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No snow leaves local businesses dry

by Rachel Thompson
Staff reporter

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Police Briefs

by Jared Lowruk
Staff reporter

The rewards of city service

A taxi driver called Ellensburg Police to report that a fare was refusing to pay and had vomited in the back of his cab.

The element of surprise

A Clc Elum business owner reported harassing phone calls in which the caller threatened to break into the business after it closed.

Give her the chair!

Ellensburg Police received a noise complaint regarding a woman who regularly stands on her porch and yells for her cat to come in several times a day.

Foster parents provide stability

A foster parent called the Ellensburg Police to report threats from a former foster parent of the children whom they were caring for.

Aggressive sales pitch

A caller to the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office reported that a female drug dealer was repeatedly trying to inject him with heroin.

What's in your wallet?

The Kittitas County Sheriff's Office received a call that a baggie full of credit cards had been found in a field.

Excitement at Safeway

The Cle Elum Police Department received a call that an unidentified white male in a blue Toyota Tundra parked in front of the Safeway was flipping off passersby and yelling obscenities about the police.

Oh no! My favorite Anggie!

A caller to the Cle Elum Fire Department reported that her 3-year-old son swallowed a marble.

From bad to worse

A state trooper responding to a collision on I-90 was struck by another vehicle.

Insert fart joke here

Jurisdiction issues

A caller to the Kittitas Police reported that a group of children were being chased by several dogs, most notably a Saint Bernard. The dogs were acting vicious and protecting the area.

Aliens?

A caller to the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office reported that their house had been hit twice by something like a sonic boom, which knocked the molding off the walls.

Should have swiped a map too

In Vancouver, Wash., a 22-year-old man robbed a Chevron station and eluded police before getting lost and accidentally returning to the same Chevron station to ask for directions. He was subsequently apprehended.

Senior survey legitimate success

by Teddy Feinberg
Staff reporter

Since 1997, Central Washington University has conducted a senior survey which is designed for graduating students to express their feelings-good or bad about the school. Some students, however, question the legal aspects of the survey and an alleged breach of the students' privacy in place. In fact, they point out the fact that the survey is being given from the webpage www.cwu.edu, similar to Central's, but not quite the same.

"It's a bunch of garbage," said Chris Bauer, senior business management major. "Personally, I think it's fraudulent. I'm really heated."

Kelly Cadman, a research analyst III at Central, said that the Institutional Research Department, located in Barge Hall, purchased server space to host various online surveys. The server space aids them in reaching people faster and more efficiently.

"We do the senior survey, the alumni survey, general surveys," Cadman said. "It enables us to get things out there quickly. Other students question why a survey asks for their student ID numbers and names.

"We don't understand why we need to give personal information such as our ID numbers," said Lawrence Cadman. "It enables us to get things out there quickly." She said that while the survey is designed to allow students to voice their opinions, it also helps teachers and department heads find out what their strengths and weaknesses may be.

"We ask for their ID numbers so that we can get their major," Cadman said. "When an individual department says 'What did our students say about us as a faculty, it helps them and saves them the time.'"

Cadman also said that all names remain in the hands of Institutional Research.

"No students are identified for any purpose," Cadman said. "Nothing actionable is going on."

Central President Jerelyn McIntyre said that it's understandable for some students to question the purpose of the survey. At the same time, she believes it is an effective and relatively harmless process.

"I think in this day and age many people tend to wonder, who's asking and why," McIntyre said. "This is a fairly straightforward system. Every university I've ever been at gives

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ITS internship yields success

by Lacey Stanton
Staff reporter

An internship offered in the Information Technology Department at Central Washington University has yielded a more informative website and a major opportunity for one student.

Insert fart joke here

Lucinda Lunstrum, picked to be the executive intern for Business and Financial Affairs during fall quarter, was assigned to compile information and create a new Web site for Information Technology Services.

Information collected included the times when the labs are open and the types of computers, operating system, software, and when classes are scheduled.

For some students this may seem simple. Others might not understand the point. But for Lucinda it is way more practical.

"One thing that bugged me is that I would have to drive all the way into town, walk to each computer lab, and hope that I could find one without a class in it," Lunstrum said. "Then I have to worry about if it has the right software."

Part of Lunstrum's internship she was to research the labs and create a way to make getting the lab information easier for the students.

Before there was never a Web page for students to look up this detailed level of information. A Web site was provided but only included the times that the labs were open. So it was always hit-and-miss when you wanted to use them according to Carmen Rahm, senior director of ITS.

Students walking from building to building, just wasn't efficient, according to Richard Corona, vice president of Business and Financial Affairs.

"So far I have heard only positive feedback about the new Web page and about the internship in general," Corona said.

This is a new internship on campus. It started with a pilot program in fall 2003, with only two students. One student worked in the office and one student worked with the vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

"We started the internship was the president of Central and her cabinet decided they wanted to have an intern in each of their specific areas," said David Storla, ITS project director of Campus Labs and University Centers.

The internship is one of the more prestigious and more advanced leadership programs offered here on campus, according to Jennifer Fountain, director of Center for Excellence in Leadership.

It is directed towards students of junior or senior status. The students picked should generally be interested in this line of work.

Lunstrum, who is currently a sophomore, was able to get the internship because they needed more people.

"I will be a junior at the end of this quarter but because there weren't enough applicants I upped in," said Lunstrum.

The Center for Excellence in Leadership is involved in the application process. The center promotes it, distributes applications, and meets with the students. The applications see CSS, page 4

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project committee members said, in an e-mail. Many parking spaces outside of Black Hall are being temporarily occupied for the construction site, creating a lack of parking for students.

The project committee suggests that students seek additional parking at a new overnight parking lot created at 11th and Maple Street, if any spaces are open in the Black Hall parking lot.

The lot is located by Starbucks and near campus housing. Even though the lot has created more parking, students said it is out of sight and hard to find.

"I had no idea the parking lot even existed," said Alan Telcky, junior bio-chemistry major. "I never would have seen it if I didn't go to Starbucks."

The new lot, which opened Dec. 11, 2004, was created to replace the parking spots taken by the construction site.

Tighe McGillivray/Observer

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Central Washington University celebrates Black History Month

by Kelly Mitchell
Staff reporter

Central Washington University departments are working to bring awareness to black history month of Central's campus through planned events.

Since 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an African American born to slavery, created a time to acknowledge Black American achievements. This time is February, which is known as black history month.

"It’s kind of cool to have a whole month to celebrate," said Josh Kroen, senior mathematics major. "It’s not a topic that’s been brought up, but if it was talked about, like why is February Black History month, then I would support." Learning and a cultural presentation were organized for students to learn about the impact of black history in America.

"We like to participate in these celebratory months to acknowledge where we have been, where we came from, and where we are going," said Leslie Webb, director of the Diversity Education Center.

