Marchers protest for peace

Citizens opposed to a war with Iraq take their message to the streets of Ellensburg

by Jennifer McDaniel
Staff reporter

Ellensburg joined the rest of the world Saturday Feb. 15 in a united stance for peace by participating in a worldwide peace march. Slogans bearing messages "Intelligent Alternatives," "Honor International Law," and "Wake up America and Smell the Oil," along with others, were carried in the cold rain by nearly 200 Central Washington University students, faculty, children and citizens of Ellensburg.

Organizers of the march, the Progressive Student Union (PSU) and the No-Touching Ground Movement (NTGM), said it was a privilege to come together in solidarity with all cities and countries across the world on the same day to promote peace and convey to world leaders, especially President George Bush, that millions of people are against this war.

"It feels good to feel the world supports us in not wanting this to happen," Kathy Stone, senior cultural studies major, said. "I feel it's more positive because there is so much resistance worldwide, that as much as Bush may want to push his way, it can't be..." No one, though, is holding their breath on this happening.

The 16-block march, which lasted an hour, began and ended at the intersection of Rock Street and Second Avenue.

Despite the infamous cold

Anti-war demonstrators braved the rain and cold to spread their message of peace in Ellensburg on Saturday. Central's Progressive Student Union and No-Touching Ground Movement organized the march as part of a day-long, world-wide peace effort.

Ellensburg wind, there were many smiles among the marchers, and supportive citizens were honking and waving.

Upon the marchers' return, a peace potluck was served and participants relaxed and thawed to music provided by Ravirwulf.

Alan Merson, an educator, attorney, veteran and minister, gave a speech titled "Pre-Emptive strike equals Pre-Emptive Murder." Quoting other speakers, newspapers and Bush, he spoke about the new foreign policy and how it is negatively transforming the nature of the world. He scoffed at Bush's claim of success in rooting out terrorism and reminded the audience that Osama bin Laden still hasn't been captured.

The crowd applauded when he said, "This government doesn't represent us, and ultimately, if a real democracy exists.

in the United States, the people will prevail."

After Merson concluded his remarks, the floor was opened to comments, brainstorming and group discussion.

A peace resolution was drafted, as well as a proposal asking the Ellensburg City Council to support a diplomatic solution to the conflict with Iraq. Many other U.S. cities have taken similar actions.

In response to the backlash against the "NO IRAQ WAR" signs and the opposing pro-war rally in Yakima, PSU president Andrew Cottonwood said "Support our troops."

"These opinions can't be contained"

— Lars Bergquist
Central student

Wildcats stomp Western Oregon

Check out full game coverage in sports

New leader to develop leadership programs

by Lauren McKee
Staff reporter

A campus program geared toward enhancing leadership skills recently hired a new leader.

Central Washington University's Center for Excellence in Leadership (CEL), established in 1988, hired Jennifer Fountain as a full-time professional program coordinator.

The program is meant to facilitate students in their development of leadership programs and opportunities for students on campus," Fountain said.

Fountain has taken the job as a permanent assignment for a number of students and advisors who previously headed the leadership program for Central students.

"My goal is to work collaboratively with the Service-Learning & Volunteer Center, the Empowerment Center, the Diversity Center, Campus Life and Campus Activities, and Residence Living, as well as with faculty, staff, and community members, to deliver a comprehensive, premier leadership development program for the students of CWU," Fountain said.

Fountain is a 1995 Central graduate with a degree in marketing and business education. After working as a teacher in the Buckley and Kent areas, she moved back to Ellensburg and was hired as a graduate assistant for the Information Technology and Administrative Management Department at Central.

As part of the graduate assistant job, Fountain taught classes and completed a master's degree at Central.

Her thesis, under the direction of Robert Laptor, was based on women entrepreneurs in Central Europe and their leadership traits. Fountain received her master's in August 2002.

Fountain now heads a staff of seven: R.A. Mazza, Emily Ramo, Michael Skiff, Annie Phillips, Scott Leadingsham, Katy Harvey and Meghan Hanley, who work as programmers for CEL.

"In conjunction with the seven student employees, we implement leadership programs, make leadership development resources available and provide guidance to student employees," Fountain said.
The Crocodile Hunter has some feline competition

By Emily DuPlessis
Staff reporter

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Central Washington Student Karen Collignon-Foley scours the streets of Ellensburg to rescue wild cats and find good homes for them.

Lindsey Jackson/Observer

Compiled by George Hawley
Staff reporter

This ain’t no book club
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 10

An Introduction to Public Relations textbook was stolen from a student in the Language and Literature building or Shawn Snyr. The textbook was worth about $60.

Anger management classes?
Feb. 8 to 10

Sometime between Feb. 8 and Feb. 11 the tires were slashed on a 1993 Ford Ranger. The loss to the owner is $100.

Walk it off
Feb. 3 to 11

A bike was left unattended and unlocked on the bike rack of Moore Hall. When the owner returned several days later it was gone. The bike was a silver and blue BMX worth $100.

Chief Ows-“high”
The Writing Center is open
7 p.m. Feb. 13

Student Affairs contacted police when a small bag of white powder was found in the Chief Ows Hall room of the Samuelson Union Building. A field test proved the powder was 3.5 grams of cocaine. The police still have the cocaine if the owner would like to claim it.

Not your usual fake ID
11:15 p.m. Feb. 13

Officers were dispatched to Courson Hall to check on an unconscious student.

The police found a 19-year-old man who smelled strongly of alcohol lying on a bed. The Ellensburg Fire Department arrived to check for signs of alcohol poisoning. When the student regained consciousness it was determined he was all right, police asked to see his ID.

The student reached into his pocket, pulled nothing out, and then held up his hand as though he were holding an ID. When the student’s age was finally determined, the officers discovered he was 19 years old. He was cited for minor possession.

Rock: 1 – Window: 0
5:30 a.m. Feb. 15

Officers patrolling the N-16 parking lot near the basements discovered a 1995 Dodge Avenger that had its windshield smashed by a rock. The total loss to the owner was $550.

Open sesame
Feb. 13 to 14

There was an attempted vehicle prow of a 2000 Dodge Dakota. The owner discovered that someone had tried unsuccessfully to pry the door open. The door sustained $40 worth of damage.

The Writing Center, stresses that the tutors’ job is not to edit papers for a better grade, although this is sometimes an outcome of the tutoring process; rather, it is to improve the students’ writing skills.

“The mission of the writing center is to aid in the development of student writing,” Harper said. “The focus is on selective skills in the writing process.”

The Writing Center has many repeat customers. Leslie Chamberlain, freshman tourism management major, visited the center twice this quarter.

“Both tutors helped me a lot and weren’t afraid to tell me where I needed to improve,” Chamberlain said. “They helped me see different ways of writing.”

Each quarter, the Writing Center holds an “Excellence in Writing” workshop series, which includes workshops such as “Writing the Summit of Skills” and “Sentences that Kick: Predicating Your Thoughts.” These mini-seminars are taught on weekday afternoons and last about an hour. Rob Schnelle, English instructor and center coordinator, conducts many of the workshops and vouches for their popularity.

