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Observer

Central Washington University
President invites students to discuss issues

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

With the intimacy of firelight, hot topics came easy to concerned students at the second fireside chat held at the home of Central Washington University President, Jerilyn McIntyre. Topics of tuition, enrollment diversity and campus improvement led the discussion.

The event was devoted to bridging the gap between students and administration by providing a panel of the president’s cabinet to respond to students’ questions. KCWU 88.1 The ‘Burg broadcasts the discussion live.

“It began as a desire to get the president involved in discussing the issues of the university. We use the radio station to communicate this,” Chris Hull, general manager of the ‘Burg, said.

More students turned out for Monday’s discussion than at the previous chat. Approximately 15 students attended; including the student government. Jason Pang, junior in political science and Asian pacific studies, said “those who cared were represented” at the discussion.

Unlike the first fireside chat, which required some prompting, students on Monday came prepared with a wide variety of questions.

Tuition increases headed the list as a topic of concern. McIntyre explained it was the university’s goal to keep tuition under control despite budget cuts. She also commented that the legislature does not fill in the gap in budget losses if the Board of Trustees chooses not to increase tuition.

“The terrible trade-off we are faced with is to cut programs or services in order to absorb that someplace else, in order to keep the tuition increase as low as possible,” McIntyre said.

Higher enrollment numbers create a new dynamic on campus. Students were interested in more hassle-free registration and the possibility of changing the institution’s rolling enrollment policy.

The panel mentioned that registration will become Web-based in the future to give students scheduling options and the idea of changing enrollment procedures is being “toyed with.”

The issue of parking remains a subject of mixed views. More parking is desired, but space and funds are limited to implement expansion.

Plea bargains cancel rape trial

by Tarena Ruehle
Staff Reporter

Sentencing will occur for five men accused of raping a 14-year-old girl last Labor Day weekend within the next 30 to 45 days.

The defendants, ranging in age from 18 to 20, Ian Morgan, Brian McElligot, Timothy Mantie, Sean Holland and Kevin McCallister-Breland pled guilty to third degree rape of a child just four days before their scheduled trial.

A pre-sentence investigation will take place within the next couple of weeks. The defendants may face up to five years in prison, which is the maximum penalty for the charge.

Margaret Sowards, prosecuting attorney, said she feels this is a just outcome.

Late last week, numerous charges were dropped, because of insufficient evidence, but it was not until Friday, Feb. 1 during their status conference that they chose to take the plea bargain.

Sowards said it was not a surprise that the defendants chose to take the plea bargain.

Four of the men were released on electronic home monitoring and McCallister-Breland is being held at the Kittitas County Jail.

McCallister-Breland chose to begin his sentencing immediately and will be sent to Shelton, where he will eventually be transferred to other correctional facilities to carry out the remainder of his sentence.

It is a possibility that the other four defendants, if they qualify and if the judge grants it, may have their five-year sentences suspended if they take part in an intensive treatment program, Special Sex Offender Sentencing Alternative (SOSA).

Some disagree with the possible outcomes the defendants are facing.

“I don’t think that’s right at all,” Coire King, a junior geography major, said. “I think they should have been punished a lot more than five years. I don’t think that should be tolerated at all.”

Forecast for summer: tuition rates will rise

Summer rates scheduled to increase by 5.38 percent for undergraduates

by Ken Whittengen
Staff reporter

Students returning to Central Washington University or any one of its university centers this summer can expect to pay more for their education.

David Soltz, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, said the summer increase will help cover the costs of faculty salaries while reflecting the general tuition increases students face during the regular school year.

Undergraduate students will face a 5.38 percent tuition increase for the summer session; making summer 2002 courses $99 per-student-credit-hour versus $93 per-student-credit-hour in summer 2001.

Post-baccalaureate summer tuition will rise 11.65 percent in the summer quarter, a rise from $103 per-student-credit-hour in summer,
Recent crimes perplex Ellensburg police

Four local businesses have been robbed since Christmas
by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

The Ellensburg Police Department is alarmed by the sudden strike of armed robberies of local businesses.

Since Christmas, three armed robberies and one theft have occurred, and two suspects are still on the loose.

"It's a black eye to the community," Captain Ron Green, Ellensburg Police Department, said.

On Dec. 25, Happy's Market was held up by a 16-year-old Ephrata youth wielding a small handgun. The suspect's fingerprints were found on a package of beef jerky handled by him at the scene. A warrant was issued for his arrest but he remains at large.

On Jan. 7, an attempted robbery took place at Albertson's. James Hughes, 26, of Spokane, is accused by Shane Cleveland

Staff reporter

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Green and Steve Rittereiser, chief of police, Green said community involvement is critical in crime prevention.

"We really depend on the eyes and ears of the public," Green said.

Anyone who sees suspicious persons or activities is encouraged to contact police.

Police arrived at the scene and arrested Hughes before he could flee. The gun was found to be fake, and

some sections at a lower size."

President said, "This year the tuition for the summer session at
downtown.

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Four local businesses have been the scenes of crimes in the past two months. From top: A theft occurred at Ken's Car Wash between Jan. 27 and Jan. 28. Chevon was robbed Jan. 25. A robbery was attempted at Albertson's Jan. 5. Happy's Market was robbed Dec. 25.

Spring quarter registration scheduled to begin Feb. 19
by Observer Staff
tomorrow, Feb. 8. The booklets are free. Students will also be notified of registration through their groupwise email accounts.

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Tuition jump planned
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2001 to $115 per-student-credit-hour in summer 2002. Graduate students will pay a 3.65 percent increase for the summer session at $135 per-student-credit-hour in 2002, a four-dollar increase from the 2001 session.

Central does not receive any funds from the state to operate during the summer. The increase in summer tuition will help provide students with more opportunities than past summers while improving the facilities they'll be learning in.

"(Tuition increases) will allow us to offer more sections than last summer," Soliz said. "We'll be able to offer some sections at a lower enrollment, making class sizes smaller."

McIntyre agreed with Soliz's assessment of the situation.

"We'll have better classes and student services and provide courses that students want," McIntyre said.

The University Budget Advisory Committee, made up from the Summer Session Advisory Committee and the Academic Affairs Council, is the body that presents the summer tuition increases.

A memorandum from the Provost's office to the President said, "This year the Summer Session Advisory Committee approved the following three roles for summer session: 1) provide appropriate course and programmatic offerings in order for students to meet their academic needs and interests; 2) provide opportunities and support for faculty; and 3) provide financial support to address the university's mission."

The decision to raise tuition is not a popular issue for some students.

"I think it's ridiculous. It seems like every quarter we have to pay more for books or tuition," Dan Carey, sophmore, said. "It's like they (the administration) keep finding excuses to raise costs."

Others feel like the increase in costs is an added burden on already tight student budgets.

