The Wenatchee center’s new building has just one hallway with two classrooms which are distance education capable and hold 30 students each. This hallway has opened doors to students from Wenatchee and the surrounding area who cannot travel to the main campus in Ellensburg.

Central’s newest center in Wenatchee will accommodate place-bound students

by Korben Cook
Staff reporter

The latest Central Washington University center will hold its grand opening Tuesday, October 17 at the Wenatchee Valley College campus.

Central has had a branch at WVC since 1994, but finally built a permanent facility on the WVC campus.

The new center at Central Wenatchee has been up and running since summer and has opened doors for many students who might not have the opportunity to come to Ellensburg.

University centers are affiliate schools, operated by Central, at various community college campuses around the state. They provide outreach opportunities for students looking to earn a masters or baccalaureate degree. Central has six university centers in Lynnwood, Des Moines, Pierce County, Moses Lake, Yakima and Wenatchee.

"Central is the leader in the state" (for university centers)," said Margaret Badgley, assistant to the provost for university centers and community college relations. "We are a model for university centers all over the state."

Lynnwood was the first of the six to be built in the late 1990s. Plans to build university centers have been ongoing for about 30 years. Central Wenatchee is the newest addition to existing university centers.

"It’s great to be here (where) people can just walk in now (and find out more about university centers)," Wenatchee Site Manager Paula Dietrich said.

The goal for all six centers is to make up roughly one-fifth of Central’s main campus population.

With the amount of students attending university centers, Central’s goal is to accommodate their academic needs.

Approximately 99 percent of students that attend a university center have transferred from a community college, after earning their associate degree. There are no freshmen enrolled at the centers.

Each center does not just choose what programs to offer, but works intensively with surrounding community college campuses to find out what programs are the most popular.
Central opens new building in Wenatchee

by Megan Harrien
News editor

After 12 years of running the Central Washington University-Wenatchee center (CWU-Wenatchee) out of an old armory and library basement, the staff finally has a building on campus to call their own.

On Oct. 17 faculty will celebrate the grand opening of the new CWU-Wenatchee building on the Wenatchee Valley College (WVC) campus.

"It's great to be here on the main campus," said Paula Dietrich, site manager for CWU-Wenatchee. "People come in out of curiosity."

Formerly, classes were held in an old Army National Guard building, just down the street from the main campus, as well as in the basement of WVC's library.

Many students weren't even aware Central offered classes at the Wenatchee campus.

"I just recently found out what it [CWU-Wenatchee] was," said Katie Macarthur, a Running Start student working toward her associate degree. "I think it's a good option for other people.

The new building offers two state-of-the-art classrooms that seat 30 students each and are distance education (DE) capable, a conference room and seven offices. The two classrooms in the Army National Guard building are still being used as well as the one in the library.

"The new facility at the CWU-Wenatchee is composed of walls and rooms like other buildings but the technological advancements allows me to 'tear down' the walls that previously came with it like air conditioning," said Lanny Fitch, adjunct professor at CWU-Wenatchee. The ability to electronically access resources is limitless as well as the ability to reach out and include other students in classes."

While the grand opening isn't until next Tuesday, staff have been using the building since the summer and enjoying the perks that come with it like air conditioning.

"The technology is much improved, much bigger, and much cleaner," Lee Plourde, education program director said. "The temperature is more conducive to learning."

The branch offers coursework toward accounting and business administration degrees, which are comprised primarily of distance education classes, as well as degrees in elementary education and a master teacher program. The center also offers coursework in organic chemistry. Some degrees require students to take classes on the main campus for specific technology and lab courses.

"We have only just begun to tap the potential this facility has brought to us to better serve our students," Fitch said.

The grand opening of CWU-Wenatchee will be on October 17, featuring two Central alumni as speakers.

The New CWU-Wenatchee Center features two state-of-the-art classrooms and an additional conference room. The grand opening of CWU-Wenatchee will be on October 17, featuring two Central alumni as speakers.

The grand opening is from 1-3 p.m. on Oct.-17 at CWU-Wenatchee and will feature two alumni, Malachi Salcido and Debbie Sudd, both of whom started and finished their programs at WVC and CWU-Wenatchee. They will share their stories, said Jennifer Dogle, administrative assistant for university center.

Cake and refreshments will be provided as well as music and tours.

Distance education units classrooms statewide

by J. Aaron Sabel
Staff reporter

With rooms wired with cameras and microphones, students from around the state can link up and learn.

Distance education (DE) at Central Washington University is a program where students from various locations around Washington state (CWU-Lynnwood, CWU-Des Moines, CWU-Pierce County, CWU-Wenatchee, CWU-Moses Lake, and CWU-Yakima) can take courses via video and audio communication in order to complete their major requirements.

This program began in 1994 when DE classes were first transmitted via microwaves; a process that involved microwaves being transferred from transmitter to receiver.

The microwaves ran along a clear path and transmit both audio and video signals.

The technology costs nearly $200,000 for a fully equipped room and requires camera operators and technicians.

"An example would be that of a student in Wenatchee pursuing their teaching degree," said Obie O'Brien, supervisor of distance education and video conference operations.

"The bar is raised because you have students from other parts of the state that bring experiences to the table."

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CENTERS: There are six university centers across the state, providing a Central education to students on both sides of the Cascades.

"Since our students are different, they do not have to pay those fees." Badgley said.

The most popular programs are business, education, and law and justice. Last year, Moses Lake added a new flight technology program to its curriculum. In the beginning of the school year Des Moines and Lynnwood began offering a baccalaureate degree in applied science which is growing into a very popular trend, Dietrich said.

Lynnwood and Des Moines have a combined student population of approximately 700 students - the most of all university centers. Because of the number of students at Lynnwood and Des Moines, Central has a larger resident faculty at the two centers.

"Our retention is very high. Very few drop out, roughly one or two." - Margaret Badgley, assistant to the provost for university centers and community college relations

At other university centers, one or two faculty members live in the area; Lynnwood and Des Moines have a combined resident faculty of 15 to 20. Funding for the centers comes from the state legislature and fees. University center fees are different at Lynnwood and Des Moines, Central has a combined resident faculty of 15 to 20.

