Observer

Central Washington University
Love in the air at Central

Brooke Faris, sophomore undecided major, and Zachary Patten, sophomore business major, browse the selection of Valentine's Day gifts at the University Bookstore.

New program to help ADD/ADHD students cope with disabilities

Editor's note: This is part of a series of stories highlighting service groups on campus.

by Carol Jodock
Staff reporter

The Disability Support Services office (DSS) is available to students with disabilities providing them equal access to Central Washington University's programs and services. "Our office gets the opportunity to work with some of the best students on campus," Robert Campbell, director of the DSS office, said.

DSS offers a wide range of accommodations for students who submit documentation of their disability to the office. From those documents, the office figures out what each student needs to succeed in class.

"Accommodations can range from having more time on tests in another room to using special computers to get the work done," Campbell said. One division of the DSS office is to support the deaf and hard of hearing students.

"We provide sign language interpreters and transcribers to students," Glenna Bain, coordinator of deaf and hard of hearing access services, said. "These services are provided in the classroom, for staff meetings, campus-wide lectures or theater productions—any situation where there would be a need for communication access."

Another service the office provides is a program called "TypeWell" where a student uses a laptop to transcribe lectures for students who are hard of hearing.

"We are the first school in the state to use this program," Campbell said. "It is a cost effective way to allow students who are hard of hearing to succeed in a class which is primarily discussion oriented."

The DSS office has also recently implemented a new peer mentoring program dedicated to helping students with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) at Central. The program, which meets at 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in Bouillion Hall, room 205, was started by student Kezia Iverson, who wanted to create an avenue where ADD/ADHD students can come and share their thoughts about school with one another.

Gay and lesbian couples to take plunge

by Becky Unger
Staff reporter

Love, freedom and marriage tensions are being felt across Central Washington University this week as Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA) members are taking the plunge for "Freedom to Marry" day. At noon today, two couples will be married in front of fellow students and friends by the Rev. Jane Newell in the Samuelson Union Building (SUB) pit.

"It's important to educate people on the importance of freedom to marry," Ann Grable, GALA educational coordinator, said. "Marriage is the ultimate, a civil union is not enough."

Central's GALA association has been active for nine years and supports gay students' rights to marry. Students have been participating in "Freedom to Marry" day for the last few years, resulting in many students speaking their vows.

Local Dems turn out in support of candidates

by George Hawley
Staff reporter

All seats were filled when more than 400 Ellensburg Democrats met Sat., Feb. 7 at Valley View Elementary School to voice their preference for the Democratic nominee for president. Following the statewide trend, local Democrats overwhelmingly preferred Sen. John Kerry to other candidates.

Of the original nine Democratic candidates, Carol Moseley Braun, Sen. Joe Lieberman, and Rep. Dick Gephardt had already dropped out before the Washington caucus began.

"The prominent thing now is that there were originally nine candidates and three have dropped out, which makes it a little less interesting," Stefan Kahl, freshman mechanical engineering major and Dennis Kucinich supporter, said. "It's still going to be an interesting debate."

At the end of the day, Kerry won Washington.
Police Briefs

Compiled by Erik Swennison
Staff reporter

True determination
Feb 1, 2004

Someone called El Caporal and asked to talk to an employee named Francisco. When the subject was asked to come to the restaurant and kill Francisco, the employee threatened to come to the restaurant and kill Francisco.

One filthy thief
Feb 2, 2004

Gene Camaratua was reported standing in front of Kamola Hall at Central yelling about pornography on campus.

The fun never ends
Feb 3, 2004

A dark colored pick-up truck was reported as having small flashes of blue lights in the grill. It was parked near the intersection of Walnut and 18th Streets and the caller was afraid someone might think it was a police car.

Wanna be
Feb 4, 2004

A teenager was playing in traffic at the 100 block of 18th Avenue. According to the reporting person, the teenager almost caused two accidents in five minutes.

Beware the fake carpet cleaner
Feb 4, 2004

A homeowner along the 2200 block of Airport Road in Ellensburg reported a male subject had just urinated on the outside of her house. She also told the 911 dispatcher she thought it was the same subject that had harassed her granddaughter the night before.

Mini-sized maniac
Feb 5, 2004

A citizen reported finding some bones wrapped in a blanket on a ridge west of the parking lot in the Gingko state park near Vantage.

Graffiti was found on a vending machine in Kamola Hall at the south end of the second floor.

Exploits: Dems pick Kerry

More than 400 Kittitas County Democrats gathered Saturday at Valley View Elementary to support their candidates. John Kerry received 49 percent of the vote statewide.

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State with 49 percent of the delegates, defeating Howard Dean who had 30 percent. Dennis Kucinich came in third with eight percent. The caucus system is frustrating because you feel your vote just disappears quickly when you support a lesser candidate. Washington state assigns delegates based on the caucus system rather than a primary. The caucus convened at 10 a.m., but the election of delegates did not begin until 10:30 a.m. The support of each candidate was tallied and the number of delegates each candidate would receive was announced. In order to receive delegates, a candidate must have the support of at least 15 percent of the attendees.

Delegates will attend the county Democratic convention on April 24. The state convention will take place in June.

“Don’t let this be a one time thing,” Bob Johnson, chairman of the Kittitas County Democrats, said before the selection of delegates began. “We still have a lot of work to do.”

The general election is Nov. 2.

Expo starts fitness for life

Wellness Hour is a fitness program for faculty, staff and community members, sponsored by the Wildcat Wellness Center. Wellness Hour Expo was a 3-day, one-hour program offering free health and fitness exams such as blood pressure, flexibility, body fat testing and nutritional analysis.

We are offering the program to give faculty, staff and community members the opportunity to learn about their overall fitness,” said Otto, Wellness Center health educator.

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“After gathering the data from the participant we will do the same thing (the exams) the second week of March to see if there have been any changes or improvements,” Nicole Otto, Wellness Center health educator, said.