"I think it's kind of expensive because I have to pay for it myself," Courtney McClary, junior travel and tourism major, said. "It's a big increase."

Tuition increases for the next school year have not been formally discussed.
Program enables minorities to receive GED

by Tarena Ruehle
Staff Reporter

Courtion Hall houses 20 new residents working to receive their General Education Development (GED) degree. The students are taking an intensive load of courses on the Central Washington University campus while living on the eighth and ninth floors of the Courtion Conference Center.

"This is giving people a second chance to come back and take a shot at getting a high school equivalency test taken and maybe a chance to go onto YVCC or even Central," Dale Scully, area coordinator of Residential Life, said.

The U.S. Department of Education Migrant Office funds the high school equivalency program for migrant workers.

Mateo Artega, director of the high school equivalency program, was part of a team that developed the program and received the grant for the funding.

Artega said the program will receive more than $40,000 a year to educate nearly 150 students from around the state of Washington. The students will have their schooling, meals and housing paid for.

"It's a great group of students to work with," Scully said. "They are students that are looking for second chances. They may not have been afforded the chance to complete their education and go on, and with this program it's a great opportunity for them to do that."

Scully told a social studies course for the students on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and is in charge of the residential life program at Courtion Hall.

Students in the program are living and attending class on the Central campus, but they have their own private classes. They are not participating in any classes offered through Central's academic programs.

"It's more like a high school program. They start at 9 a.m. and go to around 3:30," Scully said.

When the students are done with class for the day, they still have all of Central's resources available to them.

"We can keep them here and keep them immersed in what they are doing," Scully said. "There is a lot of diversity at Central Washington University. I think Central has always had a heart to work with different diversity and minority groups and that is what this is comprised of."

The students must be 16-years-old to be a part of the program, which classifies them as minors living on Central's campus.

Scully said they are holding them to tighter standards because of their age and keeping them on a shorter leash than other residential hall students.

They have also added a second Residential Assistant in Courtion Hall who is specialized in meeting the needs of the new students.

Students will continue to take part in the program until they pass their GED test. They will then be prepared to go on to college, the military or into a job with their improved skills.

Students in the high school equivalency program (HEP) study their General Education Development (GED) requirements in Bouillion Hall earlier this week.

Council of Presidents eyes budget woes

Jerilyn McIntyre chairs a meeting with the presidents of the six state public universities

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

Central Washington University is not alone in facing budget cuts and other problems experienced by universities.

The Council of Presidents for Washington state's public baccalaureate institutions, chaired by Central president Jerilyn McIntyre, held a special meeting to focus on budget cuts expected by the universities and how to make the transition to higher education, both to the public and government.

"The goal was to raise the level of issues that people talk about to include issues that concern all six institutions. That's why we got together, to ask 'What do we all have in common and what are the common agenda; that's a unique case before the legislature."

Washington state does not have a statewide governing board and management authority is delegated to each institution, making it possible for schools to work independently of each other. The meeting demonstrated the institutions' desires to work together.

Governance boards from Western Washington University, University of Washington, Evergreen State College, Central Washington University, Washington State University and Eastern Washington University were present for the forum.

To ensure that institutions wouldn't be so prone to cuts and disruptions every time the economy sours, the universities all agreed that a reliable funding source needs to be found.

The group also addressed the importance of developing tuition and enrollment plans that will function within budget restrictions.

Whether as a regional or research university, each state institution serves a different role and presents a unique case before the legislature.

But with joint cooperation among the universities, a strong, collective voice is likely to be heard above six differing voices.

"If all six of us stand together, with all of the boards... saying these are our common agenda; that's a pretty powerful voice," McIntyre said.

The meeting was the first in a few years and acted as a brainstorming session to recognize shared goals. Now, the common desire between the universities is to create a taskforce of individuals chosen from the boards to work on determining a plan of action.

"The next step is for us to talk with community colleges and tech colleges to get a work group together. It is a natural alliance to work with those schools, and it's important that we, as a community, come together," Terry Trale, executive director of the council of presidents, said.

While the discussions most likely will not affect this legislative session, McIntyre feels that "down the road good things will come from it."

A work group could be appointed within the next few weeks to coordinate movement on these mutual concerns.

By Bryan Waters/Observer

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Lecture series covers quake

by Observer Staff

The next installment of Central Washington University's Geological Sciences Seminar Series will be held Wednesday. Steve Kirby of the United States Geological Survey will give the presentation, titled "The Magnitude 6.8 Nisqually earthquake of 2001."

Kirby will discuss why so few aftershocks were felt after the 6.8 magnitude earthquake that occurred last February, described by scientists as "unusual."

Unlike other deep Puget Sound earthquakes, last February's earthquake had relatively small amounts of high-er frequency energy, which explains the minimal damage. Kirby will also discuss how low-stress earthquakes, such as the Nisqually earthquake, are generated.

The lecture will be held at noon on Feb. 13 in Black Hall room 152.
**Police Briefs**

**Vehicle vs. curb**

10:05 a.m. Feb. 28

A 1992 GMC Suburban collided with a curb at the entrance of the H-6 parking lot. The impact snapped the left rear drive shaft. Driving conditions caused by snow resulted in a ticket being issued to the driver for driving too fast for conditions.

**Pranksters**

10:50 p.m. Feb. 30

A woman from Meiner Hall reported receiving a harassing phone call with derogatory language. Police were able to trace the phone call and warned the residents of the house that legal action would be taken if calls continued. No further problems ensued.

**False alarm**

4:55 Feb. 1

Police reported to a burglary in progress at Student Village. A man was seen entering a residence through a window. Police made contact with the man who then ran out to live in the residence. The man had locked his keys inside and was attempting to get in by them through the window.

**Possession of paraphernalia**

8:26 p.m. Feb. 1

Police responded to reports of a strong odor of marijuana emanating from a room in Sparks Hall. Despite noises from inside the room, police received no response from their attempts to gain entrance to the room.

**Residential burglary**

10:45 a.m. Feb. 29

A Hitchcock Hall resident reported five Nintendo 64 games missing from his room. The room was unlocked and the total loss is estimated at $275.

**In smoke**

5:22 a.m. Feb. 30

Police reported to a possible fire in Randall Hall. Upon entering the room the they found smoke but no flames. The fire alarm was triggered to evacuate the building and the Ellensburg fire department was called. The EPD found noises from inside the building and the building contractors would get.

**Quarter rolls and money**

12:42 p.m. Feb. 2

Quarter rolls and money from a wallet were stolen from an unlocked residence in Sparks Hall. A total of $150 was missing, and no suspects have been arrested.

**Residential burglary**

6:30 p.m. Feb. 30

A man reported a down jacket with a cell phone in one of the pockets was stolen from the SUB game room.

**Surveyor**

by Taranca Ruzele

Located on the far northwest corner of campus stands a building containing antique treasures from Central Washington University's past.

