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Central Washington University
Parking fees, fines and free lots increase

Parking, an emotional and controversial issue, has been a major conflict between students and administration.

Fees have gone up, one lot has eliminated and daily pass fees have doubled, all causing frustration.

One free lot has been added and plans for an additional 250 spaces to Student Village have been approved for the near future.

Combined efforts between Central Washington University students and the administration have been waged to try to relieve the conflict.

"Parking on campus really sucks, because parking Nazis run around and give tickets every five minutes," Ryan Harriman, senior, public policy, said. "You have to pay ridiculous prices for parking and prices are jacked up this year just because the university can't make their cost."

The yearly student parking permit increased from $75 to $80, the daily parking fee was raised from $1 to $2 and some penalties on citations were raised as well.

"The last time permits were raised was the mid 1990's," Lt. Kevin Higgins of Public Safety and Police Services and manager of the parking department, said. "Tuition has gone up, housing has gone up, an increase in parking is justified."

President addresses Central's growing future

At her second annual "State of the University Address" Central Washington University President Jerilyn McIntyre spoke of ongoing and future plans for the university.

She cited her administration, which has been in constant change since she arrived in July of 2000, as an important factor in moving ahead.

"The new cabinet is finally and fully in place," McIntyre said.

Most recently, Paul Baker was selected as Central's vice president for university relations. Richard Corona, vice president for business and financial affairs, was appointed over the summer. Veterans David Soltz, provost/senior vice president for academic affairs and Charlotte Tullos, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, were hired in spring 2001.

In addition, Central welcomes 10 other new administrators, 19 new faculty and 12 new classified staff.

The student body is also growing. For the second year in a row, the largest freshman class in the school's history has arrived on campus.

There are 7,900 full-time enrolled students (the largest total enrollment in history) compared to last year's 7,672.

Last Monday's address, attended by a couple hundred people in McConnell Auditorium, focused on a strategic plan developed last year. The plan addresses several issues including a close look at student's academic and campus life.

Joe Whiteside/Observer
CHaT about smoking

by Leandra Oliveira
Staff reporter

The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (CRC), one of 41 comprehensive cancer centers designated by the National Cancer Institute, in affiliation with Central Washington University Wellness Center, is conducting a survey about cancer prevention among college students. They hope the Campus Health Action on Tobacco (CHAT) study will positively impact the health of Pacific Northwest college students.

“We will be working constantly with the Wildcat Wellness Center’s Gail Farmer to develop a comprehensive tobacco educational program,” Anne Vedella of the Fred Hutchinson CRC said. “They already have a wonderful program, but we just want to build on what they have.”

This survey is open to any student on campus, but will target freshmen to learn about their attitudes toward tobacco.

The survey is taking place at 27 colleges and universities in Washington, Oregon and Idaho over the next few weeks. To show Fred Hutchinson CRC appreciation, a $2 token will be given to those students who take time to and fill out the survey.

“The survey is going to everyone, smokers or non-smokers, because often people who smoke will ask for help from their friends to quit,” Vedella said. “We are very interested in working with students who spit tobacco.”

The goal now is to shape the survey and encourage students to take their time to fill out the survey. The survey takes about seven to 10 minutes to complete. It’s very straightforward, Vedella said.

Students can go to the Wellness Center to take the survey or complete it on the Fred Hutchinson website at www.fhcrc.org, which is a secure website.

“Actually, quite a few students are doing that,” Vedella said. “That’s good.”

There will be a reward of $1000 to the student government of the first college to receive a 90 percent completion rate from its students who take the survey.

The second college to reach 90 percent will receive $500, and the third will receive $250.

There are 1,300 surveys being mailed to Central which should be out next week, Farmer said.

Get connected with new card

by Stephanie Snohar
Staff reporter

Central Washington University Connection Cards were reprinted this summer with a new identification number for all staff, faculty and students on campus.

The ID number change causes some concern. These numbers may not be secure from those accessing records or school related financial information. The Social Security number is still necessary to conduct records or school related financial transactions. It still awaits their owners in the Central faculty member all around ID card, gives students the Social Security number we have gone to great encryption process. essential to borrow a book from the library or use a meal plan.

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Associated Students, On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Associated Students of Central Washington University, I welcome your return and perhaps initial arrival, to the Central Washington University campus, to Ellensburg, Washington, and to academe.

I feel obliged to communicate to you the successes over the summer months and endeavors for the coming quarter of the ASCWU BOD. Working synergistically with President Mcintyre’s administration in June, the ASCWU, in unprecedented collaboration, determined the Board of Trustees from approving a Service and Activities Fee Committee proposal that would have dramatically bolstered the cost of higher education to our constituents with a 14% service and activities fee increase. We humbly thank Vice Presidents Corona and Tultos, as well as President Mcintyre, for a proactive commitment to fostering the inclusion of students in the governance of our institution. Together, we can truly realize a vision of shared governance.

Additionally, the Offices of the Vice Presidents on the ASCWU Board of Directors have already launched dedicated into the academic year with a vigilant commitment to our constituents. The ASCWU Vice President for Student Life and Facilities, Megan Fuhrman, has firmly gripped the reins of the SUB/REC project committee and is tackling an assessment of current apartment housing policy on campus. Simultaneously, David Uberti, Vice President for Academic Affairs on the Board of Directors, has initiated a process of establishing ASCWU course evaluations online.

Thanks to the efforts of Vice Presidents Basica (for Clubs and Organizations) and Peters (for Equity and Community service) our student groups are represented, organized and fully funded with an active year of Club Senate and Equity and Service Council to anticipate.

Finally, I have been working closely with Executive Vice President McMichael on an initiative that would include a reformulation of the funds request process for the Service and Activities Fee Committee by providing a proposal for criteria for funding, program assessment, and suggested handicap considerations for funds recipients.

If you desire to participate in the plentiful and exciting opportunities of Student Government drop by the Associated Students’ Board of Director’s office in SUB room 116 and while you’re in ask us for an all-paid sponsorship to the Northwest Student Leadership Conference in Portland, OR.

I wish you many successes this quarter and the ASCWU hopes to see you soon.

Respectfully,

C. Nathan Harris
ASCWU President

Wildcat news bites
Compiled by Leandra Oliveira
Staff reporter

APE-HUMAN DIVERGENCE TALK
Dr. Craig Stanford, chair of the Department of Anthropology and Co-Director of the Jane Goodall Research Center at the University of Southern California, will be at Central Washington University Friday, noon.Oct. 1, in the Science Building, room 147. He is best known for his work in the fascinating behavior of tree-loving chimpanzees and considered by many in his field to be an authority on chimpanzees.

15-PASSENGER VAN DRIVER TRAINING
The university requires training and certification of all would-be drivers of the 15-passenger vans prior to operating the vehicle. Central has developed a course that informs drivers of the differences between the vans and cars. Certification is good for one year. If it has been more than one year since last training, log on to www.cwuonline.org/vansafety and take the online test using CWU as the Username and Vansafety as the password. If not previously trained, sign up for the one-hour-long training class. Contact Julie Patterson at 963-1526 to register or for more information.

ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER RELOCATED
Scott Cottle, Director of the Academic Advising Center, invites anyone who needs the Academic Advising Center’s services to drop by to take a look at its new location. It has been relocated from SUB 312 to Boulevard Hall 206. Feel free to stop by and see the new office space.

