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Central Washington University
Ellensburg lacking local transit

by Lacey Stanton
Staff reporter

There are 100 hundred local community members and students gathered for the annual Winter Float off the Yakima River. The float first started as a peaceful protest of the Vietnam War and has now transformed into an array of music, food, wine and good times. Participants float down the Yakima River to an undisclosed location, where people unload their food and beverages to share with everyone else. The trip ends with a one-hour float to another location.

Winter tradition floats on

Elkwood being a dry spell

by Ashley Borger
Staff reporter

Brown grass, hunched-over trees and non-existent crops could be the result for local farmers this spring if the lack of snow and rainfall continues in Kittitas County.

"We've managed before- it's nothing new," said John Rainsberry, owner of Elmview Farm. "We won't plant as many acres of corn and use that extra water," said Rainsberry, because of the weather conditions. Farmers are taking precautions for this season. This is the first time her farm is at risk of a drought. Knutsen has tributaries that run through her property and she is afraid the drought will cause the Yakima River's level to go down. Now 11 years later, the most important issue regarding public transportation in Ellensburg is the need for a transit system. Does a growing city of 15,600 people really need a transit system? The UW MPAcc Taxation faculty members then evaluated the students' work and notified the finalists by 11 p.m. that night. The preliminaries started at 3 p.m. Thursday and ended at 7 p.m.

Accounting competition adds up to a win

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Staff reporter

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Two-day Forecast

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Police Briefs

Compiled by Jared Lovrak
Staff reporter

Why a chair?
Kittitas County Sheriff's Office received a call that approximately 60 people were crossing a river with a chair at a no-crossing zone.

Better bring some Tazers
A caller to the Cle Elum Police Department reported that someone was attempting to cross the river with a chair at a no-crossing zone.

Road Rage
The Kittitas County Sheriff's Office received a call that a driver on I-90 was shining a spotlight at oncoming vehicles. The same driver has been reported in the past shining a spotlight at passing vehicles.

Belligerent drunks, right to your door!
A caller to the Ellensburg Police Department reported that several drunks had been harassing them for hours on end.

Paranoid much?
A caller to the Ellensburg Police Department reported that someone had been knocking on their door and then left.

Kids these days
Clif Ellum Police received reports of two kids throwing rocks at a car in a no-crossing zone.

Victoria's Secret caller gives props to Victoria's Secret representative
A caller to the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office reported that they were receiving obscene phone calls from a man claiming to be a Victoria's Secret representative.

Roadrunner escapes again
A caller to the Ellensburg Police Department reported that a roadrunner had escaped from the back of their truck.

SNOW: Lack of snow hurts farmers
The biggest economic impact in the area will be on the hay corp, Knutsen said. The lack of snow has caused a reduced rent and causes farmers to have to go farther for their hay.

Bargaining Unit II Employees
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Save-U-More is no more
by Rachel Thomson
Staff reporter

Empty shelves, bare spots along aisles where displays once stood and silent cash registers are all that is left of the Save-U-More grocery store across the street from Central Washington University. After a 49-year run under various names and owners, the store closed its doors Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Noah Devlin, senior business administration major, started working at Save-U-More last December. He says that he wasn't surprised to see the store go out of business. He suspected that the store wasn't making enough money to cover operating costs.

"I have several theories about why Save-U-More closed," Devlin said. "But they're just my opinion."

Devlin found out the store was closing from former manager Mark Kringe, although no specific reasons were given for going out of business. Kringe quit shortly after Save-U-More's current owner, Keith Rixinger, didn't return phone calls seeking contact.

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She is one of seven employees who have lost their jobs because of the closure. Of that group, five are Central students.

"It's disappointing because potential tenants to fill the vacancy," said Lancaster. He has received several offers, although nothing has been finalized.

A customer looks inside a row of empty shelves at the Save-U-More store on Chestnut St. The location has seen two stores go out of business in the last two years. Mr. G's closed its doors last winter and Save-U-More is now doing the same.

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Charlton. aren't planted each year, the lack of water can create a reduced crop. Charlton said. "Perennial crops aren't planted each year, the lack of water not only affects this year's crop but could even extend for two to three years. This will decrease revenue for farmers."

"When there is little water the future is uncertain," Charlton said. "Farms go into deficit mode."

Charlton has dealt with water restrictions since last September, "It has helped a lot of low-income families because a lot of the prices were cheaper," said he is still looking for potential tenants to fill the vacancy. Even though Save-U-More is gone, building owner Merle Gilmour said he is still looking for potential tenants to fill the vacancy. Even though Save-U-More is gone, building owner Merle Gilmour said he is still looking for potential tenants to fill the vacancy. He said he has received several offers, although nothing has been finalized.

Perennial crops will also be affected by the dry weather, Charlton said. Since perennial crops aren't planted each year, the lack of water not only affects this year's crop but could even extend for two to three years. This will decrease revenue for farmers.

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"I'd like to see a music venue, something where they have bands come and play like the Zone in Yakima or places in Seattle," said he has received several offers, although nothing has been finalized.

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Political activist to speak at Central

by Paul Kobylensky
Staff reporter

Civil Rights activist and co-founder of the Black Panther political party, Bobby Seale, is speaking tonight at Central Washington University.

As part of Black History Month, Seale will share his insight on social inequity in a presentation entitled "Activism, Then and Now."

In the 1960s, during college and after a time in the United States Air Force, Seale helped to organize the Black Panther Party for Self Defense. Following the teachings of Malcolm X the organization's purpose was to help the oppressed people of America defend themselves against their oppressors.

Seale, who was the chairman of the party for eight years, was important in putting together several public service organizations like preventative medical health care and cooperative housing. That is just a sample of what Seale has accomplished. Aside from being the former Black Panther chairman, a public speaker and an activist he is a published author, and even has a cookbook called "Barbequen With Bobby."

Seale will be speaking about what the world was like when he got his start and how that applies to today's age. According to Seale's Web site, his speech titled "Activism, Then and Now" will "transport the audience back to the mini-civil-war turbulence of the late sixties and early seventies."

Many people's image of the Black Panther party, and possibly Seale, is that of a militant hate organization for black supremacy. According to Seale that is not the case at all. His purpose and that of the Black Panther party is and always has been about social equality for all people.

According to Djordje Popovic, program coordinator for Central's Diversity Education Center, the center has been flooded with emails thanking them for bringing such a controversial person to speak. E-mails saying such things as the school should be applauded for having the guts to bring in Seale are not uncommon.

"We've gotten very positive feedback," said Leslie Webb, director of the D.E.C. "The students are excited about having such a historical figure here, and he's inspirational to a lot of them."

The Diversity Center's idea isn't to share their opinion but to get people talking.

"We don't necessarily align ourselves with our speakers," Webb said. "But it opens a good dialogue around the campus to let students decide for themselves what they think."

Seale who strives for a world with no hate or violence has a very clear idea of what this world should be like.

