Snow at last

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by Emily Bonden
Asst. news editor

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Central groups provide for neglected lab chimps

by Stephanie Snobar
Staff reporter

Students in the Central Washington University branch of the Jane Goodall-created club "Roots and Shoots," in partnership with Central's Service-Learning and Volunteer Center and Friends of Washoe are making a difference for chimps from Coulston Primate Lab in New Mexico.

The Central groups are collecting sheets, towels, new toothbrushes, hairbrushes, nuts in shells, dried fruit in sealed packaging and new or used blankets. The chimps are now being housed in a different facility in New Mexico while they await the remodel of the center in Florida.

The lab was confronted by the government for allegedly not taking proper care of the 366 chimps and 61 monkeys used for biomedical research.

The Center for Captive Chimpanzees, established to protect laboratory chimps, with the help of several other organizations including some from Central are collaborating to create a sanctuary for the animals in Florida.

"The government funding was taken away (from Coulston) and a primatologist offered to buy them out," Katie Veis, sophomore and employee at Central's Chimpance and Human Communication Institute (CHCI), said.

Grants and donations totaling $3.7 million from several animal rights groups made it possible to buy the lab as well as make additions to the Florida center's facility. Shannon Reider, a graduate student and CHCI employee, said all the monkeys have already found homes elsewhere.

Money donated to the cause will be matched dollar for dollar by the non-profit organization Friends of Washoe, named for a chimp that lives at CHCI and dedicated to the welfare of chimps.

All of the material collected will go to chimps from the Coulston lab.

Dr. Carole Noon, founder and director of the Florida center, walked into the Coulston Primate Lab and saw a chimpanzee with monkey biscuits, which is all the primates in the lab had to eat.

Reider said the biscuit is usually a nutritional supplement, not the main course.

"They were inside metal cages with nothing to sit on except their own filth," Camille McCarthy, freshman, and CHCI employee said.

Noon witnessed one chimp make a ring around himself in his cage with his monkey biscuits for a nest. After seeing this innate primate behavior Noon gave him a white blanket.

"He kept it pristine, using it when he needed and out of the way when he didn't," Reider said.

According to the Florida center, the Coulston lab was investigated at least seven times and formally charged four times by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for violating the Federal Animal Welfare Act. The charges included negligence resulting in the deaths of 10 chimpanzees and four monkeys.

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Reider said the groups are trying to get more people involved in the effort. Last week they set up a table in the Samuelson Union Building (SUB) where people could personalize a square of a quilt for a chimp. Donations are being accepted at Jerrod's Book and Supply Co. and the Service-Learning and Volunteer Center in the SUB room 211.

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Political science professors (left to right) Todd Schaefer, Jim Brown and Mike Launius address the crowd that assembled in the Grupe Center for a political colloquium.

Lauinus spoke about the “Bush Doctrine” and what he sees as its negative effect on the U.S. reputation in foreign affairs. The Bush Doctrine perpetuates American elitism and primacy. Lauinus said Bush has described Iran, Iraq and North Korea as the “Axis of Evil.” Lauinus said this may lead the United States into its first pre-emptive international war because the United States cannot negotiate with evil. Lauinus claims the country has not felt terrorism’s long term resonance yet.

Some students felt the colloquium was biased. “Representation was one-sided and there was a lot of Republican bashing,” Sergey Zuyev junior engineering major, said.

Brown said the United States is moving toward an ultra-conservative extremist nation. He said he feels elements of this election are signs of emerging fascism.

The University Writing Center is free to students seeking help on writing assignments. It gives constructive criticism and information. Please bring: typed paper, instructor guidelines, textbook, marked drafts, pen or pencil and a good attitude. Call 903-1296 for an appointment. The writing center is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. The writing center is located in Hebele Hall room 218.

CASH FOR BOOKS

The University Bookstore's book buy-back will run through Dec. 13. Books can be sold back Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (3 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13) and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

NO CLASS

Monday is a professional development day for faculty and a study day for students. No classes will be held.

“Always on the lookout for that special gemstone."
DUI: Three stops required every hour

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"I think it is money well spent considering we are able to put extra law enforcement officers out during the holiday season when people may be drinking more," VanDyk said.

The advertising blitz cost the state $350,000, while the increased patrols cost $380,000. Patrols in Ellensburg will be increased during the evening and early morning hours.

"I would expect we are going to be doing these types of campaigns several times a year," VanDyk said.

A statewide roving patrol of five or six vehicles will look for problems in certain areas, including college campuses. The roving patrol is in addition to increased local patrols and helps local agencies with problem areas.

"Anything we have a problem area we will be looking for. For DUls," Magnusen said.

There will be 12 extra shifts done by Ellensburg police who are strictly looking for DUls.

"What they look for are things you might not think of," VanDyk said. "Drunk drivers often make little mistakes."

Law enforcement officers check vehicles to see if their headlights are on, if they are over or under the speed limit, weaving in and out of traffic, straying over the center line, or missing stop signs. An officer must have probable cause in order to pull over a driver, but many DUls are picked up because they were pulled over for something else.

A blood alcohol level of 0.08 is considered legally drunk. Drunk drivers with a blood alcohol level under 0.08 can be prosecuted if the officer believes they are a hazard to other drivers or themselves.

"The presence of alcohol doesn’t necessarily mean you are over the legal limit," VanDyk said.

Some officers have flashlights with alcohol sensors on them, but the officers also use their own sense of smell to check for the telltale scent of alcohol.

"When the troopers are on these overtime shifts they are required to stop three vehicles an hour," Magnusen said. "If we have people working overtime we want them to be doing more."

Officers are careful to watch the demeanor of a driver they have pulled over. They check for slurred speech and see how long it takes for the driver to find their wallet.

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TOTS: Donated toys fill baskets

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At least 21-years-old because of bar service.

This year, six bands will perform from 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. while guests enjoy refreshments and hamburgers donated by local merchants such as Burger King and Kenny Jackson of the Palace Cafe. Around 400 people helped a thousand families last year, De Vries said.

Donations of toys or money can be made to the Toys for Tots project distributed on Dec. 14.

"Operation Elf is a Christmas social event, complete with food, crafts and gifts from Santa," Student Empowerment Program coordinator, said. "Basically we’re in business for three weeks out of the year putting together the baskets." Anita Bowers, Ellensburg Christmas Basket Program coordinator, said.

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One hundred percent of the money received through the ticket sales and raffle sale, combined with donations of toys or money can be made to the Toys for Tots project distributed on Dec. 14.

