

2-14-2002

Observer

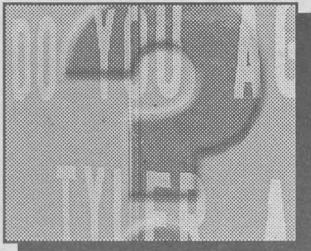
Central Washington University

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.cwu.edu/cwu_student_newspaper

Recommended Citation

Central Washington University, "Observer" (2002). *CWU Student Newspaper*. 2184.
https://digitalcommons.cwu.edu/cwu_student_newspaper/2184

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the University Archives and Special Collections at ScholarWorks@CWU. It has been accepted for inclusion in CWU Student Newspaper by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks@CWU. For more information, please contact pingfu@cwu.edu.



Tyler and Pete controversy continues.

See page 6.



GALA marries couples in SUB.

See page 8.



Wildcats move into GNAC lead.

See page 12.

CENTRAL
WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY

OBSERVER

Thursday, February 14, 2002/ Vol. 75 No. 15

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

Valley resident accused of stabbing

by Andrew Fickes
Asst. news editor

The Kittitas County Sheriff Department arrested 34-year-old John Johnson at 3 a.m. last Saturday, Feb. 9, in the 400 block of Wilson Creek Road on charges of murder in the second degree. Johnson allegedly stabbed and killed his wife, Lela Johnson.

Undersheriff Rob DeGroot said an argument began in an upstairs bedroom. Johnson allegedly stabbed his wife in the bedroom and reportedly brought her to the downstairs living room and began administering CPR. Deputies said his parents, with whom he and his wife lived, looked on.

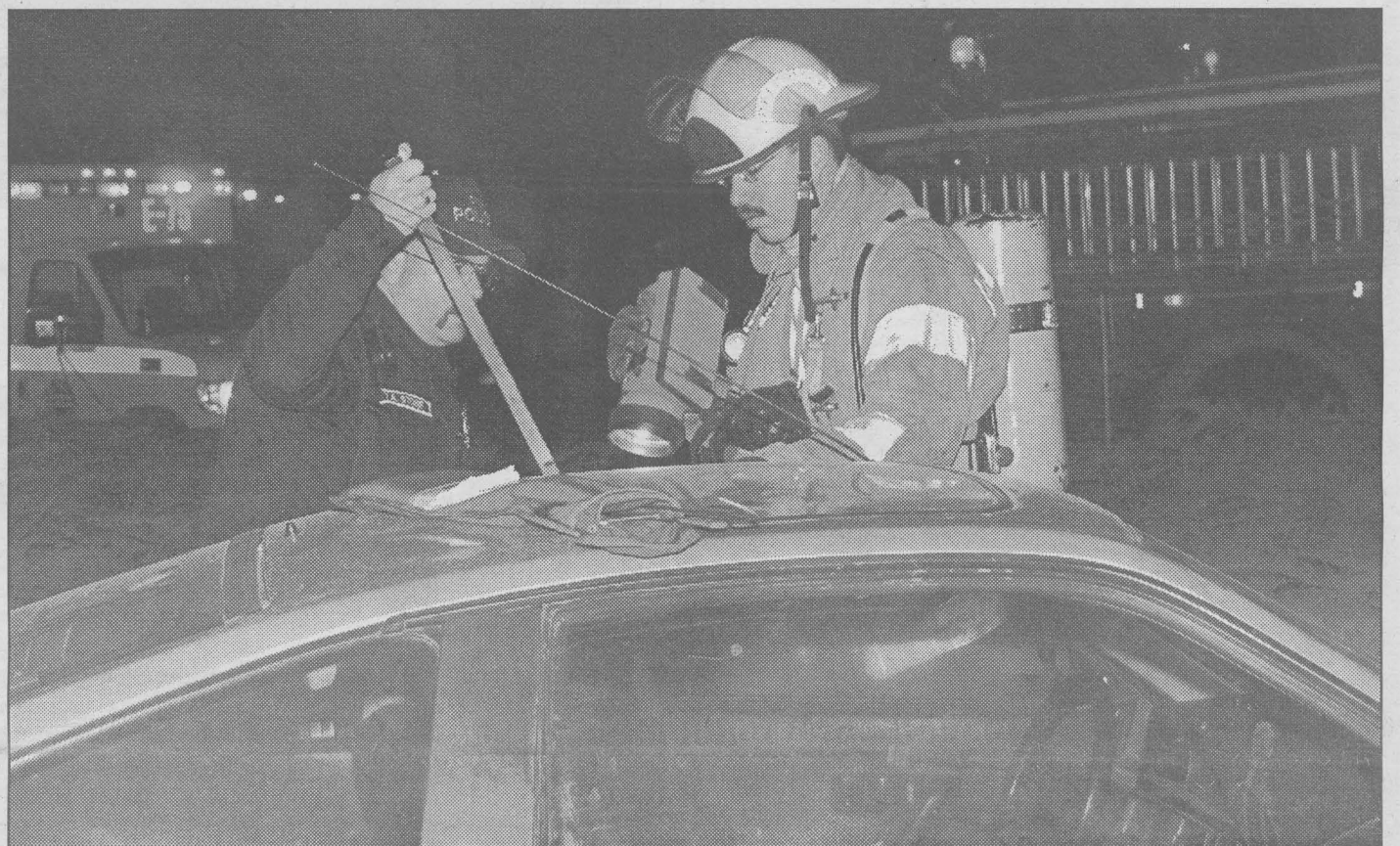
Deputies said when they arrived, John Johnson was clearly intoxicated. It is not clear whether or not his wife had alcohol in her system.

The deputies arrested Johnson at the scene and said Johnson's description of his wife's death is unclear.

"He offered explanations that were not completely plausible," DeGroot said.

Ambulance crews transported Lela Johnson to the Kittitas Valley Community Hospital where doctors pronounced her dead.

John Johnson's bail is set at \$750,000 and his arraignment will be held at 1:30 p.m. next Tuesday, Feb. 19.



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Sgt. Timothy Stowe of Campus Police (left) and a member of the Ellensburg Fire Department attempt to gain entry into Ingi Johnson's car after he was removed from the car with black smoke coming from the engine.

Campus resident causes havoc

by Andrew Fickes
Asst. news editor

A Central Washington University freshman has withdrawn from the university following numerous incident reports and expulsion from two residence halls.

Ingi Johnson filed for withdrawal last week after Campus Police cited him for a minor in possession charge on Wednesday, Feb. 6 in Hitchcock Hall's 30-minute parking zone, his second offense this term.

"He has a brilliant mind," Stacy

Klippenstein, director of residential life, said. "I hope he gets whatever he needs to succeed at college."

Johnson has a string of offenses. Beginning fall quarter, he resided at Al-Monty Hall but was expelled from the hall to Hitchcock after repeated incident reports. After two days at Hitchcock, Johnson was cited with a letter of no trespass to the hall on the morning of Jan. 24 because he violated the Prescribed Codes of Conduct. That evening, Johnson was arrested for trespassing on Hitchcock property, resisting arrest and minor in possession. He pleaded not guilty to the charges

of trespassing and resisting arrest on Jan. 25.

The MIP issued to him on Feb. 6 violated his pre-trial conditions, and he appeared on Feb. 8 to answer the violation. On Feb. 12, he appeared for a pre-trial hearing and bail was set for \$1,000.

"He made living conditions unsafe. He made people here uncomfortable," Alexis Yarrow, a freshman community health major and Hitchcock resident, said. "He didn't see a problem with it and that made it more complicated

See RESIDENT, Page 4

Fire department to inspect rental units, give citations



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Properly functioning smoke detectors are required in all rental units according to the Revised Code of Washington.

by Allison Worrell
News editor

Students who reside in rental units may soon face a citation of \$50 per day if smoke alarms do not meet fire safety codes.

The Ellensburg Fire Department will begin inspections of apartment complexes and other rental units in Ellensburg on April 1. Any unit that does not have a smoke detector or has a smoke detector that does not properly work will be issued a citation. Ellensburg Fire Chief Robert Schmidt said smoke alarms are important safety devices.

"You've got between 20 and 30 seconds to get out," Schmidt said. "It's your last warning."

The fire department began its campaign when 20 apartments were inspected at Campus Village Apartments and only eight had working smoke alarms. Schmidt realized there was a widespread lack of smoke alarms.

The fire department will begin notifying landlords that it will inspect their units. It is then the landlord's responsibility to inform the tenants of the inspection. If there is no smoke alarm, or the alarm is turned off or has dead batteries, the

tenant can be fined up to \$50 per day under the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 48.48.140.

"[The RCW] doesn't say it's OK to take the battery out, it says it needs to be maintained," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said it is his responsibility to recognize a problem and resolve it before actual fires threaten renters.

"[The goal of inspections is to] keep someone from perishing in a structure fire," Schmidt said.

Smoke detectors can save lives, Schmidt said. When people are

See FIRE, Page 4

News Notes

Tuition increases top today's BOT agenda

by Amber Eagar
Online content editor

Most people send cards or flowers on Valentine's Day. Central Washington University's Board of Trustees (BOT) could be sending a students a raise in their summer tuition.

The increase in summer tuition rates will be one of the items discussed at today's BOT meeting. In a memorandum sent to the University Budget

Advisory Committee, David Soltz, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, listed the proposed summer session 2002 tuition rates.

The new music education facility and the student union and recreation center also made the agenda as discussion items. Additionally, financing for the CWU/ Edmonds Higher Education Center will be presented and voted on at the BOT meeting.

Funding for positions approved by S&A

by Amanda Hickman
Staff reporter

The Services and Activities Funding Committee (S&A) approved the Equity and Service Council's (ESC) request for funds to cover the wages of two new ESC assistant positions in full on Monday.

If the S&A Committee did not approve the funding request, the two student positions would have been eliminated.

"A student showed a need, and we fulfilled that duty," Josh

Kilen, chair of the S&A Committee, said.

The two positions funded are a programming assistant and a research/networking specialist. Their duties include programming events and communicating with other colleges.

ESC can now begin planning for additional programming efforts, and will also start the search to fill one of the positions that received funding.

For information on ESC and/or the programming assistant position available, call 963-1693.

Walnut Mall closures scheduled for this week

by Observer staff

The Walnut Mall Utility Upgrade will force closures of the mall.

West of Randall Hall, Walnut Mall will be closed to vehicle

traffic only today between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Walnut Mall will be completely closed to all traffic from Dean Nicholson Boulevard to the Ganges next Monday, Feb. 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Bryan Waters/Observer

Student parking problems persist as cars line the street in a residential parking zone. Despite the possibility of a \$15 ticket, some drivers take chances and park there anyway.

Student parking compromise sought for residential zones

Increasing parking shortages spur BOD to look toward RPZs

by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

It's a good day when a front row spot is open in any lot on campus. However, it doesn't make much of a difference for students living in residence halls south of campus; they don't have nearby lots to accommodate them.

In the constant struggle to relieve Central's parking woes, the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (BOD) wants to take steps

to fix the problem.

The Courson Conference Center and Muzzall Hall are located in one of two residential parking zones (RPZ) adjacent to the campus. With the exception of university housing residents, occupants of the zones are issued RPZ passes by the city. Only residents with passes are allowed to park in the zone from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Anyone parked in the zones, which are patrolled by the Ellensburg Police Department, without a permit during the restricted times can receive a \$15 ticket.

"We have to park all the way up by Bouillon," Bryant Owens, junior business major, who is a former resident and frequent visitor of Muzzall Hall, said.

The RPZ concept is to accommodate residents living in the zones,

Ellensburg City Manager Ted Barkley said.

"The city believes the university should provide adequate parking for housing," Barkley said.

The city and the university have discussed the issue of student use of the RPZ's, but no action has been taken. The BOD would like to see something done.

"We are taking proactive steps with the parking situation," Dustin Stahl, BOD president, said.

The BOD wants to work with the city to allow student use of the RPZ's. Issuing RPZ passes to university housing residents in Muzzall and Courson's zone is a compromise the BOD hopes the city would consider.

While no motion has been taken up by the city council concerning this issue, it is a work in progress, Stahl said.

FIRE: Chief authorizes inspections

Continued from page 1

sleeping, they are less likely to recognize other signs of a fire, such as smoke or heat.

"There's quite a bit of research out there that says when you're sleeping your olfactory senses don't

work," Schmidt said.

Statistics show that every person will have one significant encounter with the fire department. Schmidt hopes that by nipping the problem in the bud, most Ellensburg renters will never have to use the fire department.

"It utilizes the resources of the

fire department in a much more efficient way," Schmidt said.

In four minutes, a structure fire can start and progress to "flashover," which is a room filled with flames. Smoke detectors usually sound after about one and one-half minutes, and sooner in smaller apartments.

Have you seen your roommates naked lately?

Are all of you in need of more privacy?

CALL...

