The ground broke on Oct. 7, 2004, the last beams were up in spring and now after nearly 15 months of construction the new Recreation Center, part of the Student Union and Recreation Center (SUB/REC), will open its doors on Jan. 3, 2006, the first day of winter quarter. Bust out the barbells and basketballs to break in the new equipment.

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Climbing Wall, the same company that built REI’s climbing wall in Seattle, it features 7,000 handholds and 14 different routes.

“It’s really a product of the students,” Drinkwater said.

The new concept of climbing is the low-work, the archways and the ability to have as many students on the climbing wall at the same time, while being one of the highest climbing walls at any college in the nation.

The climbing wall consists of seven pieces that were put together when the building was in the steel structure frame. When the climbing wall was finished, the frames were filled in around it.

Another important attraction is the weight room. No more waiting around to use equipment at Nicholson Pavilion: with 5,000 square feet, the new weight room will have plenty of space for working out hard during the winter.

On the second floor, the cardiovascular area will overlook the new SUB pit, which will feature a larger area and a fireplace. Students can use stair climbers or treadmills. There will also be machines to accommodate students who are physically impaired.

Although the weight room is not totally complete, Dec. 12-16, the installment of the weight and cardiovascular machines will be put in.

There are also men’s and women’s locker rooms with showers and suanas that seat six comfortably.

Originally there were only three full-size basketball courts scheduled for installation, but when Drinkwater consulted Boise State on their courts, they suggested that four courts would be a better choice.

One reason for the additional court was intramural sports. Another reason was to make the track, which is above the courts, longer. With the addition of a fourth court, the track is now 1/8 of a mile.

“This is probably one of the softer tracks that is out there,” said Jeff Rosenberry, vice president for Student Life and Facilities. “It’s better for the students too; there is a little more give.”

There are two fitness rooms where aerobics, pilates and dance courses will take place. State of the art sound systems are also in every room of the recreation center.

Ten ‘n Tube will be getting a complete makeover: getting a new name and a face lift to go with the operations as it will be moved into the recreation center. Ten ‘n Tube will be known as Outdoor Pursuit and will feature a larger work area with room to clean and rent out tubes. There will be three specific parking spaces for loading and unloading.

With all the new additions and upgrades, the university recreation will see its largest increase of employment closing in around 300.

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Administrators say no to "sliding-scale" tuition

by Rachel Thomson
Staff reporter

Controversy continues to surround a proposal under discussion in the state legislature about differential tuition rates. If approved, the proposal would give public universities the option of charging a "sliding-scale" tuition, based on a student's expected family contribution (EFC).

The EFC is a factor used to determine how much federal financial assistance a student can receive. Although the proposal was meant to compensate students in the lowest-income brackets for skyrocketing tuition rates, Central Washington University administrators argue that the concept of differential tuition would do more harm than good.

Central's director of financial aid, Agnes Canedo, said differential tuition would further complicate the financial aid process.

"It's a terrible public policy for the state to move this way," Canedo said. "It would be an incredibly complex program to take a look at every student's individual income. It's a bad way to determine tuition because there are too many variables and it would be too difficult to implement."

Central's director of government relations, Ann Anderson, said the proposal surfaced in the state legislature in 2003. The House Higher Education Committee Chair had an informal roundtable discussion about differential tuition prior to the last legislative session, but the proposal has not been finalized.

"The proposal would be like giving (additional) scholarships and aid to the lower-income students," said Allison Nieuwenhuis, sophomore science major. "If you give only the lower-income students lower tuition, it's like they're paying nothing; what would happen to the other students?"

Libby Street, Central's executive assistant to the president for policy and planning, said she understands that the proposal has some appeal, but differential tuition doesn't seem like something Central would use even if they had the option.

"It's a logistical and bureaucratic nightmare to do," Street said.

Street cited another reason why the proposal could lead to disaster. She said it is not uncommon for undergraduate students to change their majors often. Some undergraduate degrees cost more to earn because of a varying number of required classes and amount of materials needed for the degree. Changing majors would change a student's financial need. Street said the proposal would make it more difficult for a student to make those changes.

