Central coordinates tsunami relief donations

Andrew Van Den Hoek, senior public relations major, smashes a car for charity on Saturday night. Half of all the money raised was donated to the tsunami relief fund.

Financial aid delayed

by Eva Tallmadge
Special Projects Editor

The financial aid checks due for release at 1 p.m. Wednesday were predicted to be available at 10 a.m. this morning.

"Financial aid posted fine, but when we went to run the refund process we got an error in it," said Jana Kruckenberg, student financial services manager. "We work really hard to make sure [the process] happens, and we know it's a big deal for students to get them."

Members of the financial aid office and the accounting office worked through the night to make the checks available today.

Students who were concerned about the state of their financial aid were able to log on to Safari to access information about the delay. Kruckenberg stressed that although the problem occurred within Safari, it was not a Safari problem.

Safari "is an immensely complex system," said Gene Rau, information technology services director of applications. "When you implement a brand new system like this, it takes one to two years to work out the bugs like this."

Students came out this past weekend in droves to enjoy the abundance of snow in the Kittitas Valley. Students here are shown sledding at Joe Watt Canyon. A few students came to merely enjoy the view while others came for the adventure of one of the only steep hills in the area.

Funding tops legislative priorities

by Kathryn Lake
Staff reporter

Central announced the top priorities for the legislative session which started Monday. Administrators are crossing their fingers that what was left on the table last session will pass this time around.

As always, enrollment funding is a priority for Central. Central is urging lawmakers to increase the university's authority to waive tuition. In 1992, the legislature froze the level of state-supported tuition waivers at the state's public community colleges and universities. This left Central with a lower authorization than almost all other public colleges and universities. Western Washington University has 10 percent, Eastern Washington University has 11 percent while Central has eight percent.

Central President Jerilyn Mcintyre's cabinet, created "Operation H2O." The fundraiser will collect money to purchase drinkable water for tsunami survivors. Students can put money into empty water jugs that will be placed around campus from Jan. 12 through Jan. 20.

"The hope is that we'll be able to raise a significant amount of money to combat the lack of drinkable water," said Lucas Westcoat, ASCWU/BOD president. The Civic Engagement Center has organized Coffee, Craft, and Conversation, a weekly opportunity for students to discuss community issues, like hunger or homelessness. Long term goals include making warm clothes and sending survival kits to victims.

At 4 p.m. on Jan. 18, in the Samuelson Union Building pit, students can meet to knit clothes for tsunami survivors and discuss how to make long-term relief efforts possible.

"I really want to put this out there because it

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Let it snow

Students stay up late in love with the 80's
Women obtaining more bachelor degrees than men

by Rachel Thomson
Staff reporter

According to a report recently released by the U.S. Department of Education, the number of women in all industrialized nations earning their bachelor’s degree is on the rise, but how does Central Washington University compare?

Central’s office of Institutional Research shows that since 1996, male students have typically received higher scores on their SATs compared to female students, but the percentage of female students who go on to complete their fourth year of college or beyond is usually high­er.

Rebecca Bowers, Central’s Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, points out that it is becoming more common for women to expand their level of edu­cation.

Sometimes a high school degree isn’t enough for [women] to make progress in a meaningful way.” Bowers said. Some careers demand a BA in order to make progress.

She attributes several reasons for the trend such as opportunities for job advancement, greater earning power, and an increased chance of obtaining a desired career. She also says that the trend is beneficial for employers as well.

Jackalyn Johnson, director of Career Services, says the interna­tional trend will most certainly have an impact on the future job market.

She says there has already been a jump by women in professional careers that have been historically dominated by men, including posi­tions in the medical field, construc­tion management, law and engineer­ing.

Most students depend on aid

$19 million in financial aid will go out to Central students this quarter, while 92 percent of students last year received some form of financial aid

by Ashley Bongers
Staff reporter

Low income isn’t something that comes to mind when you think of students around campus, but last year 92 percent of Central Washington University students received some kind of financial aid, according to financial aid director Agnes Canedo.

Central offers financial aid in the form of grants, scholarships, loans and employment for stu­dents, according to the Central Financial Aid Department Web site.

Students must apply through a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Last year Central awarded $75 million to students in financial aid and $21 million last quarter, according to Canedo. Monday night they awarded $19 million to students for winter quarter.

College students are expected to pay for their higher education, but if the family cannot afford it the student may apply for financial aid. Washington state offers nine different grant and financial aid programs, not including loans, for students or families that cannot afford to pay tuition and other costs, according to the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board (WHECB). These pro­grams will provide aid for an esti­mated 71,000 students in Washington state in 2005.

Students must pay for tuition, room and board, books and other fees while attending college. At Central, undergraduate students will have to shell out about $15,000 per year.

In 1969, according to the WHECB, the Legislature announced “It is the policy of the state of Washington that financial need not be a barrier to participa­tion in higher education.”