After the shopping spree, the toys are taken to the National Guard Armory to be used in Operation Elf.

"We have a big crew that we send in periodically," Carissa Ferrell, Center for Student Empowerment program manager, said.

The program is in its second year and approximately 50 students and children are expected to attend.

This year’s Toys for Tots event is in memory of co-founder Edgar Painter who died this year.

The Ellensburg Community Christmas Basket program.

For 30 years the volunteer program has provided toys and food for Kittitas County families. The baskets will be distributed on Dec. 21.

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Courtesy of Washington Traffic Safety Commission

Fliers, posters, bumper stickers and billboards similar to this have been can be seen throughout the state warning potential drunk driver of the risk they face.

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**OBSESSION**

**Expect to encounter diverse opinions at a liberal college**

"Jerk-off," "brainwashing rhetoric," "vulgar" and "I was offended and sickened" have been printed on the Opinion pages this fall. So have "interesting" articles that are fun to read; "outstanding," "excellent" and "they are awesome." These strong, emotional words reflect diverse reactions to a variety of controversial issues covered by the Observer during the fall. No single reaction is necessarily right or wrong; each one is somebody's opinion.

The Opinion section in the Observer is not a forum for personal attacks. It is not an arena to blindly praise programs because people tell us as we should. The opinion pages are, however, an effective way to publicize issues, concerns, misunderstandings and kudos in order to raise awareness about something that may affect readers. When combined with publishing reader's responses, the opinion pages become a successful interactive forum for communication.

Six thousand copies of the Observer are distributed each week to Central Washington University students, staff and faculty, as well as around Ellensburg and at the satellite campuses. Additional readers access the online version. What better way to express an idea than to make thousands of people aware of it at once? Most forums and lectures held on campus attract only a handful of people. At Central, there is no better way to reach such a large and diverse audience as through the Observer.

Some issues raised are serious, such as the possibility of impending military action against Iraq. Some are more light-hearted, like the thumbs-down to Ellensburg's lack of public transportation. And some are downright controversial, for example, the coverage of the strip show at the Thunderbird.

These issues may not all have an impact on every reader, but each topic channels something that is important to somebody into public knowledge.

You may be surprised, after you are exposed to an issue, to learn it affects you. And opinions can be eye-opening. They can illustrate a different point of view. Sometimes, if the right people read an opinion and take action, an issue can be resolved. At the very least, the author of the letter will feel his or her comments were heard.

Each topic is somebody's opinion. Every person's opinion is valid. Central is a liberal arts school. The administration is launching a massive campaign to enhance diversity on campus even further. A diverse population is bound to bring diverse ideas. When reading the opinion pages, expect to encounter unfamiliar concepts and beliefs. Agree or disagree with them. Get enraged, disgusted, ecstatic or hopeful. But be thankful that we're not carbon copies of each other.

The Observer encourages letters to the editor. Even if people don't agree with an opinion, another issue has been exposed to readers. Letters and opinions can be eye-opening. They can illustrate a different point of view. Sometimes, if the right people read an opinion and take action, an issue can be resolved. At the very least, the author of the letter will feel his or her comments were heard.

It has been said that a newspaper is the heartbeat of a campus. Judging from the content and quantity of letters to the editor, Central's blood runs thick with thinkers, doers and people who are willing to express and listen to points of view different than their own.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

People should take responsibility for their opinions

I am sometimes amazed by the rhetoric and narrow-minded ideologies portrayed in the opinion section of the Observer. Some individuals rail against a certain behavior or attitude, however, the arguments they cling to support not only their position, but the positions they so vehemently oppose. They want to throw out buzzwords such as freedom, rights and choice. These concepts are too often embraced as long as they fit into the self-serving paradigm of their daily thoughts. When they do not fit they are given ugly names such as victimization, ignorance and bigotry.

It is sad that I have heard so few of these individuals mention personal responsibility. Our nation was born of freedoms tempered with truth and epitomized in a hope that responsibility would be the cornerstone. Some continue to claim they are open-minded, but if you read their remarks, they are only open-minded as long as their values and beliefs are not challenged. If I wish to extol the virtues of beer bongs and vibrators I have the right to do that whenever and wherever I wish. Charge those batteries baby it's got to be protected by some constitutional amendment somewhere! If I want to proclaim my belief in marriage and commitment sanctified by God, I am on shaky ground because I have not specified "whose God." If I proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord I am suddenly a narrow minded, hypocritical bigot. How can you spend half a column equating people with Nazi "storm-troopers" when you espouse tolerance and freedom? The person you wrote about's only apparent offense was to express equally passionate feelings about an issue, yet he expressed them in a more civil and respectful manner than you ever could ever conceived of doing. Oh wait, that's right he was one of those Jesus freaks so I guess it is OK to insult him. These individuals trend of responses seems to dispense with logic, respect and rational thought patterns when their delicate sensibilities are offended. If we truly embrace freedom and choice, I should expect to see rational and well thought out responses, free from name-calling, insults and moronic angst. I expect more from a collection of minds that are supposed to be the best and brightest our nation has to offer. CWU is a good universitiy, filled with some remarkable minds, and outstanding students. Hurting insults, or undertaking a character attack is an easy alternative to engaging in the real core issues that need dialogue. It is these people whose comments often degenerate into a self-righteous diatribe of anger and hostility about how others just need to keep quiet. Am I the only one who sees the sal and pathetic irony here?

I truly enjoy the Observer. And while I often don't agree with, or do I always like what I read, these letters are part of the process.

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the great American dynamic and the burden of freedom that we are so privileged to enjoy. As the observer would say...thumbs up to

Rev. Sid Rapp, editor-offering a respectful, well thought out opinion that you may or may not have agreed with. You know who the thumbs down belongs to.

Matt Morton
Central alumnus
City of Ellensburg resident

No guarantee for teaching jobs in the real world

Having graduated as a teacher, I would like to comment about my job-getting ability. After all, there has been all this talk about a "teaching shortage." Well, all I can say is, there is NO teacher shortage. It is a big lie! I have a teaching certificate and two endorse­
ments, I am in search of a job anywhere. Granted, one is in the social studies field, but there are NO jobs out there! I felt com­
pletely unprepared and uneducated in the education program now, get out, you will only get a job if you’re not SPED, math or science. And, while many women I know have gotten jobs, many men I know have not. So, to warn the girls, get out of teaching, you’ll have a very difficult time getting a job. Schools are looking for diversity, not white males.