JUSTIN BROOKS DONATIONS
A fund to plant a tree in honor of Justin Brooks has been established on the CWU campus. Brooks passed away this June. His family and friends are inviting the public to donate. Make the checks payable to the CWU Foundation, or checks can be sent directly to the Foundation at: Billstop 7508. Put “Justin Brooks” in the memo section of your check. If you have any questions, contact Lynn Lissell, Computer Support Services Supervisor at 963-2991.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE MEETINGS
- ASCWU Board Of Directors: Monday, Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m., SUB Yakima Room
- Club Senate/Funds Council Meetings: Thursday, Oct. 10, 4 p.m., SUB 116
- SUB Union Board: Wednesday, Oct. 23, 4 p.m., SUB 210
- Equity and Services Council: Wednesdays, 3 p.m., SUB 116
Mobile classroom will hit the road

by Megan Wade
Staff reporter

In an effort to improve essential computer skills and training for residents throughout central Washington, the Open Spaces Technology Center (OSTC), has developed a “mobile technology classroom,” a 37-foot-long Winniebus loaded with 12 computer stations and trained staff.

The Department of Education and the Gates Foundation fund programming for the center. It will be used to train a variety of groups: low-income, non-profit and teachers looking to integrate technology into the classroom. It is expected to arrive in Ellensburg as early as next week.

The technology training is seen as a means of supporting literacy, including development in the Hispanic community. OSTC has offered ESL (English as a Second Language) training to Hispanic workers at Auvil Fruit, an apple orchard near Vantage.

Since the mobile lab has taken longer than anticipated build, Auvil donated a building which was transformed into a temporary on-site computer lab.

The success of the Auvil site has made OSTC decide to petition for a second Community Technology Center grant. "Having the class at Auvil provides a much-desired opportunity for many of our employees and their families, and the response was tremendous," Patti Lanagan, an Auvil employee said. "It opens the door for our young people that live so far from town to have technology available to help them with their school work and broadening their education. These kids do not have access to the local library or youth center after school, it allows them a resource close to home."

Participation with local school districts will be a high priority.

"We're partnering with Yakima Valley and Big Bend community colleges to provide outreach to ESL programming, and we're partnering with the Kittitas School District currently to utilize the lab for after school programming," Brittany Faulkner, OSTC project coordinator, said.

School districts in the area have been struggling to keep up with all of the new technological developments. OSTC is planning to provide teacher training in the next six months.

"OSTC is working very hard to create programmatic partnerships that make the most of the public school district services and the community colleges," Faulkner said.

"We're just thrilled. Big Bend Community College has been doing a wonderful job serving Grant County, Mattawa, Royal and George, the three communities that we're targeted. But they don't have the physical resources, so now we'll have the mobile. What we're trying to do is partner with them so they can do more of the programmatic work. Then we'll provide more of the technical training and backup."

OSTC is in the process of installing the computer equipment and gathering local sponsorship for the public opening, which is expected to be sometime in early November.

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Protest for peace

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Central Washington University Professor Rex Wirth (left) and Ellensburg resident Rob Schnelle, sporting the George W. Bush mask take part in last Sunday's Walk for Peace. The march, sponsored by the Ellensburg Peace Ensemble, coincided with the World Wide Peace Demonstration which marks the first anniversary of U.S. bombing of Afghanistan. About 50 people participated in the rally that began at the Central Flag Pavilion and paraded down Pearl Street to the Rotary Pavilion in Downtown. On this day peace workers across the globe held similar demonstrations to take the "Not in Our Name Pledge" and speak out against any aggression toward Iraq.

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PARKING: Official urges students to curb driving habits on a "walking campus"

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has gone up, parking has gone up, while financial aid has gone down," Williams said. "How are we sup¬posed to pay for everything?"
The daily parking pass machines are 10-years-old with many discon¬tinued parts, and need to be replaced. Five machines will be installed on Oct. 16 and 17 and total $60,000.

These new machines will be easi¬er to repair and have new features. All machines will accept larger bills and give back change. The fine and fee increases will pay for painting lots, snow removal, sanding, sign maintenance, road repair, wages and most importantly, land acquisition. Land acquisition begins the process of creating new lots.

Higgins suggests the free lots. Along 18th Ave there are three free campus parking lots. Combined, there are 378 free spaces available on campus. "These lots might not be as con¬venient but it takes longer to drive around campus and park than it does to walk," Higgins said. "Students need to use better time manage¬ment."

During a tour of parking lots last Thursday, Higgins reported that between 10 a.m. and noon, except in lots located at the core of campus, where they fill up quickly, there were between eight and 36 spaces avail¬able in all lots. 20 to 56 spaces were available in each free lot.

An alternative to driving is riding a bike. There are racks throughout campus to protect bikes. Higgins suggests a thick, heavy, strong metal chain lock. It is also a good idea to register a bicycle with campus police, who will have a serial number to help locate it if it was stolen.

Jim Wojke, a junior political sci¬ence major, lives a few blocks away from campus and chooses to ride his bike rather than purchase a parking permit. "It is easier to get from one side of campus to the other, it's faster than walking and saves me money in parking fees," Wojke said.

Data taken from Police Services and Public safety stated last year 13,949 parking citations were issued to students. The majority of these tickets were from not having a valid permit. There are approximately 3,017 spaces and 3,500 permits were sold. This is done because classes are staggered and students come and go.

Associated Students of Central Washington University, Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD is taking measures to try to alleviate the prob¬lem. A parking task force has been established and some suggestions are to create a shuttle service, develop remote parking in unpaved areas, charge more for reserve passes, and to extend class breaks from 10 min¬utes to 20 minutes. A shuttle service has been attempted three times and wasn’t uti¬lized enough by students or staff. The most feasible idea is to extend class breaks from 10 to 20 minutes.

"This would allow students more time to get to class," Ryan McMichael, executive vice presi¬dent, said.

On this issue campus police and the BOD are united. Higgins sup¬ports and encourages this idea as a viable solution.

Parking management control was transferred over to the Campus Police and Public Safety two years ago. The previous Parking Advisory Board was made up of students, fac¬ulty and staff.

Since the transition the advisory board has not met. Students who feel the most passionate and frustrated about parking issues should pick up an application to join the taskforce in the BOD office, located in SUB 116. As a member of this board a student would have the opportunity to express frustrations, give construc¬tive criticism, suggest alternatives and help shape policy.

Finally, if none of these sugges¬tions seem satisfactory, a student always has the option of enrolling in extra classes.

Parking enforcement stops in most lots after 4:30 p.m., except in reserved spaces.

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Hard hats required: structural changes in process for the BOD

by Susan Bunday
Asst. Scene editor

Campus construction has made its way to the Student Union Building. Ground was broken last spring when the new leaders of the Associated Students of Central Washington University took office determined to rebuild student government. A solid foundation and sound structure is raising this year's ASCWU/BOD Board. The new vice president head the list of changes in process for the BOD. Asst. Scene editor

"We want to make students feel at home and prepare them for success in and out of the classroom," McIntyre said. More diversity on campus was an important aspect when constituency president Nate Harris, senior, for an "incredible year." Last May, the 2002-2003 Board of Directors were elected by Central students. Harris' staff includes Ryan McMichael, Executive Vice President; Karina Bacca, Vice President of Clubs and Organizations; Brandy Peters, Vice President of Equity and Community Service; Megan Fullman, Vice President of Student Life and Facilities; and David Uberti, Vice President of Student Affairs.

"We are a diverse group," Peters said. "They have hit the ground running!" Expectations from within the BOD are running high for this year's staff. Each officer is committed to the success of their position and is concerned with building a better environment for the students they represent.

