Masturbation message spelled with 407 books

by Andrew Fickes
Asst. news editor

Central Washington University's library's personnel dealt with an unruly incident of inconvenience last Friday morning.

On Friday, March 1, Judy Allen, a facilities management custodian, reported to work at the campus library and found, in the fourth floor lobby, 407 books spelling an anonymous message: "I'm home the masturbator." Many of the books used were taken from the education section. The books were put back on the shelves by opening hours began at 7:30 a.m.

At 6:13 a.m., she reported the incident to campus police. Steve Rittereiser, campus police chief, said there was no sign of forced entry, no damage done and no suspect or suspects at this time. Officials speculate the individual or individuals hid on the fourth floor until everyone vacated the building.

"If someone wanted to hide, they could pull it off," Jim Brand, a library circulation supervisor, said. "They could climb over room dividers into the private rooms."

The night before the incident occurred, the library closed at midnight. The monitors, supervised by Brand, began their rounds at 11:45 p.m. on the fourth floor. At that time, the monitors did not find anything unusual. Although the monitors check the perimeters of the floors and the aisles for students, they rarely check the private study rooms. These private rooms are locked and they assume no students will climb the dividers to enter the private rooms and hide.

"It was very creative," Kerry Slaughter, circulation supervisor, said. "It had to take a substantial amount of time."

Keith Champagne, vice president of student affairs, regards the behavior as unbecoming of a university student. He said the behavior is uncalled for, considering the experience the community went through two years ago.

On May 22, 2000, Matthew Joseph Spranger, a 22-year-old music major, was arrested on charges of indecent exposure.

Spranger performed acts of masturbation in front of women, while wearing a ski mask, on 40 different occasions, of which half were on campus. For a year previous to his arrest, he managed to evade police and Central officials.

"We want people to conduct themselves in a disciplined, caring and civil manner," Champagne said. "We will not tolerate such behavior."

Winter wonderland . . . again?

Snow blankets Central Washington University and startles students walking to class Wednesday morning. Clockwise from left: Heather Higgins, sophomore public relations major, navigates slushy sidewalks. A plow works to clear snowdrifts. Freshman Luke Holtz tries to shield his face from the weather conditions.

Living on campus will be more expensive next year

by Ken Whittemore
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Board of Trustees (BOT) officially approved a 4 percent increase in on-campus housing rates, effective fall quarter 2002.

The increase was proposed by Housing and Dining Services and the Office of the Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs.

$1.23 million granted for technology program

U.S. Department of Education funds partnership between Central and school districts

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

"Preparing Tomorrow's Teacher's to Use Technology" (PT3) isn't just another seminar title. A federal grant has funded a comprehensive program that integrates technology, P-12 students, and college students and faculty.

Central Washington University’s Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) has big plans for the $1.23 million federal grant it received from the Department of Education to facilitate a PT3 program.

The goal of the PT3 program is to use technology to teach P-12 students more effectively. 441 grants have been awarded since 1999, and more than half of the largest teacher preparation programs are participating. The average grant size is $120,000 annually; Central's $1.23 million grant covers three years but
A new scholarship is in the works for Central Washington University students.

Alyssa Scarth, Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (BOD) vice president for academic affairs, has been working on putting together a scholarship aimed at students who have achieved academic success as well as contributed significantly to the school and/or community. Scarth is hoping to offer at least one scholarship for $1,000.

"I got the idea last year, when students were telling me that they wanted to see more scholarships," Scarth said. "From that point on I have been trying to think of different ways to do scholarships and came upon this idea."

The scholarship is still in the planning stage. Scarth hopes to have everything completed by the end of this year, so the scholarship can be given next fall.

"This scholarship is different because the Board of Directors has taken the time to create a new scholarship," John Drinkwater, director of campus life, said. "The student government has never done this before."

Criteria for the scholarship includes: a 2.8 grade point average and showing involvement in university activities, leadership and community enrichment programs. It has not yet been determined if BOD members are eligible to receive the scholarship.

"There's a lot of academic scholarships and leadership scholarships, but there is not a lot of scholarships that you can do a lot of work behind the scenes and get recognized for it," Scarth said. "I tried to make it kind of broad, so it can cover people who do leadership activities or people that do a lot of stuff that is not recognizable, but still have a good impact on the university or community."