"We must reach for the future Void of racist, bigoted or chauvinistic practices," said Seale's home page. "Void of war mongering and all the extremes of avaricious exploitation. Complete with a profound cyber-space science based activism."

Because of everything Seale has accomplished, the talk with topics ranging from the turbulent '60s and '70s, personal experiences and a call to action for today's society, Seale's talk is sure to hit a nerve with many of those in attendance and those that worked to get him here.

"I'm just so excited that I can actually play a role in this," Popovic said.

Seale will speak at Central's Samuelson Union Building ballroom. The event is free of charge at 7 p.m. in the SUB ballroom. Admission is free to the public.

For more information regarding the event contact the Diversity Education Center at 963-1368 or visit www.cwu.edu/diversity/seale.htm.

BOBBY SEALE: "Activism, Then & Now"

The founding chairman and national organizer of the legendary Black Panther Party, Bobby Seale will compare the activism of the 1960's with today's social change advocacy.

In 1966, Seale joined Huey P. Newton to form the political-revolutionary group the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, which practiced militant self-defense of minority communities and fought for freedom, self-determination, economic liberation and education.

This BLACK HISTORY MONTH event is sponsored by the CWU Diversity Education Center, Campus Activities and Club Central.

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to get students home safely. Nicole Duin, Wellness Center employee said, "It's one way system. If you need a ride to the movie theatre, we can't take you, but if you need a ride home from the movie theatre, we can take you."

As a result, Central's Chief of police Steve Rittereiser has big plans for Safe Ride. By next September, Rittereiser wants to change Safe Ride from a point-to-point system to a continuously running bus system for students. The bus route would take students around Ellensburg from apartments, to grocery store, and even downtown to the bars. "I don't care where you go once I drop you off, that's the point of a transit system," said Rittereiser.

Rittereiser also said he won't increase the quarterly $3 charge for students. "I can operate this system with what I have," said Rittereiser. "I am going to use creative ways to raise money."

Rittereiser is excited to work with ASCWU-BOD President Lucas Weschcut, Bruce Tabb, and community business to get the improved Safe Ride up and running by next September. As Ellensburg continues to expand and central continues to expand, the need for public transportation will increase. Even though there is resistance among some community members, especially farmers, of a transit system, the increasing number of Central students and their needs will outweigh the minority.

Man on the Street:
What do you think of Ellensburg's transportation?

I haven't heard of a bus system, but I think it would be useful. You wouldn't have to catch a cab everywhere.

I didn't know we had one. The only thing I have ever heard of are Safe Ride and the taxis.

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central and again they had four hours to analyze the tax issue and prepare a PowerPoint presentation according to Heessicker's email. Each team was also required to make a 5-minute presentation to mock clients.

As the first place team the four Central students received a $2,000 cash prize to split.

"We didn't really expect to do well," said Mary Weaver, senior and accounting major at Central. "We went in trying to do whatever we could knowing we were not going to get the answer right."

Last year, Central placed third in the competition, becoming the first non-UW team to even place in the competition, this year they went back and did even better.

"It was really exciting," said McDonald.

McDonald has been involved in the last seven years of the competition and is very pleased with the progress the school has made at this competition.

Although all the winners in the competition are accounting majors it isn't a requirement. As long as a person is an undergraduate, has taken the individual income tax class and has a solid grasp of it, they are welcome to join, according to McDonald.

Other than the four students that won the competition, two other teams of four also participated. They didn't make it to day two.

The competition was required for accounting majors but is something fun to do in a way to get out of Ellensburg according to Grameche, one of the other eight students that participated.

Ant fest all over campus

by Jared Lorak
Staff reporter

Crawling from beneath the ground and infesting Central's campus, it's the empire of the ants! But don't worry, there's no need to hide in your dorm room and call the army. In truth, the ants have been cohabitating with Central's student body for many years.

"They're an ongoing problem. They show up every winter and spring," said Steve Johnson, operations manager for Central.

Yes, the ants have a six-legged foothold on the Central Campus, and their presence is likely to be more noticeable during these cold winter months. Like the recent "mouse fest" at Wilson Hall, the ants are motivated by a desire for warmth and food, and the residence halls on campus provide ample supplies of both.

Many species of ants communicate through the secretion of pheromones. When an ant finds a food source, it will leave a chemical trail that serves as a homing beacon for other ants to follow. The end result is the equivalent of a ringing dinner bell.

"If people leave food out, the ants are going to find it," Johnson said.

According to Mike Carette-Meyers, manager of long-time Central exterminators Paratex Pest Control, Central's campus is home to not one, not two, but three different species of ants: the common pavement ant, the odorous house ant, and the carpenter ant.

Although the first two ant species are a nuisance, the carpenter ant poses a serious threat. Carpenter ants nest in wood and chew elaborate tunnels through the framework of the buildings that they infest. Over a long period of time this can cause costly structural damage.

Central's ants are also in a uniquely fortunate position. "Most of the time, ant colonies die off during the winter from the cold and reproduce during the summer," said [Central's] underground steam-heating system keeps the subsoil warm enough that it doesn't happen, at least not as much as it would normally," said Carette-Meyers.

The steam tunnels also provide the ants with quick transportation to various insertion points in campus buildings. The end result is that the ants are in a perpetual lifecycle, but Central's underground steam-heating system keeps the subsoil warm enough that it doesn't happen, at least not as much as it would normally, said Carette-Meyers.

The ant forces is through generous deployment of ant bait, which has no toxic effects on humans but has been and will continue to be many an ant's last meal, he said.

"It is good because it can last a long time, so it doesn't cost the school a lot of money to use it," Carette-Meyers said.

The secondary campaign against the ant forces is through use of steam tunnels, which has no vaporous toxic effects, but can be harmful to humans in cases of physical contact. For that reason, this secondary attack is to be completed during spring break, he said.

"The main thing to remember is that student safety comes first," Carette-Meyers said. "We're trying to do this in a way that doesn't take too much of a toll on the environment."
Construction career fair builds future for students
by Sean McPherson
Staff reporter

The Construction Management Fair gives students the opportunity to see what’s out there for them to build.

This year has more than 20 companies participating, the most ever for the fair.

All of the companies in attendance originate from around the Northwest. One such company is Lydig, who is working on the new SUB/REC building for Central Washington University.

Job opportunities being put up at the fair not only include permanent jobs for graduates, and internships.

"It’s more (about) the companies recruiting the students then the other way around," said David Cams, the program coordinator for the Construction Management Program.

The fair gives the companies a chance to put their name out to prospective employees, according to Cams.

He said that companies are looking for people that are not just in the construction management field. Majors that would also benefit from the fair include health and safety management and industrial and engineering technologies (IET).

"(I recommend) all of the other majors too, not just the construction majors," said Cams.

The fair is held by three Central departments: Career Services, IET, and Construction Management. According to Teresa Youngren, the employer recruiter coordinator for Career Services, the first fair was put on in 1999 and is held annually.

