McIntyre: Transformation on track

by Bridget Pechtel
Staff reporter

Dressed in a red power suit, President Jerilyn McIntyre spoke about Central Washington University’s future during the annual State of the University Address last Wednesday in McConnell Auditorium. Major accomplishments from last year were celebrated and upcoming events were discussed.

After thanking members of the cabinet, the Board of Trustees, Central’s student government and her husband, David Smith, McIntyre praised Central’s 57 new faculty and 26 administrators. McIntyre shared what she called “Central’s annual report card,” citing issues around campus as well as a goal year of 2006 for Central’s complete transformation.

Problems facing Central center on the budget and raising tuition and fees, she said. While the cost of the new faculty and staff positions have already been absorbed by this year’s tuition increase, the Washington State Legislature is looking at a pending budget cut, which could affect Central. McIntyre said, however, that bringing Central into the 21st century is on the agenda regardless.

OPENING ON A HIGH NOTE

Central’s new Music Building opened Sunday to the praise of students and faculty, as well as state law makers

by Carol Jodock
Staff reporter

As the ribbon was cut on Oct. 3, Central Washington University’s marching band played “Olympic Fanfare” and the new Music Education Building officially opened for learning.

Over the years, the music department has been growing and desperately needing a bigger facility. According to Peter Gries, department of music chair, the department has seen a growth from 175 majors only 30 years ago to 260 majors today. With the new hall, the department will have the opportunity to flourish with musical talent.

“The building has already increased morale in everyone: staff, students and faculty have permanent grins,” Gries said.

Twenty-nine million dollars later and years of waiting for construction to end, people in the music department have the hall they’ve been dreaming about. Now students have 30 practice rooms, four rehearsal rooms, a 150-seat recital hall, a 600-seat concert hall and many other features.

Before the ribbon cutting, Lt. Gov. Brad Owen stated in his speech that with the new hall opening, he hopes music will become more essential services in one place, right alongside science and math.

“Music has been a wonderful friend for me for many, many years,” Owen said. “It deserves our support.”

As Central staff, students, alumni and visitors flooded through the doors, the oohing and ahing began. One loved new aspect of the building is the individual rehearsal rooms complete with pianos and sound-proof walls.

“It is so amazing to have a lesson without overhearing drummers practicing or the wonderful sound of a trumpet blowing its horn in the middle of one of your pieces,” said Shea Eddy, sophomore vocal performance and elementary education major.

Students aren’t the only ones excited about the new building. Faculty members are excited about

SAFARI creates refund problems

by Jennifer Turner
Asst. News editor

Most Central Washington University students receiving financial aid had pretty big plans for last Thursday. Unfortunately, a large number of students didn’t receive their loan refund checks Thursday. In Barge Hall, where both the financial aid office and cashier’s office is located, students complained of lost forms, cancelled aid and duplicate forms. Some students, however, received too much money.

“I think they’re losing my stuff,” said Josh Wilson, junior music performance major. “I’ve been checking on SAFARI and coming in [to the Financial Aid office] three times a week.”

As of Tuesday, Oct. 5, Wilson still had not received his refund check.

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Central ranks high among master's granting schools

by Paul Hudin
Staff reporter

Central Washington University administrators have a reason to be proud, as Central has received high marks in US News & World Report's annual college rankings for the second year in a row.

Central ranked 12th among publicly funded, master's degree-granting institutions in the West region—an area that included 62 comparable schools in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah. Central ranked fifth among all public and private colleges in the eight-state region.

The ranking is a "compliment to the university," said Central President Jerilyn McIntyre.

McIntyre said not only does this ranking increase interest in the school and inspire student spirit, but it also gives the university momentum to improve.

McIntyre said the ranking is a "good indicator of direction" and it sets a "goal of improvement as well."

She said she wants to focus on students in the future. Adding more classes to lower student-to-teacher ratios and putting money into student services are just a couple of the ideas she said she has to improve the university for all who attend.

McIntyre also said she wants to increase the quantity of admission staff to go out into more communities, including more small towns to bring in more students.

To determine the rankings, magazine editors used a variety of criteria such as the retention rate from freshman to sophomore year and admission selectivity. Central was matched and scored in a list of universities that included prestigious schools such as Gonzaga University in Spokane and Loyola-Marymount in Los Angeles, Calif.

This national recognition helps spread the word about the Central to other people who might not have known much about the university, McIntyre said.

A survey was conducted last year to gauge prospective students' knowledge about Central and it found out that many were aware of Central, but didn't know much more than its existence.

But students are also noticing the positive direction in which the university is heading. There has been an increase in the retention rate of nearly 10 percent of those who entered the school in the fall semester.

Central police chief Steve Rittereiser also said there has been a drop in several categories over the past three years, although there has been a drop in several categories according to the Annual Security Report released last week by Central Washington University's Department of Public Safety and Police Services.

Under the Jeanne Clery Act, universities that receive federal funding are required to disclose certain annual information about campus crime and security policies.

"We have been consistent with enforcement over the past few years and our statistics have been that way as well," said Steve Rittereiser, Central police chief.

There were 23 burglaries in 2003, down from 57 in 2002. Rittereiser attributes the high numbers in 2001 and 2002 to Ryan Bon. In 2003, Bon pleaded guilty to four counts of second-degree burglary, three counts of third-degree burglary and one count of malicious mischief. There were three cars stolen in 2002, but only three last year.

In 2003, there were 162 liquor law violations in which there were disciplinary action or judicial referrals and 64 arrests. "Clearly it's higher than what we have," Rittereiser said.

Rittereiser wants to educate students when they get to Central about college life. New students need to know it's not about partying and drinking, Rittereiser said.

The Clery Act only requires the disclosure of criminal homicide, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft and arson. In addition, the statistics are for what happens on campus only, not the crimes that happen elsewhere.

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The Department of Public Safety and Police Services hosts 60 to 75 programs throughout the school year. Some of these are on personal safety and the prevention of rape and crime.

With 10 paroling commissioned officers, students on campus feel safe.

"Like to see them driving around. I know they're here and I feel secure," said Amanda Cordell, sophomore undeclared.