Catalina Medina
Central alumna

Meal plan prices, chair’s opinion, are misleading

I am writing in response to two different items that I read in the Nov. 21 issue. The first is the arti­cle written by Susan Bunday, in the meal plan prices section. She says that you can eat at Holmes West for under $5. This is very misleading to anybody who doesn’t read between the lines. The article fails to mention the manufacturing overhead that the school applies to everybody. Every quarter the school applies close to $300 of overhead to every student that has a “on-campus” meal plan. So in reality you are paying close to $5. So don’t be fooled. If anybody thinks that the meal plan for on­
campus students is a good deal, I welcome them to take Account­ing 305 and learn how they would know how much the school ripped them off. The second issue I want­
ed to talk about is the opinion of the chair of the Political Science department. Jim Brown remarks, “the continued presence of U.N. inspectors has worked before in the 1930’s until we with­
drew them in 1998, and it can work again.” Where do I begin? Mr. Brown should take responsibility for his own words. It is his own fault that we are in Iraq now. He decided to withdraw the inspectors and lead an American and British assault on Iraq. Clearly he was not the case, and we have done nothing but let Mr. Hussein flaunt his defiance to the U.N., resolution passed after Mr. Hussein invaded another country un-provoked. Hopefully Mr. Brown can maybe elaborate on his stance with Iraq. Mark Turley
Junior
Accounting, finance

Bad3uzzards at DQ can be blamed on price, high volume

This is a response to Sarah Muknes’ Nov. 21st Thumbs Down to the Dairy Queen. We have a sale on blizzards. This is not a sale for only our store which serves mostly local customers and university stu­dents. With our blizzards on sale, we are making about 200 more a day than usual. Our small store, with two soft serve machines, struggles to keep up with this extra demand, not even counting the other ice cream treats we sell. I do admit that the ice cream does get soft when we are busy. Sorry. But, you might take a poll of students to see how many would rather have a thinner 99 cent blizzard than a thicker $2.19 of the same size. Our success with this sale, as mea­
sured by the increased volume of blizzards sold, tells us most stu­dents would rather take it as not have this treat on sale. Connie Gordon
DQ Manager

Observer did good job covering 11-0 football season

I would like to thank the staff of the Observer for its fine cover­age of the CWU football team in the Nov. 14 edition and all year. This is a truly remarkable group of young men who are dedicated to Central Washington University, football and each other. They have shown this in their performance and you have revealed it in your articles. I also appreciate that you have brought to the student body’s attention those who are usually not in the spotlight — the offensive line.

This success is a team effort — but please remember that every student, faculty member, adminis­trator and support staff are part of this team. The support the football team, and all of our athletics, have received from all of you have played a big role in the success of our program.

We Thank You, Jack Bishop
Director of Athletics

Anti-war protesters’ assumption incorrectly about sanctions

I took the opportunity last week to observe the anti-war presenta­tion in the SUB, sponsored by the No Touching Ground organization. I went to see what students had to say about the possibility of war with Iraq. I went because as a member of the military, I feel responsible to know how citizens perceive the use of America’s Armed Forces. Though I was not able to see the protests against the Vietnam War, I am well aware of the history of the Vietnam wars and how it had on America and its military. I observed last Monday’s presenta­tion with an open mind, but I feel the speakers were incorrect in their assumptions.

The speakers were informed and knowledgeable. While I respect their right to speak (and will defend it with my life), it is my opinion that they lost sight of the topic. Whereas they were in opposition of military action against Iraq, too much of their argument leaned on the sanctions the United States has placed on Iraq imposed. While these sanctions and the probable detriment they have cause to the civilian popula­tion are significant, we must not forget the real cause. The sanctions in place against the government of Iraq have nothing to do with the possibility of the United States targeting the Hussein regime because it will not comply with United Nations poli­cies and it represents a threat to the stability of a region upon which this country depend on for natural resources.

Against this country’s his­tory, we as a people have stood up in the fight against tyranny and persecution. Americans have made a moral obligation against unjust governments and threats to our nation and its allies. Our coun­try has fought to protect the lives and freedoms of countless peoples — why should we sit by and watch now? The United States took ini­tiative to eliminate the fascist and Nazi governments in WWII, end­ing the subjugation of Europe and the Holocaust. We have stepped in to stop those who support terrorism and end the genocide cause by Serbian leader Milosevic, Saddam Hussein’s government has repeat­edly used military force, including chemical weapons, against the citi­zens of Iraq. The present regime rules by terror, and makes to attempt at hiding their support of militant terrorist around the world. Iraq is a threat to allied nations, our resources and overseas forces and you and I both know if the United States was a nation that should justify military action against Iraq.

I may not agree with every national security policy of the Bush administration, but I believe the United States has a right to be there. I believe that the United States should stay until Iraq is gone. We should not have to worry about the future of Iraq. I believe that Americans should be proud of what we have accomplished so far. I believe that the best thing to happen to Iraq was war. We should now leave Iraq right now. This is not Sea-Tac. The military is still there, they should not be gone. They should stay until Iraq is gone.

We Thank You, Matt Morton
Assistant photo editor

--Tracey Anderson, senior law and justice

"Being around family, and going back and seeing my family. Having everybody happy. It’s just a joyous time."

-Damone Garnes, senior, electrical engineering

"Being with my friends and family. It’s the only time when everybody comes together."

—Jennifer Turner, sophomore, secondary education

THUMBS UP

"Thumbs up to being the last week of the quarter."

—Shawna Kissmer, Staff reporter

"Thumbs up to the holiday spirit showing up all over campus. Festive Christmas music, hot drinks and tree-lighting ceremonies are making me excited for the rest of the month!"

—Allison Worrell, Editor-in-Chief

"Thumbs up to December 9 — no class! It’s a study and sleep in day.

—Jennifer McDaniel, Staff reporter

"Thumbs up to the reporters, editors, and staff of the Observer for all of the hours they devote to the campus newspaper."

—Christine Page, Adviser

"Thumbs up to the snow."

—Joe Whiteside, Photo editor

"Thumbs up to sasutama oranges. They are so hot right now."

—Shane Cleveland, News editor

THUMBS DOWN

"Thumbs down to early snows, freezing weather and NO SNOW yet this year."

—Hilary Shemanski, Staff reporter

"Thumbs down to people who bring their kids to finals; I’ll pay for a babysitter for two bloody hours!