Kyle Smith, senior, construction management major can’t go this year, but he has visited the fair for the past few years.

"I wanted to see what companies are out there and what opportunities are available," said Smith.

The Construction Management department has already seen much action this quarter, having sent 18 students to Reno, Nevada last week for a competition organized by Associated Schools of Construction.

The Central team took first place in the heavy civil event at the competition.

Youngren encourages students to do their homework. While students are regularly advised to put together a resume for opportunities like this, Youngren also recommended that students research the company and know what it does.

"The construction management department is very strong and it’s candidates are in demand," said Youngren.

She also said that almost all of the construction management students will find jobs when they leave Central.

The Construction Management Career Fair starts at 10 a.m. today in the Student Union Building Theatre and runs until 2 p.m.

LOBBY: Growing budget deficit a concern

continued from 3 academically rated students and those on financial aid. Central is pursuing raising the waiver three percentage points, which provides equity with both Eastern Washington University and Western Washington University, which are both marked at 11 percent.

"Fusion waivers are used in a variety of ways. From helping low-income students to attracting top scholars, waivers help maintain diverse campuses and provide the opportunity for an education to more students," Berto said. "Simply put, these bills mean more scholarships for Central students."

According to Berto, a grant in waiver increase would be a huge plus for the university, as it would provide more flexibility in handing out benefits to deserving students in need.

"It’s probably our most promising bill because it deals directly with Central," said Chris Stephen, ASCWU-BOD vice president of political affairs.

Other proposals are not met with such open arms. A bill that Central is opposing involves the possible expansion of branch colleges for the University of Washington and Washington State University. Central, along with Western and Eastern, is against these moves as they claim that there is plenty of room for a larger student body on their own campuses.

According to ASCWU-BOD President Lucas Westcoat, the creation of more branch campuses would cost a significant amount of state money.

"We have the room at Central to have more students," Westcoat said. Another problem not only facing Central, but the entire field of education within Washington State, is the growing state budget deficit which is currently at $3.8 billion. The legislature has only so much money to pass around. Central asked for $17.6 million to renovate Dean Hall. According to Stephen, due to the lack of financial resources available, the legislature was only allowed to grant $2 million to help the university with the renovation project of the building.

"The legislature is in a tough position," Stephen said. "There is not a whole lot of money available right now.

According to Berto, the deficit has put Central in a financial hole.

"Even minimum maintenance is difficult to achieve because all available revenue is directed towards the deficit," Berto said.
MySpace can be yours

While I don't consider myself to have an addictive personality, there are many things in life that I can't live without. Chips and salsa, the VH1 show "Best Week Ever," and lip gloss all top that list, but recently another item has been climbing the charts. If you guessed a certain director, you were right. It's actually more complex than that.

My latest addiction is "MySpace." For those of you hermits unfamiliar with the realm of the Internet, "MySpace" is actually a Web site that allows users to post a profile with their personal information and pictures. The only catch is that if you find a user's profile that you know (or would like to know) you can add them to your list of friends.

I've heard about similar Web sites through friends at Western and Wazzu, whose schools allowed their students use of the popular Web site www.thefacebook.com. After logging on and discovering that Central hadn't registered with the site, I quickly lost interest and continued my (arguably bad) habit of blogging on LiveJournal.com.

Thus, about two weeks ago, "mySpace" popped up on a friend's blog and I took notice. I signed up — but without reservation. I set some ground rules for myself first.

I only add users that I actually met in real life. I wouldn't just add people I didn't know in order to prevent seeming like a loser with a measly single-digit number of friends. I wouldn't message users based on their profile photo — I don't seek out people due to their appearance in real life, why would I submit myself to cyber-superiority?

With that I set up a profile, added some particularly goofy shots of myself (due to the fact that this girl is not all that photogenic) and waited. After about a day, I began to browse for other users in my area and was surprised to find real-life friends online! I steadily accumulated friends and the occasional random inquiry from other users in Ellensburg.

After about a week, my real-life and my anonymous online life came crashing together in one bizarre event. After purchasing a delightful martini at the Starlight, a random guy stopped me to inquire about my choice.

"That's a good one! I just had one last night," I replied. "What's your name?"

"I'm Mike," he said, "and I'm a big fan of the band From Ashes Rise. I think you should really check them out."

I brushed him off and continued my night until the wee hours. The next morning, while trying to distract myself from a hangover, I received an e-mail from the same person.

"I don't know whether to be offended or not. I wanted to give you a heads-up about some of the things that they do."

While I'm not exactly a hard-core fan of the band, I do love them. The reason I got the e-mail was because Mike was clearly a fan of mine. I'm not saying that I'm not pleased with that fact, but I also can't ignore that my appearance may have something to do with my popularity. Mike's apparently not the only one who thinks so.

I'm even blushing at an innocent flirtation with a person I've never met. And I definitely can't get enough.

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V-word leaves student silent

After reading "The Dreaded V-Word" by Copy Editor Marti Osborn, I was speechless. What was it? "Other words used to describe that particular portion of a woman's body actually are dirty words and unprintable?" Not only is that offensive, but it completely shows lack of knowledge to the point of the Vagina Monologues; to show that the woman's body isn't dirty.

The point of the Vagina Monologues is to promote awareness about violence against women. In doing so, V-Day is to celebrate women's sexuality and to show women to be proud of the vagina. We have.

I was completely embarrassed that a person could be so ignorant and sexist, referring to a "Vagina-Friendly Bake Sale" as "yeast free cupcakes and cookies." The only reason a woman's genitalia has been considered "dirty" is because of its misuse out of ignorance and fear. Would it be so bad to call it C-Day? Did you know that the "C-Word" was once used to describe a brave, courageous woman? "Vagina-friendly" is nothing to mock, it is completely necessary to help a woman to respect women, to treat them like humans, and not as objects one may try to overpower.

So, Marti, I suggest you rethink what you know about violence against women and write an article titled "The Celebrated V-Word."

Cassidy Eubanks political science major, women's studies minor

Calm down non-drinkers

This letter is in response to "The alcohol culture" article in last week's letter to the editor in the Observer written by Clay McRide.

I myself am 24 and of legal drinking age and I attend school everyday, I have about 3.4 GPA and yes I drink alcohol between two and five times a week. I do not have a criminal record and I do read books. Most of my friends do the same thing; they go to school, hold down jobs and consume alcohol for fun. I do not think most students feel like they have to get drunk, rather they want to. A student at least are 18, (considered adults by the US government) and some of us are even 21 or older and drinking alcohol is legal (for the latter group) and in most cases really fun. As for drinking being part of the well college experience, well that is up to the individual student to make that decision for them selves. I do hear a lot of talk around campus of getting drunk the night before or getting "wasted" and passing out somewhere strange, but at least they're at school the next day to talk about it. So I suggest to Clay McRide to buy a case of beer (if he is 21), drink it, watch Old School (because it is a funny movie) go to a few bars and have fun. —I'll buy him a drink to get him to loosen up a bit.

