Central mourns longtime business professor’s death

Central Washington University lost a longtime faculty member last weekend.

George Kesling, professor of business administration, died in his sleep at his Thorp home Sunday morning. He was 62.

Kesling had taught statistics at Central since 1984. Family, faculty and students remember Kesling for his humor in the classroom and a dedication to helping students succeed.

“Mr. Kesling made learning statistics fun,” Spencer Stark, junior business administration major, said. “And he really cared that students understood the material.”

Wayne Fairburn, professor of business administration and friend, said Kesling was especially good at connecting with his students.

“He was the best person I know for involving students in research projects,” Fairburn said. “He took a lot of interest in his students.”

Roy Savoin, dean of the School of Business and Economics, said Kesling cared deeply about his students and created a fun and effective learning experience despite the challenging courses he taught.

“He derived considerable joy in teaching and working with students,” Savoin said. “He will be missed.”

Besides research projects with students, writing papers and arguing with his dean to get financing, Kesling was also a family man.

His wife, Sarah Norton, said he derived the most joy watching his daughter and son graduate from college.

Michael Bennett/Observer

Students will pay more, state will pay less for tuition

It’s the end of January 2003. Amid the adjustment of returning to classes and forgotten resolutions, something else occurs that directly impacts students. The Washington State Legislature convenes in Olympia to begin the long process of deliberation, which will eventually result in a budget for Central Washington University and future tuition increases.

Starting the legislative session with a $2.6 billion dollar shortfall makes this process even more challenging. Last year tuition at Central was increased 13.9 percent. Although Governor Gary Locke has recommended a 9 percent increase cup for the next biennium. The legislature’s Joint Budget Committee will have the final word as to how much tuition will increase.

The only certainty is that tuition will increase and the university’s budget will be cut, to what degree and how drastic the amount will change remains uncertain.

Central President Jerilyn McIntyre and her cabinet which is comprised of the President, the four vice presidents and an executive assistant have been in discussion and brainstorming activities since early summer in preparation.

All four vice presidents have been asked to find inefficiencies and ways in which cuts in their individual departments could occur.

Central has outlined three priorities for the legislative session: rebasing full-time equivalencies to reflect current enrollment changes and restore funding lost last biennium, phase two funding on the new music building and workforce programs, innovations and partnership increases.

In the past, whenever tuition has risen, funding has been increased in an effort to compensate. State need includes the Washington State Need Grant, Equal Opportunity Grant and Workstudy. The State Hold Harmless clause, which ensures that financial aid increases when tuition is raised, is being threatened by the current economic recession. Institutional aid programs such as Central tuition waivers, grants and scholarships may also be in danger.

Every two years they receive compiled data and recommendations from Central’s budget director. McIntyre and her cabinet then make proposal recommendations to the Board of Trustees (BOT), the governing board of Central, which assesses the proposals.

The BOT’s recommendations go to the Washington Higher Education Board, which compiles recommendations for all six Washington state public institutions. Finally, Governor Locke and the Office of Financial Management create the final proposal.

Locke’s budget proposal for Central for the academic years 2004 to 2006 is $85.1 million, which takes into account a 7.9 percent cut in the general state fund and an additional 2.5 percent cut in non-instructional costs. Non-instructional costs include library, student services, academic computing and operations and maintenance costs.

Locke has repeatedly stated his desire to not increase taxes, but in a statement to House Appropriations his cabinet said, “Faxes are increased every year. It’s called a tuition increase.”

Locke’s proposal will be deliberated in the House and Senate Higher Education committees as well as House Appropriations and the Office of Financial Management.

A citizen can testify on behalf of his or her interest in the budget during these meetings. McIntyre has traveled to Olympia several times already this quarter, testifying in House Higher Education and Appropriations Committee meetings.

Students are also able to testify on behalf of tuition caps and freezes and their own experiences and struggles with financial aid. The Washington Student Lobby (WSL) employs a full-time lobbyist David Eklund-Grayum who lobbies for tuition caps, freezes, financial aid increases and other items on the state student legislative agenda.

WSL days in Olympia are March 6 and 7. The Office of Legislative Affairs will be conducting training to teach inexperienced students how to lobby. McIntyre said this was the
Health center provides more than just sick notes

by Lauren McKean
Staff reporter

Walking into a clinic with a health and well-being in mind, some wonder what quality of care they will be subjected to. According to the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), Central Washington University students have no worries except the $60 mandatory quarterly fee for access to health center services.

Central's Student Health and Counseling Center has met requirements to be a nationally recognized facility. In Nov. 2001 the health center received a one-year accreditation from AAAHC. A second survey was conducted in Nov. 2002 and yielded their maximum three-year accreditation.

"The first time we just requested for them to come in, evaluate us and tell us what they think," Bob Trumpy, senior director of student health, counseling and wellness services, said. "The three-year accreditation" puts you in a similar level of professionalism as other health care organizations. "What it does for us is it basically says that even though we only work with students, we're just as good, if not better, than any other health organization," Sally Romanowski, junior print journalism major, said she doesn't use the health care services provided by Central.

"I've never really needed to go there, but both my roommates use it," Romanowski said. "I think some people think that it's not a real doctor's office and that you just don't get as good of quality care as you're looking for." Trumpy expressed pride in the re-accreditation and Art DePalma, Central Student Health and Counseling Services physician, assured the credibility behind AAAHC's thorough review.

"A physician reviewer came for an on-site two-day visit to evaluate the health center's components in its entirety. The accreditation depended on a long list of standards that had to be met, including patient rights, quality of care provided, quality management and improvement. "You only need one (accreditation)" Trumpy said.

The re-accreditation groups with Central Washington State University's and the University of Washington's health centers after meeting AAAHC's maximum accreditation standards.

DePalma said the re-accreditation helps the health center to continue to provide high quality services by continuing to maintain high standards that students expect. "It keeps us sharp and on our toes," DePalma said.

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—Bob Trumpy, director of wellness services

BOD's Harris gathers support to resume readership program

Free newspaper distribution around campus may resume next month

by Andrew Fickes
Staff reporter

For those students curious about whether Central Washington University students still receive free newspapers, the answer is "not at the moment." However, after last quarter's successful pilot series, the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors' President Nate Harris is hard at work to ensure a permanent readership program on campus.