Dr. Warren Street, professor of psy­chology, says that the presence of women who have become successful in their careers has influenced the increased number of women who come for graduate or higher degrees.

However, the international surge of women completing their fourth degrees and their infiltration of the work force could have an adverse affect on men.

“Men may have to be in competi­tion for the same position with women more than in the past.”
Welcome mat may be pulled from military recruiters

by Sean McPherson
Senior reporter

Military recruiters could soon be rejected by colleges and universities that do not want them on their campuses.

A ruling from the Third Circuit Court of Appeals states that colleges and universities now may restrict or even exclude military recruiters without any federal penalties.

The case was brought by the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights (FAIR), a coalition of 26 law schools.

FAIR claims that the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy is contrary to the Association of American Law Schools' (AALS) anti-discrimination policy.

In response, the schools of the AALS wanted to restrict military recruiters on their campus.

However, the federal government has passed what is known as the Solomon Amendment. It states that any school receiving federal funds has to give military recruiters access or the federal funding would be taken away.

"I think that it's probably a good idea for them to not discriminate against (the recruiters) for any reason," Tim Parks, freshman, undetermined, said.

Central Washington University has yet to decide what to do in response to this case.

Currently, this case is a non-issue for Central's military staff.

GOP calls for new election

Democrats want Rossi to concede and accept the results of the final recount.

Support is mounting for a new election for governor, say officials at the Republican National Committee backed by former governor Dan Evans.

"We know that in King County alone, a number of irregularities questions exist," Evans said in a press release.

Christine Gregoire was certified a Governor Tuesday after winning a hand recount by 129 votes. In the first election returns, Rossi won by 261 votes which triggered an automatic recount.

Washington has had a history of close elections. Just four years ago Slade Gordon and Maria Cantwell had a heated battle for a seat on the U.S. Senate, that called for a recount.

Some of Rossi's supporters have urged him to concede if he wants to have any future in politics. But Rossi claims he doesn't need a political career and that he just wants the citizens of Washington to "trust in our voting system."

Outgoing Governor Gary Locke also believes Rossi should concede.

"If there is to be another election the Republicans will have to come up with solid evidence of fraud," Jim Brown, professor and chair of Central's Political Science Department.

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Tom Anderson, director of the Civic Engagement Center. "It's just not right now, but it will be a long time thing."

Chris Hull, general manager of Central's radio station 88.1 the Burg, is working with the Civic Engagement Center and ASCWU-BOD to advertise for the tsunami relief campaign.

"First of all, I think the biggest thing is just the initial awareness of what's going on," Hull said.

"Because we have plenty of open air time, we need a spokesperson as much as possible to get the awareness out there of what students are doing for the cause."

Students can also donate with cash, check or credit card to the CWU Foundation.

The Foundation was created in 1968 as an independent and non-profit organization of business and community members seeking charitable gifts for Central. The Foundation is working on its own fundraiser by trying to coordinate a match-fund program with the regional Costco. Each dollar Central donates to the tsunami relief campaign may be matched by Costco.

In the community, local and national businesses are joining the effort to raise money for tsunami victims.

Wing Central, a local bar and grill, is donating profits of a burger to victims. Safeway is working with the American Red Cross and United Nations Children's Fund to encourage grocery shoppers to donate money at the checkout stands. Starbucks Coffee Company is working with CARE, a private humanitarian organization, to encourage customers to donate money while enjoying a cup of coffee.

For additional information about tsunami donations through non-profit organizations contact the Civic Engagement Center at 963-1643.
Sexual assault policy revised by Trustees

by Paul Kobylensky
Staff reporter

One of the topics discussed at the Central Washington University Board of Trustees' last meeting of the 2004 calendar year was adjustments to be made to the university's sexual assault policy.

According to the Sexual Violence commission's annual report for 2003/2004, there should be 10 main parts to a good campus program to deal with assaults of this nature.

The commission, which is made up of students, staff, faculty and community members, said that the former policy seemed to only meet community members, said that the 2004 calendar year was adjusted to the Central Washington University program to deal with assaults of this nature.

According to the Sexual Violence commission, the 2004 calendar year was adjusted to the university's sexual assault policy.

The report points out that the policy was lacking in three major areas.

The first issue is the need to have clearly defined definitions of what sexual misconduct is. This would also include clearly detailing the definition of consent.

The second main issue addressed was that there should be at least an annual re-assessment of the university's policies and programs.

Third, the commission recommended that the policy clearly explain the rights of a victim of a sexual assault.

Once the changes of the policy were agreed upon, Gail Farmer, Central's Wellness Center director, led the effort to draw up the new policy.

"She really is the one who is instrumental with the policy," said Kim Dawson, Central's administrative operations coordinator.

The new policy, which was put together by the Wildcat Wellness Center, defines sexual assault as: "Spousal rape, non-stranger rape, and other forceful and/or non-consensual sexual activity. Threats, coercion, physical force, intimidation and stalking." Sexual assault also includes "recklessly engaging in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical harm to another person."