Mike Hennie sophomore

Bartender voices opinion

Editor's note: Last week, the Observer was unable to run this letter due to space constraints. This letter is a follow up from a prior letter concerning bar life in Ellensburg.

Thank you, Mr. Brent Holland, Graduate Student in Education, for your enlightening letter. I can appreciate your passionate dissatisfaction with your downtown bar scene; I work in it. I also can empathize with you in your sorrow over the closing of Rodeo Records. Mark Picketer has breathed life and excitement into this community through music for more than 20 years; he probably wouldn't know that because you're obviously not from here. What I do not understand, nor accept, however, is your place ment of blame for these unfortunate points. Your assessment of the Mint was just plain confusing; not only was it completely one-sided, but there are actually two main points your review of the Mint and Starlight is not worth reading. You missed the Mark. The Mint had live music at least twice a week, and the Starlight offers something no other bars do. I work in the downtown of Ellensburg and the Mint is to be missed. I can appreciate your passion, but it doesn't make a difference.

Brent, I've worked as a bartender in this country for nearly eight years. This is what I have learned: Things change, and so do people. Throughout my experience, I have seen each of the bars you mention (the Mint, Okraii, Horseshoe, Tav, Starlight, and the Palace) be the "hot spot" of any particular quarter, school year, or summer. If you've noticed, I've been calling the bar scene YOUR bar scene; that's because YOU own it. Where you and your peers go to drink and what you do while you're there is a reflection of you. "Culture-swallowing" is not what you mention in your letter that mentioned a "special place in [your] heart for the ONE DOLLAR wells at the Palace." Really, Brent. Your misplaced finger-pointing is actually self-soothing, if I'm reading your words correctly.

I realize that I've mentioned specific bar reviews, I have this to say: The Tav has been special since before you were born, and the Starlight offers something no one else does. If you read the reviews there are actually two main points. Your assessment of the Mint was just plain confusing; not only were the drinks there fantastic, I remember when the Mint had live music at least twice a week, and the best joke box in town. You can and will get a good drink at the "Shoe. But you don't sound supportive of our local business, so naturally, you would be ignorant of that fact.

Megan M. Dugay

CWW Alumna and local

Observer crossword puzzle

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Ashbury Park rocks Moose Lodge with country style

by Taishi Kanamaru
Staff reporter

For the first show of the First Friday series at the Moose Lodge in downtown Ellensburg on Feb. 4, Portland-based country rock band Ashbury Park provided a soulful night for local people.

“I have never heard that kind of music before, and that show was just hilarious,” John Bunt, information technology major said.

According to Mollie Edison, Cornerstone coordinator at Central and the person in charge of First Friday, it started with the idea that they liked live music, dance and having all ages of people attend.

Ashbury Park is made up of John Becher drums/vocal, Eric Schweiterman guitar/vocal, Joshua Casey bass and Brett Cavin guitar, they originally formed the band in Indiana and have been together since 1993.

Now based in Portland, they started touring around Oregon, Indiana, Wyoming and Washington. According to the official Web site, they played nearly 150 shows in 2003 and have performed in Ellensburg for two years straight.

Schweiterman said he has a good impression of Ellensburg from last year’s show.

“If it was definitely a success,” Schweiterman said when asked about last year’s show. “People had fun, and we had fun, too.” Schweiterman calls their music style “Hand-Clapped Soulful Rock’n’Roll.”

The band is influenced by artists like Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson, Neil Young and The Grateful Dead.

Ashbury Park’s music style is basically country rock, but the essence of funk brought on by the bass and hard hitting drums make it more rhythmic than regular country.

Soulful vocals are another key to the band, which adds spiritual meanings to their songs. Fast and emotional guitar solos are reminiscent of the guitarist Duane Allman from the Allman Brothers Band or Pat Simmons from the Doobie Brothers.

People who were not dancing were enjoying the music their own ways. Some were sitting and listening to the music with their eyes closed. Some were talking with people at different tables.

During the show there was not much talking, but the band simply kept playing good music and seemed to enjoy the music they played.

Ashbury Park’s two-hour performance made the night very special. This is a band that reminds you of the roots and joy of music.

“Get out and enjoy culture and differences with people,” Schweiterman said, when asked for a message to the students at Central. For more information about Ashbury Park, go to www.ashburypark.net.

Two members of Ashbury Park play in front of a crowd of Ellensburg locals and Central faculty members and students. The performance was the first in the First Friday series.

Women prepare for V-Day Monologues

by Rebecca George
Staff reporter

Women of all shapes and sizes sat in a sea of reds and pinks preparing—for the Vagina monologues which start tomorrow and run through Sunday. Cast members casually sat in two rows facing the stage, which stands in the shape of an open V. The black curtains were decorated gloriously with hot pink feather boas.

With just a few days until opening night, the cast went over last minute production details with producer Carlynn White, senior sociology major. As White went over stage direction, final edits of the playbook and will-call tickets, the girls anxiously waited for rehearsal to begin.

Some blew bubbles with their gum; others painted their lips with lipstick while checking cell phones for messages. Some giggled and whispered while others frantically tried to memorize those remaining last lines.

During the dress rehearsal, each cast member removed their shoes as the monologues were presented. The bare feet on the stage floor gave a sense of intimacy and personal communication to the viewer. As the first monologue began, a group of young women tips-toed barefoot onto the stage and began to name every part of their vaginas.

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A multitude of monologues were rehearsed, each actress being fed ample amounts of constructive criticism. Some consisted of silly questions: “What would your vagina eat?” or “If your vagina could talk what would it say?”

In this particular monologue, Bridgette Valdez, junior environmental geology and geography major, along with two other cast members rambled off answers to these questions in a diverse range of voices from women across the globe.

Valdez, who calls herself an avid women’s rights activist, participated in her first Vagina Monologues production two years ago here at Central Washington University.

“Women our age are really uncomfortable talking about their vaginas,” Valdez said. “You can’t just talk about rape or sexual violence unless it’s in the paper or on the news. And then it’s seemingly unrelatable and no one can relate to that.”

While Valdez claims that she is no actress by profession, she enjoys being a part of the production. “It’s intriguing to think of women in these positions,” Valdez said.

Monologues kept coming as more reds and pinks flooded the stage. Topics ranged from one woman’s emotional recall of self discovery, another woman’s sexual awakening, to the pains and experiences of reaching womanhood. One monologue performed by a deaf woman depicted a vivid explanation of women’s sexual experiences.

Clara Cook, junior Theatre Arts major, got involved with the Vagina Monologues when a director asked her to cover for someone else who had backed out of the production.

“I didn’t even know about it until the director confronted me,” Cook said.

Cast members of the Vagina Monologue gear up for this weekend’s final to V-Day “Until the Violence Stops Week.”