However, Central police are not the only ones responsible for safety. Students and other employees are responsible as well, Rittereiser said.

"Are we doing a good job? Yeah we are," Rittereiser said. "We are both the police and the community are."
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- DANNY & PAUL from The Real World-New Orleans
  7:30 p.m., SUB Ballroom, Free
- PANNY & PAUL from The Real World-New Orleans
  7:30 p.m., SUB Ballroom, Free

TUESDAY, OCT. 12
- HALLYMPIAD: Halo 4-on-4 CTF X-box tournament
  6 p.m. in Barto Lounge
- MR. & MS. CENTRAL talent showdown
  7 p.m. in Club Central, $1 or canned food item
- CLASSIC FILM: House of Sand and Fog
  7 p.m., McConnell Auditorium, $3

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13
- HALLYMPIAD: Chess, checkers, billiards, Knowledge Bowl
  6 p.m. in Club Central
- RALLY IN THE ALLEY with KCWU 88.1 FM THE 'BURG
  9 p.m.-midnight, Rodeo Bowl on University Way, free

THURSDAY, OCT. 14
- WELLINGTON'S WILDFIRE; March, Pep Rally, Bonfire
  Activities start at 5 p.m. east of the tennis courts, across from new Music Education Building

FRIDAY, OCT. 15
- ENCHANTED FOREST: Homecoming Dance
  9 p.m.-midnight, SUB Ballroom, $10 presale/$12 at the door
- HALLYMPIAD tournaments: Volleyball, dodgeball
  6 p.m. in the fieldhouse

SATURDAY, OCT. 16
- 5K Prediction Run
  8 a.m. check in at Nicholson Pavilion, more info 963-3512
- HALLYMPIAD: Tug-O-War, Noon, Tomlinson Stadium
- WILDCAT FOOTBALL VS. WESTERN OR.
  1 p.m., Tomlinson Field
- HALLYMPIAD: WSOP Tournament
  4 p.m., Barto Lounge
SAFARI: Program frustrates students

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you have to guess on what to do next.”

Another common complaint is that with SAFARI students don’t get a printed schedule with class times and must instead search for there one at a time in the process long and frustrating to the inexperienced SAFARI user.

Senior and Elementary Education major Lindsay Wilson said SAFARI is too hard to navigate through.

“There are way too many buttons to click through in order to get where you want,” she said. “It needs to be more time efficient... it was more work than it was helpful.”

Registrar Tracy Terrell said that some staff members started SAFARI training in January and she predicts it’s only a matter of time before students catch on. “I anticipate that as time goes on it’s going to get easier and easier for students,” Terrell said.

Student opinion is somewhat split by class rank. Upperclassmen, especially seniors, seem most annoyed that the familiar phone-in method has been replaced by a more complex system with new rules to learn.

When its maintenance company went out of business, REGI’s tech staff was the only school in Washington state new students have ever used, and it follows that they would be more like-minded improve.

Students can fill out a SAFARI feedback form online at http://www.cwu.edu/regi. Registrar services can be reached at 963-3001 or you can send comments to RegServices@cwu.edu.

by Danny Bergman
Staff reporter

Students gathered in the Samuels Union Building last Thursday to watch the presidential debate between Sen. John Kerry and President George Bush.

The first issue brought up by mediator Jim Lehrer was if Kerry could do a better job of preventing a terrorist attack. Kerry insisted that he would be taking a different route than Bush.

“I want to reach out to the Islamic culture,” said Kerry.

He continued by saying that Bush was only diverting the attention from terrorism by invading Iraq.

Kerry were in the form of “What would you do that Bush didn’t?” “Iraq is not the center of terrorism,” said Kerry.

Bush replied saying that it was the center of terrorism.

“We need to succeed in finishing the job in Iraq, but we shouldn’t be there in the first place,” said Kerry.

When asked what he would do to increase homeland security, Kerry said that he wouldn’t be cutting back on police officer benefits and he would do a better job of inspecting cargo that comes in and out of our ports.

“95 percent of the containers that come into this country aren’t checked,” said Kerry.

Bush responded with the idea that the best way to protect the country is stay on the offense. He followed by saying that the Patriot Act is crucial to our homeland security.

Bush then attacked Kerry for saying that he would move our troops back in six months if he were president.

“Artificial deadlines won’t work,” said Bush.

Kerry said that he would only be beginning to take troops out in six months.

In recent months, Kerry has accused the president of not telling the truth.

Kerry was asked to explain what issues the president was failing to tell the truth about.

“Bush has talked of nuclear materials that didn’t exist,” said Kerry. “We didn’t go to war as a last resort.”

With the growing number of American troops dying in Iraq, Bush and Kerry were asked if the amount of lives lost, which has reached 1,000, were worth dying for.

Yes, because a free Iraq will help change the world, said Bush.

Kerry replied, “I would never let our troops down, and the president is not getting the job done.”

The final issue debated was what would be the first priority if Kerry were elected president.

“Kerry attacked the president’s weak efforts on nuclear proliferation.

“The best way to protect the country is stay on the offense. He followed by saying that the Patriot Act is crucial to our homeland security.”

In the end, Kerry seemed to keep his composure well, whereas President Bush often went off, attacking Kerry’s credibility.

“Bush did a good job, but at times he went on attack to discredit Kerry,” said SD Gaertner, a student who watched the debate.

The next debate will be held Friday, at 6 p.m.

Students watch the presidential debate in the SUB Pit last Thursday.

Jordan Mayfield, senior information technology major, uses SAFARI in Mitchell Hall.

Mayfield said she likes the convenience of SAFARI.

“For example, will be a new and improved registration handbook with class codes and better directions for navigating through the new system. In addition, Morrill and others on the SAFARI team are currently working on a better class search display.

“As time goes on and we get used to it, there’ll be more changes made to make it work how we want it to,” Morrill said.

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by Patrick Lewis
Staff reporter

Mount Saint Helens is up to it again. Over the weekend the volcano erupted for the first time in more than a decade. It erupted three times over the weekend and a fourth time on Tuesday.

“We suspect that the small eruptions are going to continue, there is no evidence that it is building up to another 1980s-esque eruption,” said assistant geology professor Tim Melbourne.