Canedo added that differential tuition would deny higher education opportunities for a lot of students.

"Higher-income students would get no benefit regardless of the university," Canedo said. "(Differential tuition) prices out the middle-income students out of the university."

Even though differential tuition may not be something Central supports, Street said Central is exploring other tuition-compensating venues for students in need, including a comprehensive gifts campaign in which Central is seeking monetary contributions from private and corporate donors.

She also said Central is working with city leaders to explore building a research and business park to bring in more federal dollars.

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Smokers face tougher bans
by Megan Hansen
Staff reporter

The last thing people want to do is walk out of a building only to walk into a cloud of smoke. With Initiative 901, the "Clean Indoor Air Act" going into effect on Dec. 8, the awareness of public tobacco use has increased. Students might have noticed changes being made on campus. Central Washington University has started taking action to control the use of tobacco products on campus, but what many students might not know is that these measures are not a result of the initiative, but of complaints and concerns.

Signs have been going up on entrances to campus buildings notifying people that they prohibit only smoking, but chewing as well. The initiative, which prohibits smoking in buildings and vehicles open to the public, will also prohibit smoking within 25 feet of doorways, stairwells and ventilation openings.

"We were already kind of ahead of the initiative," said Rich Corona, Vice President for business and financial affairs. "We don't want people chewing in the buildings."

These signs, however, don't completely address all the requirements of the new initiative. There might be signs posted below the new ones specifying no smoking within 25 feet of doorways, leaves said.

"People smoke by the back door at Bouillion [and the smoke] blows into the vents into the corn studio and then it leaks," said senior broadcast journalism major Julie Follette.

As far as future signs and regulations being put up in the near future, there is not a precise plan of action.

"Right now we're just putting up the signs," said Bob Finch, Director of Plant Operations and Maintenance.

Many students are happy about the new initiative and think that it may help to lead to less smoking.

"I think it's (going to be) easier to quit," senior education major Stefany Snyder said. "My friends have a reason now."

Even with the initiative going into effect soon, there isn't going to be a sudden change. "There aren't enough [Central] officers for one to be standing at every door," Corona said. "We're going to be responding by concern.

An example of how these concerns have been dealt with is new signs posted at the Language and Literature Building specifying "No smoking in the breeze way." People with concerns and complaints can get a hold of Central police.

Secretaries want new titles
by John Lord
Staff reporter

Academic secretaries at Central Washington University aren't very happy about being classified as secretaries anymore. About ten of Central's academic departments' secretaries have only to prevent harm to the secretaries and with their titles are correctly depicting what they do.

"Everything you set out to do can be accomplished," Guller said in an interview on the Life Today show. "Even with the initiative going into effect, we can't just go back to the old ways.

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Climber talks about achieving goals
by Analynn Bermudez
Staff reporter

Imagine that you're on top of a mountain. The wind whipping you in the face with frigid temperatures numbing every inch of your body, you clinging to a rope attached to a wall of ice, the only thing keeping you from plummeting thousands of feet.

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VACCINE: No significant increase in reported influenza cases

The last flu clinic was held on Spa Day two weeks ago, where 80 flu shots were distributed. Volunteers from the Health and Wellness Center reserved 10 of the flu shots for those high-risk students. Many students hoping to get flu shots were disappointed, and some are seeking other means of acquiring the vaccine.

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It’s o.k. to be great, but it’s better to make others greater,” Goff said on the Life Today show. “When you can give and truly give unconditionally then everything comes back in wonderful fully positive way.”

Secretary: Give unconditionally

They truly are.

His motivational seminars include this message in varying depths. Inputting his life lessons into his speeches inspires many to strive for something greater.
Off-campus food prices may increase 11 percent

by Andrew Van Den Hoek
Special projects editor

As most college students who have taken any basic level psychology course knows Maslow's hierarchy of needs places food and shelter pretty high on the list of things man needs to survive. This would probably explain why so many students are up in arms about a proposed 11.72 percent increase in the cost of meal plans by Central Washington University dining services. The proposal is on the agenda for Friday's Board of Trustees meeting.