—Rachel Mills, Staff reporter

"Thumbs down to those people who pull their books behind them like luggage. This isn’t Sea-Tac."

—Jacob White, Staff reporter

"Thumbs down to finals coming up next week up."

—RJ Brown, Staff reporter

"Thumbs down to the fact that the snow already melted."

—Michael Bennett, Assistant photo editor

"Thumbs down to the miserable cold weather."

—Andrew Fickes, Scene editor

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A $2 million renovation will begin winter quarter on McConnell Auditorium to address safety and space issues within the building. Among the additions is a new stage.

Multi-million venture begins on McConnell

by Rachel Mills

A $2 million renovation will begin winter quarter on McConnell Auditorium to address safety and space issues within the building. Among the additions is a new stage.

Theater exposes students to rash acts on campus

Tower theater to host microplays written by Conrad Bishop and Elizabeth Fuller, performed and directed by theater students

by Rachel Mills

Little green flyers everywhere warn Central Washington University students that the eye is watching them. Relax, it's another obscure slogan like the whole Tyler and Pete campaign. It's advertising for the theater department's newest performance, Rash Acts.

The show will run from Dec. 4 through Dec. 7 at the Tower Theatre and tickets are $5. The performance includes 16 microplays all written by guest playwrights Conrad Bishop and Elizabeth Fuller.

"I picked these plays because the writing is stark, concise and excellent," Derek Lane, assistant professor of design and facilities planning and construction services, said.

Many students have questioned the renovation's impact on the theater department and the Classic Film Series. The theater department moved all of its performances to the Tower Theatre as soon as the funding was approved.

The department doesn't expect any loss in revenue as a result of the relocation.

The closure of McConnell Auditorium will greatly impact the Classic Film Series. No classic films will show until fall 2003. There is no other place to hold the series, including the likely places: Samuelson Union Building's SUB theater and ballroom.

"We would have to move a 35mm projector and platform and the (SUB) isn't set up for that projector," Scott Drummond, director of Campus Activities, said.

With record-setting attendance averaging 175 to 200 people per movie this quarter, Drummond is not opposed to finding alternative media forms for sporadic viewings throughout the rest of the school year.

"If this construction takes up any more of the Eighth Street sidewalk, I am doomed to be hit by a car," Mary Jesell, junior law and justice major, said.

Since most of the improvements are internal, the McConnell construction should create minimal obstruction to pathways already constructed by Kamaia's restoration.

Whatever it means for you is what we meant.

Elizabeth Fuller

Theater 101 students saw an early show Monday Nov. 25 as part of their class.

"Rash Acts" was good and funny," Katie Akers, sophomore family studies major, said.
Central professor teaches celebrity chimpanzees

by Jacob White
Staff reporter

If you were disappointed the last time you saw a celebrity at Central Washington University then you may want to visit Central's very own world renowned star, Washoe.

Washoe is well known for being the first chimpanzee to communicate with humans through sign language. Central professors Roger and Debbie Fouts have raised Washoe, along with chimpanzees Dar, Loulis, Tatu and the recently deceased Moja.

I sat down with Debbie Fouts to speak to her about the family of chimpanzees, the Chimposium and working alongside her husband.

Q: I heard a rumor that when the chimps were first brought here that they would be taken out on walks around town. Is that true?
A: They had been moved from a human home, to what was basically a prison; the third floor of the Psychology Building. We wanted to help their transition, so we would take them out so they could climb trees.

Q: Any funny stories about taking them on these walks?
A: Yeah, people don’t understand the strength of chimpanzees. They would come walking by with their two-year-old and throw them by the chimps and say “go play with the monkey, go play with the monkey.” Obviously they’re chimpanzees and we were like, “No!” and people would become incensed that we weren’t allowing them to play.

Q: How’s working with your husband been all these years?
A: We’ve been married so long, and we get along so well. Our offices are right next to each other. We are very lucky.

Q: How can students become involved in the program?
A: We have a major, primate behavior ecology, or we have student interns. It all starts in the fall, with Primate 220, whether you are a primate major or a student that wants to find out if this is what you want to do. We also have a docent program that starts in either February or March; there will be flyers up around campus. We have a number of students who are involved as a docent. It’s a great way to get started if you’re not sure you really want to make a commitment of four hours a week. If you are a docent, you have to be here at least once a month.

Q: When can students come visit the chimps?
A: They can go to chimposiums on the weekends and groups of 20 or more can arrange to come during the week. Students can also come through classes. The residence halls use to have special chimposiums for their residents, which was a great program but they haven’t done those for awhile.

Q: What has been one of the more memorable or funny moments for you working with the chimps?
A: Well… this has been a challenging year, because Moja passed away in June. It wasn’t really funny but an interesting observation. Mary (Mary Lee Jensvold, assistant director) had been out of town when Moja passed away. The rest of us had had time to go through the grieving process. Tatu was signing “hurt, hurt” and “cry, cry.” It was a difficult time. When Mary got back she went in to greet the chimps and started signing “cry” and “hurt.” Washoe saw Mary and was coming towards her with Loulis. When she got close up she saw Mary was crying. She kind of picked Loulis up and it was like “no, no we’ve been there, we’re not going there again.”

It’s difficult for them cause they are stuck there, and they have to absorb our emotions. It was sad, but it was funny, because Washoe was like, “Its great to see you but if you’re going to be crying then I’m out of here.”
Best of Ellensburg

Scene takes one last look at the hot spots to visit before winter vacation in this college town.

Paradise in a small town

Local Ellensburg band Abnormal Ally is one of many acts who have graced Café Eden’s stage in the last year. The café caters to all ages for entertainment.

Dancing and eating at the same place sounds too good to be true here in Ellensburg, but I assure you a place such does exist.

At Café Eden on Main Street people can eat to their heart’s content during the day and shake their tail while floral print tablecloths decorate the furniture.

This is an excellent entertainment place for the young ones out there who cannot yet enter the smoke-filled bars and yearn for nightlife off-campus. It also appeals to the 21-and-over crowd looking for something new and different.

Café Eden offers all-ages live music with a cover charge from three to five bucks. Music is provided by a variety of local bands including Open Country Joy.

I had the pleasure of attending one of Open Country Joy’s shows at Café Eden and it was definitely an experience. The dance floor was packed with all kinds of people. Excited locals, exuberant college students, and energetic children danced around to the upbeat music.

I even got into the spirit and wigged a little, even though I only go about once a week. I don’t see myself becoming a regular attendee, but I don’t regret going. The place has a relaxed atmosphere and there’s always a new crowd.

