2-23-2006

Observer

Central Washington University

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.cwu.edu/cwu_student_newspaper

Recommended Citation

https://digitalcommons.cwu.edu/cwu_student_newspaper/2290

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the University Archives and Special Collections at ScholarWorks@CWU. It has been accepted for inclusion in CWU Student Newspaper by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks@CWU. For more information, please contact scholarworks@cwu.edu.
The cartoon controversy, started in Denmark, September 2005, continues to spread around the globe. More than 80 newspapers have republished the offensive cartoons and the bounty on the Danish cartoonists heads has increased to $11 million.

See stories on pages 2 & 5
Cartoons cause violence, chaos across the world

The global climate is currently in a state of tension and unrest, thus making it seem improbable that things could become even more divided. However, with the September 2005 publication of satirical cartoons negatively depicting the Prophet Mohammed, the violent protests and climbing death tolls continue to question the stability of our global foundation.

After 40 cartoons were invited by the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten to create the caricatures, 12 submitted drawings of how they saw Mohammed, which then appeared in the newspaper in September 2005. One portrayal depicted Mohammed as a terrorist with a bomb on his turban. Another showed Mohammed in heaven informing suicide bombers that they had run out of virgins (wikipedia.org). As news of the controversial cartoons circulated they began reappearing in European papers, further infuriating the Muslim community.

Many experts are currently debating why the Muslim community became so enraged over these specific publications. One possible explanation is that the idea of dissent and free-expression is a foreign concept to a large part of the world's Muslim population. This is a hard concept for those of us in the west to grasp because the concept of "free-speech" is such a western idea engraved in us throughout our entire lives.

Central Washington University political science professor, Mathew Manweiler questions whether or not this has anything to do with speech. So is this about free speech or is it about the destabilization of governmental power?

"I ran, used, the cartoons to sort of, fan the flame in the east," Manweller said. "They used them as an opportunity to [further divide East from West]."

"Must we be tolerant of intolerance?" Manweiler asked.
Tips for a tall students' backs
- Use a lumbar support pillow. It keeps the lower back supported, prevents slouching and the hunched-over position that can deform the back.
- Stay hydrated. Bridgeman noted that the discs between spinal vertebrae consist of 70 percent water and thus, staying hydrated is essential to keeping those discs healthy.
- Be aware of your posture. Making a habit of sitting up straight will keep your spine in the proper alignment.
- Just don't sit. When having a break from class take a walk.

Ruch's comments may encompass all students and readers alike, but one local Ellensburg chiropractor said that a greater burden rests on the taller-than-average few.

"The big problem with the height-to-desk ratio is that the taller you are, the more forward you have to go to (and the more decrease in the elbow height you have)," said Ellensburg Chiropractic's Dr. D.B. Bridgeman. "If[ you] are bent between 90 degrees, that's really bad, because then you've got your knees bent; you're going to get more pressure on your hips and the spine and the more you have to forward flex."

"The problem with forward flexion, Bridgeman said, is that it forces the spine into a question mark shape over time, causing hunch-backed posture. Furthermore, the tendency to lean forward over one's dominant side and cock the head while writing forces the spine to misalign itself to that side, causing it to further deform.

"You need elbow support when you're writing, otherwise you have to constantly hold up the upper extremity, which is going to cause muscle contraction and is going to cause unilateral spasm," Bridgeman said. "If you're a left-hander, a lot of those desks, they don't have any support [on the left side], so that's a big problem as well." Bridgeman's claims aren't without contention, however. Dr. Myron Linder of Linder Chiropractic in Ellensburg believes spinal health has less to do with one's seating arrangements and more to do with general health.

"A lot of times when you look at your size and your weight, you can also look at your habits - your physical habits," Linder said. "When you think of if you were doing aerobics everyday, or doing stretching exercises versus not doing anything at all, that's going to make a big difference as to how well your back does with any kind of chair."

Linder admits that sitting positions and workplace ergonomics do play a role in the "fine tuning" of spinal health, but said that overall, exercise and nutrition are far more important.