For many students, prices are already too high and the amount of food that their meal plan provides isn't enough.

"The daily allotted amount if a student were to be here every day of the quarter is $74.28 [with a large meal plan] and that doesn't cover very much as far as a large meal plan or a large plan," said Kontos.

"If you look at the buying power that Fred Meyer or Safeway or Albertsons has compared to little old Central Washington University it's a lot different," said Rob Borngrebe, director of dining services.

Borngrebe said grocery stores buy huge quantities and then store these items in large warehouses until they need them. Central doesn't have the storage or demand, so the cost is much higher.

Some students question why costs weren't incrementally increased to soften the blow.

"We tore down Holmes dining hall and the eliminated five different food service operations on campus by doing that, in the interim period while they were building the building [new SUB] we went from nine operations to one," said Borngrebe. "It didn't seem fair or good business to us to say... even though you [students] have less places to eat we're going to go ahead and increase the cost of the meal plans."

Borngrebe said that a lack of progressive increases in meal plan prices is not the only reason for the proposed increase next year. He emphasizes that Hurricane Katrina, rising fuel costs to transport items and other utilities cost for the new SUB/REC have impacted the upcoming budget as well.

"If we had spread the 11.72 percent raise over the last few years... the average rate increase would be under 4 percent per year," said Kontos.

"This would be the equivalent of an increase of 4.75 percent to live in student apartments and any increase of this budget goes before the Central Washington University Board of Trustees as one combined increase."

"Absence" days where students are going home every weekend except for Hurricane Katrina, rising fuel costs to transport items and other utilities cost for the new SUB/REC have impacted the upcoming budget as well.

"Both Kippelstein and Borngrebe were quick to emphasize that they are not to that point yet and what is going to be under 4 percent per year."

While the REC Center is opening, there will be a week of full activity. This week is going to determine a lot for the students, said Kontos.

"We're very optimistic that we will be up building the building before the next quarter.

There also have been questions about whether students will have priority on the parking.

"We have priority on the parking," said Rosenberry. "And the students who have priority are the students who are going to be here every day of the quarter, as far as a large meal plan or a large plan."

"We've been really kind of energized about the new spaces,但是 the parking will increase with only 12 new spaces, but much of the parking will go into overnight parking starting next quarter."

According to Drinkwater, the REC Center will open three months before its counterpart, the SUB, because students wanted the 228,000 square foot mammoth building made first.

The REC Center will be open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

"Student demand will play with that," Drinkwater said. "There are four partners in this building. The dining services, the bookstore, the student union and recreation. Based on conversations with students and focus groups and management of the facility have established a time frame for hours. It's a student building."

The SUB's hours are still being determined, but the SUB will be accessible when the REC Center opens along with some other public areas. The entire building will have a wireless network to the internet.

While the REC Center is opening, work is still going on in the SUB.

In the new building, there will be a 345 seat theater with a DVD projector with a small stage and a green room in the back with a new ballroom and caterer's kitchen right down next to the "Burg" radio station will be moved in the first floor across from the Japanese Garden and hopes to go in the second floor."

The dining services will dominate the main walkway, which has been nicknamed "Central Avenue" by Rosenberry.

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A few weeks ago I attended the student forum "Intersections" about the movie "Crash" and how it related to the book "The Tortilla Curtain," and since that night I've had a nagging thought. After writing about my peers' rude behavior at the faculty forum for "The Curtain," and receiving praise as well as objection to it, I firmly felt that I should point out how faculty members and administrators were noticeably absent during the student panel, while more than 150 students attended thanks in large part to faculty members who sent their students there.

I know as well as any student that our faculty are very busy people and should not be expected to attend every event this campus puts on, but "Intersections" was part of the One Book, One Campus program, and since it is a campus-wide program, I assumed that faculty would be interested in hearing what students had to say.

I assumed this because the novel and the faculty presentation each present the ideal of "giving voice to the voices." For more than half of the students in the panel Boyle is exemplifying their voice, and they disagree with him. That dissonance is important to hear and to be aware of, which leaves me wondering why our faculty and administrators wouldn't want to know about that.

