Anti-gay group protests Central’s “Laramie Project”

by Emily DuPlessis
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Theatre Department has drawn the attention of a controversial anti-gay group affiliated with the Web site godhatesfags.com.

Supporters of the group plan to visit Ellensburg to protest the department’s production of the “Laramie Project.” The play is a dramatic production based on true events surrounding the murder of Matt Shepard, a homosexual attending the University of Wyoming who was killed by two men his own age because of his sexual preference.

The play describes the attitudes and sorrows felt by the residents of Laramie, Wyo., after the hate crime occurred in their hometown.

The anti-gay group, affiliated with the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) in Topeka, Kan., is outraged by the production of the play. WBC is responsible for the management of godhatesfags.com.

The Web site expresses the group’s anti-homosexual views as well as the number of days that Matt Shepard has spent in hell.

The following statement was used as an introduction to a news release from the WBC intending to announce the group’s arrival to Central’s campus.

“The Laramie Project is a tacky grade melodrama with a lying theme. The univer­ sity's arrival to Central's campus police, said. Higgins said students do not need to feel threatened by the group’s arrival, the member’s protests are within the meaning of their constitu­ tional rights and will not surpass the law. The university does not discrim­i nate against any organizations that have something to say and want to be heard.

“We welcome anyone who wants to come to our campus. We are here to educate students about issues they may face in the outside world.”

— Keith Champagne, student affairs

Central dunks top team

Senior guard Terry Thompson dunks in front of the home crowd at Nicholson Pavilion that gathered to watch the Central Washington University men’s basketball team defeat Humboldt State University (HSU) 85-69 on Saturday. Until then, HSU was undefeated (13-0) and ranked No. 1 in the nation. With a two-game winning streak after also defeating Western Oregon University, the team heads out on a three-game road trip, beginning with Seattle University tonight. See page 13 for the full story.

Destination of power lines narrowed down to two routes

by Eva Tallmadge
Staff reporter

The high-voltage power lines running through campus may not be a health risk to residents, but are far from aesthetically pleasing to some and present a safety risk for future campus construction. However, their relocation is imminent.

The final recommendation for re-routing the lines will be made by Central Washington University administrators to Central’s Board of Trustees in February.

Currently, the two route options to relocate the lines are from 14th Street to Maple Street and from Town Ditch to Maple Street. "The present power line intersects a couple of building sites," Rich Corona, vice president of business affairs, said. "Our concern is that sometime in the future we are going to have to move that line.”

The 14th Street to Maple Street option is moderately inexpensive; with cost estimates from $800,000 to $1.2 million to relocate the lines. The route is fairly short, and would move the lines further away from buildings and people. The power poles would remain at the current height, but would be woodies. This route, which would cause the least interference for on- and off-campus residences, is relatively easy to keep up and is less likely to cause disruption in future building development. The local community favored the route at a December forum.

The cost estimates for the two routes are the same and funding is not a major issue.

"The Rec/Sub (building project) provides partial funding for the re-routing," Corona said.

The Town Ditch to Maple Street option is a reasonably short route. It would take the lines closer to residence halls and would require tree trimming for pedestrian safety. This placement would require the removal of trees located around the Town Ditch; it would interfere with the campus green and require additional insulators and line material. It would
Police Briefs

Compilled by George Hawley
Staff reporter

Mystery joy ride
7:14 a.m. Jan. 13

Police were notified that a 19-year-old woman's vehicle had been moved from the 3-15 parking lot to the H-15 parking lot. When police inspected the car they found no signs of forceful entry and the ignition was intact. The doors were unlocked and the registration had been stolen. The car also had a set of cables chains on it that fit her car and had not previously been there. Police have no suspects.

Anybody wanna chat?
4:30 p.m. Jan. 14

A 19-year-old female in Beck Hall notified police that she had been receiving harassing phone calls for several days. The calls were from a man from New Mexico who she had met on the Internet and began a telephone relationship with. When she tried to terminate contact with the man he began to call frequently.

Where did that tree come from?
6:50 p.m. Jan. 15

A 19-year-old man drove his 1990 Toyota 4-Runner into a tree in the H-18 parking lot. Damage to the vehicle is estimated at $2,000.

Hey man, it wasn't me
9:40 p.m. Jan. 16

Officers contacted a student in Stephens Whitney Hall after it had been reported that the smell of marijuana was coming from the room. The resident said other people had been smoking in his room but not him. He then showed the officers the smoking devices used: an empty soda bottle and an empty liquor bottle. The student was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. Another student in the room was clearly under the influence and was given a MIP.

Poor sport
8:10 p.m. Jan. 16

An intoxicated male in Nicholson Pavilion was upset about a call made by the referee during a men's basketball game. He verbally engaged the official and was removed from the game by police because of his foul and threatening language. No charges were made against the man.

When it rains, it pours
9:40 p.m. Jan. 17

Officers pulled a driver over near 18th and Alder streets for defective equipment. It was discovered the man's license was suspended. When he was asked to get out of the car, a marijuana pipe fell to the ground and the officers found marijuana in a bag. He was cited for driving with defective equipment, driving without a license, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Snow falls at heavy price with new sidewalk fines

by Ryan Kree
Staff reporter

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow, but if it stays, Ellensburg residents could get fined. The Ellensburg City Council passed an ordinance on Jan. 2 that forces residents to shovel their sidewalks by 9 a.m. the day after it snows or is icy. Residents who don't cooperate with the ordinance could face a Class 4 Civil Infraction, which results in a $25 fine.

"We have a lot of elderly and handicapped here in the community, with all of the snow we get here in Ellensburg it's definitely a quality of life issue," Ellensburg Police Captain Ross Green said. "Be good neighbors and help each other with this task."

