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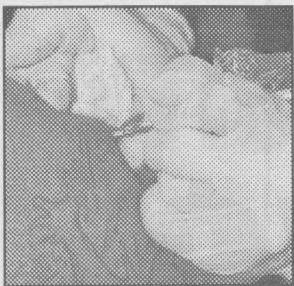
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# CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY OBSERVER

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## Snow at last



Michael Bennett/Observer

The first snowfall of the year in Ellensburg blanketed the Japanese Garden on Central Washington University's campus Wednesday morning.

## Local police flash holiday lights

Law enforcement DUI campaign sweeps state this holiday season to dissuade drunk driving

by Eva Tallmadge  
Staff reporter

Drivers throughout the state may see more police on the road this holiday season, but it's not because they are seeing double after drinking too much.

Local law enforcement agencies are taking part in a statewide campaign to reduce the number of drunk drivers this holiday season.

"Drinking and driving is the single largest cause of fatalities in Washington," Jonna VanDyk, Washington Traffic Safety Commission communications program manager, said.

The campaign, "Drive Hammered, Get Nailed" is in effect statewide Nov. 1 through Jan. 1, and will include increased law enforcement patrols.

"There will be more law enforcement out working and targeting DUI," Trooper Rick Magnussen, Washington State Patrol, said.

A major advertising campaign

with radio announcements by local police chiefs, sheriffs and State Patrol captains as well as banners, posters, bumper stickers, fliers and billboards coincide with the holiday patrols.

"We learned from "Click it or Ticket" when we combine publicity and law enforcement patrols we have a big change in drivers' behavior," VanDyk said.

The campaign was well received statewide, especially by the law enforcement community.

"I don't believe personally that this particular program will prevent a lot of DUIs, but it will in the future," Captain Ross Green, of the Ellensburg Police Department, said. "It's not socially acceptable anymore."

The funding for the campaign is fairly flexible and allows local law enforcement to identify problems within their community. Grants were distributed to local law enforcement agencies from the state to pay for the extra patrols.

"If you don't drink and drive it won't affect you at all," Green said.

Brochures have been sent to bars and other alcohol distributors in the hope that they will not sell alcohol to already intoxicated people. Mothers Against Drunk Driving is partnering with the state to support the campaign.

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## Sleighs are too slow for these hog-riding Santas

by Emily Bonden  
Asst. news editor

The dim lights of the smoky bar silhouette a group of bikers gathered around a corner table. The waitress brings another round of drinks and their discussion continues, but not about their next trip to Sturgis or Mike's 1979 Shovelhead Harley. Tonight the topic is toys and putting the finishing touches on their Toys for Tots event.

"Toys for kids at Christmas, how can you go wrong with that?" Kevin DeVries, member of the Downer County Biker, said.

For 17 years the Downer County Bikers, an "unorganized organization" of area bikers, have staged an ever-expanding Christmas toy drive

and party to aid less fortunate families.

Last year the project raised more than \$6,000 and provided toys for children across Kittitas County. What began as an idea by three guys in a bar is now a community tradition.

Each year the group visits businesses across town seeking donations and support for the event. Local merchants, as well as the Central Washington University Marketing Club, participate by selling raffle tickets or donating prizes to be raffled or used for auction at the Toys for Tots Christmas Party.

"There are probably a hundred merchants in Ellensburg that give us toys or give us a discount on toys or some kind of donation," DeVries said.

A few big prizes this year include a four-day vacation package from Trendwest Resorts, a storage shed/playhouse donated by Conestoga Barns in Ephrata and a \$1,000 prize for the winner of the 50/50 raffle. After raffle tickets are sold for the prizes, participants can attend the Toys for Tots Christmas party to see if they have a winning number.

The Christmas party, hosted by the Elks Lodge, takes place Dec. 7 and provides entertainment, food and prizes to participants as well as a chance to get their picture taken with Santa. A five dollar donation is asked for admittance and guests must be at

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Michael Bennett/Observer

Members of the Downer County Bikers met at the Elks Club Tuesday night to finalize plans for the Toys for Tots drive and Christmas party taking place Dec. 7.

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# Police Briefs

Compiled by Megan Wade  
Staff reporter

**Marking his territory**  
11:44 p.m. Nov. 22

**Coma**  
11:23 a.m. Nov. 20

A 19-year-old male Central student was driven to the Kittitas Valley Hospital after his friends grew concerned for his health after he drank an excessive amount of alcohol. Officers were dispatched to the hospital and charged the man with a minor in possession and consumption. The amount of alcohol in the man's system caused him to fall into a coma. His current condition is not known.

**Rearranging the furniture**  
7 p.m. Dec. 1

Officers responded to a report of a chair thrown out of the window at Courson Hall.

RAs identified the thrower, and when officers contacted the 20-year-old man who was suspected, he lied to officers about his identity. He was also uncooperative and was subsequently arrested and charged with malicious mischief, minor in possession and obstruction of a police officer.

**All keyed up**  
6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Nov. 26

A 1995 Chevrolet S-10 pickup in the parking lot of Button Hall was keyed on the sides and hood. Total damage is estimated at \$1,600.

**Unwanted visitors**  
2:20 a.m. Nov. 21

A Central Washington University student returned to her room in Courson Hall and found the door she had left unlocked was now locked. She also heard a cough inside. The woman left to contact an RA. When she returned, she observed a male and female leaving her room. The male was dressing himself as he left. The subjects were later identified and contacted. No charges were made.

# 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 266 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 Vohs, sophomore and employee at Central's Chimpanzee 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



Courtesy of www.savethechimps.org

Donations collected at Central will aid many chimps like this one that is being transported after rescue from a New Mexico lab. Several animals died their after receiving inhumane treatment.

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.

"All humans have a safety net — even the most destitute have a system to help them, like local food banks and shelters," Deborah Fouts, CHCI co-director, said. "Chimps have no such system."

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 Jerrol's Book and Supply Co. and the Service-Learning and Volunteer Center in the SUB room 211.




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## Capital projects focus of second public forum

The Central Washington University campus and Ellensburg community are invited to the second in a series of public forums from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 9 in the Samuelson Union Building's Cesar Chavez Theatre. The meetings are designed to provide information and get feedback concerning on-going projects on Central's campus. Details of facility construction, renovation and planning will be available as well as information concerning parking and the proposed routes for the relocation of power lines.

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# Club hosts informative post-election seminar

by Jen McDaniel  
Staff reporter

The Political Enlightenment Society (PES), a non-partisan student organization, sponsored, organized and facilitated a political colloquium on Thursday Nov. 21 in the Grupe Center. The club blanketed the campus and community with the statement "Now that the elections are over..." encouraging students, staff and community members to think about the election and its impact.

The colloquium featured academic discourse, informative dialogue and entertaining speculation.

Seventy students, staff and members of the community filled the center to capacity.

Tabitha Williams, president and founder of PES, said the attendance demonstrated that students are not as apathetic as society portrays them.

The panelists included political science professors Todd Schaefer, Mike Launius and Jim Brown. Panelists were given 20 minutes to speak followed by a 45-minute question and answer session. The forum ran longer as the interest in the discussion and frequent questions kept coming up.