The funding for the scholarship will come from donations given by alumni student government officers. This year $200 was allotted from the Coca-Cola budget to get the scholarship started. Every year Coke donates money to Central, so this year the scholarship will be called the Coca-Cola Central Washington University Student Government Scholarship. Scarth is hoping to offer at least one scholarship for $1,000.

"I needed the definite money to get me started, that's why I asked the BOD to allocate some money from the Coke funds. That way if I don't get another cent I can give a $250 scholarship," Scarth said.

The other $250 will go into an endowment fund. This is developed to act as backup money in case there are not enough donations to fund scholarships in the future.

"The contract that Coca-Cola has with the university has different components. All of the money is designed to support and enhance student life at Central," Drinkwater said. "They (BOD) decided this was a useful way to use the money."

The scholarship recipients will be chosen by a committee, based on the amount of involvement they can show within the university or community. The scholarship committee will consist of at least one student, Scarth, a faculty member, a vice-president, Drinkwater and a representative from the scholarship office.

"As soon as this gets going I want students to know about it and be excited and want to apply, it would be a shame if nobody applied and there was all this money," Scarth said. "I have a feeling there are a lot of scholarships that go unused."

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From left, Brian Forbis, Aaron Miller and David VanGeystel lounge in Davies Hall. Any residents who sign a contract are obligated to pay 4 percent higher rates next year.

HOUSING: Cost of on-campus housing will increase 4 percent in 2002-2003

The BOT has the power to raise housing rates. "Theoretically 'yes,' the Board of Trustees can raise rates at any time, but we have to be competitive with other schools in the state as well as off-campus housing," Corona said. "We want to provide the best housing and dining situation for students at a reasonable price."

Some residents are upset there will be an increase in rent. "I feel that it is unfair to force young people to pay so much for something so necessary in today's world, and to continue to raise those charges," Tyler Niemi, freshman, said.

Baxter said contracts are binding, meaning Central will hold the students who signed the contracts to them; this applies to returning residents who signed contracts as well. Returning residents can register for on-campus housing as long as space is available, but incoming freshman residents will take priority after their housing registration begins.

"We want people to know ahead of time as to what they are signing," Corona said. "The university cannot change the contract as long as the student has signed the contract. Once the contract is up and another needs to be signed, then the rates on the first contract will not apply to the next one. This situation is usually initiated by the student."

A $200 deposit is due April 1, and there is no cancellation fee if a contract is cancelled before then.

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School-age children bond with Central students

by Amanda Hickman
Staff reporter

The Afterschool Safe Place (ASP) will soon begin looking for new staff members, which means jobs for Central Washington University students.

The ASP, a licensed, non-profit childcare program, has been keeping school children safe and helping working parents since 1992. ASP has provided Central students with internships, jobs and experience since 1997. Central deemed the experience gained from this program so important to the academic community that the work-study program sets aside funding to help support ASP.

The partnership between Central and ASP allows qualified pre-service elementary teachers, recreation majors and reading and math tutors to provide much needed child-care through the Workstudy Program or by internship. Central students working at ASP gain practical experience by designing reading programs, planning recreational activities, designing bulletin boards and other projects revolving around their majors.

“Working at ASP has been a great experience for me,” Kersin Hardy, a junior recreation management major, said. “I am a lead teacher, which means I lead and plan some of the activities. I plan on working with children in the future and I am building on my experience here to help prepare for that.”

Without Central’s contribution to ASP, the program wouldn’t be able to have such qualified staff.

“ASP wouldn’t be able to afford five to seven qualified staff people without the assistance of Central,” Deanne Wahle, ASP director, said. “WorkStudy provides for the quality care...the children love the staff, and the staff are always motivated.”

ASP made a commitment to the community to keep the costs of its childcare services low while offering a loving environment where children can choose activities, receive encouragement and attention from qualified adults, and interact with children of different ages. ASP accepts children between kindergarten and fifth grade.

“There was a strong desire to keep the costs affordable,” Libby Street, executive assistant to the president and member of the ASP board of directors, said. “ASP was established in response to a community outcry about the large number of children who were unsupervised after school, some of whom were wandering around the downtown area. It’s a wonderful service to the community.”

ASP is the only program specifically dedicated for after school care in Ellensburg since Central’s after school program closed last fall.

“We currently have 70 children enrolled in the program. At present, because of drop-in scheduling, 35 children attend daily,” Wahle said. “We have room for more children, either on a drop-in basis or by scheduling. We can accommodate up to 50 children a day.”

