Students booked on extortion charges

by Erik Swenningson
Staff reporter

While most students were hitting the books for finals week, three Central Washington University students could only hear the slamming of jail doors behind them.

Three 19-year-old sophomores, Audrey Howell, Paul Moraski and Trevor Johnson, were arrested Dec. 4, 2003 by Central’s Police Department on one count each of extortion in the second degree.

“Trevor Johnson, were arrested Dec. 4, 2003 by Central’s Police Department on one count each of extortion in the second degree. This is clearly an unusual case for the campus,” Central Police Chief Steve Rittereiser said.

Howell, Moraski and Johnson were three of five Central students involved with the thefts but never caught.

The five students who stole the ornaments were sentenced to $100 in fines, $325 in court costs and two years probation. Authorities were never told the students had videotaped the crimes.

According to Rittereiser, all seven students met on Nov. 19, 2003. The two 19-year-old women said they thought about paying.

With no response, Howell, Moraski and Johnson started making harassing phone calls and leaving voice mails. The three threatened to release the videotape to Central’s Police Department if the two women did not pay them $600 each.

“The three students (Howell, Moraski and Johnson) were the only ones affected by the closure. They thought about paying, but they didn’t,” Rittereiser said.

Grocer to hang up apron

by Jennifer Turner
Staff reporter

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Aaron Roden, senior geology major and Mr. G’s employee, agreed:

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Students and community members aren’t the only ones affected by the closure.

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Roden said.

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“Mr. G’s Grocery, featuring selections from local wineries and hand-formed breads from Ellensburg’s Canyon River Breads, also offers fresh made espresso, rotisserie chicken and movie rentals.

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Coming of Age

by George Hawley
Staff reporter

Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and United Nation's High Commissioner for Human Rights, spoke at McConnell Auditorium Tuesday evening. The event was part of Central Washington University's Presidential Speaker Series. The topic of the evening was "ethical globalization."

Robinson was the first woman president of Ireland and served in the position from 1990-1997. Following her presidency, she began her work with the U.N., which lasted from 1997-2002. Robinson holds law degrees from Harvard Law School and King's Inn, Dublin.

Before her speech in McConnell, Robinson attended a press conference in Barge Hall. While there, she was questioned about the possibility that the U.N. holds the United States and Israel to a much higher standard than the rest of the world.

"There is a problem of perceived double standards," Robinson said.

Now that her time with the U.N. Human Right's Commission is over, Robinson is heading a new project: the Ethical Globalization Initiative. "The Ethical Globalization Initiative is intended to promote a globalization that places greater influence on human rights and relieving poverty in the developing world," Robinson said.

"Globalization has intensified over recent years," Robinson said.

Robinson expressed special concern about the international sex trade that forces children into prostitution. "There is a problem of perceived double standards," Robinson said.

"Would-be migrants have increasingly turned to illegal entry," Robinson said.

Robinson said she has had a new project: "The United States, Europe and to a lesser extent Japan, bully poor countries."

The main event took place at 7 p.m. Throughout her speech, Robinson placed a particular emphasis on Africa and the HIV/AIDS pandemic that afflicts the continent.

In Sub-Saharan Africa alone there are 29 million people infected with HIV," Robinson said. "Of those, only 70,000 have access to the drugs they need."

"Everyone doesn’t benefit from this...Many people feel life has deteriorated over the past five years."

The event wrapped up shortly after 8 p.m. and was followed by reception for Robinson.

Around the University

Latin American Studies future uncertain

With the recent resignation of Latin American Studies Program Director, Dr. Stella Moreno, the program has gone into a transitional period. Faculty interested in the future directions of the program are organizing to facilitate discussions.

Assistantship applications due

Graduate assistantship applications for Summer Quarter 2004 and the 2004-2005 academic year are due by Feb. 13 in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research Applications and information can be found online at www.cwu.edu/masters under "Forms and Guidelines," or by visiting the office Barge 305.

Yoga on campus

Beginner and intermediate yoga classes are available in Central's Grove Conference Center in eight-week sessions for a $50 fee. Beginners have three class times and dates to choose from: Wednesdays, Jan. 7 through Feb. 25 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Thursdays, Jan. 8 through Feb. 26 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The intermediate class convenes Thursdays, Jan. 8 through Feb. 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Participants may register at the first class.

France trip to be scheduled for summer

The Foreign Language department and International Studies is offering students a chance to study in southern France. Classes at the University of Pau will explore French culture, language, food and history.

To learn more, contact Kelton Knight at 963-3327.

Alaska summer jobs

Vacation tour company Gray Line of Alaska is currently visiting Central to recruit for summer job openings with their company. Representatives will be in the SUB pit today at 6 a.m. For more information contact the Student Employment office in Barge 103.
Registration to go online

by Jeremie Wallis
Staff reporter

Central Washington University students have a new weapon in the hunt for available classes now that Registration's Exceptionally Great Innovation (REGI) is making its Web debut with SAFARI (Student Aid, Financials, Admissions and Records Implementation).

Registration is one of the many features SAFARI will make accessible to students. Students will also be able to use the current Wildcat Information Network (WIN) features as well as view holds on their accounts, make payments, order transcripts and change account information.

Sandy Oftedahl, project manager, anticipates the system will be fully operational in September. However, it can be used now for students to check fall 2004 financial information, and some students will be able to register for fall quarter classes starting as early as May.

"We are starting to roll into it," Oftedahl said. "We are slowly working our way into the system.

The main question students and staff are asking is why it took so long for Central to catch up to other colleges with online registration.

"We had to buy a system for not just student resources (and) it's not inexpensive," Oftedahl said. "It took a little longer, but it's here now."

Students feel that this move will help alleviate with the current problems plaguing the current registration system.

"The phone is so frustrating," Kristy Ferderer, sophomore education major said. "You can't see what you can and can't get into. It will be better to see it on a screen."

Students wishing to learn more can contact Oftedahl via e-mail at oftedahl@cwu.edu for more information.