The set-up of the stage almost forced everyone who entered the door to get up off their feet and boogie. So what about the food? This is a café, right? It definitely is and it did not disappoint my taste buds.

I had the Cheese Please Sandwich, which is like a grilled cheese sandwich on sourdough. The sandwich satisfied my palate, but made my nearly empty wallet cringe a little. The fancy Cheese Please Sandwich I tried cost almost six dollars. That’s a bit pricey for something like this, but I’m willing to pay for the experience.

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Films and Fido for Friday night frolics

by Rachel Mills
Staff reporter

For those students living on campus, movies are just a small walk away. The Liberty Theatre, located on Fifth and Pine, is only a few blocks from Central Washington University.

“(The Liberty) opened at least 50 to 60 years ago with only one screen,” Travis Bayer, the Liberty’s assistant manager and junior business major, said.

The Liberty now has three screens with a minimum of three movies showing at all times.

Movie-goers can grab a Pepsi product and some candy or popcorn at the concession stand. Two movies that will be showing through the end of the quarter are “Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers” starring Elijah Wood and “Catch Me If You Can,” starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks.

Venturing further in downtown, one can enjoy a slideshow while viewing a favorite film at the Grand Central Theatre, located on 300 N. Pearl. Usually the movies shown at the Grand Central aren’t playing at the Liberty and vice versa, allowing for a larger variety of choices.

“Movies change about every two weeks, but we’ve had ‘The Ring’ all month,” Ashley Rixinger, the Grand’s executive concessions manager, said.

Patrons can view films on three screens and enjoy a sip of a Coke product to wash down concessions favorites like big pretzels and popcorn. One thing unique to the Grand Central is the miniature train that runs through the lobby.

“Kids love the train, I should know, I am a kid,” Brett Riexinger, patron monitor at the Grand Central, said.

Escape Ellensburg and go to the Roslyn Theatre on Dakota Street in Roslyn. Can’t find it? Just look for the giant mural of the Roslyn Theatre. If you don’t see it, you’re in the wrong place.

The small theatre was originally a mortuary and seats 76 on the main floor plus 15 more on the balcony. Patrons are asked to call and reserve balcony seats, including those of the four legged kind.

“Well-mannered dogs are allowed in,” Gina Bowen, employee, said.

With only one screen, movies rotate every week. An individual is picked each week in a drawing to receive a free movie, popcorn and soda.

Don’t be shocked if a Klingon is running the ticket booth. The staff likes to dress in character for the movies being shown at the theatre.

Happy Holidays!
From the Observer
Eccentric stores end shopping woes

by Carly Goddess
Staff reporter

"This season. With Old Man Winter comes frozen windshields, icy roads, and something else that sends chills right down the spine of poor college students everywhere: holiday shopping.

Before packing the car and heading home for the holidays, take a walk down Main Street. Ellensburg has quite a few eclectic shops filled with treasures to surprise and delight everyone on the Christmas list this year.

A wonderland of retro fashion can be found at Threads and Needles. Vintage clothing, old records, headscarves, curtains, and accessories fill the racks and shelves. If the styles of yesterday aren't appealing, check out the large selection of slightly used items from the here and now, like brand name jeans, shirts and shoes.

With a clever play on words, Threads and Needles is much more than funky fashion. If all your mom can talk about this year is getting her tongue pierced for Christmas, owner Kelly Parke is the girl for the job.

Threads and Needles offers a full line of body jewelry and piercing.

"The special this month is $10 off ear piercing. "I think that body piercing is my favorite part of our business because everyone is so different," Parke said.

With so much already available, Parke and co-owner Carol Cox are open to suggestions for expansion. "Incense will be available soon and black light posters are on hand.

If money is tight, as it always seems to be, bring in those jeans that just don't fit after Thanksgiving or the shoes that sit in the back of the closet and see if Parke or Cox will

Stocking the shelves with vintage clothing, owner Carol Cox awaits the busy holiday weeks to come. Vintage gifts offer students an alternative to pricey chain-store items.

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Outlaw Tattoo is located across the street from Safeway on 4th Street and is the newest of the Ellensburg tattoo parlors, but has the most experienced tattoo artist in eight-year veteran Xavier Cavazos.

"We specialize in putting out, literally, the best tattoos," Cavazos said.

Cavazos is intimidating at first sight, his face is covered in tribal tattoo designs. However, his friendliness and good-hearted nature is a favorite part of our business because everyone is so different.

"I'll love to meet a lot of interesting people," Reams said. "It's more fun than anything, and I'm still able to be involved in art."

Located on Main Street and open seven days per week, Tiki Tattoo draws a large array of customers and is where artists and college students come together. Reames cited many local business owners that he has inked along with many customers who arrive fresh from concerts at the Gorge. Of the more popular tattoos that Reames and James have been doing are stars and Japanese characters, called Kanji. James said that they specialize in smart tattoos. That may seem like an oxymoron but James explains that a smart tattoo is a tattoo that will keep its color and shape for years.

Ellensburg tattoo parlors design painstaking art

by Jacob White
Staff reporter

Of all the listings experiences a college student will partake in, none rival the permanence of a tattoo. The reasons behind baring flesh to the needle are various. No matter what the personal reason behind the decision, one must choose carefully the tattoo artist who will forever leave their mark on the canvas that is your skin.

There are three tattoo parlors in Ellensburg: Tiki Tattoo, Outlaw Tattoo and King Kat. All offer talented young artists with an assortment of specialties.

The largest collection of flash (pre-designed tattoo drawings) in Ellensburg— -the brick walls of the Tiki Tattoo parlor where Ben Reames, Curtis James and Melody Malek decorate the bodies of their customers with ink.

Reams graduated from Central Washington University in 1999 with a Bachelor of Fine Art in studio painting and after the advice of a friend found a love for the art of tattooing.

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Anthony Alvarez of King Kat Tattoos creates another masterpiece on his human canvas Denver Monaghan.

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2. Turn off and drain outside faucets.

3. During periods of extreme cold weather, it is wise to use the water periodically, or allow a small amount of water to run, to maintain circulation in the water pipes.

4. If your residence is vacant for a short time, set the thermostat high enough so the pipes won't freeze.

5. If your residence is vacant for an extended period of time, have your water turned off at the meter by the City Water Department, at no charge during normal working hours, so you can drain your pipes.