The first event is scheduled on Feb. 11, 2005, in which one of the founders of the Black Panthers, Bobby Seale, will speak on campus about 1960s activism and how it compares to activism today.

"He can really bring light to the civil rights movement, past and present," Webb said.

In addition to lectures, a cultural presentation and workshops of African American dance is organized for students to take part in. The African American dance group Maya Solei will perform on Feb. 17, 2005 at Jeffrey Pavilion. After the dance, students are encouraged to join in an African-American dance seminar.

"We believe in having cultural pieces work on the events that we do," Webb said.

To a song written by women's history month in March and celebrate the contributions of black history month, Carol Moseley-Braun will speak on Feb. 24, 2005 in McConnell Auditorium.

Moseley-Braun was the first African American woman to be elected into the United States Senate. In this past presidential election, Moseley-Braun sought the Democratic nomination for President of the United States.

"We are so privileged to have her here and the thing that is pioneering about her her history, her work, and how she speaks to youth today," Webb said. "We really wanted to bring somebody who was going to appeal to our populations at Central.

Woodson initially created Negro History Week, which occurred during the second week of February, because he marked the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population, Fredrick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Negro History Week soon evolved into Black History Month, showcasing other significant February dates in American black history.

The events for Black History Month are sponsored by the Diversity Education Center, Center for Student Empowerment, Black Student Union, Campus Activities, Center for Excellence in Leadership, Equity and Service Council, President's Diversity Council, and the Central Washington University co-sponsorship of the 2005 UNESCO Conference on Unity and Diversity in Religion and Culture.

INFO BOX

Feb. 3, 1870: 15th Amendment was passed, which granted black people the right to vote.

Feb. 25, 1870: Hiram R. Revels was elected as the first black United States Senator.

Feb. 12, 1999: The National Organization for the Advancement of Colored People was established.

Feb. 1, 1960: A group of four black United States Senators was established.

Feb. 12, 1965: Three Black Muslims assassinated Malcolm X.


Bobby Seale Feb. 10
Maya Solei Feb. 17
Carol Moseley Braun Feb. 24

"Wildcat Apprentice" winners to receive a $200 tuition waiver

by Kathryn Lake
Staff reporter

Do you have what it takes to be the Wildcat Apprentice? Or will you pass on it?

Central Washington University’s version of “The Apprentice,” sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Leadership (CEL), will be much like the original seen on national television on NBC.

"Do you have what it takes to be the Wildcat Apprentice? Or will you pass on it?" asked Daria Wheeler, the Wildcat Apprentice director.

"We will do a task. However, instead of receiving a $200 tuition waiver for spring quarter, and a certificate of completion of a leadership program to go on their resumes. An important part of the Wildcat Apprentice program is to see marketing as an important part of every business," said Kim Holland, director of University Housing and Residence Life.

"It will be a real world business experience for the students," said Jerilyn McIntyre, the cabinet and the CEL co-sponsor of the Wildcat Apprentice.

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Regardless, both Cadman and McIntyre believe it’s important for students to take the time and fill out the survey.

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According to them it’s beneficial to the school and the participant as it is design to help both parties achieve their goals while making Central a better place.

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Civic Engagement Grows

Students volunteer services to local NPOs

by Danny Bergman and Sean McPherson
Staff Reporters

Building a relationship between Central Washington University and the community has become the commitment of the Civic Engagement Center. “Central to the Community,” a program that works with six organizations in the Ellensburg gives students a chance to impact the area.

“One goal is to provide opportunities for students to get involved in themselves in the community, while at the same time develop communication and leadership skills,” said Sara Jones, psychology grad student.

The Ellensburg School District

Liaisons have the option of staying with the program at the end of each quarter. At six years, the Ellensburg school district has the longest running partnership with The Civic Engagement Center.

Six organizations have been added in the last year. Central to the Community also organizes food drives and other events to support the community.

Red Cross

The Ellensburg Police Kittitas County Sheriff’s Office, Fire Department, County Health, and the Department of Natural Resources all work closely with the American Red Cross.

“We all have to work together if we’re going to respond to an emergency,” said Lori Clark, case manager for the Red Cross.

“This can give students the chance to be involved in the community, broaden their horizons and build a resume,” said Allison Hutchinson, senior psychology major and liaison to the Red Cross.

The Red Cross just finished doing a mock fire drill on Elk Heights in which they evacuated hundreds of people and dealt with the factors involved in a disaster.

The Red Cross is engaged in training volunteers that come out on a regular basis,” Tenney said.

With Habitat for Humanity a person only has to pay for the materials of the house, the labor is done by the volunteers.

“I’ve always wanted to build my own house, this is a way for me and my family to stay in Ellensburg,” Tenney said.

Kristian Azizieh, who helps every Saturday, urges students to volunteer. Students can come to the job site any Saturday and stay all day or for just an hour.

“It’s such a good feeling for me, to know that I’m helping someone else,” Azizieh said.

HopeSource

Helping the elderly is also in “Central to the Community’s” plan. By working at the Senior Center and HopeSource, students help to provide the elderly with the support they need.

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Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is an organization responsible for building houses. All money used for the houses is donated by people and businesses in the local area. Funding has made it possible for them to build seven houses in Ellensburg.

A house is being built on Seattle and the directors are looking to involve the students in the building projects.

“Central is such a huge part of this community,” said Kristian Azizieh, senior human resource and construction management major, and liaison to Habitat for Humanity.

“It reflects well to show that students aren’t just going to school, but giving back to the community at the same time.”

The house is being built for JoAnne Tenney and her son.

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Students who volunteer for HopeSource have a variety of work to choose from.

“We can use help from anything like accounting to shoveling snow, there’s always something there for your interests,” Miller said.

HopeSource will have a booth at the Vagina Monologues with information on the services and to get people aware that there are opportunities to get involved in the community.

Home for Elderly

There are many ways in which volunteers help out at the Adult Activity Center, formerly known as the Senior Center.

Karena Kell, senior recreation management major, a liaison for the Civic Engagement Center, assistant coordinator for Activities, is working on a booklet for a year’s worth of trips and tours for the center. The Adult Activity Center also has internship programs.

Elmview

Elmview’s Web site http://www.elmview.org says, “options to people facing significant lifestyle challenges to work toward their chosen quality of life.” These help people who face either developmental or psychiatric disabilities.

Other opportunities for students to help out are also available. Cecilia Garcia, junior business management major, is out to enhance the current website for Elmview and get volunteers through the Civic Engagement Center.

Headstart

The Headstart program is a national program for early childhood development.

Children in the Headstart program range anywhere from birth to as old as five years. Much of the Headstart program is focused on low-income families.