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House to open leadership opportunities

by Jeremie Wallis
Staff reporter

Leadership is becoming an essential skill to get ahead in the job market. With this in mind, Central Washington University is starting to give freshmen the needed jump into the leadership field on campus.

Kennedy Hall is starting a new program fall 2004 called The Leadership House, a program designed to give incoming freshmen opportunities to learn valuable leadership techniques in a joint venture between University Housing, Residence Hall Advisors and the Center for Excellence in Leadership (CEL). The goal of the program, according to Jennifer Fountain, CEL director, is to teach students the value of leadership and citizenship.

“I think our university has amazing leadership positions available and it’s our responsibility to train students and motivate them toward those positions,” Fountain said.

One of the ways students will be shown leadership traits is through watching effective leaders.

“We will invite other clubs and organizations to come in and facilitate leadership events to get students involved,” Richard DeShields, associate director of University Housing, said. “It will give some opportunity for students to connect with university leadership positions, leadership careers, and academic opportunities surrounding leadership.”

The program, according to Fountain, will be the main teaching technique.

“We will put students in real life situations and experiences where skills will be used,” she said. “Students will also learn from faculty where they can draw from their knowledge and research.”

The Leadership House is also trying to keep the students together so they may learn from each other.

“We are encouraging students to take University 101 and Family Consumer Science Student Leadership together,” DeShields said.

Incoming freshman are given a chance to express interest in the program when they apply for on-campus housing. Current students are allowed to register to be mentors in this program by re-applying for housing in Kennedy Hall through the reaplication process. Students in the program must live in Kennedy Hall, but the program may not be limited to just that residence hall.

“If there is a demand, the program will be expanded,” DeShields said.

Kennedy Hall will house a leadership program for incoming freshmen beginning in the fall.

“We chose Kennedy as a trial run because it is small and we want to assess interest,” DeShields said.

Students are encouraged to take part in this program because leadership, according to Fountain, may be the difference between getting a job in the real world and being looked over.
CHAT FIRESIDE participants. Senator education major is accepted around campus. "It's unfortunate that we have to put our programs like this," Tobias, he considers a setback by what students are worried that students are getting the wrong idea. I am really proud of the people that decide to get married," Kate Bainbridge, early childhood education major said.

GALA: Message has love, educates

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Civic engagement center promotes volunteerism

Students participating in an assortment of programs at Central Washington University's Civic Engagement Center are finding that academics and community participation go hand in hand.

"I realized what I wanted to be while working with the center," alumna Melissa Stokke, public relations graduate, said. "It led me to my career and gave me the opportunities I have now."

The Civic Engagement Center offers the opportunity to develop as a student and as a citizen by being actively involved in solving human and environmental challenges. The center offers a variety of programs providing thousands of hours of service to surrounding communities.

"You do make a difference," Lorinda Anderson, director of the Civic Engagement Center, said. "The capstone programs encourage students to create, develop and implement individual projects that showcase their expertise. This continued service ethic helps develop character and skills of a justice oriented citizen. The justice-oriented citizen calls attention to matters of injustice in the world and considers strategies for change that challenge injustices and address root causes of problems, Anderson said.

The goal of the Civic Engagement Center is to help students develop in a dynamic and symbiotic setting. The center strives to teach students that service enriches learning and learning enriches service. Civic Engagement Coordinator BreAnna Kramer, senior business administration major, is learning that when you give, you get. "It's a great way to do more than just go to school," Kramer said. "I enjoy helping people find something they are really excited about. It's more than a job. I am developing skills to manage and to motivate people." Julie Pendergrast, junior elementary education major, has been participating in the center's Student Educators Providing Service (STEPS) program. STEPS allows Pendergrast to take her education directly into a teaching/learning environment.

"I love to volunteer," Pendergrast said. "It is so much better being in the environment, teaching in class. Teaching in class helps you to know what you want to do. It's a lot of fun and I get to give something back. The most important thing I have learned is not to be selfish, but to be selfless."
Condom campaign

The Brazilian government has been carrying out a new condom campaign to fight the spread of AIDS. The government kicked off the AIDS campaign during Carnival, the famous four-day celebration, by distributing 10 million condoms.

DSS: Supports students' educational goals

According to Campbell, DSS is doing its best to help students who have a disability make the most of their educational experience. They want each student to succeed and live a full and happy life. With support from the school, the office is motivated to reach their goals and work harder to help students. "I am incredibly impressed with the support I receive from the university administration and especially from Dr. Charlotte Tullos and Keith Champagne from student affairs," Campbell said. "But the best resource is the faculty on campus. They know your strengths and capabilities." For more information on Central's Graduate Studies program, contact their office at 963-3103.

War compensation

A French government panel has ordered the repayment of $154 million to Jewish families whose homes and belongings were taken by Nazi soldiers during WWII. The panel, The Commission for the Indemnity of Looted Victims, has received over 15,000 requests since 1999, when it was created.

Free elections?

In a strategic attempt to keep the presidential seat, South African President Thabo Mbeki set the date for the general elections on April 14. President Mbeki hopes his party, the African National Congress, will hold onto the two-thirds seats it controls in the legislature and ensure his re-election.

Mosque and state

The French National Assembly voted 494-36 to ban Muslim headscarves and other religious attire from its public schools. The ban requires all students to participate in physical education courses and recognize curriculum on the Holocaust and human reproduction. Opponents argue that the bill is dangerous and will only anger the large Muslim population. The bill is expected to pass in the Senate on March 2.

Car bombing

A car bomb explosion killed 50 people and wounded 60 others standing outside a police station in Iraq on Monday. The attack was the third deadliest bombing since American occupation of Iraq. Officials think it was the job of Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Psychology professor Robert Sorrells gave a free lecture advising potential graduate students on how to apply.

Fevergeon suggested accessing the Internet as a resource while searching for the perfect graduate school. Many Web sites like www.gradschools.com allow students to search for graduate schools that match a student's discipline or regional preference.