"We have the capability of doing great things as a board," Fullman said. After a retreat in August, the board members were set for the upcoming school year. The intense retreat took a look at leadership styles and gave the members a chance to hear the testimony of other accomplished leaders. "They have hit the ground running," Drinkwater said. Individually, the different offices are beginning work they hope to complete this year. Fullman is focusing on the new SUB/Recreational building and is reevaluating and reviewing Central's policies on campus apartments by comparing them with other Washington universities to look at their policies on same-sex and unmarried couples living in family housing.

"It would be a long process getting it all the way through the Board of Trustees and to President McIntyre," Fullman said. Together with the Service and Equity committee, Peters is concentrating on the education of as many students as possible. Peters, VP for Equity and Community Service, is spending the early part of this quarter working on hiring office staff and organizing the office to be marketable.

"I want to help educate the CWU community by bringing information programs on diversity issues in our community, in our nation and in the world," Peters said. Uberti is the link between students and teachers and is also the student representation on the faculty senate. Uberti is working to form an online teacher evaluation system to hook up students and teachers with similar styles. Students will have the opportunity to place their evaluation of teachers online. They will also be able to see what the teacher is like in the classroom, such as whether or not they assign homework or take attendance daily.

There have been attempts in the past at starting evaluations, but they failed. "In the past, it's been attack on teachers. This version will be more teacher friendly," Uberti said.

McMichael is responsible for the appointment of students to each of the 34 committees. He's working to find students to fill these positions and is making arrangements to find the 17 students that the BOD will sponsor to go to the Northwest Student Leadership Conference. McMichael also acts as the right hand man to Harris.

"In the past, there has been a positive influence (by the BOD)," Harris said, "However, this group of people will represent the associated students as it never has before."

Tuition increases curbed

Last Spring the BOD negotiated a 14 percent increase of the Service and Activities fee to under 10 percent. "We are not in the position to demand lower tuition. It is up to Washington state voters, but voters won't even fund K-12 schooling," Drinkwater said. "These are players" One of the goals of this year's staff is to reach beyond the walls of their office and maintain communication with Central students. After a successful first meeting, the expectations of this staff from within the office are high.

"This board is going to stand on their own two feet. They are going to stand up for student rights, and they have already done this," Drinkwater said. "This isn't a sandbox group, these are players."

ADDRESS: Investment in higher education benefits all

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"We want to make students feel at home and prepare them for success in and out of the classroom," McIntyre said. More diversity on campus was an important issue concerning campus life McIntyre said. She would like to improve Central's retention rate from around 70 percent to 80 percent by 2006. A new Retention Action team is in place and one of their focuses will be assisting freshman put on probation. The continuing progress on construction of the new SUB/Rec facilities is another key concern. A large marketing survey conducted last year has given the administration several ideas to improve Central's image and make it more visible to potential students.

While it appeared most prospects held a favorable image of Central, they did not have a lot of detail about the school. A Spokane firm will be heading up a marketing and ad campaign using "what's central to you?" with the tag line, "your future is central." Other aspects of the strategic plan include: clearly defining the role of the university centers, which house 10.5 percent of the total enrollment, and expand and improve their facilities, foster mutually beneficial partnerships locally and statewide, be a leader in the field of education and create a pleasant campus and work place.

McIntyre concluded with the importance of finding ways to increase funding. She said that most people know about the individual and personal benefits of higher education. However, she said there is a need to make people aware of the economic benefits to the society by investing in higher education.

Despite the economic challenges the university is facing, she is optimistic about fulfilling the mission of the university through everyone working together. "Central truly has a great future ahead of it as well as a proud past," McIntyre said.

Rollin' on the river

Two volunteers who donated their Saturday morning work to make the Yakima River a cleaner place last weekend. Every year about 200 people gather for the annual cleanup. Every year, over 5,000 pounds of debris is removed the the Yakima River area. The event was created by the late Don Wise, who was a Central Washington University administrator. Wise was a river enthusiast and the tradition he began still continues the day after his death. After two hours of litter removal, the group enjoyed a free barbeque and celebration on campus.
BOD has best intentions, but controversy continues

Scandal and apathy have followed the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD) like shadows for years. Recent efforts made by ASCWU President Nate Harris and his cabinet seem to have improved morale around the BOD offices. A new takecharge attitude, a willingness to work and genuine concern for the student body have already made positive changes on the Board.

Unfortunately, recent events have shown that the government's scarred image will be harder to shake than the common cold. A vacated position, that has proved impossible to fill is the latest event in a long drama that plays like a soap opera.

Among other duties, the vice president for political affairs oversees ASCWU Office of Legislative Affairs and serves as a chairperson of the Washington State Lobby. More importantly, the office decides one of the seven votes that make decisions for and represent Central students.

Patiently, the BOD has waited over a year for the position to be filled. In the middle of the school year once again shrouded in controversy. However, the presentation and maybe a new era in student government at Central.

Monica Medrano, his old assistant, as the interim director of the ASCWU Office of Student Activities. Her term will expire by Dec. 13, 2002.

The search for a new VP for political affairs began conducted professionally. Harris advertised appropriately, selected candidates based on the quality of the applications and interviewed the top applicants. These additional BOD officers observed and interviewed the applicants and provided recommendations to the BOD on the most qualified candidates.

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The ASCWU Constitution and By-Laws are vague on the procedure to follow when a position on the BOD is vacated. They give Harris the authority to nominate and, with a majority vote from the Board, select a new voting member of the BOD, as well as create new offices.

Let's just hope that Harris and his cabinet shake off their losses, step up to the plate and surprise all of us with a grand slam.

In the words of Lincoln, parking on campus is war

After a long first day of classes, preceded by an unsuccessful attempt to find an appropriate place to park, I was hardly pleased to find on my windshield a parking warning notice for "parking outside designated area," ironically decorated with a row of smiley faces, and signed "courtesy of CWU Parking Enforcement." The added note "Find a lot to park in" did little to appease my frustration with the deplorable parking conditions at Central Washington University. A visit to the Parking Operations office immediately afterwards, only to be told that there were always plenty of open spots available, a few blocks away (I can neither confirm or deny this statement) in lots on North D and on North Walnut, and that maybe I should try getting there earlier in the morning.

When I applied for admission to this institution, I was not aware that I would be required to camp out overnight in order to assure myself of a parking spot for the following morning. And now, with the increase in fines for parking violations and the price of a daily parking permit doubled, I think it only fitting that I offer this take-off on Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address (with only a smidgen of sarcasm) as a rebuttal. I like to call it The Ellensburg Address:

Four quarters and seven academic years ago our predecessors brought forth, upon this campus, a new parking lot, conceived in Red Tape, and dedicated to the proposition that all students have a right to park within a mile of campus.

Now we are engaged in a great parking war, testing whether that parking lot, or any parking lot, so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met here on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to try to find a place to park that we may attend our classes. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense we can not park— we can not double park—we can not park where there is no space marked off. The brave students, graduated and otherwise, who struggled here, have tried that already, and they too were condemned for their efforts.

The university will little note, nor long remember, what I say here, but can never forget what parking faux pas I committed here. It is for us, the students, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they [the office of Parking Operations] have, thus far, so feebly carried on. It is for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us— that from these honored graduates and otherwise we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these students shall not...
Is it worth remembering an eight digit ID number and getting a new Connection Card to protect your social security number?

