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Central Washington University
Cold weather hits

With temperatures dropping to the 'teens, students are bundling up as they take the long walk to early morning classes. Old Man Winter has arrived.

Budget increase for growing ESC council

The Equity Service Council (ESC) is sending eight members to a leadership conference in Florida, Nov. 21-23. The $10,000 cost for the three day event is being paid by Central Washington University students; funding for the trip comes directly from the Service and Activity Fees Committee (S&A). The current ESC's operating budget is $57,000 for the 2003-2004 academic year.

"This seminar will benefit all students," Cindy Figueroa, Associated Students of Central Washington University President, said. "Students should use the information to help all of us deal with diversity issues on campus and in the real working environment.

The ESC consists of seven minority groups on campus. The Black Students Union (BSU), Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA), American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), Gays and Lesbian Association (GALA), Access Belonging Learning Equality (ABLE), Students for an Assault Free Environment (SAFE), and non-traditional students elect one voting member along with the chairperson to sit on an advisory panel which helps determine the ESC agenda and allocation of funds to the respective organizations.

"The goal of the ESC is to create awareness on campus that may not have awareness on campus that may not..."
Abortion forum sparks heated discussion

by Joe Castro
Staff reporter

In light of a bill signed by President Bush yesterday in an effort to curtail late-term abortion procedures, the Diversity Center held a forum Tuesday in the Samuelson Union Building (SUB) Pit to discuss abortion.

Sean Soth, Diversity Center program coordinator and senior sociologist, said the point of the Social Justice Series is to look at issues that are pertinent in our society today and to get a perspective from an underrepresented group.

The forum presented two speakers, Dionna Humphrey, director of public policy for Central Washington Planned Parenthood and Judy Phelps, executive director for Care Net Pregnancy Center of Kittitas County.

Humphrey, a pro-choice advocate and Phelps, a pro-life advocate, began by asking questions and presenting statistics to more than 70 students gathered around the SUB Pit. Each speaker presented issues and stories to support their pro-choice/pro-life side of the argument.

"I think it's definitely important for people to make informed decisions and base those decisions on research from the medical community and other organizations that work through research, because having half-truths or misinformation is really what contributes to this huge debate," Humphrey said.

Students were given time to ask questions during an open-mic portion of the forum. Some participants fervently spoke their minds to the audience members to shout remarks.

"It seemed like a circular argument," Dustin McClure, freshman military science major said. "People were arguing the same issues around with no new evidence being brought to the table. It was pretty much based on opinions."

Nick Esparza, senior political science major, voiced his concerns during the open-mic session.

"As a political science major, I think it's cool that we have some sort of dialogue that you can hear opposing views," Esparza said. "I'm not one of those hard-core partisan individuals, but I think you can learn from either side."

People on both sides of the abortion issue did agree on one item. Humphrey and Phelps both agreed that the best way to resolve the abortion debate is through education and prevention.

The next Social Justice Series forum on poverty will be held at noon on Nov. 12 in the SUB Pit.
Retired professor dies
Retired Central Washington University professor emeritus of psychology, Dr. Eldon E. "Jake" Jacobsen, died on Oct. 9 at the Royal Vista Care Center in Ellensburg. Jacobsen retired from Central after 35 years of dedicated service. Along with his teaching, Jacobsen served with the state's board of professional examiners spanning four decades. He was 85.

PRSSA President wins national honor
Scott T. Iwata, president of Central Washington University's Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), won the President's Citation for outstanding members who demonstrate leadership and professional skills. Iwata received the honor last weekend in New Orleans. Central has also been selected to host the PRSSA Regional Activity, which will be held this spring.

Item drive to support ASPEN
The Center for Student Empowerment is hosting an item drive to benefit ASPEN (a battered women's shelter) as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Week. The drive is for staff and faculty to participate in and the Empowerment Center will pick up items between 3 and 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. For more information contact the Empowerment Center at 963-2127.

Hosting an event? Have an announcement?
Let the Observer know by calling 963-J 073, emailing the observer@cwu.edu, or stopping by Bouillon 222.

CONVERGENCE: Ellensburg mayor commends attempts to unify

You've got issues!!
Sign up early for the next FIRESIDE CHAT at the President's home.
Discuss CWU issues in an open forum with the President and Vice Presidents.
Sign up at The Burg or in the ASCWU BOD Office, SUB 116.
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ESC: Budget amount ten times larger than last year
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be addressed if under-represented groups didn't exist," Figueroa said. "Ethnic minorities experience quite a culture shock when they come to Central."

In 2002, the ESC comprised five voting members working with a budget of $4,969. The funding allocated this year is $57,000—more than 10 times last year's budget.

"The S&A committee saw group members needing extra dollars for student programming on campus," Jack Baker, assistant to the vice-president for student affairs and enrollment management and adviser to the S&A committee, said. "That's a big jump, but it is also a fixed budget for the next two years and cannot be rescinded."