962-5508

University Place
Apartments

www.uproperties.com

THE OAKRAIL HAS A FULL KITCHEN
SERVING BREAKFAST THRU DINNER

Comedy - Every Thursday @ 7:30 \$4 or \$3 w/Student I.D.
Every Tuesday - Karaoke



The Oakrail has made a change
now playing Hip-Hop, Dance, & Top 40



w/ DJ Daz (Wed thru Sat 9 to close) from KQBE 103.1 FM

Oakrail Bar & Grill

STUDENT UNION/RECREATION CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

Project Facts

The Student Union & Recreation Center Project represents the shared vision of many different Central Washington University constituents to meet our students need for new "Quality of Life" facilities. This initiative, which originated in 1995, has finally become a reality through a non-academic facilities strategic planning process by the Quality of Life Strategic Steering Committee. These new facilities are seen as a way to increase student satisfaction, enrollment, and the physical appearance of the campus, which hasn't seen a new non-academic facility improvement in 30 years. During the course of assessing the student needs, we realized the benefits of a partially combined facility with two buildings functioning as one. The Recreation Center will offer many services currently unavailable or have limited availability, because of the lack of space and time dedicated to students not part of athletics or academic programs in Nicholson Pavilion. The Student Union Building will include many of its current features such as the University bookstore, student activities offices, and meeting rooms, as well as function as the main on-campus dining facility for residential students.

STUDENT UNION

Preliminary Program

Enterprise Zone

- Food Service
- University Store
- Retail Spaces: Copy Center, Post Office, ATM, Film Processing
- Tiered Theatre
- Ballroom
- Lockers
- Meeting Rooms
- Storage

Admin. & Student Services Zone

- SUB Operations Offices
- Center for Student Empowerment

Student Activities Zone

- Campus Life Programs
- Student Government & Organizations
- Program Services & Assessment
- Service Learning
- Center for Excellence in Leadership
- Diversity Center
- Programming & Publicity
- Computer Lab
- Info Desk & Kiosk
- Lounge Space
- Seminar/Group Room
- Campus Radio Station

Core & Circulation ~ 145,000 Total Gross Square Feet

RECREATION CENTER

Preliminary Program

Free Zone

- Administrative Offices
- Wellness Component

Activity Zone

- 3 Court Gym
- MAC Gym
- Elevated Jogging Track
- Weight Training
- Fitness Room (Cardio)
- Multipurpose Room
- Rock Climbing Wall

Support Zone

- Locker Rooms
- Storage
- Laundry Room

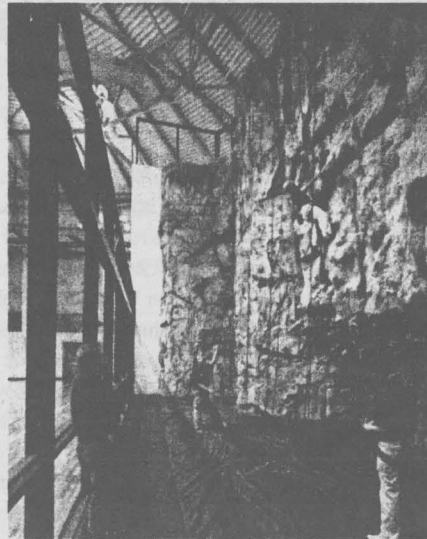
Core & Circulation ~ 75,000 Total Gross Square Feet

Student Information



University of Wisconsin Student Union Building

Rock Climbing Wall



Kent State University Recreation Center

TARGET TIMELINE

SEP '00	Facilities planning consultants Brailsford & Dunlavey are hired to help develop strategic plan	"Quality of Life" Facilities Strategic Planning Committee is formed to focus on non-academic facilities needs (SUB, REC, dining, housing)
DEC '00		
FEB '01	Massive student survey is distributed in 10 a.m. classes with over 1600 responses	Brailsford & Dunlavey conduct student focus groups to uncover preferences
MAR '01		
MAY '01	Board of Trustees pass not to exceed fees of \$95/qtr for Recreation Center & \$64/qtr for Student Union Building, upon completion of each facility	Received motions of support from various student leadership groups (RHC, BOD, Club Senate, Union Board)
JUN '01		
JUL '01	Advertised for Architect/Engineer for SUB/REC Project	Hired financial advisor to review business models and determine bonding feasibility
SEP '01		
NOV '01	Begin detailed programming & site verification phase	Selected BJSS Duarte Bryant in association with Ellerbe Becket as project architect
JAN '02		
MAY '02		Begin design phase
SEP '04	Open Recreation Center	
SEP '06		Open Student Union Building

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

University	Recreation Center	Student Union
Boise State	Construction, almost complete	N/A
Oregon State Univ.	Expansion- Design	
Seattle University	NA	Construction
University of Idaho	Construction, almost complete	Opened Sept. 2001
University of Oregon	Phase 1- Spring 2000, Phase 2- Fall 2000	NA
University of Washington	IMA under construction	NA
Washington State Univ.	Opened Jan. 2001	Planning
Western Washington Univ.	Construction	Opened Sept. 2001

This is the 1st of 3 student information pages to appear in the Observer

The SUB/REC project committee encourages student questions &/or comments. Please call or email:
 Steve Erickson, ASCWU Executive Vice President- 963-1693, ascwu@cwu.edu
 or
 Maren Oates, Facilities Management- 963-2816, oatesm@cwu.edu



Police Briefs

Compiled by Shane Cleveland
Staff reporter

Holy ghost writer
4:58 p.m. Feb. 4

The owner of a 1995 Hyundai reported that a piece of paper with "God loves you" written on it was taped to the window in the I-15 parking lot. No damage was incurred.

Theft/malicious mischief
2 p.m. Feb. 5

A parking sign was stolen by an unknown suspect from the N-16 parking lot. Damage is estimated at \$170.

Theft
2 p.m. Feb. 6

A man reported his wallet was stolen from his backpack left in a classroom while he went to get a drink of water. The brown tri-fold wallet and its contents, including \$5, have not been recovered.

MIP
7 p.m. Feb. 6

Officers responded to a subject who was sitting inside his Honda CRX on the 800 block of E. 11th St. Heavy smoke was coming from the vehicles engine compartment, and the vehicle was leaking anti-freeze. The 20-year-old man was in possession of alcoholic beverages and showed signs of intoxication. He was cited for minor in possession of alcohol and his vehicle was towed.

DUI
1:30 a.m. Feb. 9

The driver of a green Honda Accord was pulled over for traveling 40 MPH on a 25 MPH zone. The officer noticed the driver appeared to be under the influence of intoxicants and conducted field sobriety tests. The man was unable to successfully complete the tests, and his blood alcohol content was found to be over the legal limit when tested at the Kittitas County Correctional Center.

He was arrested for driving under the influence and cited for speeding.

DUI/MIP

A yellow Toyota pickup was observed crossing the centerline and the driver was leaning his head out the driver's side window. The vehicle was only 5 to 8 feet behind the vehicle in front of it.

When pulled over, the officer noticed the 18-year-old driver appeared to be under the influence of intoxicants and conducted field sobriety tests. The man was unable to successfully complete the tests and his blood alcohol content was found to be over the legal limit when tested at the Kittitas County Correctional Center. The suspect was arrested for driving under the influence, minor in possession of alcohol, driving without proof of liability insurance and following too close.

Vice presidential candidates pay Central's campus a visit

by Amanda Hickman
Staff reporter

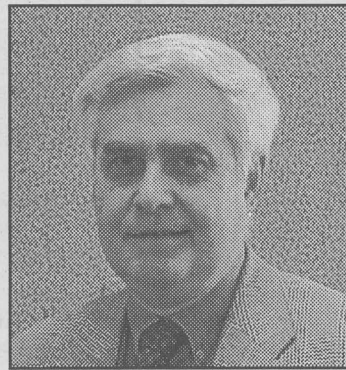
The search to fill the position of Vice President of University Relations has reached the final stage. The search committee chose two finalists, Robert Bruce and Leslie Smith, from a pool of more than 50 candidates.

"We had an excellent search committee that represented a number of constituent groups like the Foundation Board, Alumni Association Board, Classified Staff, Student Faculty, Ellensburg community representatives and others," Roy Savoian, dean of the college of business and spokesperson for the search committee, said. "The committee was able to reach a consensus regarding the final candidates to bring to the campus community."

The two candidates were invited to visit Central Washington University's Ellensburg campus and centers for interviews and to meet with constituent groups in Washington.

"The purpose of having the candidates visit Central is to allow them the opportunity to get a feel for what the campus is like. It also gives us (Central) the chance to find out more about each candidate," Eric Galbraith, human resource assistant senior, said.

Smith visited campus on Feb. 3.



Robert Bruce

He has more than 20 years of experience in higher education administration and resource development as vice president for institutional advancement at Boston University and Bradley University. Smith is working with the Salt Lake City-based Clements Group, a professional resource development and educational consulting firm. He also served as executive director of the non-profit Deseret Foundation.

"We have developed a schedule that includes each candidate meeting with various groups on campus and traveling to the westside to visit university centers. The candidates will also meet with the Alumni Association board members and the Foundation Board members as part of the visit," Savoian said.

Robert Bruce is scheduled to arrive on campus on Feb. 19.



Leslie Smith

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend a forum with Bruce on Feb. 19 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Sue Lombard.

Bruce serves as assistant to the vice president chancellor for communications with the Oregon University System. In addition, he has taught at public and private universities and has served as a communications consultant in higher education.

"The search committee is also soliciting feedback from the campus community in order to identify each candidate's strengths and weaknesses. We are gathering that information, along with the assessment of each candidate from the search committee to submit to President McIntyre," Savoian said.

The candidate feedback form can be found on the CWU VPUR search web page.

RESIDENT: Persistent student has difficulties staying away from hall

Continued from page 1

and chaotic for the rest of us."

Yarrow noticed Johnson moving around in a running parked car outside of Hitchcock at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6. She believed Johnson was intoxicated.

"He was absolutely gone and didn't know that black smoke was coming from his engine," Yarrow said.

Yarrow began to shake him and eventually was able to wake him up. She removed him from the vehicle but had trouble helping him stand. Police and firefighters were called and arrived soon after.

During the early morning of Jan. 25, Yarrow and other students on Hitchcock's third floor said they observed Johnson's behavior, which Hitchcock resident Katrina Erni, freshman, described as calm, then progressing to irate.

He had violated trespassing restrictions and was hiding from police, Erni said. Stephanie West, a third floor resident, said he threatened to stab people.

The police were notified and Johnson was charged with trespassing and resisting arrest.

Hitchcock residents said before Johnson came to Hitchcock, students

never locked their doors on the third floor. Since the incident on Jan. 24, they have not only locked them, but have dead-bolted them as well.

"He would be a very nice gentleman if not intoxicated," Erni said.

Johnson succeeded well academically while at Central. His sister Shelby Johnson said he earned straight A's last quarter. She describes him as charismatic and boisterous.

Yarrow, also an Al-Monty custodian, said Al-Monty resident assistants described Johnson as a fun person to be around but a hard person to understand.

Daily updates of campus news, the latest sports scores, and more. Check it out!
www.cwu.edu/~observer

NEW MUGS ON SALE
FROM CWU DINING SERVICES
STARS & STRIPES BEVERAGE CONTAINER

Wellingtons' CWU Wildcat Mug

\$5.25 at the Cats C-Store
Wellingtons' Espresso

18th Street Grocery

Close Out Special

Movies & DVD's

All Video Games

1 - \$10

\$15/ each

2 - \$9 each

3 - \$8 each

4 (or more) - \$7 each

Over 3,000 to choose from
-shop soon for best selection-

1801 N. Walnut • 962-3949 • OPEN 7am to 11pm

Counseling center benefits from APPIC approval

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

Counseling visits come courtesy of the health and counseling fee, but providing a listening ear to the student body is labor intensive. The inclusion of doctoral interns at the counseling center increases service options and credibility.

This fall, the Student Health and Counseling Center at Central Washington University gained membership into the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). The counseling center's internship program allows pre-doctoral students from other universities to conduct their 1,500-2,000 hours of training at the center's facilities. The benefits of the APPIC membership not only affect the center and interns, but also university students and counseling staff.

"When we have interns on site we have two people who are that close to getting their doctorates, who are getting paid next to nothing, and are providing full services to the students," Patricia Cole, training director and licensed psychologist, said.

The internship program enhances

the center's ability to serve Central students by increasing the number of available counselors. About 60 to 70 percent of the time, student clients are placed on a waiting list that is sometimes as long as 25 people. This is a stress to the counselor, who may meet with a student once and then have to place them on the list. Without the interns, that stress would be much greater.

"It's a huge benefit for the students because they (interns) do see a lot of students. And it's a benefit for us because they bring new enthusiasm and energy with them," Rhonda McKinney, director of counseling center, said.

