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Sex offenders live on, near campus

No policy to prevent Level I offenders from living on campus
by Bob Kirkpatrick
Staff reporter

Three Level I sex offenders enrolled at Central Washington University this fall and are living in student housing, according to the Kittitas County Sheriff’s Office. Central officials say there is no policy in existence nor can one be drafted to restrict individuals from living on campus if they are enrolled in the university. While the law would allow police to inform people living nearby, Central’s police chief said they hadn’t done so because they don’t think these individuals present a danger.

“Based on the determination of the Department of Corrections and their parole officers, we do not believe these individuals pose a threat at this time,” Steve Rittereiser said.

Still, students said they’re worried.

That’s really scary,” said Silvia Ramirez, freshman undecided and resident of Beck Hall. “I knew there were sexual offenders on campus. But see OFFENDERS, page 3

Safe Ride program to be transferred

Program to be run by safety department
beginning in January
by Bridget Pechtel
Staff reporter

Central Washington University’s Safe Ride program is being transferred from the Wellness Center to the Department of Public Safety and Police Services, but students will not notice changes in the services provided, administrators say.

The administrative changes will become effective starting Jan. 1, with a complete transfer of supervision to the safety department.

Within a few years, the Safe Ride program will be a transportation system, taking students from campus areas to the downtown community. Students will not see an increase in their tuition, but the current $3 fee will continue each quarter.

The changes are taking place because there currently is no direct supervision of the drivers, and because the program is a public safety service. It will now be directly under the safety department, according to Police Chief Steve Rittereiser, director of Central’s public safety division.

“Currently Safe Ride is under the Wellness Center, but no one there works after 5 p.m., unless they’re doing a program,” he said. “The safety department has people who work at night that can supervise the drivers.”

The changes will not affect the student drivers, who will remain with the program once the administration has been transferred. The drivers will be given Nextel cell phones that also work as two-way radios to contact each other, as well as the public safety department, if necessary.

Safety concerns for the student drivers were also taken into consideration when the changes were first being discussed. Nicole Otto, a health science major, was first being discussed. Nicole Otto, a health science major, was a panel of detectives who talked about the drug and how they overcame it. The last panel was composed of people representing the recovering aspect of meth use such as rehabilitation.

Burglary is one of the crimes being linked to meth use.

“Criminals are growing smarter,” said Detective Sergeant Bill DeHaven.

He reported that criminals are starting to take their time when they rob houses and are even committing the crimes in broad daylight.

The detectives suggest that every person mark their valuables and record the serial numbers, so they can be returned to the rightful owners if they are stolen.

Central officials say there is no policy to prevent Level I offenders from living on campus.
Yugoslavian refugee finds cause in America

by Tieh-Pai Chen
Photographer

All Djordje Popovic had was a small suitcase and a former Yugoslavian flag gripped tightly in his hand. He was heading toward Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia, where thousands of people, despite their different ethnicities, protested against Slobodan Milosovic and the impending war the dictator intended to bring. It was 1989, and Popovic, currently working for the Diversity Education Center after graduating from Central as a philosophy and Russian major, was 16.

"I'm not going anywhere without my flag," the 16-year-old Serbian boy shouted, after the family's housekeeper crossed the street to prevent them from fighting.

Tito, the former leader of Yugoslavia, was a federal republic formed by six adjourning states where different ethnic groups and religions coexisted peacefully. However, Tito's death led to a lasting-power struggle between several dictators. When Milosovic ascended the throne, the country collapsed into different states. The breakup of the nation made the 16-year-old Popovic no longer a Yugoslavian—which was how he identified himself in his entire life—but rather a Serb.

"I chose to believe people were not gonna go for it [war]. If you look up at the sky [Sarajevo], you could always see a Jewish synagogue, a Christian church, a Catholic Cathedral and a Muslim Mosque," Popovic said. "No one believed we would start fighting against each other."

Deciding not to fight for one dictator—against another dictator—Popovic planned to escape. The problem was, draft-aged men needed a special permission from the military to go overseas. So, he pretended to be a compliant young man who obeyed all the orders. But he also kept in touch with an American journalist, Eric Condi, whom Popovic had guided. For Popovic's good behavior, the military allowed him to leave the country where he was born. He then went to visit Hungary for some personal affairs for "only a weekend."

Not until several years after he escaped to the United States, under the help of Condit, did he ever return. However, America—the land of freedom—was not quite what he expected. Initially after he attended a Christian fundamental high school for a year and astonishingly found out the school's library had some classics of literature, like Mark Twain, because those books were considered "immoral."

"I knew many bad things happened in this country, like racism and slavery, but I also knew there were many beautiful things, like jazz and democracy," Popovic said. "Before I went there, I thought America was like New York.

Unlike other political activists, who only pay attention to the affairs within their own countries, Popovic is even more active after his coming to the United States. He organized a petition in Ellensburg to oppose the military intervention and more than 300 cosignatures showed their support.

"The similarity between Bush and Milosovic is that they both try to create fictional enemies and declare fictitious wars, which demand a strong figure to address the problem immediately. They both demand unquestioned military actions, and the perpetual state of crisis keeps them in power," Popovic said, with a huge rainbow flag hanging on the wall in his Diversity Education Center office.

"I don't have to speculate on Bush's ideology, because I have seen that—it's war, tragedy, and suffering. I cannot be protesting against Milosovic without seeing and ignoring Bush for doing the same things," Popovic said.