Baker offers advice and guidance as to the allocation of funding but is not a voting member on any committee.

"It's up to them once the money is designated as to how they will spend it," Baker said. "Hopefully all students will benefit from the decisions made by the ESC."

S&A recipients must show a proposed budget outlining how money will be spent by the end of November. The breakdown of ESC budget will be made available for review as the budget is a matter of public record.

For information regarding the ESC operating policies and procedures contact Figueroa in the Samuelsion Union Building room 116.
PARTIES: Photo Web site raises concerns within administration for student welfare

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picture asks them through e-mail.

"For the most part everyone is having a good time," Jesse said. "Everyone likes seeing themselves up there, so we don't get too much of that."

"The Crew" says there are some future plans for the site including sponsoring dance events.

"We've just started thinking of other ideas (about the Web site), it's just coming to us," Tommy said. "We're within administration for student welfare"

Rittereiser said he and his officers are not following up on any of the bar pictures. "We'd have buddies all over, so we might start going to other schools and taking pictures."

These new plans aren't certain yet and "The Crew" said they work on the Web site as a side project in their free time.

"We're still in the 'having fun with it' stage," Jesse said.

None of the photos that appear on the Web site are staged or altered according to the three students. "The Crew" is trying to be tasteful with what they put on the site.

"We try our best to stay out of trouble," Justin said. "We're not going to put any full nudity up there. We'd have trouble," Justin said. "We're not going to generate the people's safety."

"We're concerned about how the university is being portrayed."

Keith Champagne
VP for Student Affairs

The office of the vice president of student affairs is monitoring the Web site for illegal activities and violations of Washington state laws such as underage drinking. Champagne said. Not only are students subject to state and local laws, but they can also be held accountable for violations of the student judicial code that happen both on and off-campus and all students who attend Central agree to abide by the code.

Champagne believes the site could be seen as promoting underage drinking, as well as alcohol abuse. Central cannot, however, infringe upon the First Amendment rights of the student who posts the pictures on the Web site, Champagne said.

Central President Jerilyn McIntyre said she thinks the Web site has already received much more attention on campus and in the press than it deserves.

McIntyre said other Central students have told her the site represents a minority segment of the student population.

Jesse said they will listen to the concerns of Central's administration but in the end it's their choice what goes on the site.

"All three of "The Crew" said they don't feel the content of the Web site is that bad and none of them are trying to degrade Central or give the university a bad name.

Scholarships

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS
This scholarship is available only to women with the primary responsibility of taking care of their families. They must be attending a vocational skills training program or working towards an undergraduate degree. Financial need must be demonstrated.
Deadline: Dec. 1

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This scholarship is available to all students living within 100 miles of a Shopko store and a resident of California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois,

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This scholarship is for anyone attending a university, college, trade-school, technical institutions, vocational or other post-secondary educational program. Students must prove their financial need.
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Word on the Street

What do you think about wildcat parties.com?

"I think it's kind of a stupid idea, but I'll support it because one of the guys is my old room­mate."
- Jeff Funk, junior tourism major

"I haven't actually seen it, but I've heard there is some really crude stuff on there."
- Cristal Minney, sophomore paramedic major

"I think it's funny and really hysterical. I don't see any problem with it. It's college and parties; what do you expect?"
- Heather Lake, freshman history major

"In a way, I think it's bad for the school only showing one side of Central Washington."
- Mark Blonsky, freshman flight technology major
Figueroa works to build diversity

by Jennifer Allen
Staff reporter

A proponent for diversity, Cindy Figueroa has experienced challenges ranging from a pregnancy that led her to drop out of college during her sophomore year and the subsequent death of her infant daughter, to facing racial stereotypes and inequalities, but she has always risen to challenge life again.

"The mission I went back to was because of her (the baby), and now I work to change things because of her as well," Figueroa, senior communications major, said. "I think that it made me a stronger person. It's part of my life and part of who I am. I don't think anyone should be ashamed of how they are."

Figueroa is serving her first term with the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD). Duties of the vice president for equity and community service include working with the seven clubs and organizations on the Equity and Community Service Council and helping the council develop programs to further diversions on the Equity and Community Service Council and helping the council develop programs to further diversions on the Equity and Community Service Council and helping the council develop programs to further.

"A lot of my job consists of working with the council, who make up a large part of the minority at Central," Figueroa said.

The seven voting organizations on the Equity and Community Service Council include: Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA), the Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA), the Black Student Union (BSU), American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), the Non-Traditional Student Club, students for an Assault on Sexual and Access Belonging Learning Equity (ABLE).

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OBSERVANCE

Interpretations fracture faith

"Christianity is Tolerance" read a sign in support of the Episcopal Church U.S.A.’s consecration of an openly gay bishop. The Episcopal Church and many other denominations continue to visit the topic of homosexuality in the church, both among its members and clergy.

If Christianity is tolerance, support should be given to the homosexual community, but tolerance should not allow the discarding of Christian doctrine.

