Give 'til it hurts, then give more

by Jennifer Allen
Staff reporter

Abuse Support Education Now (ASPEN), comic John Kiester and a gang of bikers hope to tackle needs in Ellensburg by inviting students and community members to share their good fortune.

Although many students will be leaving to return home for the holidays, there is still time to share goodwill with others.

ASPEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FAMILY SURVIVORS' GIFT DONATION

ASPEN, an organization that assists domestic violence victims and their families, is holding a drive to bring Christmas to six local families. Each family includes children and has survived domestic violence.

Kathy Boots, the coordinator of ASPEN's Christmas drive, said good donations include gift certificates and wish list items provided by the families and children. A list of recommended gifts is available by contacting ASPEN at (509) 925-2425. Boots said because domestic violence has no season, students can make donations of clothing, household items and funds throughout the year.

LEAH POLACHEK TREE LIGHTING AND EVENT BENEFIT

John Kiester of Almost Live! and the musical group the Machines will perform on Dec. 20 at the Ellensburg Inn during the benefit dinner for Central Washington University alumna Leah see CHARITY page 2

In the Samuelson Union Building (SUB), holiday cheer, handcrafted by Central Washington University students and other vendors from around the Northwest, showed up in treasure troves. Gifts and decorations will line the interior of the SUB through Saturday. See page 8.

Cozy Cookie provides work for Central students

by Martha Goudey-Price
Copy editor

A local business is warming hearts and hands, while giving Central Washington University students and recent graduates an opportunity to gain work experience.

The Edson-Wright company has been marketing a 12" plush toy filled with rice and cloves, called the Cozy Cookie, for six years. When warmed in the microwave it provides warmth for up to 30 minutes to aching muscles, cold feet, or comfort for a sick or hurting child.

"We want students to know that there are people in the community who value the work of students," Mollie Edson, co-owner of The Edson Wright Company with Jane Wright, said.

The first student Edson and Wright contacted was Nick Elsberry, a 2003 computer science graduate, to design the Web site. Although Elsberry now works for Microsoft he still maintains the site, at www.cozy-cookie.com, built in features to the site to allow other employees to make routine changes.

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Robert Alllyn, a 2003 Central graduate and former Outstanding Marketing Student of the Year, started working for Edson and Wright last May.

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Michael Bennett/Observer

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Polacek, Polacek, a wife and mother of two, is terminally ill with a rare form of bile duct cancer; the cancer has reportedly not responded to chemotherapy treatments.

“I received a phone call by a distressed friend of Leah’s. Immediately my heart went out for the Polacek family and I wanted to help as much as I could,” Jackie Hammer, general manager at the Ellensburg Inn, said.

Donations can be made at Washington Mutual; each donation will lead to one light being added to a tree at Windermere Real Estate at the corner of Main and Mountain View streets. The goal is to reach 2,000 donations and, therefore, 2,000 lights by the event benefit on Dec. 20. Once all 2,000 lights are lit on the tree, the star will be illuminated.

People may also donate by buying tickets to attend the benefit dinner and auction. Tickets cost $14 per person or $24 per couple and are available through the Ellensburg Inn by calling 925-9801.

All community members may come to the Ellensburg Inn from 5 to 8 p.m. to have their pictures taken with Santa Claus and Central’s mascot Wellington the Wildcat. At 6 p.m., dinner will be served to ticket holders in the Inn’s banquet room. Each ticket will be entered into the grand prize drawing for four box seats tickets to a Seattle Super Sonics game.

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Cook has advice for other students.

“If an opportunity (to work for a company) in the Ellensburg community is available, jump for it,” Cook said. “It’s one thing to do it in the classroom and a whole other thing to do it in the workforce and actually have it matter.”

Seniors and graphic design majors Erin Wenz and Lisa Buckley are designing the Christmas wrap and a reminder re-order card. Wenz is grateful for the real-life experience she’s received while working for The Edson-Wright company.

“It’s always good to have client experience on your resume,” Wenz said. “And it’s nice to work with a company that gives back... it’s nice to know that what you do makes a difference to someone.”

Robby Tormley, sophomore exercise science major, works in shipping and receiving, taking Internet orders, creating invoices and UPS labels, stacking the warehouse, and shipping.

“It’s great,” Tormley said. “And it’s great to hear about the kids that use it. I heard about a child with Down’s Syndrome got one because his favorite book was The Gingerbread Boy.”

And Akil White, the UPS driver who picks up the Cozy Cookie orders? He’s not an Edson-Wright employee... but he’s a Central graduate.

And Edson and Wright like that.
Upgrade your dial-up Internet access to DSL (or switch from cable) and take advantage of our 'DSL @ Dial-Up Prices' promotion. You will get high-speed DSL access, about ten times faster than a dial-up connection, for at least 90 days from the day you sign up. Combined with a free on site installation, you are saving $100!