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As children we are taught to “love one another” and “love thy neighbor” with every breath we take. Our parents remind us to show respect for everything, mind our manners and in some form, show others we care every single day. And then along comes Valentine’s Day. A seemingly worthless holiday of manufactured greetings and nauseating color schemes to bring it all to a head: a 24-hour reminder to tell everyone you love them for the umpteenth time that month, that week, that day.

I’m not bitter about Valentine’s Day. I have no reason to be. And you’re not going to find a sob story of forgotten valentines, break-ups in February or evidence of mistrust discovered on the day of love in this column. I hate Valentine’s Day because I don’t get Valentine’s Day…to be honest, I don’t see a need.

If someone could just give me a valid reason for Valentine’s Day, I’d be happy! After all, do we really need a day to remind those near and dear to us that we care, because last I checked the idea of “love one another” is year-round. It is not limited to select Hallmark holidays.

You see, we’ve gotten so wrapped up in Valentine’s Day that it doesn’t even hold a candle to what its original purpose was. Instead, we use it to score brownie points, remove ourselves from the doghouse and desperately try to get lucky. We’ve forgotten that Valentine’s Day means more than covering your house in paper hearts or eating so many Cherry Cordials you may get sick. We’re obsessed with what we hope to get out of it by showing affection. We’d be better off calling Valentine’s Day what it is: A self-promoting holiday.

Because all we want from Valentine’s Day is for someone to tell us we’re special, how much they care about us; that everything we do makes us special, how much they care about us; that everything we do makes us feel loved, then love yourself, and only yourself, on Feb. 14.

Buy yourself roses. Tell yourself how much you care. Send yourself a present (To Me, Love Me) and then tell yourself how thoughtful you were for remembering. At least you know you won’t forget yourself and it will be everything you ever wanted it to be.

--Susan Buskey

Letters to the Editor

Safe Ride staffer thanks Observer

Dear Observer,

I am writing this letter to praise you for the positive mentions of Safe Ride you placed in your February 5th publication. First of all, thank you for dispelling the myth regarding the lack of safety of our vans; it is quite true that the Safe Ride drivers do a phenomenal job of driving these large vehicles. Furthermore, you mentioned Safe Ride in your article on the Wellness Center, and outlined its purposes of reducing the rate of drunk driving as well as sexual assault—an aspect of Safe Ride that not all students are aware of.

I think it is essential that the students of CWU be aware of Safe Ride as a resource for them, and to make a right hand turn on 15th traveling south on D St. and decided to flip you off, in fact I believe the original (you know who you are) stepped out in front of me to cross D St. when she saw my turn signal come on. I was completely OK with all of this, but when I went to turn, I didn’t... I was traveling straight at this girl and could do nothing about it except lay on my horn. I wasn’t trying to be a jerk, I was trying to get her attention, I was a little more than 5 feet from her when my car finally turned.

My question is: do the theorists of this overcorrecting girls common sense? If it is slick outside and I am a pedestrian, I am not taking my eyes off of the 2 ton projectiles that are trying to separate me from my life. Now, this young ladies efforts to remove herself from the gene pool are admirable, I just wish she would not do it at my expense. Not every body who is banking is looking to flip you off, in fact I believe the original

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Dear Editor:

Ever since high school, I have known that I am different. The jokes it didn’t laugh at and the connotations I was excluded from only helped to affirm my suspicions. I was not average and just didn’t seem to “fit in” with the mainstream. Now in college, I realize that no matter the obstacles, the jokes, posters, and ridiculous campus antics, I am irritated with unintelligent comments, ignorant opinions. My beliefs are not socially acceptable, but I have made a decision to speak proudly declare, “I am a conservative college student.”

As a conservative college student, I am questioning is whether as you thinking? I thought a college student “freedoms.” Maybe they’re right. Why needs pollutants the politics of this country? Perhaps what is truly the “tragedy” in today’s times is that even $1.5 billion can buy integrity.

Leslie Montgomery

Language arts education major

Live music isn’t new here

This letter is in response to last week’s article “Music Scene Explodes” by Paul Kolybery. Although I am pleased to see musicians, venues, and the scene all come together, I do disagree with some of the points made. I really enjoyed the quote “after a decline in the music scene in recent years, music is now upsing in Ellensburg.” This is extremely far from the truth but unfortunately the “diverse” town of Ellensburg doesn’t care.

For many many people in this town have put a lot of work into creating a music scene in this town. Venues such as Café Eden and the Liquid Lounge would argue that the people here don’t give a crap about music or at least live music. Kids have lived in Ellensburg their whole lives and they have had the only that music that gets attention is recorded MTV rock and lame cover bands. I’m pleased that there are others that still put on shows or play music in town.

Last year, I was under the assumption that if you put the work into something people would talk about it here that the people would attend. This was further from the truth. We put a lot of work into no less than five different music scenes and they all failed. We failed. Kids had to basically be bribed to pay a few bucks to attend these shows. Once we charged $7 for three bands from Norway, California, and Seattle and premiered two skate films and a lot of kids complained that this was too steep a price. Who has been to a tiny uncomfortable theater that you watch a movie lately? Not to mention that it was like pulling teeth for Central’s own radio station and newspaper to cover any of these events set up by a central club. We beg for coverage and are never negatively covered in the next issue because the show had energy. I thought that what’s music was supposed to do was inspire. But when venues will be able to actually operate with live music and not just recorded dance music. Hopefully in the future Ellensburg will wake up and embrace "good" live music so that local and outside musicians can finally play to an interested crowd.

Braden Beise
Senior
Marketing major

Vagina Monologues

“F’ bomb” unnecessary

Dear Editor:

This is about the full page article on the Vagina Monologues. I really only have one question, what were you thinking? I thought a college student “freedoms.” Maybe they’re right. Why needs pollutants the politics of this country? Perhaps what is truly the “tragedy” in today’s times is that even $1.5 billion can buy integrity.

However, there was a large error in the article. Davis used a picture of the Main Street Dell’s adverting a daily special out of context. This manipulation of actual facts essentially changed the perspective that we are supposed to buy. Tyler Davis writes, “A cow at the 18th Street Grocery and Deli advertises a bargain lunch. The Deli is popular with students because of its close proximity to campus.”