Interaction between multiple campuses is difficult for students and teachers, Education Program Director for Wenatchee university center Lee Pilarde said. Advising availability for students is not always easy either. Since the student is not at the main campus it can be difficult to find out what courses they need, said Dietrich.

Students do feel they have an advantage and a better chance of attending a university with the help of a university center. "They're a great idea especially for those without any big college experience," freshman interior design major Venya Rogers said.

University centers are a new way Central is reaching out to many communities and providing them with education. "You won't find anyone more passionate than students who are proud and pleased that Central is responding to their needs," Badgley said. "It's incredibly rewarding."

If interested in any of the six locations, anyone can go to Central's web site: www.cwu.edu or call the campus centers.
Faculty, administration and BOT draft a new code

by Chelsea Evans
Staff reporter

After several months of tug-of-war between faculty senate, administration and the board of trustees (BOT), the knot is in the middle with shared governance once again.

Last Friday, faculty and administration gathered in the BOT office as a unified group once again.

In December, if the new code is approved, it will represent the 41 senators who make up faculty senate and their departments, along with all faculty members of Central.

Greg Cant, faculty senate executive, and Michael Jennings, assistant vice president of faculty affairs, presented a new document of shared governance and its proposed guidelines for Central Washington University's faculty.

The meeting was adjourned with a positive outlook of shared governance's definition and terms.

In spring 2006, the same individuals were in a long and heated debate about the very existence of shared governance and the rights of faculty at Central.

In a meeting that was telecast to Barge Hall in spring quarter last year, Cant remembers his surprise when the BOT did not approve the new faculty code draft, including President Jerilyn McIntyre's draft, only to issue their own.

"They didn't consult with us at all before they [BOT] made their changes," Cant said.

The entire faculty code that determined the rights and shared governance of faculty at Central was thrown out and replaced with an interim code. That interim code was fine-tuning the details.

Jeff Dippmann, chair-elect for faculty senate, explained shared governance and the rights of faculty at Central.

"The BOT can do whatever they want; I think in this process we have to believe in it," Cant said.

"We probably could have done it better, but hindsight is always 20/20."

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--Jeff Dippmann
chair-elect for Faculty Senate

2006 to formulate a new code. The definition, responsibilities and regulations of shared governance have now been clearly written up in a current draft of the new faculty code.

Jeff Dippmann, chair-elect for faculty senate, explained shared governance is now defined clearly so that faculty can protect their rights in a solid way and have say in what they believe.

"Shared governance defines the certain areas which faculty and administration control, which is the areas of their expertise and then in the end, all of those voices at least have a chance to be heard," Dippmann said.

Within the new terms of shared governance, faculty are in charge of curriculum and other responsibilities of the university, while the BOT deals with budgeting and financial issues.

Shared governance is about the students' involvement and their say in what goes on, Dippmann said.

"The students are going to have a different perspective that we do not foresee; they [the students] are just as much involved as we are," Dippmann said.

As of now, the final faculty code has not been set in stone. The document is still in its draft stage being reviewed by the BOT.

"In the meantime, Dippmann has been organizing forums for faculty members to be knowledgeable about their code."

"The committee worked very well together," Dippmann said, "with extreme goodwill and respect. There are some changes that need to be made, but otherwise it is very good."

The proposal for ratifying the new faculty code in December was accepted by the trustees last Friday. Now it is just a matter of informing faculty and fine-tuning the details.

"There were actions and reactions to the process that were overcome but with more education, communication with all three parties, I think everything is going to improve because relationships are better," Jennings said.

"When you live in a community you have to believe in it," Cant said.

"Through this document we have accepted certain responsibilities and have agreed to participate in this community."

"We went through a dark time, but in the end we got good results."

Praise Team Director
First Presbyterian Church of Ellensburg is looking for a praise team director to work with our dedicated and talented worship team. This person will have an affinity and love for contemporary Christian praise music and an openness to other musical styles, a desire to serve God, an ability to work as a colleague with the church staff and as a servant leader with the worship team, the ability to direct both song leaders and a small complement of musicians. Point/remote experience helpful. A commitment to Jesus Christ and the historic Christian faith is essential. We estimate the position requires 12 hours per week. We hope to fill this position no later than mid-September.

If you're interested, please send a letter of interest to: First Presbyterian Church, 1307 E. 3rd, Ellensburg, 98926.

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This true story details only what happened in Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. A letter signed by Frank Parchman, author of ECHOES OF FURY, is enclosed for your review. The letter states what happened in our family during the eruption and includes many other personal stories of those who lived through it. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the National Park Foundation.

Meet the Author
The Wildcat Shop Welcomes Frank Parchman
Author of ECHOES OF FURY on October 20th, 2006
For Free Reading Event
starting at 1:30pm

Mary Donald Observer

Coursen and Muzzall plans for demolition

by Carleigh Lorenz
Staff reporter

Coursen and Muzzall, both nine stories tall, have proven too expensive to update and therefore will be torn down.

Richard DeShields, interim housing director, said that Coursen and Muzzall were the residence halls least requested by students.

"Students indicated they didn't want rooms like this," DeShields said. "[The halls] also weren't very wheelchair friendly."

Bill Yanwood, facility management capital projects manager, said the task of removing the buildings will be done by private contractors.

"Their initial task is to develop a project delivery process, which will define the criteria and determine a schedule for the removal of the two buildings," he said. "At that time, we'll be able to determine at what time the buildings will be removed."

Private contractors will bid on the project and it will go to the lowest bidder. This process has not happened yet, so the cost is not known. The project will also have a professional consultant.

The project management team has chosen an architect, consultant team and structural engineer, Yanwood said.

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--Richard DeSkills interim housing director

Once the project committee and consultant determine what issues might exist with removing the buildings, the various alternatives will be considered.

"Because of the cost involved in the upkeep that would be needed for Coursen and Muzzall, they are not in the university's long-range housing master plan," he said. "They no longer adequately meet students' residential needs."

UPCOMING EVENT:

Spending Time "In Her Shoes"
A 10 a.m., tomorrow, October 13 in Student Union Room 135, the Center for Student Empowerment is hosting an interactive experience on the hardships faced by a victim of domestic violence. This is one of the programs featured in Central Washington University's Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign. As space is limited, please RSVP to 963-2127.