"Harris said that students' appreciation of the program came in the form of phone calls and requests for its continuation.

"I feel that, in my interaction with the students, it was a service that they became accustomed to and that they enjoyed," Harris said.

In partnership with the New York Times, Harris began the one-month pilot series last November to gauge whether or not a permanent readership program for Central would be viable to pursue. The program provided free publications at three campus sites: the Samuelson Union Building, the dining halls and Shaw-Smyser Hall.

After completion of the trial period, results showed that roughly 400 to 500 papers were read daily. The Daily Record, one of three papers distributed during the series, had 225 papers read everyday.

"We're pleased that The Daily Record is so popular with the students," Bill Kuneth, publisher of The Daily Record, said. "It shows students are not only interested in the campus but the entire community."

The New York Times, the designer of the readership program, paid for the pilot series, but a permanent readership program will have to be sponsored by Central.

"I would like to see a permanent readership program sponsored institutionally and I would like to see that done in a way that meets the needs of all interested parties," Harris said. Harris is seeking the endorsement and sponsorship of the president, the provost and dean, student affairs and enrollment management and the student activities funding committee.

Harris said that the readership program is in the best interest of the university and thus, all university parties should participate equally in the development and permanency of the program.

He envisions each department to sponsor supplying newspapers for one or two days of the week. During the pilot series, Harris met with all interested parties and asked them for excitement in and for the program.

"I think it's really good that papers are available," Jerilyn McIntyre, Central president, said. "It gets back to the principle that citizens in a democracy should be informed about important events in the news."

Who will be responsible for what amount of sponsorship, how many papers will be available and where they will be distributed, are all questions that need consensus before a permanent program is established. During the pilot series, The Daily Record, The New York Times, The Seattle Times and The Financial Times were available on campus. These papers represented local, national and international coverage, respectively.

Harris said The New York Times and The Daily Record are guaranteed to be on the list for the permanent program. Additional distribution sites and sponsorship considerations have yet to be decided.

Harris' original intentions were to have the program up and running by February.

However, considering the many parties involved, the program may not be finalized until next fall.

"I want a thorough plan that will benefit the best interests of the students and the campus community," Harris said. "The quality of the proposal and the plan is going to be far more valuable than the expedience of delivery."
Money laundering cleans up resident’s quarters

by George Hawley
Staff reporter

Students living in residence halls now have to pay an additional $0.50 cents every time they do their laun-dry. Starting at the beginning of winter quarter the total price to use a washer and dryer rose from $1.25 to $1.75. The price increase came with the installation of 130 new washer and dryer sets.

"I think it’s a good trade-off since we got new machines," Jessica Carlton, freshman, said. "But paying more really sucks.

The increase has angered students who feel that the price is too high. There are also complaints that the new washing machines and dryers do not work as well as the old ones.

"The new machines cost more and don’t work as well," Adam LoMero, freshman and vice-president of Davies Hall, said. "We think that was bad business ethics on their part. We were not properly notified and we had no previous complaints with the old machines."

LoMero wrote a letter to the Office of Housing Services (OHS) expressing his complaints. In the letter he calls for the students to be compensated for their losses and for better decisions to be made.

OHS said that the increase in price was needed to pay for new machines and to offset the increase in the cost of utilities.

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New washers and dryers line the walls in residence halls. Raising the price of using the machines by 50 cents has caused some controversy among residents.

"Involvement in WSL can benefit students who feel that the price is too high," Agnes Canedo, financial aid director, supports the increase as well as an additional national campaign effort to increase student loan limits.

"The current amounts simply aren’t adequate," Canedo said. "They are closing the door to students and forcing them to find alternative private loans with higher interest rates and stricter criteria."

Canedo also said loans should be guaranteed to all students. She suggests that students consider consolidating loans because interest rates are 3.46 percent and have never been lower. This gives students an opportunity to capitalize on the sagging economy and save money in repayments.

In addition, Canedo wants students to realize that many majors are in sagging economy. Since the federal budget still has not been determined, it is difficult for the state to draft an accurate budget. The federal higher education budget sets amounts for Pell Grants and determines Direct Loan rates. A controversial request to increase Federal Pell Grant amounts by $300 dollars are 3.46 percent and have never been higher. This gives students an opportunity to capitalize on the sagging economy and save money in repayments.

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"For many years, the university has had a contract to pay all utilities, taxes, and room maintenance and cleaning with our part. This is clearly a break even at best."

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Cramming made easy with free tutoring program for students

by Ryan Knee
Staff reporter

With the winter quarter well underway, those dreaded midterms are right around the corner. Every quarter, more than 125 Central Washington University students find a helpful way to skim off several hours of hellacious cramming. All it takes is a visit to the Academic Achievement Program office located in Boullion Hall room 206. There, students can find tutoring for a number of classes.

The program is free, and students can meet with a tutor up to three times per week. More than 40 Central students are working as tutors this quarter. The tutors provide supplemental materials and study sessions for several required 100-level classes.

Students in specialized programs such as Student Support Services, Multicultural Student Services, McNair Scholars Program and the Washington Achievers Scholars can get one-on-one help. The tutors are also provided with several educational aids such as textbooks and tutorial CDs.

"The program helps students not only with their classes but it helps them develop strategies for all materials," Karen Raymond, tutoring coordinator, said. "The feedback we get from the students is very, very positive.

It seems that several students think this is a great idea. "I think something like this has a place at this school and can be beneficial to many students," Jessica Ballard, freshman undecided major, said.

One of the many success stories is from Kibra Lowe, freshman family and consumer sciences major. "I absolutely love it; it saved my neck in my math class," Lowe said. "The best part was my tutor was open and caring and easy to talk to."

The Academic Achievement Program is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students planning on visiting a tutor or having any questions, call 963-2131 for an appointment.

Monica Medrano acted as interim director for the Office of Government Relations fall quarter prior to being selected for the position of Vice President for Political Affairs.

Medrano said, "There is so much satisfaction knowing that I can provide students with the political representation they deserve."

Medrano’s position plays an important role in giving the university a voice and representation to the legislature in Olympia. As stated in the "ASCWU Constitution and Bylaws," Medrano’s position encompasses some of the following duties: serve as a liaison to the CWU Branch of Washington Student Lobby (WSL), attend all Baccalaureate Assembly meetings of the Washington Student Lobby, promote the funding of (WSL) through advertising and educational programs.

