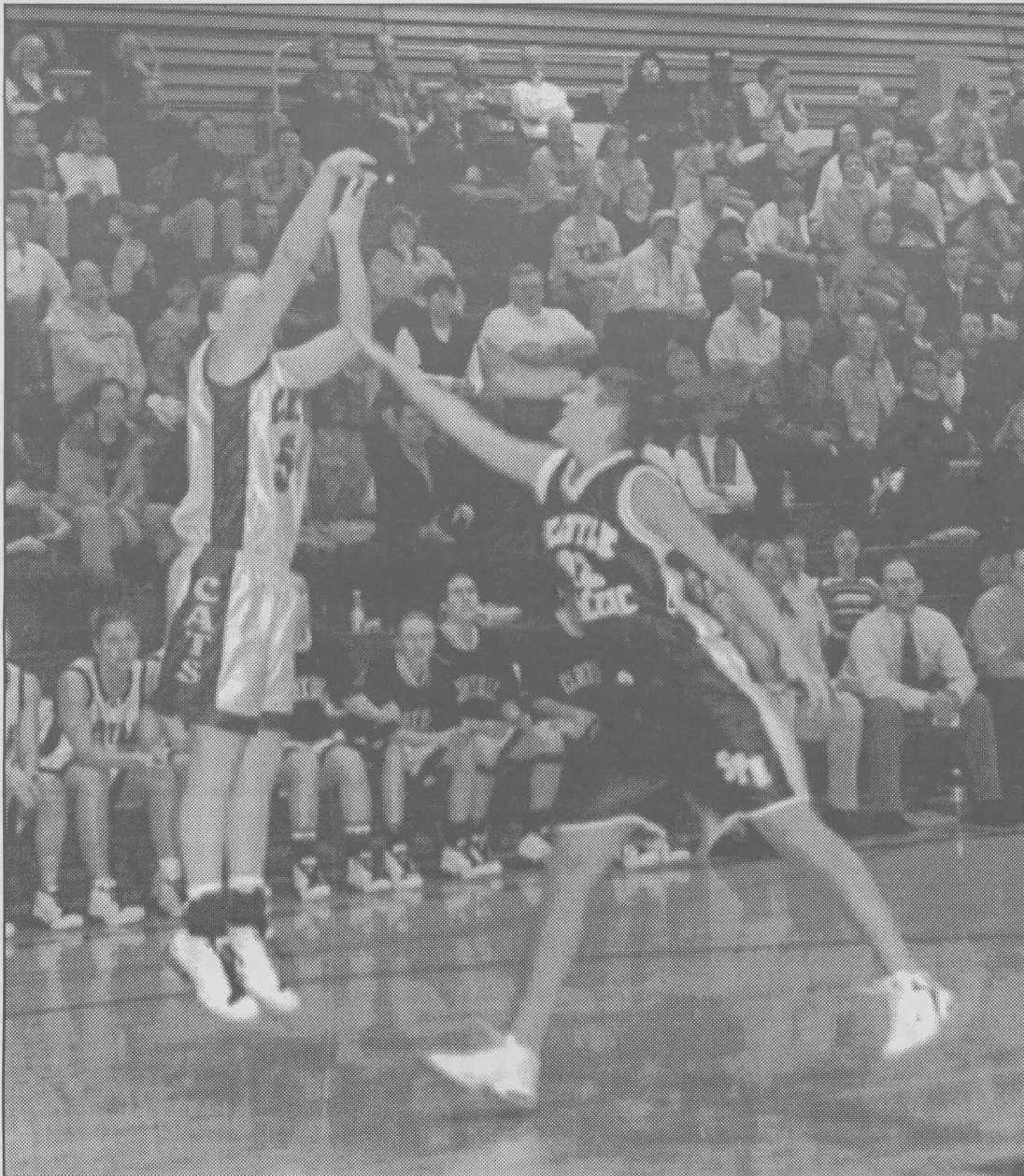
Central used a balanced scoring attack with five players in double figures and was able to shut down Washington State transfer Kelley Berglund, who scored only eight points while spending most of the game on the bench with foul trouble.

The Wildcats, number eight in the West Region rankings, scratched away from a 21-all tie with a 7-0 run late in the first half. Central led 36-31 at the end of the first half, which featured four ties and 11 lead changes.