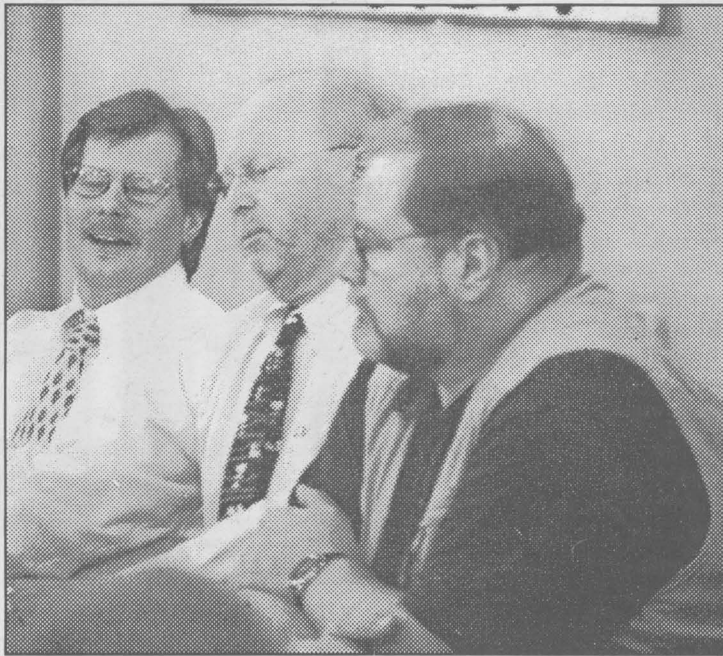
Schaefer said the shift in the House of Representatives to Republican control isn't exceptional. This shouldn't be seen as a huge victory to President Bush either; he said the Democratic Party has been weakening for several years and this has been long in coming.

In the last election more Republicans turned out to vote than Democrats. More Republicans are moving into the larger states; their numbers are growing and their active voter status is increasing.

"For the moment, the Republicans are just better liars than the Democrats," Schaefer said. "Democrats, on the other hand, are afraid to say what they believe in which leads to the ongoing identity crisis following Clinton's Republican-lite administration."

Schaefer said it's possible unified Republican control of Congress may provide a governing coalition able to implement a clear vision and Democrats will be free to provide a vocal and coherent opposition.

Brown spoke about the conse-



Derrick Peters/Observer

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.

quences of the Homeland Security Act, which passed with a vote of 90 to nine in the Senate and was signed into law by President Bush on Nov. 25, saying portions were disguised as terrorist prevention. An enacted portion, Total Information Awareness, allows the government to create individual electronic profiles monitoring personal information such as mail, Internet communication and even medical prescriptions.

Some believe this is unconstitutional because the Fourth Amendment protects "the rights of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects and against unreasonable searches and seizures."

The Terrorism Information and Prevention System has been excluded temporarily from the act based on public opposition and criticism of civil liberties. The program calls for reporting suspected terrorist or suspicious activity, the equivalent of "spying on your neighbors" Brown said.

The plan has been removed and will go up again for congressional approval next September.

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.

Launius 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. Launius said Bush has described Iran, Iraq and North Korea as the "Axis of Evil." Launius said this may lead the United States into its first pre-emptive international war because the United States cannot negotiate with evil. Launius 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.

Even so, he still felt the forum was overwhelmingly positive and looks forward to more in the future.

"Schaefer was pretty conservative but no hard Republicans, it would have made a more interesting debate," Emily Hunt, junior elementary education major, said.

Williams said all panelists volunteered and took the liberty of deeply criticizing their own parties ideologies. With the success of this event Williams' goal is to establish an ongoing colloquium issues series with a balanced and diversified panel.

## Wildcat news bites

Compiled by Observer staff

### HOLIDAY PARTY

Central President Jerilyn McIntyre, along with her husband W. David Smith, will host a free Holiday Party open to all from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today in the second floor hallway of Barge Hall.

### NATURAL SCIENCE SEMINAR SERIES

Dan Beck, Central biological sciences professor, will give a speech titled "What Good is a Venomous Lizard? New Ideas Emerging from Studies of Ancient Monsters." It will take place from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 6 in Science Building, room 147.

### SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

All the believers can tell Santa what they want for Christmas from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 7 in Club Central, located in the Samuelson Union Building.

### FACULTY MEETING CONTINUATION

There will be a continuation of the discussion from the fall faculty meeting, "A portrait of our students," "Creating Success Stories," and "Teaching Advising and Counseling Strategies," from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 in Shaw-Smyser room 115.

### TAKAKI RETURNS

Dr. Ron Takaki will conduct a workshop in infusing multiculturalism into the curricula. Dr. Takaki requests faculty to read his book "A Different Mirror," in preparation for his workshop Dec. 9 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Shaw-Smyser room 115.

### MATH TUTORING

The University Math Center free drop in tutoring lab is open to students that want help. It is open Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Bouillon Hall room 101. Bring assignments, text book, class notes, calculator and a "can do" attitude.

### WRITING HELP AVAILABLE

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 963-1296 for an appointment. The writing center is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. The writing center is located in Hebel 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 5 p.m. (8 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.

The State of Washington will support the cost of education to Central Washington University students during Academic Year 2002-2003 to the approximate amounts of the following table:

### STATE OF WASHINGTON SUPPORT OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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# DUI: Three stops required every hour

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"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 DUIs are picked up because they were pulled over for something else.

A blood alcohol level of .08 is considered legally drunk. Drunk drivers with a blood alcohol level under .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

"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 \$300,000. 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.

"Anytime we have a problem area we will be looking for DUI," Magnussen said.

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

Courtesy of Washington Traffic Safety Commission

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

overtime shifts they are required to stop three vehicles an hour," Magnussen 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.

The Ellensburg Police Department, Kittitas County

Sheriff's Office, Central Washington University Police, Kittitas Police and Cle Elum Police are all taking part in the holiday DUI emphasis patrols.

"We take around 125 (DUIs) a year as it is," Green said.

# TOTS: Donated toys fill baskets

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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 are expected at the party and organizers encourage early arrival to ensure a space to sit.

"It just gets bigger and better, we helped a thousand families last year," DeVries said.

One hundred percent of the money received through the ticket and raffle sale, combined with donations, is used to supplement Christmas baskets for needy families.

"We have a big crew that we send out with a bunch of money to go shopping for toys," Mike Klampher, Downer County biker and program coordinator, said.

After the shopping spree, the toys are taken to the National Guard Armory to be used to fill baskets for 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.

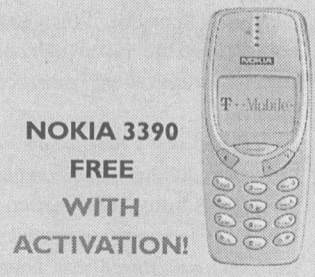
"Basically we're in business for three weeks out of the year putting together the baskets," Anita Bowers, Ellensburg Christmas Basket Program coordinator, said.

The Downer County Bikers will also distribute gifts to the Center for Student Empowerment on Central's campus to be used in Operation Elf on Dec. 14.

Carissa Ferrell, Center for Student Empowerment programmer, said Operation Elf is a Christmas party designed to give nontraditional students an opportunity to enjoy a social event, complete with food, crafts and gifts from Santa. 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. Donations of toys or money can be made to the Toys for Tots project until Dec. 12 at the Elks Lodge at Fifth and Main streets or to the National Guard Armory located at Seventh and Poplar.

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# Opinion

## OBSERVANCE

### 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 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.

Each topic is someone'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 better knowing he has let others know about something that is important to him.

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 views different than their own.