Medrano is working to complete the phase two funding of the Music Education Campaign, which will extend the budget in favor of Central’s music department. To strengthen her efforts in Olympia, Medrano has encouraged 240 music students to send two letters each to their legislative districts.

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“Student letters are an effective way of reaching the capital and making a statement for our university,” Medrano said. "The Office of Legislative Affairs would not be as successful in our campaign without the efforts of students and especially efforts coming from Hertz Hall."

Medrano is also organizing "CWU Lobby Days," in which students go to Olympia in hopes of reaching the legislatures concerning bills and decisions that affect them. The tentative dates for that event are March 6 to 7, 2003.

"There are other projects that are currently in the works regarding the relationship between students and the capital," Medrano said.

CWU Lobby Days, the Washington Student Lobby, and other political opportunities are available to all students. Interested students should contact the ASCWU/BOD at 963-1693 or stop by room 116 in the Samuelson Union Building.

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His wife, Sarah Norton, said he was a loving father and husband. His daughter, Laurissa Kesling, said he was funny, enormous and a rock for his family.

One trait Laurissa recalled was Kesling’s ability to listen without judging and lead anyone looking for advice down the right path.

"He never told you what to do but somehow when you were done talking to him it was clear to you what to do," Laurissa said.

Kesling was very active at his daughter’s school. Laurissa said all of the students in Emily’s class knew him.

"He had a special relationship with kids, because I think he was a kid himself," Laurissa said.

Kesling was born in Pasco, Wash.

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— Ray Savoin

in 1940. He graduated from Grandview High School in 1959 and supported his family while earning his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Washington (UW) in 1965. He earned his master’s degree in business administration from UW, in 1966 and his doctorate of business administration in quantitative methods with minors in mathematic and behavioral sciences in 1970 from the University of Oregon.

Kesling began his teaching career at the University of Hawaii, the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and then at Central. He is survived by his wife Sarah Norton and daughters Emily of Thorp, a daughter Laurissa, of Palo Alto, Calif.; a son Steven of Stanley, two sisters, Alberta Leslie of West and Kathy Kesling of Thorp; and a brother James of Kittitas.

A memorial will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church at 1407 N. B St. in Ellensburg.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that those who wish to do so, to do something for someone in their life that really needs it.
Misunderstanding over RHA qualifications mars election

by Eva Tallmadge
Staff reporter

Elections for a new secretary and president of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) were held Wednesday, Jan. 22 amid controversy and confusion over the application process involved for candidates.

Three of the secretarial candidates and one presidential candidate were disqualified because they failed to meet one of the prerequisites outlined in the RHA Constitution.

"We all had a printout of the constitution," Laura Hostetler, RHA secretary, said. "It was made available. I didn't think of it as a concern of mine. It says you must have lived in a residence hall for one year, but it didn't say at Central."

Candidate Wesley Schlocker wrote a letter to Richard DeShields, assistant director of residence life/new student programs, expressing his concern because he was not notified about the one-year policy until just before the RHA meeting on Jan. 15.

Schlocker was upset by the acting president's failure to provide details.

"It was really unethical at the time," Schlocker said.

Leanne Todd was the acting president who notified the candidates of their ineligibility. Todd claims she tried to contact each of the four candidates by phone before the meeting.

"I never received any phone calls asking about residency," Schlocker said.

Todd declined to comment further.

Schlocker said the RHA should be aware that this is a continuing problem because the same mistake happened fall quarter 2002 when Thomas Edat ran for the secretarial position.

He also said another candidate overheard Todd discussing the problem of the ineligible candidates, but failed to discuss the one-year policy with them until Jan. 15.

"(The application) did not say that you must live in the residence halls at Central," DeShields said. "We know that it is not on the application, and we are deeply regretful to each of the candidates."

Heather Yergen and Hostetler were elected to fill the council positions of president and secretary, respectively.

Todd, who was filling in as acting president, was reinstated to her official position as vice-president after the elections.

"Next time make people aware that the position is open and what the requirements are," David Brown, secretarial candidate, said.
College life is full of idiosyncrasies

The college lifestyle is rather humorous. Supposedly college is a rigorous training for our professional lives, but college is more like a four, five, or, in my case, possibly a six-year social gathering. The truth of the matter is we are all lazy bastards.

To me the college lifestyle includes five things: class, study, parties, sitting on the couch and, whether you are getting any or not, sex is on every college student’s mind.

The following are observations I have made during my two-plus years on the Central Washington University campus:

1. I have noticed that on the first day of class each quarter I pick one seat and sit in it every class for the term. Sometimes that seat is to the left and sometimes to the right, but in each class I have one seat and one seat only.

2. I have ever gone to class only to find someone who has not been to class in weeks sitting in your seat? You might only have to sit one seat to the side or only one row forward or back, but the class seems completely different.

3. I do not know how many times per quarter? Don’t they know the meaning of the word “mid?”

4. Anyone notice the snowball fight outside of The Mint last Saturday night? It was great until a friend of mine threw an errant snowball at a cop car. I don’t remember what the cop said to us after he jumped out of his car, but I do remember the night’s fun was over.

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7. The library is an entertaining place to study. After spending a few hours there, I haven’t done any homework, but I have learned better in groups.

8. The bar to some people has magical powers. They think that cute girl or boy next to you is attracted to you when you are there. This is also true at the movies.

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10. The economy hit the pits, the job market went to zip. Many graduates have expected four-year universities an unexpected increased supply of students.

11. The bases metaphor. Was the double a head-first slide? Was that triple hit to first, second, and third? I have noticed that on the first day of class each quarter I pick one seat and sit in it every class for the term. Sometimes that seat is to the left and sometimes to the right, but in each class I have one seat and one seat only.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McIntyre given undue credit

It seems as though any article from President McIntyre or any mention of marketing sounds like the same tune. In the case of your article in the Jan. 16 edition, “McIntyre credits the task force’s early efforts for Central’s present record high enrollment.”

Some factors that triggered unexpected high enrollment that have been reported in the news:

Washington State University and the University of Washington both capped their enrollment before June of 2002. This provided the remaining four-year universities an unexpected increased supply of students.

