Dining Services serves up higher prices

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Administration explains dining services finances

by Teh-Pai Chen
Senior reporter

Note: This article is the first of two regarding Central Washington University’s dining services. The next story will be on what the dining services has done to try to bring their finances back to the black and comparing the current and up-coming meal plans.

Those who swipe their connection cards might not feel the difference; however, for students who pay cash for their on-campus food purchase, the fluctuation of the prices can easily be noticed from the thickness of their wallets. If you’re a Cats’-store regular, you might find the prices of many items, especially sweet or meat products like candy and beef jerky, have been floating up and down since last fall quarter.

"Prices were changing on some items weekly," said Jeff Rosenberry, ASCWU vice president for student life and facilities. "You never really knew how much you would pay for an item. That inconsistency created some animosity among the students and therefore students should not be charged more for food when they had less service available. The reduction from nine food stations to four impacted the dining services in a great deal, according to Borngrebe.

Richard Corona, vice president for Business and Financial Affairs, said the declining balance meal plans didn’t provide enough stability for dining services to avoid an operating loss.

"The increase of food prices has nothing to do with the operation loss," Robert Borngrebe, director of dining services, said each fiscal year has a different budget to make sure we had adequate cash flow to avoid an operating loss. "That was not an attempt to recoup the financial situation. That was an attempt to make sure we had adequate cash flow for the current year," Corona said. "The fluctuation of the price for commodities with all the prices increases we have been absorbing we have got to the point where we can’t hold the price anymore." Stanton said compared fall 2005 to the previous fall, the average on-campus food price has increased 13 percent and C-Store on its own has raised the price of food 17 percent. However, the consumer price index published by U.S. Department of Labor, which has taken Hurricane Katrina’s effect into account, showed in 2005 the average increase of food and beverage in the United States was 2.47 percent and for all items in the West region was 3.06 percent. Although dining services had not increased the price of food for almost three years, some students wonder why the increase in C-Store is not something less than 10 percent (average inflation rate times three years), but an ambitious 17 percent.

While dining services’ press release stated the rise in food prices is a result of hurricanes, fuel surcharges, higher labor costs and commodity cost, students wonder why they were not told items were priced incorrectly.

"There are a lot of components for the increasing price and the biggest one was due to the increase of commodity cost. We tried to reveal the most significant problem and we were not trying to hold any information back," Kimball said. "Do they [students] really need to know that much of the detail? Students are here for education. I’ll hate to see dining become an issue that students have to worry about." However, from ASCWU/BOD’s perspective, as large an entity as dining services on campus, should publish their profit and loss and make the information easily accessible to the students.

As a student and as a representative of the students, I and others had to draw our own conclusion to explain what those numbers mean because at no time...
Free healthcare clinic serves the community

by Elysha Urquhart
Guest reporter

According to recent statistics between 14-18 percent of Kittitas County residents are without health insurance, many of them without reasonable access to healthcare services. As many as 6,000 residents will go another year without any form of medical coverage.

Originally opened to serve a small number of the many University of Washington residents, the Ellensburg Community Health Clinic has grown to serve more than 1,000 people in Kittitas County. Since opening in 1999, over 25 doctors, nurses, interpreters and other volunteers have come together to serve the community.

The volunteer work is the backbone of the clinic helping the less-fortunate with the medical attention they require.

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"There are only four general practitioners in our county, the nearest being a four hour drive to Seattle," said Nurse Practitioner Mara Fusfield, a third year volunteer at the clinic.

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Central lobbyists head into fourth year of waiver talks

by Patrick Lewis
Senior reporter

Tuition waiver equity is the number one priority of Central's lobbyists this year. On Monday, Jan 16, Steve Dupont, ASCWU/BOD vice president of political affairs met with legislators in Olympia to attend a Central Washington University lobbying day.

"Usually students and legislators have different agendas, but on this issue we are in agreement," Dupont said.