Cook performs a monologue in which a woman is ranting about the ridiculous inventions and procedures for a woman’s vagina. The monologue begins, “My Vagina is angry!” Although Cook’s monologue expresses some serious concerns, it is a hysterical performance. Cook hopes that the Vagina Monologues will offer insight into the difference in experience of being a woman for men in particular, see ACTS, page 11.
Weekend Calendar
Asian Culture Night
Celebrate the Chinese New Year with food, music, dance & karate demonstrations and a Chinese theater performance. 6 p.m. today, Barto Lounge
Surplus Sale
Get everything from computers and bikes to refrigerators and backpacks 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Friday
Surplus Property Warehouse
For info call 963-2159
Books for Breakfast
Read to elementary school students during breakfast 8-8:30 a.m. Mon. thru Friday
For info to book http://surplus.cwu.edu
Login to project #248
That takes Ovaries open mic
Express your feeling on V-day
Next Friday SUB Pit
Halo 2 & 1 Tournament
& LAN
Play on four big flat screen TV's and win prizes Tournament 3 p.m. Saturday LAN 7 p.m.
Kennedy Hall Lounge
For more info call Mike at 963-7767

Club members give parents a night off
by Kazuo Saito
Staff reporter
For people who have kids, nothing is more pleasant than having a night off. A night of relief is coming soon for parents of children with disabilities, and for a while, parents will be able to loosen their stiff necks and children can play freely without complaining from their own and doing their work.
The Student Council for Exceptional Children is presenting the "Respite Night," to parents of children with disabilities and their siblings. This event will take place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 at the Mary Grupe Center of Central Washington University.
SCEC will include children with disabilities from the local schools for the night, so their parents can have the three hour-night off and relax for a while. They will also be interested in providing the CWU community with some information and news about disabilities and what their club does.
"This activity is held once a year and children can play games, do arts and crafts, dance and sing. Their parents also appreciate free childcare and a night off," said Nicole Hansen, special coordinator, and senior special education, Elementary education major.
"We have a lot of support from the special education faculty and members of the Ellensburg community, as well as numerous Central students who volunteer at our events," said Lindsay Wilson, president of SCEC, senior elementary education major. "We currently have 12 board members and approximately 15 members, who are all students and two special education faculty advisors.
Central's Student Council for Exceptional Children is a chapter of the National Council for Exceptional Children, the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities. The club aims toward distributing information and news about people with disabilities and assisting parents of children in our community by providing them free child care information. It also promotes related educational issues to the community and its peers, and does activities that their children can partake in. "Respite Night" is an opportunity to give back to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities.

The right way, the wrong way for V-Day
by Ben Hanson
staff reporter
Editor's note: All names have been changed to protect the bashful.
Valentine's Day has snuck up on us again. Before you drop this paper in a panicked rush to get your spouse, romantic interest or stalker a token of your affection, please note that there is a right way and a wrong way to go about it. The difference between a box of stale chocolates and a romantic dinner is the difference between sleeping in the garage and sleeping on the couch. Take heart, and read these true stories of glory and failure.
Keep it simple and sweet
Senior elementary education student Donald had a first date with her boyfriend that was both classy and effective. It was last year on Valentine's Day, and their first official date. He made her chicken alfredo for a candle lit meal, and ornamented the event with tulips.
"It was really nice and romantic," Wendy said. A year later, they're still together.
That isn't the right way to "mix" it up
Donald, a freshman communications major, broke up with his girlfriend shortly before Valentine's Day. They had already bought each other their gifts, and agreed to exchange them anyway. "I gave her this nice gift that cost me $100 and she gave me a bag of Chex Mix."
"The most surprising part of this story is that she had apparently planned to give Donald the Chex Mix beforehand. Maybe that kind of thing is why they broke up.
And they say that guys can't express their feelings
Will, a sophomore accounting major, proves the old adage, "it's the thought that counts." Using cardboard and construction paper, he made a dozen small boxes, each decorated seasonally. He marked the first one with the date of the day he met his lady love, with each box representing a month. Inside, he has a romantic message for every day of the month it represents.

The University Store
The right way, the wrong way for V-Day
Valentine’s Day is the Hallmark holiday when loved ones are pampered and holes are burned in our wallets and purses. If you are thinking about going with the typical box of chocolates and Valentine card this year, you might want to think again. Ellensburg can be a romantic place, you just have to bust out some creativity.

When I say creativity, I mean something that will make your significant other feel special and keep your wallet from being a fire hazard. For $15, I was able to make my girlfriend feel special and have a romantic time in Ellensburg.

When planning a date, I like to start with the main event, which would be dinner. I wanted to make sure that I had three foods to offer, a main dish, a main event, which would be dinner. I came to the conclusion that there is nothing easier than pasta, salad on how she looks and make sure she doesn’t need anything else for her meal.

After cleaning up, we got our jackets on and drove to Kiwans Park where we walked around exchanging stories and cracking jokes. As we talked, I was thinking about how I was going to give her the bouquet of flowers that I bought for less.

For dinner, we chose a restaurant where we knew that the prices were reasonable and the portions were generous. At Fiesta En Jalisco we split a large plate of nachos, which proved surprisingly filling for both of us. Mexican and Italian restaurants are great picks because they usually offer complimentary chips and salsa or bread sticks as well as generous portions of food so you don’t have to order a whole plate to yourself in order to get an awesome dinner. For dessert, we split an ice cream cone. This dessert was as inexpensive as it was cute and romantic. It was very much like the spaghetti sharing scene in "Lady and the Tramp." It was fun to try to find a flavor we both liked.

The grand finale was picking out a movie that we both wanted to see and staying in to watch it. All in all, we both had a really good time. I think the secret to going on great dates on a budget is to find the joy in sharing. It saves money and brings you closer together.

What we did:
- Pasta $0.75
- Sauce $2.00
- Salad $3.29
- Garlic bread $1.00
- Sparkling cider $2.69

Bouquet of flowers w/tax $4.31

Romantic walk in the park: $0.00

Total: $14.03

Her smile: Priceless
Cooking up some love

by Sarah Mauh
Staff reporter

Four days. That's the amount of time left to plan a family dinner to mention romantic, Valentine's Day for your significant other. While there are many great places to go out to dinner around Ellensburg, why not make the night a little more special and make a home-made dinner? Your boyfriend or girlfriend will love that you cooked for them and with these easy recipes it's sure to be a success, just don't forget the secret ingredient: love.

Chicken Pot Pie
2 10 oz. cans of cream of chicken soup
1 1/2 cups of mixed vegetables
1 oz. can of white chicken
1 - package of refrigerated ready-made pie crust

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray pie pan with cooking oil. Put one pie crust into bottom of pie pan. Mix all ingredients together in large bowl. Pour into pie crust. Cover with second crust. Fold top crust down and behind bottom crust edges, pinch together. This creates a seal to keep the ingredients inside the pie.