The economy hit the pits, the job market went to zip. Many graduating high school students looked at continuing their education by default. Some students that normally would leave after two years decided to stay for the same reasons.

Large graduating high school classes.

Parents who found themselves out of work or in a reduced earning situation looked to state universities and not to private colleges to educate their children.

It would be interesting to find out how much growth the community colleges and other state universities had. Maybe marketing led to our growth and maybe it didn’t.

One father recently told me he sent his daughter out of state for the same cost of keeping her in Central.

Ed Wilson

Ellensburg resident

WBC does not reflect views of all Christians

Reading the recent article on the front page of the Observer, “Hatem­ guy group protests Central’s Laramie Project,” made me sick. I would like to remind everyone who reads this that the view expressed by Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) toward those practicing a homosexual lifestyle is not the view of all Christians.

More importantly, it is not the view of God. God does not hate anyone, regardless of what they do or do not do. He most certainly hates sin, but he just as certainly does not hate people. God’s people are directed to have the same attitude. The WBC hate mongers have proven to me beyond a shadow of a doubt that they are not Christians.

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Perhaps the most influential musical group of all time, The Beatles make their last public performance on this day in 1969, giving an Improvvisato concert on the roof of the group’s London recording studio. Neighbors complained about the noise and as a result the police broke up the concert.

John Lennon closed the performance announcing, “I’d like to say thank you very much on behalf of the group and myself and I hope we passed the audition.” The Beatles revolutionized popular music around the world and achieved unprecedented success. In April 1970, Paul McCartney formally announced the group’s breakup.

THUMBS UP

“Thumbs up to Rich Glisson, the real Super Bowl MVP, for his stellar performance last Sunday.”

— Casey Steiner, Editor-in-Chief

“Thumbs up to the improved weather. Is spring here already?”

— Eva Tallmadge, Staff reporter

“Thumbs up to the Liquid Lounge.”

— Emily Duplessis, Staff reporter

“Thumbs up to how cool Kamola Hall is going to be next year.”

— Lindsey Jackson, Asst. Photo editor

“Thumbs up to the blue-raspberry slurpie sweetness at 7-11.”

— Megan Wade, Asst. News editor

THUMBS DOWN

“Thumbs down to all of the stop signs and stoplights on Water Street.”

— Ryan Knee, Staff reporter

“Thumbs down to the Progressive Student Union and all of their America-hating propaganda.”

— George Hawley, Staff reporter

“Thumbs down to President Bush, his administration, his policies and everything he stands for.”

— Jen McDaniell, Staff reporter

“Thumbs down to the BOD for the undemocratic way of electing the VP for Political Affairs. Why should someone who passed up the chance to work for office-twee be handed the position on a silver platter?”

— Susan Baudan, Scene editor

“Thumbs down to people keeping dogs locked up in their cars while they are in class.”

— Rachel Wiersma, Sports editor

“Thumbs down to the 18th Street Deli. Why is it deteriorating since 2001?”

— Allison Worrell, Managing editor

ON THIS DATE

Two men are playing golf at the local course. One of them is a professional golf player and the other is a local amateur. The professional player is the real Super Bowl MVP, according to Paul McCartney, who formally announced the group’s breakup.

The Matterhorn Inn article included inaccuracies

I found your recent article about The Matterhorn Inn, titled “The history of the inn,” to be extremely inaccurate and poorly written. I have been working as a server at The Matterhorn Inn since it opened last year. A week ago was working the night your reporter came in, so I would like to clear up a few facts.

First, I would like to point out that the picture was provided taken Thursday night, just before closing, which would explain the emptiness of the dining room. This is not a familiar scene during breakfast, lunch, or dinner, although winter has slowed business for most restaurants. The restaurant was open from 11 a.m. until the dinner rush ends around 8 p.m. The restaurant has been open for five years. The restaurant is doing well and is well received by the community.

Secondly, the only aspect of the building that has changed since its original owners is the seating covers on the booths. Therefore, the restaurant does resemble a Red Robin.

Unlike the article states, The Matterhorn Inn does have a menu. The owner, Alfred Bachi, is a German man who runs a butcher shop in Yakima called Matterhorn Biergarten. All of the food in the restaurant is provided by his shop and of excellent quality. The restaurant provides German plates such as bratwurst, German sausage, Bavarian stew and sausage meatloaf. The six page menu also includes many unique burgers, especially salads and steaks.

As a college student, I am always looking for good taste at a reasonable price. In my opinion, The Matterhorn Inn fits both of these criteria. In the reporters opinion our food is not “an even trade of taste for your dollars;” but she failed to mention that most of the food she described was not ordered by her. She also failed to describe the Friday/Saturday night dinner special that was purchased by her friend. This included a side salad, or a cup of soup, an 8-ounce prime rib, baked potato, fresh seasoned vegetables and a piece of key lime pie, which she referred to as lemon pie, for only $9.95 (10 ounces for $11.95). That seems like a fair price.

The article was written in a very negative manner. I read the neighboring articles about other restaurant in the valley and found them to be much more factual with many personal inputs from others. No other article was nearly as polemical as this one. I sincerely hope that readers will take matters into their own hands and come try The Matterhorn Inn with an open mind and an eager appetite.

Marianne Roth

English Department
The new music building, under construction at the corner of Alder and 14th streets, is to be completed by Oct. 2004. The new hall will accommodate for the growing number of music majors, while also allowing 600 guests to watch performances.

Singing praises for the new music building

by Shayne Bredesen
Staff reporter

Central’s music students are making sweet melodies in excitement over the construction of the new Music Education Facility. The reason for all the celebrating is that the old music building, Hertz Hall, is overloaded, its ceilings are cracked and its auditorium is not up to standards of modern day music programs.

The Hertz Hall auditorium can only seat 390 people. The total number of students in the music program is 263. That means grandparents and grandpas are often forced to take a rain check because of the lack of available seating for performances.

“We don’t even have enough room for one of our parents to come watch, let alone both,” Alicia Hickman, senior music education major, said.

Turning away students for lack of space in Hertz Hall is becoming a common occurrence. The solution to this problem, which has become a safety and health issue, is to build a new state-of-the-art music education facility.

“If you take a walk down the hallway of the practice rooms, you will see that few of them are empty during the day. Some students practice late at night or early in the morning to be sure they have space,” Linda Rowland Woody, music education coordinator, said.