"Since Central has no designated museum, back in 1989, with the approval of several departments, they gave me the go ahead to start retrieving some of the older artifacts on campus," Dave Moffatt, program coordinator for the surplus museum said.

The surplus museum houses artifacts from the late 1890s to the late 1960s. A graduation hat from 1920 with the original brass tassel, an old school house desk full of papers stamped with Washington State Normal School and old black and white photographs are a few of the items on display.

"I was tired of seeing these artifacts being sold, or going away in the garbage," Moffatt said. "When they would do building remodels, anything that was left in the buildings, the building contractors would get."

Moffatt and Tina Short, inventory inspector, collected items from numerous departments on campus. The surplus museum displays cabinets and unique antiques with artifacts from these different departments.

"It's a sampling from hopefully each department on campus," Moffatt said.

Inventory inspector Tina Short adjusts a photo displayed in the surplus museum, which is open every weekday.

**State senator may visit Ellensburg to participate in evolution panel**

by Mark Kendrick

Managing editor

Central Washington University's Biological Sciences Department will celebrate Darwin's 193rd birthday with "CWU Darwin Day," scheduled for next Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the SUB Chavez Theatre. The department is hoping to bring Washington State Senator Harold Hochstatter to campus to discuss his controversial proposal to ban evolution from the classroom.

"We want to hear Senator Hochstatter's opinion and give us a chance to learn from each other," Steven Verhey, assistant biology professor and coordinator for the Darwin Day events, said.

He said statements such as Hochstatter's "communicate certain facts from the 1890s to the late 1960s" are still around as well as those departments no longer existing such as the ornithology, paleontology and audiovisual departments.

In one corner a muck circa 1920s office is displayed, giving people a chance to look into Central's past and see what an office may have looked like.

Moffatt and Short go through the attics and crawl spaces prior to building remodels to retrieve the collectibles. Many of the artifacts in the museum date back to the Washington State Normal School. Monthly sealed bid sales are held at the surplus museum. They are open to the public and have a $5 minimum bid. Only items with duplicates or triplicates are sold; originals are kept for display in the museum.

"As long as I'm here, I'm going to save as much as possible," Moffatt said.

The building is open for public viewing Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The items to be sold are displayed as well as the artifacts in the museum.

The surplus museum is located directly across 14th Street from Kamikazi Village, down a gravel road.

About evolution from a religious perspective, Murphree intends to give the audience "a sense of how a person of faith can find themselves at home in scientific endeavor.

"Many students come to Central and believe that if they learn about evolution, they're going to hell," Verhey said.

After the presentations by Mattocks, Darda, and Murphree, Hochstatter will share his opinion. The audience will then have an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters.
Equity and Service Council attempts to create new jobs

by Amanda Hickman
Staff reporter

The student government is seeking student funds to hire two assistant positions.

The Equity and Service Council (ESC), part of the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU BOD), is eagerly awaiting a decision from the Services and Activities Fee Committee (S&A) for approval of supplemental funds needed to cover the costs of two ESC assistant positions. The verdict will be announced Monday.

Nate Harris, vice president for ESC, created the positions of programmer and research/networking specialist last summer. ESC received temporary funds to cover the salaries from Campus Life. Campus Life adopted the responsibility for salaries with the expectation of being reimbursed by ESC. Both positions have been filled by students since fall quarter.

"If the S&A Committee approves the supplemental funds being requested, some of those funds would act as renumeration for the expenditures of Campus Life," Harris said. "This plan is an unprecedented strategy for funds allocation.”

If the S&A Committee does not approve ESC’s fund request, the two jobs will be eliminated.

"This is the first time in over five years that ESC has programming assistants working with them," Harris said. "We have already hired two people to fill those positions, but will be re-hiring for one of those positions in spring. But, if we receive no funding from S&A, these positions are gone.”

The two ESC assistant positions were created to address the needs of the student body. The programming assistant focuses on interpreting the needs of students expressed through ESC and meeting those needs by programming events and creating programs. The research/networking specialist communicates with other college and university campuses regarding issues pertaining to the mission statements and goals of ESC.

ESC is designed to give underrepresented students or minority students a voice on campus. ESC is comprised of voting and non-voting members. Member organizations affiliated with the council include Access, Belonging, Learning and Equality (ABLE), Black Student Union (BSU), Gay Lesbian Bisexual Trans and Straight Alliance (GALA), and Movimiento Estudiantil Chicoanista Aztlán (MEECHIA). Some other ESC members include the Empowerment Center, Center for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity Education Center, and Wellness Center.

CHAT: President fields questions about parking, diversity

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Rich Corona, interim vice president for business and financial affairs, commented that parking is a self-supporting fund, receiving no government monies, and that solutions such as shuttle parking can be six times more expensive than a regular space.

"On any campus, there is enough parking, but it may not be right next to the building you want to go into," Corona said.

"We ended up with a bright new room and we needed something to soften and add interest to the room," Sharon Hull, service development specialist, said. "Artwork will continue to be displayed for university affairs, suggested that students come to the chats, if only to listen, in order to promote wider student involvement. The next fireside chat will be held at 8 p.m., Monday, April 8, in Mcintyre’s home.

Award-winning artwork adds to Holmes West

by Observer Staff

Campus residents can eat in style next to the latest addition to Holmes West Dining Hall. Artwork by Ellensburg resident Joseph Guggino adorns the gallery walls.

Guggino’s architectural paintings, which have won several awards in the past three months, are another attempt to improve the dining conditions at Holmes West.

"Two buildings on campus, 'vacant' Dean Hall and 'stinky' Nicholson Pavilion, invited concern by students because they need repair. Previously a science building, Dean Hall has problems of asbestos and heavy metal in drains. Nicholson Pavilion, which faces issues of circulation, floor replacement, and routine safety checks.

"There are issues we can address with smaller amounts of money, rather than waiting for a multi-million dollar appropriation," Corona said, referring to repairs rather than rebuilding.

Students raised questions about the steps being taken to increase minority populations at Central.

The panel mentioned that recruitment is active in all areas of Washington, but that one individual is not assigned to minority recruitment only. Mcintyre said the job of increasing campus diversity is "everybody’s responsibility."

"Creating a climate to retain the minority students is a challenge today as well as an expectation I have," Charlotte Talles, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, said.

When questioned about minority representation in the faculty and administration, David Soltz, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, said that faculty diversity is not as high as student diversity, but it is an issue they are very aware of.

Student participation at the chat was not reflective of the student body. Few women or minority students attended.

Those attending expressed that the chats are a good move by the administration to open communication between the groups. David Hoffman, junior political science and public policy major, said most of the questions were answered honestly.