Interns at the counseling center earn \$11,000 annually without benefits. Compared to the \$50,000 to \$60,000 salary of a licensed psychologist, that low stipend makes economic

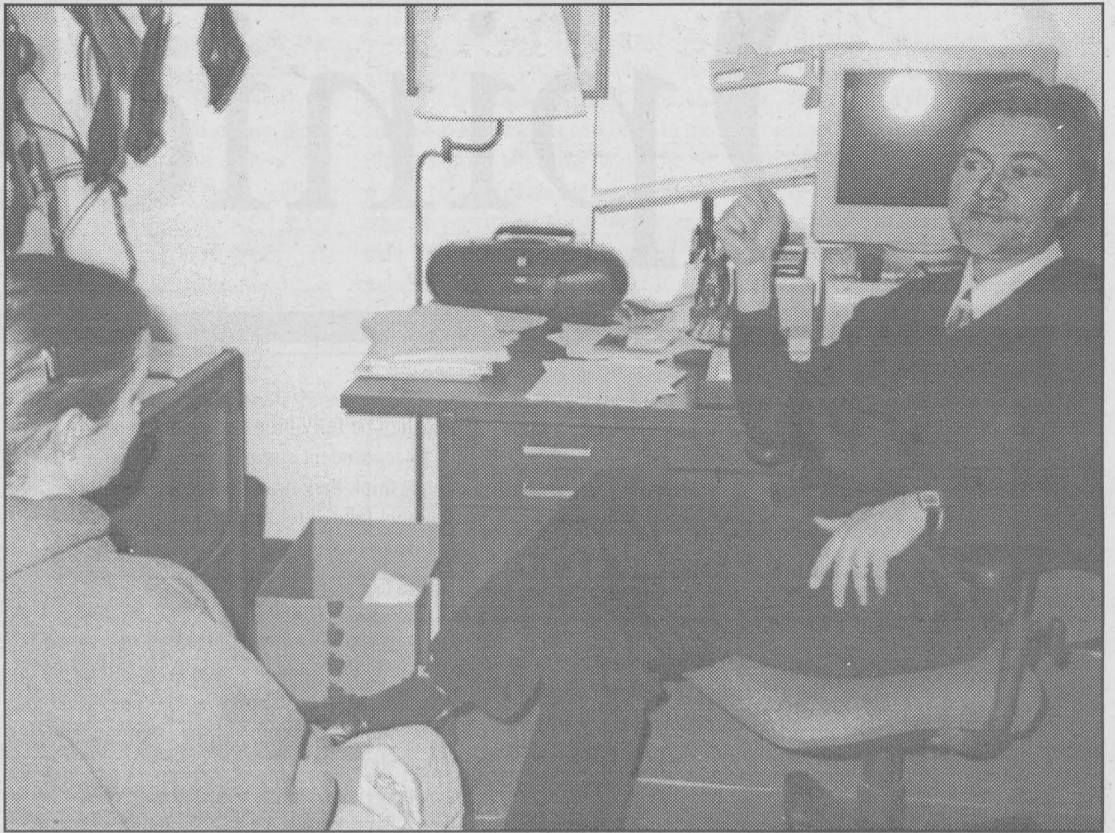
sense for the center and university.

The center has trained interns for the past four years, but with this new membership comes a stamp of approval many pre-doctoral students are eager to access. An internship conducted without APPIC membership would require the student to submit evidence of their training.

"The people here are a really nice

"It's a huge benefit for the students because [the interns] do see a lot of students."

— Rhonda McKinney



Bryan Benjamin/Observer

Director of Student Health and Counseling Bob Trumpy discusses issues with a student health center employee. The counseling center became a member of APPIC in the fall.

team to work with. Now that they are APPIC accredited, I have less documentation to show for licensure," Robert Hossack, program doctoral intern, said.

Interns enter the program directly after completing their course work and exams and bring the latest information with them. Aside from hands-on counseling, they are

required to attend seminars conducted by the program staff. This demands that the supervisors remain on top of current information and provide the interns with a well-structured training education.

"A secondary benefit for us is that we really do get a lot of increased professional stimulus from these people who have been trained in

other areas," Cole said. "Doing the seminars keeps us on our toes."

The current interns will be on hand for the first time throughout the summer to provide additional help serving students in the counseling center. Appointments are available by calling 963-1391. For first time visits, students are scheduled an intake evaluation as soon as possible.

From Jerrol's with Love

Looking for just the right thing to make Valentine's Day one they will not forget. Jerrol's has some grrreat suggestions. Stop by and check out the party, 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., today.



DEFINING CONVENIENCE

111 E. 8TH Ave. • 925-9851 or 800-858-2427 • www.jerrols.com

OVER 100 SCHOOLS IN THE U.S.

Earn academic credit

National Student Exchange

Yes! You heard right! You can study at another university and pay tuition to Central!

GO TO:
-Hawaii
-Guam
-Alaska
-U.S. Virgin Islands

Applications due FEB. 28, 2002!!!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: Rob Lynam, Study Abroad/Exchange Advisor at lynamr@cwu.edu or 963-3615 OR Emily Passic at passice@cwu.edu OR stop by the International Center, across from L&L

Financial Aid Applicable!

Opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Observer welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be submitted by 5 p.m., Tuesday before the week of publication. Letters must be typewritten and less than 350 words.

All letters must include your name and phone number for verification. In addition, only one letter a month will be accepted from an individual.

The Observer reserves the right to edit for length, style, grammar, libel and matters of taste. Anonymous letters will not be published. Send letters by mail or e-mail to: The Observer, CENTRAL, Ellensburg, WA 98926-7435; observer@cwu.edu or by fax at (509) 963-1027.

Observance

Central students need education not just degrees

As I entered the twilight of my university career, I found myself in freshman-level courses with sophomores and freshman classmates. This afforded me the opportunity to overhear their complaints and concerns about this university and their education. However, as I consider their comments and others I've heard during my tenure here, I am convinced that many students attend Central for a degree, not an education.

No sooner have students unpacked the contents of their first dorm room that they are looking for the quickest route out of Central. Although this phi-

losophy may drop those people into the work force quickly, will they be fully prepared? Not even close.

Every student complains about certain classes that they do not think they need. These are usually courses not even remotely related to their majors. However, it is these courses that make university life so much more interesting. As most people want a great job when they graduate, it does not serve them to race through their degree programs. Employers tend to get real giddy when confronted with potential employees who study their major area and are interested in other subjects compared to the person who does what they can to get by. It's quite clear who will be sitting in that plush office with a view.

One gets this extra knowledge by being an involved student. That does not mean just going to class everyday. It means so much more. Our Central professors are very interesting people when students bother to get to know them. They have spent years researching their areas and can lead you down roads you never even knew were on the map.

Dozens of student groups on campus can give you a greater appreciation for life. For instance, I went with the

geography club last weekend to feeding grounds for deer, elk, and mountain sheep. By talking to members of that club and going with them on their excursion, I now can tell people the difference between Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep and California bighorn sheep. Granted, this knowledge is trivial at best and can only be used to extract an exaggerated interest in my dinner guests. Biologically, I created new connections in my brain that will help me learn other things more pertinent to my career.

Education is a life-long learning process. In order to make the most of life, learn as much as you can about all aspects of it. Going to a university is much more than completing a degree program, it's about making you a more rounded citizen. Completing a degree is not that difficult. I'm sure Washoe could probably get a degree, but Central can only give you an education if you take responsibility for your own education. That will mean more work and more time learning new things, but the results it will yield will be more than you could possibly imagine.

—Daren Schuettpelz

Letters to the Editor

Central's liberalism is a rash that just won't go away

To the editor:

I often refer to the liberal mindset on a college campus as a rash because it is akin to an irritation on a private area that is not polite to scratch in public. This is the case on our campus and many others across the nation. For starters, I am a conservative and I have come to this on my own terms. My main reason for conversion was the liberal agenda's inability to uphold its principles. The vehicle for this deficiency can be seen in the too often used "buzz" word of diversity and no better example can be given than in Editorial pages of last week's edition of the Observer.

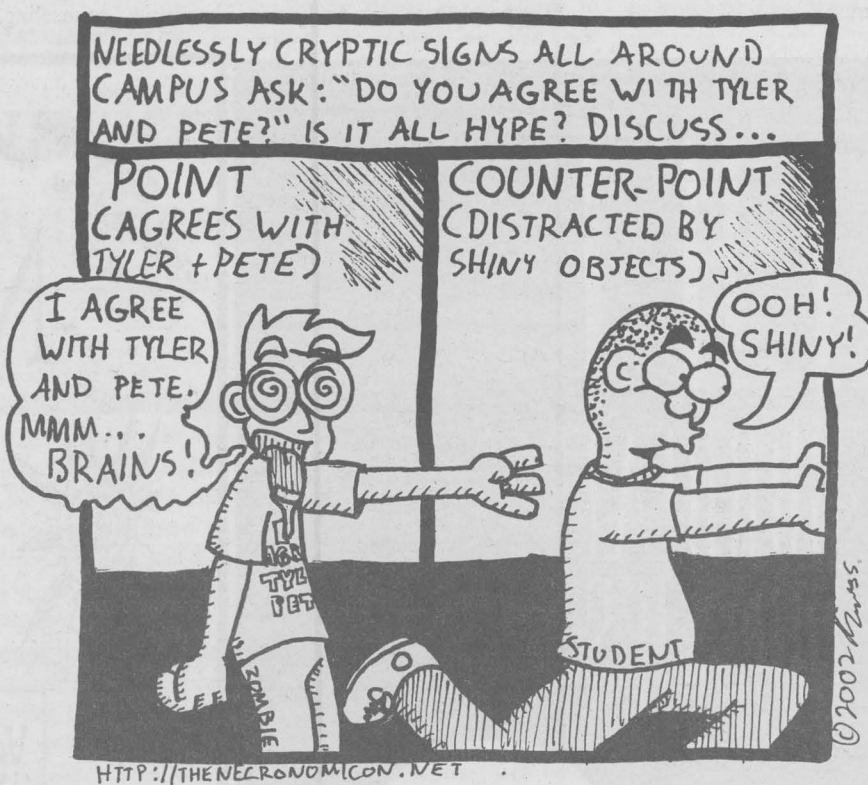
I was taken aback by the sheer audacity of a liberal front, in ALL of the letters, either being offended by the benign Tyler and Pete or taking personal offense at a work

related editorial. These individuals' letters revealed the desire for equality but the lack of tolerance to truly live up to that claim. This is the liberal agenda at work, dispensing wonderful ideas but never leaving room for counterpoint, never accepting that a different ideology could have some benefit to society. This is not to say that conservatives as a group don't have the same problems, but I believe that time will tell which is the more honest about its intentions.

The letters concerning Tyler and Pete trouble me the most. I have been an avid reader of the Observer's opinion section these past three years but never have I seen such venom towards a seemingly harmless event. Jealousy, as Mr. Schuettpelz suggested, could be one answer but a more obvious one presented itself to me. Religion, especially Christian, is seen by most as something that should not be expressed, but kept to oneself because talking about it

See LETTERS, Page 7

Cartoon by Chris Furnis



OBSERVER

• (509) 963-1073 - newsroom •
963-1026 - business office • FAX 963-1027
400 E. 8th Ave.
Ellensburg, WA
98926-7435

Lois Breedlove / Adviser
Christine Page / Business Manager
Daren Schuettpelz / Editor-in-Chief
Mark Kendrick / Managing Editor
Elizabeth Haddon / Production Manager
Jed Waits, Chris Furniss / Cartoonist

Kara Pierce / Office Assistant
Kerry Ottmar, Sara Schuettpelz / Ad Representatives
Mark Kendrick / Systems Manager

News Editor: Allison Worrell Assistant Editor: Andrew Fickes
Reporters: Shane Cleveland, Amanda Hickman, Tarena Ruehle, Kenneth Wittenberg, Emily Bonden, Saul Hardin
Scene Editor: Meredith Willingham Assistant Editor: Jamie Castaneda,
Susie Bunday Reporters: Heather Abhold, Jennifer DeJong, Andrew Patrick, Mandy Harter, Amy Tibbles
Sports Editor: Kevin Endejan Assistant Editor: Staci Miller, Casey Steiner Reporters: Duane Shimogawa, Lauren McKean, Nick Scotti
Photo Editor: Joe Whiteside Assistant Editor: Andrea Vanhorn
Photographers: Bryan Waters, Bryan Benjamin
Copy Editor: Rachel Wiersma
Online Editor: Amber Eagar Reporters: Cody Tuthill, Jeff Sharpe

The Observer is printed by Daily Record Printing, 401 N. Main, Ellensburg, WA 98926

DEADLINES

Listed below are the deadlines for The Observer. The Observer office, located in Bouillon room 222, is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Submissions can be brought to the office or by mail, The Observer, CWU, Ellensburg, WA 98926 or by fax at 963-1027.

News

• Friday, 5 p.m. - Entertainment, meetings, calendar events for the Observer calendar. • Monday, 3p.m. - Spectacle and weekend sports information. Monday, 5 p.m. - Letters to the editor.

Advertising

• Thursday, 5 p.m. - Display ads. • Monday, 5 p.m. - Classified ads. To place advertising contact your advertising representative, call the Observer business office at (509) 963-1026 or fax information to 963-1027.

Letters Continued

Continued from Page 6

might be considered "imposing" it on another human being and that is certainly not allowed. As Bernard Goldstein coined the term, it is a "License to Overkill" or the allowance to bash those religions or ethnicities or even genders that have seen historical dominance. This was the main point last week; Christians are bad, everyone knows it, and they shouldn't tell everyone about their beliefs. Instead we should let that rash get a little worse, no medicine in the form of truth, just itch it a little to inflame it. Hopefully this itch will help everyone see a doctor immediately.

Josh Kilen
Former Vice President for
Academic Affairs, ASCWU-BOD

Observer doesn't understand competition in swimming

To the editor:

I have a comment about the article that was written about the men's and women's swim team in the Observer. Whoever wrote that article obviously knows nothing about the sport of swimming. What they said made it sound like the men's team was competing with the women's team. That is not how the sport of swimming is ran. The only reason the girls' team didn't place as high as the men's team is because they have some of the best swimmers in the country at that meet, and the girls actually did just as good or even better than the men. If you could please send this to the person who wrote the article about the Washington state open, I would greatly appreciate. He should know what kind of mistakes he's making so he doesn't piss anybody off.