Tim Melbourne is also the head of the Pacific Northwest Geodetic Array at Central Washington University. The array has sensors all over the Northwest that measure movement underground.

The closest sensor that PANGA has is at St. Helens and is at the Johnston Ridge Observatory, which is five miles from the center of the volcano.

The eruptions were close to visitors over the weekend because of the imminent eruptions.

The eruptions pose no current threat to Washingtonians, but they are exciting for scientists like Melbourne. The eruptions are slowly breaking through the crater of the mountain and are expected to destroy the crater entirely.

“Volcanoes go through a cycle of blowing up and then rebuilding themselves through these small eruptions,” Melbourne said.

The eruption on Monday was the side of rock that was added after the 1980 eruption. This could result in the vent has burst on the side of the volcano, Melbourne said.

What does this mean to us? Ellensburg may see some ash, but that will depend on which way the wind is blowing. Kittitas County Emergency Management Specialist Sergeant Fred Styfield said he does not think Ellensburg residents are in any immediate danger.

“It is important for everyone to remain aware of the situation,” Styfield said, but added that his agency would pass along any information as they received it.

Police receive dispatches from the State Emergency Dispatch, but can not inform the public as fast as mass media, Styfield said. The Washington Military Department Division’s Web site www.emd.wa.gov has a camera feed of the Forest Service Camera near the volcano.

Citizens can also pick up a disaster preparedness handbook from the Public Safety Building in downtown Ellensburg.

St. Helens is the most active volcano in the Cascade Mountains over the last 400 years. Central’s geology staff is excited about the activity and the ability to insert current events into their classes.

Volcanic ash may fall on Ellensburg
Almost 200 people gathered in the Central Washington University SUB parking lot last Saturday to fuel-up before heading out to the Civic Engagement Center's 32nd annual Yakima River Clean Up. The event gave students a chance to give back by helping to keep an area of the Yakima River free of trash. Volunteers, which included six BOD members and President Jerilyn McIntyre, picked up more than two tons of garbage. Senior public relations major and event co-coordinator Risa Fidler said she thinks it's necessary for students to help clean up the river. "As students, we float the Yakima River in the spring, so it's important to keep it beautiful," Fidler said.

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Enrollment again reaches record high numbers at Central

by Natalie McCullough
Staff reporter

One sure sign school is back in session is when the Central Washington University campus is bustling with activities. If the sidewalks may seem a little busier this fall it's because this is the largest freshman class Central has seen. For the first time in 17 years, Central's enrollment was officially closed early. This year's freshmen class is around 1,400. Central had closed during the construction of the Ellensburg campus was closed for freshmen at the beginning of May, but enrollment for transfer students was open until the end of summer. Each of the incoming freshmen has been assigned space to create a comfortable living environment, said Stacy Klippenstein, director of university housing and new student programs.

Last year, admission to the Ellensburg campus was closed for freshmen at the beginning of May, but enrollment for transfer students was open until the end of summer. "We have tried our best to maintain the accessibility that Central is known for, but demand has outpaced our ability to accommodate all qualified students who are looking to enroll with us," said Mike Reilly, associate vice-president for enrollment management. At the beginning of the quarter everyone who needed a bed had one, despite the growth in enrollment. "We're packed," said Klippenstein. "But this is a good problem to have."

MUSIC: Hundreds show up for building opening

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Vijay Singh, choral/jazz director at Central, said, "All aspects of the program improve, as does the teaching of the faculty."

From the large concert halls to the numerous windows of the new features have made it difficult for Singh to pick out his or her favorite part of the building. "There is so much to choose from," Gries said. "The practice rooms are so much nicer. Almost all have windows and natural light, compared with the windowless cells of Herz."

While some voice appreciation of the architectural characteristics of the building, others enjoy the improvements to the music's sound quality.

"Personally, I like the ambiance and acoustics of the new concert hall best and look forward to performing and showcasing our students' talents," Singh said.

As the school year begins, the music department has scheduled numerous concerts in its new home. Faculty and students will be performing and the Seattle Symphony will make a special appearance later this fall. For more information on the Music Education Building or upcoming concerts contact the music department at 963-1216 or visit www.cwu.edu/music.

Staff reporter Natalie McCullough continues from A1

"It's true that we've had more problems," said Agnes Canedo, director of financial aid. "If you analyze it, a lot of it has to do with the difficulty in reading SAFARI. WIN was pretty intuitive, and SAFARI isn't so intuitive."

SAFARI, the new student administrative system, is actually a feature of the PeopleSoft network, purchased by the university in 1998. A trial registration run of the software was conducted with groups of students last April, resulting in some helpful insight, which armed SAFARI specialists with a general idea of the problems students new to the program would face. Finally the system was implemented across campus this past summer.

SAFARI grants students access to features such as registration, automatic enrollment into classes from wait lists and the ability to change personal information (current address, name, etc.). SAFARI also allows students to have more access to their financial information.

The main problem Thursday was that SAFARI only applied financial aid to tuition and fees, leaving some students with a larger account balance than most had anticipated. Federal regulations have always required the university to have some type of written authorization to apply financial aid to other charges. But in the past, Central fulfilled the requirement by having students sign a generic form, Canedo said. The SAFARI system requires more specific authorization.

"We already fixed that," said Ozbudah, who oversees enrollment management systems, in particular, SAFARI. "That was a little surprise that was part of the system that we weren't aware of until it happened. Once we saw that it happened, we fixed it. It's a bad thing, in that at least it didn't prevent students from getting money. They just had a little too much money."

REFUND: SAFARI only applied financial aid to tuition and fees

Due to the error, an orange note was dispensed with students' refund checks explaining what had taken place and also notifying students that they have until Nov. 5 to pay any outstanding charges, generally caused by fees or bookstore purchases.

As for the students who didn't receive refund checks on Thursday, Canedo said that wasn't necessarily SAFARI's fault. The students had simply failed to meet the March 1 priority deadline.

The aid application process takes eight weeks, meaning that students who waited to apply for aid until Sept. 15 won't receive anything until Nov. 15. "It's not just this year, it's every year that we have about a quarter of our students that wait to apply," Canedo said.