Take a knife and cut some slits (three to four small incisions) into the middle of the top pie crust. Try making a heart shape in honor of Valentine's Day. These incisions allow air to escape while the pie is cooking.

Cook for 30 minutes, check to make sure the crust is not burning, if it looks like it is getting overly brown cover outer edges of crust with foil. Then cook for 20-30 more minutes. Let cool for 5-10 minutes.

Chicken Enchiladas
2 or 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
4 cup package of shredded Mexican mix cheese
2 cans mild enchilada sauce
1 - package of small flour tortilla soft shells

Cube chicken breasts and cook in greased frying pan until brown. Add one can of enchilada sauce and 2 cups of cheese to pan. Mix until cheese is melted. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Heat tortilla shells in microwave until warm. Spoon chicken mixture onto tortillas and roll. Place side by side. In greased baking pan.

Pour second can of enchilada sauce over top of enchiladas. Cover with the rest of the cheese. Place in oven and bake until cheese is melted and edges of tortillas are browned. Usually 10-15 minutes. Let cool 5-10 minutes.

Delicious Chocolate Cookie Bars
1/3 c. sugar or margarine
1/2 c. granulated sugar
1 (14 oz.) can of sweetened condensed milk
2 c. semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/3 c. flaked coconut
1/2 c. chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a 13 x 9 inch baking pan, melt better in oven Sprinkle graham cracker crumbs over better. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over crumbs. Top with remaining ingredients. Press down firmly with fork. Bake 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cool completely, refrigerate if desired. Cut into bars. Store at room temperature.

Recipe Variations: Substitute chocolate chips or nuts with candy coated pieces, dried cranberries, raisins, mini marshmallows or butterscotch chips.

Chicken Waldorf Salad
(Source: Better Homes and Gardens)
12 -ounces cooked boneless, skinless chicken breast, shredded or cubed (2 cups)
2 - medium red and/or green apples, coarsely chopped (2 cups)
1/4 cup finely sliced celery
1/3 cup dried tart cherries
1/3 cup coarsely chopped pecans or peanuts
1/3 cup farfalle mayonnaise dressing or salad dressing
1/3 cup fat-free dairy sour cream
1 to 1/2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crushed
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon honey

Lettuce leaves

Combine chicken, apples, celery, dressing, and rosemary. Combine well, serve on lettuce.

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Hold 'Em tourney success for players

by Brent Littlejohn
Staff reporter

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Wildcats take bite out of Wolves

Two Great Northwest Athletic Conference wins keep Central in the hunt for the Division II playoffs

By Eric Norris
Staff reporter

Amidst a weekend bursting with the anxiety and excitement surrounding Super Bowl XXXXIX, Central Washington University women's basketball team added some excitement of their own. The Wildcats won a thriller against Humboldt State on Thursday night, 74-71, and then earned another decisive victory over Western Oregon on Saturday, 67-50.

With the wins under their belt, the Wildcats' conference record improved to 6-5 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

Central hosted the Humboldt State Lumberjacks last Thursday for a game that would come down to the final ticks of the clock. The game remained close throughout the first half; neither team led by more than six points until Central freshman Kristina Klapperich's layup, with two seconds left in the half, gave Central a 36-28 advantage.

The Lumberjacks struck first in the second half, bringing the game to a 42-42 tie with 16:18 left to play. Central took control back, and with a little more than two and a half minutes to play, the Wildcats held a 72-66 lead. The Lumberjacks' Ashley Johnson hit a three-pointer with just over a minute to play, bringing Humboldt State within three points.

Following a Central timeout, Lumberjack guard Denisha McCoy drove to the basket and made a layup which created a one-point game, 72-71. But with 17 seconds on the clock, Central took possession of the ball, forcing Humboldt State to resort to fouls. Central's Jamie Corwin hit two free throws in the final seconds to give the Wildcats a three-point, 74-71 lead, the final score.

"The game came down to the wire," said Head Coach Jeff Whitney. "[During the timeout] I told the girls not to foul, hug the perimeter and not allow any three-pointers."

Central sophomore Laura Wright had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Wildcats.

Next Games
Tonight @ Northwest Nazarene 6:30 pm
Saturday @ Saint Martin's 6:30 pm

Leading scorers: Loni Ainslie 15 pts. Laura Wright 13 pts.

Sports world marches on after Super Bowl

By Pat Brown
Ass. Sports editor

Oddly enough, there was life in the sports world outside of the Super Bowl this past weekend. In case you somehow managed to miss the game, the Patriots beat the Eagles 21-24. Wide receiver Deion Branch was named the MVP with 133 yards on 11 receptions.

Days after the game it was announced that Patriots defensive coordinator Romeo Crennell accepted a five-year deal as the head coach of the Cleveland Browns. Offensive coordinator Charlie Weiss will also be leaving to take over the program at his alma mater Notre Dame. In other football news, USC offensive coordinator Norman Chow has been hired for the vacant offensive coordinator position with the Tennessee Titans.

In college basketball, the University of Washington Huskies moved up a spot to eleventh with an 86-72 win over UCLA and the Gonzaga Bulldogs moved up to 17th after beating conference rival Santa Clara 92-75. The Huskies are first in the Pac-10, leading Arizona by a single game while Gonzaga's victory on Saturday put them atop the West Coast Conference.

In the golf world, Phil Mickelson won the FBR Open in Scottsdale, Ariz. with a final score of 17-under, five strokes ahead of second place finisher Scott McCarron. In the second round last Friday, Mickelson shot an 11-under 60, which tied the course record for a PGA event. This was the second time Mickelson has won a PGA event at the Tournament Players Club in Scottsdale, Ariz.

In England, 28-year-old Ellen MacArthur set a new world record for yachting around-the-world solo. She made the 23,700 mile voyage in 71 days, 14 hours and 18 minutes. This beats the former record held by Francis Joyon.
Men lose to rivals WWU, SPU

by Heather Watkins
Staff reporter

It was rival time again for Central Washington University's men's basketball team on Wednesday, Feb. 2. The team traveled to Bellingham to play Western Washington University. When Western came to Ellensburg, Central defeated the Vikings in a double overtime game. This time, the Wildcats were defeated 110-98.

This was the third straight loss for the Wildcats, making their record 4-6, placing them seventh, whereas Western is ranked second in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

Central trailed at the start, but with 13:09 left in the first half, they tied the game at 16-16. Central had a lead over the Vikings until 5:08 when Western went on a 15-4 run heating things up and not once looking back.

In the second half Western started strong, pushing their lead to 24-points over Central with 8:15 left on the clock. Central never caught up.

"The first half was back and forth, what hurt us was going into half time. They scored 14 points after the half," said head coach Greg Sparling. "A game like that is hard to dig out of."

The Wildcats had one of their star players back, sophomore Lance Den Boer had returned from an injury. He contributed nine points in the game.