Monique Jones/Observer

Tracy Terrell assists sophomore international business major Miagi Son Nelson register for classes in Mitchell Hall. Scenes like this may become less frequent starting this May.

No means no
Jan. 10, 2004

A person in Kiwanis Park reported being harassed by a man and his golden retriever and was being uncooperative.

The caller then reported that the man and dog would not leave children in the park alone either.

Parenting skills aren't what they used to be
Jan. 10, 2004

Ellensburg Police were asked to do a welfare check of a baby inside the Flying J.

The baby was only wearing a diaper and the reporting person was concerned about the infant because of the cold temperature outside.

Can't hurt the sidewalk
Jan. 10, 2004

Along the 1100 block of North Water street a suspicious trail of blood was reported. The reporting person said it was a "significant amount" along the entire block.
Broadcast students win awards

by Marty Maley
Staff reporter

Central Washington University’s communication department students have been busy putting their best footage forward.

In Dec. 2003, 17 broadcast journalism and video production awards at the National Broadcast Society’s (NBS) regional competition. The awards reflect superior works by Central students as judged by video production industry professionals.

Kevin Tighe, senior broadcast journalism and film and video studies major, received a total of six awards for his work on Newswatch, a weekly program on Northwest TV.

“I am extremely happy,” Tighe said. “Everybody on the crew deserves a pat on the back. It took us a lot of time and effort to produce the programs we submitted.”

Tighe plans to be in attendance this March at the NBS Convention in Florida. Also planning to attend the convention is Steve Allwine, senior broadcast journalism and film and video studies major, also took home three awards.

Not all student award categories at the regional level exist at the national level, but those students who move on to national competition will be notified by late Feb. of their standing.

“IT would be nice to take a national title,” Allwine said. “I would like to put Central on the map for broadcast. My goal is to put the name out there.”

The awards reflect the amount of work the students do to achieve acceptance on the professional level. Four awards in the experimental video category, taking first and second titles.

Robert Fordan, communication professor, believes the students have benefited by being able to receive critiques of their work at a professional level.

Fordan recognizes their effort in meeting expert standards of video production.

“The awards reflect the amount of work the students do to achieve them,” Fordan said. “The students worked hard, and I hope the awards serve as a reminder to fellow students that if they work hard and apply themselves, they too can achieve.”

Gwen Escobar, senior broadcast journalism major, credits the determination of the students along with the talent of the professors for the award she took home.

“We captured a lot of human emotion on film,” Escobar said. “It wasn’t that we wanted to capture it to win an award. We also have two of the best professors. They expect perfection.”

Other winners of this year’s regional broadcast awards include seniors and recent graduates in communication: Walker Anderson, James Crocker, Daniel Ferguson, Katrina Gross, Scott Iwata, Obie O’Brien, Landon Sypher, Duane Shimogawa, Louis Staples and Stephanie Tokola.

“The student quality of production has greatly improved,” Michael Ogden, broadcast journalism professor, said. “This is the largest number of awards in quite a few years. I am most proud of the students who won awards in the experimental video category, taking first and second the last three years.”

**EXTORTION: First case at Central in 22 years**

Moraski, Johnson knew the statute of limitations was running out on the thefts,” Rittereiser said. “But only three took significant steps to extort money from the victims.”

Trevor Johnson also contacted one of the victim’s fathers, explaining about the thefts and the videotape of the crimes. After hearing the story, Trevor Johnson then demanded $675 from the father to not release the tapes. The father told Johnson to contact his attorney, Rittereiser said.

On Dec. 4, 2003 the victims called Central police officers to respond to a complaint of harassing phone calls. After hearing the story, Central police agreed to give the women $600 if they could get Howell, Moraski and Johnson to view the videotape in the women’s dorm room and let the two females view it prior to payment, Rittereiser said.

Howell and Moraski agreed to meet in the victims’ room. Police officers were placed in and around the dorm and observed the suspects entering, Rittereiser said.

“At no time did we feel the victims were in any danger or physical harm because we had an officer in a back room,” Rittereiser said.

Howell and Moraski came into the dorm room, played the tape and then took the offered $600, Rittereiser said. As the suspects were leaving the dorm building, officers converged on them and placed them under arrest, taking the money, tape and VCR as evidence.

After interviewing Howell and Moraski, Central police contacted Johnson and asked him to come down to answer some questions about his involvement in the case, Rittereiser said. He was then arrested.

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ITS to close labs

by Carol Jodock
Staff reporter

Low student usage of campus computer labs has prompted Central Washington University Information Technology Services (ITS) to close two labs and shorten the hours of others.

Although money was not the reason for lab closures, it was a factor that led the department to look into how much the labs were being used by students. ITS wanted to make sure the students' technology fee was being used efficiently.

"Costs for operating the labs had been increasing and the surplus in the technology fee account was being eaten away," Dave Storla, assistant director of computer support services and labs, said. "That made cutting of lab costs something that needed to be closely examined."

With the money saved from the lab closures, ITS plans to upgrade the computers in the Educational Technology Center in Black Hall, which helps students with technology support.

"We hope that more of the saved funding will result in newer computers in the remaining labs," Carmen Rahm, senior director of information technology services, said. "The main outcome of this will be more funding available for better technology."

The ITS staff are closing down two labs, Black 141 and Science 328. The labs that changed their hours did so by closing earlier in the evening or closing for the weekends.

The lab closures, however, are not necessarily permanent. If the need for computer labs arise in the future, the ITS department said they will not hesitate to re-open them. The ITS staff will continue to monitor the labs' usage and if students begin to use them more, they will consider reopening them again.

"One of the reasons that lab usage is down over previous years is that students have their own computers, more have laptops, and residence halls are online," Rahm said.

The closed labs will now function as classrooms, meeting rooms, or lecture rooms for guest speakers. Now that the labs are closed, however, the ITS staff has no say in how the university uses them.

For more information on lab closures or the change of hours, contact Carmen Rahm at 963-2925 or Dave Storla at 963-2955.