"The problem is not particularly the people; it's something I actually have seen. I saw the best of it...the possibility it can lead to; but I also saw the worst of it—the tragedy and suffering when political powers try to step in," Popovic said, looking over at the "No to Bush Agenda" poster on his wall. "That's why I'm doing what I'm doing now."

Popovic said his job is all about empowering people, and pushing them to believe they can do something to make a difference.

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OFFENDERS: Law enforcement, courts can’t tell them where to live or work

I didn’t know they were living in stu­dent housing.”

Stacy Klippenstein, Central’s director of housing, said Central does­n’t have a written policy established regarding the prevention of Level I sex offenders residing in student housing because the law won’t allow their identities to be revealed.

“However, students who want to live on campus must sign a contract which asks if they have been convict­ed of a crime,” he said. “But unless they’ve admitted to the fact they are sexual offenders, Central would not be privy to the information until the university is contacted by law enforcement agencies or parole offi­cers regarding placement.”

Even then there are limits to the amount of information that can be divulged, he said.

The only recourse the university has, Klippenstein said, is if the school discovers the application a student filed has been falsified — especially if it doesn’t reveal the fact they are clas­sified as a sexual offender. Only then can the university evict a student for breach of contract, which Klippenstein says has happened in the past.

Klippenstein has not indicated at this point in time, any students in vio­lation of their housing agreement.

Jen Bridges, senior religion major who lives in Moore Hall, said she thinks the fact that sex offenders can live on campus is “really creepy, espe­cially since I live in a coed dorm. But I believe in second chances. Still, peo­ple should be more informed.”

In 2003 there were four sexual assaults reported to campus police, according to the most recent annual crime report.

Sexual assault victimizations are highest among young adults between the ages of 16 and 19, low income individuals and urban residents. That’s why officials at Central’s Wellness Center join with colleges and universities across the nation to put on a program called the “Red Zone.” The program is a pro-active awareness campaign designed to inform freshmen women of when they are the most vulnerable.

“With the first six weeks of school we see the highest incidents of sexual assaults,” said Nicole Doenn, health educator at Central. “We also see the highest minor in possession and drinking incidents.”

Young women far from home for the first time are the most vulnerable, she said, because they are out from under parental supervision, which results in experimenting with alcohol and sex for the first time, she said.

To fend off an assailant, Dunn sug­gests taking self-defense classes offered by the Wellness Center; which builds confidence and awareness. Currently there is no preventative pro­gram offered by the center for single women.

When sex offenders re-enter a community, neither law enforcement agencies nor the courts have the power to tell them where to live or work, unless they are on probation. After an offender is released from prison, he or she usually returns to the same county of residence in which they lived when the crime was com­mitted because they often have family support there.

Although there is not much in the way of prevention methods allowed by the legal system, the 1990 Community Protection Act allows the Kittitas County Sheriff’s Office to inform residents within local commu­nities when sex offenders or kidnap­pers re-establish residency.

However, authorities are still limit­ed to the amount of information they can release based on the level of offense committed.

They can’t reveal the name or crime committed by a Level I offend­er, but they can inform individuals liv­ing near the area. For Level II and Level III sex offenders and kidnap­pers, law enforcement can release additional information regarding crimes committed and the area in which the offenders live, if law enforcement believes they are a dan­ger to their communities.

With “Level II and Level III offenders, I will sometimes go house-to-house in neighborhoods where they will reside,” said Deputy Darren Higashiyama of the Kittitas County Sheriff’s Office. “Some other options would be placing articles in the Daily Record, notify schools and daycare centers if their victims were children.”

The police do not give out comp­lete addresses of the perpetrators for fear of repercussions against them.

“People get upset when they know a registered sex offender is living in their neighborhood.”

Darren Higashiyama Kittitas County Sheriff’s Office

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Police Briefs

compiled by Jennifer Turner
News editor

Medical research-a-thon
Nov. 9 — Teanaway North
It was reported that a 45-year-old male, with a history of heart problems, was not breathing regularly, after having smoked marijuana for the last 12 hours.

Van Wilder spotted
Nov. 9 — West 9th Avenue
It was reported that a man who was seen recklessly driving a golf cart on the sidewalk, even driving on two wheels at times.

Big bang query
Nov. 10 — Cleman Road
Around 1 am the reporting party had seen a bright yellow light and a loud bang, while looking northeast near Kittitas.

Pre-packed beef
Nov. 11 — Reecer Creek Road
The reporting party called to notify police that there was a cow in a field, eating a plastic bag.

Hello, India? No? click...
Nov. 12 — North Iowa Street
After a 911 hang-up, it was reported that the male subject had called in because she had fallen and there would be the sound of a drum noise throughout the night.

Shes-Mail
Nov. 13 — Core Road
The reporting party called to report a theft. They had observed a woman in a Subaru stealing the contents of six mailboxes along the roadway, over the past three hours.

Bringing home some bitches
Nov. 14 — First Street
The reporting party called from a motel because a chow mix and a black lab had followed a customer in. Both dogs were reported as being friendly.

Francisco strikes again
Nov. 15 — Dodge Road
The reporting party called for his friend who does not speak English to report that someone had been using his credit card illegally.

Getting bunged in the trailer
Nov. 15 — 15th Avenue
The reporting party called because they heard a loud bang on the side of their trailer.

Help, I've fallen...
Nov. 12 — Mountain View Road
A 96-year-old woman reportedly called in because she had fallen and needed assistance getting up.