And don't jump to the conclusion that this has something to do with the number of freshmen on campus this year.

"Most freshmen were pretty well taken care of because we were in contact with them all summer," Canedo said. "They tended to be a little more concerned. It's the returning students that we've had the most problems with."

For more information or questions about financial aid, go to www.cwu.edu/finaid and for information or questions about SAFARI, call 963-2001 and select option four.

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SPEECH: McIntyre focuses on the future

"Change reinforces our commitment to excellence," she said.

Many of the projects finished last year show Central's commitment to change, McIntyre said. Those changes include phases one and two of the new Music Building, renovations to Kamola Hall, North Village Café, Tunstall Dining Hall and McConnell Auditorium, and the combined utility upgrade, she said.

Central's physical transformation will be made complete by 2006 with the finished remodeling of Sue Lombard and the construction of the new Student Union Building and Recreation Center. The 2005-2007 budget also includes money to remodel Dean Hall, raise salaries for staff and adjust tuition waivers.

These changes, McIntyre said, are destinations on a road map and will lead to better opportunities.

She said as Central continues to evolve in the 21st century the levels of excellence in student life have been raised drastically. Not only is there a surge of new students, but the retention levels of upper classmen are at almost 80 percent.

With levels of enrollment at an all time high, McIntyre spoke candidly about the university's role in society.

She said that faculty and students must embrace change not only locally, but also nationally, as well as individually taking control of Central's agenda of change.

"We're being transformed whether we do it ourselves or not," McIntyre said.

She concluded by emphasizing the value of balance as students discover who they are and what they will become after attending Central. She called for students to confront challenges affecting them and to be prepared for problems.

Lucas Westcoat, student body president and public relations major, seemed happy with the issues discussed.

"Dr. McIntyre addressed a few student issues, like tuition waivers, and the SUB/REC building," said Westcoat. "I'm thankful that there are mechanisms in place to address student issues whether she talks about them or not."
Local merchants want level playing field

by Bob Kirkpatrick

Staff reporter

The proposed expansion of goods and services in the new University Store has local merchants up in arms. Some business owners feel Central Washington University is engaging in unfair competition that will threaten their livelihoods and force them to close their doors for good.

"It will have a huge impact," said Rick Baumgardner, owner of the Photo Hash. "The photo developing side of our business, they are considering realigning the business.

Baumgardner shares the same concerns that many local merchants have: duplicating products they already supply, Woodside code that governs how universities compete with local businesses and city officials believe Central is taking too much liberty with the law.

The problems retailers are having are listed in the Woodside codes, specifically pertaining to a section that sets the criteria for policy development. Officials at Central believe they are operating within the spirit of the law, while retailers and city officials believe Central is taking too much liberty with the law.

"Local merchants via a telephone conference call to approve the contracts for Bargaining Unit 1 and 2 last Thursday. Ratified contracts for classified staff were due to "Washington State Federation of Employees and individual Washington state universities and colleges last week. Ratified contracts for Bargaining Unit 2 were approved unanimously and the contract wording to represent employees in job classifications that are more than 25 percent of those covered by Bargaining Unit 1. The contract wording to represent employees in job classifications that are more than 25 percent of those covered by Bargaining Unit 1 is 2.5 percent for the second year, callback and shift differential.

The two year contract, which still has to be approved by the state legislature, does not go into effect until July 1, 2005. Included are wage increases of 3.2 percent for the first year and 1.6 percent for the second year, callback and shift differential.

"I think the university feels good about the contract. I hope the union does," said Steve Wenger, manager of the University Store. "We then compiled a list of common items and based our survey upon the data we collected.

The survey polled the incoming freshman class and will continue to solicit all students enrolled in University 101 through the end of November. There have been 550 responses to date. When the survey is complete, the Commercial Activities Board will meet with local merchants to discuss the results.

"We won't carry anything on the list," Wenger said. "Cost analysis will have to be conducted on products to determine their feasibility and to find out if they will turn a profit." Another area of major concern for local merchants is what they have termed as "an uneven playing field.

"I understand Central is a huge economic engine in this community," said Rolf Williams of Jerrold's Book and Supply Co. "I have no problem at all with competition. But because the university doesn't pay B&O tax, they are not incurring the same costs of doing business and that creates an uneven playing field.

Williams added that if the expansion of goods and services forces a retailer to close, the community not only loses a local icon, it also loses out on the tax base generated by revenue dollars. Both are in danger of losing or alienating if their needs aren't met.

"If we have an ongoing dialogue with Central, then we will understand each other's position better," said Williams. "Bottom line is, time will tell.

The next Commercial Activities Policy hearing will be held near the end of November, and is open to the public.

Central ratifies federal employee contract

by Marti Osborn

Staff reporter

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My favorite part of working on the Observer is the feeling I get watching people pick up a newspaper Thursday morning, flip through it and read what I’ve written or look at pages I’ve designed. It’s rewarding to know that I’ve helped keep this campus informed — that’s why I went into journalism. Well, that and seeing my name in print too.

I’ve done a lot of work in my time on the Observer staff to turn what has always been thought of as a mediocre college newspaper into one that students and faculty look forward to reading every week.

And boy, we’ve come a long way.

The Observer may never win any national journalism awards, or have its reporters hired by prestigious newspapers, but we do a lot of work to provide what is essentially a free service to the community.

Many college newspapers charge subscription fees. They’re usually not much, but they help pay for things like printing and delivery costs. Not us.

We’re essentially supported entirely by advertising revenue, and that barely pays for what we need.

On top of that, most of our reporters and editors take a full load of classes and many work part time jobs to help pay for school, so many don’t have a lot of time to work on stories.

I know how much work everybody puts in so it bothers me when I hear people say the Observer “sucks,” or that nobody cares about the newspaper.

I find it hard to believe that if we stopped putting out a paper, you wouldn’t miss it.

Let’s be honest, most students don’t read the Daily Record, and those who do won’t find much information there that’s pertinent to them.

For the past few years we’ve been using old computers and software to put together what we have come to think of as a “weekly miracle.” If any of you think that putting the Observer together sounds easy, I invite you to come in Wednesday afternoon to witness the amount of stress everyone experiences and the way so many things come together so quickly.