Please take a moment to remember why we celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday. Reflect.
And now the allotted three-day weekend of January descends upon us and to whom do we owe its pleasure? Martin Luther King, Jr. But as with many of these so-called national holidays, it seems these 24 hours of observation have become little more than conveniences in our hectic lives, little more than excuses for behavior otherwise unacceptable for a Sunday night.

We savor these long weekends as a chance to catch up on sleep, finish undone homework and attend just one more beer guzzling fest for the remembrance of a truly remarkable man. We owe him more than to spend his birthday riding the ski slopes with his short life, he accomplished more good than many could do in ten. Without the meaning behind these holidays, ours would be a world of segregation and disarray.

In no way is this opinion a means of riding some high horse; I'm just the winter quarter Editor-in-Chief of the Observer. My thoughts, my opinions (my daring attempts at literary masterpieces) will be shown here every week. But I'd love to know your opinion and learn what you think about the University, the Observer and anything else that's on your mind. Send in a letter to the editor. I can't wait to hear from you.

—Susan Bunday

Letters to the Editor Policy:
The Observer welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be submitted by 5 p.m., Monday before the week of publication. Letters must be typewritten and less than 350 words.

National holidays aren't just here for our convenience, and I needn't remind anyone there actually is significance behind having a day off. Perhaps our society has become too lax in its observation and remembrance of the past and how we got here or the fact that things haven't always been the way they are now. Without the meaning behind these holidays, ours would be a world of segregation and disarray. Without the meaning behind these holidays, ours would be a world of segregation and disarray.

Coaches hired on ability, not race

Dear Observer,

I am writing in response to the article about the CWU Football coaches. The article focused on the lack of ethnic diversity found in the football coaching staff. Although that may be of concern for some, the coaches are hired based on their ability to do the job, not because of their race. The Central Football coaching staff is comprised of coaches who are skilled for the job.

I want to graduate everyone a different perspective on how lucky we really are to have the coaches we have here at Central. After being part of the Central Football team for five years I have learned many things about football and about life.

Each and every coach on the staff, especially Coach Zamberlin, has been a positive influence on my life as well as a role model. In becoming part of the Central Football team, I have felt like I have become part of a family.

All the coaches have been there for my teammates and me through out our careers. When we have faced struggles individually or as a team, our coaches have given their all to help us.

Now that I am out of eligibility and about to graduate, my coaches have still treated me as if I am part of the team. The invitation has always been open for me to go to them for help and support. I will take my experiences gained from Central Football with me for the rest of my life.

Ellensburg and Central Washington University are very lucky to have such an outstanding coaching staff leading their football program.

Sincerely,

Levi Teasley
Senior
Health and fitness
Blue collar blues

by Joe Castro
Asst. News editor

I want to recognize a group of students on campus who deserve some mention.

If Central was its own society, these students would be the middle class, blue collar, hard working people. I'm talking about the students who work and go to school, the financially challenged (to be PC) whose parents don't or can't give them financial support. Yeah, sure, most students get financial aid, but it's not always enough to pay for rent, books and other necessities throughout the quarter.

I have had some pretty rough quarters working after class and on the weekends, putting in 40 hours a week and being a full-time student. When times are tough it's easy to pity yourself or feel bitter toward the more fortunate students.

I would just like to say to all of you who do the same to hang through the quarter.

Eating: The new health hazard

by Martha Goudey-Price
Copy editor

It's bad enough that we have to wonder whether our Big Macs are raising salmon and pears were a staple, but now I'm searching the Net for raised fish and pears. Every time I read a new newspaper, I change my diet. Until today, farm raised salmon and pears were a staple, but now I'm searching the Net for wild salmon free of cancer causing dioxins that store in the body for up to ten years. And those luminous looking pears? I'm switching to Kiwis.

Any food bearing the word whole, organic, fresh, natural or any other nutritional specialness can only be bought at the local farmer's market. Every week a new research study touts the benefits of a specific therapy - and then a year later new research debunks the old research. It's confusing at best.

Every once in a while, I'm glad that my favorite food contains dioxins. Tempered with common sense, information gives me the right to choose. In this case, I can either move to an organic farm in the wilderness or choose to live life without fear. Fear, not eating, is as hazardous to health as much as pesticides on a pear.

Voicing Opinions

The folly of cultural relativism

by George Hawley
Staff Reporter

Self-loathing has become the chic new pastime among intellectuals in the West. The mark of a true progressive is the belief that all the world's problems stem from exploitation by men of European descent. They even go so far as to argue that it is time to end our "Euro-centric" teaching of history. Once again, the progressives are wrong. Western civilization deserves precedence over all others because it is vastly superior to them in every way that matters.

The West is superior primarily because of its greatest creation: the democratic nation-state. We must learn about Adam Smith, John Locke, Thomas Jefferson, Edmund Burke and Frederic Bastiat because they helped lay the foundation for the most free and just societies man has ever known, not-as Jesse Jackson would say—because of a racist desire to heed the exploits of "dead white men."

The relativist will argue that all ways of life are essentially equal, and anyone who makes value judgments about other cultures is a xenophobic, ethnocentric racist. My response is this: what are the most peaceful and prosperous countries in the world? They are of course those that have embraced Western values, which anyone can do. Japan and Israel have both built prosperous countries outside of what has traditionally been the West because they have abandoned ethnocentrism and superstition in favor of liberty and reason.

Yes the West has been sidetracked many times by dangerous ideologies and dictatorships. And yes, for every genius, there was also a fanatic like Rousseau, Marx or Nietzsche whose poisonous ideas threatened to throw the whole civilization off course. However, a quick look at the world today makes it perfectly clear that the West is a better place to live than anywhere else.

Let us examine Islamic civilization for a comparison. Despite a promising beginning, it has been in a steady state of decline for the past 500 years. European racism and imperialism cannot account for this. For the vast majority of their history, the world's Muslim societies were ruled by few Muslims. No, the reason for their pitiful condition is a cultural tendency towards dictatorship and theocracy. The Islamic world did not experience a Reformation and does not understand the notion of separating the mosque from the state. Until it does, it will continue down the path of poverty and tyranny.