Aaron VanVurt, intern with Central's legislative liaison, said this is the fourth year Central lobbyists have worked on this issue.

"Central lobbyists have met with more than 25 members of the house and senate in Olympia concerning Tuition Waiver Equity. Nickolas Reynolds, Central's legislative liaison said this is a supplemental budget year, meaning everyone shouldn't be asking for money.

"The feeling is that everyone is asking for money," Reynolds said. "We're definitely on the radar, but we'll just have to wait and see.""}

In 1992 state legislators allowed universities to create a separate tuition account instead of putting that money into the state's general fund. Each university then had its enrollment numbers calculated to determine how much money it would generate into the state. That amount was then placed in the state's general fund. Each university's general fund was then reduced by the amount put into the tuition account.

"Waivers were not subtracted from this amount. This means that the state reimbursed the university for the waivers it was giving out. The percentage of money each university received was based on 1992 enrollment numbers. Enrollment number changes have not affected the percentage since.

"The percentage was locked in 1992, so the universities could not get a larger or smaller number based on actual tuition. Dupont said this created an unintentional disparity between the universities, lasting for 14 years.

Currently Central receives eight percent of their 1992 enrollment numbers in waiver money. This equaled just over $3 million in 2005/2006, according to Central's office of enrollment management. The percentage varies among universities, with The Evergreen State College receiving only six percent, and the University of Washington receiving 21 percent. The schools closest to Central in size, Western and Eastern, are receiving 10 and 11 percent. Central is attempting to move "towards the 11 percent held by Eastern."

"Last year Washington State legislators approved a statute for Central to receive the 11 percent they were hoping for, but appropriated no funds for the school to offer the additional tuition waivers.

Central's current disbursement in tuition waivers heavily favors need. Almost 41 percent, or $1.2 million, of the waivers go to students in need. Other waivers, such as those for international students and athletes both have 12 percent, or close to $400,000. Miscellaneous waivers take up the rest.

A tuition waiver increase would decrease the state's general fund by 1.3 million, Dupont said.

"We're just one of many groups vying for this money," Dupont said.

This year's legislative focus is early learning, or K-12 education, with the WASL in particular.

"All the concentration on the WASL has shifted focus away from secondary education," VanVurt said.

The budget request could be voted on at any time during the 60 day legislative session.
ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate assistantships for Summer Quarter 2006 and for the 2006-2007 academic year are due by February 15, 2006 in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research, Barge 305. Applications and information can be obtained on-line at www.cwu.edu/-masters under the "Forms and Guidelines." Information regarding dining services financial reports, go to CWU accounting Web site at www.cwu.edu/-acctng, and look for fund number 573.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

by Nathan Haslan
Staff reporter

Dining: New SUB hoped to increase profits for dining program by drawing students back on campus

According to both Day and the ASCWU/BOD office, current dining services is expected to lose almost as much money this year as last fiscal year. However, Kimball said he is optimistic about the new SUB/REC and believes it will bring students back to dine on campus and create positive cash flow for the next fiscal year.

To ensure a positive cash flow and to accommodate students need, the dining services is preparing to increase hours of operation to give students more opportunity to use their meal plans. Central Café will open during the weekend starting next week.

"Now we're playing a very careful game of balancing more hours of operation with the least amount of expense to bring us back to the black," Bremore said.

While some people interpreted it as the sudden raise of price, students interpreted it as the sudden raise of price.

"Some maintenance and upgrades of the on-campus buildings we would like to do have been put on hold," said Charlotte Talus, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. "I would hate to leave it vacant."

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ASSISTANTSHIPS

by Robbie Miller
Staff reporter

With the opening of the new Recreation Center the facilities at Nicholson Pavilion will forever be known as "the old gym," and "it's been known before what is now the Samuels Union Building is nothing more than "the old SUB."

The SUB's future is unclear, but neither members of ASCWU/BOD and administration nor students say it will be "the old SUB."