"She (Mcintyre) didn't directly answer the question. As far as putting her opinion on the tuition increase, she did not give it," Hoffman said. "There are questions that still need to be answered."
Tyler and Pete bring apathetics out of the closet

The past week saw a major stir of commotion upon the quiet lives of Central students. Did it have anything to do with the BOD or the Central's budget woes? No. Most of the talk around Central revolved around two men: Tyler and Pete.

Ever since the banner was stretched across 8th Ave., people wanted to know what Tyler and Pete stood for and why they wanted people to agree with them. The phrase “Do You Agree with Tyler and Pete?” surfaced all over campus from the flyers to notices on classroom chalkboards. The past week, people wanted to know what Tyler and Pete stand for.

There is a reason students go to universities, whether they stand for and why they want people to agree with them. In order to develop into more rounded and informed individuals, we choose to go to an environment where our beliefs are challenged and our eyes are opened to new experiences. Tyler and Pete will no doubt annoy apathetic students who desire to shield themselves from other thoughts and ideas.

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Letters to the Editor

Clubs should exist but not recruit

I'm a senior here at Central and have some concerns with the Tyler and Pete issue. I believe that everyone should join any club they feel compelled to join. However, I do not feel that club members should then go around campus in attempts to recruit new members. There are several clubs on campus, however it is both Crusade and Salt members in the SUB every day trying to get people to join and to go to their meetings. A person can't go to the SUB without having to deal with some form of Christian goings on. Now with this Tyler and Pete issue it's not only in the SUB, but everywhere on campus.

In addition, there is an adult male in his 40s-50s who is a part Crusade but does not attend classes here. However, he camps out in the SUB and approaches females about getting involved with God and going to Crusade. Many women have talked are afraid of him. Why is this man allowed to harass us in the name of religion? Now we also have this mysterious Tyler and Pete thing. I believe in God but why can't these religious clubs do their own thing and just leave the rest of us alone?

Sherry Bellerud

Tyler and Pete on chalkboards crosses the line

I applaud the efforts of S.A.L.S.A with their latest gimmicky campaign, but writing “Do you agree with Tyler & Pete? (save-SALSA)” on the chalkboards channel. If I don’t like what I hear on the radio, I listen to something else. But planting their religious beliefs are challenged and our eyes are opened to new experiences. Tyler and Pete will no doubt annoy apathetic students who desire to shield themselves from other thoughts and ideas.

of course there are rampant criticisms about how they are going about this advertising campaign. That's great. If we all agreed with one another, this would be a boring world. I must admit, some of the complaints sound awfully close to jealousy because let's face it, Tyler and Pete have done well to get people to know their names.

As for what they stand for, I've got a good idea (they bought a large ad this week explaining it somewhat) what it is. S.A.L.S.A, the group sponsoring Tyler and Pete, is a conglomeration of the Christian groups in the area. My guess then is that Tyler and Pete want to know if Central students agree that Jesus is the path to salvation. However, if you want to know for certain, go and see for yourself tonight at 7 p.m. in the SUB ballroom and judge for yourself. Ask them critical questions and challenge both their beliefs and theirs.

-Daren Schuettpelz

Talk of the Town

We asked Central students what they think of the Tyler and Pete campaign.

“I don’t know much about it. I’m kind of curious, but I probably won’t go check it out.”

—Brandi Harden, accounting, junior

“I think it’s kind of cool. It sparks curiosity and maybe people will want to find out more.”

—Rachel Twileagger, law and justice, junior

Observer

Countless students adorned themselves with bright orange shirts carrying the phrase in large white block letters. To most of their credit, the students wearing the shirts do not wear coats or keep them open so passers-by can read the slogan. Quite impressive considering how cold it is outside.

To be honest, the hype Tyler and Pete created stirs a warm fuzzy feeling all over me. It has been too long since Central came alive with the frenzy Tyler and Pete caused. Those two men have almost everyone speaking about who they are and what they want. In these dark winter months, Central is alive with spirit and opinion. Talking and flushing outideas makes each of us better people. Granted, the only people who seem to agree with Tyler and Pete except those in the know. I've heard an many expletive erup from many a month when people come across the slogan. Conversely, others have inquired about it and are keen to know exactly what Tyler and Pete stand for.

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propaganda in the classrooms at Central Bugs me. They need to respect the rights and beliefs of others, just as I do of them.

No one should ever be denied the right to free speech or freedom of religion, but when I chose to attend Central Bugs me. They need to respect the rights and beliefs of others, just as I do of them.

Andrew Shoup

BOD VP resents allegations of malicious intent

Dear Editor,

I truly resent the time that this rebuttal has cost and I respond, not in an attempt to justify the guidelines for public relations issues passed by the ASCWU BOD, but to rectify the confusion caused by the article written with total ignorance of certain aspects of the guidelines (as admitted by the author of the article printed in the "Observer" section of last week's paper).

To begin, the fellow board members you have absurdly identified as "cowards in fact and parking spaces, like myself, and are indeed capable of free thought, as evidenced earlier this month when, with educated perspectives and wild intent, they passed the PR guidelines. Secondly, those individuals, participating in the constructive process collaborate and vote to accept those guidelines in a successful attempt to allow for a coherent and cohesive voice to accurately depict the views and values of the entire ASCWU BOD when communicating to the press. I identify the "attempt" as successful because the passed proposal (supported by six of you and seven elected officials with free minds and independently functioning brains) has in reality allowed for this intent, and these efforts to come to fruition. Thirdly, your accusations intimating evil schemes of malicious intent to suppress the freedom of speech are painfully ironic in ways you may never understand and I acknowledge your allegations as being at best humorous and at worst defamatory.

As someone with radical political beliefs who often participates in the activities for causes that generally fall beyond the values of the social norm, I not only hold the right of freedom of speech with unadulterated sanctity (as do you and the ASU's two million members), but I have never voted for or against the passed guidelines. With sober sincerity I assure the students of CWU that this is a common practice in any organization, association, or institution comprised of multiple entities all of which represent or affiliate with that larger institution.

As quoted by Elizabeth Street, the Assistant University President, President Jerilyn McElrath, "It is common for organizations to review and approve press releases that are made on behalf of the organization. For example, CWU's director of public relations routinely reviews releases submitted on behalf of the University." In regards to your article, I would suggest moving beyond National Enquirer (sic) reminiscent genre you have so enthusiastically embraced and exactly emulated, and cover issues that remain pertinent to all inclusion of the oppressed students as opposed to the seven persons that function on their behalf. I have been approached by many students (due to the complimentary suggestions and resulting confusion you've manifested) who would be interested in pursuing articles pertaining to legitimate student concerns. Of the oppression of students on this campus or other controversial perspectives on issues that are not creatively contrived, but truly exist in everyday life.