"It's kind of important to look at that holistic approach and not just that 45 minutes in that chair in that classroom," Linder said.

Bridgeman agrees in part with Linder's assessment and said that while diet and nutrition are far more important, classroom seating: "I would like some­thing that's ergonomically correct."

"You need elbow support when you're writing, otherwise you have to constantly hold up the upper extremity, which is going to cause muscle contraction and is going to cause unilateral spasm," Bridgeman said. "If you're a left-hander, a lot of those desks, they don't have any support [on the left side], so that's a big problem as well." Bridgeman's claims aren't without contention, however. Dr. Myron Linder of Linder Chiropractic in Ellensburg believes spinal health has less to do with one's seating arrangements and more to do with general health.

"A lot of times when you look at your size and your weight, you can also look at your habits - your physical habits," Linder said. "When you think of if you were doing aerobics everyday, or doing stretching exercises versus not doing anything at all, that's going to make a big difference as to how well your back does with any kind of chair."

Linder admits that sitting positions and workplace ergonomics do play a role in the "fine tuning" of spinal health, but said that overall, exercise and nutrition are far more important.

"It's kind of important to look at that holistic approach and not just that 45 minutes in that chair in that classroom," Linder said.

Bridgeman agrees in part with Linder's assessment and said that while diet and nutrition are far more important, classroom seating: "I would like something that's ergonomically correct."
Ellensburg Extreme, the flashy, sometimes dirty, late-night sketch comedy show has won numerous national awards and thrived at Central Washington University. However, issues stemming from a pulled show in December that could lead to censorship have persisted for several months and are just now being dealt with.

"This is the first time we've pulled Ellensburg Extreme, but we've had qualms about the content before," said Kurt Newman, Ellensburg Community Television (ECTV) Production Coordinator. "When City Hall is calling I have to act."

Michael Ogden, associate professor of film, video and multimedia communication, serves as Extreme's faculty advisor.

Ogden said the American Civil Liberties Union has proven in various court cases that restrictive community standards amount to censorship.

"It's a seductive argument [community standards], but it's without legal merit," Ogden said.

The show had been running in three time-slots: 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Episode 8.3, which was pulled in December, had received complaints from the community about masturbation jokes and the sale of semen.

Newman said that the show had been pulled due to community guidelines. It also ran into copyright infringement because of music played during the closing credits.

Justin Paulson, executive producer of Ellensburg Extreme said that the show and its staff weren't consulted about the material, or told of the complaints before it was pulled.

"Just because a time is requested doesn't mean it has to be granted," said Robert Fordan, associate professor of video communication and a member of the Ellensburg Cable Commission.

"We have not been informed by the number or quality of complaints by community members," Ogden said.

"They were just not spelled out clearly enough," Newman said.

Copyright infringement also came up in the discussion of the pulling of the episode. During the credits, roughly one-and-a-half minutes of a Dire Straits song was used.

"I did mess up here, and it has been corrected," Fessler said. "I just am trying to get a decent airing of my show."

The show is only airing at 11:30 p.m. and is being previewed by staff at ECTV. These issues were set to be discussed at the monthly meeting of the Cable Commission, but it was canceled due to lack of attendance.
There is no question of whether the First Amendment to the Constitution, specifically freedom of expression, is being infringed upon in our country. In the last three weeks there has been a gross testament to the trend, and it is perhaps fitting that the challenge to the nation’s freedom of speech and press did not come from citizens of our country, but from that the challenge to the nation’s freedom of expression is being infringed upon in our country. In the last three weeks there has been a gross testament to the trend, and it is perhaps fitting that the challenge to the nation’s freedom of speech and press did not come from citizens of our country, but from

There have been a gross testament to the trend, and it is perhaps fitting that the challenge to the nation’s freedom of speech and press did not come from citizens of our country, but from that the challenge to the nation’s freedom of expression is being infringed upon in our country. In the last three weeks there has been a gross testament to the trend, and it is perhaps fitting that the challenge to the nation’s freedom of speech and press did not come from citizens of our country, but from