The policy then clearly details what is involved in consent.

According to the policy: "Parties must be able to effectively communicate and agree on the type of sexual activities that will be shared. Either partner has the right to change his/her mind, at any time and is responsible for communicating that change to his/her partner."

"The policy hasn't changed anything for us," said Steve Rittereser, CWU Police Chief.

"Sexual Assault: Rights" is the new policy of a victim of a sexual assault.

"These are things we have been doing for quite awhile.

Steve Rittereser
CWU Police Chief

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GAP: ReVote pushing for new election

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Department said, "However, missing ballots are something that is extremely common in large counties such as King County where a bulk of the mistakes have been found."

Republicans will contest the certification of Gregoire as Washington's newest Governor Friday in an effort to get an explanation as to why there were more votes than registered voters.

"When you are dealing with thousands of people discrepancies are hard to avoid," said Brown.

"You can never eliminate human mistakes, but you can make the procedure clearer."

GRANTS: Promise scholarship an option for students

"I help out at an elementary school through work study," said Alysha Faulkner, junior social services major. "I use the money to pay rent."

"My mom gives me money," said Mallory Ottosen, sophomore elementary education major.

One of the financial aid options for lower-income students is the Washington Promise Scholarship. The scholarship is offered to low and middle-income high school students that are in the top 15 percent of their class or score a 1,200 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or a 27 on the ACT on their first try.

About 3,900 students received the Promise Scholarship for the 2003-2004 school year.

Federal Pell grants are another way to help pay for college and don't have to be repaid, according to the Mapping Your Future Web site. Last year about 30 percent of students at Central received this grant, according to the Pell History from the WHECB.

For more information on or help with financial aid contact the Financial Aid Office at 963-1611, e-mail them at finaid@cwu.edu, or visit their website at www.cwu.edu/finaid.

INFO BOX

The first meeting of the Sexual Violence Commission will be held on Jan. 20 from noon to 1 p.m. in SUB room 204.

For information regarding sexual assault:

ASPIN (Local 24-hour Free counseling and referral service): 925-9384
CWU Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC): Gail Farmer: 963-321-4
CWU Student Counseling: 963-1391
Law Enforcement 925-8534
Kittitas Valley Community Hospital: 963-9841
Planned Parenthood of Ellensburg: 925-7113

The morning sun illuminates a pathway on campus. Central students have experienced below freezing temperatures at night, snow fall and icy conditions throughout campus.
Campus departments move to new locations

by Lacey Stanton
Staff reporter

Both GEAR UP and CAMP will be moving into Hertz Hall as well.

College Assistant Migrant Program (CAMP) will be moving in March 2005 and GEAR UP will be moving in Jan. 2005. “Most of the departments already knew they were being moved so they had enough time to put up notices around campus,” said Linda Mahaney, Central space analyst.

In Bouillon Hall, the office of Continuing Education has relocated from room 203 to room 206. Enterprise Information Systems has also moved to room 206.

The University Writing Center, used frequently by Central students, is one of the departments to recently move into Hertz Hall. “The University thought it was good for all academic mentoring units to be in one building,” said Rob Schnelle, English instructor and acting director for the department. “We are happy to move if it makes it easier for the students.”

Six departments have moved into Hertz Hall, the old music building, the University Writing Center has moved from Hebel Hall room 218 into Hertz Hall room 101 where they will share the room with the University Math Center. Academic Advising moved from Bouillon Hall room 206 and was relocated to Hertz Hall room 107. Academic Achievement/Student Support Services has moved from Bouillon Hall 206 to Hertz Hall room 209. The Bridges Project and High School Equivalency Program have also been moved to Hertz Hall.

Departments around campus have changed locations and more are planning to move.

“As a new student to Central this year it is good to know where all the departments are being relocated to,” said Rob Pichard, senior law and justice major.

Center has moved from Hebel Hall room 218 into,” said Rob Prichard, senior law and justice major.
extended vacation, time to hit that mountain that you have been dreaming about all year long, time to increase your HALO 2 online rating and of course, to sleep in on at least one dreaded Monday morning.

But wait, something is missing. Why do we have Monday off? Oh, I know, a teacher in-service day.

No, that only happens in high school. That’s right it is Presidents’ Day, a day to remember our founding fathers’ eerily similar birth dates.

Okay, so I have stretched it a bit, but I did remember that it was Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

It is a day to honor the civil rights leader who pressed for non-violent action to promote peace and prosperity. It is a day to respect the remarkable life of the youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Many people know that it is MLK Day on Monday, but few spend their day or even a few minutes of their day honoring the man. Speeches, prayers, luncheons and branches will be held across the nation for a man that changed the face of the nation. Will you be there?

As a college student, many of you will probably sleep in on Monday, working off that Sunday night of drinking you savored. To be honest, I might do that too, but just this once I might do something to show that I appreciated his ability to stand up in the face of danger.