Jesse Leary

Faculty support Robert Sorrells

I am writing on behalf of a number of CWU personnel, including Drs. James Cook, Terry DeVietti, Lisa Ely, Marie Ferland, Agustin Fuentes, David Hedrick, Kirk Johnson, Richard Mack, Virginia Mack, Stella Moreno, Josh Nelson, Jeff Penick, Phil Tolin, and Ms. Cathy Fyall. We would like to voice our strong support for Dr. Robert Sorrells, Director of the CWU McNair Scholars Program, and highlight the significant contribution he makes to CWU. We write partly in response to articles published in the Daily Record (1/19/02) and the Observer (1/31/02) about an investigation involving Dr. Sorrells. We feel the negative impression given by these articles in no way reflects his true character and work ethic.

Since arriving at CWU 18 months ago, Dr. Sorrells has worked tirelessly. He has revamped the McNair program to better meet the needs of the scholars, and he distinguishes himself by actively seeking innovative ways to improve the program, despite the extra work that follows. Those of us

associated with the program have watched the students rise to meet the challenges that Dr. Sorrells sets for them. The McNair program has blossomed under his direction.

Dr. Sorrells' outstanding contributions extend to the wider CWU community. He has helped to increase undergraduate enrollment through his energetic recruiting at many WA community colleges. He strengthens the academic character of the University through his breadth of knowledge and his unwavering support of undergraduate research.

Dr. Sorrells is dedicated to his job and especially to the students he serves. He works long hours on behalf of the CWU community. It is our experience that Dr. Sorrells acts to advance the best interests of all students and the University, and we are proud to have him as a colleague.

Dr. Wendy Bohrson
Department of Geological Studies

Supporters agree with Tyler and Pete in moderation

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the letter comparing the Tyler and Pete campaign to idolatry. The Bible calls an idol anything that has been worshiped or lifted up as God. The Tyler and Pete campaign does nothing of the sort. Tyler and Pete are two ordinary men willing to stand before this college and proclaim that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior. These men did not invent or lead this campaign, but were asked to take a stand and allow their names to be plastered all over campus. As for the rest of us, we are wearing the T-shirts in support of Tyler and Pete. The shirts say, I agree with Tyler and Pete not I worship Tyler and Pete. Saying we agree with Tyler and Pete does not in any way lift them up. It means exactly what it says, WE AGREE with Tyler and Pete that God is the one and only Lord of all. That Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation. By His love and death on the cross we can be forgiven of all sins past, present, and future. To say that you are mad by the secrecy, or offended by Christ.

Justin Ocker

Tyler and Pete is anything but in your face

To the editor:

This is in response to the Tyler and Pete campaign being "in your face." I am not sure why everyone is making such a huge deal about it. This campaign was not any more "in your face" than any other campaign that I have ever seen on this campus in my time at Central. I am involved with this campaign and I barely notice the signs or shirts with the slogan on them. I don't even notice the huge banner across 8th Street. I choose to ignore them and therefore do not notice them anymore. I have seen campaigns on other subjects that have been much more in your face than

Tyler and Pete. For example, the subject of dating and sex are thrown in our face all the time. We have flyers in our mailboxes about dating seminars, how to get a date or how you can bid on a date. I have nothing against these programs but I have friends that do not have a boy/girlfriend and programs like this make them feel like they have to find one. Also, sex week is another thing. We have huge posters about the week and the programs, like condom and banana split social hour. I know some people who find this offensive because they believe that one should be married before you have sex. I have received condoms and other sexual advertisements for programs in my mailbox. We have a whole week on this campus devoted to sex which some people find inappropriate and yet it has a much more in your face approach than the Tyler and Pete campaign. If we can have a program every quarter devoted to sex and can receive condoms and such in our mailboxes, where we are forced to see them, why is it so wrong and offensive to have something for God?

Elizabeth Burke

Tyler and Pete aren't a cult

Contrary to the popular opinions and rumors that circulated campus, the "Tyler and Pete" campaign is not about orange flyers, a "cult" a commercialized recruit for a club, or a massive "herding of sheep." It's not even about Tyler and Pete. What it is about is having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the God who loves us regardless of what we've done, and the opportunity he has provide to let us experience the unconditional love, forgiveness, and fulfillment that only He can offer.

A great deal of anger sprouted from many who voiced their entitled opinions in the Observer on February 7. Among the concerns featured in the editorial section were questions and complaints that could have been easily answered had anyone bothered to ask. All advertising was paid for with money from the clubs included in S.A.L.S.A., not with funds distributed from the school. In addition, the T-shirts were purchased by the students who chose to wear them.

One student commented in his letter that the campaign is staining the image of the University. What I am more concerned about "staining" the image of CWU is the constant bombardment of flyers promoting "Hump Wednesday," "Friends and Condoms Night," "Sex Week," and the campus newspaper that recognizes the anti-campaign by printing a picture reading, "F--- Off Tyler and Pete." These and countless other tasteless, immoral promotions plastered across this campus encouraging people to disregard absolute truth (discernable right and wrong) is what is hurting this college. Many campus groups and school affiliated organizations support and condone having multiple sexual relationships, alcohol use, and homosexuality, yet I find it interesting and awfully sad that the one and only one attacked and countered is the one Biblically centered on God's values found in his Word.

To those who contributed to the

Observer last week, I encourage you, especially the condescending and critical Christians, to take a moment and get to know Tyler and Pete. In the future before attacking someone, it would be a valuable idea to correctly educate yourselves about these young men and what they really stand for rather than what you assume. If you took the time, you would see that Tyler and Pete are not representing "idolatry," they are representing Christ and taking the good news about Jesus to those around them, as all Christians are commanded to do (Matthew 28).

Tyler Critchlow and Peter Biggs, both of whom I have the privilege of knowing, are amazing men of God who truly walk their talk. The truths they speak are available and apply to all of us. We who wear the orange shirts are not following Tyler and Peter, but standing beside them, together worshipping and acknowledging our one and only Savior and Creator. We are not committed to a cause, we are committed to a person; to Jesus Christ.

Are you?

Leslie Montgomery

Tyler and Pete campaign did not shove message

To the editor:

I am writing to the people that wrote letters to the editor about the issues surrounding Tyler and Pete. We do not idolize Tyler and Pete, neither are we shoving it in people's faces. The fact is that if we went around wearing "I agree with God" shirts, as Rian pointed out, the people of this small Central community would have aroused even more anger saying that we were pushing it in their faces. Yes, some people have just brushed us off when we tell them what we believe, but some have actually listened with

open hearts thanking us for doing what we are doing. As for Erin's letter, we weren't trying to trick anyone. It was simply a means of boosting curiosity until we told the entire campus Wednesday and Thursday. If you don't want to have it shoved down your face everywhere you look: don't look. Nothing's been stopping you from ignoring signs talking about our faith before. This past week, I have felt like a have had a contagious disease. No one wanted to come near me, but everyone stared. For the first time this past week, I have felt like I have had a contagious disease. No one wanted to come near me, but everyone stared. For the first time, I felt persecuted for something that 77 percent of the United States CLAIM to be. And, Randy, if you truly HAD respect for the Christian faith, you wouldn't have wrote the letter that you did. Most people claiming to be Christians say so because they believe in a higher being and don't know what else to call themselves. We believe with all of our hearts that Jesus Christ was God's Son and came down to Earth as a man to live among us, die and shed His blood for our sins among us, and to be raised from the dead among us: all of which He did. He was the Lamb who took away the sins of the world. I too am reminded of a phrase, Erin: Matthew 12:36-37, "But I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." I thank you all for challenging my faith and writing all these letters, because I never would have stood up the way that I HAVE and talked about my faith the way I DID this past week.

Karina Lauzis

Have an issue you want to address? Write a letter to the editor today.

THE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS
LECTURES in the HUMANITIES

THE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS HONORS COLLEGE
and CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
present

Vivian & Phil Williams
Folk Musicians

"Music of the
Oregon Trail"



February 19, 2002
Tuesday, 7 p.m.

CWU TOWER THEATRE

Open to the Public • No Charge for Admission

The Pacific Northwest has a legacy of fiddle and dance tunes going back to the earliest days of exploration in the region and along the Oregon Trail. The Williamses have researched the dance music of the Oregon Trail through journals of the early pioneers. They play this material on instruments from this era interwoven with glimpses of how these tunes and dances helped ease a hard day of travel.

The Williamses:

- Helped found the Seattle Folklore Society, Northwest Folklife, and the Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association.
- Established the recording label, **Voyager Recordings**, which records regional artists.
- Vivian has won many fiddle contests in the U.S. and Canada.
- Phil has published a collection of fiddle tunes for the mandolin: *The Mandolin Player's Pastime*.
- Vivian has published three volumes of *Brand New Old Time Fiddle Tunes*.

Persons of disability may make arrangements for reasonable accommodations by calling 509-963-1858 or by leaving a message on TDD 509-963-3323. Central Washington University is an AA/EEO/Title IX Institution.

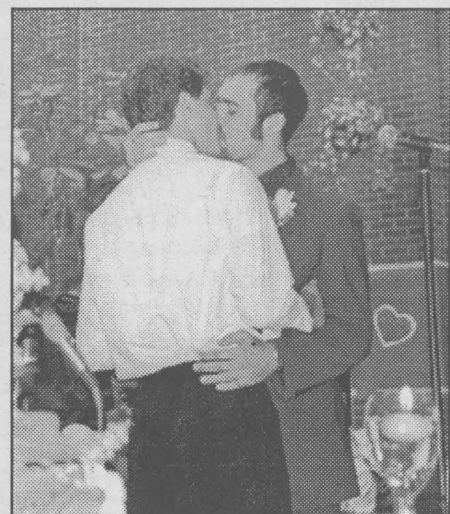
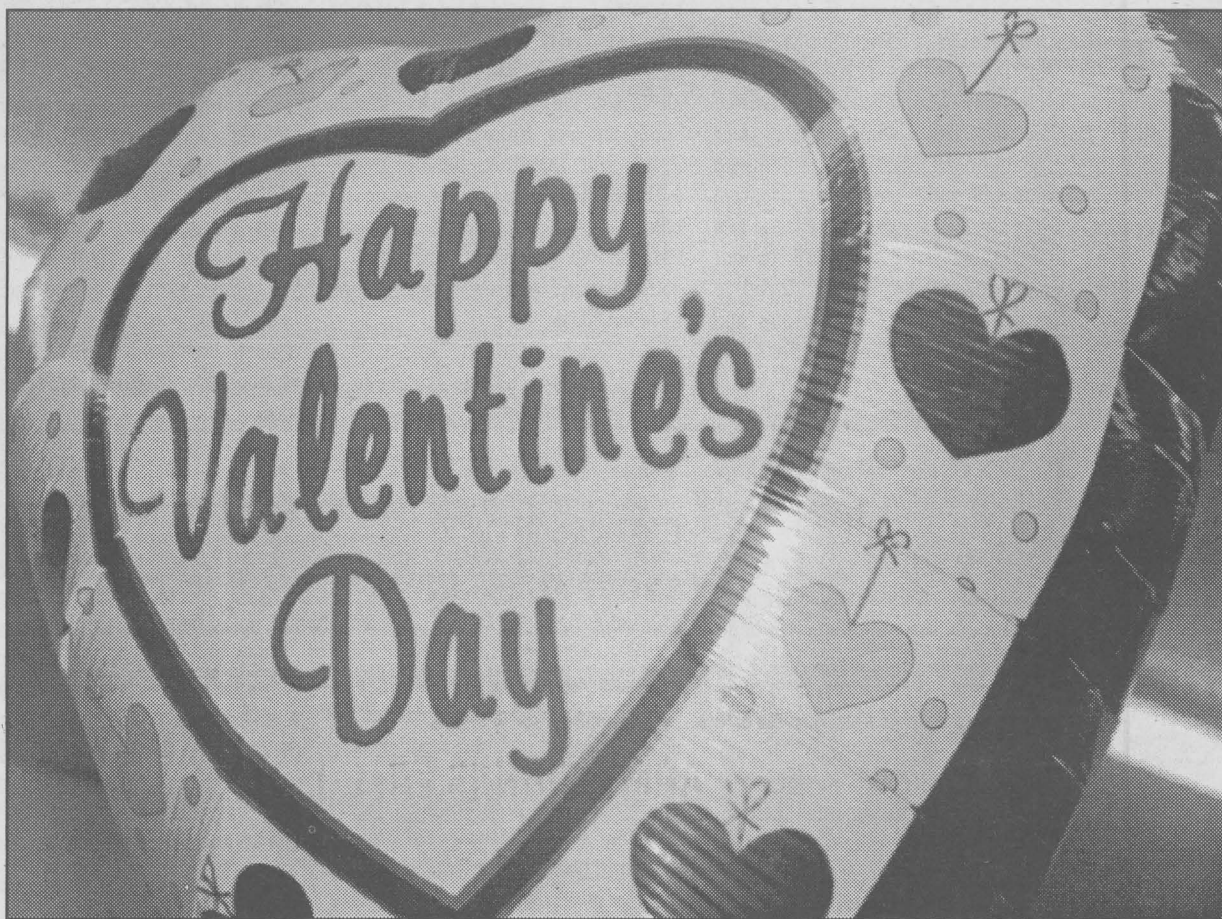
SCENE

Quote of the Week

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

"It's like coming home, but to no home I've ever known before." —Samuel Clemens, a.k.a. Mark Twain, to his fiancé describing her love.

Cupid descends upon Central



Andrea Vanhorn/Observer

Around campus, students are celebrating Valentine's Day in a variety of ways, which included a staged wedding ceremony in the SUB Pit. GALA members participated in the wedding on Tues., Feb. 12, when Nate Harris and Ben Jury (above) and Chantal Williams and Jen Ham (below) went through the motions of a marriage ceremony. GALA was also celebrating National Freedom to Marry Day.