The Residents living in apartments in Ellensburg or in communities like the 19th Street Duplexes don't have anything to worry about — the landlords of the properties are responsible for making sure the sidewalks are maintained.

Homeowners and renters are held responsible to keep the sidewalks clear. The law will be carried out by Code Enforcement Officers, who won't be patrolling for un-shoveled sidewalks, but will respond if there is a complaint about a sidewalk.

So far, the general public has given the Ellensburg Police Department positive feedback about the new ordinance, but as it is with most laws, there are critics.

Central Washington University staff member and Ellensburg homeowner Cheryl Wilson doesn't support the ordinance.

"I disagree with the ordinance because I go to work early in the morning. I don't want to shovel in the dark and at the coldest part of the day," Wilson said.

Not everybody completely disagrees with the ordinance.

"I don't have a problem with the ordinance, if the city agrees to have the streets plowed by 9 a.m." Roger Hiles, Fairway Investment Properties landlord, said.

"Give a couple extra minutes in the morning to make sure the sidewalks are safe and talk to neighbors to come up with ways to share the responsibilities," Green said.

Scholarship Announcements

The Yakama Higher Education Program will award $1,500 for undergraduate and $3,000 for graduate students who are enrolled Yakama tribal members. Spring quarter scholarship applications deadlines in Feb. 1. Contact the program at (509) 865-3121 for more information.

The Microsoft Scholarship Program will award full-tuition scholarships totaling $540,000. Eligible applicants must be enrolled full-time and making satisfactory progress toward an undergraduate degree in computer science, computer engineering or a related technical discipline such as math or physics with a demonstrated interest in computer science. A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 must be maintained. A majority of the scholarships will be awarded to women and minority students, however, all are eligible to apply. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31.

Visit www.microsoft.com/college/scholarships/default.asp for more information.

The Association for Women in Communications will award two scholarships of approximately $1,500 each. Eligible applicants must be Washington state residents attending a four-year university for fall 2003 as a junior, senior or graduate student. It is also required to be accepted in or applying to a school to major in the area of communications. The deadline for application is Feb. 15. Visit www.seattleawc.org/scholarships.htm for more information.

Visit www.cwu.edu~scholar or the Scholarship Office in Barge Hall room 102 for more information and additional scholarships.
The power lines running through Central Washington University’s campus have been found to pose little, if any, health threat by experts.

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have the least visual impact for off-campus residences.

There could be problems if the university decides to move, replace or renovate residence halls since the lines would create a safety hazard for workers.

Although some residents have voiced their concerns over electromagnetic field (EMF) lines and health risks, experts said EMFs are considered a small to non-existent problem.

EMFs are electric fields that are present wherever positive or negative charges exist. Michael Braunstein, professor of physics at Central, and Andrew Thatcher, a certified health physicist with the Washington State Department of Health, presented information at a public meeting last week concerning EMFs and the effect on humans.

“In the United States, with the electromagnetic distribution that we have, we are exposed to low frequency EMF’s everyday,” Braunstein said.

Microwaves produce the same wavelength and frequencies as the lines do to heat up a pizza pocket, but sometimes the frequency is so high, and carries so much energy it can break the bonds between molecules, including in the human body. X-rays and UV light are both examples of these high frequency waves.

“There is no convincing, compelling evidence that there is any health effect associated with these fields,” Braunstein said.

EMFs are not viewed as enough of a health risk to concern Central’s Board of Trustees.

“It doesn’t take much to make a possible human carcinogen,” Thatcher said. “Coffee is a human carcinogen. What it takes is limited ethological evidence. We know for certainty that there is no possibility that EMF exposure could initiate cancer.”

Most scientists agree that power line emissions don’t cause cancer, but may be a contributing factor. Because of this, it is uncertain how far lines should be placed from residential areas; the new routes would take lines even farther away from people and residential areas.

The Ellensburg City Council will be present at the next public meeting on January 30, at the Ellensburg High School Little Theater.

“We are still in the process of evaluating the two options,” Corona said.
Job club prepares students for future

by Lauren McKeon
Staff reporter

Sannuto is getting the program started and intends to pass the responsibility to the students eventually.

“We want to get it off the ground and get students to take it on themselves,” Sannuto said. “We’d like to be the support or resource people, however, we’d like to see students coordinate it.”

Members of CDS look forward to the club’s formation.

“We’re pretty excited about the job club as an innovative approach for students to find employment in this uncertain economy,” Jackie Johnson, director of CDS, said.

Members will be encouraged to attend employment workshops. Accessing Career Employment Success Strategies (ACES) is the next event. Employers will present workshops for students from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 1 in Shaw-Smyser room 110. The cost is $15. To sign up, go to the CDS office in Barge Hall, room 202 or 204M.

“(ACES) is just one of the things we’ll encourage in the club,” Johnson said.

Sannuto advises that students attend job seminars and prepare for employment early in order to achieve the job the student desires.

“The majority of (CDS’s) work is career counseling, helping students find a major, job preparation, internship placement and bringing employers to campus,” Sannuto said.

“We have a database that students can sign up to see what job employers have posted and employers can also see (student) resumes. Right now, (Jan.) is not a bad time to look for summer-time. We’ve found three months is about the average time it takes to get a job these days. It gives you time to get your name out there and hopefully they’ll be interested and call you in for an interview.”

To join the job club, go to the CDS office or call 963-2404. Ask for Noela Smyser, job preparation assistant or call 963-2404.

“Why should we treat this play any different?” Hubbard said. “They have the right to express themselves but not silence.”

Chapman said Central embraces the type of awareness and education offered the Laramie project has on a campus community, and urges students to get involved.

Departments across campus are taking advantage of this situation and using it as an educational tool.

Richard DeShields, assistant director of residence living, said the residence halls are planning seminars concerning students’ rights and how to deal with these types of situations or issues in a student’s life.