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Jason is more than a message

Four words have been popping up on bright green posters all over campus lately: “I Agree With Jason.” They are on flyers and shirts that a handful of people, myself included, have committed themselves to wear all week long. While I’ve been sworn to secrecy about who Jason is and what he’ll be talking about tonight at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom, I can shed some light on why we, the ones dedicated to promoting this event, think this is so important.

“My involvement in this campaign is just wearing the shirt, but others have really put a lot of effort into this, like putting up the flyers and designing the shirts. No one has done more for it than Jason. His message is one that will, hopefully, be heart-felt and life-changing to everyone who listens, regardless of age, gender or religion. What everybody involved hopes to accomplish is unifying the diverse community of Central Washington University and creating a huge fellowship of people, whom any member can feel comfortable turning to for love, help and support. This may sound a bit corny and hippie-like, but it works. I should know.

Over a year ago, I was going through some tough times, and was emotionally as low as I think any human can feel. I have ended my life if it wasn’t for my family, made up by blood relatives and the friends I had rooting for me (and at that time, I had tons more than I realized). Even though most couldn’t solve my problems, it still helped to know that so many people cared about me. I know other people among my family have experienced similar miracles, whether it’s been hope in a hopeless situation or guidance through one of life’s many trials (like passing that ultra hard mid-term or finding the money to pay for school).

I guess you could argue that such results can be found in any satisfying relationship, but I’ve found that no relationship is as satisfying as the kind of relationship Jason will be promoting tonight.

Thanks to that, I have a support system that never fails, and at least one person I can always count on for hope, unconditional love, wisdom, protection and inspiration no matter what hurtful things I’ve done or will do. That’s why I agree with Jason.
Students and community members — over age 21 of course — took part in the 2nd annual WinterHop BrewFest on Saturday Jan. 21. The Dakota Cafe (shown above) was one of several venues downtown that took part in the event.

Second annual WinterHop BrewFest
draws a big crowd to downtown Ellensburg

by Lacey Stanton
Asst. Scene editor

Six friends gathered in a living room, drank some beer and did the wave. This wasn’t just any living room — this was the window showcase in Fitterer’s Furniture last Saturday, during Ellensburg’s 2nd annual WinterHop BrewFest.

The venue hosted three different brewing companies including Iron Horse, Snoqualmie Falls and Rattlesnake Mountain. Along with providing a great selection of brews, Fitterer’s also had enough living and dining rooms to go around. Visitors were allowed to lounge on sofas, recliners and love seats while sipping on pale or dark ale.

“Brewfest brings close to 1500 people ‘into the showroom for free that might not normally come into the store,” Paul Jewell of Fitterer’s Furniture said. “It is a well-publicized event and so we stay open for business during it.”

The kegs were tapped and the event started promptly at noon on Saturday. Event vouchers were traded in for neon pink wrist bracelets, five ounce souvenir glasses and five scrips. Volunteer workers for the event, easily noticeable in their bright blue shirts, stood around the Rotary Pavilion checking I.D.’s and informing procrastinators that the event was sold out and better luck next year.

Irritated customers didn’t quite understand the concept of BrewFest and became even more furious to hear volunteers say “no you can’t just walk in, have a beer and listen to the music. Tickets for the event were sold out yesterday, and you must have a ticket to enter.”

For visitors wanting a different venue These Callahan Girls provided one; beer and antiques. Visitors to this venue had the opportunity to try beer from the Redhook and Widmer Brewing Company. The store was made visitor friendly by putting white construction paper on table tops. People were encouraged to sign their names as they stood around enjoying their beer and the sound of Ravin Wolf, a local band that played in the venue.

Volunteers from Redhook and Widmer described the difference between last year’s BrewFest and this year’s noting that last year they were not prepared for such a huge showing of people and ended up running out of beer. This year they were prepared and it was much more enjoyable.