A typical day at ASP would consist of a snack as well as age-appropriate activities including arts and crafts, reading and math tutoring, indoor basketball and wallball, outdoor activities, field trips, “quiet room” for homework needs, computer games and swimming every Friday. A typical monthly calendar might include music and dance, birthday celebrations, face painting, finger puppets and mask making.

The facility has seven adjoining classrooms and a large gymnasium.

“ASP is in the process of becoming a nationally accredited program, so the standards of child care are higher,” Wahle said. “We are striving to stay on top of after school care. We try to offer a wide variety of recreational and educational programs for the children to choose from. Central work study makes a valuable contribution to making these activities happen.”

ASP will begin interviewing for future staff during spring quarter.

“We will start looking for students at the end of spring quarter to fill positions for fall,” Wahle said. “We work around a student’s schedule...we want to meet the needs of both the students and of ASP.”

ASP follows the Ellensburg School District academic calendar, and is open five days a week from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Childcare costs $3 per hour, and DSHS payments are also accepted.

Anyone wanting additional information on ASP internships/work study opportunities, or on child care services, may contact Wahle at 925-3741.

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April 10 at the Tacoma Dome, over 100 school districts/ESD’s and 14 colleges/universities from Washington state will be in attendance. In addition, there will be approximately 70 school districts from Alaska, Arizona, California, Georgia, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, and the U.S. Peace Corps.

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BOD argues collective bargaining

by Allison Worrell
News editor

Central Washington University students are hoping a bill on the verge of being passed by the Washington State Legislature.

The Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (BOD) sent a letter to the Washington State Senate opposing proposed legislation allowing collective bargaining in higher education.

The letter was signed by four of seven board members, and claims to represent "over 8000 undergraduate students from all districts of Washington State."

The collective bargaining bill allows one bargaining unit per four-year higher education institution in Washington, if the majority of the faculty members desire it. If the bill is not passed, the university has no obligation to bargain with a faculty unit.

Members of the BOD are concerned that money to pay for teacher unionization and the higher salaries that the bill will allow faculty to bargain for will come from students' pockets.

"[Board members are] concerned with a proposed increase in tuition and our tuition," Nate Harris, vice president for equity and community service, said.

The bill allows faculty members to bargain with the university over "the criteria and standards to be used for the appointment, promotion, evaluation and tenure of faculty," according to the Senate Bill Report SB440. It also permits faculty to bargain over wages, hours and working conditions.

The bill does not allow strikes or multi-bargaining units.

The bill has been passed through the Washington State House of Representatives, and is eligible to go to the Senate. If the Senate leadership chooses to place the bill on the floor, it will be voted on by the entire floor.

GRANT: Education students will reap rewards from "research based learning"

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is well above average.

"We're trying to change the way we teach technology and the way new teachers are prepared to teach technology," James DePaepe, CTL director, said.

Central's PT3 program extends to the school districts of Ellensburg, Cle Elum-Roslyn, Selah, Shelton, Zillah and Kennewick. The CTL's unique approach to this goal is to create professional learning communities in each school district which will advance the use of technology in P-12 schools.

These communities will consist of a district's faculty, Central faculty, intern and the PT3 team, governmental or non-governmental agencies and technology experts.

"We're looking at building relationships with the community...helping to foster relationships with school districts and outside agencies so, independently, they can tap into their community resources," Teri Walker, Central's PT3 program coordinator, said.

The project will expect each school to choose an area of interest conducive to the use of technology. Integrating curriculum is an important aspect of each project.

To ensure integration, interest areas must exist at least three content areas such as reading, science and art and have the ability to involve outside agencies.

"The learning is more effective, because it is meaningful and relevant to the situation. They choose a theme and carry it out with the help of technology," DePaepe said.

The Cle Elum-Roslyn school district's "Project CAT" acts as the initial undertaking of the program, and illustrates its breadth.

The theme of "Project CAT" revolves around the study of cougar's in the rural and suburban areas of the state. Data will be collected using Central's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and then interpreted by students with the help of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"Project CAT" hopes to continue features of math, science and history all supported by technology. The intent is that those participating in the learning community will take what they learn and implement it into their curriculum.

Central faculty will pass the benefits on to education students as they share the variety of new methods they learn.