I doubt any of our faculty members would devalue the students' being sent to the students who worked hard to put on their own forum. Their voices should be heard too, and college should be the place where they can do that, but apparently half of our campus community doesn't care what the students have to say. We've only here to learn anyway opinions, which makes me question the absence of them. From what I gathered the people who put on the multi-disciplinary faculty forum shared in my sentiments that the students who left were rude, but a stronger message from our faculty is.

The bigger picture is the issue of the rights of the freedoms of all people. The gentleman who wrote the letter was accusing the BSU and PSU of slandering a local business and that we cap make the biggest difference to call for peace and as always, a call for unity. This is not a letter of attack, but a letter to call for unity. We should not be expected to attend any of these extra-curricular things, even if we can learn from them too.

So we as students can learn from our faculty outside of the classroom, just like our faculty and administrators can learn from their students. Perhaps they simply forgot that, so here's their reminder being at college is a give and take situation.

Our professors give us immense knowledge about our chosen fields that we take and use in the real world. Sometimes though, we as students can give them back knowledge that they can apply in future classes or have just for their own use.

I'm sure our administrators and faculty have valid reasons for not attending the student forum. I would like to think that our faculty members were busy in their offices or homes grading tests and papers, but all I can do is speculate. The conclusion that keeps coming into my mind is that the faculty members and administrators on this campus really don't care about students in a manner other than we are the students and the students are the professionals. They know what's "best" for us, so we should simply attend classes and have that be that. I don't believe that's right, so the next time students put on something like a forum, I hope we see faculty and administrator present. After all, students show up to their classes and events, it's time for the professionals to show up to students' programs.

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Letters to the Editor

BSU member responds to letter, wants unity and diversity

I am currently a freshman at Central Washington University from the city of Kent, and being one out of one percent of the African Americans (according to collegeboard.com) who attend Central, I made it a point to join the Black Student Union here on campus. So far in my opinion Central has been a wonderful school and I've enjoyed my time here these past few months. I plan to finish my four years here with a law and justice degree and then further my studies at a law school. Until that time I plan to stay involved and make Central a better place for people of color.

The issue and the reason for this letter is because weeks ago a letter was released accusing the BSU and PSU of slandering a local businesswoman and her tenant after two clubs held two protests. After demonstrating positively with no disorderly conduct, simply to increase the acceptance and awareness of diversity, the letter had no meaning. The bigger picture is the issue of acceptance of diversity and the fight for the rights of the freedmens of all people in Ellensburg.

The reason why this issue is such a big concern to me is because when I applied and when I chose to come to Central my mind was filled with images and tales of diversity by countless Central brochures. Although looking at numbers alone you could tell that Ellensburg simply has a lot less diversity. I assumed that all this talk of diversity would be some way to acceptance of diversity in the Ellensburg community.

With that being said, once I got here not seeing many faces of diversity wasn't a total shock to me because to be honest I didn't really expect much. Unfortunately, being an African American student I must daily put up with awkward looks and not "fitting in." Despite the many cultural clubs it still seems that diversity isn't widely accepted.

The gentleman who wrote the letter in The Observer addressing the demonstration used the words "supposedly educated" and for him I write, for a supposedly educated upperclassman even an 18-year-old freshman, can see that you are doing exactly what you accused the BSU and PSU of doing, and that's trying to slander our hard-earned accomplishments. Not only is that not using your brain, but it's also unfortunate since you failed to meet anyone from the BSU or PSU to talk about this issue.

Since actions speak louder than words I invite you to join us at one of the next BSU meetings or club events to voice your questions, comments and concerns about this issue so that maybe you write another defamatory letter you can know exactly what you are writing about first.

As you mentioned you agreed that Ellensburg is no place for discrimination and not hurt it by verbally attacking one of the few diversity groups on campus. We are the students in the school-wide newspaper. I challenge students to come out and listen to what students of color are saying and stand up against hate crimes of all sorts. Attend meetings from the different minority clubs around Central and listen for yourself. Don't let anyone decide your opinions for you without knowing the whole-truth behind certain issues.