An individual’s right to believe however they choose and love however they choose, should be protected. It should be clear, however, that pastoral leaders must be held to higher standards. Whether a person has no belief in God or faithfully subscribes to a religion should have no bearing on the logic behind keeping clergy in line with their teachings. How is a congregation or denomination expected to take their church and faith seriously when issues exist within the leadership?

Some may argue that diversity and acceptance give a church strength or that a church is held together by something more fundamental than one bishop. However, I argue that one person can inflict awful damage.

I don’t see how a Christian denomination can function without practice of the Biblical teachings it is founded on. In popular culture, politics, and society in general, we choose what to take in and what to discard. Those decisions are for our personal growth. A church does not have the luxury of choosing on haters or being lukewarm on issues. In a Christian church, it is the word of God that stands. Public opinion has no place in determining doctrine, only God’s opinion counts in these circumstances.

When the leaders of a denomination choose to endorse something that acts as a stumbling block to their parishioners, they are toying with the doctrine.

Unfortunately the outlook appears bleak - church fathers seem to be losing their religion. A 2001 vote by the Presbyterian Church’s General Assembly not only lifted a ban on homosexual clergy it also questioned Jesus Christ’s role. The assembly was asked to decide the "unique authority of Jesus Christ alone." I don’t see this as an issue of sexual preference, but rather one of spiritual leaders threatening the ideals they are meant to protect and teach.

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Thank God, at least three of four ministers believes the message he points from the pulpit. No wonder they can’t back the scripture on homosexuality. They don’t even know if it makes a difference.

— Emily Borden

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ELLENSBURG EXTREME

With love and thanks to the crew

I loved the write-up that was made about our show, Ellensburg Extreme, but I wanted to make sure that everyone who is involved receives proper acknowledgment for their work. Although Kevin Tighe and myself, and created and over the direction of the show, it would not be possible without the help of everyone on our crew. They deserve the recognition as much as we do. Both Mr. Tighe and I would like to thank them for their dedication and hard work, and also thank the viewing audience. Without all of you, our dream would not be possible.

Steve Albine
Exeuctive Producer
Senior Broadcast Journalism

KAMOLA’S LOLA

Alum hopes Lola’s spirit lives on

I was afraid the remodeling of Kamola Hall would change the attitude of the building and its residents somehow. Since when is it important if Lola is “real” or not? Lola has always been an important part of Kamola Hall, and I hope, even after reading the article “Students question Lola’s existence” that most Kamola residents will keep the tradition of Lola alive.

I lived in Kamola Hall my freshman year, the last year Kamola looked as it did at the time it was built. I loved living in Kamola, and the first thing the RA showed us during our freshman week was the story of Lola. This tradition

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EDITORIALS

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was something all Kamola residents were able to share. We loved to freak ourselves out when we heard a mysterious noise, and we had a blast hosting Kamola’s haunted house. Yes, weird stuff did happen in Kamola when I lived there. Was it real? Who knows for sure. But it sure was fun thinking it was her.

For those students living in Kamola right now: the inside of Kamola looks different, but the attitudes of the residents don’t have to be. Enjoy living in Kamola! Have fun, and make sure you keep the story of Lolita alive. And don’t be so quick to say you “don’t believe in ghosts.” The school year has just started. You still have plenty of time for Lolita to visit you!

Ellicia Thierßen
CWE Alumnus

**CAMPUS CLIMATE**

How to learn to ‘agree to disagree’

I am writing in response to the Campus Climate Public Forum that was put on by the Diversity Education Center. In speaking up and trying to promote diversity and tolerance I feel as if though I may have blown some of my points. My intention was not to personally attack anyone — that was not my intention.

Second, attacking ideas rather than people is not all that right either. There are a lot of issues that I feel very strong about and find it easy to attack those ideas as opposed of mine. What I realize is that attacking any idea contrary to yours isn’t promoting tolerance, diversity or acceptance. So my suggestion — ‘Agree to disagree’! Don’t let yourself crazy by trying to change those who have written in opposition to George Hawley, nor was I personally attacking Ryan Patrick. I simply used their names and situation for examples. I believe that stating opposition to one’s actions or beliefs is okay; promoting tolerance, diversity or anything contrary to yours isn’t a good solid friendship before looking for romance.

Once there is a physical side to a relationship, emotions grow stronger and people become blind to things that could be problems, such as different opinions on family life or politics or even bigger problems like mental or physical abuse. We have enough problems in life without adding a bad relationship to it.

Why can’t more people develop relationships like my brother and his girlfriend? They met while working together at a restaurant. By spending time together and giving each other respect, they developed a good friendship. She was at our house for dinner four or five times a month and my sisters and I were always hanging out with her. All of this before they ever realized that maybe there was something stronger than just friendship between them.

I have two good friends who developed a strong friendship by running together. Running was something they both enjoyed, and through conversation and just being around each other they built respect and developed trust. They only way to describe how they treated each other is to say it was sweet. They watched out for and cared about each other.