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Police Briefs

Compiled by
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Quick Delivery
Nov. 25
A Peru John's semi-truck struck a light pole on 8th Ave. and Chestnut Street. It was seen fleeing the area.

Goodwill Hoax
Nov. 25
Two men were driving to homes in their white van with a Goodwill logo on its side. They were picking up items from residents claiming they represented the Goodwill, which they did not.

Peeing Toi
Nov. 26
A suspicious male was circling apartment complexes looking in windows and trying to open doors. The caller asked him if he was okay and he didn't respond.

Be Smarter Than The Window
Nov. 30
A man in his early 20's fled the Valley Cafe after he broke a window with his hand.

Grandma in Trouble
Nov. 30
Police were notified by a caller that a juvenile on a snowmobile gave him a note that said, "Need help." The caller said he was 70-year-old neighbor lady. The caller asked him if he was okay and he didn't respond.

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Steve Rittereiser

Central Washington University students feel safe, but at a cost

Central Washington University Police Department

The department is comprised of three sergeants, seven patrol officers, one lieutenant and Chief Steve Rittereiser, totaling 12 Washington State commissioned police officers.

The department has a combined total of 150-years of experience in law enforcement. They also have a wealth of training experience. After officers complete the basic law enforcement academy, which totals 720 hours, they must continue to receive training in the basic elements of law enforcement. Examples of this training are defensive tactics, firearms qualification and first aid/CPR. The department employees and staff completed approximately 1,540 hours of training in 2001.

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The 2001 annual report also revealed the reported crimes for the year on the Ellensburg campus.
Central students en route to Iraq

by Joseph Castro Staff reporter

National Guard reservists from Central Washington University have been called to military duty in Iraq.

Thus far 27 students and several faculty have received orders from the Army to prepare to leave.

The Pentagon began alerting 43,000 National Guard in early November. Reserves are expected to replace troops in a rotation by March.

The total number of U.S. soldiers is expected to be 25,000 less after the rotation.

Norm Wright, associate registrar for Central, said he expects more students to report for leave.

"There probably are some students who have been activated but haven't notified the University because of the priorities, getting their families ready," Wright said.

Students who have been called during the quarter have several options when withdrawing. Wright said students can unenroll and withdraw within the first third of the quarter, incomplete or uncontested withdrawal within the second third of the quarter or perhaps even a letter grade during the last third.

POLICE: Rittereiser works to incorporate education with safety

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policy of the department, others have benefited from it and it has minimized potentially high risk situations.

"Overall I feel safe," Nick Engeois soponecny senior douth major, said. "I'm a resident advisor in Meinser Hall and have had incidents with people who weren't residents and they (CWUPD) have responded quickly.

As the chief of the department, Rittereiser evaluates the university's attitude toward the department and the officers. He measures this attitude by the reaction he or any of the officers get when they walk into a building on campus and someone says "Hello" or "Is there a problem here?"

As both a public servant and an alumni of the university Rittereiser sees the overarching point of the department performance once a year.

"The greatest day is graduation day," Rittereiser said. "We get to see people walk out of here with a degree, that is what we want to see. We also realize that not all students will make it to graduation and we're here to try to help them through it."

For more information about Central's Police Department and affiliated services, visit their Web site at www.cwu.edu/police.

Central Washington University Police Strategic Plan

The Central Washington University Department of Public Safety and Police Services is committed to fostering 2001-2006 Central Washington Strategic Plans as determined by the universities Board of Trustees. In our daily activities, we strive to reflect our commitment to the Strategic Plan by meeting these objectives.

I. Provide an Outstanding academic and student life on the Ellensburg campus.
II. Provide an outstanding academic and student life at the university centers.
III. Develop a diversified funding base to support our academic and student programs.
IV. Strengthen the university's position as a leader in the field of education.
V. Build mutually beneficial partnerships with industry, professional groups, institutions and the communities surrounding our campus location.

“Treatning Gum Disease”

Dr. John Savage

TREATING GUM DISEASE

If you have a gum disease problem that is serious enough to threaten loss of teeth, your dentist may recommend one of several options in treating this problem.

If the teeth and gums are relatively sound, you might consider scaling and root planing, or gum surgery, or removing the diseased gum tissue with a probing instrument. If you have advanced gum disease, your dentist may recommend a gum graft, which is a flap procedure. This involves removing gum tissue and suturing it back to the teeth.

Another treatment that may be recommended is called the modified Wimpson-Flag surgery. This involves dividing the diseased gum tissue from the teeth and closing it as thoroughly as possible. Then the gum tissue is sutured back to the teeth and allowed to heal.