Not only as a student in the communication department, but also as a student of the Main Street Dell, I find this makes me irate. I am paying tuition, and spending my time putting effort into communication and public relations classes such as ethics, journalism by Tyler Davis. Mr. Davis, a representative of the Rider Central’s student body, provides an example of journalistic incompetence. Instead of being educated about values, the author counters Bush, stating that education is of primary concern, not “nothingness” as Bush seeks. I was astonished that Bush invested 1.5 billion dollars in to repair the 30 years that Bush侵占 of media’s sanctity of marriage) but instead needs to be tied down by the system.” Give me a picture of the producer and the “F’ bomb” they seemed to be placed on the page just for shock value alone.

The use of pornographic material in the background (i.e. pictures of several sex acts being performed) diminishes the caliber of the Observer this week. Such visual adult content material is reserved for those who are 18 years old and older. While promoting sexual values to a majority wants her - vagina to wear “anything, because it doesn’t want to be tied down by the system.” Give me a picture of the producer and the “F’ bomb” they seemed to be placed on the page just for shock value alone.

Editors note: Swear words are trimmed. William R. Smith
Senior
Flight technology

Not only did you water down the meaning and I see no real reason to print it in its entirety. Maybe some day venues will be able to actually operate with live music and not just recorded dance music. Hopefully in the future Ellensburg will wake up and embrace “good” live music so that local and outside musicians can finally play to an interested crowd.

Sincerely,
Ryan Woods
Junior

Editor’s note: The error in the full page article continued from 6 Observer regarding the Vagina Monologues and a “question + correction” section need to respond. First of all I want to say that I am glad to hear that The Vagina Monologues are here on campus. I am sure, most were involved Thank you. Communication key is for this board so carry on the year and rock it you make it possible for us on the inside to get in and we will.

Vagina Monologues

Michael and his brother Dan

Editor’s note: Swear words are included in the Observer when they pose a question or a compound sentence. The Observer staff feels it is in the best interest of the students of Central to not censor quotes. The question “If you had gone to the movies and seen “F’ bomb,” what would it wear?” comes from the script of the Vagina Monologues. Also, it was not the intention of the editorial staff for adult videotapes to be clearly seen in one photo’s background.
by Tyler Davis
Staff reporter

To party or not to party is often the question Central Washington University students ask themselves, a drink in one hand and a textbook in the other. And while students have differing opinions about whether or not Central is a "party school," faculty and administration members prefer the school to have a more clean cut image.

The Wildcat Wellness Center surveyed 500 students two years ago with the National College Health Assessment from the American College Health Association. The results from the drug and alcohol section are posted in various locations on Central's campus.

An additional 100 students were recently polled at random by The Observer with an informal survey asking questions similar to the Wellness Center's survey. The results were essentially comparable, but the informal survey also asked whether students feel Central is a party school or not.

Exactly half of the students polled feel Central is indeed a party school, and 68 percent of those who think so do not find that to be a problem. "I bet you could find a party everyday here," Dustin Strop, freshman undecided, said. "But I think people can make the decision to drink or not."

The remaining 52 percent of students who think Central is a party school are concerned about the effect a vibrant party scene has on students' academic experience.

"I think that getting drunk is irresponsible and dangerous for the people who are getting drunk and is a disruption for people around them," Scott Brownell, senior elementary education major, said. "It has very negative consequences."

The Wellness Center survey shows that only 6.9 percent of students consume six alcoholic beverages or more at parties, compared to the 30 percent of the informal poll who admit to drinking seven or more. However, the results of both show that the majority of students consume no more than four alcoholic drinks at parties.

AND A PARTY SCHOOL IS...?

Whether a student or faculty member, every interviewee had a unique perspective of what actually defines a party school. Some say that nightly gatherings in various locations where a group of people mingle holding a beer in their hand would be enough to convince them Central is a party school.

"Bed races, frat parties, bonfires with groups of 10 to 15 people just having fun with a keg is my idea (of a party school)."

Josef Hegedus
junior music education

"Looking at our stats compared to other schools, I would say no to Central being a party school," Nicole Otto, Wellness Center health educator, said.

The American College Health Association also surveyed Western Washington (WWU) University in Bellingham, and The Harvard School of Public Health studied the party habits of Washington State University (WSU) students in Pullman.

Like Central, four alcoholic drinks at parties is the maximum for the majority of students at WSU and WWU. But according to the surveys, students at the three schools also compare in their vastly different perceptions of their fellow students' party habits.

Central students say that 50 percent of other students use alcohol daily, while only 1.2 percent report actually doing so. Students at Western say that nearly 20 percent of other students drink daily, but less than one percent actually do.

COMPARING STATS

"Students log on and see the pictures and they think that because there's a Web site dedicated to parties here that it's a party school," Rittereiser said.

Misconceptions

Rittereiser also said labeling a party school has more to do with reputation, media attention and word-of-mouth. He pointed out that the Web site www.wildcatparties.com, which hosts pictures of Central-related parties, plays a big part in people's perceptions of Central being a party school.

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"A party school is (one in which) the primary objective to attend is to party," McIntyre said. "The majority of students I talk to are serious about coming here to get a degree."
Knit happens

Club has people pulling out sticks

by Tieh-Pai Chen
Staff reporter

In an age when people spend time using their hands for typing on keyboards more than anything else, knitting is a way to use the fingers for something creative. Once thought to be just a hobby for grandmothers, knitting has a hip new image, one that’s reflected by Stitch N’ Bitch, the now, informal knitting group on campus.

Yoko Kan, the organizer of Stitch N’ Bitch, came up with the idea a few months ago to form the group for people to learn how to stitch and share their ideas about fiber art.

“There are a lot of people around our age who want to learn more about knitting,” Kan said. “You can see lots of people wearing handmade scarves and hats around campus. It’s a wearable art. It is just like a reprise of accomplishment right there.”