I have a question I want you to think about seriously before you answer. If you were in serious trouble do you trust that your current boy or girlfriend would help you with your problem?

It takes a lot of time and understanding, but true love does develop in today’s society. Many marriages from the 50’s and 60’s have been married almost 53 years, my parents still act like newlyweds and have been married 26 years. I know people who are married and the respect and genuine care I see in their marriages has, and will continue, to see them through difficult times.

Love does not come at first sight, though on occasion I have thought otherwise. It is a combination of virtues and lasting love for someone only comes after you spend time getting to know them. True love is sweet and pure, built from respect, friendship and trust.

**IN MY VOICE**

Got time for true love?

by Kaylene Papenfuss
Asta. copy editor

Halloween lacked spirit, costumes dull and boring

I am sad about the way relationships between men and women develop in today’s society.

It seems that relationships are based more on looks and what can be gotten from them, rather than on what people think or how they act. When a guy says he has a girlfriend, the first question asked by other guys seems to be “Is she hot?” And most of them are interested in just getting it on until someone better comes along.

Whatever happened to developing a good solid friendship before looking for romance?

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**HEADLINES TO HASH OUT**

The following comments concerning recent headlines were overhead by the Observer editorial staff

**Coming Soon: Bob Hope Airport** — CBS News

And next... Justin Timberlake Tangle

New method like liquid Drano for arteries* — CNN

Other methods: Roto-Rooter for the colon

Farmers work to restore dignity to beans — CNN.com

Now if they can only bring social responsibility back to rice.

6 good souls stopped on the highway — Charlotte Observer

The bad guys always get away.

Microsoft to offer bounty on hackers — MSNBC

Public offers bounty for Bill Gates

Space craft reaches, perhaps passes, solar system edge — CNN.com

What comes after infinity?

**THUMBS UP**

“Thumbs up to cultural diversity in Hip Hop.”

— Jeremiah Walls, advertising sales rep

“Thumbs up to snow in the mountains and snowboard season starting soon.”

— Marcus Tiberia, Staff reporter

“Thumbs up to the smart voters of Kittitas County.”

— George Hawley, Asst. News editor

“Thumbs up to my job, I get to hang with cool people.”

— Anthony Diaz, Asst. professor of chemistry

“Thumbs up to anyone riding a moped in sub-zero temps.”

— Natalie Bing, Asst. Scene editor

“Thumbs up to everything in general. Central rocks.”

— Blaine Serrin, freshman pre-dental

**THUMBS DOWN**

“Thumbs down to Veteran’s Day being on Tuesday instead of Monday.”

— Haley Weston, sophomore business administration

“Thumbs down to Jack Johnson on repeat in Wellington’s Lair.”

— Emily Bonden, Editor-in-chief

“Thumbs down to people who write checks for less than 5 dollars.”

— Conor Glassy, Sports editor

“Thumbs down to riding my moped in sub-zero temperaturs.”

— Ben Wiley, sophomore flight technology

“Thumbs down to the movie theatres.”

— Alex Sekorohod junior tourism

“Thumbs down to all the traffic.”

— David Ferguson, sophomore undecided
Shake your groove thing

by Eva Tallmadge
Asst. Scene editor

It's a great way to meet people, sweat off those extra calories and shake yo groove thang. So grab a water bottle, $15 and some comfortable clothes and head on over to the Samuelson Union Building (SUB) Monday and Wednesday nights for open dance classes with the hip hop club.

"The thing about our club is we're hip-hop, but we include a lot in it," Courtnie Dickson, club adviser, graduate student and dancer, said. "We try to include other types of dance like jazz to make our ability higher because that's what we do in competitions."

The hip hop club, founded four years ago by Stephanie Senon, senior psychology major and choreographer for the club, began when Orchesis was cancelled.

Several of the dancers/students needed an outlet for exercise and creativity so they decided to begin their own club.

"I missed it (dancing) and started choreographing and started a club and wanted to perform," Senon said. "I was sort of inspired by the Swing Cats because they have their own club."

The club performs an eclectic mix of break dancing, hip-hop, jazz and ballet.

"I've always kind of liked to dance and I heard about a hip hop

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Members of Central's hip hop club perform a mix of dance styles that include break dancing, hip-hop, jazz and ballet.

Gallery One offers student memberships

by Emily Deihl
Staff reporter

Gallery One, in downtown Ellensburg, now offers a reduced fee student membership.

Students can lend their support to the arts and receive some benefits by paying $10 for a 12-month membership.

Mollie Edson, a member of the Board of Trustees Membership Committee, said there are several reasons students should sign up.

"A Central student suggested we introduce a student membership," Edson said. "It's a predictable source of income."

The membership includes a newsletter that helps keep students aware of gallery events. In addition, students are invited to members-only events, may enter the jury show at a reduced rate and pay a reduced fee for classes.

Members receive a 10 percent discount on classes and first chance to reserve a spot.

