Central clubs contribute to charity for children

by Sean McPherson
Staff reporter

Harcore video game players, known as "gamers," are often stereotyped as lazy, but a charity founded by gamers is changing that perception.

The charity known as Child's Play was founded by two of the most well-known gamers out there—Jerry Holkins and Michael Krahulik. Known as Tycho and Gabe on their Web site, they are the people behind the Internet web-comic Penny Arcade.

The organization was founded last year for children who have to endure long-term treatment in hospitals. The charity donates video games, toys and other forms of entertainment for these children.

Last year, Child's Play collected more than $250,000 in donations and this year exceeded $75,000 before the end of November.

Because it is a volunteer based organization, every dollar donated will go toward the cause.

Even local clubs here at Central Washington University have helped out in this effort. The radio program "The Weekly Geek" on 88.1 FM The Burg has been regularly promoting the charity, trying to get people to donate.

The Namakemono Anime Club donated money to the charity this year and last year.

"People just put money in the hat," said Brian Skotland, junior Japanese major.

Although the charity is based out of the Seattle area, much of the funding has come through its Internet base.

"When clicking a couple of times amounts to an act of genuine compassion, you could find good samaritans everywhere," Holkins said in a press release.

For more information or to donate, visit www.childsplay.com.

Sudanese refugee escapes civil war

Deng Lual, a Central sophomore, was born in Sudan. As a child he and others, called The Lost Boys, walked hundreds of miles to escape a bloody civil war.

Working one's way through college is an admirable accomplishment. Some find it painstaking, but for Deng Lual, it's a pale obstacle. Pale compared to escaping death and living his childhood as a refugee.

Lual, a sophomore at Central Washington University, was born in Sudan in the midst of a decades-long civil war that cost an estimated 2 million lives and displaced more than 4 million people.

Education had been one of the main issues of the war, something that especially resonates with Lual.

Lual was displaced from Sudan in 1987 at the age of four. Thousands of people living in Southern Sudan—the majority young boys like Lual—were forced to flee when the Muslim Sudanese military from the north attacked southern villages. These children, mostly between the ages of five and 11, walked hundreds of miles through the wilderness to neighboring Ethiopia.

Lual and thousands of children like him were called the Lost Boys. Hundreds of children died along the way from lack of medicine or food and water, and some were killed by wild animals.

By Joseph Castro/Observer

Wildcats women's basketball team start season with four straight wins

The price of partying for Central students

Increase attributed to more students living in student housing

by Kathleen Lake
Staff reporter

Partying might be fun, but at the end of the night, is it worth the risk?

Despite rumors of more strict rules and enforcement in the residence halls, Stacy Klippenstein, director of University Housing and New Student Programs, said both residence assistants' training and the rules involving alcohol are the same as years past.

"The number of alcohol related violations is based on the students, their choices and how they want their university," Klippenstein said.

There have been slightly more violations than years past, however there are 120 more students living on campus this year, said Klippenstein. From Sept. 17, to the present, there have been 90 students involved in alcohol-related incidents on campus. Last year, records were kept differently; they recorded the number of incidents, not individuals. There were 74 alcohol-related incidents, but many involved more than one person.

The law does not allow someone who is underage and intoxicated to be in a public place. If someone is walking around on campus intoxicated and is confronted by the police, he or she can be cited for being a minor in possession/consumption. What students do behind closed doors is up to them to generalize. All freshman residence halls are alcohol-free.

But police respond to many noise complaints and if they find someone who is underage and intoxicated, he or she can be cited.

By Kathleen Lake/Observer

Do students care about Central sports?
How alcohol affects the body

**Esophagus**
Alcohol irritates the lining, which can lead to broken veins and serious bleeding.

**Liver**
Alcohol makes the liver swell, which leads to infection and slows blood clotting. Fat builds up, killing cells and making scars.

**Stomach**
Alcohol irritates the lining, which leads to ulcers and bleeding.

**Pancreas**
Alcohol causes the cells to swell, which traps digestive juices.

**Small Intestine**
Alcohol irritates the lining, which slows absorption of nutrients from food.

---source: Alcoholics Anonymous

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Now in 2003, there were 162 liquor law violations that resulted in disciplinary action or judicial referrals, including 84 arrests.

A minor in possession of alcohol charge is a misdemeanor that can be punishable by a maximum of 90 days in jail and a $1,000 fine. In general, those charged are required to appear in lower District Court.

With a guilty plea, the usual fine is between $200 and $300 as well as court fees, which are around $50.

The minor is frequently required to go to an alcohol education program; the judge in Ellensburg generally sends students to the Wellness Center's "Prime for Life" class.

Students who are written up for alcohol violations in residence halls also attend this class.

Prime for Life is a program to educate students about the potential risks of alcohol consumption. It is an eight to nine hour class that teaches students how to reduce the risks involved with drinking.

It teaches them how to reduce the likelihood of negative health effects in the future, such as heart disease, liver problems and cancer. The classes help reduce the chance of getting written up again or receiving another MIP.

"The MIP itself has had quite an impact on my drinking habits since now I see the immediate consequences behind my actions," said Dan Cowles, junior pre-law major.

"The fact that I still want to drink is there and will always be there—just my choices of when and where are now backed up with much more care and thought."

Gail Farmer, director of the Wellness Center cautions not letting friends go home with someone they did not come to the party with. Central's police chief Steve Rittereiser said he sees a connection between alcohol and violence.

"I think one fact to consider is that I have been a police officer for 22 years on this campus," Rittereiser said. "In those 22 years, every sexual assault that I have investigated has involved the use of alcohol or drugs by the victim, suspect or both."