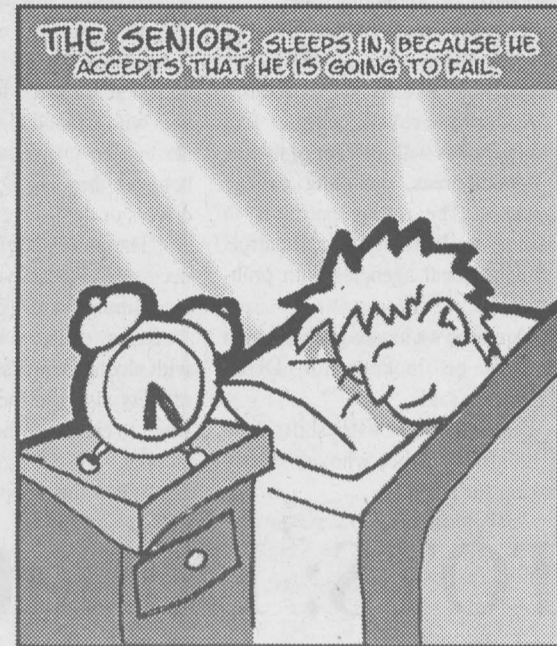
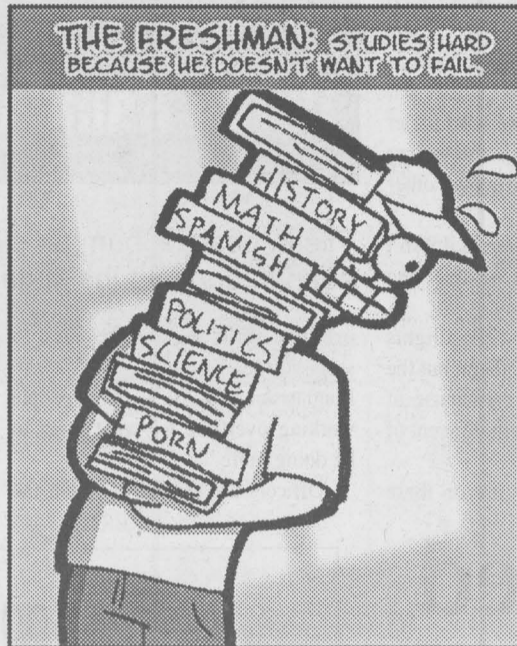
— Allison Worrell

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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 borne of freedoms tempered with truth and epitomized in a hope that responsibility would be the corner-

stone. 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 bong 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 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 response 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 university, filled with some remarkable minds, and outstanding students. Hurling 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 too 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 sad and pathetic irony here?

I truly enjoy the Observer. And while I often don't agree with, nor do I always like what I read, it is part of

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## YOUR OPINION

**What is the most meaningful aspect of the holiday season for you?**



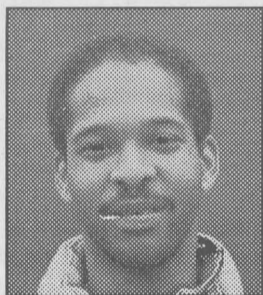
*"I think it's spending time with family — as much time as you can. The change in attitude is a pretty good thing."*

— David Ecklund,  
junior, psychology



*"Being with your family. My family's important to me. Your friends come and go, but your family's here to stay."*

— 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

## LETTERS

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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. Robert Siler for 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 "teacher shortage." Well, all I can say is, there is NO teacher shortage. It is a big lie! I have a teaching certificate and two endorsements. I cannot find a job anywhere. Granted, one is in the social studies field, but there are NO jobs out there! I felt compelled to warn those who are in the education program now, get out, you will only get a job if you're SPED, math or science. And, while many women I know have gotten jobs, many men I know haven't. So, to warn the guys, 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 alumnus

### **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 picture's caption it says that you can eat at Holmes West for "under \$3." 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 \$700 of overhead to every student that has a "on-campus" meal plan. So in reality you are paying close to \$7 to \$8 for the food. If anybody thinks that the meal plan for on-campus students is a good deal, I welcome them to take Accounting 305 (cost accounting) so they will know how much the school rips them off. The second issue I wanted to talk about is the opinion of the chair of the Political Science department. Jim Brown remarks, "the continued presence of U.N. inspection teams has worked before in the 1990's until we withdrew them in 1998, and it can work again." Where do I begin? Mr. Brown should remind himself the reason we withdrew the inspectors. How can U.N. weapon inspectors effectively do their jobs when they are met at gun point by the military we are trying to disarm? Mr. Brown implies that we just decided to withdraw the

inspectors and lead an American and British assault on Iraq. Clearly this 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 unprovoked. Hopefully Mr. Brown can maybe elaborate on his stance with Iraq.

Mark Turley  
Junior  
Accounting, finance

### **Bad blizzards at DQ can be blamed on price, high volume**

This is a response to Sarah Munkres' Nov. 21st Thumbs Down to the Dairy Queen. We have a sale on blizzards. This is not a national sale, but a special 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 measured by the increased volume of blizzards sold, tells us most students would rather take it as it comes out of our machine nozzles than 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 showed 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 athletes, 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' assume 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 alive to see the protests against the Vietnam War, I am well aware of the effects the anti-war movements 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 Iraqi imports. While the sanctions and the probable detriment they have cause to the civilian population are significant, it was not a relevant stand. The sanctions in place against the government of Iraq have nothing to do with the possible conflict ahead. Whether sanctions are in place or not will have little impact on the Bush administration's decision to attack the military forces of Iraq. The United States is 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.

Throughout this country's history, we as a people have stood up in the fight against tyranny and persecution. Americans have made a moral obligation to fight 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 save the starving in Somalia 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 to its own people. This alone should justify military action against Iraq.

I may not agree with every national policy, nor with the use of the military as a solution to every international incident. But I will support the elected leaders and carry out their orders. That is my duty as a citizen. As a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, I would be amongst the first to volunteer to go should there be a war. I believe that our fight is just. If we don't find in ourselves now to support the forceful removal of Iraq's leaders, then the threat will persist. Are we prepared to sit idly today, so that our own children will be forced to fight tomorrow?

Casey Stedman  
Senior  
Geography, Air Force Cadet

## THUMBS UP



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

— Shauna Kissner,  
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 satsuma oranges. They are so hot right now."*

— Shane Cleveland,  
News editor

## THUMBS DOWN



*"Thumbs down to early sunsets, 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."*