Bang the drum slowly
Nov. 12 — SR 903, Cle Elum
The reporting party called to notify police that they would be having a Native American gathering and there would be the sound of a drum noise throughout the night.

International Education Week

The Pacific Northwest is filled with a diverse ethnic and cultural population. People of many races reside in and visit Washington, including here in Ellensburg. This week Central Washington University celebrates the many cultures that inhabit our world by hosting events in honor of International Education Week.

The events are sponsored and conducted by departments around campus, including the Diversity Education Center, Department of Foreign Languages, Office of International Studies and Programs, University Housing and New Student Programs, Admissions Office and the International Student Association.

Abby Peirce, junior elementary and special education majors, is interested in learning more about other cultures. She is currently planning to go on an exchange program to France. She also expresses interest in attending some of the programs this week, including International Cuisine Night, saying one reason to go is the free food.

Although many of the events have already passed, there are still plenty of events that will be going on today and tomorrow. The Material World and photo contest displays will run today through Friday. All of the events for International Education Week are free to attend.

Today there are four events, including the last of the Brown Bag Sessions, which is hosted by the Department of Foreign Language. The last event, the Faculty Panel on International Opportunities, will be going on at noon in the Samuels Union Building's Yakama Room.

Also, at 6:30 p.m. the International Student Association is putting on an International Cuisine Night in the Michaelson cooking lab. Attendees will actually witness the food preparation before they eat it. The recipes come from various cultures, such as those found in Southeast Asia and China.

At 6 p.m. tomorrow night in the Music Education Building there will be International Education Week's final event, Seattle Kokem Taiko, a Japanese-American group that does drum performances.

International Education Week was started nationally in 2000. Both the Department of State and Department of Education put on the week long event as an effort to promote issues related to the education of international studies, including encouraging students to study abroad in a foreign exchange program. For more information on the national program for International Education Week, visit the Web site at http://exchanges.state.gov/iiew/.

METH: Panels present tips

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The recovering addict panel consisted of three middle-aged people. Jeff, a former user had been involved with drugs since he was six. He eventually became an alcoholic and lost his family due to his abuse. He then turned to using meth and quit all other drugs including alcohol.

"The only time in my life I didn't drink alcohol was when I was using meth," Jeff said.

He continued to get worse when he lost his job. He managed to get a job trafficking drugs and was paid in meth. At one point he had stayed up for 28 days straight.

"Meth produced a sense of euphoria in my life," Jeff said.

He was eventually busted and ended up serving time. He stressed the need for people to realize that drug addiction is a disease.

"You don't shun a person with diabetes from your family. So you shouldn't shun a friend or family member that's a drug abuser or an alcoholic, that's a disease too," said Jeff.

When the panel was through a member of the audience asked, what was the youngest age of a person they had seen use meth. The panel responded, six, eight and seven. All of the children were being injected with the drug by their parents.

The rehabilitation panel focused on recovery. They talked about what signs to look for with meth users and how the user is unable of helping him or herself.

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Flu shots available for high risk students

Central has 400 flu shots available for students and faculty at high risk. The shots, which are free for students and $10 for faculty, will be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 23 and from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 24 in the Chief Owl room.

Central recognizes National Transgender Day

At 3 p.m. today, in the Samuelsom Union Building Ballroom, the film, "Soldier's Girl," will be shown. Afterward, California Addams will speak and answer questions. For more information, call the Diversity Center at 963-1368.

'Coffee for your career' comes to campus

The CWU Alumni Association and Career Services, welcome an alumni panel of young entrepreneurs to speak about small business ventures at 10 a.m. on Nov. 23 in the Yakama Room. Information, contact Career Services at 963-2404.

Holidays hard for student far from home

Jake Vancil misses the little things most students close to home take for granted

by Rachel Guillermo

A full tank of gas, a few good CDs and a snack of two or three is most what Central Washington University students need for a trip home. But what about those students that don't have the luxury of hopping in the car and driving for just a few hours to get home?

They get stuck wandering about small business ventures at 10 a.m. on Nov. 23 in the Yakama Room. Admission is free and refreshments are provided by D&M Coffee. For more information, contact Career Services at 963-2404.

Jake Vancil came to Central from the University of Hawaii-Manoa. "All I want is some rice with my meal," he says.

Rachel Guillermo/Obsver

For more information about the changes to Safe Ride contact Chief Steve Rittereiser at crider@cwu.edu.
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Sex offenders on campus are no reason to freak out

I've been at this university for a long time — believe me. And believe me when I say it came as just as much of a shock to me as it did to everyone to find out that sex offenders can and do live on campus. But, that's no reason to quit school and move home to live with mom and dad again. Central Washington University and Ellensburg, just like most small universities and small towns in America, are going to have sex offenders enrolled or living in town.

And dad again.

Many of you probably don't realize how lucky you are to be able to live away from the crime of a big city while getting your education. When was the last time you heard about a murder in Ellensburg? When was the last time you heard about a robbery in Ellensburg? When was the last time your car was broken into in Ellensburg? Yeah. I've heard about murders and robberies, but it's been a while.

No, I've never had my car broken into. I've walked alone through campus at night and drunk, and I've never felt unsafe. Yeah, I'm not a female, but sex offenders aren't all male, and they're not all attracted to women. A lot of people like to criticize the Ellensburg Police and campus police for spending too much time giving out DUls, MIPs and noise violations, but not enough time on other things, but those things are important. Those things help keep young women safe from sexual assaults and alcohol poisoning. Sure, an MIP might end your night, but would you rather it end in the emergency room or the rape crisis center?