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McIntyre addresses university audience

by Britt Huston
Staff reporter

Students and faculty gathered last Thursday to hear Central Washington University President, Jerilyn McIntyre's State of the University address. Listeners filled half the seats in the music building's concert hall. The stage was completely bare, save for one podium and one very confident-sounding McIntyre. The audience kept their full attention on McIntyre throughout the speech and enjoyed a few laughs along the way. McIntyre joked that she knew the audience would be disappointed at the lack of a PowerPoint presentation during her address, as they are a crowd favorite.

One agenda issue discussed was the international studies program McIntyre hopes to initiate at Central. An understanding and appreciation of international culture, diversity and language is important for student and personal development, she said. She reminisced about her own study-abroad trip to Italy and said the studying Latin, she was having a hard time finding ancient Romans to talk to.

McIntyre gave several statistics about faculty publications and student awards, then spoke about the positive growth Central has had over the last five years. The last two years have been record years for high enrollment, with about 9,500 full-time students in Ellensburg and extension locations, McIntyre said.

The average SAT and GPA numbers for incoming students are climbing, McIntyre said.

"Athletics is a year round program. It's nice to be able to have a place to store your gear," Nasinec said.

Athletes make use of Nicholson Pavilion remodel

by Donna Buse
Staff reporter

This summer, the sound of balls bouncing and athlete's pummeling iron in Nicholson Pavilion were replaced with the sound of hammering pounding and saws buzzing. "The sound when the time of a that gets done," said Bill Ventres, assistant vice president for facilities. The work is done in phases so the building will still be usable while renovations are made.

Nicholson Pavilion was built in the early 1960's. "In the early 60's, it was common practice not to put air conditioner PE buildings," said Bill Ventres, assistant vice president for facilities. The football, soccer and track teams practice outside.

However, the basketball and volleyball teams practice in the gym for two to three hours during the regular season and off season. There were dehydration concerns without the air conditioning. "The athletes just get used to it I guess," said Nasinec. "Can't change weather."

Now facilities management is in the planning process for the 2007-2009 biannual budget.

Go to the Observer Online for a review of ACLU president Nadine Strossen's presentation at: www.cwu.edu/~observer

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When must wisdom teeth go?

Susan Savage, RDH, BSDH

Wisdom teeth have a partially erupted tooth that will eventually become infected. It's better for the patient to have the tooth removed properly. Often a wisdom tooth can cause damage to the adjacent tooth. Common wisdom holds that if wisdom teeth are impacted it's better to remove them before they erupt. If wisdom teeth are impacted and there's no problem, they should be, of course, left alone. The question of extraction must often arise when they are impacted, that is, not in a position where they cannot erupt properly. In a case of partial eruption, which means that the tooth is sticking part way through the gum and can go further, most dentists would agree that extraction is necessary to avoid the unstable situation in which infection and decay of an adjoining tooth could occur.

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E-pub's new top cop talks top ten student laws

EPP Chief Miller says traffic laws, drinking, top list of criminal acts

by Katie Murdoch
Staff reporter

The Ellensburg Police Department isn't enforcing laws because they enjoy catching students who violate them, they want students to police themselves. That's the attitude of new Ellensburg Police Chief Dale Miller, who began work in early August.

"We really want the students to enjoy their time here in their college experience and do it respectfully and for everyone here," Miller said.

Prior to moving his family to Ellensburg, Miller worked as chief of police in Chehalis. He resigned a month shy of 20 years on that police force and now brings his extensive experience to the city of Ellensburg.

Before entering law enforcement, Miller served in the U.S. Army at Fort Riley in Kansas.

Though he's only been on the job in Ellensburg since August 7, Miller said he's been hard at work patrolling the streets and identifying some of the laws that most affect local residents and Central Washington University students.

1. Underage drinking

During the first weekend of the school year, 51 Minor in Possession (MIPs) citations were issued to Central Washington University students.

"Drinking leads to disorderly conduct, noise complaints, fist fights, urinating in public and throwing empty bottles in neighbors' yards," Miller said.

Central students along with local high school and middle school students contribute to the problem, Miller said.

"It's a minority population that causes the majority of the problem," he said.

Miller said the police department wants students to have fun and participate in the community, but to also keep "that benchmark of what would my parents think of what I'm doing right now?" in the back of their minds.

2. Bicycling without a helmet

Bicyclists 16 and under are required to wear helmets. A $25 fine is the penalty for not wearing one.

3. Excessive Noise

The noise ordinance in Ellensburg requires people to keep noise down from 10 p.m.-7 a.m. The penalty for violating the city noise ordinance, defined by noise that can be heard from 50 feet away, is a $250 fine.

Last year the police department responded to 1,000 noise complaints.

"It's a strain on resources when you consider the police who respond to the call can't be out doing active patrol," Miller said. "We're using resources where we could use them in other areas to fight crime."

The purpose of the ordinance is to protect the quality of life for everyone.

"You have to understand the population in this community is mixed. It creates a tense neighborhood relationship," Miller said.

4. Residential parking zone violations

With limited parking on campus, students may be tempted to park in nearby neighborhoods. Miller said there is a problem for the people who need to park in those neighborhoods — local residents.

"Your family of four can't find a place to park in front of their own house," Miller said.

Students who park in restricted residential areas should expect a fine if they're caught.

5. Speeding

Sixteen thousand cars drive along University Way daily, according to traffic analysis collected by the Ellensburg Public Works Department.

"The students are at least equal to everyone else [who speeds]," Miller said.

University Way represents 12 percent of traffic collisions in Ellensburg because there are 23 crosswalks within the 1.2 mile stretch of road.

The combination of speeding and confusion of right-of-way at four-way stops leads to traffic collisions, Miller said.

"We spend 90 percent of our time on traffic violations," Miller said.

6. Urinating in public

Urinating in public is a sub-category of disorderly conduct. Violators can expect to pay a fine of $250.

Miller said he ticketed a woman who left a bar and urinated behind a dumpster in an alley while on foot patrol his first weekend here.

"I thought to myself, 'How would you like to call your parents...and tell them you got a ticket for peeing behind a dumpster in an alley in Ellensburg?" he said.