Jessica Small, senior business administration major, is out to improve the program. She is working on getting an orientation program set up for any volunteers who want to participate in Headstart.

Elkview School District has opportunities for volunteers. While some work is more constant, such as being a tutor, others are one time events, such as an upcoming reading and writing workshop.

Constance “Connie” Clervaux, a graduate of Central, works with three other liaisons to help find work for volunteers. While Clervaux works more directly with the superintendent’s office and the school district as a whole, the other liaisons who work with her communicate with three specific schools: Valley View, Lincoln and Mt. Stearn.

For more information on these events and many other opportunities to volunteer for the community, you can look up the Civic Engagement Center’s Web site at http://slvcen­ter.cwu.edu. You can also call them at 963-1643.

These interested in becoming a liaison should contact the Civic Engagement Center at 963-1643. Positions are available next quarter.
Who are you Central students?

Each week I struggle to come up with a topic to bring insight to the public. I wonder if students care even about current events, political differences or conflicts on campus.

Do students even care about President Bush's second-term agenda? Do students care about where Senior Golf is going to be if they are going to graduate?

It's bad to decipher the minds of Central's students. Their priorities and trends change simultaneously, leaving the faculty and administration scrambling to catch up with effective teaching methods.

Central students have created a unique community full of students who flock to Seattle for a better club or out of state for a better snow resort. Or just snow, period.

A photo speaks a thousand words

In the Jan. 27 issue of the Observer, we included a photo on the front page of Ellensburg Police Chief Bob Richey addressing a recent forum on Senior Golf. The background of the picture was eliminated to bring forward the main image of Richey talking to the forum. In the picture taken, he was holding a paper that folded over his hand.

School officials and police thought we might have doctored the photo to give the sense that Richey was holding a beer mug of some form in his hand. This assumption was not only false but deeply offended the design-er of the page: myself. The Observer adheres to a strict ethics policy that is viewable online at www.cwu.edu/-observer/ethics.php

In the future, if any other problems arise, I would like to be the one to stress the word "culture" that permeates every facet of this campus. Whether in the halls, in class, on campus, or off campus, the talk is the same: "yeah, I got so wasted last night," or "I got trashed and hooked up with (insert name here)." Maybe it's underage kids (and I stress the word "kids")' drinking from a beer bong in front of my old apartment, or constantly hearing about drunken debauchery, but two words come to mind: immature and pathetic.

As a non-drinker I have nothing against alcohol per se, besides the fact that when abused, it can lead to life-altering consequences (I have a friend that is in jail for vehicular manslaughter while under the influence of alcohol).

The problem I have with is the "alcohol culture" that permeates every facet of this campus. Whether in the halls, in class, on campus, or off campus, the talk is the same: "yeah, I got so wasted last night," or "I got trashed and hooked up with (insert name here)." Maybe it's underage kids (and I stress the word "kids")' drinking from a beer bong in front of my old apartment, or constantly hearing about drunken debauchery, but two words come to mind: immature and pathetic.

When a Web site pops up on campus devoted to Central's party life, replete with the obligatory shots of kids with cheap beer in their hands, drunk girls making out with each other, or the extremely pathetic "girl of the month" (their parents must be so proud), you know the situation is bordering on the absurd.

Nevertheless the fact that most crimes committed on campus, including rape and violence, involve alcohol in some way, these college kids feel that if they do not get trashed every weekend, they have missed out on the "college experi-

ence" that is glorified in movies these days. Trust me, these people need all the brain cells they can get.

So turn off "Old School," dim your "Bud Light" sign, skip "dollar wells"-night, and pick up a book.

Clay McBride
Senior, English major

Elitist student union

Over the past two years I have had a chance to observe the progress-

ive student union make absolute fools of themselves. I share a lot of the PSU's view points on being against President Bush's policies but the PSU member rank and file never
The dreaded V-word  
by Marti Osborn  
Copy editor

Ever drank a glass of orange juice right after brushing your teeth? The two tastes don’t fit together and leave a distinctly awkward taste in your mouth. That’s the way I feel about many of the concepts and activities being promoted in support of V-Day. Until the Violence Stops.

The organizers are correct, ‘vagina’ is not a dirty word — it’s mostly a preferred medical term. It’s in the dictionary and most of us can say ‘vagina’ in mixed company without offending anyone. Other words used to describe that particular portion of a woman’s body actually are dirty words and imprintsable. Maybe in a few years V-Day will evolve to C-Day.

Regardless of whether or not ‘vagina’ is a dirty word, I am also baffled by saying ‘vagina’ over and over and over stops the violence against women. If I were to shout, ‘VAGINA’ at an attacker, would he suddenly stop beating the heck out of me?

What exactly is a ‘Vagina-friendly bake sale’ — yeast free cupcakes and cookies, perhaps? For “Condomania,” students are encouraged to head downtown and pass out condoms. I fail to believe that I am the only student here that is confused by the condom connection to violence against women.

And if you weren’t already overwhelmed by all the shock value, you can go watch a game show that has cross-dressing hosts. Even though they don’t appear on the same game show in real life, a presumably male Vanna White and a female Alex Trebek are going to educate an audience on how cross-dressing relates to violence against women.

I’m surprised that men on campus don’t rise up and have a P-Day. After all, ‘penis’ isn’t a dirty word either.

Good times are ahead, for in the next three days the greatest unofficial holiday is upon us. Yes, your suspicions are correct — I’m talking about Super Bowl Sunday.

Super Bowl Sunday is my second favorite holiday, behind the Fourth of July, and will one day be considered an official holiday (probably sometime after Guns and Roses get back together and pigs fly). Here are various reasons why the Super Bowl rules and everything else drools.

No other holiday unites people quite like the Super Bowl. Thanksgiving is strictly family time, reaped in tradition. The Super Bowl is enjoyed with the best friends and family with everyone’s favorite meat on the barbecue, not just turkey in the oven. Thanksgiving ‘all in’ is often more about tradition than anything else, putting good times on the back burner. Plus, more food is purchased for Super Bowl Sunday than Thanksgiving, or any other holiday for that matter.

The Super Bowl is the most American of all holidays. Fourth of July is about patriotism, celebrating our great nation’s birthday, but it’s the Super Bowl which brings out America’s favorite pastime (and better or for worse), football, television and gluttony enjoyed over a cold beer.

The Super Bowl is an easy holiday. Ever notice how Christmas gets more hectic and less fun the older you get? The Super Bowl has one requirement, sitting in front of the TV for a few hours watching America’s favorite sport, football. Super Bowl laughter may say it’s a big commercial hootop, which supports a brutish sport. My response to these naysayers is to simply shut up and step back being a hypocrite because you’re going to watch the game anyway. That sort of ‘P.C.’ attitude has no place in the living room come Sunday; it’s all about chilling and watching the game. So pull the ribbs off the barbecue, turn up the volume on the TV and grab a cold one, it’s game time.