Although barriers have been broken in this country, people throughout the world can feel Dr. King’s pain in their everyday lives.

The world can feel Dr. King’s pain in their everyday lives.

Racial profiling and affirmative action are still topics Americans severely split on. King try to mend those sides, but few in the world have a choice.

Refugees in Sudan and young women in the Middle East are just a few oppressed groups fighting for their freedom from the oppressor.

Life in the United States may have improved for certain ethnic groups but in our society someone is constantly being oppressed.

I leave you with an excerpt from one of King’s last speeches before he was assassinated.

"Let us all hope that the dark clouds of prejudice will soon pass away and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

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**STAFF OPINION**

**Vote for us, you blockheads**

There will be more elections, so insulating the nation’s largest voting bloc is not typically a sound strategy

by George Hawley

Copy Editor

Dependent liberals were stunned on Election Day when the following (which should have been insubtively understood) was decisively verified: NASCAR fans do not typically vote for pompous, pretentious, elitist Francophiles from Massachusetts. Fortunately for conservatives, they are now compounding their troubles by insulting the very people they will need if they ever hope to regain power. The left would be wise to realize that every time a has-been celebrity or ostentatious columnist lets loose with spurious, patronizing rhetorical excess attacking rural America, Ed Gillespie smiles.

The post-election ravings of the liberal intelligentsia suggest they have forgotten that there will be more elections in the future, so that insulating the nation’s largest voting bloc is not typically a sound strategy. After pretending for years that all Republican victories were the result of inexplicable flukes or dirty tricks, and that no one could actual­ly be as independent as George W. Bush, the punditry was astigh when the electorate handed him a decisive re-election. Because most of us were not swayed by P-Diddy’s nonsensical threats or Paul Krugman’s doom­mongering, the left has decided that the problem lies with the American people, particularly evangelical Christians living in red states. And they have been more than willing to voice that opinion.

Still circulating around the Internet is a map showing what North America would look like if 

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Iraqi election must continue on

Most Iraqi citizens have lost their hopes.

On the other hand, Shia's are the only party that is ready for this election. The Iraqi Shia's candidates are the ones most likely to be the biggest winners, which most likely will lead Iraq to become like Iran.

We have to face the reality of the situation and find the best solutions for the Iraqi people first, because they are the ones who are suffering and dealing with all of this stress.

Most Iraqi people believe they could get a better life with peace and security if a democratic election happened on the time because they finally get to chose an official that represents them and will lead the people. If for any reason the election doesn’t happen or is postponed, under these circumstances we are telling the radical activists that they are right and it is possible for them to win the war.

The most important thing that new Iraqi government can lose is its legitimacy and could possibly lead the country to a civil war.

But if the election is successful the insurgents and terrorists will indeed lose a key battle and we will tell them that we are able to move on and make Iraq a free country.

Where are you, Chris Farley?

Picture this: a charismatic, self-made man of the people rises through the working class ranks to run for governor, only to be defeated by his frosty female opponent in what could only be deemed as uncertain circumstances that are certainly unfair. Sound familiar? Not only is this the premise for Penelope Spreiter’s 1996 film Black Sheep (well, half of the premise), but also aptly describes the situation unfolding in our state of Washington.

There are definitely differences between the two, considering that the first is a fictional comedy built around showcasing the juvenile antics of the dim-witted Chris Farley. However, given the circumstances of the latter, I can’t help but notice the similarities. For one, the physical resemblance of both Christine Ebersole and Tim Matheson to Christine Gregoire and Dino Rossi, respectively, is uncanny.

Ebersole and Matheson also portray Gregory as a power-hungry politician selfishly seeking re-election in lieu of what’s right for the voters and residents of Washington. Matheson’s earnest working man Al Donnelly balances campaigning with tackling scandals that worm their way to the surface repeatedly over the course of the election, similar to gubernatorial candidate Rossi. However, the most obvious parallel between the two is based on the recent discovery that the dead miraculously turned up to vote in King County (along with counted uncertified votes and a suspicious number of transitive votes based on the same address) this past Election Day. I’m just waiting for Farley or the uncharming character of Gary Busey’s Vietnam vet to pop out of the woodwork.

The reality of the situation at hand aligns with the moral of the film. The bottom line is that a huge injustice has been done to the voters of Washington state, regardless of political party. A governor has been elected under blatantly uncertain circumstances, amidst gross errors, leaving a large number of voters (myself included) feeling even more so jaded toward the electoral process.

What was the point in my registering months beforehand and voting in the primaries, if I could determine the rightful victor to the governor’s office. And satisfied in finding concrete evidence that the dead miraculously turned up to vote in King County, Rossi has announced his second retirement, making him the most likely to succeed. Just because they honestly don’t care what the voters choose to do with their new “illegitimate” ballot. Hey, that’s just me.

Hey you!

Are you planning on graduating this spring? You have until tomorrow to get your graduation applications turned in for June 2005 commencement.