The group’s name comes from Debbie Stoller’s knitting handbook, “Stitch N’ Bitch.” Stoller is the editor of the feminist magazine Bust; however, instead of defining knitting as a female-only craft, the Central Washington University group welcomes anyone to participate and enjoy the process of knitting and crocheting.

Lillian McDevitt, Stitch N’ Bitch co-organizer, believes knitting and crocheting are just forms of artistic expression, and men can do them just as well as women.

“Knitting is not just a fiber art for women.”

McDevitt said. “It’s not gender based.” According to a survey from the Craft Yarn Council of America, knitting popularity in the United States has doubled in the last six years for people under age 45. The survey indicates that knitting may be increasingly attractive to younger people because the media has portrayed the craft as cool and hip.

“What’s cool about knitting is that it’s not about conforming to what everybody else is doing, but about expressing yourself in your personal way through something creative,” Allison Calhoun, junior music performance major, said. “Knitting is not just old lady stuff.”

The next Stitch N’ Bitch meeting will be at 7 p.m., Feb. 22 in the student lounge in Hertz Hall. Anyone from the community and campus is welcome to learn or to bring work to share.

Theater students face tough crowd at competition

by Paul Kobylensky
Staff reporter

On Feb. 17, the majority of Central Washington University’s Theatre Arts department will join students from Oregon, Alaska, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming at the University of Idaho for the Northwest Drama Conference. During the week-long conference, Central students will compete for the chance to go to the national Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Washington D.C.

Many of these students have been nominated in three of the main theatrical categories: playwriting, acting and design. The nominations come from respondents hired to watch performances and select individual nominees.

“All of the students are very excited to go,” Delondra Johnson, senior Theatre Arts major and nominee, said.

The competitions are constructed in tournament form. Individuals are put into groups to perform a piece for the judges. Winners continue to semi-finals and finals with two winners going on to the Kennedy Center.

Because of the high level of competition, a lot of preparation is needed.

“We actually have a class dedicated to this conference because there are a lot of requirements,” Justina Schwartz, senior Theatre Arts major and marketing assistant for the department, said.

The actors who have been nominated will compete for an award called the Irene Ryan scholarship, named after actress Irene Ryan of Beverly Hillbillies’ fame.

Along with the nominated students, Central will take two of its one-act plays nominated in the playwright category: “The Conventionizers” by Central alumnus Josh Schulz, and “Max Weaver” by Shayne McNeil, senior Theatre Arts major, and Victor Velazquez Jr., Theatre Arts graduate student.

“(The competition) is very stressful,” Schwartz said. “If someone has their performance early, we try and send them back to sleep because of the stress.”

The stress is often not only a product of their performance but also due to the pride these students have for Central’s theater department.

“You’re a representative of Central, so you want to reflect positively,” Velazquez said. Students have time to calm their nerves in workshops and classes on a range of theater-related topics interspersed throughout the conference. The workshops are taught by professors from Central and the competing schools.

“The workshops aren’t mandatory, but most students go to relax and meet people,” Schwartz said. But the competitions aren’t far from anyone’s mind.

“We do look forward to it because it’s a time to show our best,” Schwartz said. Just being nominated improves the possibility of helping the students out in their careers.

“In a lot of resumes, it shows as an honor,” Johnson said. According to Johnson, it’s also an honor to have the shot at performing at the Kennedy Center because of all of the performances that have been there through the years.

“We don’t know what’s going to happen,” Schwartz said. “I do think we have a lot of potential.”

Professor rocks out after class

Standing Travis is a local band that includes chemistry professor Anthony Diaz. The group performed at 10 p.m. on Feb. 7 at The Mint Bar and Grill, and you didn’t have to take Diaz’s class to see that the group’s chemistry was outstanding.

The show was full of high energy and excitement throughout the performance. The group was incredibly in sync with a variety of original songs, written by the band. Inspiration for their songs seemed to come from many musical genres, primarily classic rock and jazz.

“We’re going to wail,” Diaz said when I spoke to the professor prior to their performance. And the crowd seemed ready for some wailing. As I took my seat during the sound check, a voice from the crowd shouted, “Standing Travis rules!” The crowd was packed with many of Diaz’s students and others who came to see the professor rock out.

During the show, I found the drums and bass kept the beat in rhythm, while the two guitars and vocals laced the track, giving it a live and in-your-face feel.

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Students get together, get hitched, get dumped

by Marcus Tabert
Staff reporter

With Valentine’s Day just around the corner, the sound of students cutting out paper hearts can be heard everywhere on campus. Well, maybe not everywhere.

For some, Feb. 14 is just another day, for others it’s a time for love and celebration. “(My husband and I are) going to go over to Leavenworth to stay at one of the little cottages there, so that should really be fun,” Kate Mutchler, senior broadcast journalism major, said. “We love the pubs there.”

Often, Valentine’s Day sparks memories of how couples met and the good times they have had. Mutchler met her husband at a dance club when she was 17 years old. They dated for five years and have been married for four.

“It’s been quite a love story,” Mutchler said. “It’s been a long time coming, but it’s been awesome, and I’d marry him again today.”

Although Mutchler is happily married and living a love story, she still has difficulties balancing her education and relationship.

“I wasn’t in school (when we got married),” Mutchler said. “He was in school and he got his degree and it was fine and now it’s a struggle. But it’s good. I’m so glad to have him to go through that with (me).”

Despite her apparent happiness, Mutchler does not advise students to follow her example. “I don’t do anything personally because I’m not dating anyone. (Valentine’s Day is) kind of another way to have another anniversary-type day.”

Karissa Robinson, freshman accounting major, has some advice. “Go get a valentine,” Ward said. “Go get someone. There’s some people where I’m like, ‘I hope I don’t see them, I hope I don’t see them,’” Robinson said. “(You have) one crazy night and then all of a sudden it’s like, ‘Oh crap.’ You have to see their friends. This school is big, but I wear you only see the people you don’t want to see.”