"I felt good about our team at the half as we came out and held our own, not letting them take control of the game," Whitney said.

Central came out in the second half with a purpose running off nine straight points and leading by as many as 22 points. With 6:30 to go in the game, senior center Rose Shaw hit a driving lay-up that seemingly put the Wildcats up for good. Wrong.

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Bryan Waters/Observer

Guard Angela Jensen (above) pulls up in the lane. Senior Rose Shaw (left) finished the contest against Seattle Pacific with 26 points, 14 rebounds and three assists.

Male and female swimmers win big against the University of Puget Sound

by Staci Miller
Asst. sports editor

Lap after lap after lap, is what every member of the Central Washington University Wildcat swim team endures everyday. They have to.

In order to do well in an extremely competitive league, every member of the Wildcat team must turn it up a notch and perform to the best of their ability. The Wildcats proved they were up to the challenge when they hosted a dual meet against the University of Puget Sound last Friday. For the first meet in over a month, Central drowned the Loggers with a 121-82 victory for the men and a 129-76 victory for the women.

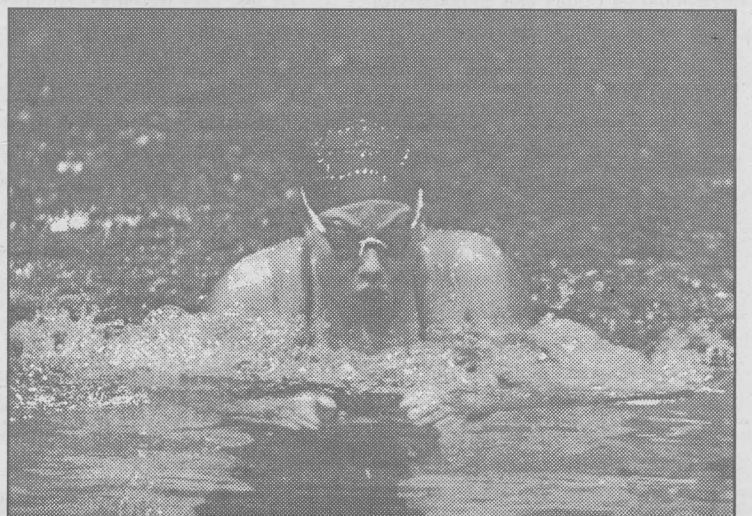
Early in the meet, sophomore Wildcat Cliff Brooke took control of the water with a win in both the 200-yard (1:45.75) and the 500-yard (4:48.51) freestyle. For the women, junior Vicki Schmaltz clobbered the Loggers with a victory in the 100-yard (54.56) and 200-yard (1:59.22) freestyle. Freshman Shelbi Settlege pushed the Wildcats ahead with powerful wins in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:07.48) and the 200-yard individual medley (2:12.20).

"I'm happy with the way everyone is swimming," captain Cliff Brooke said. "I like the way the team has grown as a group and I think we've rose to the challenge Candi (Eslinger, head coach) has set for us."

Though both the men and the women were victorious over the University of Puget Sound Loggers, they struggled to stay afloat at the Central Washington University Mini-Invite Saturday afternoon.

"I didn't know what to expect," said freshman Kyle Munsch. "I think we are a little tired because we haven't had a meet in a while."

Tired indeed. Taking on California Baptist University, Seattle University and Whitworth College might have been a little more than the Wildcat men could chew. By the end of the five-hour meet, the Wildcat men walked away with a fourth-