There have been a gross testament to the trend, and it is perhaps fitting that the challenge to the nation’s freedom of speech and press did not come from citizens of our country, but from that the challenge to the nation’s freedom of expression is being infringed upon in our country. In the last three weeks there has been a gross testament to the trend, and it is perhaps fitting that the challenge to the nation’s freedom of speech and press did not come from citizens of our country, but from

There have been a gross testament to the trend, and it is perhaps fitting that the challenge to the nation’s freedom of speech and press did not come from citizens of our country, but from that the challenge to the nation’s freedom of expression is being infringed upon in our country. In the last three weeks there has been a gross testament to the trend, and it is perhaps fitting that the challenge to the nation’s freedom of speech and press did not come from citizens of our country, but from
Showtime at the McConnell is a talent show that pays tribute to the Apollo Theatre. The show is put on by the Black Student Union (BSU). This annual event takes place at 7 p.m. Friday Feb. 24 and admission is free. The winner of the talent show will win a grand prize of $500.

Show pays tribute to Apollo Theatre

The historic Apollo Theatre in Harlem, NY is known for holding talent shows bursting with audience participation. This Friday at an Apollo Theatre tribute event, Central Washington University students will bring their acts to the stage.

The Black Student Union (BSU), along with the Equity Service Council and the Diversity Center, is presenting Showtime at McConnell, a talent showcase and tribute to the classic Showtime at the Apollo.

"It's a crowd judged talent showcase where you kind of get fed to the sharks so to speak," said Perry Lomax, junior public relations major and president of BSU. "If they don't like you, you get booted right off the stage."

The Crowe interaction is an important element of the show. Audience members freely express how they feel about the acts on stage is what The Apollo is known for.

"If you hear something you don't like, the point is to boo them right off the stage," Lomax said. "People are ready to boo. Once one or two of the rowdy people start booing, everybody else kind of follows suit."

Though booing may be fun, many of the acts are quite talented. "There are a lot of good acts this year," Meeks said.

While audience members are encouraged to boo for the bad acts, they are also encouraged to clap for the good acts. "If they're good, you clap," said Ana Gonzalez, sophomore family studies major. "If you don't like them, you boo them off."

This is the third year in a row the BSU has presented Showtime at McConnell, and the annual event is something even families can enjoy.

"We put on this event because it's basically a way to get people involved, and it gets people to recognize the BSU," Domonique Meeks, freshman law and justice major said. "We're putting on a family event and showing everyone that we put on a good show."

Many different types of acts will be performing in the show.

"The majority of them are singing and rapping...and then we have a steel drum act, we have a gospel act, and we have a couple of comedy acts," Lomax said.

The winner of Showtime at McConnell will win a grand prize of $500. Aside from the grand prize, attendees also have a chance to win something. "If you walk around campus you'll see these yellow signs with random black facts on them," Lomax said. "Learn those facts, lose those facts, become one with those facts, because those facts will get you prizes at the show. We're going to ask people in the audience who knows the answer to these questions."

New to this year's event is the host Scruncho. Scruncho is a comedian who has been on numerous comedy tours, appeared on BET Comic View, and was in the movie How High. DJ Hott Sauce will be Djing the event.

The event is free to all attendees, however the BSU is accepting donations.

The annual event is something BSU enjoys putting on because it serves as a tribute to the Apollo Theatre.

"It's just a little fun piece of the black culture that we want to bring to Central," Lomax said. "This is actually our third annual [Showtime at McConnell] and this one is going to be bigger and better than the other two."

Held at 7 p.m. on Friday Feb. 24 in the McConnell Theatre, Showtime at McConnell is an event for all students to attend and enjoy.

Students build 'Bridges' at Central

by Laura Craves
Staff reporter

There are many children who grow up thinking that college will never be an option for them. Children who think because they grew up without a lot of money there will never be a chance of getting into college. Bridges is an organization that shows these kids that college is an option, and how accessible it can be.

Founded in 1997, Bridges is a non-profit organization funded by the Central Washington University GEAR UP grant. The program involves college students and students from various schools from central Washington, including Othello, Prosser, Royal City, Highland and Wahluke. The college students work with students from grades six through 10 and interact with them on many different activities. Veronica Gomez, Bridges coordinator, explained that the students who interact with the college students really look up to them, and take to heart what they learn.