Observer crossword puzzle

Across 
1. Bart Simpson’s dog 
2. ‘Family Guy’ baby genius 
5. ‘Catcher in the Rye’ author J.D. 
6. Seahawks QB Matt 
10. Philadelphia Eagles’ wide receiver Freddie 
12. Mad Magazine mascot Alfred E. 
13. He-Man’s nemesis 
17. “Old Man and the Sea” author Ernest 
19. LA Lakers’ coach 
25. Drunken “Futurama” robot 
27. Homer Simpson’s middle name 
28. President Bush’s twin daughters Jenna and 
26. Central’s mascot 
27. “South Park” Character 
30. Downton 
1. The Governor 
2. Tony Montana

Down 
3. Dallas Cowboys’ running back Smith
4. Ninja played by Jennifer Broadus 
5. “Family Guy” baby genius 
6. Secretary of State Rice
7. “Saturday Night Live” creator Lorne 
9. Pippin’s real name in “Out Cold”
11. Secretary of State - Rice 
14. “The Daily Show” host Jon 
15. 16th President of the United States 
16. Snoop Dogg AKA 
18. Batman’s butler 
20. “Fight Club” villain Tyler 
22. Pacers’ forward Ron 
23. Inventor of polio vaccine 
24. Tim’s neighbor on “Home Improvement” 
25. Drunken “Futurama” robot

Editors note: Berivan Yousif, senior, moved to the United States with her family seven years ago from the Kurdish town of Zakho in Northern Iraq.

I am one of the many who are very happy. For the first time in 50 years Iraq is having a democratic election where Iraqis are able to vote and express their opinions. Iraq is one of the third world countries where democracy did not exist for nearly half a century. A lot of people in Iraq didn’t even know what democracy really meant.

People in Iraq never had a chance to have an election or vote for a political party to represent them and their needs. Everything was controlled by the government. Citizens had no way to vote for any other candidates because no one was allowed to do so; not because they wanted to vote for them, but because they had no other candidates or parties to vote for. Since the fall of Baghdad, Iraqi citizens have been looking forward to Election Day. Iraq will elect 275 members of a Transitional National Assembly (TNS) from more than 100 party lists from all over Iraq. Despite all of these, Iraqi citizens turned out to vote, denying the insurgents’ threats of physical harm.

Most Iraqis believed the only way for democracy and freedom in Iraq is through voting, and most of them did not hesitate to go and vote for their political party. A lot of polling centers turned into celebrating centers. All of the threats and violence did not stop Iraqi people from voting, which meant that those terrorists and insurgents lost their battle against the new Iraq and its citizens.

After the Iraqi people showed the world their real face and what they can do for their country, it is now the world’s responsibility to help Iraq rebuild their country and train its army and police officers in order to stabilize and secure the country.

The primary voting result will be announced early next week. The 275 seats of the Nation Assembly will be formed by proportion representation of voters. They will write the new Iraq constitution by August. After the 275 members vote on the constitution, there will be another round of elections for Iraqi people in December of this year.

Now it is time for all Iraqis to find common ground, peace and democracy for themselves and for a better life in the wonderful country of Iraq.
The V-Day campaign has flooded campus this past week by way of local volunteers and Central Washington University students involved in the production of the annual benefit campaign to promote awareness of violence against women.

In a 2000 survey done by the U.S. Department of Justice, a college campus of 10,000 female students faces the possibility of more than 350 sexual assaults per year. Between, 10 incidents of sexual assault in the Ellensburg area were reported, according to the Wildcat Wellness Center and Ellensburg Police Department.

The Student Empowerment Center’s production of “V-Day: Until the Violence Stops” gives students and Ellensburg citizens of all backgrounds a chance to face important issues by making the connection that violence occurs at all levels.

“The Vagina Monologues” was developed in 1998 by Eve Ensler, founder of the “V-Day: Until the Violence Stops” campaign. The production is based on monologues from interviews Ensler conducted with women all over the world about a wide variety of life experiences.

“Motivation for the title was to push the truth that the word ‘vagina’ is a medical term that should not be considered dirty,” said Diane Bedwell of the Student Empowerment Center, who is directing the campus activities. “This play was meant to touch the hearts and spread awareness about the epidemic of violence against women and girls around the world.”

Caitlin White, senior sociology major, began as a volunteer director last year because of a friend who had been affected by violence.

“I think of her every time I feel like quitting,” White said.

Now producer of “The Vagina Monologues,” White finds that she is making an immediate difference in her own community here in Ellensburg.

“The Vagina Monologues is something you need to experience,” said White, who has expressed a deep love for producing the show. “For some people it is a life-changing event.”

Eleven thousand communities and colleges internationally participated in the V-Day campaign in 2004. With over 100 million people contacted, $6.5 million was raised for non-profit organizations to help protect women affected by violence.

“Locally, Central’s production has raised money for two local organizations, ASPEN and HopeSource, which work directly to stop violence,” Bedwell said.

by Rebecca George
Staff reporter

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Review: Punk is a joke; this scene needs a Death by Stereo

by George Hawley
Copy editor

Punk shows are rare on my list of places to be. As a devout headbanger, I consider it indisputable that heavy metal is superior to punk in all ways conceivable. Nevertheless, I overcame my bias and waded cautiously into the unfamiliar world of punk last Saturday because of one band: “Death by Stereo.”

The show took place in Seattle’s Neumo’s Crystal Ball and Reading Room. It’s an obviously trendy place that attempts to capture the filthy feeling of The Graceland, without actually being filthy. I can only describe the disagreeable atmosphere as “gritty-chic.” It is not surprising that I know of no decent metal bands who have ever played there.

Over the course of the evening I discovered that punk shows are a terrible place to people watch. Seriously, I can’t remember the last time I saw so many lame people gathered in one place. And it’s more than a little amusing that these ostensible individualists all dress exactly the same—although I’m not trying to imply that metal doesn’t also have its fair share of morons. (Note to Goths: Dan Filth is a loser and so are you.)

For those who don’t know, there are a few simple rules to be a punk: 1) make sure someone is there to videotape every simple, unoriginal stunt you do on your skateboard; 2) obsess about George W. Bush and put anti-government stickers on everything you own; 3) collect food stamps; 4) wear tight pants to concerts.