“We’ve received a lot of positive responses from people who have attended,” Schnelle said. “We try to make the workshops directly applicable to assignments students are working on.”

The Writing Center also has an extensive Web site with resources for writers and background information on the center, including a schedule of when workshops will be held. The URL is http://www.cwu.edu/~writing-center.

Students wanting to do Internet research or touch-up a paper may use one of the center’s four networked computers.

Tutoring appointments, which last 20 to 25 minutes, are made by signing up in person or by calling. Michelle Kenney, office assistant for the center, suggests that students make their appointments long in advance, as time slots may no longer be available a few days before an appointment is needed.

“I always encourage students to make their appointments a week ahead if they think they’ll need a paper looked at,” Kenney said. “And it’s a good idea to make the appointment a few days before the paper is due, so you have time to make revisions.”

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New library services cater to students' convenience

by George Hawley
Staff reporter

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Central students make a change with quarters

A Central group is asking students to dig into their pockets, look under the couch cushions and break open their piggy banks to help out a good cause.

by Ryan Knee
Staff reporter

It is probably safe to say that most Central Washington University students have an extra quarter laying around somewhere, even with a college student's budget. For those who do have some extra money, there is an inexpensive way to help the community.

The Service-Learning and Volunteer Center and College Democrats are working on a project to raise money for Abuse Support and Prevention Education Now (ASPEN), the local women's shelter and for local elementary schools. The project is called Quarters for the Quarter. If every student donated just one quarter to the cause, the groups would raise $1,795 for the two organizations.

The fundraiser is headed by Janelle Oreschnigg and Annie Majsterek of the Service-Learning and Volunteer Center.

"Our campus needs to give back to the community," Oreschnigg said. "Why not contribute; it's a good cause."

The fundraiser has taken in more than $100 in the last week and organizers hope to bring in even more. Anyone interested can bring their donations to the Service-Learning and Volunteer Center located in the Samuels Union Building room 211. The fundraiser is scheduled to continue through spring quarter.

"We aren't discriminating against any money," Majsterek said. "We will gladly accept money other than quarters.

The College Democrats, co-sponsors of the project, will use the money raised for the elementary schools to buy books to donate.

The money donated to ASPEN will go to women in the community who are in difficult domestic situations and need help. "Many times victims leave their situations with nothing more than the clothes on their back and a baby in their arms," Melissa Knott, prevention specialist from ASPEN, said. "The money will be used to provide food vouchers from Safeway, phone cards and many other daily necessities."

Look no further for an eye-care bargain

by Megan Wade
Asst. News editor

Many students can't afford adequate health insurance, some have no insurance at all, and inexpensive health care is hard to come by. On Feb. 24, the Ellensburg Eye and Contact Lens Clinic will welcome a fourth-year intern, Scott Chepulis, who will provide eye exams for a mere $5.

Chepulis, who received his medical training at the Illinois College of Optometry, will be in Ellensburg until May 10. Each exam will last approximately 45 minutes and will cover diagnosis and corrections pertaining to areas such as routine eye care, pediatric care, acute care, and fitting contact lenses.

A member of the Ellensburg Rotary Club, Bob Davis, and doctor of optometry at the Ellensburg Eye and Contact Lens Clinic, wanted to use his resources to give back to the community. He discovered the internship program would be a great way to do that.

"It's a win-win situation," Davis said. "He gets the hours he needs and in return people get an inexpensive exam."

For those without insurance coverage, a comprehensive eye exam usually costs around $130 at the clinic. "This will be a great opportunity for students and other residents of the area who have not received a checkup in a while to catch up and hopefully correct any problems before they progress," Chepulis said.

Students who spend hours reading textbooks for classes, proper eye care can be especially important.

"Vision is so critical to learning, and hopefully we can find someone we can help," Davis said. "We hope we are making a little bit of difference."

Call the Ellensburg Eye and Contact Lens Clinic at 925-1000 for more information or to schedule an appointment with Chepulis.

PEACE: Central reservists deployed for possible war

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slogans are an easy trap, the best thing is to let them know they are cared for and supported and that we want them brought home safely. The safest thing is to send them there in the first place, however, and not forget that the policy that they are presently there isn’t supported..."

Most students on campus may not have felt a direct personal impact of the possible war yet, but Central students have already been deployed.

Cottonwood questions how students can notice empty desks and watch their friends, loved ones or even classmate leaving and not ask themselves what is it for.

NTGOM is known on campus mainly as a snowboarding club, but co-president Lars Bergquist, graduate secondary art education major, wants students to realize the group is also involved with political issues. NTGOM expanded its snowboard, skateboard and surf culture through art, music, films and political and social awareness.

"We brought all these elements in and created a sub-culture movement where people are interested in the same lifestyle and attitude," Bergquist said. "These kinds of things (marches, rallies, gatherings) need to occur on a more frequent basis. We need to really get out into the public eye and really show what is going on, these opinions can’t be containing..."

The overall message of the people who participated in the peace march and rally can perhaps be summed up in a single phrase displayed a six-year-old girl’s sign, which stated “It’s OK To Not Want This War.”

WAR POLL

Recent polls show Americans support an invasion of Iraq:

• 63% of Americans support an invasion of Iraq, 37% said they will not change their minds.
• 34% of Americans are opposed to an invasion of Iraq, 14% said they will not change their minds.

However, Americans would be unwilling to invade without a new vote by the United Nations.

• 57% of Americans oppose an invasion of Iraq without a U.N. vote authorizing the action.

Source: CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll
Leadership: CEL to host end of year banquet to recognize Central's leaders

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Shane Cleveland
News editor

It was inevitable. I have denied it for twenty-two years now, but it is time to break the plate. That's right, I am getting ready to head off to the real world. There will be no more calls home asking for a little extra money to make it through the week, or trying to come up with an excuse to get more beer money. No more weekends home to do the laundry and stock up on food. No more Christmas breaks, spring breaks or extended summer vacations. Sounds like the life I should have gone on after my current project, or better yet become a career student.

I will graduate this spring and within another few weeks be leaving Ellensburg behind a job that pays more than minimum wage and doing new things, compared to college life I am afraid it is going to really hit me pretty hard. I think there is a good reason that friends who are not in school come and visit us in Ellensburg to raise hell for a weekend before heading CEL is working. What I am really afraid of though is actually finding that job. My never ending string of good luck has come to an end. I am trying to get out of here, whichever way I can. Getting out of here, the hell out of her. Always go to them when you talk to your advisor. Or in other words, bother the hell out of her. — Shane Cleveland

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News editor

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JOHN GYLES EDUCATION AWARDS

The John Gyles Education Awards will present a scholarship of up to $3,000. Eligible applicants must be U.S. or Canadian citizens, an under-graduate or graduate with a minimum grade point average of 2.7. Criteria other than academic ability and financial need are considered. The deadlines to apply are April 1, June 1 and Nov. 15. To request an application call 509-469-7600.

For additional information and scholarship opportunities go to: Central Washington University's Scholarship Office in Barge Hall room 102 or visit www.cwu.edu/scholar.
Opinion

One more story about the vagina

No matter what is said in defense of Shane Cleveland’s editorial, “Not another vagina story,” from last week’s issue, I am sure to be scolded, stereotyped or even lynched by a portion of the overzealous female readers of the Observer.