We get a wealth of experience from the pressure and good clips to help us get jobs. We also learn how to lay out pages and how to deal with reporters.

We’re bound to make mistakes. We’re only human. The best thing you can do is to forgive us when we make them.

It’s easy to criticize; to say, “I could do better.” Who knows? You probably could. But until you join the staff, you’ll never know.

Don’t get me wrong; we want your criticism — if it’s constructive.

We need you. We need you to talk to us and to give us ideas and stories.

We need you to understand what we do because we need you.

But you need us too.

Ben Davis

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Opinion Editor

Apathy in turbulent times

People can learn from what leaders in the past have done during trying times throughout our nation’s history.

Dusti, the Italian poet, wrote “the hottest places in hell are reserved for those who remain neutral.” Bobby Kennedy traveled around the country during the mid-60’s after his brother’s assassination and emphasized with the American people, especially minorities suffering inequalities. Kennedy was under tremendous pressure; torn between running for president and sitting on the sidelines and ignoring these inequalities. He quoted this passage often and in 1967 he decided to run for president. (This is a very compressed summation of Kennedy’s experience.) I think Kennedy believed he couldn’t stand aside and do nothing. In his mind, being apathetic about the state of the nation was the worst position a person could have. Today’s state of the nation is very critical — as it was in the late 60’s. I can’t remember a time when people felt so strongly about who they think the next president should be. I hear from a lot of people who still don’t have an opinion and say they are not going to vote. I most often hear that “I’m not going to vote because I think an uninform ed vote would be a wasted vote.” A lot has happened in the past four years; I don’t have to explain the Iraq war and Sept. 11. I just think it is hard to have no opinion. I don’t think it is so painful to take time to inform yourself.

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VOTE: Don’t let apathy silence you
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Informing yourself is as simple as reading the newspaper or skipping "Dawson’s Creek" and watching the evening news. People might argue that the news in not objective. Well, it's hard to say if these news organizations are giving you every tidbit of information, but there are lots of news sources out there and most of them are good at getting the story straight. People argue that they don’t like either candidate. There are more than two candidates for president. I encourage anyone, if ever given the opportunity to do so. Some of these people, in my opinion, have some great ideas for this country. I am not saying that people who are apathetic are going to burn in the fiery pits of hell. People have the right not to vote. I just think in times like these, everyone should be concerned and involved in the political process.

Aaron Miller
Online editor

I think the President looked a little shaky. A lot of polls would say that he lost. Kerry came off kind of smug. I think he still flipped flopped on issues like North Korea and I still don’t know where Kerry stands. I think the next debates will be better for Bush.

Victor Zamora, senior family & consumer science

John Kerry was a stronger speaker in general. He had better answers on foreign policy. Bush was focused more on what is happening to us (U.S. citizens), he was focused more on what is going on in Iraq. He is not as strong of a candidate in general. I’m voting for Kerry.

Megan DiPyak, sophomore information technology

I thought the whole thing was a big joke. Each candidate answered questions indirectly; no one was to the point. I thought Kerry was on top of the North Korean topic, but I couldn’t understand why he never went into detail about his “plan” and what it consisted of.

Steffiyni Gaines, junior public relations

I was surprised by the facial expressions of George Bush. I have never seen him that animated. I don’t think he answered the questions at all. Kerry was more presidential, more matter-of-fact; a much better debater than Bush.

Brooke Lewis, junior education

You tell us

What is your take on the presidential debate?

State of the empty university

I have heard enough about students complaining about parking, construction and anything else they think hinders them in their daily living. Last Wednesday, President Jerilyn McIntyre gave the annual State of the University address to an overwhelming crowd of empty seats. Aside from the group I was with, the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors and the few faculty members. The only group in attendance was the people who work directly with the president.

The nearly 99 percent of the student body who chose not to attend this speech missed a great slide show that had all of the student and faculty achievements from the last year. As well as the plans for the upcoming year, construction and many other crucial things that directly affects the student body.

Do I blame the students entirely? No. The only reason I knew about this event was through my boss, who was told by her boss and so on.

Finally I heard it had been advertised for weeks on the student intranet. An outlet advertised poorly and used by few students except to navigate through the new online registration program, SAFARI.

However, I don’t believe this is an excuse to miss out on an important opportunity to have your voice heard by the person who has say over what happens on our campus. After the President’s informative 45-minute speech, she opened the floor to questions. Not one student raised their hand. There was a question from a local resident asking about the University’s involvement in the community. How is the President supposed to know about student concerns if students are not visible and heard at these important events?

The way I see it, students have no right to complain about the difficulties on our campus because they are not doing anything to try and change them. Attending a 45-minute long address is a small price to pay if you can impact your campus.

So my advice to you is. Get involved, join a committee, go to meetings and do your best to try and make a difference. Maybe you won’t get to see the benefits but it will feel pretty good knowing you tried to help your university.

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Two pairs of two cards of equal rank, and one extra

A hand with two cards of equal ranking

Five cards that form no combinations and an Ace

by Jared Lovrak
Staff reporter

Television poker takes over prime time sports

Seniors Scott Slusser, geology and finance, David Fields, physical education, and Erica Taylor gather for a weekly poker night. Players are in for $5 a game with the winner taking it all.

Large fun base. Competitions and tournaments happen all over the world, and the cash prizes and rewards for being the winner can hold their own quite nicely when compared to those of other sporting events.

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Tuning your television in to ESPN, you can expect to find a wide variety of professional sports airing. There's the NBA, the NFL, NHL, and... poker? Yes, poker has steadily developed from a card game played in the shady backrooms of bars, to one of the many carefully regulated pastimes in casinos. Now it seems poker is making a name for itself as America's next professional sport.

"I think it's interesting. It's different from what you usually see on television," said Danielle Jones, sophomore accounting.

It seems unlikely that a mere card game could have the same draw as the Superbowl, or Major League Baseball's World Series. However, poker is played more than any card game in the world according to ESPN, and with so many different variations on gameplay, it has a very large fan base. Competitions and tournaments happen all over the world, and the cash prizes and rewards for being the winner can hold their own quite nicely when compared to those of other sporting events.