Down the street at the Recycle Bicycle Shop a one-man-band filled the air with music. Mike Reilly, musician and Central associate vice president of enrollment management, played the guitar and harmonica and sang during BrewFest.

“Mike Reilly is my favorite, has always been my favorite,” said Susan Howard, a long-time resident of Ellensburg. “We put a tip hat down in front of him and put a few dollar bills in it. Everyone applauded us.”

Most patrons appeared to enjoy the event whether it was their first or second time participating in Brewfest, according to workers from the breweries and the venues. So if you are looking for a good time or the chance to try a few new beers this might be the annual event for you.

Keep your calendars free and your eyes open for information about Ellensburg WinterHop BrewFest 2007.
As a family run business, Iron Horse Brewery, located at 1000 Prospect St. number 4, is owned by Meghan Hanley.

Q: What is special or unique about your brewery?
A: I make good, clean beer, that's what I focus on. I make five different styles, they're all very different. I'm using very good equipment. People like what I make, that's what they tell me!

Q: What is your favorite of all the beers you make at your brewery?
A: It depends on my mood. During the winter I go for the heavier beers. In the summer I go for my lighter beers.

Q: Which of your beers is the most popular?
A: They're all pretty close. I bottle it up and they're all within five or 10 cases of each other in the end. The people who love IPA's [India Pale Ale] love my IPA.

Q: What's the worst part about your job?
A: Dealing with distributors and trying to get your beer out there. When you come to find out that some bar that you really thought was going to be a good friend of yours, took your beer off the menu and put something else on instead.

Q: Where in Ellensburg can people buy this beer?
A: Happy's Market, they've got a nice selection in bottles. It's also at Fred Meyer.

Q: How about at any of the bars in town? Can you get it on draft?
A: Pearl's on Pearl has it, and The Palace.

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The audience's questions sparked stories ranging from Foley's infamous "Hell in the Cell" match, which involved the Undertaker, another WWE wrestler, throwing Foley off a 16-foot steel cage, to his charity work in the Philippines. Foley also touched on his experiences as a writer and best selling author.

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The event lasted an hour and half and concluded with Foley shaking hands, signing autographs and taking pictures with fans.

"I have been a fan since I was 13 and it was my life goal to see him," Cristan Frost, senior English major said.

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"In life we get to determine for ourselves what the success is," said Foley. "Some people consider it [success] a beautiful house, great cars, cool things and I drove a 2002 minivan and I like it that way."

"We were there only a couple of important points that I try to make," Foley said. "I think they [students] should consider the idea that they get to create their own definition of what constitutes being a success."
Regional art comes to Spurgeon Gallery

by Clare Jensen
Staff reporter

Students and teachers always have had one way relationships with instructors examining and critiquing students work.

For the next couple weeks the role will be reversed with the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery on Central Washington University's campus. Faculty artwork from three central Washington community college campuses will be on display. This is an opportunity for students and faculty to observe an eclectic mix of art.

"The most interesting thing about this exhibit is the diversity of work. There is a little bit of everything," said Shelby Lloyd, junior art education major.

This exhibition features a variety of media including oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, charcoal and ink drawings, photography, ceramic, rock fusion and wood sculptures, classic porcelain pots, silver and beaded jewelry and earplug sculptures.

"My favorite piece is [Howard Barlow's] 'Within Earshot.' I saw it at Bumbershoot and was surprised to see it here. It's very creative," Lloyd said.

"Within Earshot" is one of Barlow's two sculptures of anatomically correct babies covered in roughly 3,000 earplugs.

"The earplug sculptures were definitely unusual," said Courtney Cavanaugh, junior pre-med, "but I really thought that [Tracy Petrie of Columbia Basin College's] displays of current American culture were the most interesting pieces."

The exhibit displays work from different community colleges including Columbia Basin College, Wenatchee Valley College and Yakima Valley Community College.

The Regional Community College Invitational Exhibition artwork will be on display through Feb. 12.