The program plans to hire one Central student for each district to complete a year-long internship with the program, thus fulfilling their student teaching requirements.

Whether this "research based learning" will be more effective than seminars and lectures is uncertain, but the project's purpose is "to expand what we think we know about something, to expand our knowledge base," DePaepe said.

"There are so many programs available, but a lot of technology sits unused in schools, because (teachers) don't know how to use it."

The CTL's approach to this problem is to get everyone trained and given information just-in-time to use it, rather than learning certain software applications just-in-case they need it.

"The best things we can do is give that experience of using technology, feeling comfortable with that and wanting more information," Walker said.

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This new species arose about 90 complex, and mutations have not ing all of them would greatly since Darwin's last writing not one 741-745), demonstrated the evolu­tion of a new species of sunflower, Helianthus anomalous. There are many more examples, but includ­ing this paper. The author made the argument evolution appeared in the Feb. 28 edition of the issue first. The virus used in the vaccinia, is a new species that was recentlv lost genetic complexity, but amplified the number genes for synethesis of amino acids required by the host aphid. Some genetic material was lost, but its relation­ship with its host became more complex. (Ochman and Moran, 2001 Science 292:1096-1098.) Through the acquisition of new genetic material, all species have the potential to become more genetically complex. This can occur through sexual reproduction, or a variety of other avenues avail­able for the organisms that repro­duce asexually. Mutations have advanced all forms of life. Humans that are missing part of the K5 gene (a deletion mutation) are immune to infection by HIV-1, the AIDS virus most prevalent in the US and have been eased out the door by the people with the book fetish. The library apparently conducts security checks before closing time to make sure nobody is left in the building after closing time. Obviously, on that night, the security sweeps failed. Considering more than 400 books were involved in the escape, it would suggest a considerable amount of time spent by the prankster(s). Thus, a couple after-hour sweeps might have caught the perpetrators in the act.

For all the talk of a budget crisis, it would make sense for the library to protect its pricey investment. Just imagine the havoc it would cause if someone ruined all of the computers in the library on this last week of classes before finals. With all the last-minute research for papers and projects underway, it would be devastating to lose the research punch provided by the library.

Also, one might want to consider the problems from this person physically damaging the building. There’s lots of dry books someone might mistake for kindling. An entire floor, or the whole building, could be obliterated in one night which would cripple the university. If a fire seems like too much work, plugging drains in the restrooms and leaving the water on could cost thousands of our tax generated dol­lars in water damage.

Although the campus police and university officials may hope this is an isolated incident of juvenile humor, it could be the first warning bell of dangers to come. If the campus police don’t solve this immediately, Central could be in store for some more comic and possibly devastating pranks.

It is the responsibility of the campus police and Central to protect its property which students require. Sure, it may cost some money, or add a few inconveniences to some employees, but keeping a watchful eye is not such a bad thing. I certainly would not mind seeing some more student jobs (night security) come out of this fiscafl if it meant the end of vandalism like this.

I realize this could be an isolated incident of someone looking for a laugh. But then again...
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Europe. Plants have mutated to become resistant to herbicides. Insects have mutated to become resistant to pesticides, bacteria have mutated to become resistant to antibiotics. All of these genetic changes were, and are, beneficial to these organisms. There are literally thousands of examples of beneficial mutations.

The author goes on to state that "[the theory of evolution] is opposed by the Big Bang Theory, the laws of thermodynamics, creation belief." I'm not sure how the Big Bang theory opposes evolution, but the laws of thermodynamics certainly do not. Application of the second law of thermodynamics to evolution would mean that a more complex organism would require a greater input of energy to create and maintain than a less complex organism. It does not state things will not become more complex. Additionally, several religions which teach creationism also support the teaching of evolution and species concepts.

I also must address the last statement: "Flu virus remains a flu virus." There are 3 species of influenza that circulate in the human population at any given time. I'm not sure whether the author was referring to Influenza A, Influenza B, or Influenza C. Influenza C evolved from B approximately 150 years ago. Same genus, new species.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Pinkart, Dept. Biological Sciences

State senator thanks Central for lively debate

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the CWU Biology Department and Darwin Day organizers for the opportunity to defend my views at their forum February 12. You granted me more time and the covered last spot on the program. Thanks especially to Steve Verhey, Phil Matlock, David Duda, and Lowell Murphy. Like the French army of WWII used to say about their German adversaries, "We had to vie with them for sportsmanship." I left debate on the Senate floor and 160 miles later Steve was scarfing me a cup of coffee just minutes before the meeting began. Access to your crowd of 300+ is the floor everything for your right to say what you please. Perhaps you ought to thank them the next time you see recruiting tables in the SUB.