7. Disorderly Conduct

Disorderly conduct includes showing and fist-fighting.

Miller said everyone to enjoy their time in Ellensburg, but do it with consideration and respect for everyone in the community and neighborhood.

"We really want the students to have fun and participate in the community," Miller said.

8. Domestic violence

Domestic violence includes assaulting one's significant other even if you're not living together.

"Ask a victim 'Do you know when it's very hard to prove,'" Miller said.

"It's in a category of its own because the police break up a fight. Under the policy, being issued a criminal citation is the minimum penalty, which goes on record even if nobody presses assault charges.

9. Date rape

"It's a category of its own because it's very hard to prove," Miller said.

Miller said victims wake up and know something went on, but they can't remember anything, how can they be a witness?" Miller said.

10. Other general offenses

Miller said students can expect to do "an over-nighter in jail" when their conduct reaches such a point that it would alarm a common person.

For example, the police will book students who drive while intoxicated.

"If someone is drunk in public, police may take that person to lock-up as a precaution.

"You have to book people just for their safety," Miller said.

D&M Coffee takes part in National Solar Tour

by Beth McCulloch
Staff reporter

A series of eight solar panels (top right) at D&M Coffee's 501 N. Pine Street location collect sunlight to generate energy for the building.

Maggie Schmelz/Observer

A group of eight solar panels on the roof of the D&M Coffee building in Ellensburg, Washington, sit on Thursday, August 9, 2007, the day before the National Solar Tour started. D&M Coffee is one of 150 stops on the tour. The tour will last for three days and will stop in major cities across the U.S., including Seattle. The tour is organized by the National Solar Tour and is designed to educate people about solar energy and encourage them to use it in their everyday lives.

During the tour, D&M Coffee will be offering discounts to customers who use solar power. The discounts will be available from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and will include a 10% discount on all purchased items.

The National Solar Tour also offers educational benefits to participants. Participants will receive a tour guide, which includes information about the history of solar energy and tips on how to use solar power in their everyday lives.

The tour's mission is to raise awareness about the benefits of solar energy and inspire people to make the switch to renewable energy sources. By participating in the National Solar Tour, D&M Coffee hopes to contribute to the movement towards a more sustainable and energy-efficient future.

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Ellensburg Police Chief Dale Miller began work late this summer. Earlier in the year, the department was led by interim police chief and current captain, Ross Green. Miller has nearly 90 years of experience as a police chief.
Ellensburg planners grapple with rising costs of materials

by Ford Harris
Staff reporter

Central Washington University students living off campus may find themselves dodging potholes and automobile traffic in the next year thanks to rising costs for the Ellensburg public works department.

"Cost has increased dramatically over the last 12 months," said Ellensburg Public Works Department Director John Akers, speaking to the Ellensburg City Council at a preliminary 2007 budget hearing on Monday.

With the expansion of businesses and housing units in the area, new roads, sidewalks and signs are going up. And while new materials are mostly paid for by builders, the city has to foot the bill for maintenance and general upkeep.

Repairs to public streets require the most financial planning for the public works department and the costs of those repairs continue to rise, Akers said.

The cost of paint has risen from $26.50 a ton to $46.75 a ton gone from $26.50 a ton to $46.75 a ton in the same time period. This increase in costs has forced the city to halt construction on 15th Avenue and put a stop to other projects planned for 2006. "We are going to experience in the future is we keep building new roadways and structures and thus call for greater maintenance," Akers said.

City Council member Nancy Lilliquist said some of the rising costs have been attributed to national and international building booms in the past year.

"The more things cost, the less we can do," Lilliquist said. "It's something that's outside our control."

The city will spend more than $1 million on streets alone in 2006, and expects to spend the allotted amount of $1.3 million in 2007. There was also discussion on planned construction, what needs the city has and how they can improve the community.

As if expansion concerns weren't enough to keep the meeting buzzing, Akers expressed concern over Ellensburg's historic district. Many of the older buildings in Ellensburg require much more care and maintenance than newer buildings, Akers said, "This is something that's outside our control."

"Cost has increased dramatically over the last 12 months."

~John Akers
Ellensburg Public Works director

Also discussed was the cost of sign replacements, specifically the crosswalk signs in the middle of University Way. Akers said the signs cost roughly $500 each to replace.

Water and sewer improvements will also be expensive. Ellensburg city officials will continue to lay out plans for the 2007 budget over the next two months and hope to finalize the budget by Dec. 4. The next meeting is set for Oct. 18, when the fire and police budgets will be discussed.

Intruder climbs tree to hit the hay

A Central Washington University student awoke in her 18th Street apartment early Sunday morning to find a male intruder in her bed.

The man had climbed up a tree to an unlocked second story window and proceeded to get into bed with the female victim. At about 4:30 a.m., the victim woke up to find the intruder in her bed. She yelled and the intruder ran away.

When she called police Monday, she said that she recognized the intruder. Police found the 21-year-old suspect and booked him for burglary, assault and indecent liberties.

Captain Ross Green stressed his desire for victims of crimes to call police as soon as a crime happens.

"We wish they (victims) would call us as soon as an incident occurs," Green said.

Green said residents should lock all doors and windows. Do not confront an intruder. Instead, Green said to grab a phone, find a place to lock yourself in and call 9-1-1.

"Ellensburg is not immune to crime that happens elsewhere," Green said.

The suspect hasn't been formally charged yet, but appeared in court last Tuesday and has an order for pretrial release on Monday.

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This is the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which the Constitution does not know the words by heart, we take advantage of the rights it gives us each and every day. As a student journalist, freedom of the press is a part of my day-to-day life. In high school my First Amendment rights were limited because the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling about Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier in 1988 allows school administrators the right to censor school-sponsored student publications. Until a year ago, the Hazelwood ruling applied only to elementary, middle school and high school publications. On June 20, 2005, the Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided that this censorship could also apply to colleges and university campus publications in Hust v. Carter. Student journalists learn the trade by asking tough questions: when students or faculty feel the administration has done something wrong, when a department on campus is seriously in debt or when a candidate running for student government is being unfair. As a student journalist, that's my job, and when we graduate, to report the news fairly and accurately, which cannot be done when news is censored by the administration.