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"I don't think it's a sport, but I like it because the final players are usually very quirky. Each one has their own 'thing' when it comes to gameplay," said Justin Bell, sophomore undeclared.

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Though it doesn't possess the same ratings draw or professional recognition of the professional poker championships, it does offer an excellent alternative for poker fans who like their poker to have a reality television theme.

"I think it's stupid. It lacks the appeal of professional poker," said Justin Bell, sophomore undeclared.

"Some just don't know how to play."
Central students take the stage to the Improv challenge

by Rachel Guillermo 
Asst. Scene editor

If you want to play poker in Ellensburg, there are two options: play with your buddies at home or go to the Wild Goose Casino.

To play at the Wild Goose Casino, you have to be 18. If you don’t have a car, the casino runs a shuttle on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to and from the casino.

The Wild Goose also has the Wild Goose in its Non-Hold ’em tournament every Sunday at noon, with a $10 buy-in. All of the weekly winners qualify for the final Wild Goose tournament in May.

Winners of that May tournament will face the $10,000 entry fee paid to the World Series of Poker held in Las Vegas, plus airfare and hotel accommodations.

If you don’t want to play Texas Hold’em for the big bucks, the Wild Goose holds structured Texas Hold’em on Thursdays at 6 p.m. with a $30 buy-in. Saturdays at 2 p.m. is a $15 no-limit buy-in with unlimited $5 buy-ins for the first three rounds.

The Wild Goose also has a Blackjack, Spanish 21, three-card poker, Texas Shootout and Pai Gow. The holder of the highest hand of the month gets a chance to draw from a set of face cards and a Joker, with the Jack being lowest and the Joker highest.

Students who don’t play at the Casino have a little bit more freedom when it comes to how and who they play.

“I play with my friends about 2 or 3 times a week,” Scott Slusser, senior, geology and finance major, said. “And usually it’s for $5 to $10 buy-ins.”

I have friends that want to play for $500 and students play for all kinds of reasons and not just for money.

“Other than money, it’s strategy,” Slusser said. “We played a ‘chore game,’ one of my roommates had to cook dinner and the other one had to wash dishes. I hit the ultimate hand, a royal flush.”

Traditionally seen as a man’s game, women are getting in on the action.

“Just playing, beating the boys!” Erica Taylor, senior, biology major, said. “There aren’t very many girls that play.”

Win or lose, a boy or girls-night-around is around for a good time. “There’s nothing better than playing poker, watching a game and drinking a beer,” Slusser said.

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Foreign films to shed new light on classic issues

by Erin Soptich
Staff reporter

Looking for something to do on a weekday night? Maybe you are just tired of paying $9 to watch a movie. Either way, Central is once again offering a unique movie and conscious experience to see a good film. Central is welcoming back the Classic Film Series. For the last several years Central has been showing a variety of classic and current films.

This quarter at McCougell Auditorium will be six films that range from comedy to a dramatic thriller.

“House of Sand and Fog” is a film made by the Algerian government showing both sides of the Algerian revolution. It portrays the clash between the independence-seeking Algerians, and the French region that was defeated in Vietnam. It is an eye-opening look at war and its consequences.

“Sherlock Jr.” and “The Navigator” are short comedic films. Both direct cinema’s to an extent. Sherlock Jr. tells the story of two rivals who are both after the same girl. It is a funny tale of the power of dreams. “The Navigator” is the tale of Rollo who decides to marry his sweetheart. Betsy. She rejects him and he goes into a hunk of space said to be inspired by Honolulu. By mistake he boards the wrong ship, which happens to be owned by Betsy’s father. Ironically, Betsy boards the same ship and as it drifts out to sea, neither is aware that there is anyone else on board.

“Spring, Summer, Winter, Fall and Spring” is a drama about a young Korean boy who lives in a temple with an elderly master, from whom he learns the ways of Buddha. Years later he has a sexual awakening because of a girl who has come to the temple to be healed by the master. It tells of struggles between lusty for the girl and seeking spiritual enlightenment.

“Nights of Cabiria” is the story of a streetwalker in a poor section of Italy. The film follows the twists and turns of her life and the men that continually hurt her. She meets an accountant who has been watching her from afar, and they begin court­ ing. Was it fate that she met him? Is this the man that will finally appre­ ciate her?

“Dirty Pretty Things” is a dramatic thriller set in London’s secret underground, where everything is for sale. Where a man named Okwe, and a chambermaid named Senay, work at the same hotel, which is a major site of illegal activity. Their morals are put to the test when late one night Okwe makes a shock­ ing discovery.

“Ode” is a round up a group of friends for a movie night. Admission to a film is only $3 per person and if you want a group of five or more, the admission is $12 per group. Tickets can be purchased by the door, at the Student Union Building Information Desk, at the English Department, or at Jerrold’s Book & Supply Co.
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Area college student dating self

THINGS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HEAT UP

Eric Peterson, top, has one of many romantic dinners with himself at their favorite restaurant.

By LISA CHENEY

Local college student Eric Peterson recently announced that he's entered a committed relationship—with himself. Peterson vehemently denied rumors that he and two ex-girlfriends are dating other people. "We're totally committed to each other. We've never been happier." When asked what prompted the campus heartthrob to take himself off the market, he chalked it up to his current financial situation, claiming that monthly fees from his checking account were making it too expensive for him to date around. "It was partly a cost-effective decision on my part, but it's been really nice for us to spend more time together." Peterson was apparently unaware of Free Checking from Washington Mutual. It's an account with no monthly fees and the option to add Deluxe services like free online bill pay. And he could have gotten Free Checking just by visiting a Washington Mutual Financial Center, then signed up for online bill pay at wamu.com. "Dang," said Peterson, "if I had known about Free Checking Deluxe, my current dating situation would be different. I probably wouldn't have settled down with someone so soon."
The joys of being, competing at home

by Andrew Grinaker
Sports editor

Approaching the cross-country meet at 10 a.m. last Saturday, one would expect to see a crowd of parents, friends and — of course — runners and coaches. With the men getting ready to start the race, the air was crisp, and the sun was shining vibrantly.