Also, Allen Johnson will speak on “Unraveling the Knots of Privilege, Power and Sexuality” at 7 p.m. Monday, March 3 in the Samuelson Union Building.

Hubbard said the more involved the campus community becomes with the production and its surrounding issues the easier it will be to turn the event in to a “first rate educational opportunity for all.”

Comments and additional feedback on this project can be directed to the Theatre Department at 963-1750.

Any students who want to be involved or perhaps needs additional support with this issue should contact Student Affairs at 963-1515.

Correction

In the Jan. 16 edition, The Observer incorrectly listed Todd Anderson’s major as business administration. Anderson was an information technology and administrative management major specializing in retail management.
New system better tracks international students

by Andrew Fickes
Staff reporter

With America and the world not knowing whom to trust, Central Washington University’s staff in International Student Services (ISS) acknowledges people’s assumptions that the new Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is another stab by “Big Brother.” The office is quick, however, to deny any truth in these assumptions. “All the negative press and fear mongering is not where we are,” Cindy Green, director of the Asia International Student Services, is another stab by “Big Brother.” The office is quick, however, to deny any truth in these assumptions.

The Aug. 1 deadline allows those students interested in community service opportunities in which students will serve the community while gaining experience for their academic study to the ISS staff so that students into SEVIS last summer. Price did a complete overhaul of Central’s Student Visitor Information System to ensure compliance with SEVIS.

“Those of us in international education want to reiterate that SEVIS is simply an electronic database system better able to manage international student information,” Vogel said.

Service-learning benefits students, community

by George Hawley
Staff reporter

Students interested in community service will soon have an opportunity to get involved. In Samuelson Union Building on Jan. 29 and 30 selected organizations will take part in a two-day Community Service Outreach Fair. The purpose of the fair is to create awareness of the service opportunities in the area. Central Washington University’s Service-Learning and Volunteer Center (SLVC) coordinated the event.

“There will be organizations to cater to any and all students of different interests,” Anne Majsterek, a graduate student who works for the SLVC and helped organize the event, said. “This is for anyone willing to make a difference.”

The fair is a way for the SLVC to reach further into the community. The objective is to provide students with volunteer opportunities related to their area of study.

All of the exhibitors will be “locally based, not for profit agencies/businesses/offices and government entities,” Lorinda Anderson, director of Civic Engagement and Leadership Development, said. “Some examples of these include Court Advocates for Children, HEAD START/ECAP, Kittitas Valley Community Hospital, American Red Cross, City of Ellensburg’s Youth Unlimited Program and People for People.”

The fair will provide service-learning opportunities for students of almost every major. It is designed so that this will lead to mutually beneficial service opportunities in which students will serve the community while gaining experience for their majors.

“The fair is open to all students, and we hope that everyone will at least come and see if there is a project that would help them prepare for their future,” Hillary Shemanski, junior communications major who helped coordinate this event, said. “I can tell you for sure that we will need students from all departments: Spanish, elementary ed., marketing, communications, probably accounting, law and justice, etc.”

The SLVC has organized other service opportunities such as the Yakima River Clean-Up, Thanks-for-Giving, Bueno (a program where students teach Spanish to elementary children). The center is located in SUB room 211/212.

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This is for anyone willing to make a difference.

—Anne Majsterek, SLVC volunteer
Screw California

People often label me as a weird or random thinker, but I like to think of myself as inquisitive. And the college lifestyle besets plenty of down-time to ponder life’s idiosyncrasies.

The normally exhaustingly routine of rolling out of bed at 10 a.m. and heading to class for three hours before returning home and “assuming the position” on the Lay-Z-Boy has seemed particularly less dreadful this week. I think it is because I have had especially good daydreams in class.

With Super Bowl Sunday looming ever closer, my imagination has been provided with bountiful new ammunition.

Some of my latest musings:

- Ever wonder if the water systems of major cities are in danger of collapsing because of so many simultaneous flushings at halftime of the Super Bowl? I do. Ever think about how strange it is that beer companies spend millions on advertising to beer drinkers when the beer drinkers are typically in the bathroom during the beer ads? Again, I do.
- I’m looking forward to a new crop of commercials. I was thinking that maybe Coke and Pepsi could work out a deal where the polar bear devours that annoying little girl. Or maybe rather than ripping off her overalls, Britney Spears could attempt to rip off Christina Aguilera’s head in a pop princess cat-fight.
- As a proud Seahawk fan I have never liked the Raiders. This year in particular I will be rooting passionately against the silver and black. And not necessarily because I like the Buccaneers. Really it’s just because I HATE THE RAIDERS (did you know you can fit every smart Raider fan in a phone booth?) and I’m tired of California.
- Is anyone else out there tired of California? It seems the state hoards all the big sporting events. In the last year, the Lakers, Sparks, Giants, Angels and Raiders have all played in world championship games. The Rose Bowl, like every year, was in Pasadena and the Super Bowl will be in San Diego.
- Women — if a guy you like asks you what you’re doing on Sunday, it is okay to say you are not watching the game. But please do not say, “Why, what’s Sunday?”
- Lastly I would like to leave you with a Raider joke retrieved from www.chiefswapath.com.

Two Rottweilers are sitting on the curb of a street. The small one turns to the big one and says, “I don’t understand how you can be so much bigger than me. We’re the same age, we were the same size as pups...I just don’t get it.”

“Well,” says the big Rottweiler, “What have you been eating.”

“Raiders, same as you,” replies the small Rottweiler.

“Hmmm, where do you catch em?”

“Down at that bar on the edge of the Bay”

“Same here. Hmm, how do you catch em?”

“Well, I crawl under a low-rider and wait for someone to unlock the door. Then I jump out, bite ‘em, shake the crap out of ‘em, and eat ‘em.”