Mary Frances, gallery director, said the gallery offers everything including drawing, painting, sculpting, jewelry making, stained glass, pottery and calligraphy. Professional artists teach all classes.

The members-only events happen throughout the year. The next one is Fri., Dec. 5, called "Putting on the Glitz."

"It's going to be fun and funky," Edson said.

Members get special treatment and the first opportunity to purchase available art before the public.

"They are usually events the board sponsors to say thank you to the supporter," Frances said.

Sandy Peterson, sales representative at Gallery One, said there are a number of ways to sign up as a member.

Students can go to the gallery at 408 N. Pearl Street, pay over the phone with a credit card by calling 925-2670 or send a check in the mail. Peterson said a membership is good for anyone who is interested in the arts.

"There's a lot going on at the gallery," Peterson said. "It's a fun place."
Central Washington University's production of "West Side Story" will spice up the grand opening of McConnell Auditorium, set to begin Nov. 13.

"West Side Story" takes place in 1957 in New York City. Two rival gangs, the Sharks and the Jets battle for territory on the city streets. In the midst of the story's drama and animosity, Maria and Tony, from opposing sides, fall in love despite their backgrounds. The classic story features dance numbers, show tunes, and stylized fight scenes.

It's one of the finest musicals ever written.

Michael J. Smith
Director

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The five leads in the musical are played by Rob Rostad as Tony, Annie Jantzer as Maria, Erica Momyer as Anita, Greg Fryhling as Bernardo, and Jon Stenson as Riff. Jantzer and Rostad met playing Maria and Tony in Leavenworth's production of "West Side Story." They met again during rehearsal for this production, once again playing the two lead roles opposite each other.

"My first experience in theater was with the Laughing Horse Summer Theater here in Ellensburg when I was fifteen years old," Jantzer, senior Theater Arts/Performance major, said. "Brenda Hubbard, the producing artistic director, hired me. That experience is what made me decide to come to Central."

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The cast and crew have regular rehearsals sometimes four different times an evening. A week prior to fall quarter they have had daily intensive rehearsals to give the musical a jump-start.

"Although it's my first musical I can still see that it's a cooperative experience," Sallieu Sesay, sophomore Theater Arts major, said. "I believe for it all to come together we just need to work with each other and have patience."

Sesay is not the only member of the cast learning new things in this production.

"I have been doing theater for about 10 years," Fryhling, masters candidate in choral conducting, said. Show times are Nov. 13 and 20 at 7 p.m., Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets for the show can be purchased at McConnell Auditorium.

Second-hand fashion

The Peace Cafe, Progressive Student Union and Fashion Merchandising club are sponsoring a used clothes fashion show at 5 p.m. on Nov. 8 at the Peace Cafe, located at 211 E. 8th. The cost is a $10 donation, with dinner provided.

"The purpose of the fashion show is to help raise awareness about sweatshops, prison labor and to get people to buy from locally owned businesses," Christi Palenshus, senior geography major, said.

Clothing used in the fashion show is mostly from local second-hand store Threads and Needles and personal belongings from those involved.
Restaurant features antique looks, style

by Joanna Horowitz
Staff reporter

Halloween was the perfect time to visit Sisters Restaurant and Tea Co. Located directly under a portion of the now-abandoned and rumored-to-be haunted Hotel Ellensburg at 311 N. Main Street, the newly opened restaurant was at one time the hotel’s dining room. Now restored to take diners back to the hotel’s glory days in the 1930s, the restaurant looks part antique store, part grandma’s kitchen.

Co-owner Minde Dias enters in a 19th-century madam’s outfit, complete with black wig and thigh-high stockings. She looks at home on the antique bar stools. She says that when the restaurant obtains its liquor license within the next month she will require the servers to dress up every night.

Dias and her mother Linda Kapei have been in the food service business since 1988. They first opened an espresso stand in Kent before espresso drinks were Seattle’s calling card. “No one knew what espresso was,” Dias said. “Everything we ordered (from the supplier) was in Italian.”

Soon after, they opened Sisters Restaurant and Tea Room in North Bend. The name, Dias said, came from the fact that they are more like sisters than mother and daughter. For five years the store was located in a strip mall but they did their best to create a historic atmosphere.

When the two moved to Ellensburg in February to escape the rain, they hoped they could find a restaurant space with more history. After spending $20,000 to remodel, they opened the restaurant in a building which housed the local newspaper in the 1800s, a tire store in the 1930s and, most recently, Café Eikes.

Dias loves the legacy of the building but she is most fascinated with the stories of the hotel and its owner Mary E. Boyd, who was the proprietor from 1937 until she died in 1962.

Dias said she believes Mary may still be hanging around upstairs, and on an evening Halloween tour of the 54-room hotel, it was not difficult to picture lurking spirits. There are doors that go nowhere, wallpaper dripping from the ceilings and strange rattling noises.