The West has committed many crimes throughout its history. However, our crimes are no more horrific than those committed by other civilizations. Slavery? That is still practiced in Sudan. Racial discrimination? Look at the treatment of Kurds by Iraqis. The Holocaust? No more awful than the Cambodian genocide. What sets the West apart is its willingness to examine its own past and criticize its own actions.

There is a major difference between the West and the rest of the world, to contend otherwise is mindless and immature. We did not reach this point easily, and there were times when it appeared that our civilization seemed bent on destroying itself. We have not yet been perfect and are not close to being perfect today. However, if the rest of the world wants to experience the freedom and wealth that we have, they have no choice but to adopt our capitalist system, our respect for individual liberty and our democratic institutions. If they choose not to do so, they will remain poverty stricken and enslaved.

PONDER THIS

Everything that we see is a shadow cast by that which we do not see.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

THUMBS UP

"Thumbs up to financial aid refund checks and the brief end of student poverty."

—Emily Dobihal
Asst. News editor

"Thumbs up to Rodeo Records for not closing down."

—Tyler Davis
Staff reporter

"Thumbs up to a cheese-burger."

—Becky Unger
Staff reporter

"Thumbs up to eloping."

—Carol Jodock
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"Thumbs up to Wing Central for 50 cent beers and cute waitresses."

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"Thumbs up to Britney Spears' ex-husband. You da man, dogg."

—Aaron Miller
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THUMBS DOWN

"Thumbs down to construction on Depot Deli beginning at 8 a.m. when I live in Green Hall."

—Jennifer Turner
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"Thumbs down to falling down the stairs in public."

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"Thumbs down to all the girls walking around campus that think they're Britney Spears."

—Paul Kobylensky
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"Thumbs down to needing hip boots in the parking lots (and walkways)."

—Martha Goudey-Price
Copy editor

"Thumbs down to stupid girl drama."

—Rachel Guillermo
Staff reporter

AN INVITATION

The public is invited to the Annual Martin Luther King Celebration on Monday, Jan. 19, at the United Methodist Church in Ellensburg. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include music by guitarist Leah Shelton and the combined choirs of the United Methodist and Grace Episcopal Churches, words of Dr. King and an inspiring message from the keynote speaker, Dr. Jerilyn McIntyre, president of CWU.

Bob Johnson
Chair, Kittitas County Coalition for Human Rights
Rings is King
Third film a Central favorite

by Lindsey Jackson
Asst. to Editor-in-Chief

With the smell of butter in the air and the taste of salt passing by their lips, students huddle in their chairs among a fellowship of Hobbit-clad spectators, all settled in for the long haul. The king has returned.

With the final battle in motion, the last of director Peter Jackson's Tolkien trilogies, "Return of the King" (ROTK), is fighting for top rank in box office history and drawing crowds in Ellensburg.

The last movie to grace the top of the box office listings was "Titanic" in 1997. Grossing more than $1 billion at the end of its 12-week run, "Titanic" made cinematic history with its extravagant production cost as well as the number of tickets sold.

After only four weeks in the theater, ROTK grossed more than $311.2 million, and is well on its way to matching "Titanic's" cinematic success.

"I think that it will beat "Titanic" in the box office. People know how it [ROTK] ended too, but I think they wanted to see how the director put all the books together," Michael Kranz, sophomore undecided, said.

Although local cinema Grand Central Theater did not debut ROTK with a three-day opening, it did open the film at 12:01 a.m. to a long line of fans.

"We sold out the first few shows and then sales increased once again once the college was back in school," Jason Paschen, manager of Grand Central Theater, said.

ROTK is the third installment of Jackson's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. The battle rages on in the lands of Middle-earth as the last of Sauron's evil forces make the final attack.

Even more apparent in ROTK is the inner struggle that many of the characters must now face as the fellowship seems to fall apart and friendships are tested. Filled with multiple plot lines and underlying stories for each character, ROTK is more than three-and-a-half hours long.

The freedom of Middle-earth is still dependent on the epic struggle of Frodo Baggins, his companion in battle Samwise Gamgee and the rest of their devoted followers as they fight the powers of evil and struggle to conquer their tormentors.

Gollum, whose own inner demons have taken their toll on his own soul, leads Frodo and Sam into more treacherous lands as they make their way to Mount Doom, the ring's final resting place.

Across the lands of Middle-earth the rest of the Fellowship struggle to protect the Kingdom of Minas Tirith from the vast army of Orcs and to also return the rightful heir of Isilidor the King of Men to the throne.

Throughout the three films, which were adapted from J.R.R. Tolkien's classic novel, comparisons have been made between the book and film. But even die-hard fans have remained generally pleased throughout the trilogy.

"I really enjoyed Legolas (Orlando Bloom)," Lydia Stender, junior biology major, said, "but [ROTK] was really exciting because it was how I saw it in my head when I read the books."

While the battle for Middle-earth and top rank at the box office rages on, Central Washington University students can still take arms alongside Jackson and his folkloric fellowship of Men, Elves and Hobbits alike daily at 7:15 p.m. and weekends at 2 p.m.

'Hobbit' marathon to open ROTK in Ellensburg

BY MARKUS TABERT
STAFF REPORTER

Hollywood is coming to Ellensburg. Actor Blair Underwood, famous for his roles on stage and in front of the camera in film and on "Sex and the City," will perform his one-man, multimedia production, "IM4: From the Mountaintop to Heaven." It infuses hip hop, poetry, dance and the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on his way to heaven. It's a respectful approach, and it's also to prompt us to keep in mind what Dr. King did for human rights.

"IM4" is a fictitious account of a famous rap mogul who is killed and sent to heaven. It meets Martin Luther King Jr. on his way to heaven. It infuses hip hop, poetry, speech and dance with the words of Dr. King.