Despite her reservations, Robinson has not written off Valentine’s Day. “I think it’s a cute holiday, but it kind of reminds me of being little and cutting out paper hearts and stuff like that,” Robinson said. “Sometimes maybe I’ll decorate or something, but I don’t do anything personally because I’m not dating anyone. (Valentine’s Day) is kind of another way to have another anniversary-type day.”

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The mountain pass between Lachman and her boyfriend is an obstacle that forces them to work extra hard at making their relationship work. Two states and a Mexican border present an even larger obstacle between Miguel Sanchez-Montoya, junior film and video studies major, and his girlfriend.

“Sanchez-Montoya said, “We were friends for a year (before) I went down there. I stayed in her house and the second day we became boyfriend and girlfriend.”

Sanchez-Montoya said the distance puts a lot of emotional stress on the relationship, since they cannot see each other regularly. But despite the distance, the two manage to keep in regular contact.

“I just talked to her yesterday for two hours, and online for two hours everyday last week,” Sanchez-Montoya said. “It’s not hard to keep in contact because there are computer labs everywhere so I can go anywhere and e-mail her.”

Marriages and long-distance relationships present a lot of complexities, but on-campus relationships also possess their share of difficulties.

Karissa Robinson, freshman accounting major, is not currently dating anyone, but she has had previous problems with getting involved with on-campus students.

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The explosive drum and electric guitar solos were mind blowing, making this band a must-see.

“It’s great to see a professor have fun and express his passions other than in the context of a classroom,” Rachel Baltrusis, freshman business major, said.

The group consists of Diaz on guitar and vocals, Jim Stone on lead guitar, Dan Cann on bass and Travis Poirier on drums. Their name came from an inside joke that involves their drummer, Poirier, and a bit of Crown Royal…was Travis standing? The band has been together for about a year and a half and has performed mainly on the west side of the mountains. Their show at The Mint was their first performance in Ellensburg, but they hope to play more locally, possibly around May.

“We love to jam in front of an audience,” Diaz said. “We hope they are going to like it, but if not, we still have fun.”

I suggest attending the band’s next gig in town when the time comes around. The group is laid back and a great bunch of guys to talk to, and not only that, these guys really can play!
Mix TAPE: Love Songs

1. Frank Sinatra - "Lett's Fall in Love"
2. U2 - "The Sweetest Thing"
3. The Beatles - "I Want To Hold Your Hand"
4. The Jackson Five - "ABC"
5. Lauren Hill - "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You"
6. The Darkness - "Sunday Morning"
7. Dwight Yoakam - "Crazy Little Thing Called Love"
8. Norah Jones - "Come Away With Me"
9. The Doors - "Touch Me"
10. Dwight Yoakam - "Crazy Little Thing Called Love"
11. Lauren Hill - "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You"
12. The Turtles - "Happy Together"
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Mix TAPE: Single Songs

1. Joan Jett - "I Hate Myself for Loving You"
2. Gloria Gaynor - "I Will Survive"
3. Destiny's Child - "Independent Women"
4. REM - "Everybody Hurts"
5. Hot Hot Heat - "Bandages"
6. The Police - "Can't Stand Losing You"
7. Sheryl Crow - "All I Wanna Do"
8. Beck - "Loser"
9. Culture Club - "Do You Really Want To Hurt Me?"
10. Cheap Trick - "I Want You To Want Me"
12. Kym Mazelle - "Young Hearts Run Free"
13. Frank Sinatra - "The Girl Next Door"
14. The Beatles - "Hey Jude"

Michael L 'Esperance and Amy Ingram celebrate Valentine's Day after dating for two months, who disobeyed Roman Emperor Claudius II's ban on marriage by wedding lovers in secret. It is believed that he was eventually caught, imprisoned and executed. This is the story that most commonly receives credit for the inspiration behind the romantic holiday.

Valentine's Day is observed in honor of Saint Valentine and is a time of death and romance. The ultimate "what if" story, the classic fairy tale. Cinderella saves the hapless Prince Charming in a tale of dark ages girl power.

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Dry mouth and sudden development of periodontal or gum disease may be an early sign of diabetes. Your dentist is trained to be on the alert for other signs of illness in addition to dental disease. That's another good reason for making sure you have your teeth and gums checked regularly.

"Quality, concerned care for the entire family"
Men's winning streak continues

by Adam Jack
Staff reporter

The tide has turned for the Central Washington University men's basketball team and they now find themselves on the winning side of the close games they were losing before. The Wildcats were on the road last weekend and picked up two big wins. The first win came against Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) on Thursday. The second win came against Seattle University (SU) on Saturday. The Wildcats have now won four games in a row after losing seven consecutive games. With the wins the Wildcats improved to 7-13 overall and 4-7 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

On Thursday, the Wildcats were down by as many as 20 points in the second half, but defensive intensity got them back in the game and the Wildcats eventually won the game 88-83. "We turned up the pressure on defense and they couldn’t handle it,” senior forward Tyler Mitchell said. The Wildcats outscored NNU 55-30 during the final 18 minutes of the game and allowed just 19 shot attempts. The Wildcats were led by senior guard Scott Freymond’s 20 points and seven assists. Mitchell chipped in for the Wildcats with 17 points, five rebounds and three steals.

Junior guard Chris Lynn’s play helped spark the Wildcat comeback as he scored all of his 13 points in the second half. "We’ve been down before and nobody had their head down,” Lynn said. “We picked up the defensive pressure.”

The Wildcats limited turnovers committing just three in the second half, compared to 11 in the first half. In the win over SU on Saturday, the Wildcats pulled out a “barn burner” 78-77 in overtime. Freymond hit a shot with five seconds to play in overtime that gave Central the win. “I just had to make this shot,” was what was going through my mind,” Freymond said.

Junior forward Kyle Boast made a huge defensive play blocking the shot of SU’s Ryan Webb as time expired. Central led for most of the game until SU took its first lead with 4:45 to play. The Wildcats have found a way to pull games out this season and proved it in this game again down the stretch. Anthony Lewis hit a shot that gave Central a three point lead with five seconds left in regulation, but SU’s...