Hertz Hall, built in 1963, was meant to accommodate 150 students. Already it is filled beyond this capacity, and it is projected that music majors will total 326 students by 2010.

“A new performance facility will solve our most pressing space needs and will be a critical recruitment tool for one of our high-quality, high-demand programs,” Jerilyn McIntyre, Central Washington University president, said.

Contractor Lydig Construction Inc. is working on phase one of the project, which calls for the construction of a 600-seat concert hall, a 150-seat recital hall, four rehearsal rooms, the lobby and more.

Phase one’s completion is scheduled for January 2004.

Phase two construction, which will begin in Sept. 2003, will add 30 practice rooms, five classrooms, faculty studios, a computer classroom, a composition lab, support space and equipment and furnishings.

Phase two is scheduled to be completed in Oct. 2004.

To make up for the loss of the O-19 gravel parking lot that held a maximum of 105 cars, a new 180-space paved parking lot will be built southeast of the new music education facility prior to occupancy. The facility will be located on the corner of Alder and 14th streets. For more information or to view the plans go to www.cwu.edu/music.

Diversity Center hosts a pair of free shows today

by Mecia Evans-Race
Staff reporter

It is a double header in diversity awareness today, as the Diversity Education Center (DEC) goes to bat against discrimination and racism to bring Central Washington University two presentations.

First, the DEC of Central brings students "Faces of America" which is being performed in the Samuelson Union Building (SUB) Ballroom with free admission.

The Los Angeles based Will & Company has created a one-person show that depicts multi-cultural people and their stories.

All ages, shapes and sizes are encouraged to see the performance.

"The show is most important, we were just interested in getting the show here," Leslie Webb, director of DEC, said.

Beverly Sotelo will perform the one-person show that has been presented in almost every state.

She is an accredited actor and dancer with credits from MTV’s "Better Luck Tomorrow," NBC’s "City Guys" and the WB’s "Charmed." She is also a graduate of the University of California.

"The Angry Eye" is playing in Cesar Chavez Theatre in the SUB today from 3-5 p.m. This is a documentary about Jane Elliott’s studies on discrimination.

"I hope this film can get a point across to where we change how we view diversity," Webb said.

With these two options to view diversity, the DEC hopes to bring more attention to embrace individuality, multiculturalism and ethnicity.

The DEC has a year planned full of events.

"I am swamped every day with things to do for the students," Webb said. "I want to emphasize that I work for you, the students. My job is to spread diversity any way students want."

The DEC consists of Webb and a student assistant. Currently DEC is in the hiring process and hopes to have an enthusiastic staff with three or four students by next week. During the interview process the center looks for students that will take charge of diversity and spread diversity to Central students and staff.

"I would say diversity reflects cultural backgrounds and includes all students, whether they know it or not," Dani Merola, senior education major, said.

The month of February brings Black History Month to the Cultural Café on Feb. 13. March hosts Women’s History month.

April brings in collaborations with the Tunnel of Oppression as well as The Writing on the Wall Project. This project is a big one that Webb hopes the entire community and campus will participate in.

It involves individuals writing on or drawing thought or idea of oppression on a cinder block. With all the cinder blocks written on, a wall will be built in the middle of campus. As a symbol of breaking down the barrier of racism and oppression of multi-cultures, the student body as a whole will pull down the wall.

In May, Disability Awareness Week occurs as well as American Indian Education Week.

Even though President McIntyre has focused the 2002-2003 academic year on diversity awareness at Central, Webb wants to reinforce that every month, day and year is about diversity.

Every month a lesson has been planned to teach diversity.

"As an average white woman, seeing "Faces of America" or "The Angry Eye" could expand my knowledge of diversity," Grace Mackey, senior, said.

The DEC office is in the SUB room 213. Webb invites all students to stop by and check it out.

If any student has an idea about an activity or just wants to get involved, please come in and I will help work it out," Webb said.

For more information or to view the plans, call 963-1360.
Orchestra tunes up for famous horn ensemble

by Tessa Starey
Staff reporter

Excitement is in the air as Central Washington University's orchestra members tune their instruments for the 2003 Northwest Horn Workshop featuring special performing guest The American Horn Quartet (AHQ) from Jan. 31 to Feb. 2.

The group's increasing popularity sets it apart in the world of brass chamber music. AHQ members Geoff Winter, David Johnson, Kerry Turner and Charles Putman have won international competitions as solo artists and gained popularity as a group through radio and television play.

"CWU has an excellent music department. The American Horn Quartet is a pretty big deal," Paul Rossi, senior music major, said. "In the brass chamber world, these people are like Michael Jordan or Kobe Bryant."

The upcoming weekend offers a new experience for those attending or participating in the events. Performing artists from across the nation will join the three-day event which includes a horn workshop, solo and quartet competition, lecture and presentations and four concerts of varying style.

The workshops provide horn players of varying levels the opportunity to meet the AHQ and improve their individual musical talents or to simply sit back and appreciate the sounds of the brass instruments.

Friday evening the world-class quartet will play compositions ranging in tone, color, texture and style. The recital will be suitable for music lovers of all ages.

"Fridays night will no doubt be fantastic," Jeff Sneider, Central music professor, said. "They are simply the best group of its kind in the entire world. We are unbelievably fortunate that they can fit us into their schedule."

Saturday afternoon various guest artists, teachers and performers will meet to demonstrate their musical ideas and talents. A two-part program will be featured that evening at 8 p.m. The start of the evening will showcase a horn ensemble of guest artists playing pieces written for large and small sized musical groups.

The combination of bold and mellow horns promises a fine performance.

During the second half of the evening, the AHQ along with Central's Symphony Orchestra, will perform Robert Schumann's complex Konzertstuck, conducted by Central music professor Paul- Elliot Cobb. Sneider will perform an original horn concerto with chamber music, ranging from jazz to contemporary style.

"The performance will knock your socks off," Sneider said.

Soloro and quartet winners of the competition will perform with the AHQ Sunday afternoon.

The Northwest Horn Workshop Composition Contest will be held all weekend. Other performances will feature the winning original composition of a nationally publicized contest put on by the Central music department. The winning entries are from Texas, Illinois and Virginia.

The concerts will be held in Hertz Hall. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for students with a Central ID and for senior citizens.