If your pipes should freeze, do not use an open flame to thaw the pipes, and use caution for clearance when using space heaters. If you are unable to locate a shut-off valve to repair broken pipes, be City Water Department will turn off your water at the meter, with no charge during normal working hours, while repairs are completed. It is very important only City personnel turn off water meters as the shut-off valve may freeze during cold weather causing it to break easily. In order for City personnel to shut off your water in a timely fashion, make sure your address is visible on your house and all debris is removed from the top of the water meter box.

If you have any questions, or for after hours emergency shut-off, please call the City Water Division at 962-7230.

A public service message from the City of Ellensburg Public Works Department

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Imports De Latierra carries Maher's clothing line, Lotus Design, as well as incense, paper lanterns, tapestries, candles and soap.

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Auditions for Vagina Monologues scheduled

by Andrew Fickes
Scene editor

The Center for Student Empowerment is excited to present its first-time presentation of playwright Eve Ensler's, "The Vagina Monologues." Eleven monologues, based on female sexual experiences encompass the play and serve to educate the public, in hope education will prevent further violence. "All monologues are based on true stories," Alyssa Walz, empowerment coordinator, said.

The play will run at 7 p.m. on Feb. 6, 7, 8 in the Samuelson Union Building Ballroom as part of a campaign to end violence on women.

The Center for Student Empowerment will run auditions for those interested in reading the monologues. The Center is also looking for a man and women to write original monologues that answer the question, "what would the community look like if it was violence-free?" Auditions are held from 6 until 10 p.m. on Dec. 9 in Club Central.

"Students, Central staff and all genders are welcome to audition," Maureen Elter, play director, said.

TATTOO: Colorful art for the flesh at King Kat

Continued from page 11

made present as soon as he greets his customers.

When not behind the tattoo needle, Cavazos works with Hispanic migrant farm workers to help them get their GED through a program at Central.

Former apprentice of Cavazos, Mad Matt works alongside him as a tattoo artist at Outlaw Tattoo. Mad Matt specializes in custom work.

"Come with the idea and I will draw it out for you," Mad Matt said.

Outlaw Tattoo draws a large mix of patrons, but the majority of its customers are locals.

King Kat has been open for a year and prides itself in its cleanliness and its technological knowledge in the field of tattoos. They offer the newest and best in color pigments.

"We do a lot of color work. We're more new age," Anthony Alvarez, King Kat tattoo artist, said. Alvarez specializes in Japanese and other Asian work. Along with Alvarez, there is tattoo artist, Denver Monaghan and piercer Jamin Thomas at King Kat. This tattooist is almost exclusively college students, due partly to its Eighth Street location, which makes it a short walk from the residence halls.
Central Washington University's annual craft sale, Warefair, kicked off at 10 a.m. on Wednesday Dec. 4 in the Samuelson Union Building. The arts, crafts and food festival is now in its 27th year. Vendors are selling handcrafted jewelry, ornaments, wooden items and holiday decorations. The fair joins community businesses and Central students and staff in the holiday spirit and continues through Saturday, Dec. 7.

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It is with sincere pride in the initiatives, progress, and achievements of the Board of Directors that I write to inform our constituents of the current state of our Associated Student Government. Enjoy your winter respite, dominate finals, and return refreshed, replenished and empowered.

Nathan Harris, ASCWU President

One of the most successful structural augmentations to the Board of Directors has been the Officer of Public Relations, Tamara Broughton, who has created, executed, and progressively developed a campus and community public relations campaign.

Tamara Broughton, Public Relations Officer

Regardless of the addition, however, there is still a vacant seat on the BOD resulting in the continued search for an ASCWU Vice President for Political Affairs which will provide a candidate capable of filling the position no later than December 13, 2002. In the interim, our Director for Government Relations has efficiently utilized her brief tenure, and the Office for Legislative Affairs resources, to organize 210 letters of support to the Washington State Legislature illustrating the need for the Phase II Funding of the new Music Education Facilities. Simultaneously, Monica has spearheaded the ASCWU lobbying effort to maintain the affordability of Higher Education with the Washington Student Lobby Debt Check Campaign.

Monica Medrano, Director for Government Relations

The Board of Directors scoffs at inequitable or discriminatory institutional policy and, under the coordination of Megan Fuhlman, has initiated the Progressive Living Task Force. Our intent is to review and possibly impact housing policy restricting university residences to traditional pairings of people.

Megan Fuhlman, VP for Student Life & Facilities

The ASCWU has also passed a resolution supporting the concept of an LGBT Resource on Central Washington University's Ellensburg campus in response to the referential input of support from RHA, Equity and Services Council, and the Senate for Student Organizations. David Uberti has been working diligently with the Faculty Senate on the creation of an ASCWU sponsored online course evaluation and will begin collaborative efforts with Brandy Peters on establishing a multicultural basic and breadth requirement.

David Uberti, VP for Academic Affairs & Community Service

Also in regard to institutional initiatives, Ryan McMichael has created a series of suggested criteria and relative evaluation tools to aid in the decision making of the Service and Activities Funding Committee during biennial requests.

Ryan McMichael, Executive Vice President

Although admittedly substantial efforts, the ASCWU fails to be contained on campus or in political affairs only. For example, Karina Bacca has been responsible for the ASCWU business throughout the branch campuses by organizing the Center Liaisons, creating position descriptions, and facilitating club involvement statewide.

Karina Bacca, VP for Clubs & Organizations

Additionally, the Ellensburg community participated with the ASCWU in a community forum this quarter to discuss campus development issues including the SUB/REC project. Finally, the ASCWU Board of Directors swept the Northwest Student Leadership Conference with a delegation of 19 students and brought back an unprecedented understanding of student empowerment. Other efforts include an ASCWU sponsored "Locks of Love" hair donation drive for children with cancer, a collaborative readership pilot program between the Daily Record, Seattle Times, New York Times and The Financial Times, and continued quality representation of students in every aspect of the democratic processes throughout Central Washington University.
Football players acknowledged

Central splits Rodeo City Wildcat Classic

by Takeshi Kojima
Staff reporter

To play at home not only means playing on a familiar court, but also having the support of hometown fans.

"The crowd was great," Ana Tuvalu-Rafield, Assistant Central Washington University Women's Basketball Coach, said. "We had a lot of fans, I think we had 300 fans for the game. A lot of parents came down and were very supportive. It's great to see all the fans come out to support women's basketball."

The Wildcats invited Everett State College, Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC), and Whitman College (WC) to the annual Rodeo City Wildcat Classic Nov. 22-23.