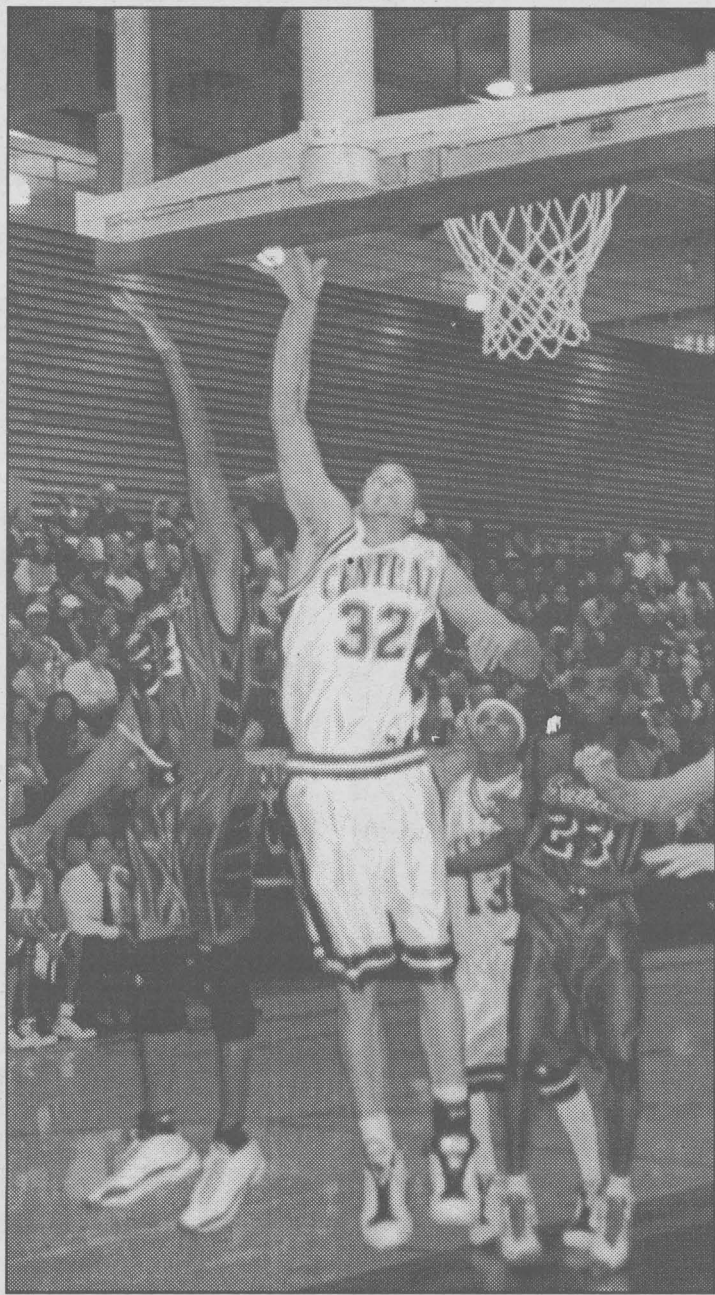
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Junior Elizabeth Scott competes in the 100-yard breaststroke last weekend against the U of Puget Sound.

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Central lets its guard down

Wildcats lose to St. Martin's for the first time in four years



Bryan Waters/Observer

Senior power-forward Justin Thompson lays the ball in with close pressure from a Saint defender against Saint Martin's College. Thompson led the Wildcats with 18 points and seven rebounds in the home loss. Central travels to Western Washington University (6-3) and nationally ranked Seattle Pacific University (8-1) today and Saturday.

by Casey Steiner
Asst. sports editor

Unfortunately for Wildcat fans, basketball games are played on the court and not on paper.

"I don't think our guys showed up," Greg Sparling, head coach, said. "They may have been looking ahead to the Western game. They just didn't stick to the game plan."

Central Washington University sported a 133-23 all-time record, including eight straight, against the Saints coming into the contest. Despite a 3-5 conference record, the Wildcats were heavily favored on paper against their 4-4 opponent.

"Play hard, play smart, play together," Scott Freymond, point guard, said. "That's our team motto."

SMC strolled into Nicholson Pavilion Saturday and beat a lackadaisical Wildcat team 75-70 in front of 1,500 fans.

"We're not playing real well at all," Justin Thompson, senior, said.

After wins over undefeated Humboldt State and Western Oregon the Wildcats looked to be heading in the right direction. A tune-up contest with SMC stood between the Wildcats and match-ups with conference-elite Western Washington and Seattle Pacific.

"We're playing real inconsistent," Freymond said. "We played real well against Humboldt State and Western Oregon. Then we blew it against Saint Martin's."

The light at the end of the tunnel shined bright in the eyes of the players. But by the end of the game the Wildcats stood stunned like a deer caught in headlights.

"We just didn't stick to the game plan," Freymond said.