What the future may hold for Ellensburg is in the hands of all of us and if we sit back and allow anyone no matter what ethnicity to be discriminated against then we are not only failing ourselves, but we are failing each other. This is not a letter of attack, but a letter to call for peace and as always, a call for unity. It is only when we unite that we can make the biggest difference.

Dominique Le'Jon Meeks
Freshman
Law and Justice

Letters to the Editor
30th Annual Ware Fair comes to Central

By Carrie Redwine

The 30th Annual Ware Fair is coming up this week. This is the last time the event will ever be held at the Student Union Building. Ware Fair is a program that brings vendors selling all kinds of handmade crafts to the SUB for three days of holiday shopping. The fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday Dec. 2, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 3. More than 60 vendors will have booths this year selling everything from jewelry and candles to artwork and food. Annie Castle, Ware Fair coordinator said, Ware Fair is held in the new SUB/REC building next year, so Castle has worked hard to make sure the last year in the SUB will be a big one.

"It was designed for a way to get the community and students to interact with each other," said Castle. "It has been a great way for students to buy holiday gifts and for artists to showcase their work. Many of the vendors are local, but some also come from the west side, Idaho and Oregon.

"It's even bigger this year than it was last year," Castle said. "There will be a lot more vendors.

While the event has always been located in the SUB pit area, last year the fair expanded to the upper level and will continue to cover the same space this year. "It's an amazing event," said Roy Eldridge, owner of Canyon River Bakers, who has hosted a booth at the Ware Fair for three years. Santa Claus will make an appearance at the fair on Saturday to add to the holiday cheer. Santa will be available for pictures from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 3 in the SUB pit. Pictures will be free for those selling their own vendors.

Musical entertainment has also been a staple of the fair for several years, and this year will be no exception. Some of the musical talent will include the Central Washington University Trombone Choir, a vocal performance by Megan Davenport, a Central music major, and a piano performance by Michael Kamara, who is also a Central music major.

"It's convenient and it's a good fund-raiser," said Katie Bennett, president of Alpha Phi Omega, who added that the proceeds from the fair helped the club go to a conference last year. Alpha Phi Omega plans to sell an assortment of mugs, magnets and cards.

"I can't believe the quality of the things at Ware Fair," said Linda Larsen, owner of Purdy Soap Works. "Since it's handcrafted, you know there has been a lot put into it."

This will be the third year Larsen has hosted a booth at Ware Fair. She sells lotions, candles and soaps made from natural oils and much more.

Ware Fair creates an atmosphere of holiday cheer with its space decorations contest. Each vendor tries to outdo the others with holiday booth decorations. Not all vendors choose to host a booth all three days, however, as Castle encourages everyone to walk through the fair each day to look for new booths.

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People on the street

What are you doing for the holidays?

by Leah Lakey
Staff reporter

The holiday season is drawing near and with it comes the annual Ware Fair at Central Washington University. Ware Fair is a pre-holiday event that allows an assortment of vendors to showcase their specialties. It is intended for people to find that one-of-a-kind gift or simply enjoy the assortment of unique products. Located in the Samaritan Union Building, shoppers will find items such as art photos, homemade clothing, jewelry and woodworkings.

Tom Pickler is among one of the many vendors at Ware Fair and his specialty is pen and ink art. Pickler has been involved in this event for a number of years and is looking forward to returning this holiday season.

Q: How many years have you participated in Ware Fair?
A: About 25 or 26 years.
Q: What do you do with it?
A: I do pen and ink, art drawings, I draw pictures of buildings on different university campuses. I like to draw recognizable places. I have done several of Seattle and Spokane.
Q: How long does it take you to make each picture?
A: It takes about 20 to 30 hours, but it depends on the level of difficulty.
Q: Why did you first get involved in Ware Fair?
A: I got involved because I'm a good drawer.
Q: Why did you choose this particular art?
A: Pen and ink art is not real common, so I have that as an advantage.
Q: Do you have any popular selling pictures?
A: Yes. A lot of local, but known places like Pike Place and Mt. Rainier. We also sell quite a few of Barge Hall and Husky Stadium.
Q: What's your favorite thing about being involved in Ware Fair?
A: We used to do a lot of shows in Boise and Spokane, but that was a lot of work. Ware Fair is real convenient and sales are good. We see a lot of people we know. A lot of regulars come back to see us year after year. This is one of our favorite shows.