Philip Lytle, professor of art and exhibition committee chair, said the gallery is open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The Chieftains to perform as part of Central's Presidential Speaker Series

by Bryant Phillips
Staff reporter

Just how have Ellensburg and Central been so fortunate to receive such big names?

"That's a legitimate question, because our locale is sometimes a deterrent for guest speakers who come on campus," said Marian Lien, Event Planner for Central.

"It started with Mary Robinson [the former president of Ireland] who came two years ago and really put Central on the map. It made Central understand what we're capable of and that we should aim higher, so that's what we did."

For those unfortunate enough not to have tickets for the 7 p.m. Chieftains concert, the founder of the band, Paddy Moloney, will be hosting a free lecture and demonstration in the concert hall at 1 p.m. Moloney will be talking about the instruments used in the band, including many traditional Irish instruments, and answering any questions the audience might have.

To avoid disappointment, Lien suggests that anyone interested in the upcoming lecture with Garrison Keillor should get their tickets soon, as they're nearly all gone.

"[The Chieftains] and Garrison Keillor are some of the ones who stand out when people say to me, 'I can't believe you brought them to Ellensburg,'" Lien said. "I'm now at the point where I can say that wouldn't you be happy to bring them to Ellensburg?"

For information about The Chieftains concert and upcoming events, contact the Performing Arts and Presidential Speakers Series at 509-963-2111.

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Wildcats trounced

Men fall to number three Seattle Pacific and lose buzzer beater to Northwest Nazarene

by Jake Paquette
Staff reporter

Going into last Thursday's game against number three nationally ranked Seattle Pacific University, coach Greg Sparling knew his team had to be hot and shoot the lights out of the ball. The Central Washington University men's basketball team is no stranger to producing points this year. The Wildcats are averaging the second best offensive attack in school history at 88.0 points and Seattle Pacific is second in the division in field goal percentage.

The Wildcats were kept on their toes but a freshman Colton Moni layup with seven minutes left, the game was tied at 82 a piece. It was the first time since early in the first half that Central tied up the game. The crowd had just blown up in a frenzy for no more than thirty seconds when Seattle Pacific hit two quick three-pointers to silence the entire gym.

Although Central was able to score 91 points and lead on their offensive stats impressively for the history books, they gave up 99 to an offense that was clicking all night long. "They ran their offense the best in the league," junior Lance Den Boer said. Despite a season high of 31 points for Den Boer, he seemed very unsatisfied.

"Whenever we don't win, I feel like I could have done more," Den Boer said. "We had a couple of defensive breakdowns. They had too many easy layups. We weren't used to their quickness."

Two of the league's top 10 scorers for Seattle Pacific, Dustin Bremenman and Tony Bennett combined for 58 of the 99 points. Seattle Pacific's strategy for fifth in the GNAC.

Defenses will battle in Arcata

by Marquie Allen
Staff reporter

After two close home losses, to Seattle Pacific and Northwest Nazarene, the Central Washington University men's basketball team is going back on the road again. The Wildcats are on their way to Arcata Calif. to play conference opponent Humboldt State. The Humboldt State Lumberjacks are also coming off two losses of their own, to Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Fairbanks.

The game should be an even match up between the two teams. Humboldt State is in a three game tie for fifth in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference having a 9-6 record, 3-4 in conference. Central is in fourth place in the GNAC, with a 9-7 record, 4-3 in conference.

Although both teams have similar records, each team focuses on different aspects of the game. The Lumberjacks have one of the better defenses in the conference, limiting their opponents to 74.5 points a game. Their offense is averaging 82.7 points per game. "We're shooting high percentages, so I don't think we should have too much trouble there," Adkisson said.

Big-time meet has track ready for spring

by Karbben Cook
Staff reporter

In the far east of Washington State, central Washington University's track and field team set big highs on the Washington State University Open track last weekend.