"I didn't see any real need to do it. I don't think anyone on campus will be stealing IDs."
— Troy Dyer, sophomore, business administration

"I definitely am for it. I'm opposed to the fact they're using old pictures."
— Linda Rosenblatt, senior, primate behavior and ecology

"It's worth it for safety reasons. I've got mine memorized already."
— Heather Haxie, junior, undecided

"My social security number was stolen by someone years ago. I don't like to use my social security number unless I have to."
— Paul Danton, junior, primate behavior and ecology

Higher fees, increased fines, less stalls. Has parking on campus become a nightmare, or is parking on campus a privilege that sets Central Washington University aside from other state universities? Some background on parking at Central:

- Central has fewer students per space than any other state university.
- A new parking lot was opened this year.
- A yearlong student parking pass costs $80 at Central. A quarterly student pass at the University of Washington costs $196.32.
- There is no limit to how many parking permits are sold at Central. Technically, more permits could be sold than stalls exist.
- Construction of the new music building has forced a lot with 100 stalls to permanently close. When the building is completed in 2005, a 200-stall lot will open.
- All parking fees and fines have increased this year for the first time since the 1990's.
- This fall Central boasts its highest enrollment ever. More students likely means more vehicles on campus.

Your short responses to the above question will be published in the next edition of The Observer. Leave a 30-second message at 963-1073, or send 100 words maximum to observer@cwu.edu. Please include your name and telephone number for verification.

THUMBS UP

"Thumbs up to Wildcat football. The team is off to its best start in years and is charging toward a top-10 national ranking."
— Casey Steiner, Managing editor

"Thumbs up to the hardworking staff at Tnstalls for their excellent service and appetizing cuisine."
— Eva Tallmadge, Staff reporter

"Thumbs up to the Communications Department for hiring new female adjunct professor Erin Condit."
— Emily Bonden, Assistant news editor

"Thumbs up to Facilities Management for working hard to improve the appearance of campus."
— Alison Worrell, Editor-in-chief

"Thumbs up to Ellensburg for making me feel at home: traffic is at 5 p.m. and the clock ticks back to my Seattle heritage."
— Susie Bundy, Assistant scene editor

"Thumbs down to Ellensburg for not having a public transportation system. Even in Ketchikan they have a little schoolbus that will drive you around town. The campus is the only transportation in town."
— Sarah Munks, Production manager

"Thumbs down to those little grails all around Ellensburg. They stick to your clothes and fly in your eyes, and if you're a girl they get stuck on your lips when you wear lip gloss."
— Joanne Schmeichel, Online editor

"Thumbs down to Ellensburg's one-way streets that force drivers to go around in circles and never get anywhere. You're better off walking."
— Andrew Fickes, Scene editor

"Thumbs down to the jerk who stole my parking spot as I was waiting patiently with my blinker on, but thumbs up to the guy who gave me his parking spot five minutes later."
— Rachel Wierman, Copy editor

LETTERS

Is parking a privilege or a pain?
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Help United Way raise $195,000 for local families
At the 2003 campaign chair for
United Way of Kittitas County, I am running the Central Washington
University community for support in
helping the local United Way meet
our goal of $195,000.

United Way of Kittitas County is here to provide a place for donors to pool
money that is shared with agencies who serve
our local needs. There are currently 27 local programs receiving
United Way funds. The local food
bank distributes food to an average
of 300 families per month. Last
year the Kittitas County Action
Council provided 28,334 meals to
seniors. Hospice Friends is a
bereavement support group served
210 families. These are a few examples of how your contributions
help those in need.

The United Way Board of Directors works
hard to review agency programs, to
avoid duplication of services and ensure financial management.

Centered in Ellensburg, Central Washington
University is an important part of the
United Way of Kittitas County campaign.
Employees are able to
contribute to United Way of
Kittitas County through the Combined
Fund Campaign. By making the 144 000 box on your form, you can contribute to United Way of
Kittitas County and your money will
help local agencies meet the needs
of people in our community.

Maintaining the quality of life
we have grown accustomed to in
this community does not happen
without the hard work of many
people and human service agen-
cies. Charitable contributions
are a vital part of this network.
The combined fund campaign will begin October 1, 2002.
During this time you can "Make Your
Caring Count" by pledging or gift-
ing an amount that will make a
positive impact on the lives of
those in need.

Thank you,
Connie Dunnington
2003 Campaign Chair

THUMBS DOWN

"Thumbs down to the professor who hasn't had a class meeting in two weeks."
— Joanele Condit, Scene reporter

"Thumbs down to facilities for the time I've spent in the infirmary."
— Bob Peterson, Communications

"Thumbs down to the university police for their constant presence on campus."
— Tom Johnson, Business administration

"Thumbs down to the lack of facilities and services on campus."
— Mike Wilson, Business administration

"Thumbs down to the university police for their lack of professionalism."
— Jane Smith, Student

"Thumbs down to the university police for their lack of service."
— John Doe, Student
Local Talent
Take a look at what Ellensburg music has to offer.
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Elevated Entertainment

Alumni art featured
“Traces” exhibit displays work of nationally recognized Central graduates
by Rachel Mills
Staff reporter

The faint smell of fresh paint lingering in the air invokes a feeling of newness and the birth of masterpieces. Although there is no actual movement in the gallery, the exhibit is hardly stationary. It will be gone soon, echoing the artists’ transition from Central Washington University to the pursuit of their careers.

“Traces,” Sarah Spurgeon Art Gallery’s fall debut exhibit, features artwork from alumni in Central’s art department. All of the artists attended Central in the late 90s, and each has gained national recognition in their field. It will be displayed inside Randall Hall until Oct. 11.

Howard Barlow, a sculpture instructor at Central and curator of the exhibit, said the art displayed was created following the students’ graduation. All of the artists are currently employed in their respective fields and live outside of Ellensburg.

Besides these characteristics, there is no set theme for this show. This has made it easier for Barlow to procure different types of art media that would represent all areas of the art department from sculpture to paintings.

“I wanted quality work from nationally recognized people that set a good example for students to relate to,” Barlow said.

The gallery is sparsely decorated, creating a simplistic feeling. Barlow wanted the overall gallery to be an art piece by allowing space for the art to interact with each other. Michael Chinn, chair of the art department agreed.

“I love exhibits that aren’t crowding. It is more viewer-friendly. We also have a tendency to overcrowd things,” Chinn said.

Freshman Jake Esaacson and junior Mike Kimmel liked the open space in the gallery, since it allows the viewer to stand back and look at the art. Esaacson’s favorite piece is called, “Anygiven Olfactory Device for John and David” by Joseph Miller. It is made of glass and has two nose pieces protruding, like oxygen masks in airplanes.

“I like how it looks, I have seen some of the pieces before, but I am not sure what it is trying to show,” Esaacson said.

Barlow explains that many of the mixed media alumni artist, Jeff Fisher, proves art with moving parts is possible. Last exhibit day is Oct. 11.

Get Spade on homecoming weekend

by Jacob White
Staff reporter

For years, Central Washington University students have wallowed in envy of other colleges over the lack of big name entertainment offered for Central’s homecoming weekend. Local bands, local comedians, and hypnotists are just a few of the homecoming headliners Central has provided for its students in recent years.

These acts may be an exciting reason to make it down to the local bar on a Tuesday night, but they have not provided the type of entertainment Central students have craved. This year there is a reason to get excited. Comedian David Spade is scheduled as the top bill for homecoming weekend.

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He is also well known as the pre-epubescen behavior secretary Dennis Finch on the hit NBC comedy ‘Just Shoot Me.’ Despite his many accolades, Spade continues to tour the nation doing stand-up comedy shows.