— 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





Derrick Peters/Observer

# Scene

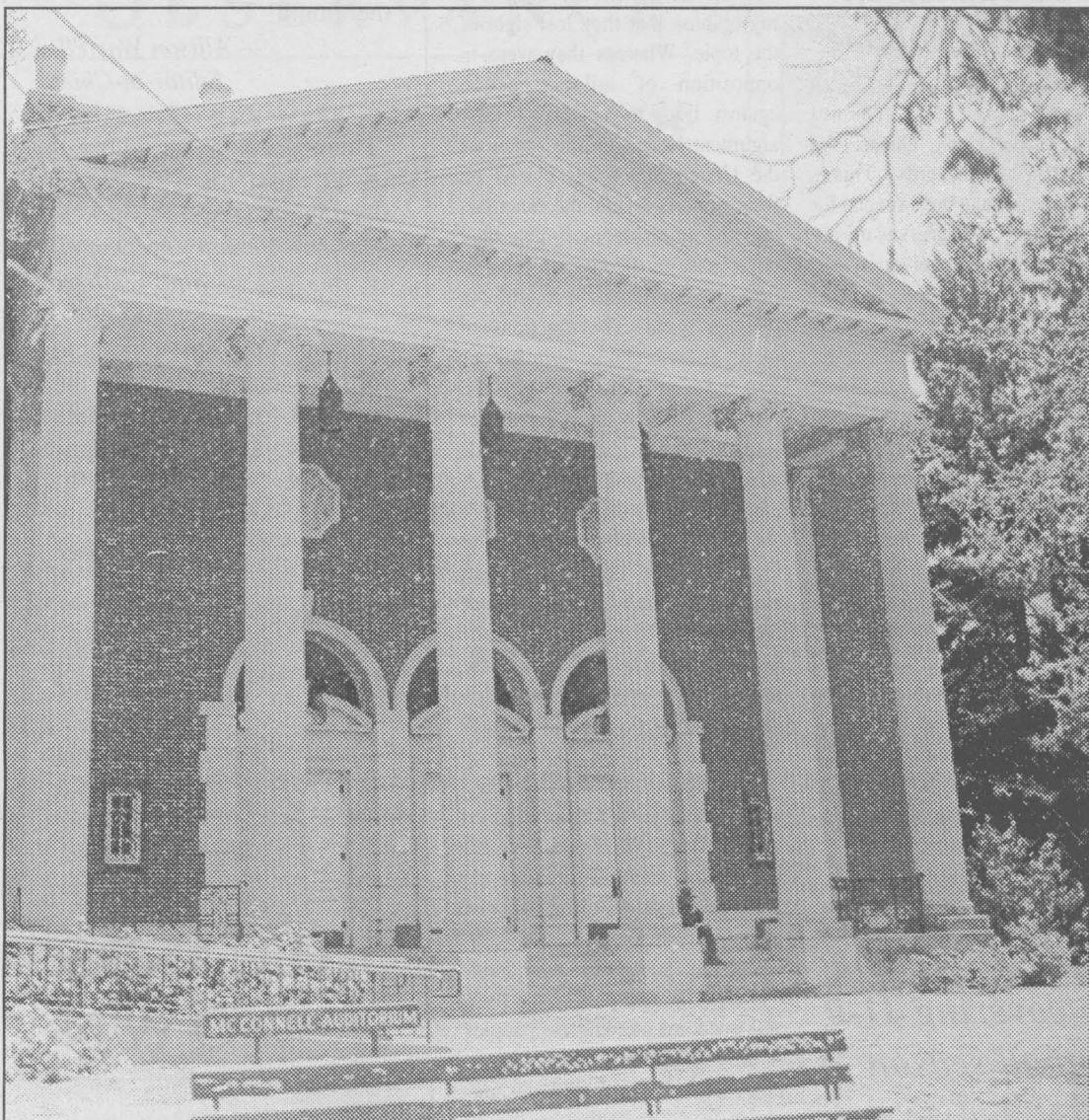
## Elevated Entertainment



Michael Bennett/Observer

**What's in Ellensburg**  
Scene finds the hottest places to spend to go in Kittitas County  
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**Central Warefair**  
The annual craft sale brightens up SUB with holiday cheer.  
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Michael Bennett/Observer

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  
Staff reporter

\$2 million is a lot of money. That could buy a couple really nice cars, a gigantic house, an Ivy League education or the renovation of McConnell Auditorium. This Central Washington University building will follow in the footsteps of its neighbor, Kamola Hall, and go "off-line" beginning winter quarter for renovations and improvements.

Central hasn't chosen a general contractor yet, but assures its choice will be the most qualified and lowest bidder for the job. The job is scheduled to be finished by May 2003.

"This renovation addresses safety and space issues in McConnell Hall," Joanne Voute Hillemann, manager of Facilities Planning and Construction Services, said.

Hillemann explained that the theatre fly, used for scene changes, and the electrical systems will be reno-

vated to make them safer to operate, plus the ventilation in the shops will be upgraded. McConnell will also get a brand new stage, acting studio and office space.

Winter quarter seems like an unusual time to start renovations, but the work had to be done during the school year.

"The renovation was planned during the school year, since it is more difficult to find alternative spaces for large (conferences) that are regularly scheduled to use McConnell in the summer," Hillemann said.

Many students have questioned the renovation's impact on the theatre department and the Classic Film Series.

The theatre 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) theatre 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 Jewell, junior law and justice major, said.

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

## Theatre exposes students to rash acts on campus

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

by Rachel Mills  
Staff reporter

Little green flyers everywhere warn Central Washington University students that the eye is watching them. Relax, it's not another obscure slogan like the whole Tyler and Pete campaign. It's advertisement for the theatre 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 the faculty production manager for the theatre arts department, said. "Conrad and Elizabeth are the best playwrights in the country at writing microplays."

Fuller and Bishop will perform one of the 16 microplays titled "Peace Negotiations." Microplays are short dramatic pieces that can be based on current social issue in the world.

"(Microplays) often tend to push realism to the extreme, sometimes arriving at expressionism," Lane said.

After meeting as undergraduate students at Northwestern University, Fuller and Bishop began combining ideas for plays.

"We write together," Bishop said. "I am usually at the keyboard."

Their plays reflect reality

while shifting it, allowing the audience to see something familiar as strange and new. They want audiences to make new connections and take something home with them.

"You hope that things will come together and that something grows," Fuller said.

The other 15 microplays are performed by 22 Central students with five student directors. They range from one to 14 minutes long and the total performance is two hours and 15 minutes with a 10-minute intermission.

The plays range from comedies and dramas to the unusual and sometimes-bizarre.

Some issues addressed include race, stereotypes, death and dying, money problems, dreams, the institute of marriage and loneliness.

Audience members may find the microplays confusing given the short amount of time and the fact that some pieces do not follow a linear form.

"Whatever it means for you is what we meant," Fuller said.

The set was designed by Meiko Sassa using roughly 25 doors of various shapes, sizes and colors.

"She married these doors to a cloud pattern on the floor and the furniture to give an other worldly effect which I think is quite striking," Lane said.

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.

“Whatever it means for you is what we meant.”

— Elizabeth Fuller

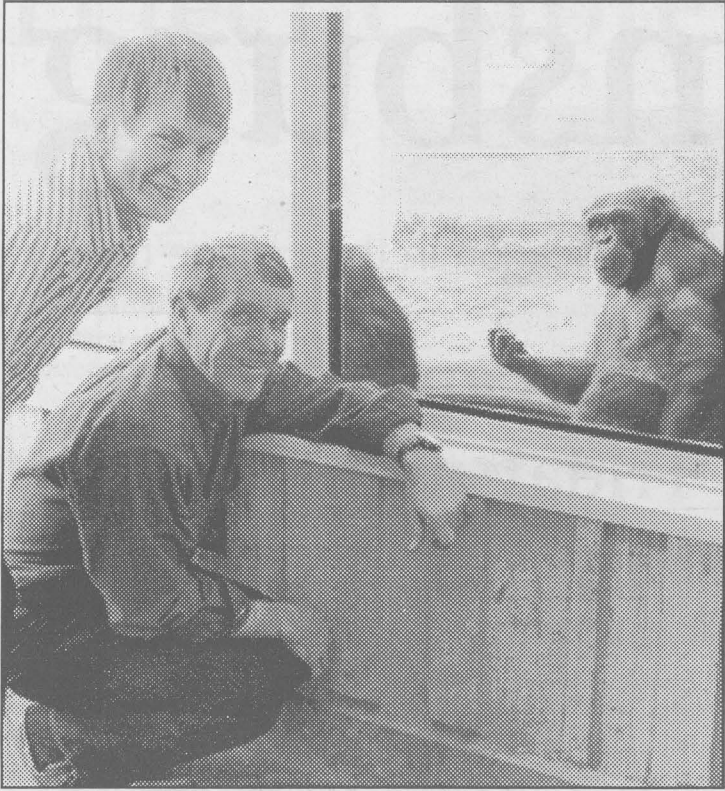


photo provided by Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute

Deborah and Roger Fouts have fun hanging out with Washoe, the world's first chimp to learn sign language.