I arrived as the first warm-up band, “The Amazombies,” was finishing up their set. To use the somewhat unaptishophisticated nomenclature of our times, this band sucked something awful, even by punk standards. Their one saving grace is that their singer, Punk, holds a single advantage over metal: the girls. An unfortunate rule of metal is that the better the concert, the less likely it is that attractive women will attend. (Note: if anyone knows an even nominally good-looking woman who listens to “Dark Tranquility,” ask her to e-mail me.) Among elements of the supposed counter-culture therein exists the notion that people who skipped high school civics to get stoned and play “Green Day” covers in a garage are somehow supposed to be counter-cultural. As much as I hate their outspoken political agitprop, it’s the same with metal: they use their instruments, although it really isn’t fair to define them strictly as punk. They combine elements of metal and hardcore into their sound. As much as I hate their outspoken political views, I can’t deny that they rock. Check them out.

The evening ended with “The Explosions,” an atrociously hip and unoriginal punk band. I made it through almost two songs before walking out the door and going home, my anti-punk prejudice reaffirmed.

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Gallery 1 changes hands after patrons honor former director

by Ben Hanson
Staff reporter

Mary Frances officially stepped down as the director of Gallery 1 last Saturday night, after six-and-a-half years of service to the community. Taking her place will be Kent Swanson. Gallery 1 is part of Ellensburg’s Art Walk, which takes place on the First Friday of every month, and is supported by art sales and donations. The farewell party at the gallery on 408 N. Pearl St. was attended by nearly 100 patrons of the arts. For this occasion, more than a dozen local artists had made pieces in honor of Frances’ departure.

These works ranged from realistic portraits to the surreal. One exhibit had Frances’ face edited onto the Mona Lisa, while a computer program stretched and distorted it at random. Another impressive work, “Tharma Queen,” had Frances painted like a Hindu goddess, each hand holding something representative of her. Even people who provided food for the party engaged their creativity, giving names to few of the items, like the “Mary Fransmousse,” in the director’s honor.

Frances was in continuous motion on that night, speaking with her patrons and friends. It was nearly an hour into the party before she had time to grant an interview. She said that she wanted to get back into painting, after spending so much time promoting the work of others. She said she was “absolutely confident” about her successor, Kent Swanson.

Partgoers also felt good about the change: “I feel really good about it,” said Curtis Netzleshup, a regular of the gallery.

When asked if he was an artist, Charles Haight, another guest, simply laughed.

“From it, but I enjoy it, and the companionship that goes with it,” Haight said.

After a brief “roast,” Frances gave a stirring goodbye speech.

“This is my community, and though I may travel, this is my home,” Frances said.

Kent Swanson made a brief comment afterwards, saying that “the community clearly supports this organization.”

In a follow-up interview, Swanson discussed his new position. He is new to the community, and is married to Rene Pederson, an anthropology professor at Central.

Swanson had been surprised to find such a large gallery in a city the size of Ellensburg. He said he “saw this job as an opportunity to engage with the community.”

Swanson made it clear that the lack of art from Central students in the gallery was not intentional. “Any collaboration between us and Central would be welcome, since we’re both part of the Ellensburg art community,” Swanson said.

Gallery 1 is in most of the way through an extensive remodeling, much to Swanson’s relief. He plans to continue on much as Frances had, providing a place in the community for artists to showcase their works.

Kent Swanson, new Gallery One director, plans on implementing artist lectures within the existing gallery space. Swanson took over managing the popular downtown attraction from Mary Frances, who had been the gallery’s curator for the last few years. Swanson is now making plans to include Central students’ artwork and is glad to continue giving the community a place to display their artwork.
Theatre students put their faith in "Lloyd's Prayer"

by Brandon Sanford
Staff reporter

A boy raised by raccoons, a life-long con man, and an angel will all be packing their things and heading off to Oregon this month. It's the result of the hard work of Central Washington University's Theatre Department and their chance to compete nationwide with other universities across the country.

This year, Central's Theatre Department has been given a high priority in relation to compete in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) at Southern Oregon University, with their off-beat and hilarious comedy, "Lloyd's Prayer.

KCACTF was started in 1969. Since that time, the program has become a national festival involving 18,000 students from colleges and universities nationwide.

"It's a tremendous honor for the Theatre Department to be competing," said Leslie Caul, Theatre Arts director of marketing and development. "It says a lot about the quality of our theatre program.

Regarded as a satire and heartfelt character study, "Lloyd's Prayer" was shown in the Milo Smith Tower Theatre in late October 2004. Featuring Bob, a boy raised by raccoons, "Lloyd's Prayer" played host to a variety of peculiar characters such as con man, Lloyd, a con artist, and Porky, who wears a giant fish suit.

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In order for "Lloyd's Prayer" to receive an invitation to KCACTF, Central had to compete with colleges and universities across Washington state, including the University of Washington and Washington State University.

Central's theatre department has been to KCACTF once before with "Cloud Tectonics" in February 2002. "The theatre department's transfer student numbers have more than doubled in the last two years," Caul said.

From a KCACTF region that is comprised of seven states, "Lloyd's Prayer" is one of only four plays to be competing.

In addition to plays, KCACTF will also be hosting a variety of other competitions that many of Central's theatre students will be individually competing in. Competitions will include every area of theatre including acting, design, stage management and critical writing.

About 80 people from our department will be going to the festival," Caul said. "There's a bunch of things going on and there will really be something for everyone.

Roughly 1,000 theatregoers are expected to attend the festival. The festival will take place Feb. 15-19.

"Our Town" comes to this town

by Ryutaro Hayashi
Staff reporter

Gun shots punctuate nights in Compton, Calif. where gangs, poverty and basketball rule. Few would believe that Compton can be recognized in a different way by a documentary film, except for those who've seen a documentary about a boy raised by raccoons, "Lloyd's Prayer" played host to a variety of peculiar characters such as con man, Lloyd, a con artist, and Porky, who wears a giant fish suit.

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"I'm really happy how many people turned out," said Bob Borek. "Because a lot of times people hear the 'Our Town' and they're just running far away, it was really nice to see people here.

Ethan Bergman, associate dean of College of Education and Professional Studies and professor of Food and Nutrition, said that the film was a good experience for everyone, especially educators and potential educators, to learn how the play helped students build self-esteem, the process to enrich their personality and how they were affected by the educational process Borek used.

"It was a very moving event and had a real impact on the students performing the play," Bergman said.

Monday's film presentation was open to community, and about one-third of the audience were educators. A talk session followed the film presentation. Many educators expressed their admiration for Borek's achievement.

"I thought it (the film) was really moving," said Shyala Kagele, senior elementary education. "I think I'm a future teacher, and I just have to realize that you cannot look at students for how they are. Just what's inside. And their wellness to learn like those students were.

An autograph session by both Hamilton and Borek followed the presentation. People formed a line in front of the DVD selling booth to purchase the DVD, get autographs and talk to them in person.

"This has impacted me a lot because it's a field of study," said Aruno Suarez, senior Theatre Arts major.