Tyler and Pete give testimonies amid protest

by Andrew Patrick
Staff reporter

Despite the ongoing war against terrorists being waged in Afghanistan, one of the most talked about issues on the Central Washington University campus last week was Tyler and Pete.

Using tactics more akin to a psychology experiment to drum up interest and support for their beliefs, flyers were posted everywhere on campus asking whether or not people agree with Tyler and Pete. Supporters donned orange T-shirts announcing in bold white block letters that they "agree with Tyler and Pete."

What Tyler Critchlow, sophomore, and Pete Briggs, senior, believe in was revealed Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the SUB ballroom where an empty seat was hard to find.

The effectiveness of the campaign

could not be denied.

"I think it first of all broke the shell of apathy that is detrimental for people who want to know about spiritual things. By Wednesday things were out and it was not treachery," Brad Tricola, junior, said.

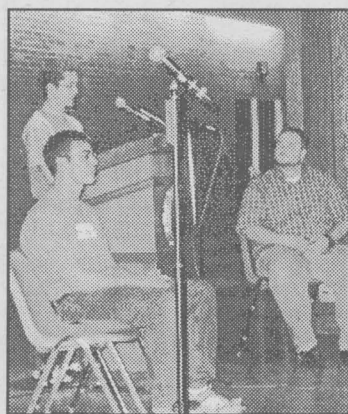
Most of the people in the crowd seemed to have a sense of what Critchlow and Briggs believed in before the event started.

"Tonight they're going to be talking about how they learned to see an invisible God," Matt Carson, Central student, said.

Critchlow revealed that when he was in seventh grade, a bomb was dropped on his life.

"My parents told me they had decided to get a divorce. When I found out about this, it shocked me," Critchlow said.

All this would start to change when he went on a double date with a girl named Michelle. Problem was, she was not allowed to date guys who



Bryan Benjamin/Observer

Last Thursday, Tyler Critchlow and Pete Briggs unveiled the meaning behind the "Tyler and Pete" campaign.

didn't live for God. Tyler started to go to church with her on Sunday, but was still partying on Saturday.

After Michelle left for three weeks of camp, Critchlow began to

drink. When that did not work, he decided to give the "God thing" a try.

"Going into my room I fell down on my knees and I asked God to take the pain that was in my heart away, and when I said amen, it was gone," Critchlow said.

Critchlow ended his speech with a prayer that everyone's mind would be open to the benefits and joy of living for God that he has found in his life.

Pete Briggs' testimony paralleled much of Critchlow's.

Friendships and relationships were missing in Briggs' life and many of his early years were spent dealing with the insecurity that he could not easily make friends.

Like Critchlow, a traumatic event also shaped Briggs' life.

"My sophomore year of high school, my closest friend Trevor was shot and killed in an unprovoked random act of violence in Seattle," Briggs said.

The loss of a relationship when Trevor was killed put Briggs at the crossroads of decision. He could reject God because he couldn't make sense of Trevor's death or he could rely on God to deal with the pain.

"Once I realized this inconsistency, I desired to have an integrity of character, such that I would be the same in every situation and really discover who I was beneath all the masks I had been putting up," Briggs said.

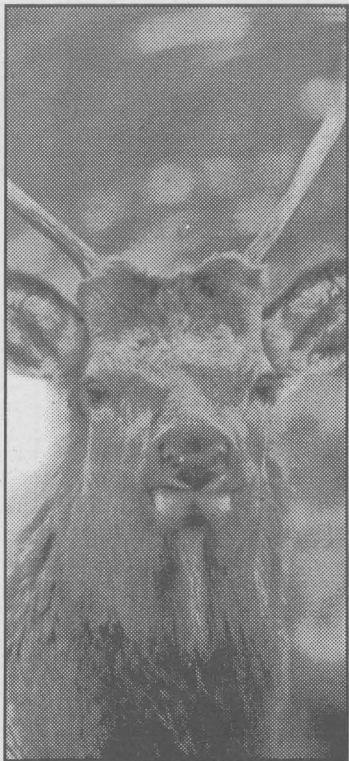
He continued to grow in his faith and understanding of what it meant to believe in God, but then he ran into a bigger problem.

"Now that I really wanted to live for God I was extremely frustrated by the fact that I kept failing," Briggs said.

He said he became depressed and almost threw in the towel until God

See CHRISTIAN, page 11

Geography Club meets wildlife face to face



Daren Schuettpelz/Observer

by Daren Schuettpelz
Editor-in-Chief

A herd of California bighorn sheep strolled down the Clemens Mountains in search of food only to come face to face with a delegation of the Central Washington University geography club's Wildlife Photography Tour.

"I loved the sheep," Sydney Burch, senior geology major, said. "I liked watching the kids play."

About 50 bighorn sheep congregated at the feeding area last Saturday, Feb. 9.

The young sheep darted in between the adults and the rams exerted their dominance by butting heads with one another to the chorus of camera shutters.

While students gazed, Central geography and land studies professor James Huckabay explained the mannerisms of the sheep, told humorous stories of previous trips and some

history behind the feeding center.

The club also took the opportunity to venture into the Oak Creek Feeding Center where hundreds of Rocky Mountain elk gathered in anticipation of feeding time.

The feeding center began with less than 50 elk but bred their numbers to nearly 5,000.

On the ridge behind the feeding grounds two bald eagles sat among the rocks. Huckabay brought a viewing scope to allow people to see the birds without the birds seeing the watchers.

"My favorite part of the trip was seeing the eagles," Stacey Borland, senior geography major, said. "I also liked the sheep."

The elk and sheep feeding grounds lie near Naches and are accessible during the day.

The geography club meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month in the banana room of Lind Hall at 4 p.m.



Daren Schuettpelz/Observer

The Central Washington University geography club took students on the annual Wildlife Photography Tour. The group witnessed bighorn rams (above) vying for dominance and herds of elk (left) looking for a quick kiss. The feeding grounds are located near Naches.

Kindness felt on campus

by Heather Abhold
Staff reporter

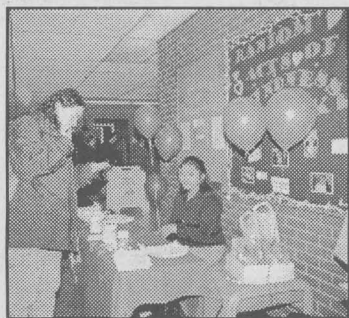
Central Washington University celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Week in a big way, thanks to the efforts of the Service Learning Center and the help of many student volunteers.

"Our goal for the program is to provide services for the campus and community with no strings attached," Meg Johnston, program coordinator said. "I would like to see the Day of Kindness bring students together with a smile and for it to catch on for the rest of the year."

The Service Learning Center planned a week of activities centered on the ideas of kindness, beginning Monday and running through Friday.

"Volunteers were able to sign up for three different levels of involvement, ranging from cutting out paper hearts for decoration in the SUB to staffing the free coffee and hot chocolate stand," Lorinda Anderson-Ramsdell, Service Learning Center Programmer, said.

The week of activities included a food drive, complementary music



Andrea Vanhorn/Observer

The Service Learning and Volunteer Center is spreading cheer across campus until Friday.

between classes and a "van of fun" that will be giving free rides from the north to the south ends of campus.

Activities also included some off campus events. Volunteers made candy necklaces for local elementary school students.

"It makes me feel good to make kids happy and see a smile on their faces," Ryan McAnally, student vol-

See *KINDNESS*, Page 11

You Are Invited To The: **FITTERER'S and 95.3 KXLE ANNUAL WEDDING SHOWCASE**

ADMISSION IS FREE!!

WHEN: Saturday, February 23rd 9am - 5pm

WHERE: Fitterer's Furniture

4th & Main, Ellensburg

WHAT: Featuring 3 floors of exciting booths & fine home furnishings

Enter To Win Fabulous Giveaways Including a Lane® Cedar Chest and Other Great Prizes

Featuring local area Central Washington businesses

- Albertsons • Avon by Amy Beador, Rosa Overton & Cathy Logie**
- Cafe Eden • Callahan's Confections**
- Calypso Bridal Boutique • Dunbar Jewelers**
- Fifth Avenue Jewelry Collection • F.Y.I. (For Your Image)**
- Majestic Country Bed & Breakfast • Mailboxes Etc**
- Mango's Day Spa & Salon • Mundys Formal Wear**
- Nuance Video • Studio FX • Summit Inn at Snoqualmie**

Ellensburg's only complete source for all your wedding wishes & dreams.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!



For more information call: (509) 925-9828 or (509) 925-1488
1-800-992-9828 email: fitterer@eburg.com

"What a comfortable & beautiful place to stay. Also, very kind, considerate people, a delight, I will be certain to tell my friends."

~ B (Yakima, WA)



Gift Certificates Available

All theme rooms have Jacuzzis, Down comforters, Large TV's, VCR, DSL Internet Connection, Refrigerators, Non-smoking. No pets.

Rates from \$89, Sun-Thurs.
from \$99, Fri-Sat.

1720 Canyon Rd. Ellensburg, Washington 98926
(509)962-8030 or (800)533-0822 Fax (509)962-8031
Visit our Website: <http://www.innatgoosecreek.com>
E-mail: goosecreek@ellensburg.com

Tips solve Valentine dilemmas

by Observer staff

Movies

A quick, easy Valentine's date is accessible in the middle of Ellensburg. Taking your sweetheart to a movie is a fail safe way to celebrate.

The Grand Central Theater, 300 N. Pearl, is now showing "Collateral Damage" with Arnold Schwarzenegger, "A Walk To Remember" with Mandy Moore and the "Mothman Prophecies" with Richard Gere and Laura Linney.

The Liberty Theater, on 111 E. Fifth, is showing for Valentine's Day "Big Fat Liar," "Rollerball" and the true-life war movie "Black Hawk Down."

Both theaters are offering matinees and evening show times for Valentine's Day.

Manastash Observatory

For some much needed alone time with your sweetie this Valentine's Day, try the Manastash Observatory.

Even though the hike is quite tough, and there is sure to be snow in your way, the view is well worth it. This private lookout will give you a chance to see snow-covered Ellensburg and cuddle up with that special someone. Enjoy Manastash Creek and the surrounding forest as you wind your way up to a heavenly view.

To get there, take Main Street south to McDonald's. Turn right onto Umptanum Road. After about two miles, Umptanum intersects with Manastash Road. Head west to Cove Road, then left to the parking area. The Manastash Observatory is located on the south ridge.

People's Pond

For the Valentine giver that can't get enough of the outdoors, a walk to People's Pond may be just the right start to a night of romance. The walk to the pond takes you over a nice flowing stream and right into a trail that is water logged and half snowy. Better make sure both your sweetheart and you are wearing boots and pants that aren't too long. Otherwise, you will have wet feet and pants that look like they should have been rolled up in preparation for a flood.

The trail is just the right length for a nice, short, romantic outdoor outing.

The really slick Romeo or Juliet will take full advantage of the many places along the trail in which a box of candy or other romantic gift can be placed prior to the walk.



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Performer celebrates black history through drums and song

February is Black History Month, and percussionist Rod Turner performed in the SUB Pit Wednesday afternoon. Former Black Panther Robert Penton will present "The Black Panther Story," a lecture about the Black Panthers, at noon, Feb. 20, in the SUB Pit.

Open Country Joy performs upbeat music

by Amy Tibbles
Staff reporter

Open Country Joy's positive, soulful and upbeat music is a breath of fresh air in the pop saturated music industry.

The show at The Mint on Feb. 9 began with an hour or so of "To and Fro," the opening band, and then launched into the musical bliss that is Open Country Joy. The Mint was packed, and the dance floor filled with OCJ followers who spent the evening swaying and bouncing to lead singer/guitarist Brandon Brooks' groovy guitar sounds.

T.C. Brownell was often seen putting



Bryan Waters/Observer

Open Country Joy performed at the Mint last Saturday night to a packed house.

down his bass guitar and going over to the keyboard, while Brooks strummed at his acoustic guitar, Travis Yost tapped at the drum set, and Greg Euteneier fingered his

hand drums, bongo style.

The sounds produced by the instruments of Open Country Joy are folkly with a zen twist that can carry a song out for as long as ten minutes. The high energy displayed by the band members kept the audience moving to the cool, syncopated rhythms through two long sets, breaking between for about ten minutes.

"I think that Open Country Joy rocks." Mark Iverson, junior history major who was at the concert, said.

There are several songs on which the band feels especially tight and cohesive, such as "Scruffy," "Been Drinkin'" and "Coffee."

"We like all of them," Brooks said. "If we don't like them, we just don't play them, we throw them away, which has happened a few times."

See www.cwu.edu/~observer

"Cloud Tectonics" to hold encore performances

by Observer Staff

"Cloud Tectonics" will be showing again at McConnell Theater this weekend as part of an encore showing.

The play, written by Jose Rivera, has been selected to perform in the Region VII Northwest Drama Conference/Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Feb. 19-23. The encore performances in Ellensburg will help defray traveling and setup expenses to Bellingham.

The encore performances will be held at 8 p.m., Feb. 15, and 2 p.m., Feb. 16 at McConnell Theater. All tickets are \$10.