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Ice hockey club heats up Yakima rink

by Haley Weston
Staff reporter

With the movie “Miracle” in theaters, ice hockey is moving into the spotlight all over the country. At Central Washington University, ice hockey was introduced two years ago by Chad Campbell, a former Central student. After putting up posters, Campbell recruited enough players for a team.

"Let’s just say that first year was a building year,” goalie Aaron Harvey, junior, said. "But now we have been improving with each game and hopefully we will build on this and start beating teams like UW and Wazzu.”

Central’s ice hockey team plays approximately three weekends a month and about 20 games a season. The season begins in September and ends in February.

"Admission is free and we usually hang out afterward,” James Hogan, senior, coach, captain and assistant manager, said. "Anyone is welcome to come.” Since this is only the second year the team has existed and the first for it to be sanctioned by the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), the team is open to new players getting involved. Men and women are welcome to try out.

"It is a pretty tight-knit group,” Hogan said. “The team spends about as much time off the ice as on the ice.”

Many of the current players had never skated before, and there are only four or five of the original players still on the team.

"The team has a lot of new players, has a lot of fun and it is a great experience,” Cassi Nichols, sophomore assistant manager, said. "If they don’t have any prior experience (veteran players) can teach them about the game.”

Although the season is coming to an end, it’s not too late to catch Central’s hockey players in action. The team has a game against Gonzaga, which will be held in Wenatchee at the Riverfront Ice Arena on Feb. 21.

The team will also participate in a year-end tournament in the Tri-Cities the following weekend, Feb. 28 and Feb. 29. Central will be playing other league opponents.

The team practices at 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays at the Yakima Ice Arena. For more information, contact James Hogan at 933-3286.
Wildcat women split on the road

by Andrew Grinaker
Sports editor

Before Thursday night’s showdown with rival Western Washington University (WWU), the Wildcats had lost two tough road games and were looking to get back on the winning track. Looking to get back on the winning road were the harder road tough road games and were 28 at intermission. The Wildcats were defeated by foul trouble and a late WWU victory, 65-60. Freshman center Loni Ainslie were on the bench with foul trouble nearly the entire game, keeping two of Central’s four leading scorers non-factors in the outcome.

“I think that Western was trying to get more out of the people who like to drive a lot,” Wright said. “It was good to see that in our game, the Wildcats led by five. They can’t change the intensity and a swarming defense against Seattle University (SU). The Wildcats showed it on Thursday night. “I saw a lot of competitiveness in my teammates,” Wright said. “My teammates were dying to win and I thought it was cool to see that in them.” Saturday night proved to be much friendlier to the Wildcats. Coming off the emotional loss to WWU, the Wildcats came out with intensity and a swarming defense against Seattle University (SU). The Wildcats had a ten point lead in the middle of the first half but saw it erased by SU’s hot shooting. The Wildcats were tied at halftime 34-34 and in risk of losing their fourth straight conference game.

“Thursday was a big test for us and we knew we could beat them,” Jensen said. “I think we carried that mentality over into Saturday night.” The Wildcats started the second half with a 15-2 run and never looked back. The Wildcats pushed the lead out to a game high 23 points near the three minute mark, but gave up the final nine points of the game and won 77-63.

“We played a good game on Thursday but on Saturday we came together.” Hover said. “We played better defensive and we were ready to win.” The Wildcats were led once again by defense, forcing 24 turnovers and limited SU to 37.5 percent shooting in the second half. The Wildcats were led by senior Kelsey Ellis’s game high 19 points, 13 of them in the second half. Seniors Weiss and Jensen also added 16 and 13 points respectively.

“Our team put a lot of effort into both games,” Wright said. “We worked well in the game and hit so many good outside shots.” In the win brought the lady Wildcats record to 4-8 on the road this season with Humboldt State and Western Oregon still to play away from Nichols Pavilion. The Wildcats will be at home this weekend against Alaska Fairbanks on Thursday and Alaska Anchorage on Saturday. The Wildcats are 7-1 this season at home, with their lone loss coming to WWU earlier in the season. Both games will be at 7 p.m. in Nichols Pavilion. Admission for Central students is free.

Central students officiate games, player attitudes

by Kristin Donahue
Staff reporter

Referees in every sport get flack from the crowd and players, but this time it’s students yelling at student officials. Every quarter there are a number of students that participate in intramurals. This quarter there are around 1,200 students playing basketball, volleyball, soccer and racquetball. There are more students playing this quarter then ever before and all games are officiated by Central Washington University students.

“The response from students is tremendous this quarter, there are lots of students wanting to get involved,” Bob Ford, director of intramurals said.

Indoor soccer normally has eight teams but now there are 14. Basketball has two leagues with a total of 14 teams. With indoor soccer and basketball exploding, the demand for student officials has never been greater. The students playing intramurals are expected to listen to the referees. However, that isn’t always the case.

“There isn’t a lot of back talking and if there is, we don’t listen” Liesel Hill official stick to your guns.” Games typically run smoothly, but every once in awhile a problem with a student arises.

“The officials never have problems,” official Dominique Apodaca, junior public relations major, said. “But they (students) have problems with us because sometimes they take the game too seriously.” Students who cause such problems are faced with punishments that could lead to their team forfeiting or the player being permanently suspended from the intramural league.

“If there are any problems sometimes we let them get away with it, sometimes we go through a technical foul,” official Joe Gazarek, junior recreation management major, said. “If a problem continues, they get a second technical which means they get ejected from the game and a third foul, the team forfeits.” The officials go through two hours training every quarter in order to be qualified to work. The training includes drills on officials’ calls, placement on the court, and situations that could arise. There are about 15 students that officiate a number of different sports, working an average of 12 to 15 hours a week.

Volleyball and basketball intramurals take place Monday through Thursday nights until around 11 p.m. in Nichols Pavilion. Intramural soccer is played on Sunday’s from 2 p.m. until 11 p.m. For more information about intramurals or if you want to become an official contact Bob Ford at 963-3556 or visit www.cwu.edu/ rec/
For love of the game

MVP St. Louis Rams quarterback, Kurt Warner. When he wasn't leading his AFL team to an Arena bowl title, he was working full time at a grocery store.