As Coach Kevin Adkisson got his runners into place, an enthusiastic cheer began roughly 100 feet in front of the runners: “Let’s go Central, clap-clap-clap-clap-clap.” It wasn’t friends, parents or cheerleaders, but the entire Central Washington University volleyball team cheering on their comrades. It was a special sight of school spirit and respect.

“The cross-country team has come to a lot of our games,” said Kate Reome, senior captain for the volleyball team. “We wanted to show them our support as well.”

Coach Adkisson has noticed the unique bond between the two teams. “Our guys, I don’t know if they are in love with the volleyball team, but they have made it a point to go watch their games,” Adkisson said. “We just really appreciated the volleyball team coming out and supporting us as well.”

Aside from the possible love affair between cross-country and volleyball, the cross-country team had its only home meet of the year last Saturday against Seattle University and Whitworth College at Rhinehart Park, better known to students as People’s Pond.

The women finished first out of the three teams, led by junior Brandy Anderson’s second place finish and time of 19:47:60, just 19 seconds from the first place finisher, senior Kelly Anderson’s second place finish and time of 19:47:60, just 19 seconds behind favorite junior Doug Blackbum from Whitworth.

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“Let’s go Central, clap-clap-clap-clap-clap.” It wasn’t friends, parents or cheerleaders, but the entire Central Washington University volleyball team cheering on their comrades. It was a special sight of school spirit and respect.

Seniors Stephanie Stine, Lindy Mullen and Rachel Bailey finishing in that order.

Cross Country

For the women, we wanted to size ourselves up against Seattle University, who is one of the better teams in our conference,” Adkisson said. “The men, who raced first, took second place out of the three teams that participated. The men’s team was led by sophomore Sam Scotchmer’s third-place finish, which was just seven seconds behind favorite junior Doug Blackbum from Whitworth.

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Undefeated women get their first conference scare

The Central Washington women’s volleyball team continues to impress as they sail into a 17th-place ranking in the latest CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II poll.

The Wildcats continued their winning streak last weekend with victories over Western Oregon and Humboldt State. Friday night’s game against Western Oregon gave the Wildcats a run for their money, but the women turned up an awesome defensive effort in the fifth game, hitting .476 percent and committing only one error with 11 kills in 21 attempts.

With seniors LeAnne McGahuey and Cristina Null’s combined 33 kills and sophomore Krista Pauley’s fifth game kill, the Wildcats sealed victory.

With the confidence of a well-earned Friday night victory, the Wildcats were able to sweep the visiting Humboldt State in a three game match on Saturday. Central out-hit their visitors .333 to .088 with 13 kills apiece from McGahuey, and juniors Crystal Ames and LaQue Branch.

Coming off of her impressive 65-assist mark from Friday night, Kate Reome managed her 4,201st assist against Humboldt on Saturday breaking the old conference record of 4,176 set between 2000 and 2003 by Liz Bishop.

Her 50 assists of the game keep Reome leading the nation in assists.

With an undefeated record and 11 regular season matches left to play, the women of the Wildcat volleyball team appear unstoppable. The Central women head out of town Thursday to begin their longest road trip of the season for matches against Seattle University, Northwest Nazarene University, Western Washington University and Seattle Pacific University, but return to Nicholson Pavilion on Thursday, October 22 to battle Alaska Anchorage in a 7 p.m. match.
Central women's soccer team gets kicked around by stronger, faster Seattle U, Seattle Pacific U

by Jonathan Mentez
Asst. Sports editor

The Central Washington University women's soccer team was outmatched against Great Northwest Athletic Conference rival Seattle University after being dismantled Saturday, losing 8-0.

The loss leaves the Wildcats on a five-game losing streak.

"We made four mistakes against Seattle Pacific University and lost 4-0," coach Michael Farrand said. "We made 100 mistakes against Seattle University and we're lucky to lose 8-0."

The Wildcats' five-game skid has been a low point in the season.

During that span the Wildcat women have been outscored 21-2, which won't get the job done when the NCAA Division II first-round playoffs are reaching the horizon.

"After our last two games we have given up 12 goals and we know we have to improve and take a step backwards," Farrand said.

Central's season was off to a quick start, matching last season's win total with a 5-2 record. With 11 freshmen on the 25-player roster, this team is relatively young. One of its young standouts is freshman goalkeeper Samantha Kooy, who was GNAC Co-Player of the Week for Central's shutout victories against Evergreen State College and GNAC rival, Humboldt State University.

Freshman, forward Ashley Roundtree, has led the team in goals, points, shots and shots on goal. Roundtree opened the season scoring a pair of goals in a 5-0 shutout of Albertson University.

Freshman Michelle Beattie, who is second in points and goals, continues her strong play. The most solid all-around play has come from freshman midfielder Hilary Davidson who has three goals, two assists, eight points and 15 shots.

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The quest for the coveted "T-shirt" soon to begin

by Ryutaro Hayashi
Staff reporter

Central Washington University athletics have already kicked off. However, as for sports on campus, those are not all that Central boasts. We have another fun, familiar and competitive fixture on campus - Intramural sports. Approximately for seven weeks, the heat at the north campus will go up just for the excitement and the desire for a championship t-shirt.

This quarter, the recreation department will offer seven sports: basketball, volleyball, badminton, dodge ball, indoor soccer, outdoor soccer and flag football.

Except for indoor soccer and flag football, Nicholson Pavilion will be the battlefield.

While flag football will take place at the field just behind the pavilion; outdoor soccer will be at the Community Rec Center along Alder St.

"I'm looking forward to the intramural season," Tyler Baker, intramural sports coordinator, said. "It's fun to go out there, and to see the students participating and competing and having fun."

Last Wednesday was the deadline for sign-ups. Baker predicts the total number of participants will reach over one thousand. Among the seven intramural sports, flag football has the largest number of participants, boasting much more than 250 participants and 20 teams.

Baker pointed out fall being football season would highly contribute to the popularity of the flag football. According to him, football on TV would make them get into the mood to step their feet onto a green field and make a touchdown. "We added dodge ball because there are the demands for it at this time," Baker said. "There has been a movie that came out in the past few months and there's even a dodge ball program on TV. So, people are becoming more interested in playing it, and it's becoming a popular sports right now."