Come Stay at MEADOWLARK GUEST HOUSE



We're located just 3 blocks from CWU and 2 blocks from our historic downtown! Our beautifully restored Queen Anne Victorian home offers two luxury suites both with private baths, queen sized beds, down pillows and comforters. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, we've just been voted "Best Bed & Breakfast" by Daily Record Readers!

606 N. MAIN, ELLENSBURG
(509) 962-3706

Life ... Art ...
Get fresh juice!
Meals ... Soup
Billy Mac's Juice Bar & Gallery
962-6620 115 W. 4th, Ellensburg
Open 9 to 5 Mon. thru Sat.

Read a review about "The Mothman Prophecies" on the Observer online!
www.cwu.edu/~observer

EASY-EFILE.COM
Get your tax refund in half the time!
IRS e-file
Authorized * Secure * Easy * Fast
Inexpensive * Accurate
<http://www.easy-e-file.com>

"The Alternative Class Ring. The Natural Stone."
Ellensburg Blue Gemstones
... as blue as the sky over the Cascades ...
in designer and custom settings
Art of Jewelry
P.O. Box 325
Ellensburg, WA 98926
(509) 925-9560
and
Blue Gem Co.
709 S. Main Street

Free pregnancy tests.
Caring and confidential.
Call 1-800-395-HELP
CARENET
Pregnant?
Ellensburg Pregnancy Care Center
111 E. 4th • 925-CARE

Calendar

Thursday Feb. 14	Christian Camp Job Recruiting SUB Pit	CWU Production: Cloud Tectonics Tower Theater 8 p.m. Cost: \$10	Marketing Club Shaw Smyser Rm. 111 7 p.m.	Wednesday Feb. 20
Happy Valentine's Day 80's Film Series, "Sixteen Candles" Club Central 8 p.m. CAH- Faculty Speaker's Series Black Hall Rm. 114 4 p.m. TNT (Thursday Night Thing) Chestnut Street Baptist Church 7 p.m. Jazz Night I Hertz Hall 8 p.m. Men's Basketball Nicholson Pavilion 7 p.m. Women's Basketball Nicholson Pavilion 5 p.m.	Friday Feb. 15	Monday Feb. 18	Composer's Concert: M. Polishook Hertz Hall 8 p.m. 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. Luthern Student Ministries First Luthern Church 7 p.m. Salt Co. CMA Church 8 p.m. College Democrats Psychology Building Rm. 257 7 p.m.	M.E.Ch. A SUB Yakama Room 5 p.m. Percussion Ensemble Hertz Hall 8 p.m. The 'Burg Bowling Night Rodeo Bowl 8 p.m.-midnight \$10 ALANON Meeting Wickerath Lounge Noon Geography Club Lind Banana Room 4 p.m. Circle K SUB Rm. 204 5 p.m. The Black Panther Story Lecture by Robert Penton SUB Pit Noon-1:30 p.m.
	Notice of Graduate Orals Psychology Building Rm. 217 2 p.m. CWU Production: Cloud Tectonics Tower Theater 8 p.m. Cost: \$10	Tuesday Feb. 19		
	Saturday Feb. 16	Filipino American Student Association (FASA) Meeting SUB Room 209 5 p.m. Campus Crusade for Christ SUB Theatre 7-8:30 p.m. History Club L & L Building Rm. 247 4 p.m.		

CHRISTIAN: Two-week controversial campaign ends with testimonies

Continued from Page 8

almost threw in the towel until God reached out to him and helped him to understand that he had to humble himself and allow God to be a part of his life, even though he didn't deserve it.

"I can't prove that he exists, but I know that he does because he talks to me, he loves me and he helps me through each day," Briggs said.

After they finished their testimonies, someone asked those who agreed with Tyler and Pete to raise their hands. Nearly every hand in the ballroom went up.

"(It) got me to come. I've heard

some good speakers before. I'm challenged to look at my life, but not as much as I hoped," Ed Bernstein, freshmen said. "I thought the ploy or tactics worked."

While most in attendance were supporters of Tyler and Pete, there were some that came to discredit the way the group went about spreading God's word.

"We're basically here in protest. You don't usually think that organized religion should use this kind of propaganda," Adam Robertson said.

Fellow protester Brad Kol said it was similar to the marketing ploys used sometimes by big corporations.

"It kind of reminds me of a Simpson's episode where they said

'Gabbo is coming in 30 days,' but they wouldn't tell people what it was," Kol said.

Kol and Robertson were wearing "Do you agree with Rick and Joe?" shirts that they bought in the SUB that day as a counter to the barrage of Tyler and Pete slogans.

"Well its kind of a media blitz. I'm a Christian and I was not appreciative," Kol said.

Some of the controversy surrounding Tyler and Pete was whether or not they were alienating people with their message.

"I'm a Christian and all this propaganda and hype is pushing people away with the Spam," Kevin McDannold, freshman, said.

KINDNESS: Random Acts continue around campus, town and overseas

Continued from page 9

unteer, said.

The Service Learning Center also focuses their kindness across the sea, adopting a Navy battleship, the USS Spruance. Care packages of life-savers, Chapstick, and candy and shipped them off to the soldiers

fighting abroad.

"I think the care packages are a great idea, and I am sure it really brightens their day to receive something," Brittany Roswek, sophomore said.

For more ideas on Random Acts of Kindness, check out at www.randomactsofkindness.com



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY SPRING QUARTER 2002 UPPER-DIVISION OFFERINGS

UNITED STATES

PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORY, HIST 301.01
01:00-01:50 p.m., MWF
(Mrs. Merle Kunz, instructor)

ECONOMIC HISTORY OF THE U. S., HIST 348
09:00-09:50 a.m., MTWRF
(Professor Beverly Heckart, instructor)

THE WEST IN AMERICAN HIST., HIST 443.01
10:00-10:50 a.m., MTWRF
(Professor Tom Wellock, instructor)

ASIA

EAST ASIAN CIVILIZATION, HIST 383.01
11:00-11:50 a.m., MTWRF
(Professor Jim Cook, instructor)

EUROPEAN

RUSSIA SINCE 1881, HIST 474.01
12:00-12:50 p.m., MTWRF
(Professor Roxanne Easley, instructor)

Be sure to check the Spring Quarter Schedule book for complete information!

the mint
bar & grill

WED 02/20 THIRD Ave. BAR RUN

Bryan Ovenell Band

SAT 03/02 LOG HOG
Kings of Ellensburg Hip Hop

COMING SOON

Jazz Battle of the Millenium
BATTLE OF THE SEXES
Something's Not Right vs. Estro Fiesta

every other thursday

live Jazz

w/ central's
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT
valentines show, feb 14

Happy Hour
9-11

SPORTS

Wildcat Sports

Baseball:	Feb. 15-17 @ LCSC
Men's B-ball:	Feb. 14 vs. Seattle U 7 p.m. Feb. 16 vs. Northwest Nazarene 7 p.m.
Swimming:	Feb. 18-20 @ Pac. Swimming Conference
Women's B-ball:	Feb. 14 vs. Alaska Anchorage 5 p.m. Feb. 16 vs. Alaska Fairbanks
Track:	Feb. 15-16 @ U. of Idaho Indoor

Wildcats on top of GNAC

Central wins at Carver Gym first in last 17 attempts



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Junior point guard Angela Jensen puts up a shot in Seattle against the Redhawks. Jensen had 30 points and eight assists combined against SU and WWU, which earned GNAC co-player of the week honors. The Wildcats extended their winning streak to nine games, moving the team to fifth regionally.

by Duane Shimogawa
Staff reporter

If there were a Broadway play to describe the Central Washington University women's basketball team, it would be "The Producers."

Not only are they tied for the GNAC lead, but they are beating teams in a convincing fashion, which might lead to a conference title.

This past Thursday and Saturday, the Wildcats went on the road and conquered both the Seattle University Redhawks, 63-42, and the Western Washington University Vikings, 85-72. The two spectacular double-digit victories propelled them to a tie with WWU at the top of the GNAC with five games to go.

"I am very excited with our play, but we have to stay focused and take it one game at a time," head coach Jeff Whitney said.

Against a tough SU squad, the Wildcats utilized their number-one-ranked defense in the GNAC in the second half holding the Redhawks to only 16 points. The pesky SU team stayed close to the Wildcats in the first half by using its own defensive scheme to keep Central at bay.

After numerous lead changes, the Wildcats began to take control of the game as senior sharpshooter Dawnita LiaBraaten swished one of three trifectas on the night to put Central up by four at the half, 30-26.

The Wildcats roared throughout the second half not only flexing their defensive muscles but exploding on the offensive end as well. The Redhawks couldn't get closer than seven points the rest of the way failing to shoot over 30 percent for the game. On the flip side, Central man-

aged to put 40 percent of its shots in the hoop.

"We were on fire in the second half and overall, we played a solid game from top to bottom," Whitney said.

Leading the Wildcats' offensive arsenal was senior center Rose Shaw, junior point guard Angela Jensen,

"In my five years...this is the biggest win..."

— Jeff Whitney

and LiaBraaten, who each scored 14 points apiece. LiaBraaten connected on three long-distance bombs, which were momentum builders for Central.

"I'm really happy for the win and we need to continue to execute like we've been doing," LiaBraaten said.

SU senior guard Cal-Jean Lloyd led all scorers with 17 points off of 7-10 shooting.

For the Wildcats, beating WWU on its home floor hasn't happened in awhile. In fact, beating the Vikings in the Jeff Whitney era has never happened.

"In my five years as head coach, this is the biggest win and might be for the program too," Whitney said.

Coming into the game, both teams looked to snap each other's winning streaks. The last loss for both teams came on Jan. 5. The biggest streak however, was that

Central hasn't been able to dismiss the spell at Carver Gymnasium which cursed them since the 1988 season, which was the last time they beat the Vikings on its home floor.

Central came out flat at the beginning of the game and trailed for most of the first half until a late 18-4 spurt, fueled by a last second lay-up by Jensen, which put the Wildcats up 41-34 at the half.

"We needed that boost to give us something to feed off going into the second half," Whitney said.

The Wildcats played extremely well on both sides of the court as the Vikings could only get within eight the rest of the way. Central's suffocating defense forced 20 WWU turnovers. Shaw led the Wildcat attack by pouring in a couple of buckets on a 9-0 run to give Central its biggest lead of the game, 54-39 with 17 minutes to play.

Shaw led the Wildcats in the scoring department with 18, despite limited minutes because of early foul trouble. Junior forward Karissa Martin added 14 points and five steals. Jensen, a Bellingham native, scored 13 points, while dishing out seven assists. Senior guard Jenny Dixon came off the bench to contribute 12 points. Senior forward Jody Sargent rounded out the double digit scoring for the Wildcats with 10 and freshman center Alayna Vincent grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds.

Western was led by junior guard Megan Quarterman, who lead all scorers with 22 points and collected a team-high 7 boards.

Up next for the Wildcats is Alaska-Anchorage tonight at 5 p.m. in Nicholson Pavilion and Alaska-Fairbanks Saturday at 5 p.m.

Wrestlers lose to hungry Gators

by Lauren McKean
Staff reporter

The San Francisco State Gators brought down the Central Washington University Wildcats on the Wildcats' home mats last Friday night in the Nicholson Pavilion.

"We were missing half of our line-up," Central head coach Jay McGuffin said. "We didn't have a varsity guy wrestling until 157 pounds (Jared Novak)."

The Wildcats were undermanned with a few injuries and illnesses. The Gators took advantage and ended the night victorious.

Central claimed two decisions

and one forfeit by the end of the meet. Jared Novak scored the first points for the Wildcats at 157 pounds with a 4-2 decision over Sal Garcia. At 174 pounds, Ty Roberts posted an 11-8 decision over Brian Ysias. Dupree Lacey doubled the Wildcats' points from 6 to 12 when SFU forfeited in the heavyweight division.

"Ty wrestled pretty well coming off of an ankle injury," McGuffin said. "He wrestled the number six guy in that weight class. As the season progresses, he's wrestling better and better. I think he'll be ready for regionals."

SFU's wins included Eric Fitzpatrick with a technical fall at

141 pounds, Josh McDonald with a decision in overtime over Kyle Smith (8-6) at 165, and Mauricio Wright with a decision over Franco Santiago at 184, bringing Wright's season record to 30 wins and 4 losses.

Points from two forfeits and an injury default were awarded to SFU. Plagued by injuries, the Wildcats have lost Ross Kondo for the rest of the season and have held out a few others temporarily. Josh Brock (197) was forced to give up his match at the end of the first period due to a leg injury.

Central wrestlers Ken Salvini (149 pounds), Jared Novak (157), Kevin Hartley (165), Ty Roberts

(174), and Joe Chavez traveled to Pacific Lutheran University last Saturday for the Northwest Conference Championships.

"Because of injuries, we only had six guys wrestle. Only two were varsity (Roberts and Novak)," McGuffin said.

As a team, Central scored 17 points to place them sixth, just above PLU, out of the seven teams participating. Embry-Riddle took first with 122 points, Southern Oregon took second with 118 points, and Simon Fraser was third with 76 points.

Jared Novak represented the Wildcats at 157 pounds, taking third overall. Going into the tournament,

he lost his first match to Joey Martinez of Menlo and then came back to win his next three matches, including a rematch against Martinez.

Salvini (149) and Roberts (174) were each contending for fifth place in their separate weight brackets. Salvini forfeited this match to Shannon Slover of Southern Oregon and Roberts lost by a major decision to Terence Carter of Menlo, 10-2.