---Extra patrol on the lookout

On Dec. 3, police patrols will be participating statewide in the "Night of 1,000 Stars." The stars symbolize the 1,000 badges of the officers who will be on the lookout for impaired and dangerous drivers during the holiday season. In Kittitas County alone, there will be 150 more patrols out between Dec. 3 and Jan. 1.

---Coalition targets high-risk drinking

Lynne Imamshah was recently appointed coordinator of the newly formed Campus Community Coalition. The coalition is a partnership of university and community members committed to reducing high-risk and underage drinking. Imamshah was appointed by President Jerilys McIntyre and was selected to serve on the Presidents Leadership Group. She formed the coalition with campus and community members.
Central police officer talks about his time spent in war-torn Iraq

by Emily Dobihal
Copy chief

After five months overseas, military policeman Jeff St. John missed his wife and kids first, and McDonald's second. After an injury threatened his life, St. John was eventually sent home to Ellensburg and back to work as a patrol officer at Central Washington University.

Of his five months on active duty, the 11-year National Guard member spent the final four in Mosul, Iraq.

Q: What was it like living in Iraq?
A: We stayed in living containers, like hay containers, or trailers. It snowed a week before I got there; we'd hit the end of the rainy season. But the weather's kind of similar to here—hot. We didn't have a set schedule. But we had briefings at 8 a.m. It would out line what we would do during the day.

Q: What were your duties in the National Guard?
A: I was on a bomb squad when I was on active duty. I dismantled a couple of bombs. I was a military policeman, kind of like a police officer. We trained Iraqi National Guard in things like riot control. We gave them police training.

Q: What did you do on off time?
A: Played cards a lot—spades. We played on a little table with [netting] put up for shade.

Q: How was the atmosphere?
A: Most of [the people] liked you. It's just like anywhere else, 90 percent of the population liked us. Some didn't. We got bombed a lot, but they missed a lot. I guess they didn't miss all the time, they got me.

Q: How did your injury occur?
A: It was a mortar attack. I caught some shrapnel in my stomach. [A fellow officer] saved my life. He dragged me to the hospital. For recovery I stopped in Germany and then Fort Lewis for a couple of surgeries. St. John returned home at the end of June. He rejoined the Central patrol squad Nov. 1.
Observer reporter rides with Ellensburg police

How much you can drink before you're legally too drunk to drive*

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*Source: University of Washington PD

by Bridget Pechtel
Staff reporter

I never expected to be standing outside of the Ellensburg Police station at 11 p.m. on a Friday night. I also never expected to be at a police station by choice. But on Nov. 19, there I stood, alone, unbelievably cold, unable to feel my fingers and on the telephone to my roommate. Luckily, the phone call wasn't for her to post bail, but to keep me company while I waited for Sergeant Scott Willis, my ride-along companion, to pick me up.

Willis, who has been with the Ellensburg police for 15 years, is the supervisor of the shift from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. When he talks about the city, I can tell he loves his job.

"I love this community. I love the diversity," Willis said.

At 11:30 p.m., I was going to finally see the city from his perspective. The first action I witnessed was in response to a noise complaint at Cottage Lane. This turned out to be three men taking a cigarette break, who got off with a warning to be a little more quiet.

After leaving, Willis drove to the downtown area to scope out the bar scene. We sat until 11:43 p.m., when it became obvious that there would be no need for crowd control. On our way to the south part of Ellensburg to search for possible vehicle prowlers, we drove down the alleyways to make sure people were not using them as bathrooms—a common occurrence.

Driving north on Main Street, Willis noticed a government car parked in the U-Haul driveway at 12:02 a.m. Afraid that it could be something bad, such as a possible burglary, Willis stopped and searched the area, but it turned out to be the new owner of the building.

We continued down Main Street and went to the freeway area to check the gas stations for possible problems. What had so far been a quiet night for the police force was about to change.

At 12:30 a.m. we responded to a noise complaint on 19th Street. Phoenix Security and the manager of the 19th Street complex had already arrived after they received word that fireworks had been set off.

When we arrived, Willis failed at attempts to get the students to open the door to the apartment. With no answer at the door, Willis was unable to proceed and told the student to continue with a warning the next day.

At 12:37 a.m., a few houses down on east 19th Street, a young woman called in to report malicious mischief. When a party ended next door, students emptied her recycling bin on the ground and broke it. After taking a report on the incident, Willis and I waited for Sergeant Scott Willis again on our way downtown.

Upon arrival at the Oak Rail at 12:51 a.m., we met another officer who needed to fill out a report on a young man's disorderly behavior—uninating in public. After a quick trip to the station, Willis and I took off to view the city limits to the south and east. This particular Friday night was extremely slow—which is a good thing because, according to Willis, it shows that people are acting responsibly and in a safe manner. Police officers typically look for burglaries on such nights as well as watch up on paperwork, according to Willis.

The busiest time for the police is around 1:45 a.m., when the bars close. At 1:30 a.m. we arrived downtown and continued to patrol the alleyways and surrounding areas. When the Oak Rail closed, the foot patrols moved in to help dissipate the crowd. Willis and I waited and listened for heated voices and/or fighting. It was a calm crowd, however, and was gone by 2 a.m.

We had driven one block when we were called to assist in an officer in the 1100 block of Lore St. What had been a routine traffic stop turned into a young man driving under the influence. When a DUI is being investigated, two officers are called in for safety reasons. Within seconds of seeing RIDE ALONG, page 5

Noise violation laws vary from town to town

by Natalie McCallaugh and Swan Vasquez
Staff reporters

Could a noise violation become a criminal offense?

In Ellensburg, a third violation could result in criminal charges. If there are no criminal charges, there is usually an eviction notice given. This is because landlords can receive citations as well.