If your teeth are in good condition, your dentist will probably recommend root canal therapy. This involves removing the diseased nerve tissue from the tooth and filling the canal with a gutta-percha plug.

If you have any questions, or for after hours emergency shutoff, please call the City Water Department at 962-7230.

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Before you leave for the holidays

Now that freezing temperatures are here let's take the necessary steps to avoid frozen water pipes:

1. Close all foundation vents. Seal all cracks and holes in the foundation or crawl space.
2. Turn off and drain outside faucets.
3. During periods of extreme cold weather, it is wise to use the water periodically, or allow a small amount of water to run, to maintain circulation in the water pipes.
4. If your residence is vacant for a short time, set the thermostat to a healthy condition.
5. If your residence is vacant for an extended period of time, have your water turned off at the meter by the City Water Department, at no charge during normal working hours, so you can drain your pipes.

If your pipes should freeze, do not use an open flame to thaw the pipes, and use caution for clearances when using space heaters. If you are unable to locate your shutoff valve on your property, broken inside pipes, the City Water Department will turn off your water at the meter, at no charge during normal working hours, while the repairs are completed. It is very important only City personnel turn off water meters, as the shutoff valve may freeze during cold weather causing it to break easily. In order for City personnel to turn off your water in a timely fashion, make sure your address is visible on your house and all debris is removed from the top of the water meter box. If you have any questions, or if for after hours emergency shutoff, please call the City Water Department at 962-7230.

A public service message from the City of Ellensburg Public Works Department
BEFORE the holidays, one of the many uses for Kwanzaa. One day he found out that Kwanzaa wasn’t a desk and lump is that reveals our traits. My theory is that cowlicks are prophetic for phrenologists. A phrenologist because they don’t need to see, than to tell them the truth. It’s sensitivity.

Efficiency of a diagonal and I figure my jaywalk saves a driver from having to wait in the dark, like those animals underground whose eyes never develop in the head. Growth patterns are hard to manage, occasionally appearing in eye-brows, always wetted by maternal saliva. Growth patterns are cowlicks.

The moment when you find your car keys in the refrigerator. I lost my mitten on the way. He said he had seen the other 111ette11 was still 1111accou11ted f01: Synapses and widgets

A friend of mine, at a young age, learned about Kwanzaa, through another friend also young. He liked the word and took it to mean something similar to widget. (You’re thinking of croquet, no, that’s a wicket.) Of course, widget is a staple of American lexicon so my friend found many uses for Kwanzaa. One day he found out that Kwanzaa wasn’t a widget.

I only wonder why no one told him sooner.

But that’s just the way it is with things, we’re more apt to leave people in the dark, like those animals underground whose eyes never develop because they don’t need to see, than to tell them the truth. It’s sensitivity.

Later on in a salon, a stylist noticed the “growth patterns” on a client’s head. Growth patterns are hard to manage, occasionally appearing in eyebrows, always wetted by maternal saliva. Growth patterns are cowlicks.

The moment when you find your car keys in the refrigerator. I lost my mitten on the way. He said he had seen one mitten on the way. He said he had seen one mitten somewhere; I told him I was retracing my steps to find them. He asked why my steps were in the middle of the street.

My opinion, though, is that joywalking is an act of kindness. I love the efficiency of a diagonal and I figure my jaywalk saves a driver from having to wait in the dark, like those animals underground whose eyes never develop.

Sometimes thoughts or memories come back though and it feels just like the moment when you find your car keys in the refrigerator. I lost my mitten on the way. I was so preoccupied by the expense, I didn’t remember a word she said. I probably wouldn’t have remembered anyway.

I wrote in response to last week’s article by George Hawley, regarding the uselessness of debate. Mr. Hawley stated that “The purpose of a debate is to reach a consensus.” According to Dictionary.com debating is to contend in words; to dispute; hence, to deliberate; to consider, to discuss or examine different arguments. To engage in argument by discussing opposing points. To discuss or argue (a question, for example) formally. A discussion involving opposing points; an argument.

I personally see debate as a way for members of opposing ideologies or opinions to come together and lay out their argument in a structured and open format. I find it hard to believe that debate is, in any way, meant to create resolution for the members debating. It is however, a constructive and meaningful way for members of the community to gain a better understanding of the beliefs and agendas of differing political and social groups within the political spectrum. I argue that democracy is based on debate. It is the ability of our elected representatives to debate a topic, that not only is a major factor in their election, but also in their ability as a leader to debate those in opposition, and create solutions that the majority finds appealing.

There has been much debate within the opinion section of this paper already this year. Members from both sides of the political aisle have been articulating their political beliefs on a range of controversial issues. I feel that this can only be considered healthy; it shows active participation in a system that is no doubt the single most important institution currently in existence.