Students ready to sit back and relax

by Lacey Stanton
Staff reporter

Many shops in town offer ways for students to relax, other than going to the nearest bar and getting plastered. Places like Zuchi's, Salon Fenix and Bahama Bronze offer everything from tanning and hair to nails and waxing. Regardless of the kind of relaxation technique people can't decide what their favorite relaxation technique is, so they've picked more than one.

"I know it's a cliche but I like a bath and candle," Regina Beaudarier, senior psychology major, said. "Or I like to drink tea or cocoa, rent a movie, go for a walk or get a massage."

Buddy Kellee, senior elementary education major prefers watching football and playing video games with his friends. "I like going four-wheeling and hanging out with my friends," Seth Robins, former Central student, said. Next to h-bopping, this is one of the more popular responses from both males and females in Ellensburg. Other students' advice. A range of Central Washington University students share some of their favorite relaxation techniques.

"I like going four-wheeling, and hanging out with my friends," Seth Robins, former Central student, said. "I put in a movie I love, get in my sweats, curl up on the couch and just veg," Brie Harvey, senior education major prefers watching movies. "I like to drink tea or cocoa, rent a movie, go for a walk or get a massage," Buddy Kellee, senior elementary education major prefers watching football and playing video games with his friends.

Whatever your relaxation technique may be, practice them while enjoying the break.

Nutcracker swings into holiday spirit

by Katie Murdock
Staff reporter

The Nutcracker has a new face this Christmas. The Central Washington University Jazz Band is performing a swinging rendition of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite. The performance is at 4 p.m. on Dec. 3 in the Concert Hall.

"Things will happen to the audience -- shock, surprise and delight," said Chris Bruya, director of jazz studies at Central. "You will recognize the melodies, but they've been reworked.

The Jazz Band's Jazz Nutcracker concert is one of a variety of shows on the President's Speaker Series line-up. Bruya said his favorite reaction to seeing the Jazz Nutcracker came from geology instructor Nick Zimter, who said, "Your performance really shook me up."

Central's Jazz Band is performing this piece for the third year in a row. The Jazz Nutcracker made its world-wide debut when the Duke Ellington Orchestra performed the suite in 1966. Ellington and Billy Strayhorn collaborated to re-compose nine movements from Tchaikovsky's ballet suite.

"It's a really unique and successful synthesis of the jazz and classical idiom," Bruya said.

The jazz legends preserved the composer's style while simultaneously stamping their individual tastes onto their unique rendition.

"The melodies are presented in idiomatic jazz fashion," Bruya said.

"Each piece can stand on its own."

The result is a harmony of genres, styles and ethnical inspiration from artists like Debussy and Ravel woven into one. The Jazz Band will also perform songs from Christmas movies and Christmas arrangements of traditional Christmas songs.

Tickets are $12 for general admission and $6 for students with I.D. and senior citizens 65+

For more information, see www.cwu.edu/president/series

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The sixth annual "An Evening with the Arts" was held on Nov. 18. The event had both a silent and live auction with works from both undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and alumni. The money raised from the auctions went to the Student Art Council which benefits all Central Washington University's art students.

Global AIDS Day comes to Central

by Rebecca Thornton
Staff reporter

Today the Central Washington University Civic Engagement Center in collaboration with the Wellness Center, Health Center, Central VOX club, Planned Parenthood and community representatives will present Global AIDS Day 2005. With AIDS affecting the global community as it is today, this event hopes to inform students about AIDS-related issues and create an open outlet for discussion. Additionally, the event seeks to raise money for a children's AIDS camp and discuss prevention strategies.

Several events are planned for today including in-class AIDS presentations, AIDS bingo, the availability of condoms around campus, and the "ONE" and "CWU Fights AIDS" charity band sale. "So many students are unclear about the real dangers of AIDS and how it really can affect anyone," Jessie Perkins, senior tourism and sociology major said. "I think people have an unrealistic perception of AIDS and how far it can reach."