Before the season began Sparling spoke of an ultimate goal of "win-

ning the national championship." After adding talent and depth to a team that lost in the regional semi-finals a year ago, a national championship didn't seem too far-fetched.

"Our whole team is disappoint-

"We just didn't stick to the game plan."

— Scott Freymond

ed," Thompson said. "We should be in a better position."

Now with a 10-7 overall and 3-6 conference record, the Wildcats will be lucky to qualify for the playoffs.

"We have to win out and let the NCAA figure it out," Sparling said.

With nine games to play, Central can afford no more lackluster performances like the one last weekend. Even a perfect 9-0 run to end the season may not be good enough. Central now resides in seventh place in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference and must make its way into the top six in the NCAA Division II West Regional poll in order to qualify for the postseason.

"We have to get focused," Sparling said. "We weren't focused against Saint Martin's and we weren't focused (in losses) against Northwest Nazarene or Seattle U."

The comeback trail starts tonight in Bellingham. The Wildcats will be looking for revenge upon the 81-84 overtime loss Dec. 8 against the much-hated Vikings.

"We're thinking nothing but revenge," Freymond said. "They (SPU and WWU) came into our gym

and beat us in the two craziest games I've ever been involved in. We want our revenge."

There are also playoff implications on the line.

"Whoever loses the Western-Central game will probably be out of the playoffs for sure," Sparling said.

After losing in the semi-finals a year ago, WWU sits in seventh place in the regional poll. The Vikings entire starting line-up averages 12 or more points per game.

"It's going to be a crazy environment," Sparling said. "At this point the horses have to run. We know what they do and they know what we do. It'll come down to who makes the big plays."

On Saturday Central travels to Seattle for a rematch with eighth nationally ranked Seattle Pacific University. The Falcons escaped Nicholson Pavilion with a 101-100 double-overtime victory Dec. 6. With a 15-1 overall record SPU is the second ranked team in the region.

"We played them well the first time," Thompson said. "We need to get some wins and set a plateau for the rest of the season. A win will help us come together and play team basketball."

The Falcons have the talent to back up their high ranking. Junior forward Yusef Aziz, at 16.9 points per game, leads the Falcons. Also providing firepower is preseason All-America forward Brannon Stone at 10 points, 5.1 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game.

"People are going to have to elevate their play," Sparling said. "It's going to be a fun game. Whoever wins this game is going to have to be clicking on all cylinders."

Central returns to home next week to start a four-game home stand with Alaska Anchorage Thursday and Alaska Fairbanks Saturday night.

Southern Oregon and the U of Oregon take down Wildcat wrestlers on road

by Lauren McKean
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University wrestlers migrated south to Southern Oregon University in Ashland on Friday and University of Oregon in Eugene on Saturday, only to add two more losses to their dual meet record (4-9).

"We went into the Southern Oregon match knowing that we could beat them," Jay McGuffin, head coach said. "They were tough. There was a big crowd and we were the outsiders trying to overcome them on their home mats. It's hard to go up against a tough team and beat them, and even harder to do it on their territory."

Losing 20-6 to Southern Oregon, Central was only able to put out three wins on the mat. Southern Oregon continued to add to their 18-straight

winning streak against Central, upping the defeats to 19.

Jaime Garza (125) started his match against Mark Harris by getting down quickly, 4-1. He fought back hard to win the match, 17-8.

"He just kept fighting and came back and ended up breaking his opponent," McGuffin said.

Shaine Jaime put in a great match at 149 pounds, giving Central another win (6-2) over Shawn Slover.

"Jaime dominated his whole match. He's been wrestling very well and I think he might end up being a national contender," McGuffin said.

Franco Santiago (184) was the third to put in some points for the Wildcats. He won with a technical fall over Chris Wilson.

"If we would've won the close matches, we would've won overall,"

"Give me 110 percent. That's all I wanted."

— Jay McGuffin

wrestler Ty Roberts said. "We should've won (against Southern Oregon University)."

The Wildcats went into the University of Oregon dual on Saturday a little broken down.

"It is a little intimidating wrestling at the University of Oregon at Mac (McArthur) Court because they have such great facilities and they have you wrestling under a spotlight (literally)," McGuffin said. "I

really wanted us to wrestle hard."