Thought that my roommate could potentially be a rapist does bother me, but not enough to scare me away. I don't live on campus. I haven't for a few years now, but I wouldn't think twice about moving back on campus if I ever had to. The thought that my roommate could potentially be a rapist does bother me, but not enough to scare me away. I know that every year women are raped and a lot don't come forward because of the fear of embarrassment, among other things. And this should be a wake up call to all of you that bad things can happen in this sleepy little cow town.

We're all adults here. Those sex offenders who do live on campus have paid their debt to society, and should be allowed to get an education. And be sure to think before you go home with a stranger. Ben Davis is the Observer Editor-in-Chief. He can be reached at debdv@cwu.edu.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Healing wounds from the election

America needs to support its president

Now that the historic 2004 elections are over and there was a decisive victory for President George W. Bush, we need to join together as a nation and stand behind the president we chose. States are no longer red and blue; all are now red white and blue.

In 1980, the Governor of California, Ronald Reagan, went to Washington, D.C., with an optimistic vision of healing the nation. Inflation and interest rates were in the double digits and America has all but lost faith in the presidency. President Reagan was well liked and worked hard to implement drastic changes. That nation rallied behind his president and we achieved high goals.

Twenty years later, the Governor of Texas, George W. Bush, went to Washington after a hotly contested election. His main task was to gain the trust of the people, and after a fierce competition with a very talented challenger, he received 51 percent of the popular vote, an amount not received since 1988.

For the next four years, we have a President who will give us strong, steady leadership. We know where he stands and he never waivers. We can look back to the wisdom on President Reagan when he said:

"Thanks to all of you, and with God's help, America's greatest chapter is still to be written, for the best is yet to come."

Jacob Anthony Bertram
Accounting and Spanish

Free speech

Protect free speech for our children

A few weeks ago, I received a John Kerry bumper sticker and put it on my car. Not eight hours later, a sports car passed me as I drove down University Way with my top down.

Ben Davis
Observer Editor-in-Chief

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VOICING OPINIONS
Entertainment has undermined journalism

Has the entertainment world of television replaced print media as the primary source for accurate news reporting? If so, then it has undermined journalistic integrity. I recently read a book by author Neil Postman entitled "Amusing Ourselves to Death," which explores the shift from print to visual media. Postman attributes a decline of reliance on print media to the emergence of television, a powerful medium that exploded on the scene in the mid-20th century, a point with which I agree.

Few could have imagined that the influence TV would have on our entertainment world as a whole. It marked a major shift in how the world is informed and entertained. The controlling influence of television cannot be underestimated. It designs and organizes the information that is projected into our living rooms. The creators of TV programs and their sponsors then decide what we will watch and when we will watch it.

We are informed and entertained simultaneously, according to their prescriptions, with everything from murder and mayhem, to religion, politics, sports and the weather. The message being communicated is becoming muddled and confused to the point of not knowing what is truth and what is fantasy. All subject matter is presented, theological and cultural, which undermines television's credibility.

Because religion, art, athletics, education, commerce and news have transformed into Hollywood glitter, we are a people on the verge—as the title of Postman's book suggests—amusing ourselves to death.

The self proclaimed "news" magazine shows such as the "O'Reilly Factor," "Crossfire" and "Point-Counter Point" which have surfaced in the past five years have become little more than shouting matches between conservatives and liberals.

Politicians and religious leaders are hosting Saturday Night Live. Integrity has become a joke and the message is distorted and confusing. News anchors fit the qualifications of being attractive and entertaining news broadcasting, we will lose all credibility, in my opinion.

For nearly 250 years, print media was the voice of truth and reason, as every important literary, historical, and cultural event had been recorded in print. The written word had always held prestige and authority over the spoken.

We live in a society of instant mashen potatoes, microwaves and remote controls, where you can have any convenience at the push of a button. It has become far too easy to flop down on the couch and get your entertaining news from the TV, instead of from reading the newspaper.

Fewer and fewer people are concerned about accuracy and truth telling in news reporting. They just want their daily ration of "infotainment" regarding current events in order to feel a meaningful conversation around the water cooler at work or the espresso stand at colleges and universities across the nation.

A very real danger presents itself: As the reliable, proven means of communication through printed media shift to the entertaining world of television news broadcasting, we will regress to an illiterate society. People become too dependent on the person they were harbored from.

And because these stem cells are every bit as effective, if not better than skin cells taken out of an embryo. A story on "60 Minutes II" in June of 2002 focused on a young boy who was cured of sickle cell thanks to stem cells taken out of an umbilical cord.

One of the critical issues in this year's election was stem cell research. The great thing about stem cells is that they might be the key to curing cancer, heart disease and diabetes. It might even give crippled people the chance to walk again.

The downside of this, it seems, is scientists have to kill off an embryo—human life in its weakest and most vulnerable stage—to get stem cells. Or do they?

Is it possible to help people live a normal life without destroying another life? Believe it or not, it is. According to an article on Focus on the Family's (a Christian Ministry organization) Web site, stem cells are found in the umbilical cord, brain, bone marrow and pancreas, and can be retrieved without loss of life or causing damage to the child.

Red zone reality

Three years ago this month, I had met a guy who was pretty cool. He was on the wrestling team, he went to SALT, and he lived in my residence hall. We had hung out a few times when he came over one night.