Harold Hochstatter
Washington State Senate

Dissenters should thank not scorn the military

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Andrew Cottenwood's letter in the last issue of The Observer "Students Should Look Beyond Government Propaganda." The letter angered me, especially in light of September 11th. As a third year Air Force ROTC student here at Central, I feel the need to make some comments regarding your accusations.

You seem to misunderstand the role of the military. You say it is "A front for U.S. Global-Political-Economic Domination." I see. Perhaps you missed that little incident a few months ago when some guys blew up a couple of buildings, and your military went out to protect you from further attacks. Maybe you forgot about that. Maybe you forget that the U.S. Military has all but eliminated the people who were trying to murder thousands of innocent civilians just like you.

You seem upset by the Army recruiting table in the SUB. Don't be offended that your government works hard to recruit selfless young men and women to protect your rights. I'll be the first to agree that ROTC is not for everyone, and recruiting on this campus isn't the best way to find new officers. Flashy displays and videos aren't the reason I joined the military. And it wasn't because I thought flying would be a "rush." I serve the Armed Forces because I believe that there is nothing more important than freedom. Even your freedom of speech. I imagine you will never have to take up arms to protect your rights to say slanderous accusations about our government. I ask you to remember that these ROTC students in their uniforms — they will be the leaders of tomorrow's military, the military that oblige-the-way, will fight to protect the lives and freedoms of you and your children. They may sacrifice everything for your right to say what you please. Perhaps you ought to thank them the next time you see the recruiting tables in the SUB.

Casey Stedman

This is the last issue of the Observer for winter quarter. Our next issue will be on April 4.

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Navelle Davis and friends, from Tacoma, performed gospel music for the final event of Black History Month. The group performed last Thursday, Feb. 28, and sang songs off of their recent recordings. The evening opened with slam poetry by "Rhythm" (top right) and moved into singing from the choir (left) and Navelle Davis (bottom right).

"I call it R&B Gospel. Rhythm and Bible." — Navelle Davis

On a patriotic note, Ingrid Williams sang a creative version of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," which led into "I'm Gonna Make It." Williams, who was selling CDs at the show, had a voice reminiscent of pop singer Monica with a touch of Lauryn Hill.

While the song lyrics were simple and repetitive, the spiritual message was straightforward, well enunciated and easy to grasp. "I liked it," Gina Haskins, freshman business major said. "It was good."

The show consisted of Davis going between lead singer and guitarist, and although there was always one person who was more vocal in a song, everyone had their chance. It seemed like a lot of the solos were impromptu (they would sing after Davis pointed at them), but it was smooth and flawless. Every singer was talented and seemed to enjoy what they were doing.

At one point during the show, Davis left the front of the room and swayed through the crowd, still singing in his flavorful baritone. He persuaded three separate audience members, one of whom was his 18-year old daughter, to sing brief solos, and incredibly enough all three impromptu singers could have been on stage with Davis.

The audience, while not overwhelming in number, was diverse and mostly enthusiastic. "I thought it was great," Amanda Anderson, senior elementary education major said.

However, Anderson, who was attending in order to write a paper for a class, "was expecting more African American history and less religion." Others, such as Central staff members Debbie Thomas and Ron Breckon, were there for the more spiritual aspect of the show.

"I just wanted to hear some gospel music," Breckon said.

Events like Navelle Davis and Friends are opportunities for students (and the general public) to experience unique forms of expression and entertainment. "I like coming and listening to music," Tiffany Labat, senior biology major and pre-med student, said. "It's a good way to show feeling."

The song lyrics on Thursday evening were encouraging to the soul and uplifting to the downhearted. Perhaps Williams put it best when she sang so full of soul and emotion, "Hold on, a change is comin'".
New Pasta Co. packed full of atmosphere and tasty food

by Jennifer DeLong
Staff reporter

It was a magical evening. There I was at the Ellensburg Pasta Co on an enchanting Friday night, accompanied by two good friends and our handsome dates. The atmosphere and tasty food

One-Act festival runs throughout the week
by Observer staff

The Theater department is sponsoring the Betty Evans Original One-Act Play Festival running throughout the week at Tower Theater. The One-Acts showcase the talent of students beyond the theater department by providing students the opportunity to write, direct, and act in original plays.