For more information on the Northwest Horn Workshop and the American Horn Quartet performance call Sneider at 963-1226.

Beyond the horror stories of financial aid

by Jacob White
Art. Scene editor

Despite the sentiments of many Central Washington University students, the financial aid office is not included in President Bush's 'axis of evil.'

The financial aid office can be a place of both great reward and great consternation as students vie for much needed money in order to fund their education. With 75 percent of students receiving some form of financial aid, the financial office is bustling with activity. The amount of money being distributed to Central students has risen from $38,580,957 in 1995 to $55,020,584 in 2002, thanks partly to the hard work and dedication of the financial aid office's staff.

I sat down with financial aid director Agnes Canedo to speak about what goes on behind the scenes of the financial aid office, about the vast improvements that have and are being made, and about dispelling some of the evil myths about her and her co-workers.

Q: What are your duties as financial aid director?
A: I'm the director of financial aid, student employment and scholarships. As a unit we are dedicated to helping students find resources to go to school. We use federal, state, institutional, outside; these are all the places we go.

The biggest portion of resources we get for students are federal. With that are regulations that we must comply with or the money is taken away from us. The thing we do is go out and we work very hard trying to get grants for students. We never had the grants for summer. We try to do everything we can to help students get aid.

Q: What advice do you give to students who want some money, need some money?
A: At first of all come fill out the FAFSA. Next, is the scholarships resource room. We have staff and student assistants over there who are very knowledgeable about what's available in scholarships.

We work hard on keeping our web site up to date. We have students here who get everything paid for. It takes a lot of work, but it really worthwhile doing. Come in and visit, we have some student assistants who are just fantastic, very helpful and knowledgeable. I'm very proud of the staff here. I'm probably the envy of the state.

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No place like home

Though Central Washington University students all reside in Ellensburg, their homes are as diverse as they are. From resident halls to neighborhood settings, Scene looks at the many faces of home.

Lola gets ready for company

by Ben Davis
Staff reporter

There are two constants at Central Washington University: parking will be bad, and Lola's ghost will haunt Kamola Hall. Those choosing to live in Kamola when it reopens this fall had better hope she remains the friendly ghost who has limited herself to opening and closing doors, and finding lost term papers.

Renovations are nearing completion on Kamola Hall, Central's oldest dormitory. The $10 million renovation will make it the most modern residence hall on campus. The improvements are meant to update the building while retaining all the charm and beauty of its original early 20th-century architecture.

"We've tried to maintain all the character of the building," Bill Yarwood, architect supervisor for Facilities Management, said.

Kamola Hall was originally constructed in phases beginning with the first wing in 1911. Subsequent additions in 1913, 1915, 1917 and 1919 brought Kamola up to its current size of approximately 56,000 square feet.

Yarwood said that in order to restore some of the architectural distinction lost through several decades of remodeling and renovation, the construction crew tried to save and restore as much of the original structure as possible. One restoration was reopening the second floor to the main entrance, creating a grand staircase.

While the building will mirror Sue Lombard Hall on the outside, the inside layout will be quite distinct.

"It's very different from every other residence hall on campus," Ken Baxter, director of Housing and Conference Services, said. "No two rooms are alike."

When finished, Kamola will house between 230 and 245 students all of whom must have a 3.0 GPA.

private baths and private courtyard entrances, the living arrangements will be much different than the typical resident hall.

While architectural details have been maintained, the use of technology hasn't been spared. In addition to cable TV and high-speed Ethernet connections in every room, students with notebook and laptop computers will be able to plug into Ethernet connections at communal access points next to gas log fireplaces in large, cozy study rooms.

Kamola will also feature some of the most up-to-date, high-tech gadgets on Central's campus, including a Connection Card access system for doors, which will replace the traditional key.

The access system will not only benefit forgetful students apt to misplace their keys, but also faculty members associated with the Living Learning Communities (LLC) that will be housed in Kamola.

Similar to academic interest areas, Kamola's LLCs will expose students to faculty interaction with their residence hall.

Education, music, theater arts, flight technology, and natural sciences LLCs will be housed in Kamola.

"We can identify faculty that will be participating in Living Learning Communities and give them access to the building at certain times of the day," Stacy Krippenstein, director of Residence Life and New Student Programs, said.

Kamola will house students with sophomore and above standing or Douglas Honors College freshmen. Kamola will also be an honors-style residence hall meaning students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 to live there.

Though Kamola will be essentially a brand new building, rates for rooms will be the same as for similar style rooms on campus. Principal construction is scheduled to be complete by May. Students will be able to move into Kamola this fall.

You tell us
Where do you live and why?

"I live in Mercer Creek, but I'm not sure why. I miss living on campus. Mostly I live there because I didn't want to go home over the summer." —Sally Romanowski, junior print journalism major

"I live in Creekside and I used to live there because it was fun, but now I live there because I'm stuck until my lease runs out." —Cliff Brooke, junior economics major

"I live in Al-Monty because that is where they put me." —Kate Heitman, freshman education major
Partying in suburbia

by Risa Fidler
Staff reporter

Past the discarded red cups and empty kegs lies a neighborhood fit for Mr. Rogers. Nineteenth Street, a suburban-style neighborhood of townhouses and duplexes, is home to 145 Central Washington University students. But under the façade of simple houses is a col-de-sac with a split personality. A Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde transformation takes place on the weekends when this simple neighborhood often becomes the party capital of Ellensburg.

"Yeah, we party but we got our shit done first," Derrick Peters, resident and sophomore undecided major, said. The spacious three-bedroom duplexes, each with a large kitchen and vaulted ceiling in the living room, make for a great place to kick back, entertain and rework from the stresses of college life.

Since the infamous kegger following the Western Washington University (WWU) football game, 19th Street has earned the reputation for being quite the party place, but residents agree it is much more than a glorified bar.

"It's a pretty peaceful place; everybody's pretty friendly," Don Neyhart, junior community health major, said. According to Peters, the social environment created by the openness of 19th Street seems to establish lasting friendships that could be described as family.

"I don't think a day has gone by when I haven't seen or talked to my friends on 19th. We're all like a close-knit family; that's what makes this place so great," Peters said.

Many students move to 19th Street because they enjoy the social atmosphere, convenient location near campus and the neighborhood setting.