"The college students provide academic activities and become role models to these kids. They plan and implement after school clubs, work shops, field trips and other academic activities," Gomez said.

Last Wednesday, seventh graders from Othello came to Central and gathered for a day of workshops put on by students in Communication 201 class. The workshop was called Media Identity. Media identity was a variety of different activities the students participated in, working in group and individual activities. The students looked at different aspects of the media and how the media portrays different ethnicities.

Many of these students come from different backgrounds and ethnicities, so it was an interesting and effective way to see how the media can portray all different ethnicities.

"Kids from Othello get to see how the media portrays different ethnicities," Gomez said. "The kids get to look at different portrayals and see if that is how they look at themselves."

Bridges welcomes all students who are interested in participating and offers some paid positions, community service hours and numerous volunteer opportunities.

"To get involved, or for more information about Bridges, contact Veronica Gomez at 563-1347 or in Hertz 203."
After a two-month delay students must wait longer for their Frosty

by Ryan Fedacz
Staff reporter

Put those square hamburger patties on hold. The Wendy's restaurant is yet to open as a result of a personal business decision. The franchisee of the Ellensburg Wendy's has made the decision to abandon his position with the restaurant and in return, has left the famous family restaurant with an empty drive-through and closed doors.

"We fully expect to open because there is a pent up demand for Wendy's in that area [Ellensburg]... It's popular with the college students. It's the Frosties, chicken nuggets and junior bacon burgers [that attracts the students]," said Chris Dickinsen, a spokesperson for Wendy's International. Though the restaurant is expected to open, Dickinsen said there is not a set date and time as to when it will. The restaurant had been slated to open earlier this year.

"We are actively looking for someone to operate the restaurant... when that happens [find a franchisee] then we will open," Dickinsen said.

Rumors in Ellensburg in regard to why Wendy's has yet to open have been circulating around the community. Small-talk has ranged from polluted ground soil below the restaurant to a confident Wendy's company deciding to take the process slow as result of a lack of competition.

Dickinsen said she was unfamiliar with the rumors, but they are not the reason for the delay.

"Be a little patient with us and soon you will enjoy your favorite food from Wendy's," Dickinsen said.
Parents join students at Central for fun during Family Weekend

by Tim McMahon

Staff reporter

Central Washington University’s Campus Life invites students and their families to participate in this year’s Family Weekend. The Family Weekend is an opportunity for students who aren’t always able to travel home on weekends to invite family members to campus to explore other avenues available to students outside of the classroom.

“Even though my parents are in Arizona this year I think it’s really cool,” Jody Calybrook, freshman major said. The three day event stretches from Friday evening, when participants can check in, to Sunday afternoon with activities throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday.

“My parents are here the weekend before to avoid the crowds of family weekend,” Jennifer Enz, sophomore philosophy major, said. Other students are opting out of participating.

“The long drive isn’t worth it for my parents and it’s mostly for first year students anyway,” Keith Vance, senior graphic design major, said. For those students and parents who are participating in Family Weekend, Saturday offers a full array of activities including a snowshoe excursion, a tour of Central’s chimpanzee and signing chimpanzee, and the opportunity to use the new SUB/REC’s indoor rock climbing wall for an introduction to the sport of rock climbing.

Activities continue through the afternoon with bowling at the Ellensburg Rodeo Bowl and Central’s women’s basketball team taking on St. Martin’s College followed by the men basketball team playing Humboldt State in the Nicholson Pavilion.

All Central students are invited to attend Family Weekend, although it seems to be predominantly geared toward first and second year students.

“I think it’s a good transition for younger students just moving out,” Mandy Eastin, senior Japanese major, said. “The Chimposium provides education and knowledge about chimpanzees.” Kara Moug, program coordinator for CHCI, said.

The program is an hour long. During the first 30 minutes visitors learn about Project Washoe and issues affecting chimps today. A guide will then lead a 20 minute observation period where visitors communicate their names to chimpanzees and issues affecting chimps today.