Indignantly representing himself,

C. Nathan Harris

Focus on Tyler and Pete brings shame to religion

What does the phrase "Do you agree with Tyler and Pete?" really represent? Is it the intentional insinuation of evil schemes of malicious intent that begs the question, "How is it possible to remain unmoved by the grand advertising scheme: that the groups behind it are trying to get people?" I personally don't mind people saying "hey, you want to hear about my religion? or you want to come to our group?" when groups like those behind the "Do you agree with Tyler and Pete?" campaign try to use a mass psychology experiment in an attempt to get people to go to their clubs and youth worship services, I just want to scream. Asking people to come to clubs and worship services is one thing. Trying to trick people into it is quite another.

I am getting extremely tired of having "I agree with Tyler and Pete" crammed down my throat everywhere I look. Many of the Christians that don't belong to these groups (myself included) are becoming rather upset with how these groups are trying to get new members to join. One person is even putting up anti-Tyler and Pete flyers, which many of us were happy to see.

The groups behind the Tyler and Pete campaign might say that is their duty to get the sheep and bring them back to God. What I have to say is: I agree with Tyler and Pete. In addition to displaying an association with a club, are not these shirts placing a mark upon their wearers as individuals who worship this Tyler/Pete entity? Where are the shirts that read I agree with God?

I pray that Tyler, Pete, and all of those who follow them realize the mind and independently functioning minds and vr independently functioning minds and independently functioning brains) have in reality allowed for this intent, and these efforts to come to fruition. Thirdly, your accusations intimating evil schemes of malicious intent to suppress the freedom of speech are painfully ironic in ways you may never understand and I acknowledge your allegations as being at best humorous and at worst defamatory.

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Flowers communicate hidden meaning to your Valentine

by Amy Tibbles
Staff Reporter

While Valentine's Day has been known to bring disappointment to the attached and remind the single of their loneliness, flowers can make the difference in the lives of loved ones anywhere.

The benefits of flowers go beyond simply warming that special girlyguy. There are documented psychological advantages related to receiving flowers as well. According to Phillip's 1-800-FLOWERS, flowers have an immediate impact on happiness, a long-term positive effect on moods and they lead to increased contact with family and friends.

"Feelings such as happiness, surprise and enjoyment increase when in the presence of flowers," the 1-800-FLOWERS website www.1800flowers.com, states.

Valentine's Day is the perfect time to take advantage of the positive effects of flowers. Not only are people more emotionally vulnerable on Feb. 14 because of cultural expectations, there are many who suffer from wintertime blues.

"Common sense tells us that flowers make us happy," Jeannette Haviland-Jones, professor of psychology at Rutgers, said. "Now, science shows that not only do flowers make us happier than we know, they have strong positive effects on our emotional well being."

Receiving flowers might only be superseded in psychological benefits by actually growing them.

"I have my own theories about this," Jeff Penick, a Central psychology professor, said.

"Being in touch with the earth through gardening, through growing flowers, through handling indoor plants is a healthy, natural rhythm that is often lost in modern society."

Penick suggests that people need to take time out of their busy lives to stop and smell the roses.

The act of connecting with nature is very healthy and invigorating.

"By spending time working or walking in a flower garden, I think we are reminded of our own potential for growth and change," Penick said.

"When we look at the natural world around us, it becomes easier to see how change, development, growth, healing, [and] recovery are all part of the world around us. And we have the same potential."

For those who do not have a green thumb, most people appreciate store-bought flowers just as the previous year's wedding. This is the same

GALA stages fourth annual wedding ceremony in the SUB on Feb. 12

by Jaimee Castaneda
Asst. scene editor

From the "dearly beloved" to the "I do," marriage is an exciting and joyful occasion where two people who love each other make a commitment.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, the Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA) will be celebrating its fourth annual Freedom to Marry Day.

Central's GALA club will be staging a wedding ceremony at noon at Central Washington University's Samuelson Union Building (SUB) Pit.

This national day helps build awareness and educate people about homosexual marriages.

"Each year, this event keeps getting bigger," Karen Grimarc, junior public relations major, said.

Last year's attendance consisted of 300 people, a larger turnout than the previous year. GALA is hoping to continue this trend in growth.

The ceremony will feature two couples going through the traditional wedding ceremony. This is the same

Celebrate your Valentine's Day the cheap college way

by Heather Dejong
Staff reporter

It is supposed to be the day of love, but all the candy, flowers and cards can put a major dent in anyone's budget. All it takes is a little thought and a lot of creativity to make this a Valentine's Day to remember.

"I found a lot of fun and unique gifts at the Ellensburg Mercantile and Rite Aid for a good price," Josh Cooper, senior, said.

Whether you are in a new relationship or have been together for years it is often hard to come up with thoughtful Valentine gifts year after year. Often, the most treasured gifts are the ones that come from the heart, not the pocketbook.

Handmade cards are an easy way to show you care and many places in town carry special supplies for Valentine crafts.

"Serious's always has great supplies. I found all the supplies I need to make all my friends cards," Sarah Lentz, freshman, said.

Another idea to get your creative juices flowing, is to write on pieces of different colored construction paper funny reasons why you love the person that you hold so dear. Place the pieces of paper in a mason jar and decorate the outside to suit your pleasure. On the lid, scribe, in perfect hand writing, "Fifty reasons why I love you."

If none of these ideas wet your appetite for homemade crafts, check out a Martha Stewart magazine for the ultimate creative idea.

With Valentine's Day less than a week away everyone is scrambling to find the last minute gift, but with a little planning this can be a Valentine's Day to remember.
Romantic movies to snuggle up with

Classics and new releases alike create a perfect Valentine’s Day date for you and your sweetheart

by Jennifer De Jong
Staff reporter

There’s no guarantee of finding romance this February in real life, but if you know where to look, you can usually find romantic movies. Whether you have a sweetheart to share a special night with, or even a group of friends to hang out with, February is the perfect month to view mushy love stories and romantic comedies on video.

A few great classics can be found with some determination, and they are sure to get you in the mood for love. These picks can still be found on a TBS Superstation movie night. "Casablanca" is a classic pick for the best old romance movie. This Hollywood fairy-tale is sure to please a wide range of people young and old. Always found on top-ten lists of films, "Casablanca" is a masterful tale of two men trying for the same woman’s love. With rich atmosphere, unforgettable characters and memorable lines of dialogue, “Here’s lookin’ at you, kid,” it is one of the most popular and magical films of all time. The rich atmosphere and smoky setting of the 1940s will get anyone in the mood for romance.

The new releases this February prove to be a bit more challenging when it comes to romance. There is no shortage of action and adventure, but when it comes to love, the picks were slim. “Chocolat” is a perfect pick for the best romantic new release. There is no better way to get in the mood for Valentine’s Day than combining, chocolate and romance. Based on a popular novel by Joanne Harris, the film indulges in delicious mysteries about the capture of cocoa, while setting the theme of emotional liberation.