Maybe there is a little bit of bitterness in my heart after spending Valentine’s Day at home alone with a broken knee and the flu. But the extra time on the couch left me with plenty of time to contemplate women and their games.

Though stated with sarcasm and humor, included in the underbelly of Cleveland’s editorial was a clear message: Women have the ability to sway the power of the genders in the United States.

Women could have taken the message as a compliment. Instead the editorial was labeled as another example of objectification, stereotyping and a double standard directed toward those with vaginas.

Ignored was the acknowledgement that women are slowly taking over the workforce in sports, cinema and before long, the White House.

Though women beg for equality in the workforce, then complain when they get jobs, even if the hiring is based on looks? Men get jobs all the time while possessing little to no skill.

As a sign of the times, women outnumber men at Central Washington University. Across the country the number of women in college are increasing. These numbers are reflected into the workforce. The facts support Cleveland’s theory — women are slowly but surely taking over the world.

To say that women are the subject of a societal pressure to look good for men is a bunch of bull. Does anyone really believe if women stopped fake-n-baking, starving themselves, primping and getting boob jobs, men would lose their sex drive? I think not. Men are born with two primal instincts — eat and reproduce.

Several letters to the editor have been received in response to the “Not another vagina story” editorial. With exception to one, the letters were, not surprisingly, written by women.

Everyone has the right to an opinion. But in questioning Cleveland’s integrity by stereotyping him as a horny sports fan, or questioning his maturity and family values, aren’t these people stooping to the low they questioned in the first place?

Remarkably, all of the letters published this week about Cleveland’s opinion are from Central faculty members. An observant reader might even notice the letters came from individuals of the Department of Theatre Arts. Were the letters a cry for attention? Or do these people think the “Vagina Monologues” is the real issue at hand?

Students should expect a little more class from those setting an example of the “Wildcat Way.”

My congratulations to each of these readers for missing a piece of thought-provoking entertainment, and their own point.

— Casey Steiner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Strike three, you are out of there

Congratulations to Mr. Cleveland on completely missing:
1) A fabulous evening of touching, thought-provoking entertainment
2) The opportunity to move beyond the objectification of women
3) The point

My sympathies go out to your mother.

Leslee Cull
Department of Theatre Arts

In support of Coach Baldwin

This letter is in response to Rachel Wiersma’s article, “Coach leaves Central behind.” First and foremost, why in the hell would you, the Sports editor, “hate college sports?” Especially when it seems to me that you know nothing about football, sports and, least of all, Beau Baldwin. Not only was your article filled with misinformation, you seem to have no concept of his situation at all.

I have been a quarterback at Central for the past four years and I consider it an honor to have been coached by Beau Baldwin. He has been in Ellensburg for the past 12 years and has been dedicated to the betterment of our football team; coaching the quarterbacks and receivers. Eastern, a Division I-AA program, has offered him a promotion to be the offensive coordinator. As much as I will miss him, it is an opportunity he cannot pass up and I told him so. I was able to tell him so because he kept us all apprised of his situation throughout the hiring process, despite what your article said about us not knowing about his decision.

Coach Baldwin is a straightforward person who got an excellent opportunity and he went after it. As his friend and former player, I will always wish him the best. Except next season when we play Eastern.

Dale Chase
Senior
Elementary Education

Women are not to be objectified

I am writing to comment on Shane Cleveland’s editorial, “Not another vagina story.” I am going to give Shane the benefit of the doubt and suggest he was just trying to be funny. His piece, however, trivialized the intent and meaning of the “Vagina Monologues” and reminded me of the fact that “we have definitely not come a long way, baby.” Women’s real power is not commanded by what is seen in literature or on the stage.

— Carly Mackenzie

DEADLINES

Listed below are the deadlines for The Observer. The Observer office, located in Bouillon 222, is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Submissions can be brought to the office, mailed to The Observer, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA 98926 or faxed to (509) 963-1027.

NEWS

• Friday, 5 p.m. — Entertainment, meetings, calendar events
• Monday, 3 p.m. — Weekend sports information
• Monday, 5 p.m. — Letters to the editor

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"between their legs," but what is in their minds, hearts and souls is in their culture. That culture is always remembering women that to be valued they must be: (a) pretty, (b) young, (c) thin and (d) spread their legs.

Women will rule the world when they stop finding glib young men who objectively and demean them cate. Your idea of women "manipulating men" in order to achieve some ultimate "power" is more a sign of your insecurity than it is accurate characterization of what most women want.

It is a sad fact that you did not see the "Vagina Monologues" because if you had, you might have learned how to avoid writing such an immature and trivial editorial.

And lastly, to refer to women as "COUGHSinCOUGHs," is again another example of the double standard that stigmatizes women for being sexually active while at the same time it is male prerogative to engage in similar sexual behavior. These notions are exploitive, misogynistic and offensive. Next time, do us a favor and either leave your writing until you are sober or write something you really know instead of taking cheap shots to impress your horny, sports-watching buddies.

Brenda Hubbard
Department of Theatre Arts

Women are not laughing

Just what is Mr. Cleveland "catching on to?" He seems to be stuck in the same misogynistic rut that a lot of men in our culture are in. Does he have an obsession to enlightenment? Why, if he is so interested in vaginas, did he not attend the production? Was he so busy watching TV anchors and fantasizing about Pamela Anderson and becoming a horde sissy that he just couldn't possibly take the time to hear women speak their truth? It is ignorance that these false labels fall on all of us. If this was intended to be funny, women who are objectively criticized are not laughing.

Tim Stapleton
Department of Theatre Arts

Wheels are not the problem

I agree with the problem, but your solution isn't the way at all, but a bigger problem. Banning vans, limiting cyclists and segregating skateboarders with walls less than 20 feet will make your surroundings more appealing? Maybe white-only lunch times and colored drinking fountains? When will everyone realize that the problem is not them, but you, me and others that walk?

Those service vans, the ones you almost never see during high traffic times because they can't get anywhere. Yeah, I hate it that they follow the rules, that they only go two to five miles per hour and I walk faster than them, and when they wait for 10 minutes for people who hurry to get in front of us instead of waiting and letting them turn.

As one leaves to go north, south, east or west we are all a group of people walking without a clue to what the other is doing. Of course, some bicycles are going to weave in and out to get somewhere. I have seen confusions in malls, airports and sidewalks in New York than here at Central.

The comments about off-campus riding should have no effect on campus laws, they shouldn't even be considered together in my opinion since you can ride much more freely in the country than on campus. The speeds some cyclists go is quick, but I doubt most can manage 10 miles per hour much less 15 miles per hour during these high-traffic times. It is a problem, but how many times have they flown by and you wished you had one too?

Everyone has a problem with skateboarders, yet they don't affect you in any way. Their wheels are loud, so what? When has a skateboarder's trick hurt anyone but themselves? People scream for equality and in the same breath moan to be better than someone on campus. It's almost like almost hearing an argument for supremacy of one group over another during African American History month. We have learned nothing. It's not the vans or the bikes, not even the skateboards, but the walkers that are causing the problems. Stop being ignorant to others and the surroundings and you wouldn't have the problem with the pathway.