"IM4" is still about the dream and the legacy of the dream, but brought into today," Scott Drummond, director of Campus Activities, said, "It's a respectful approach, and it's also to prompt us to keep in mind what Martin Luther King did for human rights."

"IM4" is a newly-developed show, and Central Washington University will be one of the first schools to experience it.

"What a way to celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," Leslie Webb, director of the Diversity Education Center, said. "Blair Underwood is a talented actor who will do this show justice. It's a new and different way of looking at Dr. King's dream."

Underwood, who was born in Tacoma, got his first break with a role on "The Cosby Show." He went on to spend a year on "One Life to Live" before moving into the role of attorney Jonathan Rollins on "L.A. Law," which he played for seven years.

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The new Goodwill location, next to Fred Meyer on Water Street, will offer shoppers wider selection.

Bargain hunters aim for new store

by Amy Lynn Taylor
Staff reporter

Local bargain hunters will have the opportunity to explore the new Ellensburg Goodwill starting at 9 a.m. today. The store, located next to Fred Meyer, will hold a grand opening celebration complete with prizes, including a television, DVD player and digital camera.

Goodwill has been operating in Ellensburg since 1984, and the new store will replace the current location on Pine Street, which closed Jan. 14.

Susan Martensen, director of marketing and communications for the Goodwill organization that oversees the Ellensburg store, said the location offers the organization an opportunity to own its own building as well as gain more visibility. The new building will showcase “the new look” of Goodwill stores.

“It looks more like a department store,” Martensen said.

The new store will offer shoppers an improved layout and more attractive signage. There will also be more room to sort donations.

“Shopping in thrift stores like Goodwill has long been a favorite activity of college students because it offers goods at low prices that even the tightest budgets can afford,” Martensen said. “Goodwill is great,” Jennifer White, sophomore, education major said. “I was once browsing through Goodwill’s Christmas sale and I found a rocking Wheaties t-shirt for 99 cents. It’s now an essential part of my wardrobe.”

In addition to clothing, Goodwill offers a variety of merchandise from dishes to furniture to hardware and appliances. There are more than 30,000 items in the Ellensburg Goodwill store.

“How great is it in a college town to buy furniture and just take it back,” Neil Hewitson, sophomore Theatre Arts major, said.

The new store hours will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

In addition to shopping in the store customers can go online and check out items up for auction from Tacoma Goodwill network on eBay. The link can be found at www.tacomagoodwill.org.

As part of an international non-profit organization, Goodwill accepts donations which can be dropped off at any one of their store locations during business hours.

According to Martensen, the organization gives approximately 90 percent of its revenues to aid in the vocational training of those with barriers to employment such as disabilities and disadvantages.

For more information on the Goodwill organization and its causes, visit www.goodwill.org.

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Burg lines up winter shows

By Tyler Davis
Staff reporter

It's cold outside—really cold. However, Central Washington University's own 88.1 The 'Burg has a solution to the winter blues. Program Director Ian Barnes, senior computer science major, has added two new specialty shows and two revamped programs to the eclectic radio station's winter schedule.

First up is the 'Punk Rawk Show,' hosted by Aaron "Tweak" Dahl and Matt "Class" Spray, which airs from 9 to 11 p.m. on Tuesdays and features the latest in the punk and ska genres, as well as some underground hip-hop.

Dahl, senior computer science major, and Spray, junior history education major, plan on spotlighting the classic punk rock sounds of The Ramones and The Sex Pistols, among others, once or twice a month.

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Marcus "DJ Mar-Ku$$" Tabert, senior broadcast journalism major and specialty program coordinator at The 'Burg, hosts the returning "Northwest Show," which focuses chiefly on regional indie rock and punk bands.

"(Tabert) listens to a lot of Northwest music and goes to a lot of concerts of bands from around here," Barnes said. "I am confident he will inform and entertain and expose the listeners to a lot of up-and-coming bands, as well as Northwest classics."

If scheduling permits, Tabert plans to book a few bands for in-studio interviews.

"I'll be covering a lot of bands from the Seattle, Portland, Vancouver and S-5 strip," Tabert said.

From 7 to 9 p.m. on Sundays, Jan "The Girl" Jaffe will emcee the "Hertz Review." The show is a new spin on an old program, "Live from CWU," which used to be broadcast live from Hertz Hall during orchestra and jazz concerts. Schedule fluctuations prevented broadcast consistency, but now with pre-recorded recitals and compositions from students and faculty, the show will air regularly.

"This is a cool way to showcase the music department," Jaffe, senior music education major, said. "Music is big here at Central, not only in regards to majors, but also in general interest."

Finally, classic rock junkies can get their music fix from 9 p.m. to midnight on Sunday nights with "Rock U." The show, which debuted on Jan. 11, features the greatest hits and artists of rock spanning from the 1950s to the 1980s.

Hosts Scott "Professor Neo" Anderson, senior computer science major, and Bryan "Dr. Bones" McCoy, senior music major, aim to educate the ill-informed on the influence of classic rock in today's music and how rock has evolved throughout the decades.

In the coming weeks, Anderson and McCoy will begin to dedicate the final hour of their broadcasts to an artist spotlight, featuring legendary performers once or twice a month.