"I have gotten three [tickets], but luckily I have gotten the first two dropped," said Kyle Hemmel, sophomore undecided. "Had I known they could lead to criminal charges, I would have been more careful.

The tickets have to be given within 30 days of an offense. If a ticket is not given, the landlord can receive a citation.

The police said they have been using the "5-foot" technique to determine if the noise is too loud. If someone can hear the noise from 50 or more feet away, the occupant can receive a citation.

"We respond to about 1,000 complaints a year," said Mike Laverne, active police captain. "We respond to everything from 'my neighbor's car is too loud, there is a party next door, or the neighbor's dog is barking. If we can, we try to take care of it on the first response.'"
Timothy Park residents face new regulations

by Bob Kirkpatrick

Staff reporter

Tone it down or face eviction is the message being sent to those who reside in off-campus housing at Timothy Park.

Residents, a majority of whom are students at Central Washington University, must now sign an agreement with the owners of the rental properties, restricting the number of guests a tenant may entertain to a maximum of eight.

"A bunch of my friends and I used to live in T-Park," said Matt Hibbs, senior accounting major. "We moved in there because it was the main attraction for everyone going to Central. But after they established new rules, some of us moved out."

Julie Williams, one of the principle owners of the facility, said most of the incidents arise at the beginning of the school year because people getting together for the first time have a lot of time on their hands.

"Every complex has had a problem with parties and loud noises," said Williams. "We are not different."

The restrictions placed upon tenants at Timothy Park are not that uncommon, according to Williams.

"We've talked to owners of other facilities and the Ellensburg Police Department to get some suggestions," Williams said. "That is where we got the idea."

Sgt. Mike Luvera with the Ellensburg Police Department said he knew a representative from the department had talked with Williams, but that he "didn't realize the specifics."

"It's really up to the owner to decide what they want to do with their property," Luvera said. "Different complexes have different rules."

Luvera acknowledges that officers from the Ellensburg Police Department have responded to a number of complaints regarding loud parties in Timothy Park, but said that is not to be unexpected because of the size of student population that resides there.

"Timothy Park is a large area, so you'd expect to have a higher volume of calls," said Luvera. "Especially with the age group of residents between 18 and 25."

Luvera did indicate, however, the amount of calls were not unusually higher than calls from other housing complexes where students live.

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Additional guests are allowed—as long as the host fills out an application to gain permission prior to inviting them over. Those unwilling to abide by the new regulations set forth by the owners will not be allowed to reside in the duplex community.

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That's me, and that's how I feel at the Observer.

I've put in six quarters on the Observer staff—that's two academic years. But my time at the Observer won't be forgotten. I'd like to think I've raised the bar for the overall quality of the newspaper.

I've helped teach new reporters how to report. I've helped teach new editors how to edit. And along the way, I've learned a few things too.

I've learned more than I probably ever wanted to about QuarkXPress—the program we use to put the Observer together.

I've learned about this campus and community. And I've learned a lot about myself.

If you've ever changed majors, or struggled to figure out what you want to do with your life, you know what it's like to have that moment when you realize—this is it.

Helping reporters and editors with things I had to learn, I wasn't born with the ability to help coach a writer so he or she can get to the true meat of a story.

And it hasn't been easy. Every editor on the newspaper staff can attest to the fact that I've had my share of blow-ups in the newsroom and toward the staff, and for that I'm sorry.

But the news business is a stressful one, full of long hours and late nights. How many of you have actually been in an academic building at 4 a.m.?

I have, working on the Observer.

I'm not complaining. I love what I do. And I love that every week people can pick up the newspaper and see what I've worked so hard on.

It's gratifying to have something tangible with my name on it to show for my stress and hard work.

But like I said, I feel like it's time for me to go. I'm not graduating, not yet anyway. I'm just stepping "gracefully" aside to give others their experience to be the ultimate authority over what goes in the newspaper and what stays out.

Some of you might not think of the Observer as a real newspaper, but we produce a newspaper the same way the pros do, and it's an incredible experience to be a part of.

We've designed some cool front pages this quarter, and I'm particularly proud of this one, but I'm most proud of the fact that so many of you—readers—agreed or disagreed with my point of view.

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You tell us

Do you think Christine Gregoire should concede the governors race?

"They counted all the votes twice and she lost both times, so she should quit. She can't keep recounting until she wins." - Mike Normoyle, senior political science and philosophy major

"I voted for her, but I think she should have gracefully stepped down and accepted her defeat." - Devin Beach, junior communication studies major

"The governor shouldn't practice a policy of if at all first you don't succeed, lower your standards. She is lowering her standards by trying to backdoor her way into office." - Phil Davenport, freshman undecided

"The margin of error is larger than the percentage of votes. The state allows hand recounts for small margins. It's important votes are respected by a thorough recount." - Sarah Schacht, senior political science major.

LETTERS

A nation of the knowingly unhealthy

Our society has turned into a nation on a crash course to being knowingly unhealthy. The general public knows what they put in their bodies, but yet don't have the discipline to make decisions into consideration. We know fast food is harming and not health damaging the food we eat. Americans live in one of the most fast paced societies in the world, making it easy to coerse into buying these fast food items. Big business and government have managed to join together with the have a specific goal to make money, no matter what the cost to the public.

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Central's theatre students put on their Shorts

be Desiree Michel
Staff reporter

Junior Theatre Arts major Alicia James loves to write, but as she sat at her computer last spring with a bad case of writer's block, a deadline loomed and she knew her play wasn't going to write itself. Then, with a sudden burst of inspiration, James wrote "Miss Education," a short satire on fashion magazines and their impact on young women's self-esteem.

"It was written in a mad, twelve-hour sprint, but it normally takes a quarter," James said.