“There is an element of energy attached to every place,” Dias said, adding that she feels a chill when she enters Mary’s apartment in the back of the hotel.

The restaurant downstairs is far from chilling. There is an entire menu devoted to tea, from the exotic “Bubble Tea,” made with tapioca, to cozy flavors like chocolate mint and vanilla.

Scratchy music plays from the stereo and each table looks set for an elegant family dinner with mismatched china, white linen and antique chairs.

“We have always created sense of place,” Dias said. “We wanted to make it look like it had always been there.”

Most of the restaurant’s decorations are antique, collected by Dias during three years of estate sale shopping.

No table is newer than 1940 and the chairs date back to the early 1900s. Vintage clothing pieces and hats adorn the walls.

“Definitely come for the atmosphere and the reasonable prices,” Delonda Johnson, senior Theatre Arts major, said during breakfast at Sisters.

The menu also reflects a sense of time past. Some items are named for rooms in the hotel, such as the Piedmont Sandwich. Sisters serves breakfast Monday through Saturday until 11 a.m. and until 2 p.m. on Sunday. Practically everything on the menu is less than $8 and includes pancakes, French toast, omelets and blintzes.

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Group creates films

by Natalie Bing
Asst. scene editor

A relatively new club on campus is giving all students a chance to bring their vision to the big screen. The Film and Video Association gives students a hands-on opportunity to work on the production of short films.

"What the club was originally formed to do is basically be a resource pool," J. Landon Salyer, president of the Film and Video Association and senior independent studies film and video studies major, said.

The Film and Video Association works with a cross-disciplinary group of students to create short videos and films.

"It brings together students from all scopes because film is such a collaborative effort," Salyer said.

Many of the members are using this club as an outlet for real world experience.

"A lot of us are going into the film and video industry," Miguel Montoya, independent studies film and video studies major, said. "It's a way for us to learn independently."

The Film and Video Association forms production crews and creates student written short films on either video or 16mm film. Salyer said the script they are currently working on is about a day in the life of Central students.

"It is an ensemble cast and a metaphor about writer's block as manifested in more than classic ways."

The future of the Film and Video Association is uncertain, but hopeful.

"We are trying to start a tradition here at Central," Daniel Fergus, senior independent studies film and video studies major, said. One way of beginning the tradition is to do a film festival every year.

"We are doing two annual film festivals," Salyer said, "Hopefully an independent one in February and then next October we will do an independent and community film festival."

Salyer said they plan to expand the festival and hopefully make it a large event, bringing people in from all over Washington as well as other states.

Those interested in joining can email cwusfva@yahoo.com for more information.
Musician’s death leaves void in fans’ lives

by Marcus Tabert
Staff reporter

The impact solo artist Elliott Smith had on his fans, fellow musicians and the music industry cannot be weighed by the number of albums he sold or the car he drove; it is determined by the apparent void he has left in the lives of those who knew him personally, or just knew his music.

Smith took his own life Oct. 21, 2003 at the age of 34 in his Los Angeles residence. “Elliott was a beautiful, gentle soul, generous beyond words and loved so much by all of us,” read a statement from Smith’s family posted on MTV.com. “We wish to extend our gratitude to the many people who supported him and have been touched by his music.

While Elliott will be deeply missed, his spirit will always be with us.”

Smith got his start as a solo artist in Portland, Ore. His first three independent records, “Roman Candle,” “Elliott Smith” and “Either/Or,” gained him a large local following, until six of his songs were featured on the “Good Will Hunting” soundtrack, attracting Dream works notice. Smith continued to release his albums at a steady rate, with his fifth album, “Figure 8,” in 2000’s “Figure 8.”

Smith’s life was filled with alcohol and drug abuse and unattainable personal expectations. But in March 2003, Smith reported to “Under the Radar” magazine that he was clean and sober.

“I got caught up in (drug use) for almost two years,” Smith said in the interview. “They, went to this place called the Neurotransmitter Restoration Center. I was coming off of a lot of psych meds and other things. I was even on an antipsychotic, although I’m not psychotic.”

Smith’s death came as a surprise to Lake Wood, his A&R representative.

“As someone who’s spent time with Elliott in the last few months, who saw him, he was really clean and focused,” Wood said in an interview on the syndicated radio program “New Ground” on www.sweetadeline.net. “I really thought that the worst days were behind him, and I felt like his drive to get this record out, you know, was what was keeping him looking forward to the next day.”

In spite of his problems, or because of them, Smith managed to touch more people in his 34 years than most people can do in a full lifetime. People took comfort in his soft-spoken songwriting and honest, personal lyrics.

If Smith’s depression was beneficial in any way, it was to relate to his fans.

“At times he was able to draw upon his experience as a means of relating to others, and part of his depression enabled him to provide others with a vocabulary for talking about things they themselves didn’t understand completely,” Garrick Ducker, Smith’s close friend and former band mate, said on www.week.com.

But Smith’s honesty and vulnerability often did not convey his lighter side.