*As of press time the other mitten was still unaccounted for.
IN MY VOICE
Strange things in the States

Takashi Koijima

My life in the United States is going to be done after I finish my internship in Seattle this winter. During my stay in the Pacific Northwest, I've seen many touching sports moments; Mariners' 116 wins, Michael Jordan's retirement, and New York and Boston's post season battles. But, at the same time, I've noticed some things concerning the American sports world. Don't take these politically or religiously, but think about them calmly, okay?

The NFL sold their rights to air the game to the national and international TV stations for about 2.2 billion dollars, while the MLB sold them their rights for 500 million dollars. American football, with no doubt, is a national sport for the U.S. people. Here's my point. NFL controls all the money, including television money, income of crowd and official goods. And they split the money between 32 teams equally. Is it the communist system, isn't it? Isn't it the political system you hate? I understand this system is to keep competitive and the fact is that many different teams have advanced to the Super Bowl in the last couple of years, but still, it's strange to me that the number one sport in the States has taken on one of the most

THUMBS UP

"Thumbs up to the girls who make milkshakes at Tunstall." — Conor Glassy, Sports editor

"A tremendous thumbs up to the Theater and Music Departments for their outstanding production of West Side Story!" — Joe Price, I/E and Department

"Thumbs way the hell up for the Massachusetts supreme court ruling on same sex marriages!" — Eamon Morgan, Psychology major

"Thumbs up to Christmas break. " — Stephanie Beck, Online editor

"Thumbs down to $8 beer prices at the EWU bar. " — Ben Davis, Scene editor

THUMBS DOWN

"Thumbs down to Christmas '98 stocking in the Barn. " — George Hawley, News editor

"Thumbs down to impersonal gift cards for every store. " — Natalie Bing, Asst. Scene editor

"Thumbs down to personal media applications to unite the CWU community to be mature communicators. " — Mark Michael: Our plan is to experiment through leveraged partnerships, the integration of capital, services, ideas, manpower, and resolve, to integrate services through technology to the benefit of our communities."

Mark Michael: "As drops form the stream, the tide of life brings us here to Convergence, the summit. We strive to build bridges, through communication, community and technology. We converge from love and trust."

Dan Michael: "We are following the gospel and procedure, sometimes written, sometimes followed and sometimes enforced.

Dan Michael: "Through research we detect a university in transition, a university looking outward. Evidence abounds that the foundations of questionable policy and procedure need to be restored through revision and accountability.

"Convergence is the first endeavor of the church and culture to ever be proposed by a governing body." (Except from press release emailed to all CWU accounts on the eve of the 15-minute Convergence Summit, Thursday November 20, 2003.)

Rather than a theme for a program of action, "Convergence" comes across as a marketing campaign selling itself only and its purveyors.

Mark Michael's ASCWU web site provides blueprints for parts of the three "Enrichment Projects" espoused on his campaign website: CWUTV and Techweek/Tech Mecca. The former describes an idea for a CWU TV station, while the latter presents a vision for an alternative career fair to CWU Career Quest (an event hosted by the university's career services department.)

These bits of substance in the otherwise advertising slogan of "Convergence" hold the keys for Michael: Can he move beyond marketing and bring to fruition a genuine and ideal idea?

And with all the talk about forging partnerships, can he overcome his embarrassing tendency to come across as a clownish and arrogant communicator with statements like: "Students and the University must know that attending the Tech Mecca is a more professional, unique way to develop new ideas/concepts, and inspire; and to achieve the Career Quest." (http://www.cwu.edu/~ascwu/president/techweek.php)?

Time will tell, and the meter is running..."
Central musicians premier Jazz Nutcracker
by Ben Davis
Scene editor

Central Washington University's Jazz Band I will present a performance of the Jazz Nutcracker at 8 p.m. on Dec. 5 in Hertz Hall Auditorium. The work, composed by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn, puts a jazz spin on the classic holiday ballet.

"The original melodies are there, but they are in a jazz language," Chris Bruya, Jazz Band I director, said.

Though some of the movements have been shortened, they will still be familiar to those who know the ballet music.

Bruya said that the performance will be first in the state outside the Seattle area.

"The music wasn't available until about four years ago," Bruya said. "No one really knows about it."

He found out about the piece from a student that attended Roosevelt High School in Seattle and had performed it previously. When Bruya heard the piece, he thought it would be perfect for Central's Jazz Band I to perform.

"I think it's a significant thing," Bruya said.

The Jazz Band will also perform a program of popular holiday music including "White Christmas" and a medley of other pieces.

A $5 donation will be requested at the door. The money will help to fund a jazz scholarship.

In addition, the International Association of Jazz Educators will be selling poinsettias used to decorate the stage after the performance.

For more information contact Bruya in the music department at 963-1426.

Students browse the selection of crafts at this year's Ware Fair. The event began Wednesday and continues through Saturday in the Samuelson Union Building.