You can pick up the applications on the first floor of Mitchell Hall.

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1999 - Michael Jordan announces his second retirement.
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You tell us

What did you remember most about 2004

“Perry Lomax being elected Black Student Union President.”

Brenda Valle, senior, advertising major, information technology

“President Bush getting re-elected was what I remem-bered most.”

Perry Lomax, sophomore, family & consumer science major

I think the election was really notable because a lot more people in our generation were more informed and care about it.

Carly Kujath, sophomore, business major.

Perry Lomax being elected Black Student Union President.”

Brenda Valle, senior, advertising major, information technology

“President Bush getting re-elected was what I remem-bered most.”

Perry Lomax, sophomore, family & consumer science major

If at first you don’t succeed, then quit. There’s no use being a damn fool about it.”

VOTE: “I can only hope that the left continues to belittle all of us ostensibly ignorant bumpkins”
Rodeo Records bids happy trails to E-burg

Owner reminisces about bands, concerts, events

by Joseph Castro
Asst. Scene editor

One of Mark Pickerel's favorite items still hanging on the wall is his velvet rug with a picture of Elvis in a white gem-studded jump suit, a gift from his room. The blizzard of records, posters and other memorabilia that have coated the walls of his record shop for over 13 years are slowly being packed away.

In those 13 years Rodeo Records generated not only sales for Pickerel, but a bounty of memories.

During its earlier years in the 90's Rodeo Records saw much more business, and perhaps more activity. Like the time the shop hosted its first in-house gig with The Reverend Horton Heat. Pickerel said kids were lining the walls and sitting on CD racks listening.

Gruene was in full swing and Rodeo was a bastion of everything alternative.

"There hasn't been that kind of excitement and enthusiasm is there was in the 90's," Pickerel said.

During Lollapalooza's Gorge Amphitheatre show, the Rodeo Records tent was the purveyor of celebrity sightings like Ice Cube, members of L7 and Sonic Youth. The record shop was also visited by famous rock-n-rollers. Perhaps the nicest and most good-natured purveyor of records, according to Pickerel, was Beck. Members of Cypress Hill also purchased over 100 vinyl records.

"I would hate someone would ask for a CD not in stock," Pickerel said. "I would say you might want to try Fred Meyer and they would say I already went there."

Although Pickerel is leaving Ellensburg, he has not given up the idea of a music shop. Someday, if the timing and place is right, Pickerel said he might give it another try.

Music downloads hurt profits, but opens door to music career

by Ben Hanson
Staff reporter

After 13 years of business, Rodeo Records is closing. The shop, located on Main Street, has been popular among students who want to go somewhere other than Fred Meyer for their music.

Some students were upset when finding out the news.

"It was really nice when it came that time when I had the chance to do what I want," Pickerel said. "It felt so good to not stock the new Toby Keith record."

Perhaps the biggest disappointment for Pickerel came with the advent of music sharing on the Internet and competition from Fred Meyer. Rodeo Records came close to shutting down several times, but the doors remained open.

Pickerel said that music and student tastes had changed.

"I don't enjoy it as much as I used to and it's hard for me to accept because in the 90's we were it," Pickerel said.

So began the trend, Rodeo Records was no longer number one on people's places to buy music. One of Pickerel's pet peeves was when people would shop at Fred Meyer first.

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Love of the 80's keeps students up all night

Mark Pickerel's Rodeo Records was a cornerstone of both mainstream and independent music culture in Ellensburg and despite its closure, may re-open under new ownership.

Picklerel's who has owned a variety of businesses over the years, said customers should take heed.

"If you have a store you really like and you think should stay open, you need to patronize it, not just talk about it," Sharpe said. "Go down, buy a record every month, every year."
Climber shares message

by Ryutaro Hayashi
Staff reporter

Freezing temperatures outside are likely to make students stay inside where it’s warm. But something exciting that will inspire thought on the era we are living in is coming to Central Washington University before our brains freeze.

University Recreation will host a presentation by Keith Johnson at 7 p.m., Jan. 19 in Club Central.

The presentation, entitled “Wellness through the outdoors,” contains a profound message for students on how to cope with a rapidly changing world. Johnson draws from his experience as a lifelong climber and coach of people with disabilities who never give up.

“We are living in a tough, driven, anxious society,” Johnson said. “I think a lot of young people do not know how to cope with it.”

In the presentation, he utilises impressive mountain slides and quotes from icons, such as Martin Luther King Jr. or John Muir.

Johnson not only questions the society we are living in today, but he also promotes wellness through friendship, service and wilderness. He advocates the necessity of finding a way to restore our beauty, courage and color, which used to be with us and should be again.

Jeff Grover, an intern recreation coordinator, said the presentation would provide something we haven’t come across which broaden our perspectives of the world.

“I think it would be a great activity,” Grover said. “Probably the audience can benefit from his presentation. We’d like to get a lot of students out there.”