James' "Miss Education," along with five other short, student-produced plays, will be performed this week in the Milo Smith Tower Theatre at Central Washington University. The Central Theatre Ensemble presents "Shorts: An Evening of Original Plays" on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 3 and 4 at 8 p.m.

This year's crop of shorts features a fair mix of humorous and serious pieces. Each lasts 12 to 15 minutes, a time frame that makes the short a unique form of theatre.

James said the characters in shorts are different because they're more like caricatures, easy for the audience to quickly identify and get to know. Shorts require many set changes, and easily movable pieces are key to production's flow. Leslee K. Caul, director of marketing and development, said the audience must use imagination to bring the sets to life: "A couch is a living room, a sink is a kitchen," Caul said. "It's more about suggesting a set."

Each short has a single director who oversees set and costume design; almost all other elements are also up to the director's artistic discretion. Student directors each choose a student-written play early in the quarter and can choose whether to work closely with the playwright, something producer Wesley Van Tassel encourages, or to put their own vision on stage.

Students in the theatre program get experience in multiple aspects of the Theatre Arts, from writing and directing to lighting, acting and costumes. This is most evident in the production of "Shorts."

"Shorts are a great opportunity for students because everything is student-run, and that makes it a lot of fun because we work with our peers," said Shayne McNeill, senior Theatre Arts major.

McNeill said he loves the camaraderie of the theatre company and the way its faculty pushes students to do more and grow as budding artists. He dreams of someday joining a company in Chicago.

"It's a huge theatre town and it's big on improv—something I fancy," McNeill said.


"It's not your normal standard play," McNeill said in a press release. "You will look at theatre differently, and it's funny."
Movies add holiday cheer

Compiled by Rachel Guillermo
Asst. Scene editor

It’s beginning to look a lot like that holiday season where the majority of us go home for winter break, only to sit at home on our couches watching the Christmas classics. The Observer staff put together both a list of their favorite holiday films, along with a list of festive failures.

BEST:

A Christmas Story
Ralphie Parker is a young boy living in the 1940s Indiana, desperately yearning for a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas. Despite protests from his mother, Ralphie persists, unsuccessfully trying to enlist the assistance of both his teacher and Santa Claus. All the while, Ralphie finds himself dealing with the constant taunts of a pair of bullies and trying to not get in the middle of a feud between his mother and father regarding a sexy leg lamp.

National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation
Chevy Chase, star of National Lampoon’s Vacation is back as head of the Griswold family to skewer the Yuletide season. Chevy mugs, trips, falls, mashers his fingers and stubs his toes as he prepares to invite numerous dysfunctional relatives to his household to celebrate Christmas. Amidst the more outrageous sight gags the film carries a sentimental streak, with old wounds healing and long-estranged relatives reuniting in the Griswold living room.

WORST:

Jingle All the Way
Mocking the 90s holiday toy crazes of Tickle-Me Elmos and Furbees, “Jingle All the Way” is about Howard Langston, a harried father, deciding to dream the impossible dream, and getting that year’s hot toy, Turbo Man, for his son just before Christmas Day.

Nightmare Before Christmas
Tim Burton’s ghoulish tale about Jack Skellington, the king of Halloween town, discovers Christmas town, but doesn’t quite understand the concept. He kidnap Santa Claus and takes it upon himself to deliver some alternative gifts to unsuspecting children.

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Dr. Seuss’s How the Grinch Stole Christmas
ELF

ASDRU, top and middle, lead vocal and trumpet player for Ozomatli, play for more than 300 people in the SUB ballroom. Ozomatli, bottom, blended their trademark hip-hop and Latin styles on Monday night.
Shopping 101: How to when you can't afford to

It’s no secret that college students are poor—in a dirty poor. When faced with the daunting financial task of holiday shopping, the average college wallet trembles with fear. So how can we give great gifts and stay within our budget? Here are six little suggestions to get you started.

1. Online auctions: With online auctions like eBay and Amazon, you can get the people on your list what they want, but for a more reasonable price.

2. Re-gifting: Yes, I know this is technically a major gift giving faux pas, but if you have something nice that you’ve never used why not give it to someone who might enjoy it? But if you are daring enough to try this idea, make sure that the gift is in mint condition and that you are not giving the gift to the person who gave it to you.

3. Dollar Stores: Dollar stores are great places to pick up things like picture frames, figurines, key chains and other small items. You may not find anything very “nice,” but you can probably find something that will make them laugh. This is a great place to pick up white elephant gifts for those with a good sense of humor.

4. D.I.Y.: This generally takes some creativity and skill, but if you can do it, making gifts is a great way to show people you care. There are many books available at your local library that can help you come up with ideas. You can also visit a craft store or look on line for ideas. A few ideas handmade tree ornaments or picture frames.

5. Baking: If you aren’t crafty enough to make gifts, you could bake them.

6. I.O.U. coupons: If you can’t afford material gifts, make coupons for friends and family that they can redeem for favors later. Tailor your I.O.U. coupons to the people you are giving them to. Offer to do your mom’s grocery shopping, shovel the driveway for your dad, make your brother dinner and dessert or massage your boyfriend’s stubby feet.

Whatever you give this year, bought or made, give it with love and a smile.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec. 2
SHORT PLAYS
Tower Theatre, 7 p.m. Tickets are $3 at the door.
WARE FAIR
SUB, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dec. 3
SHORT PLAYS
Tower Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets are $4 at the door.
WARE FAIR
SUB, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dec. 4
JUST HUSTLE
A low budget detective film created in the spirit of the French New Wave. Johnny Mac goes against his instincts in accepting a ticker case from a desperate woman. Showing is the SUB, 7 p.m.
SHORT PLAYS
Tower Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets are $3 at the door.
WARE FAIR
SUB, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dec. 5
HOLIDAY POP CONCERT
Admission is $3 or $1 with a food donation. Music Education Building, 7 p.m.
THE JAZZ NUTCRACKER
Central Washington University’s Jazz Band is set to perform the Jazz Nutcracker under the direction of Chris Devis. Admission to the event is $10 for general public, $5 for senior citizens, and $5 for students. Music Education Building, 3 p.m.