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Forgiveness not granted to anal copulators

Thank you for your piece on our picketing ministry. Our opinion is to publish, not convert. God alone controls the heart.

One theme you strike is the thought that God forgives those who repent for the sins it's perfectly fine to make a religion out of anal copulation. That lie stands salvation on its head and makes grace meaningless. 1 Corinthians 6:14 says if you stay in a life of sin you won't go to heav- en. One writer admits this then calmly states that (God) is welcome at the cross. NOT! Only those who are remorseful and STOP THE SIN are welcome at the cross. The whole point of those who are remorseful, and come to Christ in Corinth, says "such WERE some of you!" (1 Corinthians 6:11) not "such STILL ARE some of you!"

These filthy creatures do not want forgiveness. If they did they would quit indulging and bragging about their sin. What they want, instead, is to dope the spiritual sim­ pletoons of America into embracing them while they have sex with fees every night!

Erin Sheppard
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Physics Major

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Dancing with Dad
Live music at local bars is an entertainment option with Mom and Dad

Elevated Entertainment

Shop around the corner
Head downtown to Ellensburg’s antique shops for a day activity with Mom

Facade on display
Central’s art department faculty has its creations on display in a month-long Spurgeon Gallery art exhibit.

by Shayne Bredesen
Staff reporter

Classical music pours through Sarah Spurgeon Gallery. Paintings, photography, sculpture and even digital prints fill the gallery in the Central Washington University art department’s faculty exhibition. The high ceilings and unique art are enough to make a person feel as though he or she has left Ellensburg and entered the sophisticated world of contemporary art.

“There is a real variety with the different type of work that comes out of here,” Landon McAllister, junior computer art major, said.

The faculty art exhibition features the work of 18 Central faculty members, both current and retired. The exhibit, which will run until March 14, features not only paintings and sculptures, but also less traditional mediums such as porcelain, jewelry, handmade books and paper, and ceramics.

“People should see this, both the students of Central Washington University and the community, because this represents what a very energetic art department faculty is doing,” Jim Sahlstrand, professor emeritus and curator of the faculty art exhibition, said.

There are many diverse forms of art being exhibited. Glen L. Bach, associate professor of graphic design, created a reconstruction of ancient Chinese icons using a handheld Palm Pilot with a two-inch screen. Similarly, Assistant Professor Lisa Hutton used digital art to create her whimsical prints, one of which features a gazelle with wings. The diversity among the pieces helps to appeal to a wide crowd with unique interests.

“I like the piece ‘In Waiting’ by Howard Barlow,” Alan Pace, graduate student of art, said. “The combination of the grotesque spine and the knitted sock is humorous.”

Barlow created the sculpture, “In Waiting,” using wax, steel, an IV bag, knit wool and water. It features an IV bag with a knitted shell connected to a curved spine with knitted socks on the bottom.

To view “In Waiting,” or any of the other faculty artwork, visit the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, which is located on the first floor of Randall Hall. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. There is no admission fee.

“It would be interesting for any student to see the technical know-how of the pieces,” Chad Dukham, junior computer art major, said. “Just by looking you can see the maturity of the artist and the level of detail.”
Saving students from police and boogey man

by Tyler Matney
Staff reporter

Looming over every shot of vodka is the impending question of how to get home. In the cold winter months, a walk home from the bars is enough to make a drunk get behind the wheel.

Operating seven days per week, Safe Ride is a way to get home in one piece without the hassle of DUIs, MIPs or scary walks home in the dark. Safe Ride has had its fair share of controversy. The most prominent question surrounding Safe Ride is whether it is a good way to spend student money. This question, and many others, have been answered by Safe Ride drivers.

I sat down and talked with two of the Safe Ride drivers, Robert Bracco and Kevin Kirkman. Here is what they had to say.

Q: What’s the most funniest thing you have ever had happen while you’re driving?

Bracco: Once last year my navigator and me found two people having sex in the back of the van. Yeah, we think it was, some girl flashed us. We kicked him off and he started to yelling. Also, we have had a guy start making homophobic comments. The worst one was when a guy started making homophobic comments and the guy that I was working with just wasn’t having it. So we kicked him off and he started to get a little violent. We ended up calling the cops.

Q: Who do you drive around more; drunk people or people who are out studying?

Bracco: During the week it’s probably half and half. Drunken people on weekdays are probably 40 percent of our calls. K: Well, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; drunk. Thursdays, that’s when I work, we don’t get that many calls; it’s usually nobody who is drunk.

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K: Yeah, I pretty much agree with Robert. I hate turning people away. It are days that are just pretty much picking up people who are studying. Q: How do you guys feel about the new no party, no bars rule?

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Q: Do you guys mind the Safe Ride bus being called the “drunk bus”?

Bracco: I don’t really think it’s funny. But sometimes it’s kind of on-campus, from the library to your dorm, safe-ride-home-so-you-don’t-have-to-walk-kind of thing.

Q: Can you think of any other funny stories you want to share?

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**Attack of the families**

Families invade Central Washington University as Friday kicks off Parents and Family Weekend. For those worried about how to entertain their loved ones, Scene highlights the activities of the weekend.

**Plenty of options to please parents**

by Ben Davis
Staff reporter

It's been said that the only constant is change, and for parents of college students this saying's truth is prevalent everyday they see their son or daughter. Parents and Family Weekend, Feb. 21 to Feb. 23, gives those who wonder what their children are doing at school a chance to see and experience today's college life, if only for a weekend.

Sponsored by Campus Life and featuring the theme, "Experience the Extraordinary," Parents and Family Weekend will give parents and family members of Central Washington University students a taste of activities that students can participate in throughout the year. From snowshoeing and cross country skiing to basketball doubleheaders against Seattle University and a performance by world-famous "Extraordinary," the activities are vast and varied.

"I think it's a unique opportunity for parents to bond with their college-age child," Stefanie Seifken, sophomore education major, said.

The response to these planned activities has been so great that Campus Life has added another event not listed on registration forms mailed to Central students and parents.

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding," registration has passed, students and their families can still sign up for the brunch is $8 per person. Prices for the other events range from $7 to $14 per person.

Patrons of the Mint (left to right, Lance Womach, Erin Hewitt, Jesse Fueng, Katie Nash and Blake Lennox) prepare for Parents and Family Weekend.

**Party with families in downtown bars**

by Natalie Bing
Staff reporter

Anyone attempting to entertain Mom and Dad this weekend need look no further than the Ellensburg local bar scene to help cure the problem of finding something the whole family can enjoy during Parents and Family Weekend. The Mint and The Liquid Lounge are featuring some locals bands sure to add a little excitement to a Saturday evening.

"I'm looking forward to showing my mom what there is to do in Ellensburg," Bernard Thomas, junior education major and cross country runner, said.

Johnny Five will play at 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22 at The Mint. The Mint, located at 111 W. 3rd Ave., has plenty of seating and a large dance floor.