Retail therapy provided in SUB
by Joanna Horowitz
Staff reporter

Good tidings and cheer can be felt throughout the Samuelson Union Building this Wednesday through Saturday as Ware Fair brings handmade arts and crafts, live music and Santa Claus to the Central Washington University campus.

The festival, now in its 28th year, plays host to about 50 vendors, most of whom are Ellensburg residents or Central affiliates. Those looking to buy gifts or just take a stroll around can visit the SUB today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa Claus will be making his naughty or nice lists in Club Central on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"It's a really great way to get into the spirit of Christmas," Sarah Castillo, senior music education major, said. "I like to walk around and see the whole thing.

Booths are set up around the SUB Pit and in the Owhi and Yakama rooms; live entertainment takes place in the Pit.

The Ellensburg High School choir will sing today from 3 to 4 p.m. and dancers from the Ellensburg Youth Ballet's production of the Nutcracker will perform at 4:30 p.m. There will also be live piano and guitar music throughout the week.

Ware Fair Coordinator Kayte Anchors said the annual event brings a festive vibe into the SUB and gives students a chance to buy Christmas presents at pretty reasonable prices.

Everything sold at Ware Fair has to undergo inspection by a juror to guarantee there's not excessive manufacturing. Shoppers can drop a few bucks on handmade horseshoe art, candles, jewelry boxes, photographs and more.

"Both Anchors and Scott Drummond, director of campus activities, agreed that Ware Fair is a good chance to bring community members to campus. Newly extended hours will give shoppers a chance to stop by the SUB once parking lots free up in the evening.

"It's one more program that hopefully is making the community feel welcome to come here," Drummond said.

Cast warms up for magical evening of holiday ballet
by Juliette Palenshus
Staff reporter

The non-profit Ellensburg Youth Ballet is bringing the Nutcracker to McConnell Auditorium, with a mission to encourage appreciation of dance and support local dance performers. The Ellensburg Youth Ballet is part of The Dance Centre in Ellensburg. Amy Thompson is the owner and artistic director for The Dance Centre and professional dance teacher. The Dance Centre is composed of aspiring dancers throughout the Kittitas Valley. The production, set to open on Dec. 5, is an opportunity for the kids to get performance experience while providing some artistic diversity in the city of Ellensburg.

"Our purpose is to give something to the community," Linda Hazlett, president of Board of Directors for the Ellensburg Youth Ballet, said. "We want to encourage all families to attend the production so we are keeping ticket prices down.

This is the sixth production of the Nutcracker put on by the Ellensburg Youth Ballet. The Dance Centre has made a tradition of putting it on every other year for the past 12 years. After paying for the use of McConnell Auditorium, much of the remainder of what is used for scholarships. With these scholarships, many dancers involved with The Dance Centre are able to continue their dance careers.

"The money made ends up being recycled into the community," Hazlett said.

Most of the 75 people involved are kids less than 18 years old. Central Washington University's own Bill Chandler will be playing the part of the father. Many of the children are in middle school or high school but some are as young as seven or eight years old. All of the performers have at least two years of experience behind them. The part of the Sugar Plum Fairy will be played by Thompson who will be performing for the first time in four years.

"I am excited about being involved with the dancing and to direct the production," Thompson said.

Thompson is from Redmond and went to a private performing arts high school. She had fourteen years of experience before deciding to go to college for the environment and music. She had been working on the Nutcracker for about four years now and feels that it is an enjoyable show for everyone who attends.

"The Nutcracker is a production that we do every year and I think that it's a really good show for families to come together and enjoy. It's a great opportunity for the kids to be involved in something that is so much fun," Thompson said.

"It's a lot of work, and we all come together and work together to make it a magical experience for everyone who attends," she said.
Santa’s Arthouse to feature beatnik Santa, live music

by Joanna Horowitz  
Staff reporter

In the spirit of holiday outreach, a club of theater technicians is joining with other university artists to create Santa’s Arthouse. The Central Washington University chapter of the United States Institute of Theatre Technicians (U.S.I.T.T.) will sponsor a holiday celebration complete with a beatnik Santa, juggling, cabaret, storytelling, art and live music. The free event will take place in the Samuelson Union Building Cesar Chavez Theatre upstairs tomorrow from noon to 4 p.m. and then again at Gallery One from 5 to 7 p.m. as part of the First Friday Art Walk.

“We wanted to create a community of university artists,” Delondra Johnson, U.S.I.T.T. president and senior Theatre Arts major, said. “It’s also a way to remind the community that theatre is everywhere and for everyone.”

Bringing the event to Gallery One is a way to reach out to the Ellensburg community and provide another link between artists. Johnson said Gallery One Director Mary Francis was excited about the opportunity.