The excitement of Spade’s scheduled appearance has brought about hope from Scott Drummond, Central’s director of campus activities. He believes that Central will be able to regain a tradition of providing famous performers annually to its students.

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Little is known about the Pub’s replacement, but it will feature fine cigars and top of the line martinis. The Starlight will be the place to be this Central’s homecoming weekend.

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Afghan women depicted in film

by Carly Godden
Staff reporter

Set in the desolate sand dunes of Afghanistan, the Iranian film by Mohsen Makhmalbaf tells the true story of the brutal life for Afghan women trapped under the shroud of the Taliban.

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Embarking on a desperate race against the sun, Nafas (Pariya) searches for her sister who has vowed to end her life at the onset of the upcoming solar eclipse.

With just two days to reach her, Nafas must endure the mental, social and emotional constraints of the mandatory burqa, the full body veil for women enforced by the Taliban. 

Unable to travel alone for fear she might be discovered and punished, Nafas must trust her well-being to unfamiliar men posing as one of their wives.

With scenes as tormenting as they are disturbingly beautiful, Makhmalbaf tuns the audience in with rich colors and poignant images that seem to captivate as well as enlighten.

It left the theater feeling very sad for the people of Afghanistan,” Stella Moreno, professor of Spanish, said. “I was so shocked to see that women, that people, have so few rights and are treated so horribly in this day. I can’t believe that this is happening right now.”

Staff reporter

It’s a new school year and everyone’s ready to have fun and the small town of Ellensburg doesn’t lack in things to do. Here’s a crash course in some activities to do in town.

The first place to look is on campus. There are tons of activities to participate in that don’t require a mode of transportation other than your feet. Walk down to the SUB and get to the Tent ‘n’ Tube booth.

“Coming down to the SUB and just getting information is the best way to know what we have,” Kayte Anchors, a recreation student employed, said. “It’s more than just camping and rafting gear. The snowy winter months are coming up and one of Tent ‘n’ Tube’s most popular rentals are skis. There are also snowshoes available for a change of pace. Steve Waldeck, the Recreation director, prefers snowshoeing to skiing. “It takes a little bit of work to walk up a hill.” So if walking up a hill sounds like too much work, try tubing or shoeing.

If meeting new people is the goal, try intramurals or a sport club. Clubs include waterpolo, rugby, and many more.

Other services from Tent ‘n’ Tube include Ticketmaster, guided trips, and sports tournaments.

Another on campus activity is Comedy Night at Club Central. This night of laughs starts at 8 p.m. on the first Friday of every month. This would be a great place to meet new people.

“We get a pretty good turnout,” Melissa Newman, Club Central comedy programmer, said.

The comedians perform to a packed house so you’re bound to bump into someone interesting there.

If off-campus fun is what you are in search of, Ellensburg doesn’t disappoint. There is something for everyone in this town. Grab your free Fall 2002 Central Washington University coupon book that is available at the bookstore and look downtown.

If you are underage and long to have fun, stop into Cafe Eden on Friday nights. They feature live bands and lots of dancing for a small cover charge. For something a little spacier, grab some friends and head to Rodeo Bowl. It’s a close walk from most on-campus dorms. A moonlight swim at the city pool is another active alternative. The Ellensburg City Pool is open at 9 p.m. to the 18 and over crowd.

Never underestimate the entertainment value of a good movie. Ellensburg has two theaters, the Liberty and Grand Central. The Liberty is on 5th and Pine, while the Grand Central Theater is on North Pearl. With their cheap ticket prices, you can splurge and get some popcorn to munch on. For the 21 and over crowd there’s even more to do. On Mondays at the Mint Bar and Grill, get some pals together and take advantage of free pool. 

If you are dying for some laughs during the week, go to the Oak Rail at 8 p.m. on Thursdays for comedy night.

Ellensburg has many great restaurants for everyone to enjoy. A lot of them have valuable coupons in the coupon book so be sure to check that out before you go out.

There’s no need for everyone to go home on the weekends to have a good time. Stick around and take advantage of some inexpensive fun.

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The goal of the Major/Minor Career Fair is to enable you to meet with department and program faculty advisors in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere. If you have been thinking about a major or career but have not taken the first step of contacting the academic department, this fair is for YOU!

Questions? Call Career Development Services at 963-2404

Wednesday
October 16
1-5 pm
at the SUB

Schedule of Events:

Welcome - 1:00pm
- Dr. Jerilyn McIntyre, President
- Central Washington University
- SUB Pit

Academic Department Advisors - 1-5pm
- SUB Pit, Yakima and Ohwi Rooms

Careers in Arts and Humanities - 1:30pm
- Rosco Tolman, Associate Dean
- College of Arts and Humanities
- SUB Theater

Careers in Business - 1:30pm
- Roy Savoian, Dean
- College of Business
- SUB Ballroom

Careers in Education and Professional Studies - 2:00pm
- Rebecca Bowers, Dean
- College of Education and Professional Studies
- SUB Theater

Careers in the Sciences - 2:00pm
- Megan Miller, Interim Dean
- College of the Sciences
- SUB Ballroom

How to get a Job in a Competitive Market - 2:30pm
- Ken Webber, Career Counselor
- Career Development Services
- SUB Theater

Deciding on Your Career - 3:00pm
- Charlotte Tullos, Vice President
- Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- SUB Theater

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“Anybody who’s inspired can do it,” Curtis said.

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“You can bomb one night and then come back and kill it,” Curtis said.

If you’re looking for a less smoky alternative to the bars on Friday nights, come to Club Central. The price is low and the laughter is high. Student pricing is $3 and general, $4. But beware, the seats fill up fast and the patrons who sit in the front row may get picked on. The next comedy night is at 8 p.m., Nov. 2 in Club Central. Comedy shows are on the first Friday of every month.

Michael Bennett/Observer

Headliner Chris Curtis opens Central’s fall lineup.

by Jessica Spriggs
Staff reporter

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KANDAHAR: A look at oppressed Afghani women and their lives

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Produced in 1999 on the border of Iran, "Kandahar" is not war propaganda. This is reality to the Afghani people. Little girls are told they will not go to school and to beware of dolls on the ground as they might be stuffed with explosives. Scenes of men missing legs race on crutches desperate to reach prosthetics falling from a Red Cross helicopter.

Little boys are called upon to recite the Koran while demonstrating the workings of a semi-automatic weapon. These people do not need more bombs; they need hope and a reason to live.

Nafas collected this hope throughout her journey—a young child singing, the dreams and wishes of an African American man also concealing his identity and shared childhood memories all recorded on the Dictaphone that she kept hidden in the folds of her cloth prison.

"Kandahar" offers a compelling array of sounds, colors and most important, of human life. A glimpse of the unbelievable lives of a people faced with hardships that few, if any of us will ever encounter.

Festival downtown today

by Observer staff

The "Do It Yourself Rural Revolution Tour 2002" is rolling into Ellensburg today.

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Livin' La Vida Local

Throughout October, Scene is showcasing a music genre each week, beginning with a spotlight on the local talents of Ellensburg. Over the next three pages, Scene looks at what Central has to offer.

Central’s Golden Boy

Josh Schroeder answers questions about himself, his music and his band.

Joe Whiteside/Observer

Josh Schroeder, and his band, played at the Dave Matthews concert in 2001.

by Rachel Mills

Staff reporter

In a button-down shirt and a beanie pulled low on his forehead, Schroeder was happy to speak with his life and his music.

Q: How did you get into music?
A: I have been singing since before I could walk. I was really into sports, until eighth grade when I dropped a piano on my foot. I spent the summer playing the guitar and have never put it down since.