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A Grand new theater
by Jared Lovrak
Staff reporter

In Ellensburg, going to the movies used to have its downside. First-run movies were often sold out. The screens were small. The sound was not top quality. Plus, there simply weren't enough theaters to handle the endless influx of new movies. That's all changed now thanks to Ellensburg's newest movie theater, the Grand Meridian Cinema.

"A lot of movies either don't stick around or don't come around at all," said Grand Meridian manager Jason Paschen.

The Grand Meridian Cinema, located at 504 East Mountain View, is owned by Grand Central Theater owners Riexinger Enterprises and features nine screens, two of which are more than 40 feet wide. An additional movie screen, only slightly smaller than those in the screening rooms, is situated directly above the snack bar in the lobby and plays videos of coming attractions. The screening rooms also feature stadium seating; making the "Oh my god, that guy's not going to sit in front of me is he?" moments a thing of the past.

"In the old theaters, the seating is really uncomfortable, so sitting through a two-hour movie is painful. Plus, if someone sits in front of you, you can't see all of the screen," said Marcus Tabert, senior broadcasting major. "And sometimes, the picture and sound quality aren't too good."

Despite the theater's remote location in relation to Central, Paschen said he doesn't believe that Grand Meridian's competition, the Liberty Theater located in downtown, will steal business.

"Before we opened, sometimes people would drive all the way to Yakima to see a movie, so I don't think location will be a problem," Paschen said.

Central students echoed Paschen's sentiments.

"Who wants to go to Yakima just to see a popular movie?" said DaJon DeMille, freshman geography major.

Although the new theater boasts a superior movie-going experience over its predecessor, Grand Central, Paschen said that there are currently no plans to close the smaller theater.

"For now it's going to stay open and keep showing new movies," Paschen said. "Overall, it's an improvement. We have better picture, better sound, bigger screens and all the movies we're playing right now are exclusive to the theater."

These exclusive movies include the new Pierce Brosnan heist caper "After the Sunset" and the somewhat apocryphal Colin Farrell biopic "Alexander." These and other recent releases are now playing at the theater.

Grand Meridian also features an arcade full of new and classic games such as the first-person shooter "Area 51," the sci-fi brawler "Alien vs. Predator" and several pinball games. Grand Meridian will also offer screening room rentals for private functions.

"We haven't worked out a price yet, but people will be able to watch DVDs or play video games on the big screens for parties and stuff," Paschen said. "We also have a room in the back for birthday parties."

Jacob Slagle, freshman geographer major, said he thought "renting out a screening room is a great idea."

Some students were less enthusiastic, but optimistic.

Rick Bravajic, sophomore food and nutrition management major, said he thought it "might be a good thing for younger kids, like teenagers and [maybe also] for the campus Halo tournaments and stuff."

Current ticket prices are $8.50 for a regular adult ticket, $6 for a matinee ticket and $5 for a child or senior ticket.

For movie times, please call 962-FILM (3456).

Lual and fellow refugees trekked over 1,600 miles across eastern Africa. Lual spent three years in Dimo Camp before fleeing south past the deadly Gilo River and on to Kakuna Camp in north Kenya where he spent nine years.

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Lual lived in Dimo, a U.N. supported refugee camp in Ethiopia, for three years before it was attacked in 1991 by the Muslim Sudanese mili­ tary. During the attack the army drew refugees back, forcing Lual and thou­sands of children to cross a deadly river named the Gilo. During the crossing at the Gilo River an estimated two thousand refugees were shot or drowned; some were even eaten by alligators.

Lual had walked almost 1,600 miles since leaving Southern Sudan before he and the Lost Boys reached Kenya. Only 16 of 20 thousand refugees like Lual had survived the exodus.

In 1992 Lual and other Lost Boys settled in a Kenyan refugee camp called Kakuma Camp that supported about 82 thousand people.

"There was a lot of need but little supplies," Lual said.

Lual began his formal schooling at Kakuma Camp where he attended school for eight hours a day. Living conditions were tough.

Typically four people shared a small hut and the U.N. provided only one meal a day.

"It is not a big deal, compared to what I have done," Lual said. "I used to work 36 hours a week in high school."

Lual may have beaten the odds by surviving his horrific experience, but making it all the way to the U.S. is not the life he had in mind. Lual's mother, two sisters and two brothers still live in Sudan. "I haven't seen my family since I was nine," Lual said. "I plan to go back someday."

Lual is grateful for the opportunity to study, but his heart is ultimately with his family.

"Lucky is not a word I would use, I would be lucky if they were here, but I am still feeling the pain because they are over there still," Lual said. "I am glad I had the opportunity to be here."

Lual doesn't know where he wants to live in the future, but he eventually plans to find a good job and see where it takes him.

Over 300 Lost Boys like Lual live in the greater Seattle area.

"We get together once a month to see how everyone is doing," Lual said. "It is a strong community where everybody takes care of each other."

Moving from Kenya to Issaquah, Lual said adjusting to the cold was difficult.

"Weather was one of the things I had trouble with," Lual said. "Making a switch from culture to culture was hard."

Lual came to the U.S. at 16 and soon settled in Issaquah, where he entered Skyline High School as a junior.

He graduated in the class of 2003. Lual attended Bellevue Community College for one year before transferring to Central fall quar­ ter. Lual stays busy as a part-time student while working part-time in the Civic Engagement Center.