McGuffin has been down on the mat in Mac Court a numerous amount of times as he was formerly a Duck himself. It was a very familiar place to him and he knew how intimidating it would be for the Wildcats.

"Give me 110 percent. That's all I wanted," McGuffin said.

Yet this proved to be a hard task for the team.

Kyle Smith (165) earned the only victory for Central on Saturday. He decided Michael Budicke, 8-2.

Josh Brock came close to a decision in his match against Jake Leir at 197 pounds. Brock was up 3-1 and Leir took him down to bring the score to 3-3 in the second round. Leir chose the down position and escaped, making the score 4-3, and no points were rewarded in the remaining time.

The Wildcats were somewhat handicapped not being able to send in Shaine Jaime. He did not wrestle because of an ankle injury from the previous match and McGuffin decided to keep him off the mat.

"Even though we lost against Oregon on Saturday, I had the feeling that there was more intensity there than against Southern Oregon," McGuffin said. "We are having confidence problems. The physical aspect of the game is there but the mental is not. Instead of questioning whether or not they're going to win, they should go out knowing they're going to be victorious."

The Wildcat's next match will be at 7 p.m., Feb. 4 at Montana State University-Northern.

"If we wrestle tough, we should win," Roberts said. "The end of the season is coming up and we have to pick it up a notch."

Central Athlete of the Week

Settlage sets the pace for Wildcats

by Staci Miller
Asst. sports editor

Eat. Sleep. Swim. Eat. Sleep. Swim. For freshman Central Washington University swimmer Shelbi Settlage, this is a normal routine.

At the age of 10, Settlage began her swimming career in her hometown of Bothell and quickly developed a love for the sport. By age 12, she qualified for her first Zone, a yearly swim competition, in the breaststroke.

"It was definitely a different experience at that age," Settlage said. "It was a big deal."

Though she did not place high in her age group, she came away from the competition with a fire to perform well.

Over the years, Settlage swam for the Bothell High School swim team and on her local club team, proving to be very successful. As her senior year rolled around, she had a difficult decision to make. Not only did she have to decide which school she wanted to swim for, she had to make the decision whether or not to stay in state.

"I didn't know I was going to come to Central until the last minute," Settlage said. "I wanted to go out of state all through high



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Freshman swimmer Shelbi Settlage is on her way to making the cut for the National Championships with only four-tenths of a second to trim off her 100-yard breaststroke. She is aiming to make the cut this weekend.

school, until my senior year. I didn't want to go anywhere in Washington, then my senior year I got scared and didn't want to leave and I didn't want to go that far from home."

After re-evaluating her location decision, Settlage had another decision to make. Following careful con-

sideration of teams from Washington State University and the University of Washington, Settlage narrowed it down. Last March, following a recruiting trip to Central, Settlage chose to swim for the Wildcats. With a drive to succeed and a full tuition scholarship under her belt, she has made quite a name for herself among her teammates.

"She works hard and it shows in her daily performance," teammate Jessica Spriggs said. "We are all excited to see her swim at the Washington Open this weekend."

With two-a-day practices and morning practice starting as early as 5:30 a.m., Settlage has given up almost all of her social life for the one thing that she has worked eight hard years to accomplish: swimming excellence.

"It definitely takes away from my social life," Settlage said. "But that's something you have to give up if you want to do something that's so different from everyone else in the world, something a lot of people can't do."

But Settlage can still find the positive aspects of a not-so-positive social life. When she is not fine-tuning her breaststroke or swimming sprints to improve her time, she tries to hang out with her friends as much as possible, especially on the weekends. Settlage also looks at swim-

ming as positive activity in her life.

"It's a year-round sport so it keeps something positive in my life every-day after school," Settlage said. "It has taught me dedication and disci-

"She works hard and it shows in her daily performance."

— Jessica Spriggs

pline. It has always taught me to do my homework, taught me what's right and what's wrong. There is so much discipline."

As for the rest of her Wildcat team, Settlage has no regrets choosing Central as a starting point for her swimming career. Sharing the pool with her co-ed teammates is just one of the details Settlage looked for when picking a school. For eight years, she swam for co-ed teams in Bothell and loved it from the beginning. Making the decision to swimming for Central is no exception.