"We just wanted(s) to play well, and win the tournament because this is our court," senior guard Angela Jensen said.

On Nov. 22, the Wildcats defeated WC 74-51, with game high six assists and Hover scored 10 points and had six rebounds in her debut game at Central.

"I think we did very good," Jensen said. "We played as a team, a lot of people contributed, we did well on the board."

On Nov. 23, Central took on 19th ranked LCSC for the tournament championship. At the half, the Wildcats were behind 38-49, though sophomore guard Loni Ainslie sank three consecutive three pointers.

"I think that we didn't do a very good job of handling the pressure the first half," Jeff Whitney, head basketball coach, said. "I give credit to them (LCSC); they had a great first half."

During the second half, the Wildcats staged a counter-attack against LCSC. Jensen scored eight points of her 10 points for the game, and senior guard Meggen Kautzky also scored eight points of her 11 points for the game.

"Second half, we came out and played much better. We played much more relaxed," Whitney said.

After the final buzzer, the Sophomore Guard Nicole Rudy (right) goes for a steal against Northwest College. The Wildcats won 71-58.

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Kings of the hard court to defend home rim

by Walker Anderson
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University men's basketball team came out strong at the start of the season.

The team has started off the season with three wins and one loss. Last week's loss to Seattle Pacific University (SPU) did not discourage the Wildcats from coming back with vengeance and winning their next two games against Western State College (WSC) and Fort Lewis College.

"It is nice to be three and one," Greg Sparling, head coach, said. The Wildcats' performance from the free-throw line left much to be desired.

"We have to improve our free throw shooting," Terry Mitchell, junior math education major, said.

Despite the loss, the team seems to be coming together.

"We played well together; we have a lot of depth," Terry Thompson, senior sociology major, said.

On Friday the team came out strong against WSC. Juniors Kasey Ulun and Terry Thompson put just 22 points apiece on the board.

"Kasey was on fire," Mitchell said. "He was stroking it (making baskets) all night."

After a bit of foul trouble the bench players stepped up and played a major factor in the game. Sophomore Kyle Boast and junior Anthony Lewis helped the Wildcats light up the three-point line; the Wildcats made 43 percent of their shots from outside the arc.

Four Central players scored in the double digits as well on Saturday to lead the Wildcats to its victorious weekend.

With an entire season ahead of them, coach Sparling looks forward to displaying the Wildcats' talent.

"We have the premier team in the NCAA Division II," Sparling said.

This weekend the Wildcats take on their arch rivals, the Western Washington University Vikings, 7 p.m. on Saturday and will have another chance to prove themselves against SPU 7 p.m. on Thursday night.

Both games will be held in Nicholson Pavilion and can be heard locally on KXLE 1240 AM.

Football falls short to UCD

by RJ Brown
Staff reporter

Cool temperatures and surrounding mountains did not faze the University of California-Davis (UCD) Aggies winning efforts against Central Washington University.

An undefeated football season came to a halt as Central lost its first postseason playoff game to UCD 24-6 Nov. 23. Near the middle of the first quarter the Aggies jumped out to an early 14-0 lead against the Wildcats. The Aggies scored a 34-yard strike on a trick play to UCD sophomore receiver Kevin Freeman. The second touchdown, a five-yard run by UCD freshman running back O.J. Swanigan, capped off a three-play, 66-yard drive. The Aggies' offense was able to get inside the Wildcat 20-yard line three times, and was able to score each time. Aggies quarterback Ryan Flanagan finished an efficient game completing 16 of 19 passes for 266 yards.

"They came out more intense and with a different game plan and a couple trick plays," sophomore running back Willie Johnson said.

Throughout the game, the Wildcats' second-ranked passing offense looked anything but familiar and was shut out in the second half. The Wildcat offense was able to get inside the Aggie 20-yard line four times but scored just once. Wildcat running back Johnson scored on a one-yard run, completing an 11 play, 68-yard drive. Johnson finished the Junior wide receiver Brian Potucek (84) stretches out for the first down in Central's loss Nov. 23 to UCD 26-6.
Wildcats pick up two GNAC player of the year awards

Brian Potucek
Wide Receiver

by Hilary Shemanski
Staff reporter

Brian Potucek’s notoriety as a star wide receiver goes beyond Central Washington University. He was also named to the list of Academic All-Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) team honors. Eight other Central football players were also named out of the 23 total for the conference.

Potucek, a mechanical engineering technology major, came to Central from Clover Park High School in Lakewood. As a sophomore, he’s not looking too far into the future.

“As of now I just want to keep doing as well as I can in school and football,” Potucek said.

Potucek finished the season with 1,265 yards receiving, which according to the Wildcatsports website, made Potucek just the third player in Central’s football history to pull in more than 1,000 yards in a season. Potucek ranks sixth in the NCAA Division II in receptions and seventh in receiving yards. He was also named the Offensive Player of the Year for the conference. He was one of eight Central football players unanimously chosen for the first team of all-stars this year.

Even with all of the academic and athletic awards, Potucek finds joy in talking about the game itself.

“Besides being 11-0 for the first time in my life, the most memorable moment for me was going to North Dakota and beating the defending national champions,” Potucek said. “No one expected us to go on the road and dominate the game like we did. It set the tone for the whole season.”

In that game, Potucek had seven receptions for a total of 127 yards and two touchdowns.

Lance Gibson
Defensive Lineman

Senior defensive end Lance Gibson led the GNAC this season with 12 quarterback sacks. Gibson started in all 11 regular season games and against University of California-Davis, in Central’s first postseason game since 1998, and the first ever in the NCAA division. He also led the league in total tackles for loss with 20 for a net loss of 104 yards, total tackles numbering 59. This earned him conference Defensive Player of the Year accolades.

As the all-conference team was announced by the GNAC in November, ten Wildcat players were selected as first team all-stars, Gibson was one of Central’s eight first team choices to be selected unanimously.

Gibson came to Central from Walla Walla Community College. He graduated in 1997 from Minico High School in Rupert, Idaho.

“He’s a great athlete with all of the talent in the world,” teammate Brian Potucek, wide receiver, said. Coaches involved with the Wildcats’ undefeated regular season understand the importance of individual effort on a team.

“I think Lance and Brian are a very similar type of player, even though they play completely different positions,” Assistant Coach John Graham said. “The reason being, is they both play with great effort, and they make big plays all the time. They are the type of players that stand out during the game and everyone is watching.”
Wildcat athletes honored at the end of season

Kicking and sprinting her way through a tough season, senior exercise science major Stacy Wyman has worked to become one of this season's top athletes.