Four indoor sports including basketball, volleyball, badminton and dodge ball will be held every Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Indoor soccer will be every Sunday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Flag football and outdoor soccer are scheduled for every Monday through Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The intramural sports will go on for about seven weeks, and it is the middle of November when it is decided who deserves to wear the champion t-shirt.

For more information about leagues and game schedule, visit the web site at www.cwu.edu/-imsports, or call the Intramural Recreation Office at 963-3512.
Remembering the Battle in Seattle

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Photo essay by Lindsey Jackson

Top left, freshman Chris Scrupps tried to pump up the crowd from Central's bench. Top right, one of Central's sousaphone players enjoys his time out on the field during the halftime show. Middle left, Central fans cheer on their football team during the hard-fought battle. Right, seniors Marlo Hart, left in picture, and Dustin Hawkins watch the final moments of Central's loss to Western. Bottom, senior Aaron Hineline celebrates his touchdown with a flex and an enthusiastic yell to the crowd. The game meant something more for Hineline, Hart and Hawkins, who are all seniors and all went to high school in the Puget Sound area. Unfortunately, Central lost the 2nd Annual Battle in Seattle 28-21 after leading late in the game. More than 11,000 fans enjoyed the annual event at Qwest Field in Seattle. Central will see Western one more time this year, at home on the eve of Halloween.
Rugby team hungry for trip to nationals

by Chris Thompson
Staff reporter

"Our goal is to make it back to nationals." -- Peter Smith
Senior Team Captain

Washington 24-10 to start the season 2-0.

"We've made a lot of improvements this year," Peter Smith, senior team captain said. "Our goal is to make it back to nationals."

After finishing last season with a record of 0-5 in the second half of the year, the team's goal for this year is to make the playoffs. The team last made the trip to the national tournament two years ago before losing to the University of California-Davis and Washington State University.

"Our goal is to be in the top 16," said head coach Jason Ray. "We were really young last year, but the freshmen now are sophomores and the sophomores are now juniors so it is good to have those guys back. We are still young but we are athletic.

"This Saturday, the Central ruggers host Oregon State University in their first home contest of the year. The first side playing at 9 a.m. and the second side playing at 11 a.m. The Wildcats will also be hosting Western Washington University on Oct. 25 and the University of Washington on Nov. 13 in the only other home games of the fall season."

"Oregon State is really strong at halfback," said Ray, when asked about this week's game. "We match up well at halfback but we are going to be challenged by their forwards."

For those unfamiliar with the game of rugby, the game is played by two teams of 15 players. The object of the game is to score as many points as possible by carrying, passing, kicking and grounding an oval ball in the scoring zone at the far end of the field. The ball may not be passed forward and play only stops when a try is scored, the ball goes out of play or a foul occurs. Substitutions are only allowed in case of injury and there is no separate offensive and defensive unit.

A member of the Pacific Northwest Rugby Union, the team competes in the Men's Collegiate Division 1 with OSU, University of Oregon, UW, Western Washington University and WSU. Despite the fact that Central plays in the same division with the larger schools, they are still not equals.

"You look at Oregon State with nearly 20,000 students and Central with around 8,000 students and you realize that OSU, WSU and UW are still the big boys-still division one caliber teams," Ray said.

Coach Ray thinks the team has a good chance of making it to nationals.

"If we can stay healthy, we could make the elite eight," Ray said.

The team invites everyone to come out and watch them play on Saturday and if any guys are still interested in playing, Smith noted that it isn't too late to start practicing with the team. More information on the men's rugby team can be found at www.cwu.edu/rec/sportclubs/mrugby/index.html.

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and run stronger as a team," Schmitt said. "We did that better this week than we have all season."

"It was nice to have our home meet when school is in session and to see such a large crowd," he said.

The Central Invitational was the third meet for the team after competing in the Hampton and four of 19 Sundodger events earlier this year. The women took second of six teams in the Hampton and four of 19. The team must make it back to nationals."

"Next week is important to us because it's the GNAC preview," Adkinson said. It's also the last chance to run the same course we have to run against the rest of the west coast in four weeks (NCAA West regionals)."
Football: Two more home games await Central squad

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half, the Wildcat offense was unable to get into the endzone and the defense had problems stopping big plays. The Wildcats outscored the Eagles 8-3 in the second half, but this did little to make up for the 36 points given up earlier.

Battle in Seattle II was the first loss the Wildcats have suffered in the short two-year history of this rivalry game. The Wildcats led for most of the game but the defense gave up 18 points in the fourth quarter, leading to a 28-21 loss.

With a perfect home record and a 24-9 career record against Eastern Oregon, the Wildcats should be heavily favored going into this week's non-conference match against the Mountaineers.

Despite the fact that Wildcats have a perfect home record and are engaged in a 3-game home stand, Coach Zamberlin is not getting ahead of himself or making any playoff implications.

"It makes no sense to look three weeks down the road if we can't take care of business this week," said Zamberlin.

Eastern Oregon is a recently pledged member of the Frontier conference. They were ranked as high as 23 in the NAIA Coaches poll but fell out of the top 25 after losing to Montana Tech 24-14 on Sept. 25.

Box Score for Oct. 2nd

Score by Quarters 1 2 3 4
Humboldt State 0 0 0 0 - 0
Record: (3-3,1-1)
Central Wash. 14 17 14 0 45
Record: (2-4,1-1)

RUSHING: Humboldt State-Arnold.Lionel 4-12;
Pierson.Bobby 3-10;
Nemhardt.Daniel 10-7;
Williams.Iziah 1-7; TEAM 1-minus 2;
Central Washington-Iniguez.Emilio 23-109;
Hall.Landon 11-68;
Johnson.Willie 4-27;
Hineline.Aaron 3-16;
Word.Vernon 2-12; Baugh.Brian 4-6;
Valle.Victor 3-3; TEAM 1-minus 2;
Lapinsky.Dan I-minus 3.

PASSING: Humboldt State-
Central Washington-
Baugham.Jason 19-31-0-240;
Baugham.Brian 12-24-1-207;
Lapinsky.Dan 0-1-0-0.

Central Washington-TEAM 1-
0; Lapinsky.Dan I-1.