“Ahh” says the big Rottweiler, “I think I see your problem. See, by the time you get done shakin’ the crap out of a Raider, there’s nothing left but hair and a leather jacket.”

— Casey Steiner

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The essentials

Super Bowl XXXVII
Oakland Raiders vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Game time: 3 p.m.
Location: Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, Calif.
Broadcast on ABC

In a nutshell: The game should be close, with Tampa Bay’s No. 1-ranked defense playing against Oakland’s No. 3-ranked offense. This is Tampa Bay’s first Super Bowl in its 26-year franchise history, but Oakland hasn’t seen a Super Bowl since 1983. Tampa Bay Coach John Gruden is Oakland’s former coach, adding a personal twist to the competition.

Who that party?

The party begins on Friday, Jan. 24. Football fans will gather to watch the Super Bowl, which is considered one of the most-watched programming events of the year. The average football fan stays more interested than a baseball fan (162 game schedule) or a basketball fan (82 game schedule). Football has done very well lately with their television contracts ($2 billion exclusive satellite television deal with DirecTV). It will be interesting to see if they can add as well with their TV rights in the future as they have in the past (eight-year $18 billion package with ABC/ESPN, CBS and Fox signed in 1998)." Why do advertisers spend so much money advertising during the Super Bowl? "I think the Super Bowl can work as well for brand recognition if it is a memorable ad, but it still takes time. One ad is not going to do it," Moody said. How does the NFL do so well when other sports leagues face bankruptcy or possible contraction? "I think football has become America’s sport in terms of audi-

Tips for the perfect Super Bowl party

1. Start planning early. Give yourself plenty of time to prepare for the party.
2. Plan your menu. Make sure to have a variety of food and drinks that will appeal to all your guests.
3. Consider having a "Build Your Own" bar. This allows guests to customize their drinks.
4. Don’t forget the entertainment. Consider having a DJ or a karaoke machine.
5. Have fun! Remember, the Super Bowl is about enjoying yourself and spending time with friends.

By Alison Worrell
Managing editor

Ah, the Super Bowl. Millions of Americans will hunker down this Sunday to watch overzealous men attempt to successfully move a pigskin back and forth over a 100-yard-long patch of muddy turf. Millions more will find they enjoy the true meaning of Super Bowl Sunday: friends, beer and, most importantly, lots of party food.

Even the most die-hard football fans will probably have a few buddies over to watch the game and stock up on the bare minimums, like alcohol, chips and dip. But why not throw a super party to commemorate the mother of all football games? Chances are, months from now most people will be more sentimental about the killer party mix than won the coin toss.

It’s not too late to plan and execute the perfect Super Bowl party. Follow these simple steps for a winning party:

Countdown to game day: Three days

Start publicizing your fiesta. Invite fans and laypersons alike, and let people know if they should bring anything (like beer).

Countdown to game day: Two days

Decide what you want to drink. Kegs can be obtained locally from the liquor store if you need to. Don’t forget paper plates, napkins and ice.

Assemble any dish that needs to sit overnight, like spinach dip, and store hot dishes in the oven or crock pot.

Countdown to kickoff: four hours

Arrange seats and cushions around the TV for maximum viewing ability. If you have a deck of cards handy, you might want to consider some football-themed games. Have guests draw a player’s name as they walk in your door. Every time that player scores (or touches the ball), the person holding his name should drink his beverage.

Kickoff

Sit back, with a plate laden with festive food and a glass full of a frosty beverage. Enjoy!

Football, food and parties are on most people’s minds as Super Bowl Sunday draws near. Another major aspect of the game — advertisements — are consuming the thoughts of business analysts, marketing specialists and those who want to be entertained during breaks from play. Following is a closer look at how advertisements during the Super Bowl can impact different facets surrounding the much-anticipated event.

How do advertisers make humorous ads effective?

"Research shows that if you are laughing too hard at the ad you will be too distracted to remember the message — it’s called the ‘distraction hypothesis,’" Rex Moody, professor of marketing, said. "Humor needs to be integrated into the message. You have to remember the message when the ad is over."

Why do advertisers spend so much money advertising during the Super Bowl?

"Audience size is the basic reason," Moody said. "One of the largest audiences for any single program tunes in. These days the Super Bowl is almost as much about advertising as it is about football. That phenomenon started in 1984 in Apple’s first ad for Macintosh. The ad itself became an event. We’ll see advertising coverage on Monday in the Wall Street Journal and the USA Today."

Can a new advertiser establish a brand name during the Super Bowl?

"Smaller companies may spend their entire marketing budget during the game," Moody said. "I think the Super Bowl can work well for brand recognition if it is a humorous ad, but it still takes time. One ad is not going to do it."

How does the NFL do so well when other sports leagues face bankruptcy or possible contraction?

"I think football has become America’s sport in terms of audience size," Moody said. "But it is in some ways also because of scarcity. With football there are 32 teams playing 16 games each. There is a week of build-up before every game and the average football fan stays more interested than a baseball fan (162 game schedule) or a basketball fan (82 game schedule). Football has done very well lately with their television contracts ($2 billion exclusive satellite television deal with DirecTV). It will be interesting to see if they can add as well with their TV rights in the future as they have in the past (eight-year $18 billion package with ABC/ESPN, CBS and Fox signed in 1998)."

What do advertisers have to do to be effective in selling the product?

"There needs to be a compelling message there for consumers," Moody said. "Advertising is just one piece of the puzzle. Some of the most popular ads will probably be for Bud and Bud Light. They typically leave us (the consumers) with good feelings which research has shown leads to increased sales."
Garrett O'Brian, senior construction management major, gets a Celtic cross tattooed on his calf by Xavier Cavazos of Outlaw Tattoo. Cavazos will tattoo students in Barto Lounge when he participates in the Upperclassmen Tattoo and Piercing Extravaganza.