"We play anything that will make people dance," Jon Getzow, lead singer of Johnny Five, said. “Funk, pop tunes, rock and roll, we do a lot of everything.”

Johnny Five recently played at The Brick, a bar in Roslyn, and now Ellensburg to rock the house. With a newly added third-piece horn section, this rockin’ group does it all. So strap on some swing shoes, hop in the car (or better yet take a taxi) and get to The Mint to dance the night away.

Johnny Five offers a variety of music, allowing Dad’s inner N’ Sync obsession and Mom’s need to groove to some reggae sure to be satisfied. There is no cover charge so money saved can go towards a round of shots for the folks.

Need a different style of music to keep the heads bobbin'? Parents and students can enjoy an evening over flowing with fun at The Liquid Lounge. Beginning at 9 p.m. on Saturday, The Liquid Lounge is featuri...
Hunting with Mom

by Tessa Staveley
Staff reporter

Central preoccupations beware: the parents are coming.

Invasion of former chassiers takes place this weekend. In prepara-

tion, throw out the empty bottles, hide leftover Valentine's parapher-

nalia, and think of anything to do with Mom and Dad to avoid dis-

cussing your still-oozing tatoos.

The union of young and old pro-

vokes sadness with priceless moments worthy of a Kodak com-

mercial. In following this timeworn theme, discover archaic relics hid-

den in the side shops and emptied arctics of Ellensburg boutiques.

Going antiquing with Mom will let you bond with your maternal unit

while picking up trinkets along the way.

“It feels like you’ve walked into the past,” Deb Palmer, Main Street

Market shop owner, said. “A lot of our customers come here to relax,

look at life the way it used to be. They even come here instead of going
to eat.”

Aside from the dining perks, Main Street Market specializes in the

taste of nostalgia surrounding vintage keepsakes. Customers often

find their toes tapping to tunes of times past.

The aura of Main Street Market is unique in its magical approach to

a museum-like shop, where the trin-

kets sold are far from thrift store quality. Rich furniture, original

clothing, unique pictures, priceless

knickknacks and old toys will jog

memories more than an episode of

“The Wonder Years.”

Main Street Market is located at

309 N. Main St.

The Rusted Rake, an eclectic

store with modern influence, holds

more surprises than a box of choco-

lates.

“It’s not your typical store for

Ellensburg.” Jan Callahan, co-

owner said.

The Rusted Rake has been

described by customers as a visual

buffet.

High ceilings, original decor, spacious displays and bright paint-

ings appease shoppers appetites.

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Owners Callahan and Paige

Anspach have created a classic col-

lection of keepsakes and contempo-

rary goods. European influence is scattered

down the diverse store. Jewelry, dishware, linens, lotions, candles, accessories and books

delight customers.

Visit the store and serve Mom up a delightesek of trinkets. The

Rusted Rake is located at 312 N. Main St.

Extraordinary to take

Central out of this world

by Risa Fidler
Staff reporter

Tables float. Audience member’s

rings are linked together in a chain. Metal is bent. Minds are read.

These are some of the typical occurrences at a Craig Karges per-

formance. Karges, a six-time winner of the National Association

of Campus Activities (NACA) best per-

former award, is a self-proclaimed extravert who incorporates illo-

sion, psychic happenings and humor into his performances.

He will perform at Central Washington University during the

upcoming Parents and Family Weekend on Saturday, Feb. 23.

“Craig Karges plays mainly col-

lege and corporate venues, with audi-

encers varying between 200 to 1000 people,” Scott Drummond, director of
campus activities, said. “But then he’s also performed, for instance, on the

‘Tonight Show’ with Jay Leno and on

‘CNN Headline News’ in front of mil-

lions of people.”

Karges has made more than 3,000 appearances on three continents and in all 50 states throughout his 15-year career. He very recently went over-

seas and performed his routine for U.S. Troops in the Middle East, according to Kayte Anchors, special events coordinator for Campus Life and senior business & marketing educa-
tion major.

“He is always booked for perform-

ances,” Anchors said. “We were very

lucky to be able to schedule him into the activities since he is in such high

demand, especially by colleges who

book him consecutively, year after

year.”

Drummond said Karges has per-

formed at Central three or four times in the past 12 years.

“We try to have him back every four or five years so every new group

of Central students has the opportuni-
ty to see him,” Drummond said.

Karges could be described as a “big wig” in the world of extraor-

dinaires. He was named the top per-

former in his field worldwide by the

International Psychic Entertainers

Association.

“Karges incorporates several dif-

ferent things into his performances

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Fishing for Dad’s

necessary approval

by Tessa Staveley
Staff reporter

There are plenty of fish in the sea, as well as on campus. Catch some-

thing besides a freshman and head for the river. Fly fishing with Dad will

draw his attention to the species with gifts on Parents and Fami-

ly Weekend.

“We look like a postage stamp, but inside we carry every-

thing a fly fisherman would need,” Shawn Mitchell, Evening Hatch

owner, said.

The Evening Hatch, a guide serv-

ice and fly fishing pro shop, provides

drive-thru service for the Dad-and-

student in a rush.

Hold on to your britches because the Hatch is also an espresso stand.

Grab a latte, scone and sunglasses

from the gift shop and head for the

pudding Yakima River.

The Worley Bugger offers a large selection of fly-fishing
goods to help Central students bond with Dad.

Sold out

Planning on signing up for a last Tent n’ Tube outing with Mom and Dad? From

snowshoeing to inner tubing, trips are full and the waiting lists are growing
each day. The only outing still open is a cross country ski trip at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22. For more information, contact Tent n’ Tube at 963-3537.

“Talent is nothing without the

family skeleton, you may as well

make it dance.”

—George Bernard Shaw
Dining with Daddy’s dough

by Kathleen Wiley
Staff reporter

After a snowshoe trip with the parents, some old-fashioned Italian food might be the answer to an empty belly. In Ellensburg two Italian restaurants, Grant’s Pizza Place and The Ellensburg Pasta Company, offer different types of food and strikingly different atmospheres.

Grant’s offers a more casual and fun atmosphere with games and pizza that will satisfy a young sibling who is tagging along. The environment is conducive to large, loud groups. The Ellensburg Pasta Company, located at 600 N. Main St., offers classic Italian atmosphere and authentic dishes at a reasonable price.

Grant’s Pizza (left) located across from campus on 8th Street is a family-friendly pizza establishment that invites its patrons to dine while playing in their game room, which offers a variety of games from foosball to video games. The Ellensburg Pasta Company, located at 600 N. Main St., offers classic Italian atmosphere and authentic dishes at a reasonable price.

The Ellensburg Pasta Company is softly lit with vibrantly colored walls and light fixtures that present a calming atmosphere. An affordable yet classy establishment, the restaurant can be the perfect place for mom and dad to treat for dinner.

“I go to the Ellensburg Pasta Company because the prices are reasonable, the food is good and I can have a conversation with someone without screaming over the music,” Lesley Busch, Ellensburg resident, said.

Pasta prices range from $5.50 to $7.95 and soups, salads and sandwiches are priced under $7.

Grant’s is located across from campus at 716 E. 8th Ave. and offers free delivery. The Ellensburg Pasta Company, located at 600 N. Main St., offers take-out at a 50 cent additional charge per order.