"It's more competitive and there are more states involved," All-American Terran Legard, senior sprinter said. In the past, the WSU Open has hosted some big name schools such as the University of Idaho and Stanford University. Competing against Division I schools allows the Wildcats to test their skills and help set momentum to be carried to the outdoor season, head coach Kevin Adkisson said.

"Mentally [our athletes are] ready and now they can build on it," Adkisson said.

One such athlete this season is sophomore thrower, Krissy Tandie. Tandie placed fourth in the women's shotput, with a throw of 46-05.00 feet.

"We've had them dead in the corner for the last month," Adkisson said. "But we're not going to let them off easy."

The game winning shot was Cliff's fifth three-pointer made in 12 attempts. As a team, Northwest Nazarene shot 14-38 from the three point land and averaged 12 threes a game, which is first in conference.

"Northwest Nazarene was picked to be number two in the GNAC Coaches poll at the beginning of the year. They're one of the nations best three point shooting teams," Sparling said.

A big difference in the game was free throws. Northwest Nazarene made 25 of 28 free throws while the Wildcats only made 10 of 18 free throw attempts. The 15 point difference from the line put extra pressure on Central the entire game.

Despite shooting just over 61 from the field, Central's defense gave up way too many points. Central gives up the second most points per game in the GNAC at 83.5 per game. Northwest Nazarene also dominated in steals with 10 while Central could only muster up one.
Nicholson made design headlines when it was built

by Courtney Naccarato

Staff reporter

The campus of Central Washington University holds a unique structure that many do not even think about when they go to class each day. Nicholson Pavilion is home to Central athletics and Health Human Performance and Recreation program, but few know all the history of this odd structure.

Architecture and design - a love for athletics. The Student Association building, renamed in 1964 the Samuelson Union Building was known as the “New Gym” and housed athletics starting in 1928. When it was evident that a new gym was needed in 1957, the Student Association building planning committee decided to add to the Union building. During the changes the locker rooms and showers were converted into the social lounge downstairs and offices on the second floor. The basketball court was transformed into the ballroom. In the fall of 1961 the building was in use.

In 1957, Washington State Legislature approved a $1,425,000 budget for a health and physical education building. It was required that the building be a functional design with the objectives held by the Health and Physical Education staff.

Architect Ralph Burkard from Seattle was chosen to do the job. He worked with fellow staff members, including Leo Nicholson, to come up with the best design to fit the needs of the physical education program.

Built in 1959, Nicholson is the last of its kind remaining. Six suspension roof buildings were constructed in the United States and Nicholson represents the end of that era. For that time in history it was state of the art. The reasoning, if you tear down the walls, the roof will still be in its place held up by the cables.

The massive structure is 150 by 190 feet. What makes this building unique is the suspension roof. Cables pass over pylons to hold up the roof, reducing the need for weight bearing walls. Four classrooms were fitted with acoustic equipment so classes are not disturbed by gymnasium noise. A swimming pool was located where the dance studio is at present day. It was the first swimming pool at Central. The field house was part of the original design. It had coin operated ten foot high bars for athletes to practice outdoor activities in inclement weather.

In 1960, it was dedicated to Leo Nicholson, who at that time was the Director of Athletics. Leo Nicholson started working at Central in 1929. He was the head basketball coach and at his retirement in 1964 had 505 wins under his belt. Central’s Board of Trustees approved of the name and he was the first person on active staff to have a building named after him. It was officially named the Leo Nicholson Athletic Pavilion.

Nicholson has gone through various renovations. In 1967, movable bleachers were added to the upper gym. The grounds storage facility was added in 1979. The swimming pool was filled in and became the dance studio in 1985. A major remodel was done in 1992; the training room was remodeled, dressing rooms were added to the dance studio, the men’s team room was modified and the gym floors became up to date.

Recently there was a start of another major remodel. In the summer of 2004 the women’s locker room was remodeled. The next phase of the project, know as Nicholson Pavilion IAQ/Asbestos Renovation, is planned to start spring quarter, and be completed in fall of 2006. In this renovation, asbestos will be abated in the entire lobby and existing men’s locker room. An improved ventilation system will also be installed for renovated areas. The men’s locker room, the men’s and women’s laundry facility and the training room are all being updated. Along with this the weight room is going to be enlarged.