"You have many students of different backgrounds and different cultures. So (it was) really interesting that images and movies are one thing. But when you perform it in theater, you are performing live. It impacts you a lot. You take it in more, it becomes more personal. I think it's a very educational movie as well.

"Our Town," one of the most famous plays, coining over 200 theatrical productions performed as well as a televised version in the 1970's, was originally written by Thornton Wilder in 1937.

"Our Town" depicts daily life, death and marriage, set in a small town, Grover's Corners, N.H. in 1903.

"I'm from a small town," said Bob Burt, Theatre Arts production manager. "So, I can still relate to a lot of relationships in the play and the way people interact with each other.

Everybody knows about the language is different now, a lot of those relationships seem to be the same.

In launching the play there was a vast difference to fill up in cast and location to transform so that it relates to a production of "Our Town" in Compton.

While the original plot unfolds in the pretty classic colony where people are undoubtedly white, "Our Town" in Compton has an all minority cast and a too real location in the early 21st century America.

It had been in a play myself in high school, and it had a very large cast and I knew a lot of students wanted to be in a play," said Borek. "It didn't have a lot of sets so we didn't have a lot of money to spend on a set. All we needed was a couple of tables and chairs. And I thought we could get our hands on that. So, all of these things can figure together, made me decide that this would be a good first play, and in the end I think it worked.

The DVD "OT: Our Town" is available in the University Store, located in the Samuelson Union Building.

Correction:

In our Jan. 27 issue, the Observer inadvertently printed a preliminary draft of the article about the movie theatre show in Ellensburg instead of the final version. It contained several errors.

The quote by Jake Kirkwood, "It's definitely a lot slower with all the people going to see the newer movies at the Grand Meridian," should have read:

"The Grand Central has been a lot slower since most people are going to see newer movies at the Grand Meridian," Kirkwood said.

The paragraph on the Grand Central Theater not being up to code should have read: Some may wonder why the Grand Central was not remodeled instead of bringing a new theater to Ellensburg.

The Grand Central was due for a remodel about a year ago, however, due to plans for the new theater, it was put on hold. The remodel would require making the bathrooms wheelchair accessible, cutting down on the already small lobby space.

The last quote in the article should have read:

Jeri Zachman, manager of the Liberty Theatre, declined an interview, saying only, "As long as [the Liberty] is playing movies people want to see we'll have a business."
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Where will you watch the game on?

Movies that score
by Jordan Youngs
Staff reporter

This Sunday, viewers from around the country will huddle around their television sets, millions of potato chips will be consumed at a startling rate and thousands of tailgates will be in use. This Sunday is better known as Super Bowl Sunday.

If the big game is done and you still haven’t gotten your fill of "Pig Skin," here is a list of movies that will put you right with the football gods.

"Rudy," the film about a football player who was never been given a chance because of his small size, and finally gets that opportunity. Sean Astin, also known for his role in "Goonies," plays the role of Rudy. This inspirational film takes viewers through the struggles of Rudy’s life and may require a tissue or two.

"Remember the Titans" is a movie that shows high school football players in the early ’70s overcoming racial issues and coming together to win. Denzel Washington is brilliant in this movie as the head coach and yo in the rest of the cast. After you see this movie you will want to go out and coach some kids yourself.

"Varsity Blues" is another pick. This movie takes us into the life of a small Texas town where football is life. James Van Der Beek, also known as Dawson from "Dawson’s Creek," plays a backup quarterback who develops stomach when the school’s star quarterback goes out with an injury. Will Van Der Beek rise in the spotlight or choke? If you are looking for some drama, great acting and a few laughs, then this flick is the way to go.

"Friday Night Lights" is similar to the college football movie, but shows more of high school perspective of football. This film takes us through the religion of Texas, high school football. In this film you will see how high school students must deal with all the pressure from the people of the town and their parents. This movie is based off the book “Friday Night Lights” and will intrigue you the whole time.

For the kids film I chose something more on the lighter side.

In "The Replacements," when the Washington Sentinels go on strike, it is time to bring in the replacements. The coach, Gene Hackman, is forced to pull together a team of bodyguards with past athletic experience, soccer players and Keans Reeves. This movie is enjoyable and will make you laugh. If you are tired of seeing Keamsoo running through the air and dodging bullets, then give "The Replacements" a try.

Finally, I chose a film that will satisfy the kid in all of us, “Little Giants.” This movie encompasses all the kids-like humor we still have in us, more specifically snot and farts. In this film, a team of scrappy kids are practicing to take on the undefeated team of the Pee Wee league. If you still got some kid left in you, this is a fun one to watch.

With the big Sunday approaching, throw one of these films in and get ready for Super Bowl Sunday!

V-DAY: All genders are welcome to view show

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White believes there are benefits for Central Students involved as either viewers or volunteers.

"It is a win-win situation for all of the people involved," said White. "The volunteers get to put on a fun play, audience gets entertained and educated and the local non-profit organizations get some much needed funding.”

The V-Day campaign provides an outlet for women, men and children to cope with their experiences related to violence directed towards women and girls, said Bedwell.

The campaign is directed at educating all citizens regardless of sex, age, religion, or sexual orientation.

"Women often say that the show gives them strength and men find it interesting to see what it is really like to be a woman living today," White said.

White invites men to the V-Day festivities as an equal counterpart with women.

"If not for yourself, then do it for your mother, daughter, sister, girlfriend, aunt, grandmother or that woman girl across the hall," White said.

Some of the V-Day campaign activities include:

The Vagina-Friendly Bake Sale going on from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Feb. 11th in the SUB. Proceeds from the bake sale go to beneficiaries ASPEN and HopeSource, two local anti-violence organizations.

Alongside the bake sale, "These hands don’t hurt women," is a program for men who wish to contribute to the cause. Here, a quilt will be made by men who wish to donate their hand print as a pledge to non-violence toward women.

At 10 p.m., Feb. 4th and 5th the Wildcat Wellness Center encourages students to interact downtown either in the bars, if you’re 21 or over, or on the streets, by handing out condoms and lubricants to citizens and students. Festivities will begin near the post office downtown.

At 7 p.m. on Feb. 9th in room 147 of the Science Building, Dr. Karen Blair, history department chair, will be giving a short presentation on her specialization, the women’s suffrage movement.

A screening of "Iron Jawed Angels" will follow her presentation. Following the film, there will be a question and answer session and open discussion.

A cross-dressing couple will play the roles of Alex Trebek and Vanna White in a mock game show "Vagina Jeopardy" at 12 noon, Feb. 10th in the SUB pit. The categories will focus on a wide variety of women’s issues.

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The List: Top Ten Super Bowls

Key Players

by Jon Hoenig
Sports editor

New England vs. Philadelphia

Super Bowl Sunday

Tom Brady QB

Corey Dillon RB

David Patton WR

Teddy Bruschi LB

Rodney Harrison SS

By Jon Hoenig
Sports editor

It is that time of year for all the hoopla and over-hyped glamour that surrounds the most popular championship game known to man, the Super Bowl.