Staff reporter Adina Johnson, employee, said.

The Everything Grinder includes all four meats and is $8.90 for a half and $9.40 for a whole. The nachos include green peppers, onions, olives, tomatoes, jalapenos, cheddar cheese and beef for $8.

The Ellensburg Pasta Company offers the classic Italian dining experience where atmosphere is just as important as food.

“The Ellensburg Pasta Company has a really good atmosphere. It’s not a loud place, so you have a good opportunity to talk to your parents while eating good food,” Adina Johnson, employee, said.

The Ellensburg Pasta Company serves many of the traditional Italian favorites while offering some new dishes such as the Lasagna that people like because you get a huge portion. The creamy chicken pesto is also a very popular dish.

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KARGES: Cash to anyone who can prove he is fake

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and I think this is what makes his shows so interesting,” Anchors said. “It sounds like he has a great stage presence.”

For those skeptical of his legitimacy, Karges has a standing offer of $100,000, payable to charity, if anyone can prove he’s a fake.

According to Drummond, in past performances Karges has asked him to hand him three identical envelopes with his paycheck in one of them.

He then mixes them up and lights two envelopes on fire. If he accidently lights his check on fire, he doesn’t get paid for that night’s performance.

“He says he’s only lost one check in 15 years,” Drummond said.

Karges is from West Virginia and became interested in spiritual matters at the age of 14 when his spiritualist great-uncle began educating him in this phenomenon.

In addition to performing on college campuses, Karges has written two books and teaches workshops on memory techniques and learning how to tap into the unconscious mind to enhance creativity, intuition and decision making processes.

“I think it’s going to be a great show,” Anchors said. “People should come and check it out.”

Karges’ show starts at 9:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the SUB. Tickets are on sale in the SUB and cost $10 or $7 for Central students.

MUSIC: Central alumni to play at Liquid Lounge

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turing three bands and a $3 cover charge.

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Swimmers are prepared for the conference championships

Central's swim team looks ahead to future competitions with hard work and practice

by Jill Elding
Staff reporter

Most Central Washington University students' days don't begin until between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., often even later. For Central swimmers like Suzanne Hizzey and Anne Miller, the day begins bright and early at 5 a.m.

Six days per week, Wildcat swimmers meet at the Central Washington University Aquatic Facility for morning practices from 5:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. They then head to classes for the rest of the day, and back to the pool in the afternoon from 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. for more practice.

"Holding 18-21 credits, like most team members, plus practicing twice per day. Practices include weightlifting, swimming, sit-ups, push-ups, running, and of course more swimming. Each swimmer is allowed 20 hours per week of swim practice under NCAA rules. This instills a great sense of time management. "Taking 21 credits this quarter, plus swimming really makes me organize my time," Hizzey, senior, elementary education major, said.

Two practices, classes, homework and even a job can take up all of your personal time.

"Our days consists of waking up, practice, classes, practice, eating, taking lots of naps, homework, and sleeping," Anne Miller, senior, recreation and leisure major said. "Naps are very important, almost any free time during the day, we take naps."

"Seeing that most of their physical lives revolve around swimming, their intellectual lives also revolve around the sport. "Most of us have been swimming since second or third grade, we all live with other swimmers because we have such an unusual schedule, and all of our school papers are written about swimming, and almost all of our friends are swimmers," Hizzey said.

This season the Wildcat swimmers competed mostly against Division I and III schools in their 11 meets. Central is one of two Division II swimming schools in Washington, so it is hard to travel down to California on a regular basis for meets. It is usually not until the Pacific Swimming Conference Championship, this week, in Long Beach, Calif., that swimmers compete against other Division II schools.

Team members must place at this meet in order to move on to the NCAA Division II National Championships, March 12-15 in Grand Forks, N.D.

Besides practicing twice per day, going to class in-between, and sleeping, Hizzey and Miller talked about the fun, unique things associated with Central's swim team.

This year's varsity team consists of 14 men and 18 women. The women's team practices a "Big Sister, Little Sister" program to provide support before meets. At the beginning of the school year, the team holds a "Red/Black Meet" during Homecoming weekend. For this meet the team captains get together and divide the team, as fairly as possible, to compete against each other.

"This meet seems the most competitive and fun because we are all swimming against each other," Miller said. "We paint our bodies with lipstick and get really excited about it."

This season for Christmas break, the team headed to the sunny beaches of Hawaii for a warm vacation, but also to practice. The training included 10 days jam-packed with hikes, ocean swims, practices, dry land training and meets against various other schools.

The most recognized tradition of almost any swim team is to not shave until the "big meet."

"Yes that means women do not shave their legs for a good 4-6 months," Miller said. "So we all have hairy legs and people look at us funny. We look forward to the final meet of the season so we can get rid of the "Amazon" on our legs.

The season started in September, two weeks before classes began; conference meets come during the last weeks of February, and then the NCAA Division II National Championships soon after.

"Our season never ends! When our school season is over, most of us have club teams here at Central or back home," Hizzey said. "We continually practice and compete because any time taken off equals being twice as far behind everyone else."

The team left for Long Beach earlier this week to test their skills against other Division II schools. Winners from this conference meet will head to the NCAA Division II National Championships in Grand Forks, N.D., from March 12-15.
Men's hoops split on road

Wildcats win one and lose one on the road over weekend

by Christian Season
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's men's basketball team was at Western Oregon University (WOU) last weekend, where it dominated WOU with stifling defense and an all-out collective team effort.

On Saturday night, five Central players reached double digits. The bench chipped in to blow open and seal the game for another Central road trip victory, 103-97.

Freshman guard Alex Szwarc was flawless, converting 6-6 from the field and 7-7 at the free-throw line, scoring 20 points.

"With Szwarc's ankle injury, Thompson's finger, Mitchell's wrist, and Kernen's ailing knee, I think some people are stepping up to get the job done," Head Coach Greg Sparling said.

Many Wildcats contributed to the win, junior guard Kacey Ulin posted 17 points, senior guard Terry Thompson scored 15 points, junior forward Jay Thomas had 12 points, junior forward Chris Bond dropped in 10 points and junior forward Anthony Lewis dished seven assists and scored nine points.

"We had a perfect first half against Western Oregon," senior guard Jay Thomas said, "but we were just getting by in the second half."

In the second half of the game Central was outscored 72-58, maybe showing possible signs of fatigue. "Believe me, we are in shape so that's not the reason we aren't performing as well in the second half," Thomas said.

Today, Central takes on the winless Northwest Nazarene University at 7 p.m. in Nicholson Pavilion, with hopes of keeping playoff aspirations alive. Attendance at the game is expected to be high, in spite of NNU's record.

Humboldt State University

by Cindy Figueroa
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The sweet taste of victory left Humboldt State University (HSU) with faint memories of its bitter loss to Central in Jan. 18. After HSU's perfect record in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference was shattered by the Wildcats, revenge was inevitable. Central's 59-80 loss gave the Lumberjacks their 28th straight home win in the Arcata, Calif., East Gym.

"It's a tough place to play at," Sparling said. "The kids played hard the first half, but we had a bad shooting night."