The club members designed the set, make-up, costumes and sound and then invited individuals from across campus to join. They are also considering a similar event for spring quarter. The Central chapter of U.S.I.T.T. was formed this year and is intended as a networking tool for theater designers, technicians and craftspeople.
Tent-n-Tube rents adventure

by Emily Dobihal
Staff reporter

Winter has arrived, and that means the beginning of a variety of new outdoor activities in the Ellensburg area. Tent-n-Tube, Central Washington University's outdoor rental service, has items available to get people off the couch and outerwear in the new season. From its opening in the 1970s, Tent-n-Tube has had a little something for everyone wanting to enjoy the snowy landscape, from equipment rentals to overnight excursions.

Tent-n-Tube's winter rentals include cross-country ski, snowshoes, inner tubes and an assortment of camping gear. Prices vary according to student status and the duration of the rental. Equipment is available for students, faculty and alumni for a day, weekend or week.

Employee Jeff Grover, senior recreation management major, said, "We'll rent all the snowshoes, out on the weekends." Grover said, "It's a good idea to make reservations over the phone or in person."

Tent-n-Tube policies don't restrict where the equipment can be taken, but the staff does offer suggestions of good, safe locations.

"Some of them are sno-parks, but you can be heavily overrun with snowmobilers," Steve Waldeck, director of University Recreation, said.

Waldeck is in the process of putting together a packet of written directions to accessible areas for winter recreation. He said Blewett Pass has a few clearly marked trails for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing within 30 miles of Ellensburg.

"There are quite a few trails available," Grover said. "Hiking trails turn into snowshoe and cross-country skiing trails."

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Wenatchee National Forest. A trained staff will assist you in making the best of your winter experience. If you're looking for a challenge, Tent-n-Tube also rents equipment to explore the more remote areas of the nation.

Fellow Tent-n-Tube employee Chris Soren, senior recreation management major, has visited the Blewett Pass area for winter sports. "I went snowshoeing a couple of times last year," Soren said. "It's a good idea to make reservations over the phone or in person."

For those outdoorsy types with limited knowledge of the area or winter sports, a few guided trips are being planned for Blewett Pass and the Cle Elum Ranger District in the Wenatchee National Forest. A trained staff consisting of two to three students will lead guided trips. The guides take groups on trips in areas that are easy to return to without a guide to students can venture out on their own later.

"Our goal is to introduce people to winter activities they wouldn't do if they weren't here," Waldeck said.

For downhill skiers and snowboarders the Tent-n-Tube service will be offering a ski bus to Snoqualmie Pass, charging $8 roundtrip. The bus will run either Fridays or Saturdays, depending on the number of people signed up, weather and the availability of staff. The bus requires a reservation as a minimum of six people is required.

Tent-n-Tube does not rent snowboarding and downhill skiing equipment at this time, but Waldeck suggested renting from local stores such as Mountain High Sports. Equipment rentals are also obtainable at Snoqualmie Summit. A one-time charter bus trip to Mission Ridge Ski Resort in Wenatchee is scheduled for Jan. 24, 2004. It will cost $10 to $15 for the bus ride and the lift tickets can be purchased upon arrival. There are plans for other trips throughout the season. For more information regarding Tent-n-Tube's services and trips call the office at 963-3537, or find them on www.cwu.edu.

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What is your favorite winter activity?

"We just invented a new sport... deathboarding. We take the wheels off our skateboard decks and go down the hill."
- Keith Vance, junior graphic design major

"Building a snowman with the little kids or going sledding at the elk reserve."
- Melissa Foster, sophomore elementary education major

"Surfing."
- Jack Frost, sophomore information technology major

"I like cooking gingerbread cookies... naked."
- Andres Duartes, junior sociology major

Good Luck Emily Bonden as you take a bite of the Big Apple!
Shawn Findley is attacked by two other actors in "Thanks for the Memory."

Short ten-minute plays that give students an opportunity to learn more about deaf culture, deaf awareness and to meet deaf people.

Ten-minute showcase student writers, directors, actors

by Marcus Tabert
Staff reporter

The University Theatre Arts department is forming as a set show for the public. The "Tens" are similar to the One-Act play festival that takes place at Central Washington University. The first quarter the "Tens" have been performed as a set show for the public.

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The students involved in the "Tens" are grateful for the chance to express themselves. "The Tens" are a showcase of emerging professionals," Phil Hamlin, who plays Stanley Harding in "Max Weaver," said. "We're not following in other writers' footsteps." "Tens" is being performed at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4 and at 8 p.m. on Dec. 5 and 6 in the Milo Smith Tower Theater. Tickets are $5 at the door. The plays are intended for mature audiences.

The students have been rehearsing for the production every Saturday since Oct. 4.