The hope for Nicholson by 2009 is to have a new floor and bleachers for the main gym. The weight room will be added to and offices will go above the existing weight room and a half of game room and concession stands will be added, contingent upon funding approval.

Women lose to Western in Bellingham

by Pat Brown

Sports editor

When a team averages close to 80 points a game, and outscorers their opponents by more than 20 points, game planning can be tough. Such was the case for Central Washington University women’s basketball coach Jeff Whitney last Saturday in Bellingham as the Wildcats took on the Great Northwest Athletic Conference leading Western Oregon Vikings.

“ar. our goal was to hold them in the sixties,” Whitney said.

Hold them in the sixties they did. Unfortunately for the Wildcats they only scored in the forties, ending the game at 65-47 in favor of Western Oregon.

“It was a defensive battle both ways,” Whitney said.

The Wildcats had 23 turnovers and shot only 32.2 percent from the field, while the Vikings had 16 turnovers and shot 38.6 percent. Whitney said, the deciding factor was that the Wildcats attempted 23 free throws, while the Vikings only attempted three.

Game experience may have been a determining factor. The Vikings start five seniors while the Wildcats only starting senior is Jamie Corwin. This added experience, has helped the Vikings gain the number eight ranking in the National Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

“They’ve very experienced they don’t make a lot of errors,” Whitney said.

Senior wing/forward Jamie Corwin was impressive in the loss going seven for 11 from the field.

This weekend will be very important for Central as they go on the road to face Saint Martin’s University and Seattle University. Saint Martin’s is currently sixth in the GNAC with Central right behind them.

Whitney said, that the next few games will prove critical since there is only one win separating the third place team from the eighth place team in the conference standings. Seattle University is fourth in the GNAC.

Saturday’s game against Seattle University will mark the midpoint of the season. Whitney said his team’s goal was to be in the top three at that point. A spot in the top three is unlikely, but a winning road trip will give the Wildcats momentum coming into a two game home stand against Western Oregon and Humboldt State.

“We can set the tone by getting into the top four,” Whitney said.

With nearly half the season under their belt, the time has come to start thinking about the Wildcats postseason chances. As of the last NCAA regional rankings poll the team was not listed in the west region’s top ten.

The top eight seeds in the region go to the playoffs and Whitney said there are usually three GNAC teams that go to the post season. Competition in the GNAC is up this year though.

“It’s the toughest conference competition I’ve seen since I’ve been here,” Whitney said.

Whitney is just trying to keep his team focused and take it one game at a time.

“We’re playing better defense now, better team basketball and we’ll see where it gets us.”

Top: A bird’s eye view of Nicholson Pavilion after it was constructed in 1960. Bottom: Students come and go from the then new Nicholson Pavilion.
Potucek, who is now the all-time...
Wildcat defense has allowed opponents to score an average of 83.5 points per game.

"Defensively we need to pick it up," said Sparling. "We want to focus on putting them on the perimeter to cause more turnovers." The Lumberjacks will be tough to beat having a 6-2 home record. On the flipside, the Wildcats have played exceptionally well on the road posting a 3-1 record. The Lumberjacks average 1079 people in attendance.

To beat the Lumberjacks the Wildcats will have to contain their leading scorer junior forward Kevin Johnson, averaging 21.7 points and 9.6 rebounds a game. Part of slowing him down will be keeping the ball out of his hands. "We want to limit his touches, and get him out on the perimeter more," Sparling said. "It's going to be hard to stop someone who averages 20 points and 10 rebounds a game, he's a really good player."

Each team has their individual strengths, which plays right into the other team's strength. This game comes down to who can raise the play of their weaknesses.

### GNAC Scoring Leaders

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