Statistically, final numbers should be a definite disadvantage for the Wildcats. The Lumberjacks scored 40,

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Central women fall to undefeated SPU

by Takeshi Kojima
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Central Washington University's women's basketball team faced the challenge of playing undefeated Seattle Pacific University (SPU) last Saturday.

"We are really eager because we only lost to them by three points last time, so I think we all feel and believe we can beat them," sophomore guard Loni Ainslie said. "They are a tough team, but we have studied them. We have a good chance."

The Wildcats went west to face No. 1 nationally ranked SPU in front of about 1,200 fans. SPU has not lost a game all season, which includes winning 28 home games.

We were the last team they lost to at home in 2001," Head Women's Basketball Coach Jeff Whitney said. "We put up stuff in the locker room indicating that we have to be positive, we have to think, "win"."

In the first half, the Wildcats showed SPU their team spirit.

"For the first half, we played very well," Whitney said. "We look-control for the first half."

After finishing up with a close score of 39-41 in the first half, the Wildcats couldn't stop the Falcons' ability in the second half.

"We just had some breakdown," Whitney said. "We didn't push the ball for the transition. Those little things add up when you're playing the best team in the country."

The final score read 69-40, though junior Lindsey Weiss scored 23 points, had six rebounds and five steals.

Tonight was her night," Whitney said. "She kept us in the ball game with a lot of really key threes and drives. I'm really proud of her effort."

One SPU player admitted the team struggled with the Wildcats' defensive toughness.

"Today's game was a high pressure game," Kristin Poo, junior SPU guard, said. "They've improved, and they always give us a great game. They are a tough team to beat when they're hitting."

A Falcon supporter also noticed the Wildcats' stickiness.

"They were tough," Chris Young, SPU student, said. "They were closer than what the score ended up. We have a lot of respect for them."

The Wildcats will face rival Western Washington University today, then battle with Seattle University on Saturday. Both games begin at 5 p.m. at Nicholson Pavilion.

Women's hoopsooks look forward to WWU game

by Takeshi Kojima
Staff reporter

Central's cross-state rival, Western Washington University, has come to Ellensburg today, not only to extend its winning streak to nine, but also to crush the Wildcats' pride.

"I know that we have really had a battle," Head Women's Basketball Coach Jeff Whitney said. "We beat them at our place last year, and they beat us earlier this year by two points. That will be a great game this week, and this is another revenge game for our team to beat them.

In their history, the Wildcats have recorded eight wins and 26 losses against WWU. The players know what it means to battle with the Vikings.

"It's a big letup for us definitely," sophomore guard Loni Ainslie said. "I think every year, no matter what, the tension between us and Western is a pride thing."

For seniors, today's game will be the last regular game with Western.

"It'll be an exciting game," senior point guard Megan Kantzky said. "I want to beat them my last time playing them."

Another senior guard, Karissa Martin, also excited that the Vikings have come to Wildcat country for the average.

"I'm looking forward to it," Martin said. "I feel we should've beaten them down there. I think they know that. I hope they are scared to come play us, because we'll be ready for them, too. I'm glad to have a tough game."

The team needs Central students' participation to show Wildcat pride.

"I would like to challenge Central students to come out and support this women's team because I know Western's going to bring a good crowd with them," Whitney said. "I don't want the Western crowd outdoing our crowd. I'd like to challenge them to come out, watch us play and help us beat Western."

The game will begin at 5 p.m. at today at Nicholson Pavilion.

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Damning that Spaniard

by Aaron Howell
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I'm getting real tired. My legs are becoming noodles after a full day strapped onto my 183-centimeters mid-fat boards. The snow is not soft. The conditions have been lovely. Wait a minute; as I'm writing this, it wasn't snowing for two weeks.

When it does snow, it drops about two inches, only to be melted off in the afternoon by the blazing sunshine. And why, you ask? That damn El Niño.

El Niño and La Niña are atmospheric trends that have been pasted over all skier and boarder magazines for the past 10 years. In the end, they identify which range of mountains will prevail and which will become stale.

This year El Niño has struck the Cascade Mountain range — struck it hard. Each of the Cascade ski resorts are melting (except for Mt. Baker, as usual). Mission Ridge, as well as Stevens, Snoqualmie and White Passes are all recording less than 50 percent of regular snowpack. With less snowpack comes fewer visitors, followed by less money to the owners, followed by no new high-speed gondolas, no expansion through the forests and in the end, no powder. All because of a lack of snow.

Here's what I say we do:

The conditions of El Niño happen because of a slightly warmer ocean temperature off the East coast of South America in the Southern Hemisphere.

Now, all we need to do is slice off a size good chunk of a glacier — one that the silly tourists can watch fall into the water anywhere on their cruise to Alaska or the Northern regions. Tow that sucker down into the area of the ocean that will eventually cause El Niño to return and happen in the Cascades. All those fiberglass won't mind a two-degree temperature decrease in their ocean water.

This slight change in temperature will turn the Cascades into a mecca for powder snow (such as what happened last season).

The simple melting glacier in the Atlantic will reverse the El Niño trend and bring us...
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Statistically, final numbers should be more accurate on the books. Eighteen of HSU’s points came second shots, and HSU senior forward Austin Nichols scored a game high 24 points.

“I don’t know how many points in a row Austin Nichols and Fred Hooks had,” Sparling said. “They took over the game.”

The Wildcats, who trailed by one, blew a 41-35 lead early in the second half despite shooting 93 percent from the free throw line. With 17:43 left on the clock, Central began its decline, shooting 30.4 percent from the field and being outscored 45-18 in the last 17 minutes of play. The Wildcats handed the Lumberjacks their first loss of the season at Nicholson Pavilion on Jan. 18.

Central begins a three-game home stretch at 7 p.m. tonight in a game against Northwest Nazarene University. Seattle University will come to town Feb. 22 before the Wildcats face Saint Martin’s.

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arm itself with the information necessary to make an informed decision. The lack of information provided makes it difficult to determine the level of success.

Responding to a potential customer, it is important to have a clear understanding of the value proposition and the unique features of the product or service. This will enable the customer to make an informed decision.

The use of technology in the delivery of the value proposition can also be a deciding factor. The presence of a website or a mobile application can provide an additional layer of convenience and accessibility.

Addressing the feedback from customers can also be a significant factor in the success of the product or service. This can be achieved through regular communication with customers and the prompt resolution of any issues.

The use of social media and other forms of digital marketing can also be an effective way to reach potential customers and promote the product or service.

In conclusion, creating a successful product or service requires a thorough understanding of the needs and preferences of the target audience. This can be achieved through market research and the use of technology and digital marketing.

The ability to adapt and evolve in response to changing market conditions and customer expectations is also crucial for success.

In the end, the success of the product or service will depend on its ability to meet the needs of the target audience and provide a value proposition that is both unique and effective.
Get in shape for summer now, not for spring

by Conor Glassy
Staff reporter

In anticipation of the upcoming baseball season, I sat down with Coach Desi Storey to get his input on what will come this spring.

OK, let’s start off with some background info. How long have you been coaching, and what experience do you have?