Ink invades Barto

by Natalie Bing
Staff reporter

If bleading body parts, swelling cartilage and the occasional whimper from pain sound like an exciting way to spend Friday, the Upperclassmen Tattoo Extravaganza in Barto lounge is the place to be.

Outlaw Tattoo, along with Barto staff member Misty Jurgensen, are putting on a tattoo and piercing party at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24 to celebrate the cultural expression of body art.

The event will run until around 9 p.m. "I wanted to do something different," Jurgensen, junior undeclared major, said. "I don't think anything like this has been done at Central before."

"I want students to see what is possible with tattooing."

— Xavier Cavazos

Outlaw Tattoo, located at 312 E. 4th Ave, is open from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. for those wanting to check out the design-filled walls for possible tattoo ideas. Design books will be in from $70 to $90 for a 3-inch piece. Tattooing will take around an hour.

"I want to create awareness of what quality tattoos look like," Xavier Cavazos, Outlaw Tattoo artist, said. "I want students to see what is possible with tattooing."

Along with Cavazos, fellow artist Mad Max will assist in the tattooing and body piercing.

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The Vagina Monologue's inside and out

by Alecia Evans-Race
Staff reporter

Vagina.
An often taboo word in the English language is the subject of an upcoming Central Washington University production.
The Vagina Monologues, written by Eve Ensler, is a compilation of short stories, interviews and funny anecdotes from women ages 5 to 70 years old. Ensler's book has taken off and it's many different monologues, created V-Day. V-Day is Feb 14, a day to stop violence against women.
Through Ensler, the Women's Empowerment Center has helped spread the news about the Vagina Monologues. Ensler, senior, is directing the production. I was able to discuss with her The Vagina Monologues, and V-Day and what Central can expect from the program.
Q: How would you describe the Vagina Monologues to someone who has never heard of it?
A: It is a play using the vagina as a symbol for a woman's individuality, and it's many different monologues based on interviews with women, talking about their vaginas, expressing their sense of self through their vaginas, funny, sad, happy stories. Makes people very aware of their vaginas, that women as a whole perhaps have not been voiced before. A voice for women, to stop violence against women.

Q: Why is it so taboo to talk about pubic hair?
A: Yes, absolutely. There is strong language and sexual content, but if this is broken before they watch, they can learn so much. Our goal is to get rid of the negativity (about women and certain body parts). Why is it so taboo to talk about pubic hair and violence against women? Is it our societal standards that keep us from talking about these things. The things that should really be talked about in a positive light.
Q: Could you give a summation of V-Day and what it means?
A: V-Day is a movement. We don't want violence to stop, we are going to make it stop. We want to donate money to prevent violence, not just deal with the aftermath of it.
Q: When did you find out about the Vagina Monologues?
A: I found out when they (WEC) put up postings requesting a director. The CWU Theater actually wanted to do the Vagina Monologues last year, but there are a lot of rules and regulations about performing the show on campus, and I know that the department wasn't able to meet all of the requirements under the timeline they were given.
Q: What is it so taboo to talk about pubic hair?
A: I tell you, we discussed this for a long time. As a cast, we decided to invite any age, bring anyone, age, shape or color. For the younger children, talk to them before and after the performance.
Q: Would you say one of your goals is to educate younger girls about themselves and the rights they have?
A: Yes, absolutely. There is strong language and sexual content, but if the kids are broken before they watch, they can learn so much.

There were quite a few of us (drama students) that had gotten excited about performing and then found we couldn't do it. At the beginning of this year (early September) a new posting went up, I was really excited at another opportunity partake in the Vagina Monologues.

"Why is it so taboo to talk about pubic hair?"
— Maureen Ellis

Q: Is there anything you would like to add, that is important about the Vagina Monologues?
A: Well, some of my friends won't even say the name of the play, but then the Vagina Monologues are doing so well in Seattle and my family started reading about it and said "Oh, it's not something dirty, this isn't what we thought it was." I would say to people who are very conservative minded yes, there are some things in here that will probably shock you but as a whole I think that is will be enriching and fulfilling. I would encourage everyone to see it, don't just hear things about it; don't just listen to a snippet and say that's it, I know what the whole play is about and it's disgusting. Come see it, I know a lot of people, even the cast had a lot of trepidation coming into it, that are very moved and are very excited to be part of this. We want as many different people to come out here and see what it's about.

The Vagina Monologues will be performed Feb. 6 and 7 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Samuelson Union Building (SUB) ballroom. Admission to the show is $5 for students, $10 for the general public.

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Barb lounge Friday, Jan 24.
If the perfect tattoo is still not found, Cavazos and Max are more than willing to duplicate a hand drawn picture or create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece.
"The school should offer as many choices of personal expression as they can," Brad Harringer, freshmen unde­
cided major, said. "I think it's pretty cool for Central to do something like this."
Looking for self-expression by inserting a metal object between intact skin? Piercing above the waist will cost a flat fee of $25 and with jewelry included. Looking for a little action below the waist? Cavazos advises making an appointment to come into the shop.
"It's going to be a very clean set up; instruments will be clean and sterile, all the comforts you would have in a parlor," Cavazos said.
To help those who are frightened by the whole experience, Jurgensen is going first. She is getting an existing tattoo on her shoulder touched up and is adding a piece to her lower back.
"This way people can see that it is not too painful," Jurgensen said. Afterward, Outlaw tattoo employees will go over proper care and maintenance of the recent additions. To ensure an optimal experience, those having work done are advised to eat before going under the needle.
Contact Jurgensen at 963-7161 or Outlaw tattoo at 925-4465 for more information.

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Dining beyond burgers

Life after homemade dinner causes many students to fall into a rut of burgers, fries and pizza. In three pages, Scene goes beyond the burger to find some of the ways to eat ethnic in Ellensburg.