The AIDS presentations will feature lecture and visual imagery, interactive and a description of the campus-wide efforts for Global AIDS Day. AIDS bingo will take place from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. in the Samuelson Union Building pit. Those participating can win prizes by answering "Jeopardy-style" questions. Throughout the day, volunteers in the SUB will pass out condoms with AIDS facts taped to them. And finally, the "ONE" organization and "CWU Fights AIDS" charity band sale will feature tables around campus selling arm bands for AIDS education and for the children's AIDS camp.

"I'm really happy that Central is participating in an event like this," Lindsay Jacobson, senior sociology major said. "It's refreshing to see that people in our community are acknowledging this as an important issue."

For more information about World AIDS Day 2005, you can visit the ONE organizations website, www.one.org.
McMillion named for what he's worth

by Kelsey Gillis  
Staff reporter

Julius McMillion is a junior on Central Washington University’s basketball team. He transferred to Central from Washington State University. McMillion is from Seattle and graduated in 2000 from Cleveland High School. Thus the first four games this season McMillion is averaging just over nine points and six rebounds per game.

Let's meet Julius:
Q: What made you decide to leave WSU?
I left WSU because above all things I needed change. I was there for two years and I was not impressed. So I left.

Q: What made you choose Central?
I chose Central because it is a lot closer to Seattle, my home town since I moved there in 1990 from Houston.

Julius McMillion  
Junior  
Forward/Center

Q: Who are you most looking forward to playing this year? Why?
I'm looking forward to all of the games but of course I would like to give Western the business all three times we meet - mainly at Key Arena.

Q: What's the biggest difference between WSU and Central?
Central is a lot more easy going, and I appreciate that a great deal right now.

Q: What do you enjoy doing when you're not playing basketball?
I like to eat, sleep, learn, and talk to my higher power (God).

Q: Who's your favorite athlete? Why?
I like all the usual good athletes, but have recently began to focus on my own untapped potential, so I'm feeling myself right now.

Head Coach Greg Sparling on Julius: Julius has been doing a great job on us, especially Friday night against Cal State L.A. He scored for us, and had some blocks and boards. He just needs to bring it each and every night.

Teammate Nate Menefee on Julius: Julius is a good teammate and hard worker. His go to move is the tip dunk.

Michael Bennett/Observer
Julius McMillion slams it in against Warner Pacific last Tuesday night.

McMillion named for what he's worth
Central athletes come from all corners

by Frank Stanley
Staff reporter

Whether it's for added experience or the opportunity of more playing time, transfer students are a vital role in college athletics, especially with Division II schools. Here at Central Washington University, it's no different.

Transfer students make up around 30 percent of the athletics department, coming from more than 40 different schools around the nation, from Hawaii to Florida and Alaska to Arizona. By the way, Central does happen to have some transfers from Western Washington University, as well.

"With our funding, they [transfer students], mainly junior college transfers, are a great resource," Athletic Director Jack Bishop said. "But every now and then, we need someone with experience, or a good position player."

There are an estimated 60 transfer athletes attending Central. Track and field is the only unaccounted sport since the official roster hasn't been developed for this year. The most transfers come from the men's baseball and basketball teams, where 60 percent of both rosters have athletes transferred. Last year's baseball team had 16 transfer students which made up 70 percent of the team. Head coach Don Storey said that number has been something to expect for several years both in the past and in the years to come.

"With our funding, they [transfer students], mainly junior college transfers, are a great resource," Storey said. "Obviously we're high in number with them, but it's a big trend with Division II baseball."

Funding is a large issue when it comes to recruitment. Most teams are on a limited budget, and no out-of-state scholarships are provided, but Bishop said it is something the department has been working on. The biggest causes for transfer students is the opportunity to play more, or to play at a more competitive level. Most students coming from a Division I school are usually immediate assets to whatever team they join, such as freshman Mike Reilly, the quarterback for the Wildcat football team. Reilly, a transfer from Washington State University, was awarded the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year Award after having one of the most productive seasons ever for a quarterback.