"They [Western] went on a couple runs against us, which hurt us and then we needed to play catch-up," Den Boer said.

Junior point guard Robert Hicks was the lead scorer in the game. His previous career high was 30 and he overthrew that. He had a game high of 36 points with 25 points made in the second half. For only playing 28 minutes of the game, he sure brought the heat.

"It feels good to make history, but if we won, it would have felt better," Hicks said. "It felt kind of meaningless since we didn't win."

Hicks' high 36-point game was the most scored by a Central player in a single game since Carson Payne's 37-point game against Seattle Pacific on Jan. 13, 2000.

There other Wildcats scored in double figures. Senior point guard Jerrell Everson scored 12 points, sophomore point guard Derek Groth scored 10 points as did junior point guard Chris Bannish.

Central shot 37 percent from the three-point range during the game and only 65 percent from the free-throw line. They scored 15 points from turnovers where Western scored 25. Central did well off the bench with 51 points where Western had only 19. Many of those points were contributed by Hicks.

Saturday, Feb. 5 the Wildcats played 13th-ranked Seattle Pacific University at Royal Brougham Pavilion where the Falcons defeated Central 72-65.

Four of Central's starters scored in double figures, but only five points came off the bench from junior point guard Teddy Craven.

Groth had the team high of 18 points, Bannish scored 17, and senior point guard Kyle Boast and Den Boer both scored 10 points.

The Wildcats shot 66 percent from the free-throw line, but only 30 percent from three-point range. The game was tied five times in the first half and Central led 35-31 at the half. It was in the second half where the Wildcats were in trouble. In the first two and a half minutes, Western went on a 12-0 run and they never trailed again.

This game has now put Central's conference record at 4-7. The team finally returned to Nicholson Pavilion after a long four-game road trip.

"Being home is good, we have great fans, and away trips get old after a while," Den Boer said.

They play at 7 p.m. tonight on Friday against Nichelson Pavilion against Alaska Fairbanks University. They also play at 7 p.m. on Saturday against Alaska Anchorage University.

For more information on the men's basketball team log onto www.wildcatsports.com.

Indoor soccer scores

by Jeff Anderson
Staff reporter

Every Central Washington University student has his/her own way of dealing with Ellensburg's cold winters. Some student's head to the slopes, others do homework, while some lie around watching movies.

For a select few they choose to play intramural indoor soccer.

There are two indoor soccer leagues available to Central students, a coed league and an open league, with both leagues playing their games on Sunday. A total of 14 teams signed up to play this winter. The matches are five on five, including the goalie. The match lasts for 30 minutes and whoever scores the most goals wins.

Students signed up to play for a variety of reasons. Team captain Matt Purcell, senior pre-law major, of the Morphin Power Rangers (2-0-0) had never played soccer before coming to college, but this winter is his third year playing. His team has managed to keep the same core of guys for three years straight.

"We play to have a good time, it's all about keeping it fun," Purcell said.

Purcell's roommate Kyle Tompkins, junior actuarial science major, who also plays on the team, came up with the humorous team name.

"I asked him what he thought it should be and that was the first thing out of his mouth," Purcell said.

Another indoor soccer team is Tsunami (1-2) led by team captain Michael Mitchusson, sophomore communication major. Mitchusson has played soccer his whole life and is happy that Central offers students the chance to play indoor soccer.

"It's fun to go out and kick a ball around for half an hour," Mitchusson said.

The team that is taking the indoor league by storm is Milan (4-0), which gets its name from the international soccer team in Italy.

Central 72

Tsunami 65

Central: Den Boer 18 pts.
Groth 18 pts.
Bannish 17 pts.

Tsunami: Hicks 18 pts.
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Tsunami's starting five scored 105 points against Central's 96.

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Another indoor soccer team is Japanese female. The team captain is Candy Hermanson, sophomore human resource management major.

"It's a lot of fun, but our team takes it pretty seriously as well," Hermanson said.

When asked if there were any improvements that Central could make to the league, the team captains were in agreement on one thing.

"A bigger soccer field would be nice, that would make it more realistic," Purcell said.

Mitchusson agreed, "We definitely need to play on a larger field. It would also be nice if there were two games a week instead of just one."

If you are interested in attending an indoor soccer game, they have games from 2 to 10 on Sundays at Nicholson Pavilion. The regular season ends Feb. 27, with a short play-off schedule to follow.

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Freshmen - Sophomores - Juniors - Seniors

Falcons
72
Wildcats
65
Central 4-7, 8-12

Leading scorers:
Derek Groth 18 pts.
Chris Bannish 17 pts.

Next Games
Tonight
vs. Alaska Fairbanks at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12
vs. Alaska Anchorage at 7 p.m.

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The weekly sports face-off

Will the Patriots threepeat?

With the Super Bowl over, the rest of the nation now has a void in our lives and we are searching for something to talk about. Will the Patriots have a threepeat?

I don’t think they will. With the departure of Bill Belichick’s sidekicks Charlie Weiss and Romeo Crennel the Patriots will be exposed.

They will be very good next year, but the Patriots are not only battling a tough division, but they are battling history. No team has ready for the next play.

But they are battling history. No team has won three Super Bowls in a row. All of this stems from Belichick’s scheme, some of the best coaches in the league. When one player makes a play, they don’t celebrate, they go back to the huddle and get ready for the next play.

All of this stems from Belichick’s scheme, though. Peyton Manning is 0-4 with four interceptions against the Patriots in the past two years.

As it stands right now a full four days after the Super Bowl, the two time Super Bowl Champions (three in the past four years), are the favorites to win Super Bowl XL. The Patriots are 4-1 favorites to win Super Bowl XL. According to the line in Vegas, the Eagles have a good chance at winning Super Bowl XL at 5-1 odds. If they are to beat the Patriots though, they need a new game plan. Having McNabb throw the ball 51 times proved ineffective but giving it to Westbrook didn’t work either.

I know it’s highly unlikely for a team to win three consecutive Super Bowls. In fact it has never happened in the history of the Super Bowl.

The only professional football team to win three years in a row was the Green Bay Packers who were the reigning champions when the NFL and AFL merged in 1970. The Packers then won on to win the first two Super Bowls, making their threepeat absolute.

The big influence facing the Patriots will be the losses of offensive coordinator Charlie Weiss and defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel. Where there is a will there is a way.

The biggest loss may be Romeo Crennel to the Browns. The Patriots may have a potent offense built around a quarterback that doesn’t fail and a running back that will punch in the mouth, but their defense has the obvious edge. What Crennel has done with the defense is only unbelievable, but it is monumen­tal. He has been able to orchestrate a defense that focuses on one thing, the team. The team comes first and everything else comes last.

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The experts are saying that Belichick is in the hottest two coordinators in the league.

The NFL is a copycat sport. Belichick has solidified himself as one of the best quar­terbacks in the league. The Patriots are not in fact of the matter is that the NFL is a copycat sport.