Don’t head for the border yet

by Tyler Matney and Risa Fuller

Staff reporters

To experience Mexico without the fear of diarrhea, sunburns and sand in ones unmentionables, Ellensburg offers a wide variety of Mexican restaurants. Casa de Blanca, El Caporal and Fiesta En Jalisco all provide a safe alternative to a trip across the border.

Fiesta En Jalisco

For three years and still going strong, local Mexican restaurant Fiesta En Jalisco has been known for fast, efficient service.

“The service was good; I was seated very quickly,” Beatriz Colazo, freshman business major, said.

Fiesta En Jalisco’s interior design gives off a fun and energetic vibe with vibrantly colored murals and authentic Latin music playing loudly in the background.

Located on Main Street next to Baskin Robbins, Fiesta En Jalisco is a friend owned franchise.

Some of the recipes are slightly different than those in many other Mexican restaurants. The salsa and pico de gallo sauce, for example, are made with jalapenos instead of peppers.

Fiesta En Jalisco’s food seems to be popular with across-the-street competitor Casa de Blanca.

“The employees from Casa de Blanca come over here and eat all the time,” Noe Armendariz, restaurant employee, said.

Fiesta En Jalisco is a family oriented restaurant, which is why there is no bar.

About 75 percent of Fiesta En Jalisco’s customers are Central Washington University Students.

“I heard of this restaurant through word of mouth,” Nathan Hill, freshman business major, said.

Fiesta En Jalisco’s food appears to be priced reasonably priced Mexican cuisine.

El Caporal

For the past three years, El Caporal has held the Kittitas County award for Best Ethnic Restaurant. El Caporal opened in December 1989 and has created a large following of

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See MEXICAN, page 12
Oh, miso hungry

by Katherine Wiles
Staff reporter and
Susan Bunday
Scene editor

While fortune cookies may not be accurate, Chinese cuisine is still a reliable source for premium take out food. Ellensburg serves up its own version of China town with the China Inn and Panda Garden, located across the street from each other on Main St.

China Inn, located at 116 W. 3rd St., serves authentic Mandarin, Szechwan and Cantonese cuisine. Its dimmed lighting, over-sized deep red booths and authentic Chinese decorative pieces offer a unique dining atmosphere unlike any other in town.

"I really like the relaxed atmosphere here and they have great food. The chicken lo mien is my favorite," Liz Adams, junior art and French major, said.

Martha Chen, a hostess at the China Inn, said the Mongolian Beef (hot and spicy) and combo number six are some of their more popular dishes.

Combo number six includes barbeque pork, fried prawns, almond pork chow mein, sweet and sour chicken and pork fried rice all for $8.70.

China Inn’s menu includes a wide variety of combination dinners, ranging in price from $6.90 to $8.70. They also offer chicken, beef, seafood and pork entrees served with pork fried rice.

While China Inn can satisfy a taste for something unique, some still long for a more diverse restaurant scene.

"I go to the China Inn because of its friendly and kind servers. I do wish that in Ellensburg there were more ethnic food to choose from. I mean now it’s either Chinese or Mexican," Mak Lee, junior art major, said. "But if you want good Chinese food in Ellensburg, go to the China Inn."

Some Central students like the convenience that takeout can offer on a hectic school night.

"If I'm sick of cooking for myself and have had a busy day at school, calling in an order can make my life a lot easier. I just wished that they delivered," Darcy Graybill, senior music major, said.

The China Inn has a lunch buffet every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday beginning at 11am. To go orders can be called in at 925-4140.

Consider Panda Garden the secret garden of Ellensburg. Overshadowed by surrounding buildings, the Panda Garden offers affordable Chinese cuisine for lunch and dinner.

Panda Garden, located at 207 N. Main St., serves Chinese food with a plentiful amount of variety. From combination dinners to large portion entrees, Panda Garden’s menu is built around color and construction?

It's often the case that the restaurant’s confusing genre and Red Robin decor are the problems.

Empty booths and a lifeless bar is often the scene during dinner time at the Matterhorn Inn. To some, the restaurant’s confusing and Red Robin decor are the problems.

For many homesick Central students a little taste of home can be heartwarming as well as nourishing. The Matterhorn Inn, a Red Robin look-a-like and family-style restaurant and bar, offers breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week.

Unfortunately, the restaurant does not offer a consistent meal, an original motif, or an even trade of taste for your dollar.

When I hungrily waltzed into the Matterhorn Inn, I was greeted by the familiar colors of a Red Robin restaurant. Red Robin pictures still hung from the Red Robin type walls.

Fatigue from my unsatisfied hunger, as well as confusion set in. Was this an inn as stated by the restaurant’s name, a Swiss eatery as implied by their namesake’s location, or a Red Robin as suggested by the building’s color and construction?

After being seated in the Red Robinishbob, the friendly waitress handed me a menu and complimentary starter dish of cut celery, carrots, and olives placed on ice. I sat dazed as though in a stupor, not knowing whether to eat the greens or to drain the melting water from the plate.

When searching the limited menu, I usually ordered an appetizer, side house salad, entrée and dessert. The Friday night atmosphere of empty tables and low chatter of the kitchen

The China Inn (top) and Panda Garden are Ellensburg’s version of Chinatown. They are located across from each other on Main Street.

Empty booths and a lifeless bar is often the scene during dinner time at the Matterhorn Inn.
MEXICAN: Casa de Blanca offers more than Mexican food

Since Mexico is about 1,500 miles from Ellensburg, Casa de Blanca can satisfy those ethnic cravings, or in Casa de Blanca's case, even those prime rib cravings.