“The best thing about the Chimposium is seeing the realization of people going through here,” Moug said.

There is a maximum of 40 people per session. Prepaid telephone reservations are required and the cost is $10 for adults and $6.50 for students. Reservations can be made by calling 963-2244.

By Tim Vermeulen

Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Chim­panzee and Human Communication Institute (CHCI) will have a special presentation for their famed Chimposium at 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 24 and at 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 in the CHCI as part of this year’s Family Weekend.

“Central is exceptional in how we incorporate theSUB/REC’s indoor rock climbing wall for an introduction to the sport of rock climbing.”

Activities continue through the afternoon with bowling at the Ellensburg Rodeo Bowl and Central’s women’s basketball team taking on St. Martin’s College followed by the men basketball team playing Humboldt State in the Nicholson Pavilion.

All Central students are invited to attend Family Weekend, although it seems to be predominantly geared toward first and second year students.

“I think it’s a good transition for younger students just moving out,” Mandy Eastin, senior Japanese major, said. The program is an hour long. During the first 30 minutes visitors learn about Project Washoe and issues affecting chimps today.

A guide will then lead a 20 minute observation period where visitors communicate their names to chimpanzees.

“The best thing about the Chimposium is seeing the realization of people going through here,” Moug said.

There is a maximum of 40 people per session. Prepaid telephone reservations are required and the cost is $10 for adults and $6.50 for students. Reservations can be made by calling 963-2244.
by Casey Donovan
Staff reporter

What the boxscore from Saturday's game won't show is the intensity that a rivalry game like this harbors. The chips on each player's shoulder grew a little bit bigger and the fans are a whole lot louder. This is what Wildcat fans have come to expect when Central and Western face off.

Even after a 65-60 loss to rival Western Washington University Vikings, the Central Seattle student section remained loud and enthusiastic, which the Wildcats women held their heads high long after the game was over. The emotions simply boiled over Saturday night at Nicholson Pavilion.

"I think this was the most emotional game I've ever been a part of," coach Jeff Whitney said.

Chances are a loss at home to rival Western would have Central in disarray. Not these Wildcats.

Although the game ended in a loss for the Wildcats, they played quite possibly their best game all season, proving to the critics that they are capable of hanging with the toughest of teams.

"We feel good, we're hanging with the toughest of teams," freshmen point guard Ashley Fenimore, who contributed 14 points. "We probably ran about 20 different sets and were getting nothing out of them. We didn't hit one three pointer out of a set play. Drive and kick was our only option."

Western came out and scored the first six points of the second half, making it even tougher for Central to claw back into the game. Also, Conwin was sent to the bench after accumulating her fourth foul on a questionable call that left Whitney and the crowd furious.

"Whitney had seen enough and called a timeout. That was all Central needed to spark a comeback and light a fire under the team," coach Kevin Adkisson said.

"Emotionally he is so involved," Fenimore said. "That timeout really fired us up."

The Wildcats mustered up enough points to get the deficit to single digits through the middle of the second half. Afterward, Fenimore strode down the floor and pulled up for a three, then hit two clutch free throws to narrow the gap to just one point.

With just under a minute to go, Fenimore once again provided Central with life as she nailed another trey that cut the deficit to one.

Laura Wright blocked a shot with 27 seconds left and the Wildcats had a chance of tying the game, but Hanna Hummel missed a jumper in the lane; Western got the rebound and was fouled, sending the Vikings to the foul line with just three seconds left.

They hit their next two free throws and put the game out of contention, Central forcing the Western Washington Vikings defeat Central 65-60.

Earlier in the week Central remained rolled the Grand Canyon University Antelopes 85-61 in an impressive win. The story of the night was Jamie Corwin, who set an all time women's scoring record with 37 points, 25 in the first half.

"I felt good during warm-ups and after I hit a few shots I knew I had it going," Corwin said.

Conwin added that postseason play would be a good way for her to go out since she has never been there.

Central's chance at a postseason fulfills relies on next week games; it's a must win scenario now.