Well, I’m on my 13th year. I was an assistant for six years before that, played two years here, played four years of college ball, two years here. So, I’ve been with Central for a long time.

What do you do during the off-season, and what are your hobbies?

Well, I coach Little League, too, for my youngest. Also, I run camps, and I kind of stay in baseball all year long, I also like to go boating; I’ve got a boat, when so I get a break I do that.

You play about 54 games this season; only 19 are at home. How will that affect the season?

You know, that’s something we deal with every year. So, if we’re playing well, it shouldn’t have an effect on us. When you get in the playoffs, you’re going to go on the road anyway, so you’ve got to be able to win on the road, that’s the bottom line.

Also, you have a lot of double-headers which can really take a toll on a team. Do you prepare your players for this?

That’s just a matter of depth. Everybody in the region plays four-game sets on the weekend, so everybody is pretty much in the same boat and it all comes down to quality of depth. We keep our guys healthy, and our depth is going to translate into wins.

Player wise, tell me about some key losses you had in the off-season and some key additions as well.

Well, you know Temp (Brandon Temples) graduated, and he’s coaching with us this year. He was an all-conference catcher for us last year, so that was big. We weren’t that strong on the hill (pitching mound) last year, and we lost some guys that could eat innings up for us, but I think overall we’re better off there.

And for the most part: we have most of our hitters back. Aaron Tennis, who started in the outfield for us and hit the ball well last year; he’s back. Offensively, two guys who helped out the most were Brandon and Aaron, so I think we have a big loss there. Obviously, we replaced him (Temples) behind the plate. In the outfield we’re strong, and we got our whole infield back, so that should translate into some decent offense I would think.

How does the wind in Ellensburg affect baseball here at Central?

Well, you deal with it. From my standpoint, when you play in the spring, pretty much everywhere you go there’s wind. If people say that it blows more here than anywhere else, maybe so. But we go to Lewiston (Idaho) and it’s windy; we’ve gone to Walla Walla and it’s windy; we go down to Western Oregon and it can blow. Down at Northwest Nazarene in Nampa (Idaho) it blows. So you deal with it. The nice thing about it is even though we’ve got to deal with the wind, we don’t have to deal with the rain. Once we’re outside, for the most part we’re outside. So, you dress a little warmer and you go.

Which teams will be the most challenging this season?

Well, for a regional berth it’s going to be really important that we play well against Mesa State. They were in the top four last year and made it to the playoffs. They’re going to have a good club this year. We play them six times, so we’re going to have to play well against them. It’s going to be a big challenge for us.

I think Western Oregon, they’re the conference champ. Terry (Western Oregon head coach Terry Baumgartner) lost a lot of guys, but he does a good job down there. They’ve got a very good program. So, we need to play well against Western Oregon also.

But I think overall the key is we need to play good, consistent ball within the conference; win the conference. Which would translate into the fact that we’re beating Western Oregon and then you win the regional games of conference.

We’ve got to beat Mesa, beat Southern Oregon and probably Metro State when we play them. Those are the top three teams in that conference; and they’re in our region. All those teams are important, and then we can’t lose the games that we shouldn’t lose. We can’t lose to the Whitmans, the Concordias, and the PLS and all that. We lose those games, and that’s going to hurt us.

Who are you expecting to contribute the most offensively?

That’s hard to say. I’ve got a lot of expectations for a lot of the guys. Rodriguez (senior second baseman Anthony Rodriguez) led the conference last year in hitting. I don’t know if he can do it again, that’s a tough act to follow. We need a good year out of him. If he hits .400, that’s great. But nobody’s ever done it two years in a row in this league. I don’t anticipate that, but I hope he has a good year at the plate. If he hits solid, 350 or somewhere in there, and has a good year, that’s gonna be big for us.

I expect Burns (senior outfielder Jake Burns) and Thomas (senior outfielder John Thomas) to have good years, maybe even better than they had last year, because they both got out to a little bit of a slow start last year, but they’re both on track.

Brian Vaford (senior first baseman), if we can keep him healthy, should put up some good offensive numbers for us as well. You have a very good last year hurt us early.

According to the roster, you guys have only a few left-handed pitchers. Western Oregon has six left-handed hitters; how is that going to factor in?

Well, my stance on it is, I want quality arms on the bump (pitcher’s mound). Whether they’re right or left handed, we need to keep a left-handed pitcher if he’s not capable of winning at this level, to keep a lefty.

We’ve talked about that and it’d be a no brainer to me, if we can keep a lefty. If we’re not going to specifically keep a left-handed pitcher if he’s not capable of winning at this level, it’s not worth it, and I keep a lefty.

I think there’s a big storyline there. We’re going to have a lot of left-handed hitters; how is that going to factor in?

Well, you can think about that and think of that’s what they have to deal with. They’ve got a very good program. So, we need to play well against Western Oregon also.

I think we have a very good region, they’re all good programs. So, we need to play well against them.

Do you or any of your players have superstitions?

Well, in the off-season I’m a little more relaxed. They’re all young adults, and in this I think it’s all right for them to go out and have an occasional drink. Once the season starts they’re not allowed to go downtown and party, that sort of thing. I don’t anticipate that, but when it comes to alcohol, we can’t eat whatever they want. When we go on the road we have a curfew. But at home I just expect them to get to bed and be ready to play, to be in good shape.

Would you be in favor of the NCAA switching to wood bats?

You know, I don’t know. I don’t think it will ever happen. I just think you have to give it some more money to the metal bat industry. It’s hard to say. Some years, such as the second half of last year, we lived by the bat. So, if you put wood bats, I’m not sure of that. By last year, we probably wouldn’t have finished as strong. From my standpoint, I would probably just stay, no, stay with the metal.

And finally, with such a long schedule how much recruiting do you think you need to get to do, and who does that handle?

For the most part, I do it myself. My assistant, Chad Bala, helps out. I start to do a little bit now, start making some phone calls, mostly to coaches, so that we can get a feel for who they think can play here, who they think can come in and help. After that in the spring I get some time to go start looking. At any time, we do it, we’re high school play­offs, start summer ball, CC (community college) season is in their playoffs, so I get a chance to really go out and see the guys, and it’s the time of year when guys really should be playing well.

I think overall the key is we need to play good, consistent ball with the conference; win the conference.

Which player gets everyone fired up the most?

I don’t know, probably Smith (sen­ior first baseman Jason Smith). Smithie, he’s kind of a go-getter.

Have there been any players that have really surprised you so far?

Probably our catchers surprised us the most. All three of them have come quite a ways to where they are at this point, playing pretty well. We weren’t sure where we would be with our catchers this year, so I’d say overall they’ve been the most surprising.

“Baseball is known for its superstitions. Do you or any of your players have superstitions?”

“Probably the whole team I would imagine. We were just talking about that today. If we win tomorrow (2/14), we’ll probably stay in the same uniform the next day.

What kind of rules do you set for your guys as far as diet, curfew and other activities?

Well, you deal with it. You can’t have too many rules. It’s not as if they’re gonna eat whatever they want. We go on the road we have a curfew. But at home I just expect them to get to bed and be ready to play.

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