The story follows Vianne Rocher, played by Juliette Binoche, as she moves to a small town in France to open a candy store. Despite initial resistance, Rocher wins over the stuffy town with her exotic chocolate, which seems to have magic power. When an Irish gypsy Johnny Depp comes to town, the love story begins, including several tasteful indulgences that no amount of chocolate can tame. The mix of exotic romance and magic chocolate will wet a lot of lips to this romantic escapade.

Along with these romantic classics, there are a wide variety of mood-setting romances available. Other great romance rentals include “When Harry met Sally,” “The Bridge of Madison County,” "Dirty Dancing," “Forget Paris” and newly released “Pearl Harbor.”

Whatever your choice, setting the mood with a romantic video is a cheap, quick way to get into the Valentine’s groove. Even if February is your least favorite month of the year, these movies are an easy fix for a boring night.

Pick the right flower

Just like pictures, a flower is worth a thousand words or meanings. To ensure that you give the right flower to the right person on Valentine’s Day, here is a list of popular flowers and what they mean, courtesy of 1-800-FLOWERS.

Arbutus: They only do I love you.
Bells of Ireland: Good luck
Camellia (red): You’re a flame in my heart
Camellia (white): You’re adorable
Carnation (solid color): Yes. Carnation (striped): No. Refusal. Sorry I can’t be with you. Wish I could be with you
Chrysanthemum: You’re a wonderful friend; Cheerfulness and rest
Daffodil: Regard; Unrequited love; You’re the only one. The sun is always shining when I’m with you
Daisy: Innocence, Loyal love; I’ll never tell; Purity
Geranium: Stupidity; Foxy
Hyacinth (purple): I’m sorry. Please forgive me; Sorrow
Hyacinth (yellow): Jealousy
Iris: Your friendship means so much to me; Faith; Hope
Ivy: Wedded love; Fidelity; Friendship; Affection
Lily (calla): Beauty
Marigold: Cruelty; Grief
Narcissus: Compliment; Victory in battle
Orchid (cattleya): Mature charm
Petunia: Resentment; Anger; Your presence soothes me
Poppy: Eternal sleep
Redondo: Imagination
Primrose: I can’t live without you
Rose (hibiscus): Delicate beauty
Rose (red): Love; I love you
Rose (burntless): Love at first sight
Rose (yellow): Decrease of love; Jealousy; Try to care
Rosebud (white): Sweetheart
Spider Flower: Elope with me
Sweet pea: Good-bye; Departure; Blissful pleasure
Thank you for a lovely time
Tulip (red): Believe me
Tulip (yellow): Declaration of love
Tulip (variegated): Beautiful eyes
Violet (white): Let’s take a chance

The list can be found in its entirety at www.1800flowers.com.

FLOWERS: Not just a pretty bouquet

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as much as the homegrown variety. Besides grocery stores who offer floral services, such as Safeway and Albertson’s, there are four retail florists in Ellensburg and many online flower delivery businesses (such as www.aflower.com) to cater to your Valentine’s needs and desires.

“It’s always a surprise when someone brings you flowers,” Diana Cobain, florist at Albertson’s, said. “Especially for married people, to celebrate a special occasion, they really mean a lot to people.” Cobain told of a gentleman who brought his wife flowers once a month, for no occasion, just to tell her he loved her. “People appreciate that you took the time to stop and pick them out,” Cobain said.

A dozen roses with baby’s breath and greenery runs between $19.99 (Albertson’s) and $65 (William’s Florist). If you’re looking to give something that lasts a little longer, Above the Rest Gift Baskets will put together a gourmet gift basket (as the name implies).

The perfect gift for a golf fanatic: Above the Rest has a great package: two packages of Top Flight balls; two packs of nuts, chocolate golf balls, tees, a golf picture frame, a coffee cup and gourmet coffee, all of which comes in a golf-bag-shaped cooler that will hold a six-pack ($59.99).

Orders can be made online, and delivery is free. Ellensburg Floral and Gifts offers a package for the romantic at heart: The Whole Sha-Bang comes with 12 long-stemmed roses, a box of chocolates, a teddy bear, and delivery for $99.95.

For the commitment-shy, don’t worry. In and of itself, giving flowers does not equal a lifetime covenant with that person. Many of the 112 flowers with meanings have nothing to do with romance.
Hippie and hick excite Central crowd
James Johann and Jim Wiggins create big laughs at Club Central's February Comedy Night

Tour lets you shoot wildlife
by Daren Schnettelez
Editor-in-Chief

Wildlife photographers can clean their lenses in anticipation of filling the viewfinder with wild elk, big horn sheep and maybe even some eagles with the geography club's Wildlife Photography Tour this Saturday, Feb. 9. The photography club leaves Saturday at 8 a.m. and will take people to the Oak Creek Wildlife area and Cleman Mountain.

"We expect to see some deer, elk and all sorts of big horn sheep," James Hackabay, geography and land studies professor, said. "Last year we saw a dozen bold eagles and one golden eagle."

Hackabay anticipates seeing between 1,000 and 3,000 elk and 50 to 120 big horn sheep.

The geography club charges $5 for the trip and about five spots are still available. Anyone interested may contact Robert Hickey at 963-2178 or email cwugography@yahoo.com.

The geography club meets Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the banana room of Lind Hall.

Central staffer set up on a blind date
by Meredith Willingham
Scene editor

Sports Information Director Roy Elia is being set up on a Valentine's Day date, with all expenses paid by 95.3 FM. KXLE celebrates Valentine's Day every year by setting up local singles on dates. DN Rob Lowry and Steve Scullcick have known Elia for many years, and decided to make Elia part of the annual celebration.

Elia and his date will have dinner at Cafe Eden, and then go to Grand Central Theatre for a movie after the dinner.

"The station's going to take care of us," Elia said. "I accepted, and figured, why not?"

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"A lovely room. An experience rather than a night in a motel." ~ S (Vancouver, WA)
Kids spread love with paint

In celebration of Valentine's Day, five children were spreading their love with hearts. Among them were Mackenzie Brown, 5, and her sister Madison, 6.

Yesterday in Bullion Hall, hearts were drawn and painted on the window of the Human Resources Department. Janie Charlton, director of early childhood center, organized this event.

Murder and dessert at Café Eden

On Feb. 16 and 17, Café Eden will transform its eating establishment for their first annual mystery dinner theater.

"I decided to do a couple of things every month that would be fun and challenging," Julie Kinney, owner of Café Eden, said. "I think people would get into that.

Dinner theaters vary in styles; they include audience participation or having the audience speculate.

During registration, everyone is issued an informal packet featuring clues, an alibi or nothing. These will aid in solving the mystery. Those with clues are required to keep the information confidential until the night of the performance.

Those in attendance are encouraged to dress formal. The cost for this event is $35 per person and $70 for a couple. For reservations, contact Café Eden at 925-3337.