“A lot of people thought he was sad all the time,” Wright said. “But he once said in ‘The Stranger,’ ‘I’m not sad. There is to be certain amount of darkness in my songs for the happiness to matter.’ What he said is true to real life. The happy times wouldn’t matter if we didn’t have to endure the bad times.”

Smith has left behind a nearly completed album and a legacy as one of the greatest musicians of our time. “Elliott left behind the torch for others to pick up that will inspire the next generation,” Mary Lou Lord, Kill Rock Star Records’ musician, said on sweetadeline.net. “I think when Kurt Cobain died, Elliott picked up the torch. Not everyone was meant to stick around that long. He left us with a legacy, and he’ll become a legend. We’re very lucky to have had him.”

Pitchforkmedia.com reported that Smith had tracked over 30 songs for the new record, and there is enough material for Smith’s family to release the album. His family will decide when the songs come out and on what record label the album will be released.

HIP HOP: Club performs mix

continued from 8 club so I came to see what it was about,” Becky Hoeckstra, freshman English major, said. “We’re trying to spread the hip hop culture throughout the Central campus,” Dickson said. “(We want) to spread it in a positive way, not just the negative way you see on TV.”

The club hopes to begin competing at least once a month, starting in January, but for now they will be performing at basketball games, Watefair and today at 8 p.m. in Club Central as a part of the Black Student Union’s Show-Time or urban talent show.

“We had rebuilding years, we’re still growing,” Casey Oreiro, senior family studies major, said. “We’re really serious and committed.”

DJ Soup is the club dj. Open dance classes are from 6 to 7 p.m. for level III dancers and from 7 to 8 p.m. for level III/IV dancers, Monday and Wednesday nights in SUB room 208. The performance group practices from 8 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Han’s Gym.

“We’re always open to new dancers and choreographers,” Dickson said.

The club especially welcomes male dancers because the female-to-male ratio is tipped heavily in favor of the women Senon said.

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Records break, volleyball splits

by P.J. Larson
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University volleyball team split their weekend series against Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) opponents, while two individuals accomplished milestones.

Western Washington University extended their winning streak to 20 games on Halloween and pushed their GNAC winning streak to 50 games with a sweep of the Wildcats. In spite of the loss, junior setter Kate Reome, with help from her teammates, became the all-time assists leader in school history with 3,248 assists. Reome was glad to finally accomplish the feat and ready to add more assists to her name, as the setter has another year of eligibility.

“It’s an honor,” Reome said. “I want to shatter the record. Make a big enough cushion so I will have it awhile.”

Last Saturday, with Reome’s name safely engraved in the books, another milestone was reached when Central handed Seattle Pacific University a 3-1 loss. The women rewarded Coach Mario Andaya with his 100th career victory. Sophomore middle blocker LeAnne McGahuey led a balanced offensive contribution by recording 18 kills. Senior defensive specialist/libero Jessica Scott was happy her coach got some recognition.

“Our little present to him,” Andaya said. “We held off matches and had a good work ethic.”

Along with the 100th win, the coach was pleased by the way the women performed inside Nicholson Pavilion.

“We came out with a game plan,” Andaya said. “We held on and played on the day they will face the University of Alaska-Anchorage and the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. The importance of the road trip is already being assessed. The Wildcat defeated both schools at home earlier in the season and they know the challenge they will face.

“We need a good week of practice,” Andaya said. “We need to control them.”

Records break, volleyball splits

by P.J. Larson
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University women’s soccer team dropped two more games against nationally ranked teams. This week Central lost to 25th ranked Seattle University Redhawks (SU) and 10th ranked Seattle Pacific University Falcons (SPU). With only one game left in the season, the future looks grim for Central as they sink to last place in the league.

“I wish we brought the same intensity out every single game, we have been up and down each game,” senior goalkeeper Jililay Boyer said.

Central was only able to get off eight shot attempts on Thursday Oct. 30 against SU, which wasn’t enough as the Wildcats fell 3-1 to the Redhawks.

Senior midfielder Rachel Casillas was the lone Wildcat to score a goal, making it her sixth goal for the season. Casillas, who is leading her teammates in scoring this season, scored for the Wildcats on the opening shot in the second half.

Central was out-shot by SU 16-8 in the contest. However Boyer, who has had the second highest saves in the league with 69, managed to save nine shots from the net.

Central faltered again against the SPU Falcons 3-0 on Saturday Nov. 1, tallying up their fourth straight loss in Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

Central was out-shot again 28-9 by SPU which hasn’t lost a game in 16 outings.

The Wildcats go into their last game against Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) with optimism, hoping to finish their season on a high note. Central will need to increase their shot attempts in the last game in order to pull out a win.

“We struggle each time against them,” Boyer said. “It’s payback time.”

Central will play their final game of the season hosting NNU at 2 p.m. today. The outming marks the last collegiate game for five Wildcats.