## 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 famous is the chimp program here?**

**A:** Worldwide; we have emails from Africa, Brazil, Norway, Sweden, any country that you can think of that has access to the Internet. In 1997, Roger wrote a book "Next of Kin" about our lives with Washoe, and it was published in 14 foreign languages.

**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."

# Bits and Pieces

## Thursday Dec. 5

10 a.m. — Central Washington University's 27th annual Warefair. Samuelson Union Building (SUB).  
Runs until Saturday, Dec. 7. Free admission.

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. — Barge Hall Party. Hosted by President Jerilyn McIntyre and husband W. David Smith.  
Barge Hall second floor. Free.

7 p.m. — Wildcat Men's Basketball vs. Seattle Pacific University. Nicholson Pavilion. Free.

7 p.m. — Central Washington Theatre department presents "Rash Acts." McConnell Auditorium.  
\$5 admission.

## Friday, Dec. 6

TBA — Wildcat Swimming Northwest Invitational. Aquatics Center. Free.

8 p.m. — "Rash Acts." McConnell Auditorium. \$5 admission.

## Saturday, Dec. 7

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Santa Comes To Central. SUB's Club Central. Free.

4 p.m. — 17th annual "Toys for Tots Christmas Party." Ellensburg's Elks Lodge #1102 on Fifth and Main.  
\$5 donation.

7 p.m. — Wildcat Men's Basketball vs. Western Washington University. Nicholson Pavilion. Free.

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  - Student Union and Recreation Center project, and
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CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



# 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



Bryan Waters/Observer

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.



Jessica Spriggs  
Staff reporter

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 wiggled a little, even though I only go listen to live music when I am

dragged there kicking and screaming and usually sit down the whole time in protest.

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 steroids.

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 cheese and bread, but the service and ambiance almost made up for it. If you have the means, I recommend checking out this place.

It is a quiet, quaint bistro by day that transforms into a rowdy, eclectic dance club by night. It fits any mood that one could possibly possess.

## 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 Beyerl, 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.

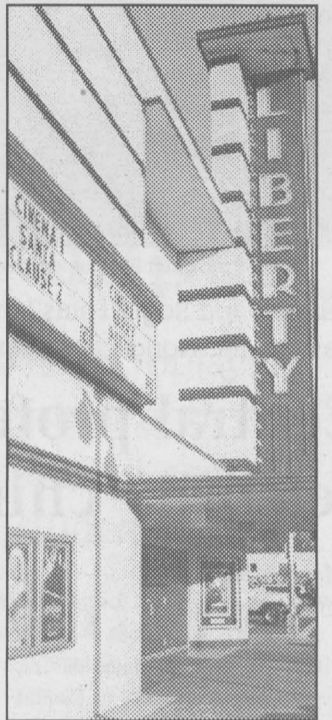
Venturing further in downtown, one can enjoy a slushie while viewing a favorite film at the Grand Central Theatre, located on 300 N. Pearl. Usually the movies shown at the Grand Central aren't playing at the Liberty and vice versa, allowing for a larger variety of choices.

"Movies change about every two weeks, but we've had 'The Ring' all month," Ashley Riexinger, 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 concession 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 Reixinger, 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



Bryan Waters/Observer

The Liberty is one of two Ellensburg theaters:

Marlon Brando painted on the outside wall.

Unlike most theatres, the Roslyn Theatre features concession food like nachos with real melted cheese, vegan hot dogs, bagels and cream cheese, and nutritional yeast to add to the popcorn with real butter.

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.

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**Happy Holidays!**  
 From the Observer

# Eclectic stores end shopping woes

by Carly Godden  
Staff reporter

'Tis the 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, beaded curtains and accessories fill the racks and shelves. If the styles of yesteryear aren't appealing, check out the huge 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, co-owner Kelly Parke is the gal for the job.

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



Derrick Peters/Observer

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.

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

buy or trade for something in the store.

Threads and Needles is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays and is located at 310 N. Main Street.

Another Ellensburg original that is great for gifts is Imports De Latierra just down the street at 304 N. Main. For the true jewelry enthusiast, walking into Imports De Latierra is like Christmas any time of the year. Melissa Maher, owner of the shop, hand-picks the stones, has them shaped just right and then actually takes them to India to be set in silver.

It is easy to be drawn to the rich colors of East Indian fabric and the soft textures of imported sweaters.

"I'm in town visiting friends and peeked inside for just a moment," patron Debby Palzar said.

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

Hours vary from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The store is closed Mondays.

## Ellensburg tattoo parlors design painstaking art

by Jacob White  
Staff reporter

Of all the lasting 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 wallpaper 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.

"You get 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.

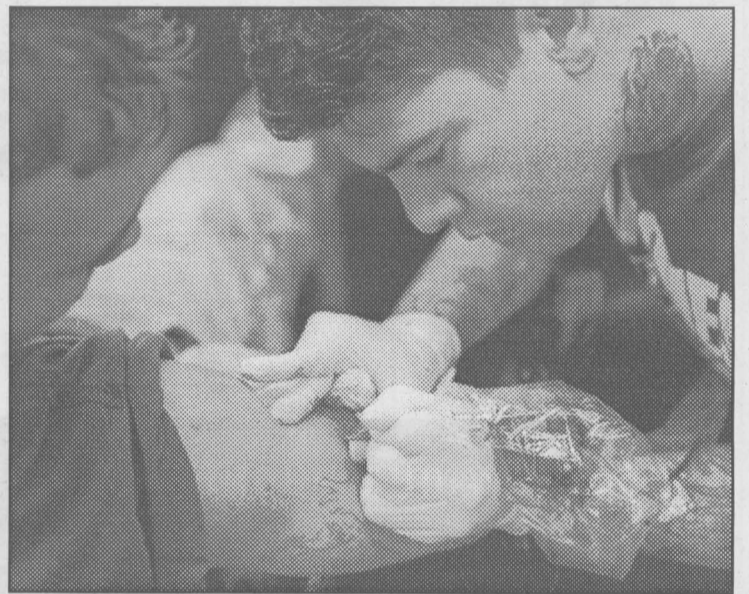
Some of the more popular tattoos that Reames and James have been

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.

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



Lindsey Jackson/Observer

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

See TATTOO, page 12

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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, student 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 Eller, 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.