"My most memorable moment of all the years that I have played would have to be meeting all the girls along the way," Wyman said.

Wyman has not really thought about coaching soccer after graduation. She just wants to get out of school and focus on her future.

"I just want to graduate," Wyman said. "I might look into coaching in the future, but it is not a major priority for me right now."

Despite a losing season, Wyman wanted students to know the conference that the team played in was very tough.

"Players that we do have are excellent," Wyman said. "We have a really great team; it just didn't show in our stats."

Stacy Wyman
Soccer
by Shauna Kissner
Staff reporter

Swatting her way to the top of the team, senior math education major Carolyn Mires has left her name behind in the record books at Central Washington University volleyball career.

Mires attended Walla Walla High School where she participated in volleyball, basketball, and track. In high school Mires proved to be a talent on the court when she was chosen first team all-conference both her junior and senior years. She was also named captain for all three sports her senior year.

"The accolades have carried over to her career at Central. From the moment she stepped on the college court, Mires has excelled."

"When I played freshman year we beat Western and that was the first game that I really started," Mires said.

Some other memorable moments Mires recalled were all the road trips she attended with fellow players and coaches.

"The last memorable moment would have to be the last game of this season when I broke the record for career kills," Mires said.

Carolyn Mires
Volleyball
by Walker Anderson
Staff reporter

After busting out a stellar final season, cross-country runner junior Tiffany Picinich is saying so long to the dusty trail.

Picinich, elementary education major, said her biggest accomplishment this year was making it to regionals where she finished 26th in the six-kilometer race.

"In the future I would like to get a head coaching job either for basketball or volleyball," Mires said.

"I was happy. My times improved from last year," Picinich said.

The close of the season also marked the end of Picinich's cross-country career at Central Washington University. One of her favorite memories is of just hanging out with fellow teammates.

"I love the girls on the team," Picinich said.

Picinich put in a lot of work this year to get herself physically and mentally prepared.

"She gained a lot of strength aerobically this year," Kevin Adkisson, head cross country coach, said. "She is a very thoughtful and supportive person."

Picinich says most of her success is because of Adkisson.

"He has a good plan, and if you follow it you will succeed," Picinich said.

Picinich is now setting her sights on making waves for the track team. Her goal is to complete a 5,000-meter race in under 18 minutes to qualify for regionals.

"She is very capable of completing her goal," Adkisson said.

Tiffany Picinich
Cross Country
by Walker Anderson
Staff reporter

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WELLINGTON THE WILDCAT PROMOTES
SCHOOL PRIDE AROUND CENTRAL'S CAMPUS

by Walker Anderson
Staff reporter

He leads us and intimates them. His body language is outspoken yet his voice remains silent. He is comi-
cal as well as violent. He is a giant wildcat and his name is Wellington. He is Central Washington
University's mascot.

You may remember Wellington from any of Central's sporting events. He can be seen joking around with the crowd or heckling the visiting
team.

Two people, junior Scott Iwata, and senior Brent Holland, fill Wellington's soul and his costume. These two bring their own styles to
Wellington. One has a devilish trait and one comes with a professional style.

Iwata, a public relations and broadcast journalism major, is the first celebrity to play Wellington. Formerly the Mariner Mouse, Iwata brings a professional feel that is appreciated by cheer coach Kathy Hatfield.

"It is really cool to have someone to work with who has been at that level (a professional mascot)," said.

Wellington's other side. Holland, an

level (a professional mascot),"

"You get to mess around and mess with people."

"The suit lets me have freedom," Holland said.

"The two make up the yin and yang of Wellington, and this meshes well with Hatfield. "They are wonderful," Hatfield said. "They are dedicated to doing a good job."

Holland and Iwata have enjoyed transforming themselves into a cat on weekends and hope to leave their marks in the memories of all that come out to see the mascot, Wellington.

FOOTBALL: Playoff hopes come to screeching halt

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game with 42 yards on 13 carries and scored his 18th touchdown of the season.

Overall the Wildcat offense struggled five turnovers, and had trouble getting the offense to flow consistently. Junior quarterback Zach Hill completed 27 of 48 passes, while throwing for a total of 272 yards with two interceptions.

Iwata hopes to bring a new look to Wellington by purchasing a new suit. "I want to give him a face-lift and a tougher look," Iwata said.

Iwata is asking the Alumni Association, Residential Services and Admissions for financial help in getting a new Wellington outfit. With only $1,500 left, a new costume is within reach. Holland is the man behind Wellington's other side. Holland, an

education major, has played the part of Wellington for four years, and brings a harder edge to Wellington than Iwata.

"You get to mess around and mess with people," Holland said. Sometimes Holland's actions get
him a little more than he bargained for. He may have pushed his limits too far during a basketball game verse Western Washington University. He got into a physical altercation with a Western fan; both Holland and the fan were ejected from the game for their antics.

Despite the sometimes brutal working conditions Holland enjoys what he is doing.

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Athletes play Santa

Cross country runner Matt Schmitt, junior, chemistry education major kneels in front of gifts collected for the Community Christmas Basket by the Student Athletic Advising Committee (SAAC). The SAAC is made up of Central athletes who provide community service. The service project is part of the NCAA program, and is the group's fall quarter project. The committee was given the names of 15 less fortunate children in the Ellensburg area, and purchased gifts for them for the holidays.

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Do you sometimes feel as if your brain is on "empty" especially around finals? Here's how to keep it in shape so you can pump up your problem solving abilities, fight forgetfulness and think more clearly and creatively.

* Practice mentally. Studies of athletes indicate that imagining a tennis server or ski run between competitions can boost performance. Possible reason: Mental rehearsals use most of the brain connections that are switched on during the real thing, so they help build mental muscle.

* Capture creative peaks. Experts believe the brain is highly creative just before going to sleep and right after waking up. Action: Use these times to think about solutions to problems and jot down ideas that come to you.

* Focus your attention. To help remember "where" if you tend to misplace your car keys, for example, say to yourself, "I'm placing the keys on the shelf by the hallway mirror." To help remember "when," note the weather, the day's headline news or what you are wearing at the time of performing a task.

* Use it or lose it. Research suggests that you age, you can reverse a decline in thinking abilities by becoming more mentally active.

**Smart moves:** Learn a new language, study a new subject, play games like checkers and do crossword puzzles. Use rhymes and acronyms to help remember facts and names.

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