Moving to 19th Street from the dorms seems to be a smooth transition, according to resident and senior undecided major, Owen Mumford. "I would say the neighborhood is 90 percent students so there is still the social environment and the rent is reasonable when it's split three ways. I like living on 19th Street so much more than living in the dorms," Mumford said.

Many people choose to live on 19th Street because of its very social environment of three or four occupants to every unit.

"You meet a shitload of people here," Jake Schrader, sophomore undecided, said. After dark, life on the street takes a different turn from the PG neighborhood setting often portrayed during the days. The October 19th kegger after Central's football victory against WWU, which drew a crowd of around 800, led property owners to tighten neighborhood rules and permit Ellensburg police on the property. Since that party, social gatherings on 19th Street have been quieter and less obvious.

"There's definitely been less partying," Jeremy Huffman, senior physical education major, said. "People are afraid of being evicted." Co-owner of Fairway Properties Roger Hiles has seen a decrease in tenancy from the PG neighborhood. Beneath the layer of beer bongs and empty pizza boxes is a living environment that thrives on friendship.

Glen Hagen said.
A shelf on Hagen and Seefried's back wall is lined with liquor bottles they filled with highlighter ink and water: A black light behind the bottles shows off the illuminated Absolut Vodka labels.

One look at their Coors reader board, Busch Light blow-up hydroplane or Budweiser flags and one is transported into a party-goer's paradise.

"Our room cost us quite a bit of money to decorate," Hagen said. Hagen didn't specify whether he was referring to all the empty bottles or to the decorations, but his room in Barto Hall is one of the many residences on campus that have raised the bar for students.

Students being creative with their living space are not limited to inhabiting the Bassetties.

Barto residents Kelly McDonald, sophomore undecided major, and Kerri Davis, sophomore biology major, display photos around a vanity in their current home. "We wanted to put all the pictures up of our friends from last year," McDonald said.

Michael Bennett/OBSERVER

Crashing Central's creative cribs

By Natalie Ring
Staff reporter

Many first year students at Central Washington University are forced to live in a dorm room the size of a jail cell. The institutional tiled floors and brick walls lack personality. Some creative students decide to decorate their dorm rooms for a more personalized, comfortable setting. From the Bassetties to Barto, unique rooms can be found all over campus.

Greg Hagen and Loren Seefried, both freshmen undecided, share a room that is a prime example of students taking control of their living space.

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Partying in suburbia

On-campus living

— by the Numbers

31 Total students living in Green Hall
116 Total students living in Barto Hall
123 Total students living in 21-years and over residence halls
124 Total students living in Sparks Hall
241 Total students living in Muzzall Hall

2,666 Total students living in residence halls

All information was provided by the Office of Residential Services and is as of Tuesday, Jan. 28.
Not all college careers begin at age 18. Many students spend their days at Central Washington University in a non-traditional way.

"Having the experience I did before coming here, I did feel a little awkward at class at first," Tabayoyon said. "I had to adapt to being around people younger than me."

To Tabayoyon, his work as a Residential Advisor (RA) has been critical to his success. Being a non-traditional student makes it difficult to fit in with an often young on-campus crowd.

Tabayoyon said his work as an RA is one of the reasons that he has been able to blend in at Central.

In addition to working as an RA, Tabayoyon is involved with Central's ROTC program, and hopes to continue his military activities as an officer after graduation. It was a difficult decision to join ROTC because it was the choice between being in active duty or in the reserves.

"I want the best of both worlds," Tabayoyon said.

In contrast, many non-trads have to add a family to the changes of going back to school. In order to come to college, 27-year-old Charlene Burnum, a sophomore theatre arts and secondary education major, had to bring her husband and three children along with her. The family lives in Brookdale Village.

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Matmen dominate Yakima Valley CC

by Adina Johnson
Staff reporter

Handshake. Wrestle. Pin. Dominate. That is how senior electronics engineering major Kenny Salvini's match went on Tuesday night against the Yakima Valley Community College Yaks. Salvini pinned his opponent in one minute and 27 seconds in the 149-pound weight class.

Central's match against the Yaks was the first and only home dual meet of the season.

"The turnout was great," Salvini said. "It was surprising to see all the fans that came out to support the team."

Junior Ross Kondo (rear) applies a "double ride in" to Matt Sketo of Yakima Valley CC. Kondo won the match on a technical fall, 18-2.

Aaron Mann, sophomore physics major, recorded the night's first pin in the 125-pound weight class.

"I really think that I surprised the other guy," Mann said. "He was supposed to be tough, but I did what I could to get the win."

Mann has only participated in four matches this season because of an early ankle injury he suffered in October. He has ended two of his four matches by pin.

Also excelling on the mat were junior construction management major Franco Santiago with a 15-3 defeat, DC Hazen, sophomore construction management major, winning 11-2, Ross Kondo, junior business education major, handling his opponent 19-2, Matt Lininger, freshman undecided, by a score of 18-7, and Novak squeezing out a 3-1 win.

Sophomore Aaron Mann attempts to turn Jake Leino of Yakima Valley CC in the 125-pound weight class on Tuesday night. Mann won the match with a pin at the 1:57 mark.

"...I did what I could to get the win."

— Aaron Mann

Wildcats are off for a couple weeks before they meet up with Montana State University-Northern and Boise State University in Boise, on Feb. 15.

Coach Jay McGuffin feels that the team needs to buckle down and take care of business for the upcoming double dual.

"I'm excited about how well the wrestlers performed against Yakima," McGuffin said. "I'm hoping for the same results the next time that we are on the mats."
              Sophomore forward Kyle Boast strives to follow a family legacy rich with history that spans many years

by Cindy Figueroa
Staff reporter

Sophomore basketball guard Kyle Boast's life is playing itself out like a movie with Central Washington University basketball legends and cousins Jason and Ryan Pepper paving the way.

With cousin Ryan Pepper as the all-time leading scorer in Central basketball history, Boast has a long road to travel before catching up to Ryan's 2,254 point record.

In 1992 Ryan started collecting each of nine basketball records at Central, including single game points (46), single game 3-pointers (10), season scoring average (26.4) and consecutive free throws made (28).

The Pepper history runs deeper than Ryan. Another cousin, Jason Pepper, also set records during his 1,883 point basketball career.