"Everyone's so different on the team and we all get along very well," Settlage said. "Everyone sees each

other as they really are. They see you without make-up; they see you when you're down and when you're happy. You know everything about a person when you are on a team like that."

When Settlage ends her Wildcat career she would like to be remembered for her energy in and out of the pool and the knowledge that she did her best no matter how she felt.

"I would like to be remembered as somebody who didn't give up," Settlage said.

But giving up is not in the vocabulary of this 18-year-old swim star. For her first season as a Wildcat, Settlage has already put up some impressive times. In the 100-yard breaststroke, she is a mere four-tenths of a second off the national time of 1:07.29. Settlage also has yet to regain her personal best time of 2:09.19 in the individual medley, which would easily place her within the national qualification time of 2:10.79 for that event.

In order for Settlage to fulfill her goal of making it to the National Championships in March, she has to stay focused and disciplined to the sport in which she has poured all of her time and energy. She has made swimming a priority and it shows in her ability to perform with the fire she found when she was just a 12-year-old.

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HOOPS: Wildcat women play for their sixth straight victory

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SPU came roaring back, headed by freshman forward Emily Faurholt and sophomore forward Kristin Poe who combined for 15 of the Falcon's 27 points in the second half. SPU junior guard Kerie Hughes completed a 27-5 run with a three pointer with 12 seconds in regulation, knotting the game at 74 and sending it into overtime.

“I wasn't suprised with the comeback...”

— Rose Shaw

“I wasn't surprised with the comeback, they don't give up and that's why they are a nationally ranked team,” Shaw said.

In overtime, both teams traded buckets and with the game tied at 80, Shaw hit one of two free throws with 49 seconds to go, but the Falcons answered as Faurholt was fouled while attempting a three pointer and hit two of three from the line to put

them up 82-81.

Central wouldn't quit as Shaw hit guard Dawnita LiaBraaten wide open on the left wing to hit nothing but the bottom of the twine putting the Wildcats up for good 84-82.

Just moments later, Hughes took the in bound pass coast to coast and despite the tight defense by LiaBraaten, put in the supposed game tying bucket, which originally was called good but after a discussion with the other referees, the call was overturned and an ecstatic Wildcat squad came away with the 84-82 victory.

“This game taught us a big lesson as to never give up and to keep working hard,” LiaBraaten said.

The Wildcats were led by Shaw with 26 points and 14 rebounds. Junior guard Meggen Kautzky dropped in 18 points, junior forward Karissa Martin added 14, junior guard Angela Jensen chipped in with 12 points, and LiaBraaten rounded out the double digit scoring with 10.

Faurholt led SPU with 26 points and freshman guard Trisha Hermanson came off the bench to score 17 points.

Central hopes to extend its five game winning streak when it hosts St. Martin's tonight and Northwest Nazarene Saturday.



Observer File Photo

A Central swimmer practices his breaststroke earlier this season. Central travels to Federal Way tomorrow for the Washington Open before heading to California Feb. 18.

SWIMMING: Central swimmers gear up for Washington Open

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place score of 93 compared to the winning CBU (211.5). On the other hand, the Wildcat women squeaked by CBU (171 points) and the rest of the pack with a 177-point win.

Even with both teams drained of energy, impressive times and wins were still plentiful in the Wildcat pool.

In the 200-yard individual medley, the women demonstrated power and grace in the water with Settlage

(2:12.49) taking first, freshman Brianne Kelson (2:15.90) grabbing third and Kristen Landers, Elizabeth Scott and Anne Miller rounding out the top 10 seats. Captain Vicki Schmaltz (Jr.) also grabbed a huge victory in the 500-yard freestyle (5:15.37).

For the Wildcat men, wins were hard to come by. Brooke wrangled up a third-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle (4:47.59) and Munsch placed third as well in the 100-yard backstroke (57.21).

Eslinger said the team's structure

this season is shaping up to be possibly one of the best in years.

“They are a lot tighter as a team, not just a bunch of individuals,” Eslinger said. “We do have those swimmers that are faster but I think as a whole they work together really well and you have to do that. It's not just one person, it takes a team effort.”

The season is now tapering down to its final few meets with the Washington Open this weekend in Federal Way and conference finals, Feb. 17-21, in Long Beach, Calif.

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