Johnson, a Central alumni, is a climber, orator and author of the book, “Climbing Zen.” He points out that people, especially our generation, are facing a crucial moment, seeing regimentation and wellness habits grow harmful within today’s materialistic society.

He doubts it would be long before we reach a point of spiritual death if such society goes on. He has given many presentations, visiting a large number of colleges in the Pacific Northwest. Originally, it started out as publicity for his book and promotion of wellness through involvement with nature. He later found himself sharing a message about hope and adventure that connected with people searching for truth in this tough society.

“I try to make the show very much about life and something appealing for everyone,” Johnson said. “I would like the audience to get some inspiration. I would like them to get some kernels of wisdom. I would hope it would enrich their life a little bit.”

For more information regarding the speech, contact Johnson by e-mail at crossingzion@hotmail.com or call him at 962-1177, or contact Grover at the University Recreation office 965-3512.

First Friday offers free gallery visits

by Kazuo Sato
Staff reporter

The First Friday Artwalk takes place every Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in downtown Ellensburg with about 19 venues.

One participating gallery is Kittitas County Historical Museum. Which is a non-profit museum, and Amanda Hickman, who graduated from Central Washington University, is in charge of pubic relations. “Art walk is a chance for community members to see what is going on in the art community from the Kittitas Museum Exhibits to local pottery at Gallery One,” Hickman said.

“This month, at the museum, we are not hosting any special event other than staying open late,” she said.

“In months past, however, we’ve had Morgan Middle school Students ‘Create a Culture’ on display and other highlighted displays.”

The holiday season and the weather have reduced the number of patrons so far, she said.

“One of the great characteristics of Art Walk is it gives the working 9-to-5 professionals a chance to explore the downtown businesses that usually close early,” Hickman said.

Another spot is the Gallery One Museum. Gallery One is also a government subsidized, non-profit gallery.

Local couple begins dream with cup of joe and burger

by Brandon Sanford
Staff reporter

After spending six years working in the Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, Jim and Karin Stanley decided to return to Ellensburg in 2001. Once back, the couple decided to pursue something they have always wanted to do.

Last June, the Stanleys bought Valley Espresso and Burgers to complete the dream of owning their own business. Since that time, the two have spent the up time in the shop to make espresso and burgers their forte.

Valley Espresso and Burgers is located on North Ruby Street, just across from Safeway.

The menu offers a tasty assortment of both hot and cold drinks, breakfast items, baked goods from Vinnman’s Bakery, burgers, sandwiches, finger foods, and a variety of items for the health conscious.

“We’ve universalized the menu,” Jim Stanley said, noting new items such as the Southern of the Border chicken burger and Ellen’s Burger, which was created by Ellensburg’s spokesperson, Ellen.

“We also have our Barnyard Burger, which is like this big,” Mr. Stanley said, while motioning his hands to indicate a burger of gigantic proportion.

“Their quesadilla is the best I’ve ever had,” said Betsy Vasreno, senior elementary education major.

The quesadilla is made with tequilla lime chicken, black beans, jalapenos, cheese, onions, and is topped with tomato and olives.

Valley Espresso and Burgers also offers free delivery Karin Stanley said.

The business also has a new coupon in the Central Washington University winter quarter coupon book.

“Valley Espresso and Burgers is “all about customer satisfaction,” Jim Stanley said. “We have the best burgers in town.”

Valley Espresso and Burgers is open for business from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays. They are closed on Sundays.

To place an order or for questions, call Valley Espresso and Burgers at 933-3001.
The War in Iraq
No one will soon forget the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, the attacks in Fallujah, and all the U.S. troops fighting for our country.

Conference Champs
Central football and volleyball claim the title of 2004 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Champions.

America said good-bye to "Friends"
After ten seasons "Friends" comes to an end with a tear-jerking episode that sends Ross, Rachel, Joey, Chandler, Monica and Phoebe away from Central Perk and out into the real world.

Storm Season
One of Florida's worst hurricane seasons, with four major storms hitting their coast.

The Presidential Election
With no presence of "hanging chads" President Bush was re-elected for a second term in a close race against Senator John Kerry.

Songwriter wins award
by Jordan Youngs

Opening for Dave Matthews, attending the Grammy Awards, and having your own song in the running for 10 grand are all things any music artist would love to have on their resume.

Central Washington University's own Josh Schroeder, a senior in the music business major, has done all of these things. Schroeder's song, "Picasso", written about Schroeder's past experiences with heartbreak, was selected to move on to the national competition for the John Lennon Songwriter Award. If Schroeder's song is selected, he will be granted a $10,000 scholarship.

"This is money I absolutely need," Schroeder said. Schroeder said he has been singing since he could walk and wrote his first song in the eighth grade.

"A lot of people can relate to it...the song because I am sure everyone has been through some kind of heartbreak at one time or another," Schroeder said. "Hey Picasso will you paint my broken heart, I think the pieces would make a lovely work of art," is the defining lyric of the song.

