Wildcats have a week-long celebration full of events

by Beth McGufflin
Staff reporter

Wellington's Wildfire is now a thing of the past. There will not be a bonfire during the Homecoming celebration on Central Washington University's campus this year.

"We want to highlight the new Student Union Building and Recreation Center and celebrate its opening for homecoming this year," said Jeff Rosenberry, Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors vice president for student life and facilities.

A $30,000 lighting package will make up for the missing bonfire. Rosenberry said, "I think a lot of people went to the bonfire last year," said Sarah Rodgers, sophomore family consumer science education major. "It will be missed."

Scott Drummond, director of Campus Life and Activities said that a lot of money and planning has gone into Homecoming events this year.

The $30,000 for the lighting is just a small portion of the budget spent for this year's homecoming.

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Pass closure causes less than desired turnout

by Megan Hansen
News editor

With the first snow of the season closing Snoqualmie Pass, event planners experienced drawbacks and delays for the grand opening of the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) Sunday evening.

Big plans for the light systems, confetti, free food and giveaways were slightly hindered when the confetti was stuck on the other side of the mountains, along with students planning to attend the event.

"You roll with the punches," said Jeff Rosenberry, ASCWU/BOD vice president for student life and facilities. "You can't control the weather."

While Rosenberry was happy with the turnout for the grand opening, he believed more students would have joined in the festivities if not for the pass closure.

Becky Smith, senior music education major, attended the event as part of the Central marching band and was surprised at how many people did show up.

"There were supposed to be a ton more [people] for band that couldn't come because the pass closed," Smith said.

Smith estimated about 35 band members showed up out of over 100.

During the event prizes were raffled off including tickets to The Second City Comedy Tour, Brandi Carlile, Kathy Griffin and two SUB/REC waivers, (each a $159 value donated by Charlotte Tullos, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management).

Two hundred and fifty raffle tickets were turned in, which lead Rosenberry to believe between 250-350 people participated in the event.

"I was pleased with the people who came," Rosenberry said.

Along with the lights, confetti and giveaways, the evening offered a free screening of Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby with root beer floats and popcorn served in the SURC theatre.

The Central marching band performed from north campus down to the SURC, where they were met by the rest of the marching band and played several songs outside and inside the SURC.

After the marching band performance, 88.1 The Burg played music in the SURC pit.

"I thought it [the grand opening] was pretty cool," said Smith. "It didn't know a lot of the activities were going on."

The light system used to highlight the grand opening of the building will be used all week, lighting up the outside of the building with alternating colors and patterns.

Plans for the confetti missed in Sunday night's event will not go to waste.

"If they [students] want to see confetti they can come to Mr. and Mr. Central," Rosenberry said. "It will be like American Idol times ten."
Most of our rentals range between $300 and $700. 'Pirates' was approximately $800."

—Scott Drummond
director of campus activities

"This beautiful room is so comfortable."
Music department requests funding from fee committee

by Frank Stanley
Asst. News editor

Central Washington University's music department started this year's supplemental funding allocation at last week's Services and Activities (S&A) fee committee meeting. They asked for funding for the vocal jazz ensemble and the marching band.

After Jack Baker, assistant to the vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, and committee adviser, and senior history major David Reynolds, S&A fee committee chair, outlined the requesting and voting processes for new members, the vocal jazz ensemble presented their funding request.

Ensemble Director Vijay Singh requested a supplemental fund (one-time fund) of $10,000 for a group trip to New York. The group was selected to perform in the International Association of Jazz Educators' (IAJE) 34th International Conference in New York, and the funding would cover travel, lodging and registration for the event, Singh said. He also said prior funds have been raised and additional grants can be provided if needed. The committee approved $9,000 for the ensemble.

The marching band's supplemental request came from band director Larry Gookin, in the amount of $4,150 for instrument repair, uniform cleaning and student service payment. Additional funding was requested to assist with the unexpected increase in the size of this year's marching band Gookin said. The fund will also assist the biennial budget given to the program for this year. Gookin outlined the band's new funding proposal for the next biennium, explaining the need for new uniforms because the current ones are nearly 20 years old.

"Next year is a critical point for us, with new uniforms and accommodating more students," Gookin said.

The vote for the band's request will be held at the next S&A fee meeting on Nov. 8.

Meetings for the S&A committee are held at 5 p.m. every Wednesday in the SURC board room 301. Meetings are open to the public.

NEWS BRIEFS

Juniors involved in Bouillion fight

A group of juniors attacked a boy delivering a public service announcement to the second floor of Bouillion Hall Thursday Oct. 9.

After the fight, the group ran out of an emergency exit, setting off the alarms. The status of the boy has not been disclosed.

The juniors were caught by Central Washington University police. Campus police are working with the county prosecutor and charges are pending. Central Police Captain Kevin Higgins said.