Specialty shows calendar

**Monday**
- Broken Heart Diary Club
  - Time: 7-9 p.m.
  - Description: Emo
- Assault and Battery
  - Time: 9 p.m.-midnight
  - Description: Metal

**Tuesday**
- Blue Planet World Music Show
  - Time: 1-3 p.m.
  - Description: World music
- Oscillations
  - Time: 7-9 p.m.
  - Description: Down tempo

**Wednesday**
- The Weekly Geek
  - Time: 7-10 a.m.
  - Description: Talk/variety, celebrity interviews
- Northwest Format
  - Time: 6-8 p.m.
  - Description: Local and Northwest rock and punk music
- Alley Ice
  - Time: 9 p.m.-midnight

**Thursday**
- Crossroads Ellensburg Blues
  - Time: 4-6 p.m.
  - Description: Classic and new blues
- Reggae Groove
  - Time: 8-10 p.m.
  - Description: Classic and new reggae
- Thom & Dale's Morning
  - Time: 6-9 a.m.
  - Description: Morning variety, instrumental, live ski reports, weather

**Friday**
- Coil Cat Jazz
  - Time: 6-9 p.m.
  - Description: Classic and new blues
- Friday Night Party Zone
  - Time: 9 p.m.-2 a.m.
  - Description: Modern dance/party music
- The Mathship
  - Time: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - Description: Funk/soul

**Saturday**
- Rock U
  - Time: 9 p.m.-midnight
  - Description: Classic rock, trivia
- More info?
  - Description: www.881theburg.com

**Sunday**
- The Hertz Review
  - Time: 7-9 p.m.
  - Description: Classic and jazz music by CWU music students and faculty, news and trivia
- The Weekly Geek
  - Time: 7-10 a.m.
  - Description: Talk/variety, celebrity interviews
- The 'Burg's New Music Show
  - Time: 9 p.m.-midnight
  - Description: Hip-hop
- The Coast Is Clear
  - Time: 9-11 p.m.
  - Description: Emo
- The 'Burg Hootenanny
  - Time: 9-11 p.m.
  - Description: Punk/ska

**Electronic dubs**
- Time: 6-9 a.m.
- Description: Live broadcast from Rodeo Bowl, featuring modern dance and hip-hop beats
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Classic films are back
by Tieh-Pai Chen

Unlike the mainstream films shown in local theaters, Central Washington University's Classic Film Series presents films not usually on the screens in Ellensburg. Michael Moore's "Bowling for Columbine" opened the film series this quarter and set the tone for the next two months. Nine films, including six foreign films and three U.S. films, will be shown at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the McConnell Auditorium.

Single admission tickets are $3 and sold at the door. Bargain passes, which are good for five admissions, are $12 and available at the ticket counter in the Samuelson Union Building, English Department, Jermol's Book and Supply Company and at the door.

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T-shirt sale supports vaginas
by Janelle Penney

V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. The "V" in V-Day stands for victory, valentine and vagina.

The Center for Student Empowerment is pre-selling t-shirts. Jan. 12-16 in the SUB pit to benefit V-Day and promote the second annual performance of "The Vagina Monologues," opening Feb. 11.

"All proceeds go to benefit Aspen and the Kittitas County Action Council (KCAC)," Kerrie Nelson, Program Supervisor for The Center for Student Empowerment, said.

The T-shirts cost $12 and will be available to pick-up Jan. 25 in the SUB pit.

Central Washington gallery features hidden treasures
by Ryutaro Hayashi

Something difficult to find might be even more precious than something easy to walk into. Finding and going in the Central Washington Gallery, located at the corner of Third and Water Street, is somewhat difficult because there are few signboards, and the gallery's entrance is set at the side of the building as if the entrance was intentionally hidden.

Although the gallery does not change exhibits often, it boasts a wide variety of artwork created mainly by local artists. Some of the works includes paintings, photographs, computer graphics, and jewelry. The jewelry is not the typical diamond or platinum. It is made from decayed oak tree, shined moderately.

One painting that Reuben JC Edinger, the owner of the gallery, never stops praising is set at the corner of the gallery. According to Edinger, its composition has no error at all. A wide variety of colors cover the canvas, harmonizing well with each other. What is more, the painting is not the typical diamond or platinum. It is made from decayed oak tree, shined moderately.

Edinger says that art is a form of sharing personal feelings about life.

"Good art is a touch stone," he continues, "A good art helps us keep in touch with ourselves."

For more information, visit the Web site at www.centralwashington-gallery.org.

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UNDERWOOD: Performance honors Martin Luther King Jr.

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number of high profile movies, including "Full Frontal," "Rules of Engagement," "Set it Off" and "Malibu's Most Wanted." Underwood is reminiscent of classic movie stars like Cary Grant and Gregory Peck, Ally Dawson, Brentwood Magazine writer, said. "He's a natural leading man, not just handsome, but also thoughtful and attentive, with a great sense of humor." Most recently, Underwood played a recurring role as Dr. Robert Leeds, the New York Knicks' team physician and love interest of Miranda, on HBO's "Sex and the City." Underwood has received awards for his acting and charity work, as well as for his good looks. He earned a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Image Award for "Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Film" for his work in "Rules of Engagement;" People magazine ranked him as one of the "50 Most Beautiful People" in 2000; and he received the Humanitarian Award from the Los Angeles Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association in 1993. "It is my hope that ("IM4") fits something in every person who attends. The Diversity Center's theme this year is 'Be the Change,' and we want students to get involved in something meaningful to them," Webb said. "Perhaps this event will instill a sense of activism in students. Tickets for "IM4" are free for Central Washington University students and $10 for general admission. Tickets are available at the Samuels Union Building recreation ticket counter. Central students must pick up their free tickets in advance to guarantee seats.

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Get out of town
Seattle events

By Paul Kobylnsky
Staff reporter

One thing almost every musician and band in the world hates is being labeled, or even worse, being compared to another well-known musician or band. This is something Visqueen has had to deal with since their inception in 2001. However, my recommendation is for anyone out there desperately searching for music that offers something different for your ear's pleasure, then maybe it would be best for you to look elsewhere.

But hey, this kind of music isn't supposed to be technically demanding. It's rock 'n' roll after all. Aside from the domineering cliche problem, this album does dish out fun music for the masses.

The band is a conglomeration of two previously semi-successful Seattle bands, The Fastbacks and HAFACAT. Singer and guitarist Rachel Flotard and drummer Ben Hooker started Visqueen and soon enlisted the expertise of former Fastbacks bassist and singer Kim Warnick to work her bass and vocal magic for the completed Visqueen.

If you're in the mood to listen to a CD of music that sounds like everything else Clear Channel's radio stations spoon-feed the quickly numbing masses then maybe this music is for you. After all, it is a fun CD.