I had probably only anticipated watching TV and going to sleep because back then I was an ambitious little freshman. I had no idea how much of an impact the following minutes would have on me, even today.

My friend rapped me in my bed, in my room. There isn't a feeling in the world that compares to the complete helplessness of a situation like this. The fact that I am ignor­

ent everything that you are. I kept thinking, "A few minutes ago we were joking and watching TV—what happened?"

That night, after he had left, I slept on the floor, and didn't tell any one for almost three years. In fact, most of my friends and family will not find out this column reading.

This week I was faced with a sit­uation in which people believed that the red zone is pointless and that some women are exaggerating
Central's a gamer's paradise

by Jared Lorvak
Staff reporter

Another school year has begun. It's time to study and make the most of our education. Or, we can dive headfirst into contact with the outside world-inhibiting video games.

Halo 2
Perhaps the most popular title this year is "Halo 2," the sequel to Bungie Studio's 2001 hit "Halo: Combat Evolved." In this game, players are once again thrust into the green, metal boots of the Master Chief, the one-man wrecking crew from the first game who laid waste to the forces of the Covenant, a religious cult of alien races bent on humanity's destruction. "The Master Chief is cool because he moves like a real person," said Mike Rhodes, sophomore undeclared. "He looks around when he goes into a new room and stuff like that."

This sequel finds that the Covenant has tracked our hero back to his mother's murder as well as pursue his decisive victory on the ringed planet Halo.

"He looks around when he goes into a new room and stuff like that." — Mike Rhodes, sophomore undeclared.

"It proves that crime does pay," said Justin Green, senior business administration major. "From getting out to pumipng has, this game has everything."

Failure to tend to wounds will result in horrible scars. If a player is unfortunate enough to be bitten by a werewolf, they will find themselves howling at a full moon until they find a cure.

Ethics also play a role in "Fable." A character who does evil things will find that good people do not act faddishly towards them. Evil people, on the other hand, will welcome the player. Getting caught after committing minor crimes, like vandalism or brandishing a weapon, will result in the character being fined. Harsher crimes carry harsher penalties. An evil character will also wear clothes that reflect their evil qualities, such as black armor or a mask.

Furthermore, an evil character will develop skills suited for evil deeds, such as the ability to flip people off.

THE GAMES
Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas
released Oct. 23 for Playstation 2

"It's larger than the biggest RPG, has more story than the heftiest adventure game and has almost as many mini-games as Nintendo's Mario Party." — IGN.com

Halo 2
released Nov. 9 for Xbox

"Overall, it's one of the very best action games available." — GameSpot.com

Fable
released Sept. 14 for Xbox

"...this is a decidedly great game, all in all." — GameSpot.com
Gamers turn Resnet into network playground

by Desiree Michel
Staff reporter

With the release of "Halo 2," many student gamers at Central Washington University are looking for a chance to pit their skills against the best. A service still unknown to some, the gaming network on Resnet, allows students to duke it out for bragging rights whether challengers are down the hall or across campus.

Information Technology Services specialist Nate Hill estimates that at least 90 student-owned consoles use the network to play Xbox and PlayStation games. Online forums indicate that interest in network play is up, something Hill attributes to the system's ease of use.

"We've tried to simplify things as much as possible for getting students set up on it," Hill said.

He believes the latest crop of multiplayer titles is also a contributing factor.

"The quality of games has gone up, incredibly so," Hill said.

Chris Timmons of Information Technology Services said Central's network is ideal for student-to-student game play because it doesn't require a lot of bandwidth. He said the trick is controlling traffic so games run smoothly and without delays.

"With games it needs to be timely," Timmons said.

Because students pay for Resnet services, they are free to use it for nonacademic purposes like video games. Sophomore flight technology major David Clark likes using the multi-player options on the network, when other options get old.

"If you're getting bored with a game, it gives you a new way to play," Clark said.

Using the network, students can play multi-player games in groups as large as 16 in teams of up to four players each. For serious gamers wanting an extra edge on the competition, there is a separately sold head accessory that allow players to communicate, conspire and strategize with partners across campus.

The popularity of "Halo" and its sequel has generated increased interest in network play and Xbox in general. "Team Resnet," "Top Gun," "Evil Cheese" and the ever-intimidating "Riot" team remained. The team took second place finalist from the team will also receive a mystery prize.

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"The Master Chief is a lot like a modern-day mythical hero in that he's a perfect human," said Rob Holts, junior graphic design major.

In addition to the game series' story of intergalactic war and misguided religious zealotry, the games also have one feature that has made the Halo games a mainstay here at Central Washington University, as well as at colleges all over the country: multi-player mode.

"The new game is much more adaptive to online play," said Justin Green, senior business administration major.

Multi-player mode allows up to 16 players to connect Xbox systems together, either directly through Ethernet cables or over Central's Resnet, and battle against each other in teams or in a bloody "every man for himself" battle royal. Special modes such as "Capture the Flag" and the occasional use of air and surface combat vehicles on some levels help vary the gameplay and give teams more complicated objectives in addition to killing everyone on the screen that looks different.

"Most of the time, we just play against people in our dorm rooms," Holts said.

Though there are mini-tournaments in the dorms and apartments all over campus, the popularity of this feature spawned another official Halo tournament on campus.

Sponsored by the Central chapter of Association of Computing Machinery, a nationally recognized club for people involved in the computer industry, the tournament pitted teams against each other in both "Capture the Flag" and "Slayer" modes.