Excellence in Teaching winners named

Central Washington University's Alumni Association selected four professors for the 2006 Excellence in Teaching awards. The winners, chosen for their abilities in student development and display of excellent and innovative teaching.

The recipients are Michael Ervin from the College of Arts and Humanities, Graeme Coitier from the College of Business, Amy Hoover from the College of Education and Professional Studies, and Andrew Downs from the College of the Sciences.

They will be honored at noon on Friday, Nov. 3 in Sue Lombard Hall. The presentation is open to all.

CAT team provides escorts, patrol for campus community

by Carleigh Lorenz
Staff reporter

Imagine students walking across campus late at night. They're walking through poorly-lit areas and they hear something, a snap like someone stepped on a twig. They jump, and look around nervously, wishing they weren't alone.

Since last October, Central Washington University students haven't had to worry about walking around campus alone at night, because of the Courtesy Assistance Team (CAT).

The team serves as a campus patrol/escort service for students, faculty and staff. The program is coordinated by Sgt. Tim Stowe from the Central Police and the program is managed by the Department of Public Safety and Police Services.

Tammy Shuey, senior safety and health management major, said Central needs CAT.

"It provides security both for the students, male or female, that feel uncomfortable walking through campus," Shuey said. "I think it provides an all-secureness for the whole student body."

Between Oct. 1 and 15, CAT provided 74 escorts and 15 police assists.

Last year, Shuey worked with campus safety to get the program recognized, and said the team has improved this year.

"More people are starting to call; we're getting off to a little stronger start and getting the program recognized," Shuey said. "We have employees this year that are more willing to get involved to help spread the word throughout campus that we are here and that we aren't just for an emergency situation."

Capt. Kevin Higgins, operations commander for Central's police department, said that the team works as more than just escorts. They also check buildings and open labs on campus at night, and notify the police if anything illegal is going on.

"They also work as social attendants at events that serve alcohol, such as wedding receptions, and they check ID and make sure no one is over-served," Higgins said.

CAT's hours are 6 p.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday and 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday through Saturday. The on-duty dispatcher assists with weapons checks and directory assistance. The team also provides directions. Amanda McBride, senior nutrition major works as a dispatcher for CAT.

"My favorite part of the job is the flexibility and talking to people who call," McBride said. "I get to meet a lot of new people and get my homework done while I'm working. Sometimes we have to work until 2 a.m., but since we only work two or three days a week, it's not bad at all.

The team is trained, and wears red and white jackets with "Courtesy Assistance" printed on them. They don't work over holidays or during school breaks.

To reach CAT, call 963-2950. A member of the team can escort you anywhere on campus for free.

CELEBRATION: Student input brings more Homecoming events

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The money for the lighting is in the $150,000 that has already been spent on Kathy Griffin, Brandi Carlile and the Second City Comedy Tour.

"Funds to support Homecoming activities come from the Student Services and Activities fee that every Central student is charged each quarter," Drummond said.

"Students need to know they are already paying for most of the events on campus through such funds," Drummond said.

If students do not attend, they are missing out on a great opportunity, and money spent, he said.

Planning for this year's homecoming started not long after the opening of the SURC last January.

The budget was decided and decisions to combine the celebration of the SURC and Homecoming were planned out in advance, Rosenberry said.

There was a lot of student input, and if students enjoy this year's celebration, they should expect a similar experience next year, Rosenberry said.

Kelsey Held, sophomore English education major, said she was surprised to hear the focus of Homecoming was to highlight the new building.

The money from the Services and Activities fee should be used to highlight the opening of the building, Held said.

"I am not going to the Homecoming events like Kathy Griffin because I can't afford to," Held said.

She would like to see Homecoming funds come out of the Student Union & Recreation Center fees that are charged every quarter to student's accounts.

Kathryn Ruth, Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors executive vice president, agreed that students should attend Homecoming events because it displays school spirit and pride.

This year's Homecoming will be very different due to all the new events and activities, Ruth said.

"It's good to break the mold but still maintain the traditions that have been in place for the last few years," Rosenberry said.

Nominations for WAC

The empowerment center annually recognizes six individuals who have excelled in providing avenues to increase success for women. Forms must be turned into the empowerment center by Wed. Nov. 15. They can be downloaded at:

www.cwu.edu/~ceenter

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Kennedy advocates environmental focus

by J. Aaron Siebold

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., nephew to the late President John F. Kennedy, will be discussing an issue that concerns the world, “Our Environmental Destiny” will be presented on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in McCornell Auditorium.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.’s credentials cover many areas. He serves as senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and president of the Waterkeeper Alliance.

Kennedy Jr. is also a professor and supervising attorney at Pace University School of Law’s Environmental Litigation Clinic and was a regular participant in Ring of Fire on Air America Radio.