Schroeder will find out in March whether his song was selected, in the mean time he will continue to play music and carry on with his song writing obsession.

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Film series offers decades of movies
By Rebecca George

Classic Film Series offers students Entertaining Education too cold to play outside? Why not go to the movies right here on campus?

Classic Film Series is trying to perpetuate the value in viewing a classic, 35 mm film as opposed to a DVD.

This coming January 18, the Classic Film Series will feature "The Triplets of Belleville" an 80-minute French comedic animation about a grandmother who rallies up the support of an age-old song-and-dance team from the days of Fred Astaire, to rescue her grandson who has been kidnaped during the tour of France.

On February 22, a silent film titled "Grandma's Boy", one of Harold Lloyds best comedies, will be featured with live piano accompaniment by internationally acclaimed composer Robert Israel, followed by a lecture about his work as a silent film composer.

With the construction of Central's new SUB building will come a new 345-seat theatre that Drinkwater explains "will create intimacy for the viewers".

For more information on the Classic Film Series for Winter Quarter, please visit Central's Student Union Recreation Counter located in the Sammamish Union Building.

Classic Film Series quarter calendar
Jan. 18 "Triplets of Belleville" (2003) Origin: France
Jan. 25 "Barbarian Invasions" (2003) Origin: Canada/ France
Feb. 1 "Dr. Strangelove" (1964) Origin: USA
Feb. 8 "The Return" (2003) Origin: Russia
Feb. 15 "Umbrellas of Cherbourg" (1964) Origin: France
Feb. 22 "Grandma's Boy" & "Billy Blazes, Est" (1922, 1919)
March 1 "Good Bye, Lenin!" (2003) Origin: Germany
March 8 "Fog of War" (2003) Origin: USA
Concert to aid tsunami
Indie-Rock Shows
Save Lives
by Brent Littlejohn
Staff reporter

What better way to give to the Tsunami Relief Fund and possibly save a life than by attending one of the best concerts of the century? The Showbox, 1070 2nd Ave, and 90.3 KEXP among others, are combining their musical powers to bring Ben Gibbard of Death Cab for Cutie, James Mercer of The Shins and David Bazan of Pedro the Lion to the Showbox tomorrow night.

Tickets were cheap, and by the time they sold out in a couple days. However, a second show on Thursday, Jan. 13 has been added with the only lineup change being Mercer from The Shins for Eric Bachman of Crooked Fingers. No matter which, I recommend doing everything humanly possible to attend one of these shows, be it spending thousands on eBay or performing impressive dance routines at the door the night of.

Why such an urge for this show you may ask? Many reasons, according to the Showbox website, $30 saves a life (tickets are $15) while that same $30 sends $2,225 worth of humanitarian aid overseas. How those numbers work I have no idea, but if you're like me, you believe what the Internet tells you, no questions asked.

The other reason to act fast and see these shows is Gibbard's band will blow up very soon. And though dynamite is sweet, that's not what I'm referring to. Death Cab for Cutie has recently signed with Atlantic Records, the same giant company that brings us the likes of Brandy, The Donnas, and Trick Daddy. No "dissto Trick Daddy for CUTIE, James Mercer of The Shins and 90.3 KEXP among others, are

The movie starts with a scene in the church of Boston. The priest recites the story of one innocent girl, who was killed by an unknown evil person, and the story turns to be the core of the movie that keeps inspiring the two Irish brothers to try to get rid of the evil Russian and Italian mobsters, who invade their Irish local neighborhood. They would eventually become local heroes as people call them "the Saints".

It is a movie full of gun action. It is so hard to see the brothers as captivated because they just seem to be killing those mobsters only to be dull-witted violent and for money.

I expected the movie "Boondock Saints" to be great action with a sense of sophisticated intelligence, referring to the race issue in the United States, but it just turned out to be extraordinarily cheap, with poor characterization, plot, and theme that does not make sense at some points. However, a second show on Thursday, Jan. 13 has been added with the only lineup change being Mercer from The Shins for Eric Bachman of Crooked Fingers. No matter which, I recommend doing everything humanly possible to attend one of these shows, be it spending thousands on eBay or performing impressive dance routines at the door the night of.

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Men razzle and dazzle in front of 3,000

The Wildcats torch 10th-ranked rival Western Washington

by Heather Watkins
Staff reporter

Central Washington University’s men’s basketball team won its fourth consecutive game Saturday night, making their Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) standing 2-1 and their overall standing 6-6 this season. More than 3,000 fans were in attendance to support the Wildcat men’s basketball team against the 10th nationally ranked Western Washington Vikings.

Within the first five minutes, the Wildcats were on fire leading 14-8. Western tried catching up, but at the half Central led 51-43.

In the second half, Western was down by as many as 17 points. The Vikings got within one point with 29 seconds remaining, but Central went on to win 105-100.