The Patriots have shown football fans anything, it’s resiliency. Remember two years ago when they released pro bowl safety Lawyer Milloy, who then went to the Buffalo Bills? In the opening game of the 2003-2004 season, the Bills trampled the Patriots and demanded the Browns to the huddle and get ready for the next play.

I don’t think they will because when he was with the Browns he did a terrible job.

The Patriots do have better players than the Browns team that Belichick coached. The fact of the matter is that the NFL is a copycat league and the rest of the league will catch on to the Patriots and they will become a parody.

Sure the Patriots have built a dynasty and have made moves that baffled the minds of sports writers across the nation that has worked out for them, but the last time a Super Bowl team’s coaching staff was broken up was the year after winning (San Francisco in 1994) they were never the same.

There is a reason that there have never been any threepeats since the Super Bowl. The NFL is the toughest sport to come out on top. No one knows who will win each year and every year after the Super Bowl the hot pick, of course, are the champions, and deservedly so. There are too many factors going against the Patriots.

YOGA: Classes offered each quarter

Yoga classes are available every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in SUB room 206 and on Thursdays in SUB room 204.

The class is free and sponsored by the Wildcat Wellness Center.

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The original practitioners hoped to create a union with the divine conscious­ness, eventually leading to happiness, liberation and enlightenment. Today yoga is credited with helping to heal the physical body as well as bring about inner tranquility.

"One of the goals of yoga... is to remove judgment," Marney said. Marney attempts to assist students in finding personal growth though yoga, while avoiding comparison of others in the class or achieving the perfect asana position at the cost of losing concentration back into the present and with had hoped to change.

Michael Czaplinski, junior computer engineering technical major, has recently begun attending Marney’s class.

"I used to do (physical training) with the ROTC," Czaplinski said. "I really enjoyed the strength training and yoga is also training with balance. And also a way to relax."

Dylan Marney, a piano performance graduate student, has been doing yoga on and off for three years. He got involved with yoga because his father and brother, the instructor of the class, are both into yoga.

"Mostly (I began yoga) for piano, loosening up my arms," Dylan Marney said. "It’s a good stress reliever and it helps with (piano) performance anxiety. It’s very helpful with music, and it keeps me in shape.".

Marney encourages students to drop by the class.

"Try it once and see if you like it," Marney said. "Some people don’t, but a lot of people do.

The class, which takes place at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in SUB room 206 and Thursdays in SUB room 204, is free and sponsored by the Wildcat Wellness Center. Yoga should be done twice a week in order to see results.

More about yoga

According to www.yoga- site.com, "Practicing the poses, breathing exercises and mediation makes you healthier in body, mind and spirit. Research shows that yoga helps manage or control anxiety, arthritis, asthma, back pain, blood pressure, cardiac/tunnel syndrome, chronic fatigue, depression, diabetes, epilepsy, headaches, heart disease, multiple sclerosis, stress and other conditions or diseases."

Yoga helps:

Improves muscle tone, flexibility, strength and stamina

Reduces stress and tension

Boosts self esteem

Improves concentration
**Indoor track and field team led by All-American**

by Brooke Saul

Staff reporter

As the regular track and field athletes prepare for the season to start on March 5, they prepare for an indoor and season which has already begun.

The indoor season started Jan. 15. Last Saturday, the indoor track team traveled to MIdona, Idaho for the McDonald’s Colle gian Invitational. Junior Terran Legard won the 400-meter sprint and placed third in the 800-meter dash. Legard is a returning conference competitor and was named an All-American last year. She had an indoor best of 2:05.69 in the 800 meter.

"It’s a pretty big step from last year," said Kevin Adkisson, head coach for the Central Washington University track and field team.

Another person who did well at the McDonald’s Colle gian Invitational was sophomore Cameron Neel. Neel, who’s in the shot put category, is currently leading the conference with his throw of 53.42.

"Overall the season is going well," Adkisson said. "There are a good number of people leading conference events.

This weekend on Feb. 13, there will be a meet at the University of Washington, where Central will be sending a few athletes.

"We’ll have good performances," Adkisson said. "People are getting into good shape. Good weather has helped us get good practices in. We’re well represented across the events.

The indoor season ends March 19, for those people who will be going to Boston, Mass. to compete in the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships. For those who will not be going to Boston, the indoor season will end on Feb. 19.

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**WILDCATS: Five players in double digits in win**

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had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the night. High game highs. Wildcat senior Lori Ainslie added 15 points of her own.

On Saturday, the Wildcats played host to an all Western Oregon Oregon, whose 13 game losing streak is the worst in their school’s history.

Central went to work early, gaining a 24-1 lead through the first half. Central kept the pressure on throughout most of the first half and took a 39-21 lead into halftime. Despite being outplayed in the first half, Western Oregon came out strong in the second half, outscoring the Wildcats 29-28. They could not cut Central’s lead to less than 14 points during the second half as Central went on to win, 67-50.

"We told the girls that if we went into halftime close it would give them hope," said Whitney. "The girls played an awesome first half."

The Wildcats had five players score in double digits, led by Ainslie’s 15 points.

Central will be on the move again this week when they head to Idaho tonight to face Northwest Nazarene and then to Lacey, Wash. on Saturday for a match with Saint Martin’s College.

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**As NHL stands still with talks, WHL skates on**

by Jonathan Montez

Sports editor

Although the NHL hockey season is stuck in a rut and doesn’t seem like it is getting out of it any time soon, hockey fans can change that by watching the WHL.

The WHL season has been well underway since late September. The Everett Silvertips and the Seattle Thunderbirds are atop the U.S. Division in the WHL that features four of its five teams in Washington. The Thunderbirds are at the top of the division (34-17-0-1) with the Silvertips in second place (34-21-6-2). Bringing up the rear in the division are the Portland Winterhawks, Tri-Cities Americans, and Spokane Chiefs respectively.

The Thunderbirds and the Silvertips squared off last Saturday for a marquee match up that featured the Silvertips shutting out the Thunderbirds 2-0.

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**Thursday, Feb. 10**
- **Men's Basketball**
  - Alaska Fairbanks
    - 7 p.m.
- **Women's Basketball**
  - @ Northwest Nazarene
    - 6:30 p.m.
- **Seattle Sonics**
  - Sacramento Kings
    - 7:30 p.m.
    - Key Arena
- **Wildcat Baseball**
  - @ Puget Sound
    - 11 a.m.

**Friday, Feb. 11**
- **Women's Basketball**
  - @ Saint Martin's
    - 5:30 p.m.
- **Seattle Sonics**
  - Dallas Mavericks
    - 5 p.m.
    - Key Arena
- **Wildcat Baseball**
  - @ Pacific Lutheran
    - 11 a.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 12**
- **Seattle Sonics**
  - **Sunday, Feb. 13**
  - **Dallas Mavericks**
    - 5 p.m.
    - Key Arena

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