Furthermore, the committee is responsible for funding some of the most important groups on campus. Each year, groups such as the Center for Excellence in Leadership, the Associated Student Government, the Student Senate and the student body are all responsible for making decisions on how student fees should be spent. As students, we have the right to know and to question decisions that are made. We have the right to vote in student elections and we have the right to protest of the proposed immigration bill that came to campus last spring, stood out more here than most of us have seen. As hundreds of you marched in protest of the proposed immigration bill that sat around a room all day, did an important impact, no matter how big or small, in the history of Central.

An idea of how important the S&A fee committee is to students, let's imagine Central never had the committee to begin with. With no one responsible to properly allocate funding, one group could attempt to grab take as much of that budget as they wanted. You can stand there and watch in horror as Central's Nit-picking Club takes the lion's share of a $4 million budget.

With every school year getting more and more expensive, I am always hearing people talk about how much money is going to the student organizations. With every career move, I have always heard students always want to get involved. But is there any way to get involved with out getting involved? The Observer reserves the right to edit for length, style, grammar and libel. Please E-mail letters to: observer@cwu.edu or by fax to 963-1027.
Professor's research reveals school’s humble beginning and tumultuous past
by Caitlin Kuhlmann
Asst. Scene editor

Books and tuition were free when Washington State Normal School first opened in 1891, the first official building of the campus was built three years after the school opened and Kamola Hall was the first residence hall to be constructed twenty years later. These are just a few of the facts Karen Blair, history department chair, revealed in the opening lecture of the college of arts and humanities lecture series.

"I guess I wanted to take a hard examination of our past," said Blair concerning her topic selection. "I've spent two years reading old documents... it's a big story, our school goes back to 1891."

This year, professors in the college of arts and humanities are scheduled to give monthly presentations concerning research on which they have worked. It is a great way for professors to learn what others in the college have been studying, said Blair.

"I decided to pick a few topics that were a surprise to me," said Blair, whose speech ranged from how the school was first formed to how specific individuals contributed to Central's legacy. Over the course of her research, Blair examined memoirs, presidential speeches, student newspapers and old photographs in addition to interviewing alumni, professors and staff members.

"She's done a great job; it's a fascinating story," Ken Munsell, senior lecturer of history, said.

Blair earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in history and has been teaching at Central since 1987. The normal school was created not long after Washington became a state in 1889. At that time only four high schools existed in the state and the legislature decided it was important to train and provide teachers to create new schools. Central was originally a state "normal" school—a German term meaning secular or not religious—and was used entirely for training teachers. Twenty-seven students were enrolled in the fall of 1891 when the school opened. The only requirements for admission to the school were for students to be at least 15 years old and have completed eighth grade. Classes met in second level of a building where City Hall stands today.

The first graduating class had a total of 19 students and was comprised of 17 girls and only two boys. Blair said the school was incredibly female dominated in both the student body and faculty until the late 1930s. In fact, for the first several decades of the school, education seemed to focus on teaching young women how to behave just as much as training them to teach. For many years, the female students had curfews, were taught how to pour tea and host company, and, until 1968, were expected to wear dresses to class unless it was 14 degrees or colder outside. A number of campus buildings have been named to honor influential women on Central's history such as Davies, Kamola and the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery.

In 1894, Barge Hall was constructed on land donated by a farmer. The building was essentially the entire campus, used for classrooms, dances, socials, offices, art galleries and much more. Admittance rules changed in 1917 when the school required students have a high school diploma.

A dip in enrollment came when World War I began, but the school came back by forming a football team and hiring a coach. By 1920 the school had reached a high of 65 male students in addition to women. Over the course of the 1920s, the campus had doubled in size after the university acquired the land which is now north campus. In 1963, the campus library was named in Brooks' honor.

Brooks hoped to promote an intimate learning atmosphere by requiring that many of the buildings constructed during that era have small classrooms. Central has a rich history of dedicated faculty. Blair said Sarah Spurgeon used her back yard clothes line to display her students' artwork to the public.

"(Central) has always been in dialog with the social, environmental and political forces around it," Blair said. "I hope the audience got an appreciation for the changes that have occurred over time and also see some threads that are continuous."
Film and video major now offered at Central

by Andrea Rust
Staff reporter

"Action" is a word many students thought they would never hear at Central Washington University, as they worked their way toward a major some thought would never become official.

The new interdisciplinary film and video studies major is finally legitimate.

"There is no undergraduate program like this in the state because we are interdisciplinary and unique," said Michael Ogden, associate professor of communication.

The program will lead students to a Bachelor of Arts in film and video studies where the student either choose to specialize in critical studies (for those who love to study and understand the history of film or production) for those who have "something to say" and want to tell stories. Minors are available in visual literacy and critical studies. There is also a minor in development for documentary studies.

"Students will finally be presented with another option," Ogden said.

Many students expected that the major would be official much sooner than this. As a result, most of them started their own individual studies program in film and video, or concentrated on broadcast.

"When I started they kept saying it was in process and I kept thinking it would happen," said Kelsey Lawrence, senior individual studies film and video major. "I'm almost done, but lots of students have waited and many have just gone broadcast because they didn't want to wait."

Getting the major "official" at Central was a long process. The individual studies program grew rapidly, and the communication department decided it was time for it to be an approved major. However, the curriculum committee at Faculty Senate was reluctant, at which point the "formal pursuit languished," Ogden said. After that, the department informed the individual studies for film and video would no longer be considered.

"One of the reasons I came to Central was to get the program going, and that was six years ago," Ogden said.

Starting over from scratch, the paperwork was re-done and the new major was compared to other institutions in the state of Washington. Finally, there was no objection to the program and the state's Higher Education Curriculum Board approved it in September.

"I think the major will draw more students to the school and the department," Lawrence said. "People have been waiting for film and video studies for a long time."

Unlike other institutions in Washington, Central doesn't charge its students a "head tax" for the program.

"We do not charge additional fees to be in the major, other than for lab courses," Ogden said. "Ideally, I would like to see us with two or three more faculty members as the program grows."

The major is a good choice for students interested in working in the film industry or going to film school. While broadcast students share many of the same classes and skill sets, broadcast students have more towards television and reporting.