Open Country Joy to play at The Mint on Feb. 9 at 9 p.m.

Andrea Vanhorn/Observer

Café Eden will be serving dessert and murder in a murder mystery theatre show Feb. 16 and 17 for $35 a person.

production. Kinney said this production has the actors integrated with the audience as they dine on meals.

The café hosted an audition in December and includes a cast of Central Washington University students, experienced actors and people from Mayhem Central.

"I think it's a great idea, and it will be a lot of fun," Jesse Breinhoffer, senior mechanical engineering major said.

On performance night, participants are required to sign in with their occupations. The cast will incorporate the information into the performance.

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#### Thursday
- **Feb. 7**
  - **Polar Bear BBQ**
    - Club Central & SUB Patio
    - 5-8 p.m.
    - $14 general admission
    - $12 senior citizens
    - $10 students
  - **Wrestling**
    - Nicholson Pavilion
    - 6 p.m.
  - **CUW Production: Man of La Mancha**
    - CUW Theatre
    - 7 p.m.
  - **Discussion about skateboarding on campus**
    - SUB Pit
    - 10 a.m.
  - **Men’s Basketball**
    - Nicholson Pavilion
    - 7 p.m.
  - **80’s Film Series - “Fast Times at Ridgemont High”**
    - Club Central
    - 8 p.m.

#### Friday
- **Feb. 8**
  - **Wrestling**
    - Nicholson Pavilion
    - 4 p.m.

#### Saturday
- **Feb. 9**
  - **Daybreak Natural Foods Seminar**
    - 307 N. Pine St.
    - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
  - **CUW Production: Man of La Mancha**
    - CUW Theatre
    - 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

#### Monday
- **Feb. 11**
  - **Pictorial Display of the Harlem Renaissance and Cotton Club**
    - Mon.-Fri. Ohwi Room
    - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
  - **Filipino American Student Association (FASA) Meeting**
    - SUB Room 209
    - 5 p.m.

#### Tuesday
- **Feb. 12**
  - **Filipino American Student Association (FASA) Meeting**
    - SUB Room 209
    - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### Wednesday
- **Feb. 13**
  - **Rob Turner-Percussionist**
    - SUB Pit
    - 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - **Faculty Senate Meeting**
    - Burke Hall Room 412
    - 3:10-5 p.m.
  - **Lutheran Student Ministries**
    - First Lutheran Church
    - 7 p.m.
  - **Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship**
    - Mary Grupe Center
    - 7 p.m.
  - **Kappa Xi Meeting**
    - Shaw Snyer Room 111
    - 6 p.m.
  - **Gala-GLBSTA**
    - SUB Ohwi Room
    - 6 p.m.

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Central student carries Olympic torch
Wildcat selected as support runner for 2002 Olympic Games

by Casey Steiner
Asst. sports editor

With more than six billion people populating planet Earth, one would think there are a lot of inspirational people out there.

At 286,390,822 people, the United States makes up about 4.6 percent of the world's population. Approximately 15,500 people, or less than 1 percent, were selected from that U.S. population as inspirational runners for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. One of those 15,500 is from Ellensburg and a Central Washington University student.

"Sechin has made a wonderful and lasting contribution to Central Washington University," Toni Culjak, associate English professor, said.

In the 78 years of Winter Olympic existence, the games have visited American soil three times, 2002 being the fourth. In each instance thousands of Americans are chosen to carry the Olympic torch on a 65-day torch relay leading up to the Games, two-tenths of a mile at a time. Some are selected as torchbearers, others as support runners.

Tower, a 28-year-old from Seattle, is in his fourth year at Central. The English major and future teacher is an editor of the campus literary magazine.

Wildcats win seventh consecutive game

by Duane Shimogawa
Staff reporter

Like a freight train, the Central Washington University Women's basketball team steamrolled the competition over the last seven games beating opponents by an average of more than 18 points a game.

The Wildcats put together an amazing winning streak over the past three weeks. Its latest victims were the St. Martin's Saints 72-59 and the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders 89-59.

"We've come into our own and we're playing with great confidence right now," head coach Jeff Whitney said.

The Wildcats, (15-4, 9-2 GNAC) hold the second place spot in the GNAC with seven games to go and only two at home. Central is one game behind arch-rival Western Washington University and has a huge game coming up in Bellingham on Saturday. The Wildcats hope to even the early season loss at home to the Vikings, which would tie them up for first.

It was the Rose Shaw Show against the Saints. The senior center from Bellevue controlled the game solidifying the interior and scoring a season high 31 points, converting 13 of 15 shots. Shaw also had time to grab a team high eight boards.

"Every team in this league is tough, so we have to play up to our potential against every team, despite its record," Whitney said.

Junior guard Meggen Kautzky was the only other Wildcat in double figures besides Shaw as she added 11 points with nine coming from the three-point stripe.

On Saturday night, the Wildcats came out of the gates running as they used a balanced attack on both offense and defense to out joust the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders.

"We were clicking on all cylinders from the start," Shaw said. Five minutes into the game, the Wildcats jumped out to a 19-6 lead and never looking back. Central turned on the heat the rest of the way as senior guard Dawnita LiaBraaten drilled a long-distance bomb to give the Wildcats a 46-22 halftime lead.

Central continued give the Crusaders a headache by pounding away and led by as much as 42 points, 73-31 during the second half.

Junior guard Angela Jensen led the Wildcats with a career-high 17 points. Shaw shot in 12 points, Kautzky, senior guard Jenny Dixon and freshman forward Alayna Vincent each contributed with 11 points apiece. LiaBraaten added 10 points, as she was one of six Wildcat players to hit the double-digit mark.

Central now goes on the road for its next two games against Seattle University tonight at 6 p.m., who upset the Wildcats by a point earlier this season and conference leader, WWU on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Both games can be heard on 88.1 FM The Burg.
Wildcats jinxed away from home

Central falls to 1-5 on road in conference

The free throw is a shot any basketball fan has practiced a million times. They stand in their driveways or in their local gyms and fantasize about hitting that lonely 15-foot shot with all the marbles on the line. Two shots. One to tie. One to win.

To those honest basketball fans, the free throw proves to be anything but "free," time and time again. High school, college and professional basketball players can attest to that fact. The free throw just isn't a shot any closer to home this past week.

Central Washington University players Justin Thompson and Scott Fremond both missed free throws in the final minute against the Western Washington University Vikings. The outcome of the 85-88 loss cannot be placed on the shoulders of the Wildcat power forward and point guard, but boy, those free throws were important.

"Every free throw counts," Thompson said. "The one I missed down the stretch especially." Central rallied from a 10-point second half deficit to tie the contest at 84-all with 54 seconds to play. Viking center Mike Palm, who scored 31 points in the contest, broke the tie with two free throws with 38 seconds remaining.