"For the depth that we brought, we performed pretty well and it was beneficial for the wrestlers that went," McGuffin said. "It'll prepare them for regionals which is coming up in two weeks."

Wildcats put freeze on Alaska

by Casey Steiner
Asst. sports editor

All twelve members of the Central Washington University men's basketball team contributed to wins over Alaska Fairbanks and Alaska Anchorage.

"We like to play ball and like to win," reserve point guard B.J. Letcher said. "Whether you're playing in a rec-center or on a college-level team, you want to win. Everybody wants to win."

Central raised its Great Northwest Athletic Conference record to 5-8 and overall record to 12-9 after the two wins, leap-frogging Northwest Nazarene and Western Oregon to claim sixth place in the conference.

On Thursday night Central posted a 93-88 victory over AAU behind a team-high 19 points from the back-up Letcher. Letcher shot four-of-six from the three-point line and seven-of-seven from the free throw line in just 21 minutes while accumulating the personal career-high scoring output.

"I shot the ball pretty well," Letcher said. "I've had big games before and I'm capable of doing it again."

Despite 20 turnovers in the game the Wildcats managed to overcome a 10-point halftime deficit to the Seawolves. After an abysmal shooting performance in the first half, Central shot 53 percent from the floor in the final period.

"We didn't play very well in the first half," forward Sam Moore said. "But we turned it up a notch in the second. The win means a lot to our

team."

With 9:29 to play the Wildcats took the lead for good after a lay-up by point guard Scott Freymond. AAU tried to threaten in the final minute of the contest, closing to within two, but clutch free throw shooting by Letcher proved to be too great an obstacle to overcome. Junior guard Terry Thompson put an exclamation point on the victory with a dunk in the final moments. Terry followed Letcher with 18 points and senior Justin Thompson finished with 14.

"It shouldn't have been as close a ballgame as it turned out to be," Moore said.

On Saturday the Wildcat defense smothered a last place Alaska Fairbanks team 79-58 in front of 550 fans. Central forced 22 Nanook turnovers and a 30 percent shooting performance by its GNAC foe. All 12 members of the Central team played in the game and 10 of the 12 contributed in the scoring column.

Central jumped out to a 23-6 lead to start the game and never let up. Up just 10 at half time, the Wildcats stretched their lead to more than 20 for much of the second half. Only the power forward, Thompson, played more than 22 minutes in the contest with such a large lead throughout.

Sophomore forward Tyler Mitchell shot six-of-six from the floor on his way to a team-high 14 points. Thompson finished close behind with 11 and forward Jay Thomas garnered 10 points on five-of-six shooting.

"I thought I played pretty well,"

Mitchell said. "I was aggressive and the shots were falling for me."

Central completes its final home stand of the 2002 season tonight and Saturday with GNAC encounters with Seattle University and NNU.

"We want to have some fun and win some ballgames," Mitchell said.

Tonight the Wildcats will try to avenge a 73-83 loss to the Redhawks. In the first meeting, without its star Thompson, Central committed 26 personal fouls leading to 28-of-31 shooting by SU at the free throw line.

"We should have won the last time against Seattle U for coach," Moore said. "We'll get them this time."

Coming to town Saturday, the Crusaders of NNU will attempt a season sweep of the Wildcats.

"Northwest Nazarene is playing really well right now," Mitchell said. "They took Seattle Pacific and Western down to the wire last weekend."

In January, NNU beat Central 82-77 in Nampa, Idaho. Improving on their five-of-26 shooting from the three-point line will be a high priority for the Wildcats.

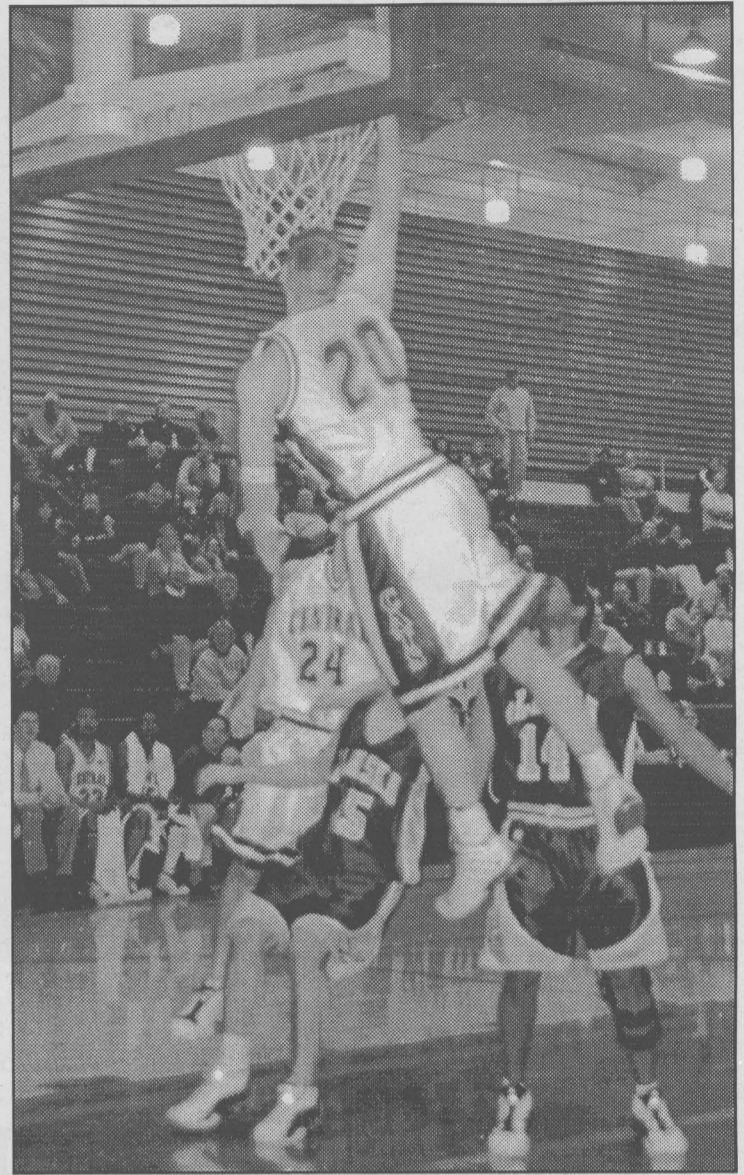
"They beat us last time," Letcher said. "We want our revenge."

With five games remaining the Wildcats can still raise their conference winning percentage above 50.

"We either have beat or can beat each of our next five opponents," Mitchell said.

Of the five games, three are against GNAC cellar-dwellers SU,

See HOOPS, Page 16



Bryan Waters/Observer

Point guard Scott Freymond demonstrates his monster vertical leap as he dunks the ball against Alaska Fairbanks Saturday night. Freymond finished the contest with eight points and six assists while playing only 22 minutes.

Central Athlete of the Week

Denison wrestles his way to top five in nation

by Staci Miller
Asst. sports editor

Style, technique, dedication and hard work are only a few of the key elements that catapulted Central Washington University senior Cole Denison into a nationally ranked wrestler.

As a first grader growing up in Tonasket, Wash., Denison experienced wrestling for the first time and it soon made a lasting impression on the 7-year-old.

"My dad just took me to Little League practice and I kept doing it every year," Denison said.

The impression wrestling made on Denison in his youth followed him to Tonasket High School where he won the state 2A championship in

his weight class both his junior and senior years. Denison recalled the final match of his senior year that gave him the title.

"It was a close match," Denison said. "I reversed him in the last 30 seconds to beat him in the state finals. I was really excited."

Right after high school, Denison started his college-wrestling career at North Idaho Community College in Coeur d'Alene before transferring to Central.

Denison chose Central to pursue his dream of becoming an elementary school teacher and to further his career as a wrestler.

After three years of wrestling for Central, Denison has made his mark as one of the best division II wrestlers in the nation. Denison is

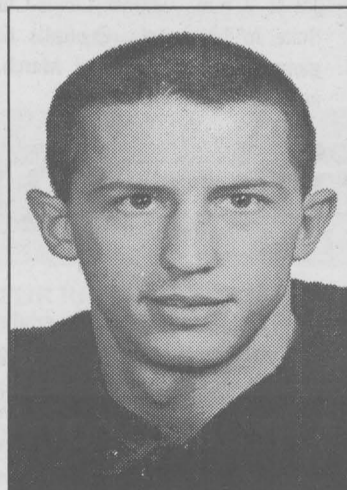


Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Senior Cole Denison is ranked fifth in the NCAA Div. II national standings.

ranked fifth in his 141-pound weight class in NCAA Division II national standings.

"It makes me feel good," Denison said of his national ranking. "But I think I can do better than that."

Denison hopes to improve his standing at the regional tournament next weekend.

"I really think he has been doing well and has a chance at regionals," coach Jay McGuffin said.

Discipline, dedication and hard work allowed Denison to get to where he wants to be on the wrestling mat but he is also able to take what he has learned and apply it his everyday life off the mat.

"(Wrestling) has helped me push myself in other things like school," Denison said. "Just about anything I

do I can relate to wrestling."

Now that the end of Denison's college and wrestling life is quickly approaching, he is now starting to plan for his future.

Denison would like to eventually move back to Tonasket and along with his teaching aspirations, keep his foot in the door of the wrestling world with coaching.

"I'm glad it is my last year," Denison said. "I'm sure I'll miss it, but I want to go into coaching high school so I'll still be around it, just in a different way. I'm looking forward to that."

Denison is now preparing for regional competition, scheduled for Feb. 22-23 in Alamosa, Colo., and the national championships March 8-9 at Wisconsin-Parkside.

Sports ideas?

Call Kevin, Staci or Casey
963-1073

The Mint The Horseshoe The Oak Rail

WED
02/20

THIRD Ave. BAR RUN

\$2.00 Well Drinks & Domestic Pounders All Night Long
Must be 21 to Run. Starts at 9:00 p.m. Get Your Wristbands at Participating Bars.

Spring Sports Preview



Observer file photo

The Wildcat baseball players gear up for their first game of the season at 2 p.m., Feb. 15 at Lewis and Clark State College. It will be the start of a three game series.

Central sluggers swing for return to playoffs

by Duane Shimogawa
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University baseball team beat the odds last year by making it to the post-season for the first time in nearly a decade. Despite losing key players from last year, the squad looks to go back to the promised land.

The Wildcats finished the season, 27-27, 18-14 in the Cascade Conference, good for fourth place in the league. Among the key losses are shortstop Justin Williams, who was

named the team's most valuable player last season and outfielder Ryan McCarthy, who led the team in fielding.

Key returnees for the Wildcats include senior firstbaseman Seth Hill, who was second in batting for last year's squad and senior catcher Brandon Templer, who led last year's team in slugging percentage. Junior pitcher Brandon Klump, who led the Wildcats in wins last season, is returning to lead the pitching staff.

"We are looking forward to this season and hopefully we will be able

to make it into the post-season again," Templer said.

Senior pitchers, Paul Williams and Tyler Kerlee are expected to be a big help in the Wildcat pitching department.

Junior outfielders Willie Kahn and Jake Burns join a Wildcat squad that's eager for the challenge.

The Wildcats start their season on a three game series, Friday, February 15 at 2 p.m., against Lewis-Clark State in Lewiston. Central's first game at home isn't until March 3 against Puget Sound.



Observer file photo

The Wildcat softball team lost many key starters and have recruited 14 new players for the new 2002 season. They hope to improve on last years 20-25 record.

Softball welcomes many fresh faces

by Observer staff

If the Wildcats want to make it to the playoffs this season they are going to have to dip into the fountain of youth.

The Central Washington University Wildcats softball team is without their 2001 team leaders coming into the new season.

Former power hitter Jillian Powell, who led the Wildcats with a .385 batting average, 10 homeruns and 36 RBI, graduated last spring along with catcher Nicole Lantau. Lantau nipped the heels of Powell with a .350 batting average, 3 homeruns and 16 RBI.

The loss of such players will be felt throughout the team but it is now up to transfers and the underclassmen to step up to the plate.

Glancing at the 2002 roster, there are 14 newcomers in all, which includes five freshmen and nine transfers from throughout the Northwest.

Seniors Mickey Lloyd, Heather Hill and Jennifer Brown are taking over the leadership roles of the 2002 Wildcat team.

Other key returnees include Ciria Ochoa, Stephanie Hogan, Jamie Olsufka, Natalie Kamieniecki and Annie Franks.

Last season the Wildcats went 20-25 overall and 8-12 in the former Pac West Conference, good for a fourth place finish.

The season starts Feb. 26 with a double-header against North Idaho Community College in Coeur d'Alene. On Feb. 28, the Wildcats will host Humboldt State.

Tracksters stride into new season

by Lauren McKean
Staff reporter

Track and field head coach Kevin Adkisson said he expects a high performance season with many quality newcomers and key returners.

"We have an excellent group of people," Adkisson said.

Outdoor competition will begin on March 2 with a preview meet at the University of Washington. The women's team will attend its third meet of the season Feb. 15-16 at the University of Idaho.

Top returners for the women are sophomore Jody Binder, junior Alicen Maier, a two-time All-American, and senior Jenoa Potter.

A long list of returning men include senior Josh Delay, sophomore Kurt Weber and sophomore Justin Lawrence for sprints/jumps, junior Beau Ross for jumps (two-

time conference champ in the triple jump), senior Neil Small for the steeple chase, sophomore Matt Schmitt and sophomore Jason Bush for distance, junior Chris Peterson as a decathlete and sophomore Jacob Galloway as a thrower.