"It's a lot of fun; there are a lot of things you can do with it," Lawrence said. "If you like movies and television, there's a lot of directions it can take you."

Ten people will be switching from independent studies major to a film and video studies major and about 24 students are interested in starting. Employment is possible right out of college and the industry is growing quickly.

"Film and video studies 250 is an intro class, and it's in the basic and breadth," Ogden said. "Take it to see if you like it."

For more information contact Michael Ogden at 963-1067, ogden@cwu.edu or drop by the Communication Department located on the second floor of Bouillon.
Bill Kaperak, junior broadcast major (left) and Zach Hammond, senior public relations major, enjoy new equipment while working at 88.1 'The Burg in its new location on the first floor of the SURC building.

by Tashii Kanamaru
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's radio station is now live at their new studio.

The radio station, 88.1 "The Burg," has served as the college radio station for more than a decade. Its history goes back all the way back to 1958, when the small facility started broadcasting, according to its Web site.

"We're multimedia basically," Beckstead said.

The station has moved to the new Student Union and Recreation Center and is taking a new step forward.

Chris Hull, the station's general manager, said the station was playing pre-recorded music, voice works and promotional announcements during their move to the new SURC. "House Special," aired last Friday was the first live show in seven months.

Friday's DJ, Jesse Simon, known as "DJJDSoup," is a senior jewelry and metal smithing major and promotions director for the station. His job is to keep the Web station operator's handbook. Applicants must score 85 percent or better on both in order to pass.

Evaluation of the solo on-air audition includes several elements, such as the handling of CDs, music-to-music transitions and the entertainment value of the show.

"I want them to go on nuts (at audition)," Randy Beckstead, operations and program director, said. "I want to hear their personality because anybody can push the buttons."

Not all the volunteers need to be DJs because some of them get "scared to death" when talking on air. They can work as promoters, roadies or in other off-air positions Beckstead said.

Although the radio station plays a lot of music, Beckstead thinks music is only a small part of the station. The station airs weekly reviews of movies from the Liberty Theater, public service announcements and also organizes events such as bowling tournaments.

"We're multimedia basically," Beckstead said.

Beckstead encourages all clubs to take advantage of the radio station for public service announcements.

"We have the obligation to the listeners," Beckstead said.

For more information go to www.881theburg.com or visit the studio at SURC Room 120.

Listening to enjoy 88.1 The 'Burg live after seven long months

CLASSIC FILM OF THE WEEK:
"HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE"

by Heather Elliott
Staff reporter

For those who enjoyed Harry Potter, "Howl's Moving Castle" is absolutely mesmerizing. This movie, part of the Classic Film Series, is about a young girl named Sophie and a handsome wizard named Howl, both of whom are swept into a magical moving castle and a war in a spiritual realm. Viewers will be impressed with Sophie's great determination and loyalty amidst a world of strange and magical inhabitants.

"Howl's Moving Castle" is an animated movie and runs approximately two hours. The movie was filmed and produced in Japan and has a PG rating for frightening images and inappropriate language.

Central Washington University's campus life activities staff helped bring this film to Ellensburg for students' enjoyment. Scott Drummond, Associate Director of Campus Life, feels that films like this one will benefit students and provide for community involvement.

This film has already won numerous awards, such as the L.A. Film Critics Association Award, The New York Film Critics Circle Award and The San Diego Film Critics Association Award.

An animated fantasy at first glance, this picture contains underlying pro-environment and anti-war sentiments. Gender equality is promoted in this feature through the use of strong female characters. The movie's animation and fairy-tale style provide thrilling entertainment.

Tickets for this and other movies in the fall 2006 Classic Film Series can be purchased at the student union theatre box office. Tickets are $8.00 per person, and bargain passes, good for five films, are available for $12.00 each.

The ticket booth and theatre open at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and the movie starts at 7 p.m.
Second 'Burg film festival surpasses original

by Robbie Miller
Staff reporter

The Ellensburg Film Festival lit up screens all over town last weekend with 60 films squeezed into three days. The festival opened to a packed house on Friday as some had to be turned away from the opening film, "Quinceanera." The Dakota Cafe hosted the opening gala and awards ceremony after the screening, in which the winners from the festival were announced.

More than 1600 people attended the festival compared to 1100 last year, and several screenings were sold out. "I think it went absolutely great," festival coordinator Djordje Popovic said. "In one year, to increase the attendance like that is absolutely amazing. I couldn't be more happy about that." Popovic said that the audience was very diverse and movie-goers of all kinds had something to appreciate.

"I enjoyed the variety of subjects that have been covered in the movies I've seen," said Jennifer Anderson, who purchased a six-film pass for the festival. "Some were funky, some were quirky, some were moody."

Festival board member Sarah Scott said a few technical difficulties caused by DVDs slowed things down a little, but audiences were patient and the festival hopes to move away from DVDs next year. The screening of "F*CK" had to be stopped in the middle of the film when a projector overheated and shut down. After some frantic, problem-solving and help from audience members, the film was back up and running. First Amendment expert David Skover helped pass the time with a speech he had prepared for after the film. Very few people left the theater during the ordeal, which Popovic said is a credit to the quality of the film.

The festival jury selected the best films in five categories: Best of Fest, Best Feature, Best Documentary, Best Short and Best Central Washington film. Five of the eleven festival board members are on the jury, including Popovic and board president Liahna Armstrong. Steve Horowitz is the only jury member not on the board. He is the director of Central Washington University's English as a second language program, and Popovic said he brings an international perspective to the jury.

The Best of Fest award went to the short film "The Empty Building," with the Brazilian "29 Polegadas" earning an honorable mention. "Blind Love" won Best Feature, "Argentina: Hope in Hard Times" took home Best Documentary and Best Short Subject went to "Binta y la Gran Idea." "The Deliverly" and "Scales of Morality" split the award for Best Central Washington Film. The board generally agreed that "The Empty Building" and "Blind Love" were the two best films shown, Popovic said.