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Do students care about Central athletics?

by Paul Hudon
Staff Reporter

Every Central Washington University student pays a $35 athletic fee each quarter to support six varsity NCAA Division II sports, participate in intramurals, and for the use of Nicholson Pavillion.

But how many students take advantage of the facilities or go to the games? The volleyball team saw record numbers in attendance thanks to an undefeated season, while the football team led the school with an average of 2,431. The men's basketball team is also strong in attendance, but otherwise attendance is down.

It is safe to say a majority of students don't participate in any formal organized athletics.

"I'm an intramural sleeper," said junior communications studies major Colby Toll in reference to his participation in athletics.

Should we even have to pay the athletic fee if there is a majority of students who do not participate?

"I believe students should have to pay the fee because athletics promotes a positive atmosphere for students," said junior social studies/religious studies major Korri Shimizu.

Although many students believe in paying the fee to benefit athletics, there are some who think students should pay per use.

The main reason for low attendance is scheduling. A majority of events are scheduled on the weekends, a time when many students go home.

"During the week, attendance is good but when we play on the weekends, kids go home," said basketball coach Greg Sparling.

Average attendance for Central teams

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* School record

The volleyball team had an excellent turnout this year. Their winning record brought people out to Nicholson Pavillion.

In fact, Central was mentioned five times in the top attendance for matches this season.

"There has been an increase in attendance this year," said volleyball coach Mario Andaya. However, athletic advertisement is hard to come by on campus.

"Students don't realize there are matches," Andaya said. "There needs to be more promotion."

Gordon agrees that there needs to be more advertisement, but Central doesn't have the necessary staffing to promote such athletic events for every sport.

Financially, Central can only do so much with the money they have. The Battle in Seattle was advertised extremely well, but that is because it was such a big event.

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Junior, commenting on his participation in campus athletics

The Price of a $ports fan

by Chris Thompson
Staff reporter

Each year, Team Marketing Report publishes a Fan Cost Index for Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association, the National Football League and the National Hockey League that tracks the cost of attendance for a family of four. The FCI includes: four average-price tickets, four small soft drinks, two small beers, four hot dogs, two game programs, parking and two adult-size caps.

The NFL leads the way, with the average cost for a family of four being $321.62 per game. The Super Bowl-champion New England Patriots lead the league at $415.22, with the Patriots' average ticket costing $75.33. The Seahawks are 28th on the list, with a FCI value of $260.21.

The NBA is the next most expensive, costing that same family of four $261.26 to attend the average NBA game, not including the emergency room fees for any injuries due to player-fan fights. Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers are the most expensive at $387.10. Comparatively, the Los Angeles Clippers who play at the exact same arena as the Lakers, the Staples Center, cost $126 less ($261.10). The Sonics come in at 27th with an FCI value of $207.52.

The Mariners are the only Seattle-based franchise to be above the league average. The M's have a FCI value of $173.45, compared with the MLB average of $155.52.

The World Champion Boston Red Sox lead the league at $263.09. There are cheaper alternatives for the winter break for those who just can't stay away from the sports atmosphere. The Western Hockey League has teams in Everett, Seattle, Spokane, Tri-Cities, and Portland and the WHL provides some good action for a reasonable price.

Portland has the most expensive tickets at $20.75, though all the teams have tickets available for $12 or less.

College athletics

Central Washington University students don't understand just how lucky they are to have free admission to all home sporting events on campus. Those with friends at Washington State University know that students there pay $79 a year to attend Cougar athletic events.

At Syracuse University, a student season ticket to the Orange football game is $126 less ($261.10). The Battle in Seattle was advertised extremely well, but that is because it was such a big event.

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The Central Washington University Wildcats men opened the season with a 76-63 win over the Warner Pacific Knights at Nicholson Pavilion.

Both teams struggled in the beginning. The Wildcats shot 42.9 percent and made only three of eight free throws in the first half. However, they picked up the pace and outscored the Knights by 14 points in the second half, ultimately leading to a victory. Sophomore forward Lance Den Boer led the Wildcats with 21 points, while forward Kyle Boast had 14 points and 14 rebounds, seven of which were on the offensive end.

The Wildcats then went to Chico, CA to face the Chico State Wildcats in the Wittmeier Mac Martin Tournament. The Central Washington Wildcats were thoroughly dominated on the inside getting out rebounded by 12 and outscored in the paint by 36 points. Central didn’t get much production out of three bench players either. The Wildcat bench players scored only five points while Chico State’s bench players scored 29.

The Wildcats have been plagued with injuries. They went on the road with only eight guys, which definitely contributed to the lack of productivity. The final score was 79-99, the most any team has scored against Central so far this year.

"They had too much fire-power, and we didn’t have an answer for them inside the paint," said head coach Greg Sparling after the game.

Chico State forward Chuck Webster was six of seven from the floor scoring 14 points in 16 minutes. He eventually earned Wittmeier Mac Martin Tournament MVP honors.

The Wildcats second game in the tournament was against non-conference Dominican University. It came down to the wire but eventually the Dominican Penguins got the win via a lay up center David Moore with 30 seconds left. Moore and guard Marcus Williams accounted for 60 percent of the Penguins total points; Moore had 30 and Williams had 21. There were 18 lead changes in the game and 14 ties including a 31-31 tie at halftime. The Penguins got the final word though taking the lead for good with 43 seconds left. The final score was 79-82.

"It could have gone either way, we missed some shots late, they made some shots late," said Sparling reflecting on the game. It’s going to get harder before it gets easier for the Wildcats, who don’t have another home game until Jan. 6. Next Saturday they will take on St. Martin’s in Lacey for their first GNAC game of the season. St. Martin’s is currently 2-2 on the season.