It's days away and the NFL has dwindled down to just two elite teams trying to make a story for themselves. The New England Patriots on one hand are trying to win their third championship in four years to become a dynasty. The Philadelphia Eagles are trying to win their first championship since 1960 before the Super Bowl was even born.

In the past, the Super Bowl itself is usually nothing but a media event. But this year it's not only a media event; it's a football game. The Baltimore Ravens played the New England Patriots in the AFC Championship Game, while the Philadelphia Eagles played the Green Bay Packers in the NFC Championship Game.

The Packers have been the West coast's favorite sport and has become more than just a game; it has become a cultural phenomenon. The New England Patriots are the NFL's most successful team, having won three Super Bowls in four years. The Philadelphia Eagles are a storied franchise that has not won a Super Bowl since 1960.

The Eagles have a strong running game led by Corey Dillon and a strong defense led by Brian Dawkins. The Patriots have a strong running game led by Rodney Harrison and a strong defense led by Tom Brady.

When the Patriots won both Super Bowls, they were sloppy games by both teams. The Patriots won both Super Bowls, they were sloppy games by both teams. The Patriots were out-coached by Bill Belichick's schemes to slow down their high-scoring offense and developed a plan for Brady not to fall under pressure, and they still needed a field goal to win. The Eagles are in a better position to win this year.

The Eagles are in a better position to win this year.
Who will win the Super Bowl?

Jeff Anderson
Staff reporter

The New England Patriots are seven-point favorites heading into Sunday’s game in Jacksonville, Fla. They are favored by a touchdown over a team that ran away with the NFC and advanced through the playoffs without the help of their star wide receiver Terrell Owens. So should New England be favored? I say absolutely, positively yes!

Tom Brady makes excellent decisions and never makes the crucial mistakes that you see lesser quarterbacks make.

Patriots’ coach Bill Belichick will do another masterful job designing a game plan that confuses the Eagles offense. The AFC will have the Super Bowl champions for the sixth time over the last eight years. Patriots, 30-20.

Mentzer: Eagles try to fly over Patriots in Super Bowl XXXIX

continued from 12 though the Eagles fell hard to the Patriots last season. There are two big name quarterbacks in the game, but neither one will be the X-Factor or the focal point of the game. Running backs Corey Dillon for the Patriots and Brian Westbrook for the Eagles are the ones the defenses are going to want to stop. If the Eagles can maintain Corey Dillon, the Eagles can pull out an upset. If the Patriots can stop Westbrook, they’ll be a dynasty. Either way, this game will be won on the defensive side of the ball. Both teams have their weapons, but it seems like the Eagles are in need of special weapon Terrell Owens. The Patriots seem like they don’t need one at all to win it.

If Terrell Owens plays, which could happen, then the Eagles will win. If not, who knows? Come Monday morning’s hangover, I may be sticking my foot in my mouth once again, in picking an upset. Eagles 24, Patriots 20. Either way, it will be close and will be won with whoever has the ball last. I don’t think Brady will get another break this time around to solidify him as one of the greatest ever. Seems to me when the Eagles won their first Super Bowl, nobody picked them to win it either.

Football’s day-of-days is upon us again as the Philadelphia Eagles prepare to go to battle with a familiar Super Bowl customer looking to defend their title, the New England Patriots.

It’s finally time for the Philadelphia Eagles to play in the Super Bowl. Despite three consecutive losses in the NFC championship, the New England Patriots will not defeat them.

Tom Brady is the holder of the best record of any active NFL quarterback. And yes, he is the two-time Super Bowl MVP. But what about the Eagles?

The Eagles’ Donovan McNabb is one of the most dangerous quarterbacks in the NFL. He was named to his fifth-consecutive Pro Bowl in 2004 and is a threat as a passer and an elusive scrambler.

I have a good feeling that the Eagles will bring the Patriots to a halt just as they did the Falcons on Jan. 23. Eagles over Patriots 27-21.

Super Bowl XXXIX may say close for awhile but in the end the New England Patriots will come out on top. It may only be by a Vinatieri field goal, like in their past two Patriot Super Bowl victories.

Under Tom Brady, the Patriots are 8-0 in the postseason. Brady has only three postseason interceptions in his career and hasn’t thrown one this postseason. Brady maybe the face of the team but the Patriots get it done on defense. Big-mouthed Freddy Mitchell will have the bruises to prove it come Monday. The smart money is on the Patriots, who have the quarterback with a perfect postseason record, and a coach with the same postseason record as Vince Lombardi. Patriots 24-21.
Women falter on the west side

by Eric Norris
Staff reporter

It was a long trip home from Viking Country for Central Washington University’s women’s basketball team. A long trip that just shy of a win against the Staff reporter basketball team. A long trip that

Saturday's showdown with arch-rival Western Washington University. Despite an impressive effort that ultimately left the Wildcats with an impressive scoring run, an

Rival Western Washington University. Despite an impressive effort that ultimately left the Wildcats down by 12 at beginning the half, Central dominated the first 6:57 of action, not allowing their opponents to score any points, while scoring 15 of their own. The effort was powered by the seven points from junior Jamie Corwin and the relentless play of sophomore Laura Wright and senior Alayna Vincent, who each contributed four points to the run.

“We made some adjustments during halftime and the players came out and did a great job,” said Head Coach Jeff Whitney. “It was a defensive battle for both teams, but at the end of the game Seattle University held the momentum.”

In the end, the Wildcats second-half effort failed to grab them a victory as they fell by a final score of 62-58. Central struggled to find their shooting touch in the first half, hitting only 7-23 from the field. The Wildcats also allowed Seattle 24 points off turnovers throughout the game. Corwin led all scorers with 17 points, followed by Vincent and Wright, each with 11. Corwin also led the team in rebounds with 11.

Saturday, the Wildcats were at a packed Sam Carver Gymnasium, home of the Western Washington University Vikings.

Central freshman Hanna Hull took charge early, scoring eight of the Wildcats’ 26 points in a 26-18 lead 10:33 into the half. Despite having Western pull within one point multiple times, Central held a 39-36 lead at halftime.

Central held a 62-59 lead with a shade over nine minutes to play, but failed to record another field goal until the final seconds of play. The Vikings, on the other hand, made the most of the Wildcats’ shooting drought by scoring 17 points and securing the victory by a final score of 64-66.

“We played our best 30 minutes of basketball all season in that game, but Western has a deep bench, they went on a run and our girls were tired,” Whitney said. “The girls gave everything that they had.”