Just as any good team should do, Central plans to finish off the regular season by winning, hopefully pushing them into the postseason tournament.

"We have high hopes for next week," said junior center Laura Wright who grabbed 10 rebounds to go with her eight points against Western. "We need these next two wins."

Senior forward Jamie Corwin drives the lane against the Vikings last Saturday, when the Wildcats lost 60-63. Last Thursday Corwin scored a school record 37 points against Grand Canyon University.

Indoor track takes second in Nampa, Idaho

by Kenbo Cook
Staff reporter

Last weekend at the Idaho Center in Nampa Idaho, both Wildcat men and women took second place in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) Indoor Track and Field Championship.

Western Seattle Community held its annual GNAC Indoor Track and Field Championship.

"The Vikings 22-1 record can be attributed to their impressive physical play on the court," Whitney said. "Western had everything to lose and that_timeout really fired us up.""Whitney had seen enough and called a timeout. That was all Central needed to spark a comeback and light a fire under the team," coach Kevin Adkisson said.

Though tonight's game will be against a team that is 2-7 in this year in road conference games, Central lost by eight last time these teams met.

Western Oregon (6-15, 3-11) found a way to beat the Wildcats by getting to the foul line 12 more times. Junior forward Kevor Tyler who leads the team in assists (5.6) and points (17.9), led

In the jumps, sophomore Haley Amos took fourth place in the pole vault with a 10-08.25 feet. Sophomore Cameron Bailey had a 6-00.60 feet jump in the high jump taking second place. The men's 4x400 relay took second place in 3:24.61 minutes barely under Northwest Nazarene University who ran 3:24.60 minutes.

In sprints, senior Terran Legard set last year's records in the 200 meter with a time of 25.25 seconds and the 400 meter record in 56.57 seconds. Legard, who obtained her qualifying mark at the University of Washington Open cross country meet, took third place in the 200 meter this year running 26.20 seconds and first place in the 400 meter in 57.73 seconds.

Katie Hummel took first place in the mile run in 5:08.11 minutes and sophmore Marcie Muller in 18:27.98 minutes and second place in the 5000 meter run with senior Brandy Anderson finishing in 18:27.98 minutes and third place in the 10000 meter run with sophomore Marcie Muller in 38:32.42 minutes.

Freshman Matthew Neel is definitely going to be a good way for her to go out since she has never been there.

Central's chance at a postseason fulfills relies on next week games; it's a must win scenario now.

Just as any good team should do, Central plans to finish off the regular season by winning, hopefully pushing them into the postseason tournament.

"We have high hopes for next week," said junior center Laura Wright who grabbed 10 rebounds to go with her eight points against Western. "We need these next two wins."

Senior forward Jamie Corwin drives the lane against the Vikings last Saturday, when the Wildcats lost 60-63. Last Thursday Corwin scored a school record 37 points against Grand Canyon University.

Wins are crucial as Wildcats seek postseason

by Jake Paquette
Staff reporter

Tuesday night the Central Washington University men's basketball team sat down to watch a video of the last time they played the Western Oregon Wolves. It was an ugly game from start to finish for the Wildcats. A game that dropped them to 500 and 4-5 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference play.

"It should sting a little bit," head coach Greg Spark said.

Hopefully that sting will boost the Wildcats. If they are to make the play-offs, wins against the Wolves tonight and the Humboldt State Lumberjacks on Saturday are crucial. The reborn Wildcats are now on a four-game winning streak, as opposed to being in the middle of a five game losing streak they were the last time they met these teams.

Although tonight's game will be another must win scenario. This team that is 4-6 this year in road conference games, Central lost by eight last time these teams met.

Western Oregon (6-15, 3-11) found a way to beat the Wildcats by getting to the foul line 12 more times. Junior forward Kevor Tyler who leads the team in assists (5.6) and points (17.9), led...
It was a great weekend for baseball fans on campus. The Wildcats were one strikeout shy of a complete sweep against the Northwest Nazarene University Crusaders last weekend. Despite the frigid weather of last Friday, the team dominated both offensively and defensively all day.