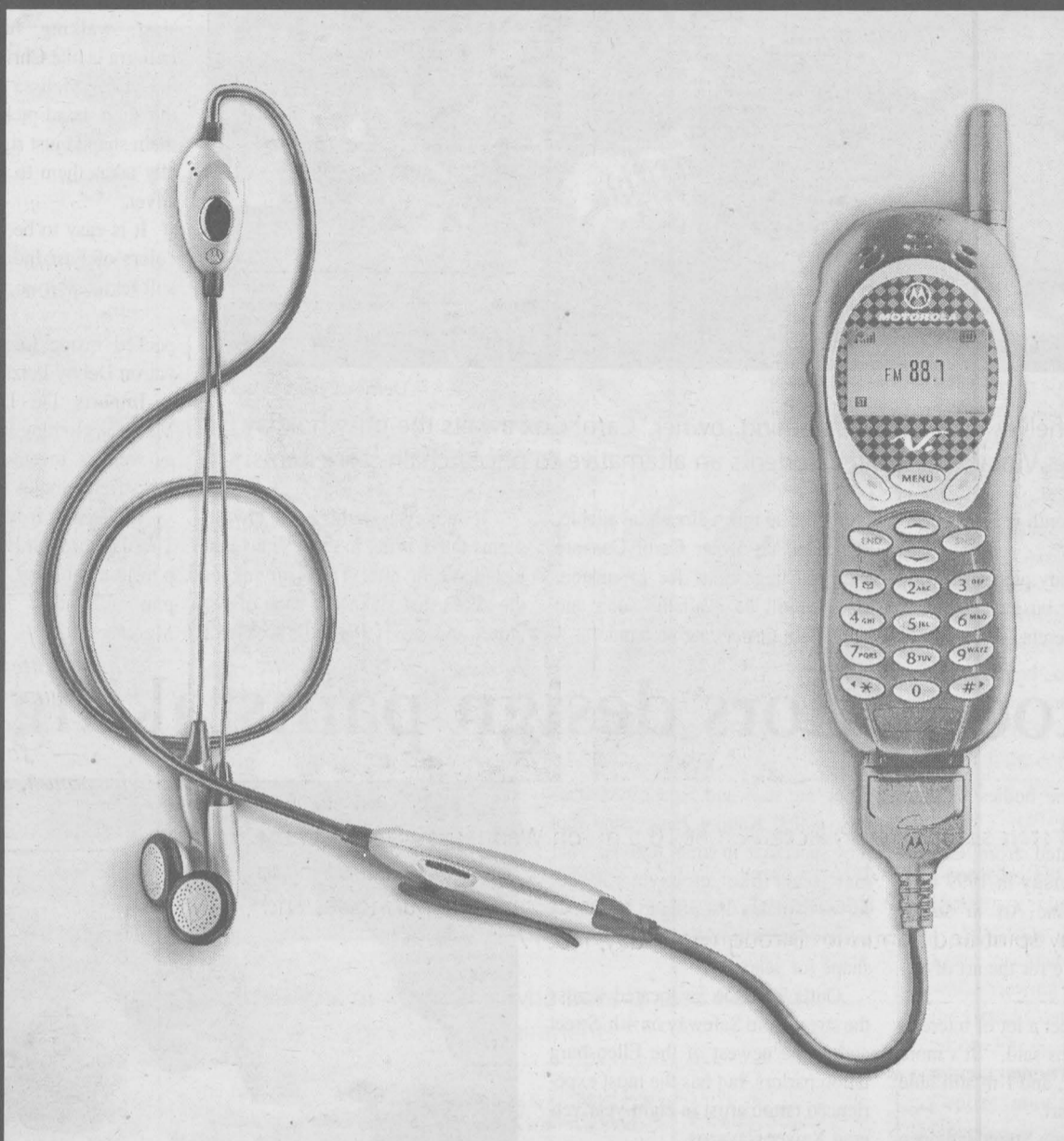
"Come with the idea and I will draw it out for you," Mad Matt said.

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. Their clientele is almost exclusively college students, due partly to its Eighth Street location, which makes it a short walk from the residence halls.



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# Christmas is here



Michael Bennett/Observer

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 hand-crafted 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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*"Yes, I worry about school, presents and going home."  
— Crystal Elvig, freshman, elementary education*



*"No, I don't pay too much attention. The only thing that stresses me out is going home."  
— Josh Russell, freshman, undecided*



*"The holidays, no. The end of the quarter, yes."  
— Erin Hilliard, junior, music education*



*"No, because they are more fun than they are stressful."  
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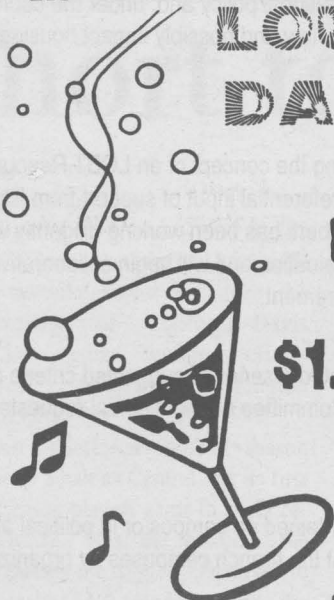
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C. Nathan Harris,  
ASCWU President

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Tamara Broughton, Public Relations Officer

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.



Monica Medrano,  
Interim Director,  
Government  
Relations

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.



Megan Fuhlman, VP for Student Life & Facilities

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.



David Uberti, VP  
for Academic Affairs



Brandy Peters,  
VP for Equity & Community Service

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.



Ryan McMichael,  
Executive Vice President

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.



Karina Bacica, VP for Clubs & Organizations

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



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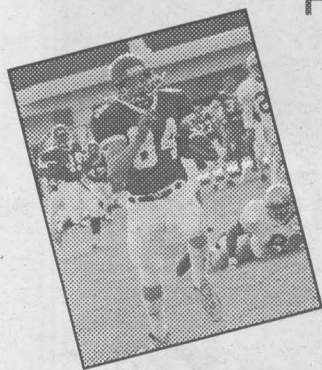
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- **Club Senate**  
Today, Thursday, December 5  
4 p.m. in Club Central
- **ASCWU Board of Directors:**  
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### A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO ALL

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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.



# SPORTS

**This day in history:**  
**1983**

The video arcade game "NFL Football" was unveiled in Chicago. It was the first video arcade game to be licensed by the National Football League.

## 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 Tuiaea-Ruud, 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 Evergreen State College, Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC), and Whitman College (WC) to the annual Rodeo City Wildcat Classic Nov. 22-23.

"We just want(ed) 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 Jensen scored 11 points and a game high six assists and sophomore point guard Alayna Vincent scored 12 points. Sophomore forward Moriah 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.