New coffee stand in Wellington’s Lair

by Andrea VanHorn
Observer

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Wednesday night of winter quarter rolled along on the jocularity garnering the reaction to his jokes some difficulty connecting with the audience. General Intelligence of two crazy guys Friday, March 8, Central on a comedy night. It was weird to have only said "eh" three times, was the turn I made was to say over synapses. It remind me of the buffet at the hotel all you can eat. 

Wright had to bid his time a while, but his show had a sense of the people treat you different. It's bacon. Nothing smells better than bacon. It's cream filled. Ittracts attention to the person at the information kiosk declaring he's not from around here while trying to find a parking space, Carr quipped. "Man of La Mancha," Hudgens said, "and an inflection automatically comes out of your mouth and buy him flowery, pink and dainty gifts." 

Redmond, 3 years ago I sold his dad a large house like this one in the city, and he had to wear a suit and tie. His dad taught him to tie a tie he bragged to the crowd, but the buttoning of his dress shirts still gives him trouble sometimes. "I can't button a shirt. I start at the bottom and get to the top and there's like a loophole left. But you know what, people treat you differently when you button your shirt wrong. They're way nicer to you, talk slower and always impressed when you can make exact change. They're like 'good for you,'" Carr said.

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Jazz Ensemble prepares for Nashville conference

The Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform April 10-13 at the Music Educators National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The group will perform arrangements by student composers in the ensemble. The MENC will host talent and instructors from throughout the Nashville area. Vocal Jazz I is slated to open for an elite class of instructors at the conference. Central was chosen out of more than 50 groups nation wide and this conference is Vocal Jazz I's second national conference of the year. The ensemble's previous convention was in Long Beach, California.

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Friday March 8

CWU Softball
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8 p.m.
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University Bookstore Buyback
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Original One-Act Festival
Tower Theater
8 p.m.

Notice of Graduate Oral
Psychology Building
Rm. 217
10 a.m.

Saturday March 9

University Bookstore Buyback
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday March 12

Global Student Alliance
SUB Owhi Room
6 p.m.

Notice of Graduate Oral
Psychology Building
Rm. 217
10 a.m.

Chi Alpha
Christian Fellowship
Mary Grupe Center
7 p.m.

Kappa Xi Meeting
Shaw Smyser Rm.
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6 p.m.

Salt Co.
CMA Church
8 p.m.

Wednesday March 13

Circle K
SUB Rm. 204
5 p.m.

'Burg Bowling Night
Rodeo Bowl
8 p.m.-midnight
$10

ALANON Meeting
Wickerath Lounge
Noon

Thursday March 14

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

Classic Film Series: "The Killer"
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The fairy tale ending of the season was spoiled last week by the NCAA selection committee, who chose to take the glass slippers away from the Central Washington University women’s basketball team.

The Wildcats, despite winning 12 of their last 14 games and finishing with a 20-5 overall record, 14-4 in the GNAC, were not chosen to play in the NCAA Division II West Regional tournament.

"It was a real disappointment and the coaching staff feels real bad for the players," head coach Jeff Whitney said.

The disheartening news did not destroy the spirit of the Wildcats, who put forth one of the most memorable seasons in Central’s history. The Seattle Pacific University Falcons, 14-4 in the GNAC, one of only two teams from the GNAC to be selected to play in the NCAA Division II West Region tournament not only flew past the Wildcats in their game this past week, they also scoured past Central in the final standings, which gave them the post-season birth over the Wildcats.

Against the Falcons, Central fought a close battle in the first half and for most of the second half, but could not keep pace toward the latter part of the game as SPU pulled away for a 65-53 loss.

In the first half, senior forward Judy Sargent kept the battle close as she scored Central’s first seven points. However, the Falcons responded by going on a 9-0 run. Both teams traded buckets, but the Wildcats were able to get the half-time edge at 25-23.

In the second half, Central stuck around until the ten-minute mark, but the Falcons never looked back as they soared past Central in the final standings, which gave them the post-season birth over the Wildcats.

The Falcons received a boastful performance from sophomore forward Valerie Gustafson completed a three-point play to give SPU a 45-43 lead. The Falcons never looked back as they pulled away and led by as many as 12 points in the closing moments.