After that the Wildcats travel to Phoenix, Ariz. to play Grand Canyon University, then to Las Vegas, Nev. for the High Desert Classic. Then they will be off to Monmouth, Ore., for the Western Oregon Diamond Dallas Inn & Suites Classic.

The Wildcats struggles so far have come mostly on the defensive end. They currently are last in steals and have the worst defensive field goal percentage in the conference, losing their opponents to shoot an average of 52.4 percent and score an average 81.3 points per game. This could be blamed in part to having such a young, inexperienced team, with no more than a few months experience playing together for a number of players.

"Once we play more together, once we have an opportunity to sure up our defense, I think that things are going to happen," Sparling said. The Wildcats have two conference games coming up over the weekend, against Adams State University this Saturday night and against Western Washington Thursday night.

Men’s Basketball

Home Games following winter break

Thurs. Jan. 6
vs. Seattle Pacific
7 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 8
vs. Western Washington
7 p.m.

Thurs. Jan. 20
vs. Western Oregon
7 p.m.

Division-I transfers this year, sophomore Derek Groth from Air Force Academy and Lance Den Boer from Washington State. Den Boer currently leads the GNAC in points per game with a 22.3 points per game average. Chris Bannish, Robert Hicks, and Sean Russell were all junior College all-stars that transferred to Central this year.

Since the current roster has so been badly depleted by injury, true freshman Joey Luke who was expected to red-shirt will be playing and 6-foot-6-inch Steve Breeze who played tight end in the fall, will be walking on.

Senior Jacob Galloway best known for his defensive prowess on the football field, walked on to the team after having not played competitive basketball for four years.

"He’s doing a great job," Sparling said. "He’s the kind of kid who plays hard every possession.

This sounds like a prevalent theme for the entire team. Hopefully we can see these players and the team develop and win some basketball games this season.

Women’s Basketball

ASU challenged back. Central still dominated, winning the non-conference game 75-69. Ainslie and junior Jamie Corwin both scored nine points helping the Wildcats to take a 37-35 lead at halftime. Wright finished the game with 24 points and 10 rebounds helping the Wildcats remain in control of the game.

"I thought Adams State came out a lot more energized tonight," Whitney said. "We executed in the second half but we looked like we were tired tonight. We’ll take the win.

With wins already banked this in the early season, basketball fans will no doubt enjoy an exciting and dramatic season.

“We have a young team with new players who need experience," Whitney said. "We’ll have a better indication of how good the team will be after 9 or 10 games, giving our younger players some good experience." Alaska Fairbanks will visit Nicholson Pavilion on December 2 to take on the Wildcats in their first conference contest.

Basketball games over winter break

Men

• Noon Saturday, Dec. 17, vs. Central Arkansas, Las Vegas, Nev.
• 6:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec 18 vs. Cal State Bakersfield, Las Vegas, Nev.
• Dec. 29 and 30 at Best Western Dallas Inn & Suites Classic, Monmouth, Ore.

Women

• Dec. 17 and 18 at Coyote CCAA/GNAC Challenge

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Women's Basketball

Central Washington University's women's sports continue to impress as the basketball team starts its sea­son at 4-0. With two victories against Adams State University this weekend, head coach Jeff Whitney looks forward to establishing a place as one of the best defensive teams in the conference.

"We started to see our team depth this weekend," Whitney said. "Depth and remaining healthy is key this conference.

In their home opener Friday night, your Wildcats crushed the visiting Adams State University 79-36. Central allowed Adams State just one of its first attempted 16 field-goals.

Senior Loni Ainslie led her team in the first half with eight points in just seven minutes helping the Wildcats with their 34-17 halftime lead.

Sophomores Laura Wright and Ashley Blake impressed fans by helping Central keep its lead over ASU. Blake scored 15 while Wright finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Senior Mohiré Hovel had a career high with 12 points.

Saturday night proved a bit more challenging for the Wildcats as Men's Basketball

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Students turn from sport to club

by Ryutarou Hayashi
Staff reporter

"There is a lot of hoops we have to jump through"... Emily Von Jentzen
President, Swimming club

Students turn from sport to club; some ended their athletic career at Central and four transferred to other colleges to play in varsity programs. There were also athletes who wanted to transfer but could not. "Most of us were unable to transfer because the decision was made so late," said Emily Von Jentzen, senior law and justice and sociology major, who is the president of the swimming club. "The uppersclassmen have trouble because they are adding on at least a year of school because credits didn't transfer. Most teams have their roster set by that point." The new roster of the wrestling club has 20 names on it; half of them are returning from the varsity program and the other half are freshmen and those who wrestled in high school. The number of wrestlers on the list has dropped from last year's 30. Similarly, the number of swimmers on the list also dropped from 30 to 25 swimmers.

The swimming club has the same practice time and facility as before: morning evening practice on weekdays, plus morning practice on Saturdays. As for the wrestling club, it practices in the same mat room as before at 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, and at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Although the university promises to keep offering scholarships through this academic year, when asked the biggest difference from being a varsity program, presidents of both clubs cited fund raising. They raise money by working security at Husky football games, Seahawks games and concerts. "It's working a lot," said Vaughan Bullfinch, senior pre-med, who is a coach and the president of the wrestling club. "It's kind of stretched out. It's been a struggle to get stuff done, but we're managing all right." "It (the fund raising) is going well," Von Jentzen said. "We've had a lot of opportunities this quarter. But next quarter when we have more meets, it's going to be harder trying to do that. But it's not an option. It's not we can't do it, We have to."

The competition changes as well. No longer a varsity program, they aren't entitled to join the NCAA. Instead, the swimming club has already been certified by United States Swimming Club.

"There is a lot of hoops we have to jump through," Von Jentzen said. "We haven't had any meets yet, but all that is done now, so next quarter we should be able to roll right in to meet a schedule."