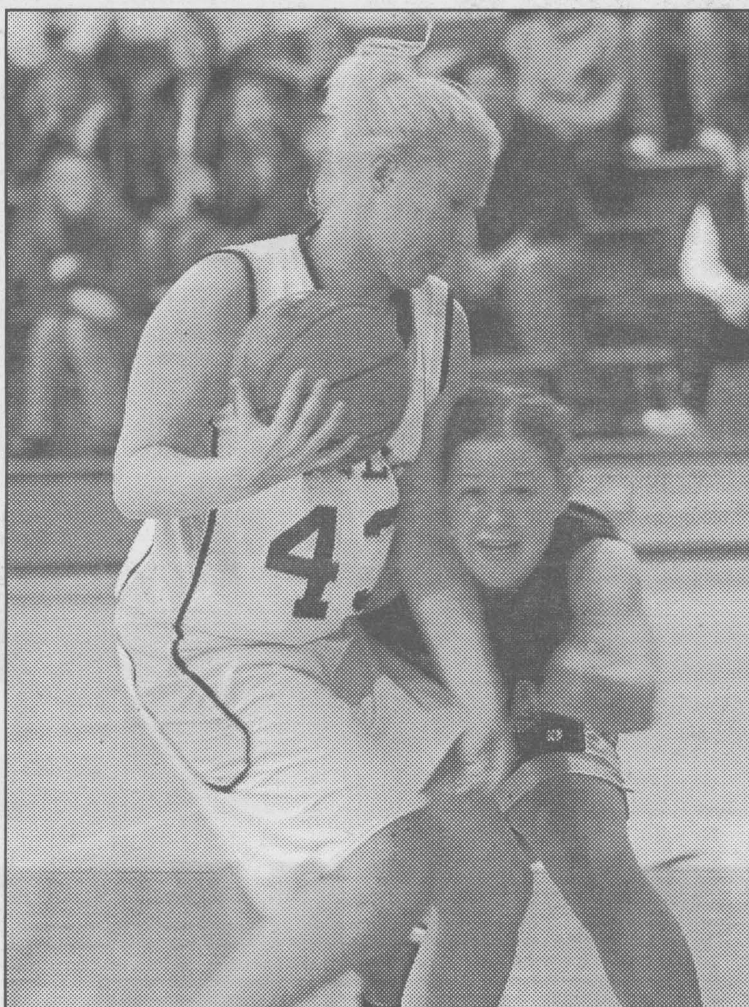
"I think that we didn't do a very good job of handling the pressure the first half," Jeff Whitney, head basketball coach, said. "I give credit to them (LCSC); they had a great first half."

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

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Joe Whiteside/Observer

Sophomore Guard Nicoie Rudy (right) goes for a steal against Northwest College. The Wildcats won 71-58.

## 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 starting 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," Tyler 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 Ulin 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 Flanigan 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

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Joe Whiteside/Observer

Junior wide receiver Brian Potucek (84) stretches out for the first down in Central's loss Nov. 23 to UCD 26-6.



# Athletes of the Season

## Wildcats pick up two GNAC player of the year awards

### Brian Potucek Wide Receiver

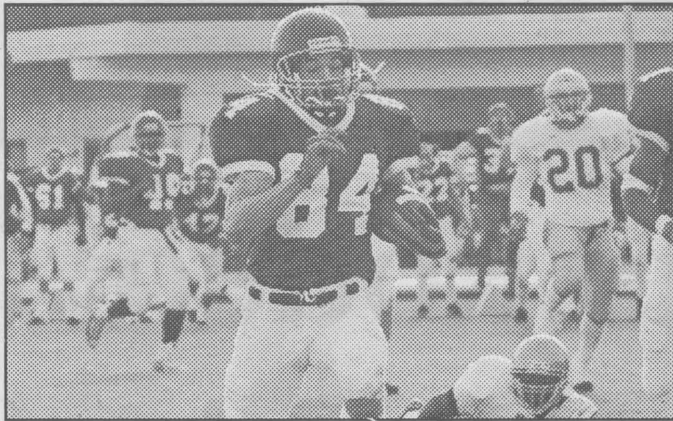
by Hilary Shemanski  
Staff reporter

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



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Sophomore wide receiver Brian Potucek (84) adds yardage to his record breaking season against UC-Davis. Potucek had 1,265 receiving yards this season.

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."

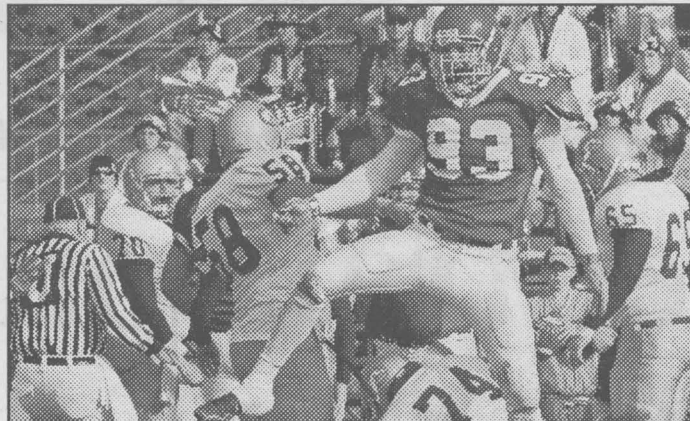
In that game, Potecuk had

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



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Senior defensive lineman Lance Gibson (93) celebrates after a sack. Gibson led the league in total tackles for loss with 20.

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."

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# Athletes of the Week

## Wildcat athletes honored at the end of season

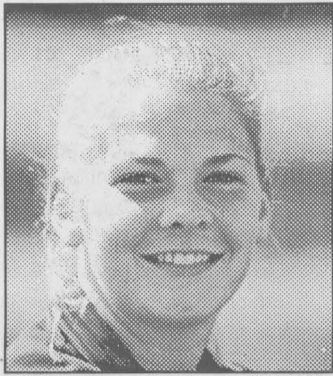


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**Stacy Wyman**  
Soccer

by Shauna Kissner  
Staff reporter

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. Wyman, who plays mid-field for Central Washington University's women's soccer team, is originally from Everett where she attended Cascade High School. Wyman was voted most valuable player each year she played and holds honors in both all-conference and all-area play her junior and senior years in high school.

"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."

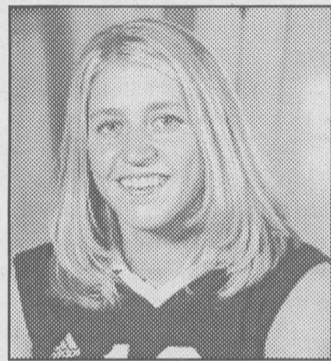


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**Carolyn Mires**  
Volleyball

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.

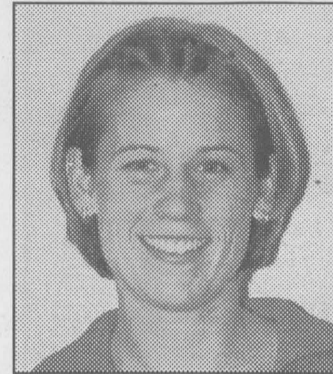
Some other memorable moments Mires recalled were all the road trips she attended with fellow players and coaches.

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

Mires future plans are to student teach in the spring and then try

to get a job in Eastern Washington where she can coach.

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



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**Tiffany Picinich**  
Cross Country

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.

Improving her six-kilometer race by 50 seconds, Picinich was impressed with her performance this year compared to last year.

"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.

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# Wellington the Wildcat promotes school pride around Central's campus

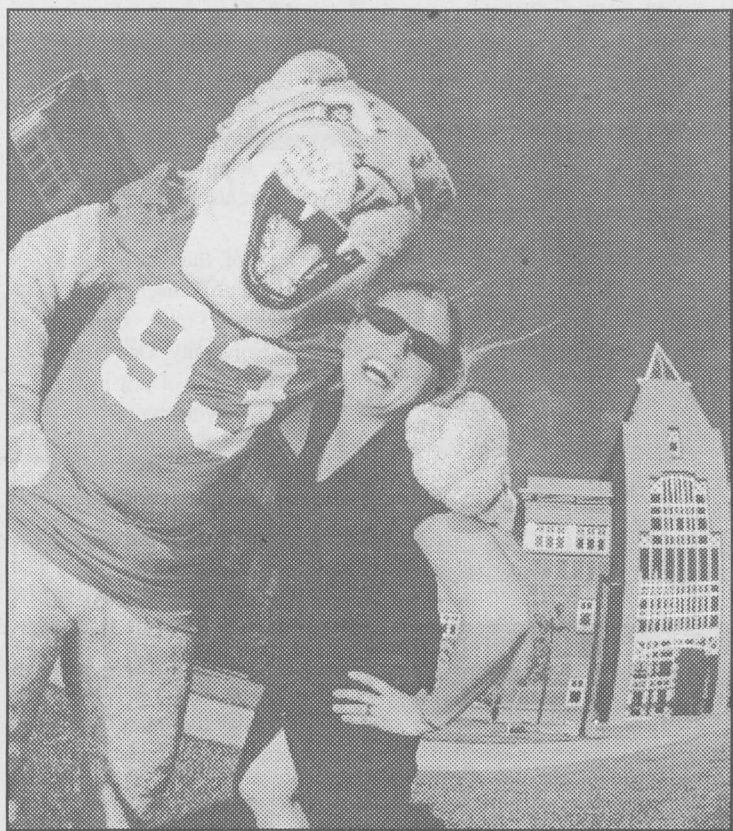


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Wellington the Wildcat poses with "Ellen" from the Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce's publicity campaign in front of the science building.