The Wildcats shot 47.4 percent from three-point range and had 40 points in the paint.

“I felt like everyone on the team played hard, and when that happens, it sets the tone for the whole game,” Den Boer said. “We played hard the whole time.”

Senior Kyle Boast also added 20 points to the game.

The real star of the game came off the bench. Robert Hicks, a junior point guard from Lakewood, Calif. scored a season high 29 points, just one point away from his career high of 30 points. In the first half alone, he scored 18 points.

“Coach [Sparling] stressed this game so much and I’m just glad we won,” Hicks said. “We’re just getting started.”

The Wildcats are now preparing for their game on Thursday in Anchorage, Alaska against the ninth ranked seawolves. Their next game at home vs. Western Oregon is at 7 p.m., January 20.
Athlete Spotlight: Lance Den Boer

by Jon Marker
Sports editor

The Central Washington University Karate Club will represent half of the USA National team and came in fourth at the World Karate Tournament at Isesaki City, Japan.

Aside from a weak shooting performance, Central was dominated by Humboldt's inside play. Central yielded 40 of the home team's 66 total points from inside the paint and could only answer with 12 of their own. Humboldt's scoring charge was sparked by Nicole Lynch, who was 12-13 from the field and finished the contest with 29 points. Humboldt had just six attempts from beyond the three-point arc, missing all of them.

This loss, puts a blemish on the Wildcats record, who before Saturday's game, were ranked fourth in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) with a 3-1 record in conference play, 9-3 overall.

They trail Seattle Pacific University (4-0, 12-1), Western Washington University (3-4, 11-1), and St. Martin's College (3-6, 9-2).

Despite the close race for first place, Central has a commanding lead over the fifth place team, Northwest Nazarene University, who has a conference record of 1-2 and an overall record of 5-7.

Central's next challenge will be a home game this Thursday against the University of Puget Sound, who has lost eight straight games. The Wildcats are looking to continue their winning streak and get back to their dominant ways from the beginning of the season.

Lance Den Boer shoots a free throw against Western. He is second in the GNAC with 20.8 ppg.

Wildcat women lose in a shocker

by Eric Norris
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's women's basketball team suffered a tough loss Saturday to Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif. Humboldt capitalized on Central's inability to get their offense going, as well as the dominant play by their inside post players, who controlled the paint the entire game.

Central's main problem stemmed from poor shooting, which plagued them throughout the game. The Wildcats shot a mere 36.7 percent from the field in the first half and only hit 23.1 percent from beyond the arc. Central's shooting woes carried on into the second half where they were 17.6 percent from the field and 0-15 from three-point range.

The only bright spot in the Wildcat shooting was the free throw shooting. They were 12-16 from the line for the game.

"Humboldt ran various zones at us and with our two best shooters, Lori Ainslie and Hanna Hull, on the bench it makes a zone defense tough to beat," Coach Jeff Whitney said. At game's end, Central had only hit 26.6 percent of their shots from the field. Jamie Corwin led the Wildcat effort with 12 points. Aside from a weak shooting performance, Central was dominated by Humboldt's inside play. Central yielded 40 of the home team's 66 total points from inside the paint and could only answer with 12 of their own. Humboldt's scoring charge was sparked by Nicole Lynch, who was 12-13 from the field and finished the contest with 29 points. Humboldt had just six attempts from beyond the three-point arc, missing all of them.

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There were fighters from nearly 30 countries that competed in the tournament. During the 7th World Open Karate Tournament, the Central Karate Club qualified all members for the U.S. National Team.

"It is an honor just to compete in the World Tournament," said Sensi lan Quitada. "Simply earning a spot on the U.S. team is a considerable achievement."

The Central Karate Club is made up of Collin Smith, Cameron Smith, Sarah Wooley, Tomoko Tanikawa. For more information call 963-2745.

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Saturday, Jan. 15
vs. Northwest Nazarene

see BASKETBALL page 14
The Seattle Seahawks "Hawked" it once again and there are many people to blame for the collapse. Mike Holmgren is in the hot seat and deservingly so; he hasn't produced an elite team like he has been known for doing in the past. He made bad moves as a general manager and has rattled the feathers of fan favorite Shaun Alexander.

As the Seahawks' head coach, he has had only three winning seasons and three trips to the playoffs, which were all losses. He even got rid of Central Washington University alum Jon Kitta.

Here is where I am sup­posed get the noise and go to town on Holmgren. Well, I'm not. I believe Holmgren has done a great job in Seattle. I know everyone will be saying he cannot get it done without Brett Favre, but what was Brett Favre before Holmgren? Where were the Seahawks before Holmgren? How many times did the Seahawks make the playoffs before Holmgren? They were at the bottom of the AFC West every year and were never taken seriously. Holmgren turned a laugh­ing stock of a franchise into a real, competitive team. He cannot hide the ball and throw it to the incompetent receivers who have plagued the Seahawks the past two sea­sons.

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