The wrestling club is already vigorously inactive. It has joined the National Collegiate Wrestling Association, and wrestlers went to a tournament match on November 14. They are preparing for another tournament on January 9.

"It's very hard to stay at a high competitive level when you don't have the money and when you don't have the bodies to train," said Jason Hartle, senior geography major, who is an assistant coach of the club.

SPORTSFAN: CWU students have it easy continued from 12 games cost them $70 for the honor of watching their team go 4-1 at home. Wildcat football fans know that their team went 5-0 at home and it didn't cost a dime for students to attend. Students at Syracuse have to pay $100 for season tickets to their men's basketball games. Again, at Central, the cost of basketball season tickets is the time it takes to take out your Connection Card and flash it at the door upon entrance.

Students at Central might be upset having to pay $35 a quarter to support the athletic department that brought three Great Northwest Athletic Conference championships to Ellensburg during the fall. At the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va., the students pay an annual $916 fee to support the athletic department.

I understand that not everyone is a sports fan, though I can't quite understand why, but for students at Central the season tickets are already paid for so you might as well use them and help give the Wildcats the biggest home-field advantage in the GNAC.
Where is the love for the NHL?

With no end to the NHL strike in sight, the All-Star game cancelled and owner/athlete talks failing, few fans are betting they will see professional hockey this season.

As we enter the cold winter months I feel as though I am missing something. What am I missing you ask? I am missing the smell of freshly cleaned ice, the sound of a solid check into the boards, the sight of a toothless smile and the three-ten down, knock-em out brawls seen every night on Sportcenter.

I love hockey. Although it is a sport not followed by many Americans, growing up in Canada I grew to love the game played with sticks on a sheet of ice with snow. When I was a kid, hockey playoffs, and Monday Night Football were the only reasons I was allowed to stay up late on a school night.

Many of you may not even realize this, or care for that matter, but for the first time since 1994, the owners of the National Hockey League have locked out the players. Work has been stopped for 75 days now and counting. More than 630 games have been cancelled and more than 275 players have their pay checks on ice in Europe for substantially less money.

The 1994 locked out lasted 103 days, the All-Star game was cancelled and the season was cut from 92 games to 48. However, this lockout is feared to be more critical for players and owners because absolutely no progress is being made and the two sides aren’t even negotiating. The All-Star game has already been cancelled this year and as each day goes by a hockey season seems less likely to happen.

Basicallly, the owners want a salary cap to curb the free spending teams have been doing since the mid 90’s. As of last year, the average player salary was $1.8 million. This, along with benefits accounted for more than 75 percent of a franchise’s revenue, leave many teams in the red at the end of the season. Some reports show the NHL losing nearly $500 million on the season. Other reports show the NHL only losing around $300 million. These inconsistencies have players upset with the owners and it is one of the main reasons for the lockout from the players side.

To make this simple, the owners want to enforce a salary cap that would keep the revenue each team makes at 50 percent. This would lower the league average salary to $1.3 million. The players do not want a salary cap. They would rather vote in favor of a luxury tax that would hurt a team for spending more money on high priced free agents and stars. Much like in baseball, the Yankees spend the most they pay so the most in luxury taxes.

The two sides have not met since Sept. 23. A new proposal is not even on the table anymore. Sadly, the closer it comes to the whole season being cancelled, the less people seem to care about the NHL.

I waited 15 years for my Calgary Flames to get back to the Stanley Cup playoffs. It is hard not to go through the motions of a franchise’s revenue. Missing games have been cancelled and owner/athlete talks failing, few fans are betting they will see professional hockey this season.

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Your first look at BCS and NFL picks

Bowl Championship Series

It has come down to the final weekend of the season and just about every BCS bowl spot is still up for grabs. The top three (Southern California, Oklahoma, and Auburn) are all sitting at 11-0 and all three play this weekend. Barring any huge disasters, all three should win as well. Here are my BCS predictions.

Fiesta Bowl (Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, Ariz.; Jan. 3, 5 p.m.):

Utah vs. Pittsburgh. I said a few weeks ago that I wanted to see Utah in a BCS bowl and I am happy to see that they have all but made it official. Pittsburgh can win the Big East with a win over West Virginia. Sugar Bowl (Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans, La.; Jan. 3, 5 p.m.):

Auburn vs. Miami. Virginia Tech could find their way into the Sugar Bowl if they can get into the Orange Bowl and knock off the Hurricanes but history doesn’t bode well for the Hokies.

Peach Bowl (Pro Player Stadium, Miami, Fla.; Jan. 4, 5 p.m.):

NC vs. Oklahoma. I would like to see Auburn in this instead of Oklahoma, but as long as the Sooners can handle Colorado on Saturday in the Big 12 championship game they can still win the national championship game. The Trojans just have to beat their cross-town rival UCLA on Saturday and they can start looking to the final weekend.

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tain things and doesn't advertise, in an exceptional manner, when certain sporting events are.

One main reason for the lack of information is due in part that the university dictates what WildcatSports.com can and can't do, which limits their possibilities.

When researching other GNAC schools and their sports pages, schools such as Humboldt State University and Western Washington University had features that stood out.

Those features include more graphics and color, a calendar of events that is easily visible after the page loads and in the case of Seattle University, the possibility of having sports updates emailed to you.

Athletics provide students with the opportunity to get out, exercise, get to know people and engage in spirited competition.

Whether you are sitting in the bleachers to support, out on the court or field or just spreading the word, participation is important.

Gordon said it best when he said, "It's all a part of the college experience."

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"Right now the main goal is to get more bodies and be trained at a varsity level competition. I don't do this as a club. I do this just as the same wrestling just no money."

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