“We have a chance to come back and beat NNU; we could have beaten them last time,” Morris said. “We just have to come strong to come out with a win.”
Swimming season starts with loss, but brings hope for future

Senior sprinter Matt Kalkoske races against the Seattle University Redhawks last Saturday. Both the men and the women lost (127-77 and 144-60 respectively), however sophomore James Olson and freshman Robby Stout met provisional NCAA qualifying standards for National competition.

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Senior quarterback and co-captain of the football team, Zak Hill, is this week’s “Wildcat of the Week.” Hill unloading last Saturday against the Western Oregon University Wolves (WOU), completing a season-high 74% of his passes for 329 yards and five touchdowns. Hill also ran for a touchdown as the Wildcets beat WOU 55-44. Central is 5-3 for the season with two games remaining.

Who knows him better: his girlfriend or his mom? To find out, we asked Zak to answer some questions for us: We asked the women in his life, his girlfriend and his mother, to guess what he answered. From dumb and dumber quotes, run-ins with pizzaz, to his favorite NFL quarterback, Hill opened up to us the lighter side of Central’s star quarterback.

Role model?
Favorite saying?
Something people don’t know about you?
Biggest moment in football?
Most embarrassing moment?

Zak Hill
Wildcat of the Week
Melissa Turner
Zak’s girlfriend
Ann Hill
Zak’s mom

"Big Gulp hu"?
"Dumb Gulp" from Dumb and Dumber
I like to read a lot
When I was carrying a pizza up the stairs and I tripped on the last stair and fell face first into the pizza

He likes to read a lot
Probably the game last weekend
When we went into the mountains and his car got stuck in the snow. It took people three hours to get his car out

"Yeah" - everytime we ask him something, that is his answer
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Senior quarterback and co-captain Zak Hill (10) eludes a Western Washington University defender at the “Battle in Seattle” at Seahawks Stadium.

Coach John Zamberlin has been at Central for Hill’s entire college career and has been able to watch him grow as a player and a leader. “He is recognized by his peers as a leader.”

Hill has been voted a team captain and exemplary quarterback Joe Montana and Montana is really smart,” Hill said. “He is more of a pocket passer, he has good accuracy and makes good decisions.”

Another player that Hill looks up to is Doug Flutie. “I like Flutie because he is short and has been able to watch him grow as a player and a leader. He is recognized by his peers as a leader.”

Hill has been voted a team captain the last four years. Zamberlin also admires his resiliency and his field awareness. “Zak has faced a lot of adversity going through two shoulder surgeries and a knee surgery,” Zamberlin said. “He has become a student of the game who can read coverages and run an offense efficiently.” Hill admits that his college experience would have been different if he had not played football. He might not have come to Central. Hill credits football for giving him some of the friendships he has gained and the memories he will take with him. One memory he recalled involved a lot of school spirit. “Some of my friends and I asked the basketball coach if we could get some old jerseys,” Hill said. “Then we got some wigs and we would run to the basketball games from my house and then back to my house after the games. We just wanted to support the basketball team like they supported us.”

Hill’s best memory is the undefeated regular season the football team had last year. He says that it has been difficult to top that experience this season. “This year has been a challenge because I have struggled,” Hill said. “There is more pressure because it’s my senior year and I want to play well because I may not get another shot.”

Hill has had an active impact on young players and hopes he has been a good example of someone who works hard, plays hard and keeps a positive attitude. “He is recognized by his peers as a leader.”

Hill believes that the biggest misconception of him is that he is cocky and outspoken. “I am actually pretty quiet and I like to keep to myself,” Hill said. “I am just a normal guy that plays football.”

Hill wants to play football in the NFL and is planning his future. He has talked to agents and hopes to get tryouts with professional teams. He would also like to be a college coach, or a high school teacher and coach.

Ridnour visits Ellensburg

Sonics point guard, Luke Ridnour, signs autographs after speaking Monday night.

by Andrew Grinaker Ass't. Sports editor

Luke Ridnour, point guard for the Seattle Sonics and former Pac-10 player of the year at the University of Oregon, came to Ellensburg Monday night to speak to students and community members on behalf of the Fellowship for Christian Athletes. The talk took place at the Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA) off 14th street. Ridnour spoke about basketball and how he has devoted his life to Christ. He also signed some autographs and took some time to answer a few questions from the sports section.

What was your favorite part of college, outside of basketball? I just had really good people around me - good roommates, just hanging out with my friends.

How is college basketball different from the NBA? Everyone is so good, no one is weak anymore.

Is there a player on the Sonics that has taken you under their wing? Everyone has been really good, but since I got drafted, Brent Barry has been the most helpful I would say.

Do you have any expectations or goals for yourself this season? Just to help the team win, that’s it.

Has the team set goals for itself this season? We want to make the playoffs. The West is loaded, but that’s our goal.

Ellensburg and Blaine both have small populations. What did you like about living in a small town? The guys I have grown up with since I was born. Just to have that relationship and go through that with them. That was the best part for me.