Q: Who else is in the Peat Moss Band and how did you meet?
A: We started playing together in South Salem High School in Salem, Oregon, and have been together for seven years. Chad Hammer plays bass, Brad Wagner plays the guitar and supplies vocals. Alex Cusebeer plays the drums, and I play the guitar and lead vocals.

Q: How did you get the chance to play at the Gorge at the Dave Matthews Band concert?
A: The Peat Moss Band won the Battle of the Bands in 2001 and the band did meet the Gorge at the Dave Matthews Band concert.

Q: What about future plans?
A: I am going to study abroad in England from Feb. 5 to May 20. I want to hang out with the Brits and learn how to write good music.

Q: Oh, like your song “Yo-Yo”?
A: That song was a mistake to begin with. I wrote it with Brad when we were just fooling around. It’s too catchy. I am never going to live it down. I apologize to anyone who has to hear that song.

Q: There is a nasty little rumor that the Peat Moss Band has broken up, is that true?
A: No, it is just that we are so far away. The bass player is in Germany for a year, the drummer goes to school in California, the guitarist goes to school at the University of Washington, and I am here. We’re just taking some time off right now. Brad (the guitarist) and I still love writing—the chemistry is still there.

Q: Do you have time for a day job?
A: I am playing guitar in a cover band that will tour around Washington. We mostly play Lynard Skynard, Eric Clapton, that kind of stuff. I work at the sandwich bar in the Samelson Union Building from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come and see me.

Where the music’s at

—Liquid Lounge
genre: all types
capacity: 90
*If you’re in a band, search these gigs out.

—Cafe Eden
genre: no metal
capacity: 100

Wildcat music notes

by Rachel Mills

Staff reporter

Jamie Kinsey has played the violin for twelve years. Kinsey also plays the banjo, saxophone, viola, and cellino.

She chose Central Washington University because of the great reputation of the faculty in the music department. Kinsey directs youth orchestra to children ages seven to nine years old. After graduating, Kinsey hopes to be able to teach music and share the joy with others.

Jonathan Thompson is another Central musician and has played the cello for eleven years. He started his musical career playing the piano, but abandoned the instrument to join the fifth grade string program.

Thompson chose Central because of the excellent reputation of the music department. Thompson would like to go to graduate school and play in a symphony orchestra.

For ten years Marshall Bilodeau has played the drums. He started his musical career in middle school with jazz band and in high school Bilodeau played in the select jazz band.

Bilodeau received a full scholarship to Edmonds Community College. After graduating in fall of 2003, Bilodeau will pursue either graduate studies or jazz studies.

Recently, Bilodeau has been collaborating with Josh Schroeder on an acoustic, hard rock project.

He has also substituted for the Peat Moss Band’s drummer, while the actual drummer spends the year in Germany.
by Jacob White
Staff reporter

Finding an extremely talented musician on Central Washington University's campus is not very challenging, but finding an extremely talented rapper is an entirely different story. Most students think the closest thing to a rap concert in Ellensburg is getting you to attend to drink a pint of J&J and then betting him that he can't karaoke "Gimmie That Nutt" by Eazy E. But Central is the home of an up and coming rapper, who has been working with some of the same people as Dr. Dre and Ludacris. Kojo Obeng is a senior at Central and has been seriously involved in rap since the age of eleven.

I recently sat down with Obeng to discuss his childhood, music and wild fans.

Q: I’ve heard rumors that you were down in California over the summer doing some work with Dr. Dre, is there any truth to this?
A: Basically, it’s partially true. The production company that I’m signed with, they are contracted by a lot of different artists and do music for them. My producers that I do the production for Dr. Dre’s artists. So, in not like Dr. Dre, but with his artists who are signed to Aftermath.

Q: So what brought you to Ellensburg besides the rap scene?
A: I was born in Ellensburg, moved to L.A., then we moved to this place called Pasadena, which is a better neighborhood. We were there for like a year. This was the good life for us, you know. Then my mom lost her job and we were going to have to move back to the jungles, the Crenshaw district. I started not wanting to be involved in that chaos. My little cousin told me if I moved up here, I could dominate in track and get in the newspapers.

Q: And here we are?
A: (laughs) It’s manifesting itself.

Q: Had you been involved with rapping at that time?
A: When I was about eleven years old, Capital records had Brandy’s package and my package and they were deciding whether they wanted to go with R&B or with rap. And they chose Brandy and she blew up (laughs). After that my momentum was kind of lowered and I fell out and started doing other things, and that was around the same time I was going to have to move back to (Crenshaw). I just left and came up to Ellensburg to live with my grandmother. I got into track, and got recruited to come to here. I could’ve moved back to L.A., but I want to graduate.

Q: What are you majoring in?
A: Sociology.

Q: What made you decide on rapping?
A: I took it because it helped me to see the world in a different perspective and to actually be conscious of the stuff that’s going on. Cause the whole idea of being blind isn’t right to me. And to have a better social aspect of what’s going on in our society and maybe try to incorporate it in my music and maybe try to help people in some way.

Q: Who do you consider to be your biggest musical influence?
A: My dad was a master drummer from Africa. If I went back there and said my name was Obeng, people would know the name. He influenced me initially. Typical story though, he’s gone (laughs). And my mom and my cousins were in a group and almost made it. That sparked me to rapping. They had a rapper, and I use to always stay after practice and watch the rapper, I was so amazed by him. He didn’t show me the way till practice all the time; he was kind of flaky.

So one day I was like nine or ten and I was like, ‘I can do his part.’ It was so crazy how it happened. And at his part I started rapping and everyone was like, ‘What the fuck?’ And immediately after that my cousin got me a manager and they started running with me and that’s how I almost got signed with Capitol.

Q: I saw the flyers you had up around campus last year with you showing off the abs and I just have to know what is the craziest thing you’ve ever had a girl do at a concert?
A: (laughs) Girls pulling me down trying to dance with me while I’m rapping happens.

There was this guy who for some reason just didn’t like me and these girls asked me and a couple of my friends to come over to their house and like he was trying to talk to them at the same time and immediately he was like ‘f*ck Kojo.’ And he came to my show I did at Club Central and he kept getting on stage, actually stood on stage and was yelling stuff at me and shit. My brothers were up from California and they were like ready to do something to him, but he got pulled off stage.

Q: Do you have any shows in Ellensburg planned this year?
A: Yeah, around here I’m doing something with the guy who puts on the shows at the Elks. He’s got me doing some shows in November with a guy from the Alkaholics, I’m opening up for him. And I’m doing a can food drive show at Club Central, where you just have to bring a can of food to get in, and we’re donating it to whatever church that we can.
A musician's struggles
Singer/songwriter tells all: the ups and downs of a budding musician

Ever since the hips of rock 'n' roll shook on Elvis Presley in 1956, America's youth haven't wanted much in their desire to be rock icons. Presley, an average blue-collar boy of the South, made every teenager's "rock star" dream a reality. And for today's youth generation, with the over abundance of band and recording equipment available, the reality is this: anyone can do it.

However, in my experience, if you want to do it don't start too late in the game. And don't think for a second that it will last forever.

During the first and second grade while others age my got a head start in rocking up their real TV viewing hours, I routinely spent hours in my room after school and on weekends listening to cassette tapes and immersing myself into an early music education.

I was taking my prerequisite: Music 101—the 60s, with a specialization in Monkees. No, they're not the ones that flash their butts when they haven't received their daily dose w. ent down like a fine wine. But then had set sail on a year following the break, I felt lost in a sea with no paddle and no direction. But then I realized that what I thought I'd left behind had stayed with me the whole time. I began to write new music and it pulled me from the sea. I am now immersing my solo work onto a new CD.