Boast, originally from Spokane, has witnessed the Wildcat's winning tradition since his days in middle school.

"My cousins always gave me a lot of encouragement and would tell me to keep working hard," Boast said. "I remember thinking that both my cousins were awesome players. Plus I loved basketball, so coming to watch them play was one thing that made me want to be as good as them."

With his father Mike Boast encouraging him to play hard and dream big, Boast set his sights on becoming a Wildcat basketball player.

"There weren't too many schools making serious efforts to recruit me, so I called Coach Sparling and I started working out with the team in the spring," Boast said. "I think it worked out for both of us."

Nine years after watching his first Central basketball game, Boast is not only living his dream, but also proving that he has what it takes to play with the big boys.

"I did set high goals for myself, like becoming a starter and maybe one day being an All-American," Boast said.

A number of reasons led to Boast choosing Central as his home. Among them were the winning tradition, cool coaches and friendly players.

"I went on a couple other recruit visits, but no school matched up to what Central had to offer," Boast said.

Boast's first career start came against the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. He shot poorly, but contributed with both offensive and defensive rebounds.

It wasn't until the game against Western Oregon University that Boast began to shine, hitting his target six out of nine times.

"For the last couple weeks Coach has been talking about players stepping up and Kyle has been the biggest contributor to that," junior forward Chris Bond said.

The following game against Humboldt State University (HSU) proved that his magic was here to stay.

Boast's two of three shooting from long range combined with seven of 10 from the inside and seven rebounds devastated HSU enough to take the 85-69 victory. He showed more of his goldfinger touch against Seattle University, shooting eight of 13 from the field, including three shots from beyond the arc.

"Kyle works hard in practice and deserves how well he's been playing," junior forward Jay Thomas said.

Boast holds many hopes and aspirations for the future and has two years left to capture the national championship title he desires. Boast also aspires to become a professional basketball player overseas just like his cousins did.

"I would love to go overseas," Boast said. "I mean it's an opportunity of a lifetime."

Although there is a long road to travel until the grand finale of this movie, Boast hopes to one day earn the starring role in any movie with an ending above the rim.


Season stats:
(as of 1/27/03):
Points: 122
Rebounds: 59
Assists: 15
Steals: 24

Kyle Boast
The Central Washington University swim team is gearing up for the conference championships in February. The Wildcats host Simon Fraser University on Feb. 8.

Wildcat Invitational brings in only two Pacific Northwest teams

by Conor Glassey
Staff reporter

While many people were hosting a Super Bowl party last weekend, the Central Washington University swim team was busy hosting a party of their own. While football fans were dipping tortilla chips into guacamole, Central was taking a dip in the pool at the Wildcat Invitational.

Several teams from the Pacific Northwest were invited to attend the invitational, however only two teams showed up. Seattle University (SU) and the University of Puget Sound (UPS) came to Ellensburg for the same conference as Central, but UPS is in a Division III school.

Although their participation was anticipated, both Whitworth College and Simon Fraser University did not attend because they could not afford the expenses. Linfield College was also missing in action from last weekend's festivities. "We're disappointed that teams dropped out that told us they were going to be here," Candi Eslinger, head swimming coach, said.

The Wildcat Invitational was last Saturday and Sunday. Each swimmer participated in five different events, whereas for a standard meet, most swimmers only compete in two events.

"We had a lot of best times," Eslinger said. "We're swimming tired this time of year.

The Wildcat Invitational was organized with the intention of keeping the swimmers in shape for the Pacific Swimming Conference Championship, which takes place Feb. 20 to 22. Eighteen women and 14 men from Central's travel squad will make the trip to Long Beach, Calif., for the big event.

"By the time the meet comes around, we'll be rested, and ready to do our best," Emily von Jentzen, sophomore said.

Central only has one regular season meet left before the conference championship, which is nearly a month away. This should give the team an ample amount of time to be in shape and well rested.

"We start to cut back our yardage a bit," Nick Tainter, freshman, said.

Although this year's turnout for the Wildcat Invitational was disappointing, Central is planning to give it another shot next year. Eslinger also mentioned that a bigger invitational tournament will make a splash next winter. On Saturday's final meet-up, the Wildcats faced host squad MC.

Hazen's match ended in his favor with 44-38. That, along with the four wins the Wildcats received before falling to the NAIA nationally-ranked MC, the only loss that Hazen suffered in the weekend of tournaments was against nationally ranked Drew.
Wildcat women split games

by Takeshi Kajima
Staff reporter

Instead of concentrating on recent shortcomings, Head Women's Basketball Coach Jeff Whitney is thinking of a three-game losing streak and analyzing what the team should do in the long run.

"I'm not really worried about that three-game losing streak," Whitney said. "We're coming along. We're getting better as a team. We're building, and that's what we have to do. Right now, I'm not judging wins and losses because that wouldn't be appropriate."

Sophomore guard Alayna Vincent, a key player, also knows what to do on the court. "I mean [working on] defense and being confident on offense," Vincent said.

Last week the Wildcats headed west where they beat Seattle University (SU) 66-61, and lost to Western Washington University (WWU) 60-62. On Thursday, the Wildcats battled with SU to prove they could come back from their losses.

"I thought that we came out more focused the first 20 minutes of the game," Whitney said. "It was a team effort for the first half."

Although the two teams went back and forth during the second half, Central beat SU, breaking a three-game losing streak.

"Senior forward" Careo Wells did a great job," Assistant Women's Basketball Coach Ana Tuza-Road said. "She was all over the place. She makes a big difference. She is a definite spark off of the bench."

Wells earned six rebounds, six points and two assists in 13 minutes in her first game back after an injury. "I was glad to be back and to contribute to the team's win," Wells said. In front of 1,300 spectators, the Wildcats battled with 16th-ranked WWU last Saturday in Bellingham.

The Wildcats were defeated by SU, though senior point guard Megan Kautzkey scored 16 points and had five assists, both a game-high. Junior guard Lindsey Weiss netted 15 points and 10 rebounds. The Wildcats host two games this weekend. Today Central will face off against the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, and on Sunday will play University of Alaska-Anchorage. Both games will begin at 7 p.m.

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- Working with Institutional Research, providing them with data on clubs and organizations.
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- We have established 2 tentative lobby days March 6­th-­7th. If you are interested in participating, please sign up in the BOD Office.
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