"The men's 4 by 100 (meter) relay should do extremely well," Adkisson said.

This relay will most likely include Delay, Weber, Lawrence and possibly newcomer Moses Lewis. Lewis, a freshman in eligibility, has never run outdoor collegiately.

"It's kind of unknown what he (Lewis) is capable of," Adkisson said. "He'll more than likely be on our sprint relay and he might be in some of the long ones, too. He'll be an excellent contender on the conference level."

Other newcomers for the men include Cory Rebmann and Jason

Porter for distance.

On the women's side is graduate student Davina Strauss, who has one last year of eligibility left.

"She will definitely qualify for nationals in the long jump if she performs as well as she has in the past," Adkisson said. "She's an excellent addition."

Central track and field is expected to improve upon last season.

"We really have high expectations of the men to win the conference meet," Adkisson said. "We've definitely returned a good grouping of men from last year. Also, a couple more men should be going to nationals."

Overcoming the top competition would be quite a task.

"SPU is the team that's really far out there. They're kind of our goal out there-to go chase them down," Adkisson said.



Observer file photo

Central will compete at the Vandal Indoor this weekend.



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Central's sports nutrition coordinator Shawn Hayden (left) discusses nutritional facts with nutrition students (clockwise) Christin Thompson, Jeny Mitchell and Natalia Pitts.

Central nutrition students offer healthy and free advice

by Staci Miller
Asst. sports editor

Central Washington University's Center for Sports and Peer Nutrition Education offers more than one way to think.

For the past two years, the Center for Sports and Peer Nutrition Education has been working with Wildcat athletes and students alike to help assist them with eating a healthier diet. Each year, Central nutrition students have the chance to apply what they have learned in the classroom with real life situations.

"It exposes them to real life situations," Shawn Hayden, graduate advisor to sports nutrition, said. "They know they are still learning and they don't have to be afraid of making mistakes."

The program invites students to assess what they want to change and work for into their daily diet routine. Whether it is to lose weight or to fine-tune the body for competition, the Center for Sports and Peer Nutrition Education can help.

For athletes, sports nutrition students offer one-on-one and team counseling as well as small group

sessions to divulge their information. The program also includes information about dietary supplements, training diet analysis and recommendations and tips for eating out and food shopping. Athletes can benefit from the services by learning how to eat to keep their bodies in top form.

"I think students find it really interesting working with athletes," David Gee, director of the center, said. "We wanted to give them the opportunity to work with competitive athletes and create a win-win situation with our students in the nutrition program and the athletes."

But the athlete is not the only person who can benefit from the program. Students and faculty can also seek counseling through the program. Peer nutrition students offer counseling dealing with everything from weight loss to portion sizing and is available to everyone.

Students involved in the program have the opportunity to gain experience for their future careers. The majority of the students in the nutrition program are working for a career as a registered dietitian also known as a R.D.

"They learn to work as a team

with other professionals," Jen Mitchell, peer nutrition advisor, said. "It's a really vital way to build confidence as well as practical skills. It's a win-win situation we are finding for the campus environment."

Central athletes interested in obtaining information regarding the sports nutrition program and its services can contact the sports nutrition office at 963-2094 or sportsnut@cwu.edu.

Central students can call Celia Johnson, R.N., C at 963-1872 or stop by the Student Health and Counseling Center. Posters and brochures are available in Nicholson Pavilion and throughout campus.

On Feb. 26-28, the Center for Sports and Peer Nutrition Education will be participating in Body Image Awareness and Eating Disorders Week.

The center will have a booth set up in from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, and Sunday, Feb. 28, in Nicholson Pavilion and will be participating in Spa Day Feb. 27 in the SUB. The booth will be set up to answer questions regarding the program and its benefits as well as free body-fat testing.

GNAC basketball standings

	Conference		Overall	
Women	W	L	W	L
Central Wash.	11	2	17	4
Western Wash.	11	2	18	4
Seattle Pacific	9	4	17	5
Western Oregon	6	6	13	8
Seattle	6	6	11	10
*Alaska Fairbanks	6	7	12	10
Northwest Nazarene	6	8	11	10
Humboldt State	4	8	6	14
Saint Martin's	4	9	9	12
*Alaska Anchorage	1	12	5	17
Men	W	L	W	L
Seattle Pacific	12	1	20	2
Humboldt State	11	1	20	1
Western Wash.	10	3	16	6
Alaska Anchorage	7	5	7	14
Saint Martin's	7	6	9	12
Central Wash.	5	8	12	9
*NW Nazarene	5	9	7	14
Western Oregon	4	8	7	14
*Seattle U.	2	12	3	20
Alaska Fairbanks	1	11	3	18

*This week's opponents

Observer Classifieds - 963-1026

'87 TOYOTA CELICA GT. Sun roof, CD player, 5 speed, 215,000 miles. Runs & looks good. \$2000, OBO. 963-9075

COMPAQ PRESARIO COMPUTER: Has Windows 95, MS 97 package (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access and Outlook), 1.50 GB, CD-ROM, 1 MB memory. Works great. \$275, OBO. 925-7588

Free Classifieds For Students! Call Christine 963-1026

1987 CHEVY S-10 Runs good, looks good. \$500, OBO. 933-3982.

FAT BOB SNOWBOARD - 174. Brand new - never been ridden. Too big for me. 933-3437

'93 S-10 BLAZER TAHOE LT. 4 door, AM/FM cassette, cruise, air, power windows & locks. 4.3 liter V-6, excellent condition. 933-3907

55 GALLON ACRYLIC AQUARIUM: Fresh or saltwater. Comes with stand, and lid with lights. \$160. 933-3437

1987 HONDA CIVIC: Great shape, runs well. Excellent gas mileage, 5 speed, high miles, \$1000. 933-2227.

FOR RENT: SPECTACULAR 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit. High speed T-1 connection, great location. Call 962-9090

ROOMMATE NEEDED: Male or female to share 3 bd duplex with two girls. \$200 deposit, \$300 rent. Pets welcome. Must be clean and responsible. Please call 962-5261

ROOMMATE WANTED, ASAP. M or F. Newer apartment, close to campus. \$295/month. 933-2381.

APARTMENT AVAILABLE in Ashton Court, 2 BR, 1.5 bath. 925-6277

GRAPHIC ART/AD DESIGN person needed to create ads for campus newspaper. Call 963-1026 for more information

FRATERNITIES SORORITIES CLUBS - STUDENT GROUPS Earn \$1000-\$2000 this quarter with the easy Campusfundraiser.com three hour fundraising event. Does not involve credit card applications. Fundraising dates are filling quickly, so call today! Contact Campusfundraiser.com at (888) 923-3238, or visit www.campusfundraiser.com

FREE TUTORING: Wildcat Tutoring Service every Monday and Wednesday evening, 7 to 10 pm in Studio East dining hall. Help in Psychology, Math, Science and Writing Skills.

HAVE FUN & EARN \$\$\$ & GREAT EXPERIENCE!!! Enjoy working with high school students during residential summer school at Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake, WA from June 17 - August 3, 2002. Available positions are Resident Advisor for \$3080 and Activities Director for \$3520. Room and Board and insurance provided. Call (509) 762-5351 x 203 or email: hroffice@bbcc.ctc.edu. EEO 4/4

Classified ads cost \$3.50 for the first 15 words, plus 20 cents for each additional word per insertion. Must be prepaid.

HOOPS: Wildcat players hope for strong finish with five winnable contests in foreground

Continued from Page 13

NNU, and Western Oregon. The other two, against Humboldt State and Saint Martin's, are both winnable games.

"A winning conference record is still within our grip," Moore said. "It might be tough going to Humboldt and finishing on a three-game road trip. But we can do it. We're not going to give up."

In its biggest victory of the season, Central beat HSU 88-74 Jan. 17. Saint Martin's beat the Wildcats 75-70 Jan. 26, but that game is considered to be one of the team's worst performances of the season. That being said, the team could finish with a disappointing, but respectable 17-9 overall record.

Only two home games remain on the season. Central students won't get another chance to watch Wildcat basketball until early next winter.

"We're still playing exciting bas-

ketball," Letcher said. "Don't miss out on the dunks and high-flying acrobatics. If you want to have some fun, come to Nicholson Pavilion for a couple of hours and watch us play

"We've always got highlights. We're a lot of fun."

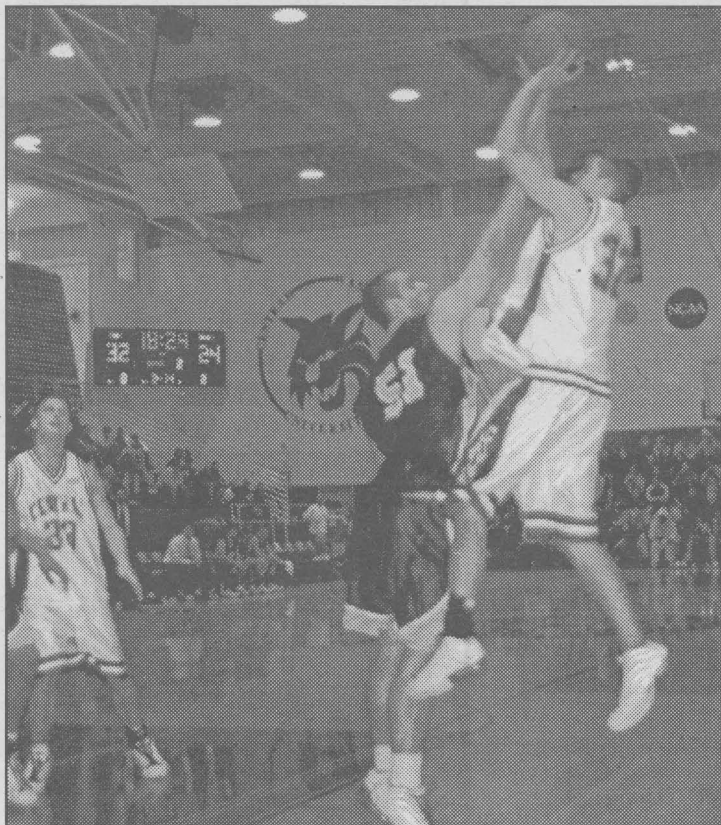
— Sam Moore

basketball."

Moore agrees.

"We've had our ups and downs," Moore said. "But we've always got highlights. Jay Thomas, B.J. Letcher, the star Justin Thompson, Scottie Freymond, Terry Thompson, myself — we're all high-flyers. We're a lot of fun."

Don't miss out.



Bryan Waters/Observer

Justin Thompson elevates for a baseline jumper Saturday.

Did they really say that?

"I never cease to amaze myself. I say this humbly."
—Don King

"He slides into second with a stand-up double."
—Padres broadcaster, Jerry Coleman

"My wife made me a millionaire. I used to have three million."
—Hockey Hall of famer, Bobby Hull

"Our consistency has been up and down all season."
—Boston Celtic, Robert Parish

"It's like a menu: They can look, but they can't afford it."
—Anna Kournikova, about her male fans

"The similarities between me and my father are different."
—Dale Berra, son of Yogi Berra

"We were so poor, every Christmas Eve my old man would go outside and shoot his gun, then come in and tell us kids that Santa Claus had committed suicide."
—Boxer Jake LaMotta

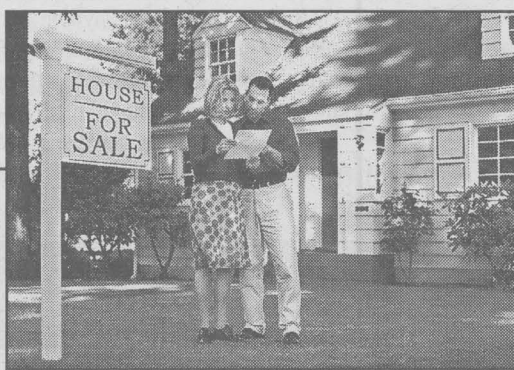
"I want to gain fifteen hundred or two thousand yards, whichever comes first."
—Running back George Rogers

Education Majors



Have you thought about the incentives in **California?**

California has more financial and professional development incentives than any other state to assist the starting teacher in a new career.



California has committed \$53.3 billion to education statewide to bring qualified teachers into the public school system.

You chose to become a teacher to make a difference in the lives of children. But when you choose your first teaching position, shouldn't it be one that can make the difference of a lifetime for you?

California has just signed into law the largest education budget in the nation's history, and many of the dollars are earmarked for financial incentives to make it easier for you to get here — and stay here. A variety of grants, bonuses, income tax credits and home loan assistance programs are offered by districts looking for the best and brightest teachers.

And inside the classroom, you'll receive outstanding support from state-funded professional development programs.

Bring your teaching degree to California

Our commitment to education translates into real benefits for teachers: Starting salaries of \$34,000 to \$44,000 for first year teachers; up to \$19,000 in grants for education loans; no-money-down mortgages with low interest rates; and other incentives for teachers in areas of high need.

We need you in California. It's easy to get here. For more information, call toll-free **1-888-CalTeach** (888-225-8322) or visit our website at www.calteach.com.

CalTeach
Left Coast. Right Job.™

Linder CHIROPRACTIC

MYRON H. LINDER, D.C.
SANDY LINDER, D.C.

"Professional Health Care with a Personal Touch!"



Massage Therapy Available
Insurance - Personal Injury
Labor & Industries - Medicare

962-2570

Located Close to Campus
1011 N. Alder St., Ellensburg