To end this futile ramble of rock poetry, I'll give you this. If you want to start a group, I say go for it. But never lose sight of your own interest. Keep it in your head what you want, not what the band wants. That way, if ever you do become a rock casualty, you'll be able to pick up the pieces and recover.

Editor's note: As a member of the Observer staff, I have discovered a logical fit between my knowledge in music, band politics and journalism. As Scene editor, I hope our section satisfies your entertainment needs.

Everett said, "October and November may be hit and miss to start out." Liquid Lounge owner, Scott Abrams, holds a connection with original Nirvana drummer Chad Channing. They were buddies during junior high and high school in Yakima. Through this relationship and other taps into the Seattle scene, Abrams has put together an excellent line up of potential acts.

Other acts to follow include lead singer of the Melvins, C.Average and the Tight Brothers From Way Back When. The Lounge does welcome local acts to perform. And Abrams is not genre specific as long as it is high quality.

"I don't have tube vision when it comes to music," Abrams said. Abnormal Ally, a local indie rock group, is quickly rising to the top of the pile. They have benefited greatly from the Lounge and the band's services. Abnormal Ally fans can catch this boiler act again on Oct. 12 at the Liquid Lounge.

T.C. Brownell, O.C.J. bass player and Eden booking agent, also upholds an impressive roster of upcoming artists suited for all ages. Upcoming acts at Eden include the Cooke 'n' Green acoustic blues duo, Utah jam band Tanglewood and Seattle's Afro pop/ska group Ancestor Radio. Local acts are also welcome to perform at Eden.

Everett sees the truth in Pickering's live music apathy theory but believes people can also learn to accept change. "Sometimes they do prefer manufactured sound, but they do like the change and then they find out they like it," Everett said.
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This day in history:
1923
In the first post season game ever played at Yankee Stadium, veteran Giant outfielder Casey Stengel breaks a 4-4 deadlock in the top of the ninth inning with an inside-the-park HR off Joe Bush. It is the first World Series game to be broadcast nationally.

Wildcats improve rank to 13th

by RJ Brown
Staff reporter

By defeating the Montana State Bobcats 31-16 the Central Washington University football team extended its unbeaten streak to six games to start the season.

The Wildcats, ranked 13 in the American Football Coaches Association Poll, hold a firm grip on first place in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

“We just came off a big win by defeating Montana State and feel every game is important,” head coach John Zamberlin said.

Wildcat running back, sophomore Willie Johnson, led the offense in scoring with three rushing touchdowns on just eight carries.

“The offensive line played an important role in helping the team score,” Johnson said.

Quarterback, junior Dale Chase, completed 22 of 39 passes for a total of 271 yards. On the receiving end, junior Jake Roberts led the way with 113 yards with four completions.

One of the defensive keys has been defensive lineman Marlo Airhart who last week was named the GNAC defensive player of the week.

Airhart has helped the Wildcats by making key tackles and putting pressure on the opposing quarterback.

“The defense as a whole has done very well,” Zamberlin said.

The Wildcats have five remaining games on their schedule, including three home games. On Saturday Central plays at Western New Mexico and will rival Western Washington University Oct. 26.

“Every player has added a tremendous contribution to our team and have been doing a great job,” Zamberlin said.

by Shauna Kissner
Staff reporter

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2002 Wildcat Football Schedule

Oct. 12 at Western New Mexico 12:00 p.m.
Oct. 19 WWU (Cascade Cup) 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 26 Western Oregon (Homecoming) 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 2 at Humboldt State 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 9 UC Davis 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 23 NCAA Division II First Round TBA
Nov. 30 NCAA Division II Quarterfinals TBA
Dec. 7 NCAA Division II Semifinals TBA
Dec. 14 NCAA Division II Championships TBA

Rugby Club gets down and dirty

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The mens rugby team, which advanced to the regional championships last season, is gearing up for another stellar year.

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Thumbs up
Central Football

The Wildcats are the only team in the nation at the Division II level to record six victories at this point in the season. Central is ranked 13th in the American Football Coaches Association Poll and first in the Division II West Region.

Thumbs down
Central Women’s Soccer

The Wildcat women own a dismal 2-10 record and rank seventh out of seven GNAC teams in many statistical categories including: shots, points, goals, goals per game, assists, assists per game, goals allowed and shutouts.

Sex Check

Kelly Holcomb, Cleveland Brown’s back-up quarterback, led a frantic fourth-quarter comeback Monday night against the Baltimore Ravens when starting quarterback, Tim Couch, was sidelined with a concussion. Down 23-0 to start the quarter, Holcomb threw two touchdowns, nearly a third, with a broken leg and sprained knee sustained in the period.

Valiant Effort

Little League Baseball will now require all its managers, coaches and volunteers to be checked against their state’s list of convicted sex offenders. Little League will be the first national sports organization to have such a requirement.

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The man behind the magic

by Hilary Shemanski
Staff reporter

There are 470 students at Central Washington University who participate in one of 15 intercollegiate sports. Fifty percent of those athletes are in college with the help of some sort of scholarship. Before school was even in session this year, roughly 6,000 people had shown up to cheer on Central’s ‘best in the West’ football team, and thousands more are expected to attend the upcoming games.

The man behind the money is Lyndon Wieseman, Central’s Assistant Athletic Director for Resource Development.

“There is an enthusiasm happening and it’s growing and people are starting to feel it. People like belonging to winning groups. Students, alumni, faculty, staff, community. That is what Central Washington is all about. We can and will raise the money. This is all going to come together and we’re going to do it as a team. And we’re building that team today.”

Weisman does is to coordinate the Catbacker Club, which was established as a vehicle to provide private support for Central’s varsity athletics. The Catbacker Club is just part of it however. The Central Washington University Foundation is where all private donations to the university are placed, including those to athletics. The private money raised through the Catbackers is used for scholarships for Central student-athletes and improvements for the athletic programs.

Central’s Athletic Director, Jack Bishop has nothing but praise for the Assistant Athletic Director staff.

“It’s a team effort, that Lyndon is a big part of, and I think that they are all doing a fantastic job,” Bishop said.

Athletics are not only important because of their entertainment value. Central’s athletes have an average graduation rate of 65 percent, compared to Central’s non-athletes who have an average graduation rate of 47.7 percent.

Weisman came to Central from Dakota State University, where he worked as the Athletic Development Foundation Officer. Weisman has a very demanding position with Central, but even more impressive is his position at home. Not only is he married, he is a father of six. LuAnnabelle, his two-year-old daughter, got a head start on her career in athletics, when she joined the Catbacker Luncheon last Thursday.

Did they really say that?
Dumb quotes from around professional sports

Oiler coach Bum Phillips when asked by Bob Costas why he takes his wife on all road trips, Phillips responded: ‘Because she is too damn ugly to kiss good-bye.’

Chicago Cubs outfielder Andre Dawson on being a role model: “I want all the kids to do what I do, to look up to me. I want all the kids to copulate me.”

New Orleans Saint runningback George Rogers when asked about the upcoming season: “I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first.”

Boxing promoter Dan Duva on Mike Tyson hooking up again with promoter Don King: “Why would anyone expect him to come out smarter? He went to prison for three years, not Princeton.”

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Thank you to Misty Jurgensen, Jim Morrison, Jim Pelletier and Hillary Olmstead, for their contributions as 2002 Summer Interns and good luck in the 2002-2003 Academic School Year. Go Wildcats!