## WOMEN: Turnovers cost Wildcats championship game on home court

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scoreboard read 86-77 in favor of the LCSC Warriors. The loss was the first of the young season for the Wildcats.

"Our turnovers so far this season have really hurt us," Whitney said. "We're averaging 20-plus turnovers and we have to cut those down. If we do that, we're going to be a really good basketball team. We're young and exciting. We have some key kids that are still learning some things. I think once we get everything on the same page, and we take care of basketball, we're in for a really nice season."

Despite the loss, the hometown

fans stuck by the team.

"I think the girls gave a valiant effort," Matt Smith, senior Central student, said.

The Wildcats traveled to Northwest College (NWC) Nov. 30 and won 71-58.

Kautzky and Vincent each scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds apiece.

Central forced 30 NWC turnovers and left the Eagles with their fifth straight loss.

The Wildcats will head south to face Western Oregon University Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

The Wildcats will return home to duke it out against Saints Martin's College at 7 p.m. on Jan. 9 at Nicholson Pavilion.

by Walker Anderson  
Staff reporter

He leads us and intimidates them. His body language is outspoken yet his voice remains silent. He is comical 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 deviant itch 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 Moose, 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),"

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

— Brent Holland

Hatfield said.

Iwata has been Wellington for two years, and has enjoyed every moment.

"You become another person, and are free," Iwata said.

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 does.

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

"They made four or five plays that made a difference, they also shut our offense down," Head Coach John Zamberlin said.

Sophomore wide receiver Brian

Potucek contributed to the Wildcat effort with nine receptions for 90 yards. Sophomore wide receiver Moses Lewis chipped in with six catches for 72 yards.

"Playoffs and regular season are a whole different ball game. Even though the loss was painful. The experience will help for next year," sophomore defensive lineman Zach Marquess said.

Despite the loss, the Wildcat defense shut down the Aggies offense in the second half, allowing only a 37-yard field goal.

The Wildcat defense was guided by senior safety Jeremy Jacobs who achieved a career-high 16

tackles in his final game. Sophomore linebacker Blake Walker finished the game with 10 tackles.

Although the first round of the playoffs resulted in a loss, the Wildcats finished the season overall at 11-1.

"I think it was a great season, we won at home and on the road," Zamberlin said.

"The season went great but that one loss hurt. We had big hopes," Johnson said.

UCD had its season ended Nov. 30 after a 20-27 overtime loss at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

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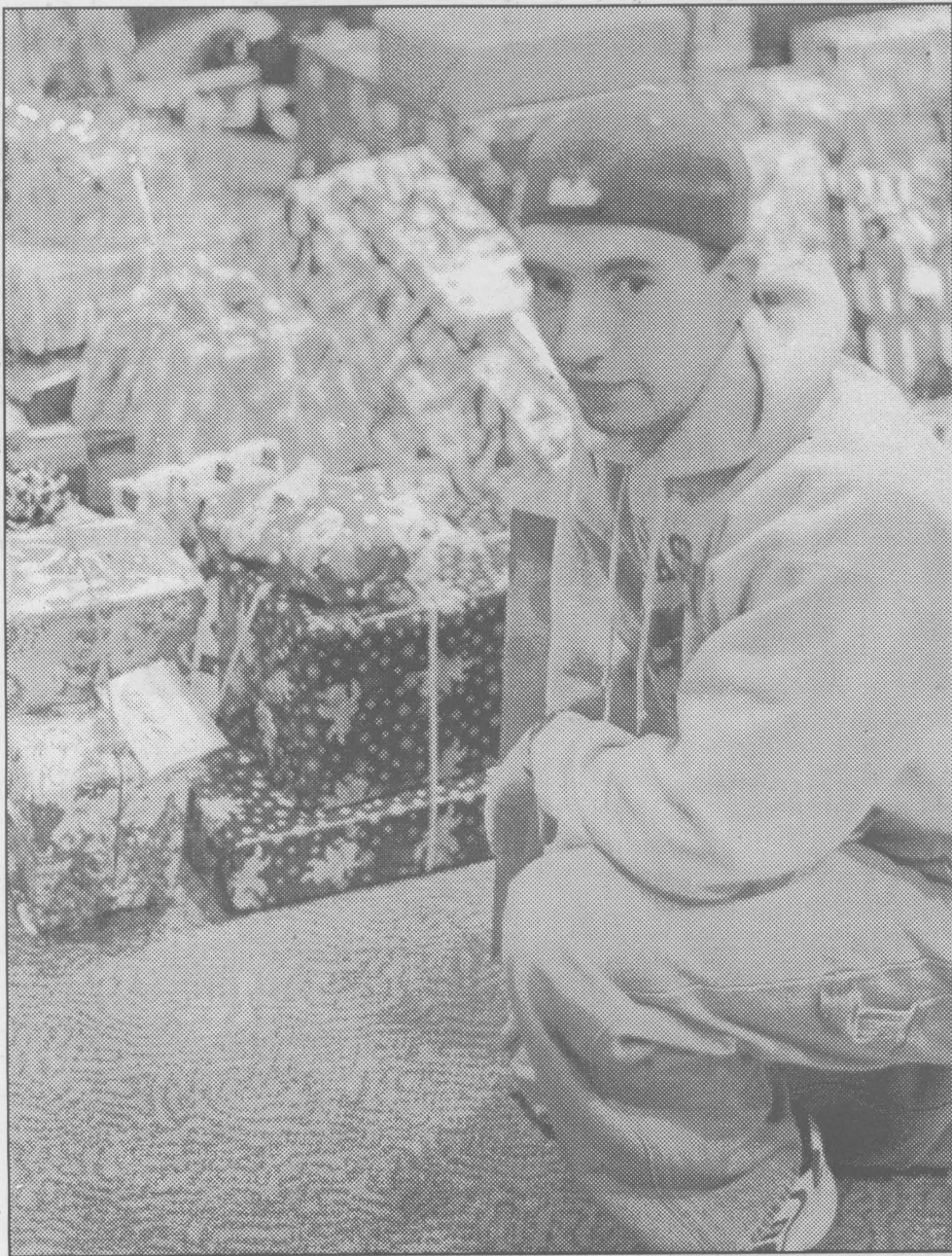
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Cross country runner Matt Schmitt, junior, chemistry education major kneels in front of gifts collected for the Community Christmas Basket by the Student Athletic Advising Committee (SAAC). The SAAC is made up of Central athletes who provide community 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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