Viking senior Courtney Clapp scored 22 points, a game high. Hull stepped up for the Wildcats as she led all Central scorers with 16 points, followed by the 14 points contributed by both senior Lois Ainslie and sophomore Laura Wright.

“Jamie Corwin and Laura Wright got into foul trouble early and we had to ask more of Hanna than we had planned and she did a great job,” Whitney said.

Western, who is ranked No. 17 in NCAA Division II by USA Today, ESPN and Women’s Basketball Coaches Association, improved their record to 16-2 overall and 8-1 in GNAC conference play. Central lost for the seventh time in 11 games, dropping their record to 11-7 overall and 4-5 in the conference.

Central plays again Thursday, Feb. 2 in Nicholson Pavilion when they host Humboldt State University.

Central students dig intramural volleyball

by Brooke Saul
Staff reporter

Volleyball intramural season has been in full swing for two weeks now. It has been a success for many teams, because the team Masterpiece, which

Washington University students decided to play volleyball here. “It’s a great way to get exercise,” said Molly Fortin, senior public relations major.

Washington, who is currently taking third place for the women’s league. “It’s a group of Asian University students because the team Masterpiece, which

Washington University in high school. Fortin believes her team will have a great season, because they have been playing very well. Select is currently in third place in the women’s league.

“We have a strong team. Some of us played last quarter,” Fortin said. Volleyball Intramurals are Mondays through Thursdays in Nicholson Pavilion. The season concludes Feb. 10.

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Top Ten Super Bowls

1. XXXIV: Rams 23 Titans 16
   The Titans were literally one yard short in this thrilling Super Bowl that had everything a Super Bowl should feature.

2. III: Jets 16 Colts 7
   Broadway Joe Namath guaranteed a win for his underdog Jets and delivered.

3. XXXVIII: Patriots 32 Panthers 29
   The Patriots needed a field goal from Adam Vinatieri to clinch the win.

4. XXIII: 49ers 20 Bengals 16
   Joe Montana orchestrated the greatest drive in Super Bowl history to beat the underdog Bengals in the final minutes.

5. XXXVI: Patriots 20 Rams 17
   Tom Brady makes his first appearance and shocks the world.

6. XXXII: Broncos 31 Packers 24
   John Elway finally wins his Super Bowl over the favored Green Bay Packers and Brett Favre.

7. XXV: Giants 20 Bills 19
   The Bills made their first appearance and nearly won this one, but the shot heard “round the world” was wide right!

8. XIII: Steelers 35 Cowboys 31
   Terry Bradshaw and the steel curtain solidified themselves as the team of the 70’s and turned the Steelers into the working man’s champions.

9. X: Steelers 21 Cowboys 17
   It was the beginning of the Steel Curtain’s dominance in the 1970’s and the beginning of the rivalry with the Cowboys.

10. XIV: Steelers 31 Rams 19
    The game was closer than the score says, the Rams were down only 24-19 in the fourth quarter.
**Men trip on the road**

by Heather Watkins
Staff reporter

Central Washington University men’s basketball team lost two games last week, setting their Great Northwest Athletic Conference record to 4-5.

The Wildcats traveled to Seattle University on Thursday Jan. 27. The Redhawks and the Wildcats started off at a fast pace. Both teams went back and forth throughout the first half and at halftime the Wildcats found themselves down by seven.

During the second half Central trailed by a few points until there was a 11-1 left in the game and the Redhawks made a late surge, but it wasn’t enough as the Redhawks finished the game 65-78.

The Wildcats were dealing with the loss of Lance Den Boer due to an injury. Teddy Craven stepped into his spot to help the Wildcats. He contributed eight points in this game. “With Den Boer out, that’s definitely a huge blow to us but the kids are out there playing hard,” said Head Coach Andy Sparling.

“Den Boer should be back tomorrow. When he starts in a game, the adrenaline will get him going even through the pain.” Junior guard Bannish put up a team high 21 points.

Sophomore point guard Derek Groth added 15, senior forward Kyle Boast had 13 and junior point guard Robert Hicks added 12.

The Wildcats shot well from the free-throw line, having a team average of 80 percent. However, from three-point range they had a team average of 30 percent.

Two days later, the Wildcats traveled to Nampa, Idaho and played against the Northwest Nazarene University Crusaders, losing their second straight game and making their road record 2-6.

Central had a great start going on an 11-1 run. However, the Crusaders then had a run of their own to tie the game. Central led through most of the first half, but at halftime Northwest Nazarene was up 32-29.

In the second half, the Wildcats came back with energy, but the Crusaders had a 15-0 run putting them up 63-47.

Groth had the team high of 18 points. Boast put up 16 points and nine rebounds and Groth had 10 points. Bench scoring leader Hicks had only five points, which is well below his average.

“With Hicks, we know what he’s capable of,” Sparling said. “He plays hard in a lot of games, but he needs to bring it against everyone.”

The team had an average of 45 percent from the free-throw line and 40 percent from three-point range.

Their next game is at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 3 at Seattle Pacific University.

**Wrestling club fighting to compete**

by Bertram Yousefy
Staff reporter

There are about 14 sports clubs at Central Washington University that allow the students to play and participate in their favorite sport, at teams or as individuals.

Creating a sport club can take a lot of time and work from a student. Leadership is the main key for any club to function.

According to the Central Sports Club Web site, all sports clubs provide the opportunity to wrestle and compete at a national level.

“We are part of the club sports organization,” said Vaughan Bullfitch, the president/coach of the wrestling team and a pre-med major. “That means we do not receive funding from the school to run our program. We are part of the club sports organization, which could provide them with a league to compete in and allow them to go to the nationals in Dallas, Texas.”

“There are about 27 members. They are welcoming any students who are interested in wrestling.

“We need more people and everyone is welcome to join us.” Said club treasurer and sophomore physical education major, Jon Garcia.

For more information on the wrestling club, email Vaughan Bullfitch at bullfitch@cwu.edu or visit www.cwu-wwc.com. They are always looking for new participants to come and compete with the wrestling club.
# What's on tap

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# Hiking author visits Ellensburg

**by Andrew Grinaker**  
Editor-in-chief

As the weather warms up, students are beginning to venture outside once again. One particular outdoor activity popular among students is hiking.

On Tuesday night Mountain High Sports held a slideshow and author party at the Hal Holmes Center in Ellensburg. In front of more than 30 people, Alan Bauer presented his new book, "Best Desert Hikes of Washington." He had some amazing slides that are referenced in the book," said Mountain High Manager Tami Walton.

"It's not often that the authors come around," Walton said. "But it just so happens he was on a tour and stopped by here.”

**Dan Nelson**

Mountain High Sports presented a slideshow and an author party with Alan Bauer (above), co-author of "Best Desert Hikes in Washington." Dan Nelson also helped write the book.

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