Casa de Blanca Mexican Food Steakhouse and Cantina has been owned and operated by Blanca Law since 1975. Also known as Casa Blanca, the restaurant offers prime rib weekend specials and daily Mexican food specials.

"The prime rib is our specialty, but don't forget our enchiladas," Law said.

For $6.75 one gets a taco, enchilada and tostada combo on Mondays, or two beef burritos, a taco and a salad on Tuesdays. The bar honors its patrons with a happy hour from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Drinks are served by Mickey Wood, who has been voted best server and bartender in the Kittitas Valley by the Daily Record numerous times in his 19 years working at Casa Blanca.

"I like Casa Blanca because you can get a huge meal, and a drink for right around $10," Bridget Jordan, senior education major, said.

Casa de Blanca has 14 Mexican food combinations priced at $9.75 that are served every day of the week. It also offers many smaller combinations and a wide assortment of American-style meals.

Students and locals alike seem to enjoy Casa de Blanca once they have tried it.

"(Casa de Blanca offers) great food, good people, some cute servers, and amazing margaritas," Sean Russell, Central Washington University alumnus, said.

Although Casa Blanca is a longer drive from campus than most Mexican restaurants in Ellensburg, many patrons, such as Julian Ditzezer, junior political science major, feel the drive is worthwhile.

"It might be the farthest Mexican restaurant from campus, but come on, the food and drinks are worth it," Ditzezer said.

The restaurant and full service bar are open from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily. Casa de Blanca is located at 1318 South Canyon Rd. and can be reached by phone at 925-1693.

Chinese: Panda Garden caters to vegetarians

"There is a plethora of choices," Joel Fry, a weekly patron of Panda Garden, said.

Combination dinners, which include soup and fortune cookie, range in price from $6.10 to $7.95. According to Lily Kay, a hostess at the Panda Garden, one of the most popular combination dinners is number seven. Combination seven serves pork chow mein, almond fried chicken, BBQ pork, egg roll and pork fried rice for $7.80.

Panda Garden's menu includes a huge selection dedicated to vegetarians. All vegetarian meals range in price from $5.95 to $6.95.

"We get a lot of people coming for vegetarian food," Kay said.

Lunch specials draw many Central Washington University students to Panda Garden. The lunch bowl, priced at $3.95, is a bowl of steamed rice that is covered with the chef's choice topping of the day.

"It's the bomb," Damien Smith, Central alumnus, said.

Many patrons, such as Tahnee Brown, sophomore public relations major, frequent the establishment for its specials and quality service.

"It's a nice place to eat and affordble," Brown said.

Panda Garden is open seven days a week. For more, call Panda Garden at 925-2090.

Matterhorn: Thumbs down to look-like

"(Matterhorn offers) great view, good people, some cute servers and amazing margaritas." Sean Russell, Central Washington University alumnus, said.

Though the staff provides friendly service, their happy demeanor does not compensate for the blandness of the food, the uninspired menu or the confusing motif.

Red Robin here I come!

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You tell us

When you eat ethnic food in Ellensburg, where do you go?

"If I'm going to go to Chinese, I go to the Golden Dragon. For German, I like the Matterhorn." — Josh Schulz, senior theatre arts major

"Panda Garden, it's really good. I like the sweet and sour chicken." — Krista Surber, sophomore undecided

"I like Pearls. Every six weeks they change their menu from Mediterranean to French to Cajun." — Leon Letson, senior English major

"I just make my own." — Coral Nafziger, junior elementary education major

"For Mexican, I usually go to El Caporal because it's close, good food and you can go wrong." — Carrie Comer, senior elementary education major
With losses mounting and frustration rising, the Central Washington University men's basketball team easily could have given up when the No. 1 nationally ranked and undefeated (13-0) Humboldt State University (HSU) visited Nicholson Pavilion on Saturday.

Instead the Wildcats rode an early lead to an 85-69 victory in front of 1,906 fans.

"It feels great to win, but our own expectations are higher than our record shows," senior forward Jay Thomas said. "We expected to beat them."

Ironically, the Wildcats handed the Lumberjacks their first loss last season 88-74 in Ellensburg after the Lumberjacks started out 14-0.

"The win boosted our confidence," junior point guard Scotty Freymond said. "We came in with the confidence that we could beat them. Now I think our confidence is boosted for the rest of the season."

Defensively Central forced 34 turnovers which created several fast break points, playing perfectly into the team's uptempo style of play.

"We've picked up our intensity and have started to gel with crisp precision passing," junior forward Chris Bond said. "Picking up our defensive intensity has led to quick, easy baskets."

Senior guard Tony Thompson led the Wildcats in scoring with 22 points and rebounding with 7 boards. Freymond and sophomore forward Kyle Boast each chipped in 18 points.

"Our intensity level in the game was right where it should be," Thomas said. "We played together like we should and the fans kept us going."

Ending a four-game losing streak, the victory against HSU, combined with a 76-77 overtime victory against Western Oregon University Thursday has the Wildcats back on their feet again.

"They (the wins) mean a lot to us," Freymond said. "Our backs were against the wall. We needed those wins. Each game means a lot. We've not to win them all."

The Wildcats face Seattle University today in the first of three consecutive road games. The team will visit Northwest Nazarene University Saturday before heading to Saint Martin's College Feb. 1. The Wildcats won't return home until Feb. 6 when they play Alaska Anchorage University.

"We know if we play the way we can — keep the intensity level up — we can win every game," Freymond said. "Our goal is the playoffs... We're going to take it one game at a time and ride this thing out in hopes that we remain healthy the rest of the way."
Wildcat women come up short against SPU

The Seattle Pacific University (SPU) Falcons handed the Wildcat women their third-straight loss Saturday night. In a tight game, SPU eventually oustscored Central Washington University with a score of 63-60.

"Right towards the end we had a couple turnovers," senior guard Meggen Kautzky said. "It's kind of disappointing to work so hard and end up losing by a couple points."