A raffle of the Christmas tree used in the Nutcracker will help support the future of the Ellensburg Youth Ballet and productions. The artificial 7-foot tree is fully decorated for the ballet, complete with lights, garland, ornaments and a matching hand-made tree skirt. The raffle will take place during the Sunday performance.

Tickets for the Nutcracker will be available at Mr. G's and Downtown Pharmacy. Prices are $13 for adults and $7 for children under 12 years old and under. For the Friday showing only, tickets will be $7 for students and seniors with ID. Show times are Friday Dec. 5 and Saturday Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m and Sunday Dec. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

The "Tens" have been a popular event at CWU, with an average of $18,000. A pair of the $60 shoes handmade for Thompson in the studio. The "Tens" are six 10-minute plays per­formed, written and directed by Central students.

"The 'Tens' and one acts in particular are a flurry of different opportu­nities (for students) to see what's going on in their peers' minds," Victor Velasquez, playwright of "Max Weaver," one of the 10-minute plays, said. "It's not some ancient play­wright that wrote them."

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Wildcats slam to 2-3

by P.J. Larson
Staff reporter

The Summit at Snoqualmie opened on Nov. 28 and offers the best student athlete rates in the area. The Summit offers a $249 college pass for undergraduate students taking 12 credits or more and graduate students taking eight credits or more. There are no blackout dates and they are available until they sell out.

Senior Alex Hughes said, "We've had some setbacks but we're building on that. We're still trying to adjust to the new coaching style."

The team will have time to adjust before the next meet on Nov. 30th.

Individual swimmers leave teammates in the deep end

by Rachel Guillermo
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University men and women's swim team is having some setbacks but individual swimmers are posting good times.

The team competed against Western Oregon University on Nov. 22 in Spokane.

Junior Andrea Quick took first place in the women's 100-yard butterfly. Quick was the only Wildcat to finish in first place in an individual event.

"We're working really hard," junior Emily Von Jentzen said. "We've been using our first couple of meets as a training ground for our end meets. So we're working hard on that.""}

Sophomore Erin Tomaszewski took second in the women's 500-yard freestyle, junior Michelle Godwin took second in the women's 400-yard IM, sophomore Jena Spillman came in second in the women's 100-yard freestyle and Von Jentzen came in second in the women's 500-yard freestyle.

In the team events Central took first in the women's 200-yard medley relay and second in the women's 200-yard freestyle.

On the men's side sophomore James Olson was the Wildcat lead swimmer finishing just second behind the top swimmer in each of his individual events. Olson took second in the men's 100 and 500-yard freestyle.

"We're doing pretty well so far," senior Alex Hughes said. "We've had some setbacks but we're building off of that. We're still trying to adjust to the new coaching style."

Senior Cliff Brooker took second in the men's 200-yard freestyle and the men's 100-yard butterfly, and freshman Mike Maier took second in the men's 100-yard backstroke.

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For more information on the Central swim team visit www.walcatsports.com.
True freshman Laura Wright is this week’s “Wildcat of the Week" for her fabulous play that sparked two Wildcat wins last weekend. On Friday, November 28th, Laura scored 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in Central’s victory over Warner Pacific, only to outdo herself the following night, scoring a new career-high 26 points and getting 11 boards in Central’s victory over Northwest.

Which of Laura’s best friends knows her better: University of Washington student, Gina Lee, or Gonzaga University student, Mary Kate Morgan? To find out, we asked Laura to answer some questions for us. Then, we asked her best friends since elementary school to guess what she answered. Who will win the battle of the best friends?

| Favorite activity besides basketball? | Volleyball | Watching movies | Volleyball |
| Role Model? | Mike Dunleavey - I met him at a tournament at Duke. | Her mom | Sylvia Crawley |
| Favorite Movie? | Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade | Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade | Ocean’s Eleven |
| Most embarrassing moment? | Sining Ludacris in a parking lot "I wanna lick lick lick you from your head to your toes..." when an elderly couple stepped out of their car. | In the Triangle Mall parking lot Laura was singing along to an inappropriate song while an elderly couple was next to us getting into their car. | She was announced on senior night for basketball and the announcer was saying what seniors enjoyed doing and he accidentally said “Laura enjoys sex.” |

Laura Wright
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News bites
Hanna Hull and Kaci Pipkin have both signed National Letters of Intent to play basketball at Central beginning in the 2004-2005 season. Hull, a guard, is a senior standout at Paterson High School, while Pipkin, also a guard, is currently a Central student but is not playing basketball this season. She was a standout at Cashmere High School and two-time all-NWAACC choice at Wenatchee Valley College.

Right handed pitcher Meghan Craig, a senior at Henry M. Jackson High School in Mill Creek, and shortstop Sarah Nove, a senior at Redmond High School in Redmond, Ore., have both signed National Letters of Intent to play softball at Central beginning in the 2005 season.