Popovic told the audience at the closing film, "Iraq for Sale," that the turnout was great and the festival will return next year. "I was happy with how many people showed up," Popovic said. "Considering the scope of the event, I think we pulled it off pretty well."
Central Lacrosse plays host to five teams in Rodeo Town Tourney. Pg. 14

Wendi's soccer working overtime once again

by Tyler Jobe
Staff reporter

***EDITOR'S NOTE: The Wildcats have since played a match but due to the Observer's deadline, the Central Washington/Cal State-East Bay game played last night will be featured in next week's edition.***

On Monday evening, the Central Washington University women's soccer team battled to a scoreless, double-overtime tie with host Notre Dame de Namur Argonauts in NCAA Division II play in San Jose, Calif.

Monday's match marked the second consecutive game in which Central Washington, who owns a 4-6-3 record overall, played to a double-overtime draw. The Wildcats forced the 11th-ranked Seattle University Wildcats into a 1-1 stalemate last Saturday afternoon.

Central's offensive struggles continued Monday as they are now averaging one goal per game in their last three matches this season.

"We didn't play with much pace in the first half," head Coach Michael Far­

rand said of Monday's match against the Argonauts. "After that, we had a hard time getting on track." 

Notre Dame de Namur led the offensive attack in the game, out shoot­

ing the visiting Wildcats 11-4.

Senior forward, Arica Slawson, led the Wildcats with two shot attempts in the contest and freshman Amber Easter­

brook posted her second collegiate shutout in the tie, making seven saves.

Last Saturday, sophomore Lynde Clarke scored in minute 71 while the Wildcats held 11th-ranked Seattle Uni­

versity to a 1-1 double-overtime tie in Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) play at Championship Field in Seattle.

Clarke fired a shot on the run from the left side of the field, which cannoned off the right goal post and rolled into the net, after taking the pass from sopho­

more Lisa Otero for the Wildcats tying score. It was Clarke's second goal of the season and Otero's first assist.

"The girls showed a great team effort," Farrand said. "I was very happy for them."

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The Redhawks out shot the Wild­

cats, 24-5, as Wymer single-handedly accounted for eight of the Redhawks' attempts.

"Seattle's game was the best game I have seen since I have been here," Far­

rand said.

Central returns home tomorrow for their final non-conference match of the 2006 season, facing off with Simon Fraser at 2 p.m.

Simon Fraser University, a member of the National Association of Intercol­

legiate Athletics (NAIA) from Burnaby, B.C., comes into the match with a 6-0-4 record on the year.

The Clan is coming off a 1-0 loss to Rocky Mountain College on Sunday in a neutral-site match held here in Ellens­

burg.

Simon Fraser has participated in post-season play in each of the last 15 seasons and took home the NAIA Championships in 1996 and 2000.

The Wildcats looks to get back on the winning track as they sport a 4-0-0 record in the GNAC.

"It will be sad when its all over," said senior libero, Julie Henderson. "But we've had a lot of fun."

Central's seniors lead with experience

by Ernie Vahof
Staff reporter

Back in 2003, Central Washington University seniors Lindsey Dillolente, Julie Henderson and Kristin Pasley were just starting what would eventually become stellar careers playing volley­

ball for the Wildcats.

Now, three-quar­

ters of the way through their final sea­

son playing for Central, the senior lead­

ers reflect on what started out as a rocky run.

The Wildcats started that season off with seven straight losses, stumbling their way to a 13-13 record.

"We were more of an offensive team back then and we didn't have much ball control," senior libero, Julie Henderson said.

Since then the team has amassed a record of 77-23, by far the best four­

year stretch in school history. During the Wildcats' amazing run, the three senior standouts have totaled several top-ten single-season and career records.

Outside hitter, Kristen Pasley has earned eight all-time top-ten school records for Central, including games played (446), digs (586) and block assists (586). Lindsey Dillolente holds 5th place all-time in assists (2,103) and third place in assists per game at 11.01

The Wildcats success as a team can be attributed to the leadership of the three senior players, both on and off the court.

"Their role as leaders for the under­

classmen is to uphold the standards that we have for our team, our practices and our program overall," head Coach Mario Andaya said.

Although each player clearly demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities throughout the years, the individual ways in which they contribute leader­

ship, advice and experience is what has made a difference for the team.

"Lindsey has set a good example of being a model redshirt, having played behind a great player [2004 All-America­

an setter Kate Keene] for a couple of years," Andaya said. "Robby gives good leadership through what she does on the court and is very lighthearted off the court too. Julie has shown persever­

ance throughout her career, in which she played nearly three years as a back­

up. Now she's one of the best servers on our team." 

Currentl the Wildcats are 15-4, sit­

ning at the top of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. On Saturday, Oct. 14th, the team will travel west to Lacey to match up against Saints Mari­

nis.'
Central lacrosse comes away with second place in first annual Rodeo Town Lacrosse Tournament

by Brooke Saul
Staff reporter

Last weekend the Central Washington University Men's Lacrosse Club hosted the first annual Rodeo Town Lacrosse Tournament. The Wildcats played host to several teams throughout the northwest including Gonzaga University, Willamette University, Pacific Lutheran University, Linfield College, and the University of Montana.

Central's first game of the tournament, and of the season, took place on Saturday against the Gonzaga Bulldogs. Gonzaga defeated the Wildcats 7-3. This game was not just a loss, but a test of how the season will be played out.

There are a lot of freshman on this team, and their inexperience showed in this game. Central's second game against Willamette was filled with ferocious hits and strong fundamentals. The start of Sunday's action marked a new style of play by Central. The Wildcats were well prepared as they worked the ball all around the field crushing Linfield 14-3.

Central had a different strategy during this contest, running Linfield all over the field. "They played great ball and it was very similar to eastern lacrosse," head coach JC deRaoulx said. "We are a team that had better control, an outstanding goalkeeping and superior communication. The Wildcats came out victorious 5-4."

"It was nice to get a 'W' over them," tournament head and attacker Alan Colombo said. "It was huge for us as a program to beat them at home."

After two key wins on Sunday, the Wildcats earned their way into the Championship game. They would, once again, face Gonzaga.

The Bulldogs proved to be more superior than the Wildcats for the second time in this tournament, taking the championship game 7-4. "We gave everything that we had," Colombo said. "We were spent and did the best we could and it's nothing to be ashamed of."