A stipulation in the by-laws of the AFL mandates that all players remain on the field after a game in order to sign autographs and chat with fans. The AFL, even has a fan bill of rights that ensures the players uphold the dignity of the game and act as positive role models in their community, ensuring that fans always come first.

Imagine if all pros sports leagues had these rules. I remember during baseball season I would take my cousin to Tacoma Rainiers games. We would see the bright smile of a 10-year-old and ask what his favorite baseball player was. And the boy would say “Kirk Gibson” or “Don Mattingly.” But if they ask who is your favorite football team, they would say “the Seahawks,” or “the Rams.” The Seahawks are my favorite sports team.

I continue to ask those 10-year-olds if they would like to meet Kirk Gibson or Don Mattingly today. The answer is always “no.”

Is there a disconnect between pro sports enthusiasts and their fans? Perhaps.

For love of the game.

STREAK: Central heads to Lacey

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Andy Bloom hit a game-tying three pointer at the buzzer to force overtime, where the Wildcats would eventually prevail.

"Anthony carried us down the stretch," Freymond Said. "Without Anthony we wouldn't have been in the situation in the win." Tyler Mitchell had nine points in the first half, but then went down with a knee injury late in the first half. Doctors concluded on Monday that Mitchell is out for this weekend, but are hopeful for next week against Western Washington University (WWU) and Seattle Pacific University (SPU).

With the win the Wildcats moved into a three-way tie for seventh place with Seattle University and their next opponent Saint Martin's College (SMC). The Wildcats will be at SMC on Saturday where they look to avenge a heartbreaking loss they had earlier this year to the Saints 85-83 on a last second shot by SMC's Kailey Moore.

The Wildcats and the Saints are headed in opposite directions as the Wildcats have won four games in a row and hope to improve upon their 4-8 record on the road, while SMC has lost four in a row.

"We owe them one," Lynn Said. "It's all about payback."
Seattle sports wrap up

by Patrick Carlson
Staff reporter

Sonics

The Seattle Sonics continued their losing streak with a 106-97 loss to the Golden State Warriors. The loss dropped the Sonics three games under .500 and gave the Warriors their sixth road win in 26 games. The Warriors, who scored two points in the fourth quarter the night before, doubled their lead in the third quarter to take the lead. The Sonics cut the deficit to just two on a Rashard Lewis lay-in with four minutes to play, but the Warriors added back with four points in a row and never looked back.

Jason Richardson’s 22 points led the Warriors and Brian Cardinal added 20 points as well in the win. Rashard Lewis led the Sonics with 20, with Ronald “Flip” Murray contributing 17. The loss was the fourth in the games for the Sonics who find themselves out of the play-off race.

Although the Sonics could be headed for a playoff free offseason, Sonics coach Nate McMillan says the front office has no intention of trading any of his players before the Feb. 19 trading deadline.

“It’s a long-term plan here,” McMillan told CBS sports. “It’s a young team. We need to know we would have some tough times. If you push the panic button, it could cost you.”

Despite outscoring Portland in the four straight games the Trail Blazers could not stop Zach Randolph from blaring his way to victory.

The Trail Blazers defeated Seattle 95-45 on Sunday. Randolph scored 15 of his 25 points in the third quarter to hand the Sonics their third loss in the last four games. Ray Allen had 22 points, and was 2-7 from three-point range in a game where Seattle went just 8-30 for three-pointers.

Shaun Alexander

Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander scored three touchdowns in the NFC’s 55-52 victory over the AFC in the NFL’s Pro Bowl on Sunday.

The Seattle Thunderbirds defeated the Prince George Cougars 5-3 on Sunday. Dustin Johner and Ryan Gibbons each scored twice to claw the Thunderbirds back from a 2-0 deficit on strikes by Prince George’s Myles Zimmer and Colin Patterson. Brett Parker also scored for the Cougars. A goal from Chris Duran made it 5-3 and guaranteed the win for Seattle.

The Thunderbirds lost to the Portland Thunderbirds 3-1 Saturday after beating Portland 6-2 Friday in Seattle.

Portland’s Michael Funk opened scoring in the second period with an assist from Alex Aldred and Darrell May. Seattle then tied it up with Dustin Johner’s 20th goal of the season.

Portland’s Brad Priestley and Taylor Sutherlin both scored in the final period to seal the win for the Winterhawks.

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What’s on TV?星期五

Friday

NBA
Rookie Challenge 6 p.m.

Saturday

PGA
Buick Invitational 12 p.m. CBS

Arena Football
Los Angeles vs Vegas 12 p.m. NBC

NHL
Colorado vs. Detroit 12 p.m. ABC

NBA All Star Saturday Night 5:30 p.m. TNT

NCAA
Kentucky vs. Georgia 10 a.m. CBS

Stanford vs. California 7 p.m. ESPN

Sunday

NASCAR
Daytona 500 10:30 a.m. NBC

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Rashard Lewis, who find themselves out of the play-off race.

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DespiteloutscoringPortlandinthe four straight games the Trail Blazers could not stop Zach Randolph from blaring his way to victory.

The Trail Blazers defeated Seattle 95-45 on Sunday. Randolph scored 15 of his 25 points in the third quarter to hand the Sonics their third loss in the last four games. Ray Allen had 22 points, and was 2-7 from three-point range in a game where Seattle went just 8-30 for three-pointers.

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Wrestlers end home season with win

Junior Aaron Mann (left) pins a Yakima Valley Community College wrestler for the win. Sophomore Bryan Caraway locks his man up during the 33-18 Central victory on Tuesday. More information on page 15.

Men's basketball winning streak
by the Numbers

4
straight victories for the Wildcats after 0-7 league start.

5.5
Average margin of victory for the Wildcats.

21
Average number of turnovers forced.

46.3
Field goal percentage during the four games.

67.5
Field goal percentage for Tyler Mitchell during win streak.

37
Amount of steals in the four games by the Wildcats.

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