"I thought it went really good, it was good to be at home," senior catcher Kevin Knutsen said. "It was nice to see the fans come out despite the weather."

Fridays temperature was 22 degrees with 10-12 mile per hour winds but that did not affect the Wildcat's potent offense.

The Central victories of 16-1 and 7-5 would improve their record to 4-2 while the Crusaders took their third and fourth consecutive losses, making their record 1-5. The Wildcats started with authority as their first five batters all earned hits and then were brought in by a grand slam homerun by Knutsen. The Wildcats did not stop until they had completely gone through the lineup and scored six runs on six hits.

"I knew it was gone, it felt good almost effortless," Knutsen said.

Senior starting pitcher Scott Parrish earned his second win of the season in Friday's first game, throwing the first five innings, allowing only one run and six hits with one walk. He would be relieved by Adam Kemp, who closed out the game only allowing one hit in two innings.

Game two on Friday would not start out with as much intensity. Starting pitcher David Jackson earned his second win of the season allowing four hits and five runs over five innings. He proved to be a problem against many of the Crusaders by striking out five. The Wildcat's offense continued to produce runs at a constant stream over the first three innings and defensively shut down the Crusaders for the rest of the game allowing only six hits total.

Junior closer Craig Marshall pitched the last two innings and earned his second save of the season.

The game would stay close for its entirety. Senior Jesse Orton started on the mound and pitched a great five innings giving up three runs and seven hits. The Crusaders struggled to produce a rally against Morris' pitching their pitching allowed nine runs by the fourth inning. Crusader starting pitcher Tim Stuvland allowed five of those nine in his three innings. The Wildcats put together a great rally that started with lead-off hitter sophomore short stop Jamie Nilsen's triple to center field in the bottom of the third inning. He was brought in on a double by senior catcher Kevin Knutsen. The Wildcats walked away with this one 10-2.

The Wildcats were only one game away from a complete four game sweep. The game would stay close for its entirety. Senior Jesse Orton started on the mound and pitched a great five innings allowing three runs and seven hits. The Crusaders fought back to within one run with an out remaining in the seventh inning, when Crusader short stop Levi Shumway hit a double that brought in two runs, making the score 7-6. The Wildcats were held scoreless in the bottom of the seventh and led in the series finale.

Junior left fielder Justin Marshall was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Baseball Hitter of the Week. Marshall is the second Wildcat to receive the award this season. Marshall went eight for 15 with six RBIs on the weekend improving his batting average to .400.

The Wildcats next game is at home against Eastern Oregon University on February 26 at noon.

Wildcats senior catcher Kevin Knutsen runs home, (above right) and scores on a Derek O'Konek single in game three against NNU (right).
Men's basketball finally faces game win streak
by Marqise Allen

Going into the final stretch of the season, the Central Washington University men's basketball team wants to win the road this past weekend riding a two-game winning streak. The Wildcats returned home taking their two-game winning streak and their playoff hopes alive.

The Wildcats first traveled to Kam­pa, Idaho to take on Northwest Nazarene University and try to average their close road game to the point total of the Crusaders almost a month ago. The game was relatively close for the entire first half with a total of eight lead changes. Central's defense was superb for the entire first half, holding Northwest Nazarene to only 35.1 percent shooting. The Wildcats were able to eventu­ally build their lead to nine points, but Central's offense could not penetrate the Crusaders well under 43.4 percent a game average in the win, 74-96.

The Wildcats then traveled to Seat­tle to take on Pacific University in the final game of their road trip. Cen­tral took the momentum in their previ­ous three wins and took down the Fal­cons who are ranked eighth in the National Association of Basketball Coaches polls.

The first half was relatively close, but Central's offense could not get in sync for a majority of it, the Wildcats shooting 35.9 percent from the field and 3.9 turnovers. The key to staying in the game was their free throw shooting, making 76.2 percent of their shots while Den Boer picked up right where he left off, scoring the first four points of the first half. The first half was first start from finish and neither team could break away, but Seattle Pacific went into halftime with a slight lead, 38-36.