Central's lacrosse team is starting a booster club and hopes to become one of the top programs in the university said deRaoulx.

Those who are interested in joining Central's men's lacrosse team should go online to www.csuw.edu/rec.

The team will start playing games again during the regular season, which is at the end of the winter quarter.

Cross country improves with third place finish

Men's X-country gain 13 places after last weekend at Willamette, while the women jump from tenth to sixth place overall

by Melanie Lockheed
Staff reporter

Sam Scotchmer took seventh place in the men's 10-kilometer cross-country race at the Western Washington University Invitational on Saturday, leading his team to a third-place finish. The women's team came out with a sixth place finish at WWU.

Senior Rachel Bailey led the team, placing 14th. Junior Sarah Benson finished 23rd in the 6k race. Now in his fourth season running for Central Washington University, Scotchmer has high hopes for the rest of the year. "My ultimate goal this season is to do well at regionals and hopefully qualify for nationals," Scotchmer, junior, said.

Joining him in the top 50 at Saturday's meet were: junior Kevin Blount (47th), freshman Eric Anderson (58th), junior Trevor Kuvi (92nd), freshman Jonathan Rank (43rd) and senior Brian Rockenbach (47th). "Our [men's] team is the strongest team we've had since I've been running at Central," Scotchmer said. "The transfers, students and freshmen that have come in this year have added a lot of strength and depth to the team."

This was a resting week for those runners who needed it, said head coach Kevin Adkisson.

Junior Katie Hummel, top runner for the women's team, took the week off. Hummel has only raced in two meets so far this season due to a minor injury.

In spite of her injury, Hummel has finished among the top runners in the GNAC. Hummel has earned her the title of Great Northwest Athletic Conference Female Athlete of the Week twice since her first race in September.

"I was surprised," Hummel said. "It was an honor because there are some really talented runners in the GNAC."

Like Scotchmer, Hummel also has high hopes for the remainder of the season.

"Most important for me is to stay healthy for the rest of the fall and have strong races at conference, regionals and hopefully nationals," Hummel said. "Hopefully [the team] will be able to show all our hard work and improve at the conference race and nationals."

Headed into the last stretch of the season, the men's team has high expectations. "I think we are able to get top three in conference as a team," Scotchmer said.

The Wildcats women are also confident going into the conference meet, which will be on Oct. 21 in Lacey, Wash.

"We should have a very solid race at conference," Hummel said. "And be one of the top placing teams."

Following the GNAC Championship, the cross country team will participate in the Bellevue Open at Lake Sammamish Park in Bellevue on Oct. 28. No time has been determined for the meet.

The following weekend the NCAA Division II West Regional meet will be held in Chico, California on Nov. 4.
Students tackle school and sports at rapid pace

by Nolan Teasley
Staff reporter

Student-athlete is the term given to those at Central Washington University who engage in academics and athletics. For the few who play two sports, perhaps a different pairing of the words is in order; athlete-student may be more appropriate.

Johnny Spevak and Lindsey Mitchell are two of the multi-sport athletes here at Central. Spevak is one of the starting wide receivers for the Wildcat football team and doubles as a guard for the basketball team in the winter.

Mitchell is a junior forward on the women’s soccer team during the fall and participates as a sprinter for the track and field team during the spring.

Spevak was a red-shirt during football season last year, but was impressive while playing for the Wildcat basketball team on the hardwood as a true freshman. This year he’s not only starting wide receivers for the Wildcats football team and doubles as a guard for the basketball team in the winter.

During one sport you have to pay all your attention to that,” Spevak said. Mitchell is off to a good start in sociology this season, starting all twelve games the team has played.

“She has the same approach as Spevak when it comes to focusing on the sport that is in season.”

“Depending on the season, that’s where I turn my focus,” said Mitchell.

One former student-athlete that knows exactly what these two are going through is Jacob Galloway, currently a graduate student in the exercise science program, and a former three sport athlete for the Wildcats.

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Volleyball falls to Western

by Nathan Young
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Wildcats volleyball team started strong against rival Western Washington University Vikings winning the first two sets only to end up losing the match 3-2. Central dominated the first set, winning 30-22. The Wildcats won the second game 33-31 fighting through 17 ties and seven lead changes. Junior outside hitter Emily Veenker kept Central alive with a career high 17 kills, 11 higher than her previous best.

"This was one of my first times at the outside hitter position," Veenker said. "I have more time to set up under the ball and get my shot."

The Wildcats came out flat in the third game, quickly falling behind as the Vikings took advantage of Wildcat errors. Western won the third game despite late comeback charges led by senior outside hitter Kristin Pasley and senior setter Lindsay Dollente. Dollente served to give the Wildcats their first lead of the game, and added a season high of 61 assists in the match. Wildcat momentum was halted by a Viking timeout; this led to a resurgence by the Vikings to close out the game 31-29.

"We beat up on ourselves," Pasley said. "We wanted to win this game and it kind of bit us a little, we're a young team."

Mistakes plagued the Wildcats in the fourth game as they lost 30-22, with the Vikings never in the lead. The Vikings took the fifth game, sending the Wildcats into their first three match skid since starting the 2003 season 0-7. Central hadn't experienced back-to-back losses at home since Nov. 2002.

"We need to hit it hard in practice," Dollente said. "We need to learn to grow up and quit making errors."

On Oct. 7 the Wildcats played to their full potential, putting up their second best offensive game of the season. The Wildcats dominated Northwest Nazarene 30-21, 30-25, 30-27 in a three game sweep. Junior outside hitter Stephanie Powell led the Wildcats with 17 kills and was second on the team with 12 digs behind junior outside hitter Erika Stevens with 19.

Central now looks to face GNAC conference leader Seattle Pacific. The Wildcats' next three matches are away and they return to Nicholson Pavilion Oct. 26 to host GNAC foe Alaska Anchorage.

Washington Supreme Court in Session at CWU
October 18 & 19

You’re invited to participate in the Washington Supreme Court visit to Central

October 18 12:00 - 1:30p Student Union Holmes Dining Open brown bag lunch and conversation with all 9 Justices

1:30 - 3:00p Student Union Pit Open Discussion Q&A with 4 Justices, moderated by Prof. Matt Manweller

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