Junior guard Angela Jensen led Central with 15 points and 12 boards. The Falcons received a boisterous performance from sophomore forward Kristin Poe, who scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Wildcats graduate six seniors and return 12 players to begin their season.

Also receiving recognition was junior guard Megan Kautzky, who garnered honorable-mention honors. Kautzky solidified the perimeter for the Wildcat defense.

"It’s great to see that Meggen is appreciated for what she did for us this year," Whitney said.

The Wildcats graduate six seniors and return 12 players to begin their conquest to the promised land next season.
Central Athlete of the Week
Reed makes her mark on the diamond

by Staci Miller
Asst. sports editor

Last weekend Central Washington University junior softball outfielder Kelly Reed did something which would stand out in the minds of her teammates and coaches for days.

The Wildcats were down 3-5 at the bottom of the seventh inning with little hope to win against Western Oregon University. All of a sudden the Wildcats found themselves tied 5-5 with a runner on third base, then Reed stepped up to the plate. Reed fell behind 0-2 in the count and surprised the opposition with a bunt. Bunting with two strikes is rare and even scary at times, but Reed took the challenge and prevailed in a big way. As the bunt lay perfectly on the ground the winning run squeezed in and the game is over with the Wildcats on top with a 6-5 victory over Western Oregon.

Reed grew up in a sports oriented family and was surrounded by many different sports throughout her childhood.

"My parents are into sports big time," Reed said. "I played everything."

Reed played a variety of sports ranging from soccer and softball to basketball and volleyball. Over the years, the other sports filtered out and softball was given her full attention.

Softball has been a part of Reed's life since she was a 5-year-old tee-ball player in the Tacoma Little League.

After tee-ball, Reed wanted to continue to play softball and the logical step was to play slow-pitch softball. For the next few years, slow-pitch became a part of life for young Reed. At age 12, Reed was introduced to the game of fast-pitch softball.

Soon after Reed started playing fast-pitch she began showing signs of transforming into a great player. As starting pitcher for the Bethel High School softball team, Reed helped the team enter the district tournament, an accomplishment, which is yet to be repeated.

"She has improved over the last two years."

— Gary Frederick

But Reed may not have become the great player she is today without the support of her family and mother.

"She’s always been there for everything," Reed said of her mother. "She’ll do off work to watch me play my games and was always there to encourage me if I ever got down on myself. She’d always pick me up."

After high school and with the support of her family, Reed decided to test her softball skills at the college level. Looking at both Central and Western Washington University, Reed had a tough decision to make.

"She has really good speed and she has improved over the past two years. This is an award well deserved," Frederick said of Reed.
The Central Washington University rugby team lost for the first time, 13-10, in 13 matches this season last Saturday against the Oregon State University Beavers.

Nationally ranked rugby team loses for first time this season

by Casey Striez
Asst. sports editor

There's a nationally ranked team at Central Washington University that seemingly no one has heard about.

The Wildcat men's rugby team fought all year long for the number five national ranking it owns.

"If we play like we can we could go all the way to the finals," Kyle Siverts, junior, said. "We just have to play up to our potential.

This weekend Central faces the University of Washington in Seattle for a chance to clinch the home field advantage for the first round of the playoffs to begin the weekend of March 20.

The Wildcats are tied for first place in the Pacific Northwest Rugby Union with the UW and Oregon State University. With a win against the Huskies, Central would claim first place in the division due to an overall point differential.

"This next game is real important for us," Tony Pacheco, team captain, said. "With the way we played last week, we need this win.

Central, 1-2 overall, lost its first match of the season last weekend in Cervals, Oregon against OSU 13-10.

"We didn't play the way we practiced, the way we've been coached," Pacheco said. The Wildcats almost clinched a playoff berth, but losing this weekend could better the team's chances at advancing in the 64-team tournament.

"We have to play our style of game," Pacheco said. "We have to set the tempo. If we do that we should win.

With wins in each of the first two rounds of the tournament, which could be played in Ellenbogen, the Wildcats would advance to New York for the Sweet 16 and Virginia Beach for the Final Four.

"We're playing to win," Pacheco said. "We want to win them all.

There are only three games remaining on the schedule before the playoffs begin. After the UW, Central will face the University of Oregon on March 14 and the second ranked team in the nation, Brigham Young University, on March 21 in Seattle.

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