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Asst. Scene editor

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Playing games with the boys
by Ashley Harris
Staff reporter

Typically video games have been associated with and marketed toward adolescent males but now females are getting into the mix of the video game genre. Females are now playing everything from PC games, PlayStation 2, GameCube and XBox.

Here are the top rated games from PC games, PlayStation 2, GameCube and XBox:

- Life—modding female gossips are happily content with "The Sims," by EAGames. It allows gamers to create simulated people and build their homes. Then players must help your Sims pursue careers, earn money, make friends, and find romance or totally mess up their lives. There is no right or wrong way to play this game. Features in this game include real-time strategy, choosing career paths and the ability to get married.

- "A Star Wars" spin off game, "Rogue Squadron III: Rebel Strike," published by LucasArts, features the ability to get out of the cockpit and shoot bad guys. In some levels, scenes are cut directly from the movies and players are given the chance to rescue Princess Leia from the Deathstar.

- While Nintendo has a wide array of classic characters in its repertoire, "The Legend of Zelda" has become the company's flagship series. "The Wind Waker" takes the series back to its more cartoonish roots. The game casts players in the role of a familiar young boy, who sets out to save his kidnapped sister.

- "Tiger Woods Golf" on XBox is my favorite game," said Kelly Dietzel, senior information technology and administrative management major. "It's fun, challenging and original. Everyone should own a copy."

- "Super Mario Kart," said Terrell Kopkas, senior business marketing major. "All of these games are great, but "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," which XBox has rated one of their best games, and "Cawoman" are geared towards female gamers.

- "Grand Theft Auto." The object is to complete the mission by shooting enemies, while driving and staying within a certain distance of an assigned vehicle.

- "Mortal Kombat" and "X-Men," said Amy Hill, senior education, history major. "My favorite PS2 games are "Mortal Kombat" and "X-Men," said Crystal Madden, senior education, history major.

I feel the pain of every girl who has ever had to sit on the couch in front of the TV for hours, pretending to be interested in a game that they don't find cool. Their boyfriends are salivating over them. I understand what it is like to cheer them on, when all you really want to do is punch them.

I know what it is like to stare at your guy friend when all you really want to do is bring him back from the abyss of video game land that has swallowed them.

To set the record straight about our feelings on video games: No we do not think they are cool. No, we do not want to play. Yes, we want to do something else. Sorry guys, your girlfriend is not as obsessed with video games as you are. There, I said it.

Whenever I express my extreme distance for video games, guys always try to convince me that they are a necessity of everyday life and that to not love them would be ludicrous. But I always get the same reaction when asking what makes them so cool—"Its fun to blow stuff up."

How can I argue with that? As much as I truly love "blowing things up," I guess I would just rather be doing other things like turning off the TV and joining the real world. Don't get me wrong, I wish I could sit in front of the TV for hours, stealing cars and beating up prostitutes—no wait I am totally kidding.

I think the main problem is that some guys, (not surprisingly) have no self-control. They just don't know when to stop, here are some red flags to watch for:

- There is an overpowering smell of boys who haven't showered.
- Your fingers are cramped from the death grip you've had on the controller for the last day.
- I know what it is to wish I could sit in front of the TV for hours, stealing cars and beating up prostitutes. "I'm totally addicted," I guess I would just rather be doing other things like turning off the TV and joining the real world outside of that video game.

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There are REAL people out there, who breathe oxygen, and don't make it the point of devoting every moment of their living existence to "blow things up."

Go meet them.

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p.m., Sarah
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An Evening

with the Arts

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Banff

Mountain

Film Festival

@ 7 p.m.

SUB

Ballroom, $5 admission.

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Comedy

Night ft. Art

Krug and

Linda

Hopkins @ 8
p.m., Club

Central, $4 admission.

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Arthageddon

@ Noon, SUB

Ballroom.

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Gozomati @ 8
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Big dance starts today for Wildcat women

by Rebecca Thornton
Staff reporter

The Wildcat volleyball team did not disappoint the record breaking 1,314 fans that showed up to support them Friday. The senior night match against St. Martin’s marked the women’s 31st consecutive victory moving them into a final national ranking of 11th before the NCAA Division II playoffs begin.

“It was great that we stuck to our game plan and focused on beating Saint Martin’s, and not looking past them,” said Mario Andaya, who was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. said. “I truly thought they might be a dangerous team. Our serving was key tonight, keeping them out of rhythm and allow­ ing us to run our offense.”

Senior setter Kate Reome, named this year Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year, finished her final match at Nicholson Pavilion with 40 assists bringing her career total to 4,710, also setting the offense for 51 assists with a .398 hitting efficiency.

Juniors Crystal Ames, LaQue Branch and LeAnne McGahuey all led their team offensively each earning more than 10 kills on the night. Match-high was Branch with 14 kills and 12 digs; McGahuey hit 13 kills giving her 404 and Central’s single-season kills record.

With regular-season play behind them, the Wildcats head into the Division II playoffs tonight at 5 p.m. against 5th seeded Hawaii Pacific University. Serving as the sole GNAC representative this year, Central is seeded 6th behind UC San Diego, Cal State San Bernardino, and Cal State Los Angeles.

This tournament will be played in single-elimination format with the winners advancing to the NCAA Division II National Championships to be held December 2-4. If the Wildcats are successful against Hawaii Pacific tonight, they move on to a Friday match against the winners of the UCSD-Cal State Bakersfield match.