"I thought Palm was babied too much," Thompson said. "He got away with a lot of shoving and then was sent to the line after some cheap fouls."

Thompson was fouled with his team down two and seven seconds to go. The left-hander stepped to the line and went through his normal routine. The first shot was good, bringing his team to within one of tying the game and possibly forcing an overtime period. But the second shot, in front of 2,534 fans at Carver Gym in Bellingham, rattled in and out.

Palm rebounded Thompson's miss and was fouled immediately sending him to the line for two more shots. Only the Viking 6-9 en big man made his two free throws giving WWU a three-point lead. Palm shot 11-12 from the free throw line in the game.

"Western converted in the clutch," Kyle Boast, red shirt freshman, said. "We just couldn't get our shots to fall."

Wisely, WWU fouled Fremond on the inbound pass. Fremond needed to make his first free throw and then miss the second intentional free throw, giving the Vikings the chance to tie the game and possibly force overtime.

"The free throw is a shot any basketball fan has practiced a million times," Thompson said. "But once I got older I think it came down to just being a coach. I've been a part of the Wildcat thing. It gets hard balancing school and practice."

With a hard work ethic and a dedication to her team, Kautzky proves to be a great find for head coach Jeff Whitney.

"On the court, Meggen lets her actions speak," Whitney said. "Her hard work, intensity, dedication and love for the game really shows when you watch her play."

Whitney, who has a direct approach to coaching his team, keeps yelling at a minimum and as a result his team responds in a positive way on the court. Not able to chose between Lewis and Clark College and Central, Kautzky used this coaching technique as the backbone of her decision.

"Overall as a coach he isn't a screamer and that was my big thing," Kautzky said of Whitney. "He cares about us as people not just players."

With a season spanning almost seven months, Kautzky still finds the time to be a student and a friend. Taking on a full load as a community health major and trying to hang on to their scholarships, Central athletes are held to their lowest scoring output of the season. Central shot just 34 percent from the field including 22 percent from the three-point line. Guard Terry Thompson led the Wildcats with 13 points on 5-11 shooting.

"This has been the most frustrating season I've ever been a part of," Thompson said. "With all the talent and hard work we've put in, I expect to do a lot better."

Returning to Ellensburg tonight, the Wildcats take on the University of Alaska Anchorage at 7 p.m. in Nicholson Pavilion. Central looks to average a 72-79 loss at the hands of the Seawolves in Anchorage Jan. 5. UAA, at 7-3, sits in fourth place in the GNAC. They are led by sophomore forward Peter Bullock at 18.7 points and 8.8 rebounds per game.

Kautzky shows leadership on the court

by Casey Steiner
Asst. sports editor

Central basketball players prepare earlier this week for the upcoming four-game homestand. Tip-off for tonight's game against Alaska Anchorage is set for 7 p.m.

Joe Whiteside/Observer

Central Athlete of the Week

by Staci Miller
Asst. sports editor

Whoever said basketball was a hard sport to play never met Central Washington University junior Meggen Kautzky.

In the third grade, Kautzky hit the court not knowing what to expect. What she found was a natural ability and talent eventually leading her to the college court, but natural talent could only take her so far.

"I guess I had natural skill, which was kind of nice," Kautzky said. "But once I got older I think it came down to working hard to get to where I wanted to be."

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"A lot of people like to play on their own. They have their own part­ners," recreational director Steve Waldeck said.

The racquetball program is improving, according to the director of IM sports John Duncan.

"This is actually the first time that we've had over three players sign up since I've been here (four years)," Duncan said. "In the past, we've had over three players sign up and then we had to scratch it." IM racquetball supervisor Amanda Stanton said.

"IM racquetball grows in popularity with students," by Lauren McKean Staff reporter

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Thursday, Feb. 14, depending on the players' willingness to play on Valentine's Day.

The six players include Scott Martin, Tristan Manning, Ryan Atkins, Toby Dahl, Nathan Ditietro and Joel Moorehead.

The top three rankings as of last Thursday belong to Atkins (undefeated), Manning (2nd) who lost to Atkins, and Martin (3rd) who lost to Manning and Atkins.

Ditietro (4th) has a record of 2-3, Moorehead (5th) is at 1-4, and Dahl has yet to win.

"It's fun (IM racquetball), but a lot of the guys are really competitive so it puts a little edge on it," Atkins said. "I love the competition and that's basically why I do it. It's nice that the school provides a program to compete in.

"I don't think it's quite as intense as [the school's intramural program], but it puts a little edge on it," Atkins said.

Junior Ryan Atkins serves in intramural raquetball com­petition earlier this week. Atkins is one of six competitors.

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Hello, my name is Tyler Critchlow. I am a sophomore and am still deciding what major to pursue. I am nineteen and only one of those two seniors to leave in past year, so I do not want to win the next seven games. We’re going to give it our best shot. Come out and support us.

TOWER: Central student beats the odds as inspirational figure

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Manastash. His wife, Katie, nominated him online for the Torch Relay honor last spring. "My husband loves to run," Katie said. "He is a 4.0 student and he was the best candidate in my mind." The couple did not hear back from the Coca-Cola Co. until October. Tower filled out some forms before winter break, mailed them in and when he returned his uniform had come in the mail. Out of nearly a quarter-million nominations, Tower was selected by Coca-Cola as a support runner for the state of Washington. Some 4,500 runners in all were selected by Coca-Cola to help escort more than 11,500 torchbearers in the Torch Relay across 46 states. The Olympic Flame will have traveled 13,500 miles by automobile, airplane, train, boat, dugout, snow ski, horse-drawn sleigh, snowmobile, ice skaters and covered wagon before reaching Olympic Village in Salt Lake City, Utah, tomorrow. It ignited by the sun’s rays in Olympia, Greece, and is kept in a lantern that travels with the Torch Relay. "I remember saying to myself, 'Wow, my husband is elite.'" Katie said.

"Guardians of the flame," as Coca-Cola and POWR/Relate, the official sports drink of the Olympic Games, are calling torchbearers and support runners, were selected because they are deemed as truly inspirational people. For instance, Tower spent his time accompanying 16 torchbearers including: an Olympic gold medalist, a firefighter and police officer from Gwenda, a New York City, the first man in a wheelchair to climb Mt. Rainier and a member of Habitat for Humanity. "Sechin is fantastic," Joe Powell, English professor, said. "He truly is deserving of the honor." Tower is a survivor of Crohn’s disease, an intestinal disorder, which took control of his life several years ago. "He could hardly move," Katie said.

"Crone’s disease is a serious inflammatory disease of the gastrointestinal tract. It usually causes diarrhea, abdominal pain, fever, loss of appetite, weight loss and joint pain. Crohn’s disease is chronic, so your known care and no known cause. "It doesn’t impact his performance as a student at all," Powell said. "I didn’t even know he had it."

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"People were lined up on both sides of the street."

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