Sophomore center Alyssia Vincent scored 14 points and junior Lindsey Weiss, who scored 15 points and brought down seven boards, led Central.

Central held its ground against the highly-ranked SPU team, and Kautzky and Vincent both said the coaches and the team were happy with their performances.

However, three missed shots and three fouls by Central in the last minute of play forced the Wildcats to come up short.

"We kind of fell apart," Vincent said.

The Wildcats hope to turn things around at Seattle University in Seattle tonight and at Western Washington University in Bellingham on Saturday.

Twelve years of wrestling pay off for Salvini

Central wrestler exhibits hard work and dedication to excel

by Jenny Smelker
Staff reporter

Kenny Salvini, senior electrical engineering major, is not only a star wrestler at Central Washington University, but is considered an all-around nice guy as well. Women—he's single. He claims he's shy when it comes to women, but on the wrestling mat he's all business. Though it has been a long road to getting to where Salvini is today, he’s worked hard and is unranked nationally, but through perseverance and support from family, coaches and teammates, he's working his way to the top.

When Salvini isn't studying hard for his electrical engineering major, he's delivering pizzas for Papa John's and hanging out with friends. "I didn't think I was good enough, but I committed myself to showing up at practice every day and working hard," Salvini said.

Salvini walked on to Central's wrestling team with a low self-esteem, coming off a major upset at a high school state tournament. After being admitted to Seattle University in 1998, Salvini headed to Central unsure of his abilities.

"I didn't think I was good enough, but I committed myself to showing up at practice every day and working hard," Salvini said.

The perfect time Salvini is referring to is his senior year at Central. When Salvini isn't studying hard for his wrestling team he's working hard at his electrical engineering major, he's delivering pizza for Papa John's and hanging out with friends. Salvini is undecided about life after graduation, but he is certain he'll be wakeboarding professionally someday. "I'll be famous," Salvini said.

Salvini is one of the most free-spirited guys I know," teammate and senior art education major, Ty Iglesias, said. "He looks a lot like Enrique Iglesias," teammate O.C. Hazen, junior construction management major, said.

"Kenny is one of the most free-spirited guys I know," teammate and senior art education major, Ty Iglesias, said. "He looks a lot like Enrique Iglesias," teammate O.C. Hazen, junior construction management major, said. "He's known around here as Central's most eligible bachelor."

Salvini is 20-5 on the season, recently ending a 10-match winning streak. He placed first at the Pacific College meet, first at the Yakima Valley Dual, first at Pacific Lutheran University, first at Colorado, fifth of 64 in Southern Oregon and has only lost one of his last 12 duals.

"From last year to this one, Kenny is a lot more focused and dedicated to what he is doing," Roberts said.

Twist of Luck

Last weekend in Clackamas, Oregon, Salvini went 2-1 in the two-day tournament. He won his dual meet last Friday against Southern Oregon and went 1-1 on Saturday before withdrawing from further matches because of injury.

Salvini suffered a deep shoulder contusion on Saturday during his match. After being checked out by a local hospital, Salvini was advised to sit out for 3-5 days, but he will be ready to go to San Francisco to wrestle this weekend.

Salvini has overcome obstacles and proven himself as a strong wrestler at Central. His hard work and dedication on the mats, have given him the opportunity to finish out his college career with success and confidence.

Central will take on Yakima Valley Community College in the only home wrestling match of the year Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Nicholson Pavilion.
Scotty Freymond

13 total points on the night, sharing team-leading scoring honors with senior guard Terry Thompson and junior guard Kasey Ulin.

Freymond again had a hand in the Wildcats’ victory on Saturday against undefeated HSU in their defeat of the nation’s No. 1-ranked team. Freymond scored 18 points, was 6-9 from the field, 5-8 from the line, 1-3 behind the arc, had two steals and two dunks in his 24 minutes of play.

Last Saturday’s victory against HSU was the first time that Central’s men’s basketball team had handed a nationally No. 1-ranked team a loss since 1977.

The Wildcats start a three game road trip at Seattle University tonight at 8 p.m., then to Northwest Nazarene University on Jan. 25 and Saint Martin’s College on Feb. 1 before returning to Nicholson Pavilion to play the University of Alaska-Anchorage on Feb. 6.
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HIGH-FIVES HAVE NEVER BEEN MESSIER.

NATHAN HARRIS, ASCWU PRESIDENT
• Finalizing details for a permanent readership program as well as gauging support for proposed readership packages including expectations and contributions from stakeholders across campus.
• Working on proposed policy change with the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs committee regarding graduation with distinction.
• Meeting with director of Student Employment, University ombudsperson, and director of Human Resources to collect a basis of information from which new policy may be crafted in regard to student employee rights.

BRANDY PETERS, VP FOR EQUITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
• Community Survey: Talking with key administrators and students to create a survey to help assess student and community interactions.
• Strengthening Equity and Services Council: Creating a true coalition by inviting organizations that will help the council grow into a true partnership.
• Service-Learning Project: Working with staff from Service-Learning and Volunteer Center to assist with the “Random Acts of Kindness” February 10–14.
• Diversifying the Curriculum: Researching other schools’ curriculum to later assist in a written proposal for varying academic committees.

DAVID LIBERTI, VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
• Diversity in general education requirement: Researching options regarding how we can go about implementing a diversity component into the general education requirement.
• Working on proposal to change the policy regarding missing class due to school sponsored events.
• Finalizing plans for Locks of Love fundraiser.
• Continued involvement in Faculty Senate meetings.

MEGAN FUHLMAN, VP FOR STUDENT LIFE AND FACILITIES
• Planning event for student leaders to learn more about the SUB/Rec project.
• Continued involvement in SUB/Rec project committee meetings.

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