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Soccer wins first home game

The Wildcats maneuver to gain possession of the ball in the team's first home victory of the season against Northwest Nazarene 2-1. Central faces Western Oregon tomorrow in Monmouth, Oregon.

by Takeshi Kojima
Staff reporter

While some students are losing summer vacation memories and beginning to recognize the school year, the Wildcat soccer team has finally won its first home game.

The season consists of 20 games, nine of which are home.

"I think overall we have a great group of girls," head coach Michael Farrand, who has been working for the Wildcats for three years, said.

As for the 2002 season, the Wildcat soccer team 2-10-0 record (as of 10/09/02).

"I think the girls are disappointed and frustrated with the results. The whole group of our women's soccer is close. When we don't play well we don't get the results we're looking for. It's painful" said Farrand.

Last Saturday, the Wildcats faced off against the Seattle Pacific Falcons (5-4-2). In the windy weather, about 100 people came to see the game.

In the first half, the Wildcats attacked several times, taking advantage of the home cheers. Just before the whistle, forward sophomore, Rachel Casillas, scored against the Falcons. In the second half the Falcons made a counter though they were silent at the first half. Within four minutes of each other, they scored twice. The Wildcats could not keep leading the score and attacked properly for the second half. As a result, the Wildcats are lost their 1 Win, 10 Loses, and 0 Ties. Falcons are 5 Wins, 4 Loses, and 2 Ties.

"For the rest of the season, I want them to continue to work with each other. Be positive, and just worry about one game at a time," Farrand said.

Because the Wildcats got the first home win against the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders by 2-1 Monday, so far is 2 Wins, 10 Loses, and 0 Ties. Kelly Marvin, senior, and sophomore, Whitney Caron, scored at the game.
Tomlinson Stadium sports new siding as well as scoreboards, ticket booth, bleachers, a new landscape and new press box. Nicholson Pavilion and the baseball field are also getting in on the new renovations with the addition of new scoreboards which will dramatically improve the quality of sound and visuals.

Face lift perks up stadium

by Walker Anderson  Staff reporter

Tomlinson Stadium is receiving a new face and a new attitude.

The revamping that started in spring 2002 includes a new press box, side paneling, bleachers, a ticket booth, scoreboard and a spuced up landscape, all of which will liven up the currently Tomlinson Stadium, expected to be finished spring 2003.

The new press box will give camera crews added room to film and to work away from the field to reduce the risk of injury. There will also be a place to conduct radio broadcasts, as well as a social and entertaining area for the people who have helped bring the project to life.

"We want students to be proud of their school."

— Jack Bishop

New scoreboards will be in place in all sports facilities Tomlinson Stadium, Nicholson Pavilion and the baseball field. The scoreboards will run through a Venus 7,000 computer, which will improve the presentation of the games.

For instance, if "The Star Spangled Banner" is to be played, a flag will be displayed on the board in sync with the music. The scoreboard will be able to display names of athletes, and in the case of track meets, the times of the athletes will be instantly displayed. The scoreboards will also include new sound systems for a much clearer and defined sound.

"The new scoreboards are like the diamond on the ring," Jack Bishop, Director of Athletics, said. Head football coach, John Zamberlin, hopes the improvements will be noticed and liked by the fans and students.

"Any improvements will be a huge benefit for both recruiting and to the fans," Zamberlin said.

With the addition of bleacher seating and ticket booth, the new facility will also be more fan friendly. The new seating was put in place last spring to replace outdated bleachers. The new ticket booth will be changed from three small booths to one large booth to improve the flow of traffic into the stadium.

One of the great benefits of this project is that it is not coming out of student's pockets or the Central Washington University budget. The half-a-million dollar project is entirely funded by advertising on the new scoreboards, stadium walls and the government.

In addition to advertising and government grants, the project is also receiving environmental government money to replace the outdated side paneling of the stadium. The previous side paneling was painting with a lead based paint which has started to leak into the ground. This can contaminate the groundwater in the area and the lead also has a chance of making it into the Yakima River.

It is hoped that the stadium remodel will improve school spirit and add more interest in Central sports.

"We want students to be proud of their school," Bishop said.

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Swimmers get ready to rumble 2002-03 season

by Shauna Kissner
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's Wildcat swim team is geared up and ready to dive into a new season. With only losing one athlete in the offseason the women are feeling superior. Last year the team had a lot of freshmen who can now show what they have to offer the team.

Coach Candi Eslinger has coached at Central for four years. She coached the Ellensburg Swimming Club for eight years before she started at Central.

"This year the swim team looks strong. We have a lot of younger girls this year but the aspect of the team will not change due to a lot of girls returning," Eslinger said.

The team's first competition is an Oct. 25 intersquad meet. On Oct. 26 the women's squad has an Alumni meet at 10 a.m. The alumni meet pits former Central swimmers against current team members. At 1 p.m. on Nov. 9 in Ellensburg, the Wildcats will take on Seattle University. Most of the competitions this year will be in the winter.

"Last year the swim team was very exciting because there were a lot of new girls that not very many people knew a lot about," Shawn Johnson, junior biology major, said.
Basketball shoots for winning season

Loss of star players force Wildcats to rebuild in 2002-03

by RJ Brown
Staff reporter

Strength training, conditioning and a whole lot of hard work is preparing Central Washington University's men's and women's basketball teams for another possible winning season.

Central's women's basketball team is coming off last year's winning season (20-6 record), in which the team placed second in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

Returning key players, such as seniors Angela Jenson and Karissa Martin, should help spark the team to a successful start.

"Point guard Angela Jenson's leadership role will be expected," head coach Jeff Whitney said.

The Wildcats were strong during the Anchorage game with a total of 16.29 kills per game. Meyers was assisted by setting Kate Reome who received an Honorable Mention as a freshman in 2001.

Last week in Alaska the Wildcats split their games with a win to Anchorage and a loss to Fairbanks. The Wildcats were strong during the Anchorage game with a total of eleven blocks to Anchorage's six and a half. The team was led by sophomore Julie Roberts, who had 25.5 points against Anchorage. This Friday the team takes on Seattle Pacific University. The Wildcats are currently undefeated against the Seattle Pacific University.

Coach Andaya is looking forward to seeing his team develop over the season. "I feel real good about the team's foundation (the younger players), Andaya said.

The Wildcats future of this season is still uncertain, with a current record of four wins and three losses. "We will need to work hard to make it to the playoffs," Andaya said.

"We're expect-ed to do well and the recruits we brought in will have a very nice season, " Jeff Whitney, head coach of women's basketball.

The Wildcats will have some offensive weapons, but someone will have to step up as a consistent scorer. The first exhibition game will be at 7:05 p.m. November 9 at Cheney against Eastern Washington University.

Central's men's basketball team is also coming off a winning season (16-10). During pre-season the players are involved in strength and conditioning training once a day. "Some competitive opponents within the region will test the player's abilities and skills this season. Seattle Pacific, Western and Anchorage are teams who may be considered tough for the upcoming season," head coach Greg Sparling said.

Top returning players for the men's Wildcat team include sophomore Scottie Freymond and junior Terry Thompson. "We have a good mix of athletic guys," Sparling said.

Although the team acquired a few top recruits in off season, Sparling believes it is too soon to make justifications on how well the team will do.

"The league is tough from top to bottom and the depth of our players will be a key factor for the upcoming season," Sparling said. "Scottie Freeman and Terry Thompson are two players for the wildcats who are expected to provide leadership on and off the court because they know what to expect."

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