On the other side of the spectrum, students coming from a junior or community college bring experience and talent more suitable for their playing skills. Out of the 60 percent from the men's baseball and basketball teams, a large quantity of the athletes are not from a four-year college.

"Junior colleges and community colleges are a big asset for transfer students," Bishop said. "Since a player can opt to go pro after high school, junior colleges and community colleges have a number of skilled athletes that we can recruit."

However, there are always different reasons for one to transfer. Senior Crystal Ames from the women's volleyball team and a transfer from Hawaii Pacific University, wanted to be close to home.

"I came home because my father was very sick," Ames said. "Family is something very important to me, so I transferred [to Central] to be closer to home."

Surprisingly, the football team has the lowest percentage of transfer students out of all teams. With 10 athletes on a 98 man roster, the team has relied more on home-grown talent with an occasional sprinkle of experience from out of town.  

Secondary education mathematics, some real talent.

Rugby is a brutal contact sport, with athletes blasting into each other as if they were wearing full football pads and playing in all conditions year-round. But as exciting as the game is, it's a complex game and can sometimes be confusing to a new spectator.

By Scott Parrish

Staff reporter

The Central Washington University men's rugby team has had years of success as a program. This success includes league championships in 2001, 2002 and 2003 as well as a Sweet 16 and an Elite eight appearance. The Central rugby club's success has drawn the attention of many central students; they draw a large and intense crowd.

Rugby: A Loose Formation

The rugby team will start practicing again late in January for spring. Their season will begin shortly after that.

By Jordan Montgomery

Staff reporter

Central Washington University's hockey club has been keeping the sport alive and well on our campus, showing some real talent.

"Our program is mostly numbers not talent," said Brandon Nall president of the hockey club and fifth year senior. "I was a little kid when I first saw hockey ever since I was a little kid, the hockey club has been keeping the sport alive and well."

A large and intense crowd of fans pack the arena. Mike Nelson scored a try to tie the game in overtime. In overtime St. Mary's was the first to score, but on the last play of the game freshman Mike Nelson scored a try to tie the game.

"We played more like a team, we really stuck together," senior flank Adam Ralston said.

The rugby team will start practicing again late in January for spring. Their season will begin shortly after that.

By Kelsey Collins

Staff reporter

The Central Washington University volleyball team ended their season and playoff run two Fridays ago with a loss to third-seeded Cal State-San Bernardino (20-3) at The Eagles' Nest in Los Angeles.

The Wildcats didn't give up easy. There were 29 ties scores and 15 lead changes in the five game match.

Senior outside hitter Crystal Ames had a big game with 16 kills and 16 digs. Sophomore outside hitter Stephanie Powell added 14 kills and 10 digs. Leanne McGalvey and Kristin Pasley each contributed with 10 kills on the afternoon.

Defensively, the Wildcats Cristina Null and Pasley were huge on the planet, each having nine assisted blocks. Six players had double digit digs. Senior libero Daisy Schwit had 16 digs, while Pasley, Lindsey Dollentine and Erika Stevens added 13, 13 and 11. As a team Central had 66 digs, but San Bernardino served 11 aces.

On Thursday, Nov. 17 the Wildcats won their first post-season match since an appearance in the 1999 NAIA tournament. They are the first team from the GNAC to win a NCAA Division II tournament match since 2001 when Western Washington defeated Cal State Los Angeles.

The win came against number nine nationally ranked Cal Poly Pomona (24-3) who shared the California Collegiate Athletic Association championship with Cal State 15.

Although the Wildcats hit .176 percentage in the third game, they came back with .387 team hitting efficiency forcing a fifth game. Central took the final game 16-14 on a kill by Pasley.

McGalvey was named the GNAC player of the year and Ames was also a first team selection. Dollentine, Null and Pasley all received second team honors. Coach Mario Andaya was awarded coach-of-the-year. The American Volleyball Coaches Association honored McGalvey and Ames with selections to the all-region squad, while Null received honorable mention all-region honors.
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