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Visqueen
At a glance
Ben Hooker (drums)
Kim Warnick (bass, vocals)
Rachel Flotard (guitar, vocals)

Have played with The Donnas, New Pornographers, Guided by Voices and more.

Album released on their own record label, BlazDisguise, and was produced by Barrett Jones (Foo Fighters).

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Students jump at snow day

by Andrew Grinaker

SPORTS

Fun in the snow or sun
by Haley Weston

Staff reporter

Although a layer of dense fog engulfs Kittitas Valley, the air is cold and there is nearly a foot of snow covering the desert landscape. The outdoor adventure club is hot to trot with new activities and adventures.

Winter weather makes some college students retreat to the warmth and comfort of a house, apartment or residence hall. For students interested in a challenge and a good time, the outdoor adventure club offers snowshoeing, sledding, cross country skiing, rock climbing, horseback riding and whitewater rafting.

The club offers a wide range of events, so you don't have to be an expert to enjoy the club's activities, but at the same time the club is trying to offer more technical trips, such as a Mount Rainier or Mount Baker hike, Scott Lendingham, club treasurer and junior political science major, said.

Although club turnout during winter quarter is low, the spring horseback riding trip to Mount St. Helens before hiking up to the summit. The trip, which is among the highest in attendance, is led by the club's adviser, Rob Perkins.

"You're above all the clouds and have a great view of Mount Rainier in the distance," Sara Hanson, club secretary and junior dietetics-nutrition major, said. "You begin to appreciate nature so much more and it is so refreshing. It is a little bit difficult, physically, but I will never forget that trip."

The club group rates make the activities less expensive for participants. Although the club requires dues, many of the trips can be reimbursed by the university. For interested students, the club also provides carpooling options.

The first trip a student participates in is always a no-dues-necessary trip and is for prospective members to try out the club. The dues for the club are $5 per quarter or $10 up front for the academic year.

"There are people of all different skill levels in this club and if you are a beginner and you want to try something this is the time: don't be scared to try something new," Donahue said.

Meetings are every third Wednesday. The next meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 in the Samuelson Union Building. For more information contact outdoorclub@cwu.edu.

The trips are cheap and really worth it.

Callie Hayes

sophomore

Ryan Leveng takes flight off a homemade jump as residents of Timothy Park enjoy their day off Wednesday, Jan. 7.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Comfort and relaxation were far from the minds of the Central Men's basketball team over the winter break.

The Wildcats suffered two losses this past weekend, the first to Seattle University, 75-72 on Thursday and the second to Northwest Nazarene, 79-73, on Saturday. The Wildcats dropped to 3-10 overall and 0-4 in Greater Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) play.

The game on Thursday versus the Redhawks from Seattle University saw early hot shooting by the Wildcats only to be followed by ice cold shooting. The Wildcats made 11 of their first 16 shots, followed up by 31 percent shooting in the second half. Central was led by Jay Thomas' 13 points and 9 rebounds.

On Saturday, Northwest Nazarene came in on fire and opened up a 13 point lead at halftime. The Wildcats fought back to pull within 2 with under a minute to play, but couldn't pull it out as Northwest Nazarene came away with the road (GNAC) victory.

"I went into the club not knowing anyone and came out knowing a great group of people. There isn't any reason not to try it out." 

Every November the club takes a trip to Mount St. Helens. The group camps at the base of Mount St. Helens before hiking up to the summit. The trip, which is among the highest in attendance, is led by the club's adviser, Rob Perkins.

"You're above all the clouds and have a great view of Mount Rainier in the distance," Sara Hanson, club secretary and junior dietetics-nutrition major, said. "You begin to appreciate nature so much more and it is so refreshing. It is a little bit difficult, physically, but I will never forget that trip."

The club group rates make the activities less expensive for participants. Although the club requires dues, many of the trips can be reimbursed by the university. For interested students, the club also provides carpooling options.

The first trip a student participates in is always a no-dues-necessary trip and is for prospective members to try out the club. The dues for the club are $5 per quarter or $10 up front for the academic year.

"There are people of all different skill levels in this club and if you are a beginner and you want to try something this is the time: don't be scared to try something new," Donahue said.

Meetings are every third Wednesday. The next meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 in the Samuelson Union Building. For more information contact outdoorclub@cwu.edu.

The winter break for the Women's basketball team brought highs and lows, but definitely a promise that this team is out to prove something.

The Wildcats split two games over the weekend, beating Seattle University, 60-55 on Thursday and losing to a physical Western Washington team, 81-72, on Saturday. The split brought the Wildcats record to 7-5 overall and 1-2 in Greater Northwest Athletic Conference play.

On Thursday, the Wildcat women started off slow, leading to multiple turnovers and bad shots. The women shot just 27 percent from the field in the first half. But after the 15 minute intermission at halftime, the Wildcats looked much sharper, running the floor and connecting on 48 percent of their shots in the second half. The Wildcats were led by Loni Aimsle with 17 points and 8 rebounds.

Saturday brought an entirely different game into Nicholson Pavilion, as the visiting Western Washington Vikings came with one thing in mind. Get physical.

The Vikings out rebounded the Wildcats by 19 and had 26 second chance points. The Wildcats led by as many as 14 in the first half, but their lead was cut to just two at halftime. Tessa Deboer and her 22 points led the Wildcats to a strong second half and never looked back. In the losing effort, Laura Wright had 17 points and 7 rebounds.

The trip was cheap and really worth it.

Callie Hayes

sophomore

by Andrew Grinaker

Sports editor

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The break included a six game losing streak, the longest in over eight years. One positive coming out of the tough losses is that Central lost by an average of 5.5 points during the six game losing streak, losing half of them by three points or less. This is the first 3-10 start for Central since the 1993-1994 season.
Swim team faces challenges of competition, new coach

by Krista Donovan
Staff reporter

It's been a rough season for the Central Washington University's swim team. So far this season the men's and women's swim teams have zero wins and four losses. Two of the losses came at home against Seattle University while the other two were on the road against Simon Fraser University and Whitworth College.