Bree Brandt, a senior middle blocker at Meridian High School in Bellingham, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball at Central for the beginning of the 2004 season.

Central alum, Brian Viafore, who was selected in the 26th round of the 2003 First Year Player draft, was released by the Arizona Diamondbacks organization after a disappointing season with the Yakima Bears, the Diamondbacks class A affiliate.
Women's basketball off to disappointing start

by Takeshi Kojima
Ass. Sports Editor

Central Washington University's women's basketball had to accept ups and downs during the last two weeks. The team had two losing away games and two winning home games.

In the Falcon Hoop Classic, the Wildcats lost to two teams, Montana State University-Billings, 68-70, and UC-Davis, 65-79, at Seattle Pacific University Royal Brougham Pavilion.

After losing two games in Seattle, the team came back to the Nicholson Pavilion to host the Wildcat Classic last weekend. On the first game against Warner Pacific College, all five starters scored double figures. Senior post guard Angela Jeunesse earned 12 points, five assists, and two steals. The game ended 87-67 against Knights with the Wildcats' win.

Last Saturday's game against Northwest College, was a seesaw game, the lead changing 19 times during the game. "I knew this is going to be a close game, because they play hard," women's basketball coach Jeff Whitney said. "They played well and they shot phenomenal." In that game, freshman post Laura Wright helped the team win the closed contest. Wright scored 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds during the night. The 26 points were Wright's career high.

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Coaching diversity absent in Central athletics

by Cindy Figueroa
Staff reporter

The issue of black athletes in an athletic program which has no black coaches has long been a problem at Central Washington University according to many athletes, coaches and faculty members.

The issue at hand is not racism, rather the different communication patterns between black athletes and white coaches.

"Every few years this issue comes up," Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Keith Champagne said. "Jon Kem, last year’s defensive coordinator and head coach, when he was here, and was able to address it and really hammer it out."

Part of the communication problem in football at CWU involves team captains communicating team sentiment and players’ thoughts to coaches. Although misinformation may look like a serious problem, it seems that a lack of communication could be making black players feel like they are being discriminated against.

"I think part of the problem this year might have been that our captains were too quiet," Central Washington University (EWU) football coach Rob Smith said. "That’s the main reason I’m here at Western."

Smith said that it seems like black coaches and players are more worried about creating a barrier to communication between players, captains and coaches.

"A couple players brought up the issue at the beginning of the season, but we just got caught up in the game and got overwhelmed," senior captain Levi Teasley said. "I could have communicated better with coaches about these personal issues, but it just wasn’t something I had to bring up. My advice is for players who feel like this and for those who have graduated they should get out there and talk to coaches."

"I pride myself in being here for my players and if it seems that a lack of communication could have been better communication between players, captains and coaches."

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Several other players from the football team expressed concern about communication, but about coaches’ abilities to understand their minorities’ issues.

"We need somebody," senior wide receiver Josh Lopez said. "Keith Champ will do a great job of understanding some of these players who have the same perspective. There is no different view or angle of looking at problems that you know and how comfortable the head coach feels with you," Battle said. "That’s the main reason I’m here at Western."

"I’d love to hire a black coach for our program."

"It’s beneficial to have black coaches on our coaching staff and they’re not afraid to handle some of the issues that came up. I think that for players who feel like this and for those who have graduated they should get out there and talk to coaches."

"If players try to test you, just like my kids do," Zamberlin said. "Athletes are usually able to understand and accept that my coaching style isn’t meant to be taken personally, but it does take a little tougher skin to handle it. I do it for the players, so they can be better people down the road. I must teach accountability."

"There are two sides to a story and in this case there seems to be confusion coming from both sides. It just seems like some coaches are more worried about creating performance-based relationships, said a football player who wished to remain anonymous. "Minority players have to turn to each other for support."

One coach in Central’s athletic program who has seen the benefit of minority coaching brings in a Samson assistant coach of Central’s women’s basketball team, Ana Tuiasosopo.

"I think any athlete that has an ethnic background looks for coaches that look like them. Basic athletic background to relate to," Tuiasosopo said. "In the past some athletes have chosen to come talk to me over the head coach, while other players are more easily approachable."

Although the women’s basketball team isn’t as diverse as the football team, it seems like Tuiasosopo’s presence has made some players’ transition easier.

"It upset me that there are no black coaches," freshman women’s basketball player Ashley Blake said. "I have no doubt that black players would talk to black coaches first. It’s just easier and it’s a different perspective. I do feel lucky to have Ana; she’s great to have around."

This communication issue has caused many problems for athletes and coaches. No one seems to be questioning the abilities of any coaches in the program, but what some people are looking at is an underlying problem that could be hindering players from coming together and performing as one.
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