The Wildcats came out as a com­pletely different team offensively in the second half and were led by the play of Den Boer and freshman guard Johnny Speak scoring 18 points collectively.

"In the second half we were making baskets," Sparling said. "I just real­ly felt in the second half our guys wanted it more."

The second half was just as close as the first half until Den Boer scored five straight points and Spevak hit a jumper taking the lead to eight points, which secured the lead and the game. Despite getting within striking distance at times, the Falcons were never able to get the lead back. Central won its fourth game in a row by defeating Seattle Pacific, 98-87.

Central will ride home on their four-game winning streak with a lot of confi­dence. They play the second worst team in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Western Oregon Universi­ty (8-15, 3-11), tonight in Nicholson Gym.

"This weekend was that they're as good as they are," Sparling said. "In the second half we were making baskets, going big, we'll go big. We have that luxury this year."

Humboldt's biggest strength as a team is rebounding, grabbing an aver­age of 7.5 offensive rebounds per game against opponents.

"Last time we lost to these guys," the follow­ing week we had a lot of boxing out drills," Sparling said. As far as accompl­ishments go for the season, no player in the last nine years since Cen­tral will play Hum­boldt State (14-8, 8-6) who won 101-89 one month ago against the Wild­cats.

Even though sophomore guard Gray was named by PacWest as the week’s top offensive player, scoring 30 points and was 10-10 from the free throw line, nobody forgot the numbers coach Robert Hicks put up, scor­ing 41 points on eight of nine shooting from three-point land. The Wolf's biggest threat Saturday night will be senior forward Kevin Johnson who leads the Lumberjacks in points (19.2) and rebounds (9.8) on the season.

"We’ll rotate guys through, see who plays him the best," Sparling said. "If they go small, we’ll go small, if they go big, we’ll go big. We have that luxury this year."

FEMALE SINGERS, SONG­writer, and guitarist looking to jam with other musicians interested in jamming and performing. Email Army's listserv list to taylor@uw.edu.

FEMALE ROOMMATE WANTED
looking for a clean & personal­istic roommate for a two bedroom apt one block from campus, $2000/mo., plus la mo. rent, $150 dep., 1/2 util. Please call 509-670-2234.

PRE-PAID LEGAL SERVICES will be expanding our services in the Ellensburg area. We are looking for new associates to help us build our business. For information, please contact Angela 509-674-9499.

MCKINLEY EXPLORER LUX­URY TRAIN SERVICE, a division of Holland America Tours, is seeking high school students to work with high school students during residential summer school at Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake, WA from June 12 - July 29, 2006. Full-time assignments. For information, please contact Melissa Denhoff at 509)793-2008 or e-mail: mdenhoff@bigbend.edu. Equal oppor­tunity employer.

APARTMENT FOR RENT 2 bedroom apt for rent. 1 block from campus! $625. 117 E 11th Wil­lowdale Apartments. Call 425-641-1230 ask for Larry or leave msg. 1/19.

SUMMER JOBS! HIRING FULL­TIME MANAGERS AND PAINTERS. $5-$10 per/hr., bonus­es! No Experience necessary. Jobs in WA, OR, ID. Apply at 888-277-9787 or www.colegprow.com.

WE REALLY NEED SOME­ONE TO TAKE OVER OUR LEASE STARTING MARCH 1, which is next week. We are willing to give the person $100 for March, rent and $100 for April’s rent as an incentive. We desper­ately need someone. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, security patrol, free cleaning, tanning studio, nice laundry facilities. Very nice apartment, close to campus. 760-424-9564, or samantha_hass@hotmail.com.

WE NEED A ROOM­MATE for a two bedroom apt. one block from campus, $2000/mo., plus la mo. rent, $150 dep., 1/2 util. Please call 509-670-2234.

Pregnant?
You have options.
CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

HOME AWAY FROM HOME:

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE

CWU

Choose your residence hall room for next year on our
Web site www.cwu.edu/~housing

March 1, 2, 3

CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Your future is Central

AA/EO/TTLE IX INSTITUTION • TDD 509-963-2143