The times for Thursday’s four opening round matches will be Noon, 2:30 p.m, 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Cal State Bakersfield

VS.

UC-San Diego

The Cal State Bakersfield volleyball team is returning to the NCAA Pacific Regional Tournament for the second consecutive season and the sixth time in eight seasons with a 17-8 record, the Roadrunners will enter the 2004 regional as the No. 8 seed. Cal State Bakersfield takes on UCSD today in semifinal play. CSB is led by senior outside hitter Morgan Reed and Nicole Holland.

#1

Hawaii Pacific University

Hawaii Pacific University’s Sea Warriors are seeded 4th and will be the first challengers faced by CWU. Currently 20-3, HP’s leaders include students from Hawaii to Brazil to Serbia. This multi-national team should provide an interesting challenge to the Wildcat women.

#4

Central Washington Univ.

Your beloved Wildcats come into the Division II playoffs after an undefeated regular season. Central, ranked 11th in the final national poll, has won 31 consecutive games, the longest streak in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. CWU is led by star senior Kate Reome who leads the nation in assists. Central is making their first appearance in the postsea­ son since going from the NAIA to Division II.

#5

California State University-San Bernadino

The Coyotes from San Bernardino will take on Cal Poly Pomona in its first match today. The Coyotes head into championship play seeded 2nd with a record of 24-3. San Bernardino’s reign as champion of the highly-competitive CCAA for the past three years and one of the top 10 teams in NCAA Division II makes it a big target for opponents in 2004 playoffs.

#2

California State University-Los Angeles

VS.

UC-San Diego

California State University-Los Angeles heads into playoffs ranked 3rd. Cal State L.A. heads into post-season play with a 17-11 record. This third place seat at championships will mark the Golden Eagles 10th trip to nationals in 13 years. This team, led by Te’Ara Epps will face the 6th seeded Chaminade in the opening round today.

#3

Chaminade University

Chaminade University located in Honolulu, Hawaii finished its regular season with a 21-8 record. Coached by Glennie Adams, the Silver swords head into championship play seeded 6th. Key returning players include senior outside hitter Valani Sepulona, senior outside hitter Kahala Kabalis, senior setter Michelle Norman and senior middle blocker Pati Hardimon.

#6

Cal Poly Pomona

The wait is officially over for Cal Poly Pomona’s women’s vol­ leyball team. The Broncos have qualified for the playoffs for the first time since 1997. Cal Poly Pomona, the No. 7 seed in the Pacific Region, will take on No. 2 seed Cal State San Bernardino in a first-round. The Broncos are lead by Jacqueline Ragudos, Erica Rodriguez, Chelsea Hipley, and Mary Real.

#7
Your Wildcat women's basketball team

Off the Bench

Ashley Blake W 5'9" SO
Lauren Short PG 5'6" SO
Kaci Pipkin PG 5'4" JR
Brianna Hillard F 5'10" JR
Hanna Hull W 5'9" FR
Kristina Klapperich F/P 6'1" FR
Morial Hover F/P 6'1" SR

Starters

Lauren Wright
Jamie Corwin
Loni Ainslie
Kaci Pipkin

#50 Pos: F/P Height: 6'0" Year: Senior Hometown: Portland, Ore. High School: Lincoln '01

#13 Pos: W Height: 5'6" Year: Soph Hometown: Auburn High School: Liberty '03

#10 Pos: W Height: 5'9" Year: Junior Hometown: Graham High School: Bearcat '09

#42 Pos: F Height: 6'3" Year: Soph Hometown: Longview High School: Mark Morris '03

New, old faces form athletic Central team

by Chris Thompson
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University women's basketball team may only be returning two starters from the 2003-04 team that went 17-10, but the real story is the players that are new to the program. Coach Jeff Whitney will rely on both his returnees and newcomers to contribute in the 2004-2005 season.

"She'll be one of the top athletes in the conference"

Jeff Whitney
Woman's head coach commenting on the addition of transfer Jamie Corwin

In addition to Corwin, several other newcomers should make an impact this winter including Wenatchee Valley transfer Kaci Pipkin, Yakima Valley transfer Brianna Hillard, freshman Hanna Hall from Pateros and freshman Kristina Klapperich from Wasilla, Alaska.

"We're going to be much more athletic," Whitney said. Last year's team barely missed the playoffs after a strong second half finish to their season. The Wildcats came within one ranking slot of making the West regional playoffs.

The Wildcat women will open their season on Friday when they take on George Fox at the Falcon Hoop Classic, hosted by Seattle Pacific University.

They will also be in action on Saturday when they play Warner Pacific in the same tournament. Central's home opener will be on Nov. 26 when they play host to Adams State for a two-game non-conference series. Conference play will begin for the Wildcats on Dec. 2 when Alaska-Fairbanks comes to town.