"The way the schedule has worked out we have had to swim the really strong schools multiple times, which is very unusual," Coach Jesse Weston said.

This season has also been different from many in the past because the Wildcats new coach Weston is in his first year as head coach. Weston has come in after being an assistant coach for the Wildcats for three years.

"Everyone is handling the coaching change pretty well," Senior Captain Michelle Fliver said. "There are always changes when you get a new coach. As always you have to learn to adjust to a coach when they are new."

The hardest thing about the coaching change is for the returning swimmers who saw one of last year’s teammates become a new coach.

"The transition has been harder for the returning swimmers, who never have had another coach here at Central. There was no adjustment."

Coach Jesse Weston talks to swimmers earlier in the week during practice. This is Weston's first season as coach.

On average, the Wildcats swim 20 hours a week. Practicing in the morning and after school takes up a major portion of their time. These swimmers are up to the challenges that the rest of this swim season could bring.

Central swims against Seattle University on Jan. 17 and University of Puget Sound on Jan. 19. Both of these swim meets will be away.

Underclassmen look to bright future on mats

by Aaron Miller
Asst. Sports editor

With 15 freshmen and a new coach, the Central Washington University wrestling team is young and optimistic about the future. However they do not lack leadership. Central returns three All-Americans and another team member that went to nationals last year.

First year Wildcat coach, Jeremy Zender had high expectations heading into this season but losing many returners forced him to rethink his strategy.

"You always want to win," Zender said. "There were a couple dual meets that we should have won, but it’s important that they continue to learn and get better."

So far this year, the Wildcats are 2-3 in dual meets with victories over Pacific University 21-20 and Yakima Valley Community College 33-7.

Their losses came from Montana State-Northern, Missouri Valley and Western Wyoming Community College.

Last weekend they competed in Gunnison, Colo. at the 14th annual Tracy Borr Invitational placing third out of five teams. They also had two members take top honors in the event. Freshman Jeff Nimick won at 149 pounds and junior D.C. Hazen took the title at 197 pounds.

Zender still has high hopes for his team this year, but realizes that he needs to plan for the next couple years as well.

"I think that we can still have three or four All-Americans," Zender said.

The wildcat’s next home meet is Friday, Jan. 23 at 5 p.m. in Nicholson Pavilion.

When teeth look crowded

Susan Savage, RDH

If you’re embarrassed because some of your teeth look crowded, it’s a condition you don’t have to endure. Sometimes crowded teeth are a matter of heredity, a condition you’ve had since you were born. Your teeth may be too large and your jawbones too small to accommodate them comfortably. When teeth don’t have enough room, they tend to crowd up and become overlapped.

The condition may have been caused by the premature loss of "baby" teeth. Primary teeth serve an important purpose by helping to guide the permanent teeth into proper position. If some are lost through accident or accident long before the replacements are ready to erupt, this can cause positioning problems. That’s why space maintainers are recommended when primary teeth are lost prematurely.

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Peak of the Week: Snow gods shine on Snoqualmie Pass

by Lindsey DiRe
Staff reporter

For skiers, snowboarders and of course snow bunnies the skiing at Snoqualmie Pass has improved. By no means is it the Swiss Alps or Whistler-Blackcomb of British Columbia but there is a vast difference from what The Summit has to offer now than what it had three years ago. With the unusual snow from recent storms, The Summit and Alpental offer two new snow park additions, a larger area for night skiing, alluring restaurants and live music. The growing popularity and practicality has facilitated more snowboarders and skiers to come visit the resort.

"They have started to target more college students and trick riders by providing $50 off coupons for season pass-holders. It gives it a different feel." - Lindsey DiRe, The Summit Outdoor Store in downtown Ellensburg said. "It works.

Every weekend, competitions for extreme skiing, skier cross, boarder cross and big air air scheduled, drawing in a variety of outdoor personalities. At The Summit and Alpental there is something for everyone; groomed runs, backcountry for powder lovers, semi extreme, ski arks for jibbers, bunny hills for beginners and sledding hills.

There are 30 lifts and numerous runs that are accessible and distributed between the resort's high speed quad lifts and various smaller lifts.

Five snow parks are readily offered and include new Physics Majors, step downs and water fall rails for snowboarders and trick skiers.

The resort offers several rental brands ranging from Lange boots to Salomon and Rossignal skis. Lessons are offered in groups or given privately. Contact The Summit Learning Center to reserve lessons at 425-434-6700.

For more information check out The Summit and Alpental at their website www.summitatsnoqualmie.com or call them at 425-763-7469.

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The Seattle Sonics, on a high after their win over the Sacramento Kings last week, could not find the same magic when it counted most.

The Sonics, going for their fourth win in five days, fell to the Golden State Warriors 113-110 in overtime on Saturday. Despite 28 points from a now healthy Ray Allen, the Sonics could not stop the Warriors' veteran 6-foot-10 forward Clifford Robinson.

"It was a battle," Sonics' Coach Nate McMillan said, according to Sports Illustrated. "We had an opportunity to win that game in regulation. In overtime, it was back and forth."

"They hit some big shots to keep themselves in the game," McMillan said, "and it came down to who would make the big last play and they were the team to do that."

Seattle, now 19-16, trails the Western Conference leading Sacramento Kings by six-and-a-half games.

The Seattle Mariners have signed free-agent shortstop Rich Aurilia to a one-year, $3.5 million contract. Aurilia, who played for the San Francisco Giants last season, replaces Carlos Guillen, who was traded to the Detroit Tigers.

"Rich Aurilia brings us more power," manager Bob Melvin said, on the Mariners' official Web site. "He is a guy who has been a power-productive shortstop and we have been looking for more production (at shortstop). We feel this is the guy."

Aurilia has a higher batting average (.278-.264), and has hit more home runs (126-29) than Guillen. He has also made more errors (113-64). In the trade for Guillen, the Mariners received Ramon Santiago, a shortstop who hit .225 for the Tigers last year, and Juan Gonzalez, who played for the Class A West Michigan Whitecaps last season.