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Off the Bench
Steffond Brown G 6'1" FR
Chris Bannish G 6'1" JR
Jon Bond G 6'3" FR
Joey Luke G 6'4" FR
Robert Hicks G 5'11" JR
Jacob Galloway C 6'5" SR
Teddy Craven G 6'2" JR
Sean Russell C 6'6" JR
R-Jay Barsh F 6'5" SR

Starters
#42 Pos: F/G Height: 6'6" Weight: 210 Year: Soph Hometown: Sunnyvale High School: Sunnyvale Christian 93

Lance Den Boer

Kyle Boast

#21 Pos: G Height: 6'3" Weight: 190 Year: Soph Hometown: Auburn HS

Derek Groth


Coaches
Head Coach 5th year Central Washington graduate, 1990
Greg Sparling

Assistant Coach 2nd year Central Washington graduate, 2002
Tye Nasic

Assistant Coach 3rd year Seattle Pacific graduate, 1965
Karl Albrect

G.E. Coleman

Transferring to a new style of basketball

by Chris Thompson
Staff reporter

Returning only one letterman from a year ago, the Central Washington University men's basketball team looks to improve on its 9-18 record in 2003-2004. The Wildcats have been picked to finish sixth in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference coach's poll.

Senior Kyle Boast is the only returning player for the team but the Wildcats have several other players that will make an immediate impact.

"We're hoping Kyle will step up and have a big senior season," said Head Coach Greg Sparling. "He will be one of our go-to-guys on offense and he also has really improved on defense."

At point guard, Robert Hicks and Chris Bannish will give the Wildcats a legitimate scoring threat from the point. Also in the backcourt will be Air Force Academy transfer Derek Groth, Saint Martin's transfer Jerrell Everson and Cascade College transfer Jason Moore. The Wildcats also welcome Lance Den Boer, a transfer from Washington State University and the all-time leading scorer in Washington state high school history, to the team at forward. Sean Russell, the tallest player on the team at six-foot-eight-inches, will give the team some size inside.

"We're going to play some small ball," Sparling said. "There could be times we have four or even five guards on the court at the same time."

The newcomers to the team played a major role on Monday when the Wildcats routed the Australian Institute of Sport, 112-80. Groth led all scorers with 26 points, Den Boer had 25 points and Hicks came off the bench to score 23, proving that the new guys will make an immediate impact on the 2004-2005 season.

After Saturday's home opener against Warner Pacific, the Wildcats will be on the road until January. Over the Thanksgiving break, the team will be at the Wittmeier Mac Martin Tournament in Chico, Calif. GNAC play will begin for the Wildcats on Dec. 4 when Central travels to Lacey to play GMC.
Chris Thompson
Staff reporter

Jon Mentzer
Sports Editor

Get Game," averaging 26 points per game and shooting 60 percent from three-point range while leading the Sonics to a 7-1 start. Don't expect Allen to finish the year in green and gold though. It's a contract year for Allen, which could make for another interesting trade-deadline heart attack. The Sonics are also led by young guns Rashied Lewis, who is always dropping bombs from the parking lot and Lake Ridderou, his cool hand has been serving dish after dish at the point.

It's Heating up...
When people ask what will happen in Lakerland this season, my answer is "nothing." Kobe's ego is about as huge as the ridiculous ring he gave his wife during his sexual assault trial. Just remember, even Michael Jordan couldn't even do it alone. As an avid Laker hater, this season will bring me much more delight to know that the loud, aggravating Hollywoods that love their Lakers will be reduced to a buffer this season. Apologies to Jack Nicholson.

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Central puts lockdown on postseason awards
by Pat Brown
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Wildcats ended the season with a 26-21 road win against Western Oregon. After starting 1-4, the Wildcats won six consecutive games to finish the season atop the Great Northwest Athletic Conference with a 7-4 record and a 5-1 conference record.

It was the defense that carried the team through most of the season. The Wildcats ranked third in rush defense in all of NCAA Division II football, giving up only 69 rushing yards per game. Seniors Dustin Hawkins and Jacob Galloway were unanimous GNAC first team choices and Mike Romero was a first team selection as well. Senior Marlo Airhart, the remaining starter on the defensive line, was a GNAC second team selection.

Galloway was also named the GNAC defensive player of the year. He holds the school record for both sacks and tackles for loss, and led the nation in tackles for loss this year. He is also a member of the Wildcat Basketball team, whose season starts next Saturday in Nicholson Pavilion.

Middle linebacker Blake Walker was another all-conference, first-team selection. Walker has been an all-conference selection for four consecutive years and has earned GNAC Defensive player-of-the-week honors twice this season. He is Central’s all-time leader in tackles and finished the season with 100.

On the offensive side of the ball, senior running back Emilio Iniguez, senior lineman Evan Picton and junior receiver Brian Potucek, all were unanimous GNAC first team selections. Senior lineman Zach Hubbell was also named to the GNAC first team squad.

"I was pumped, the whole strong side of the line was all-conference," said Hubbell.

Potucek and Picton earned all-district honors with 3.27 and 3.69 GPAs, respectively. Junior receiver Nate Brookreson also earned academic honors with a 3.92 GPA, the highest among the 24 student-athletes selected. Brookreson also earned second team GNAC accolades. Sophomore safety Ryan Andrews was the fourth and final person selected for his academic performance. Andrews also had two interceptions in the final game of the year to earn himself GNAC defensive player-of-the-week honors.

Holding everything together was Head Coach John Zamberlin whose football savvy earned him the GNAC coach-of-the-year award. Zamberlin stuck to the fundamentals and won games playing traditional smash mouth style football, running the ball effectively and dominating on defense.

This was different from what had been done the past few years. They didn’t have to go to Bellingham though, since they played Western in the “Battle in Seattle.” To save money, they also took buses to their road games instead of flying. The long road trips contributed to their struggles on the road. When a team has to travel 1,398 miles to get to the University of North Dakota’s stadium, it makes it hard to win a football game.

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