His speech will cover various environmental issues that concern people and how individuals can better the environment on a daily basis.

“Kennedy will discuss the role that natural resources play in our work, our health, and our identity as Americans,” said Marian Lien, event planner for Central’s presidential speaker series.

Debates and various news publications have been circling around the past few years on global warming, environmental catastrophes, and other such environmental changes.

Lien expects students to take something important away from Kennedy’s speech.

“I hope students walk out of McCornell Thursday night hopeful that there is still time to effect change to preserve our environment, and that they can have a hand in affecting that change,” Lien said.

MEChA to present Day of the Dead

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Local citizens clash with off-campus students

by Paul Balcerak
City editor

Off-campus student parties are nothing new to the city of Ellensburg, but in the past year tensions between students and Ellensburg residents have taken a turn for the worse. Now some students are fearing for their families’ safety.

Since last March, several residents have become increasingly concerned with the increasing numbers of student parties from student homes and party-goers looking to exact revenge for receiving noise complaints. Keith Champagne, Central Washington University’s associate vice president for student affairs, said those complaints have ranged from large amounts of littering to one student doing “donuts” with his truck on a resident’s lawn.

“This is a small amount of students,” said “Jane Doe” an Ellensburg resident who asked not to be identified. “In my neighborhood, I’m surrounded by students and the majority of them are good kids.”

But some student parties have gotten out of control, Doe said, and have caused headaches for residents like her. “It’s okay for you to have a party, but not to invite 200 people,” she said.

“Lisa Smith” another Ellensburg resident who requested her identity be withheld, said parking has become a hassle. “The street races have posed a danger to residents, children and pets,” Smith said.

Citizens like Doe and Smith had a chance to voice their concerns to local and university officials recently at a meeting at Ellensburg’s City Hall. Although the meeting didn’t result in any official action, Ellensburg Police Capt. Ross Green said residents concerns were heard and he anticipates similar meetings to occur in the future.

Champagne has been aware of citizen concerns for about a month and said he meets with local law enforcement regularly to discuss delinquent student behavior off campus.

“We want our students to be very civil, very disciplined and very caring on and off campus,” Champagne said.

Central is authorized to discipline students who violate off-campus laws, according to the Student Conduct Code. It states: “A student shall be subject to disciplinary action (for) violation on or off campus of any city, county, state or federal law.”

Doe and Smith said they doubt many students are aware of the code at all. They added that the lack of police patrols has prompted some residents to hire private security escorts.

They said the situation does not appear to be entirely hopeless. After becoming irritated with a noisy student neighbor, Smith casually talked with the person and hasn’t had any problems since.

“We finally had a good talk and everything’s cool now,” she said.

Academy will show people that police aren’t like ‘Cops’

by Sean McPherson
Asst. City editor

Police officers are commonly known for issuing tickets and arresting people in response to a crime. Ellensburg police are out to change that perception with a long running community-based program.

The Ellensburg Police Department is putting on a Citizens Academy to inform people about what exactly police officers do. The academy, which starts Nov. 7 and meets once a week until Jan. 2, will educate people on different aspects of police work including patrol procedures, crime prevention and a K-9 demonstration.

Program organizer Sgt. Mike Coppin said that the academy, held annualy since 1999, was designed to build a better relationship with the community.

“We felt it really opens up the department to people to see what our job is truly like,” Coppin said.

Police work has become too reactive and this program will help in preventing crime, Coppin said. One way the academy helps serve that aim by teaching people how to avoid becoming victims.

An analogy Coppin uses is that police work is inaccurate, Coppin said. A television show like “Cops” films many hours of footage before it is whittled down to just an hour of viewing. “Our job is not to make people fail, our job is to make people successful,”—Sergeant Mike Coppin
Ellensburg Police Department

Proposal would make reducing noise a ‘SNAP’

by Katie Mundoch
Staff reporter

The Ellensburg Police Department discussed their proposed Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) at a special Ellensburg City Council meeting last week. Ellensburg Chief of Police Dale Miller said SNAP is a community and law enforcement approach toward dealing with noise complaints.

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

If the SNAP program goes into effect, Central Washington University students wearing polo shirts and khakis will begin responding to noise complaints reported by their peers. The students would be trained internally and paid minimum wage.

Sending Central students to educate violators of the noise ordinance is less intimidating and will allow police officers to manage their time more effectively, Miller said at the meeting.

Miller and Capt. Ross Green declined requests to be interviewed. The noise ordinance in Ellensburg requires people to keep noise down from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. The penalty for violating the noise ordinance, which is defined as noise that can be heard from 50 feet away, is a $210 fine.

Last year police responded to 1,000 noise complaints. The Ellensburg Police Department is awaiting funding from the city council to put the program into effect. If the program becomes a reality with the desired funding and resources, it will begin next year.

Cops out-gun firefighters

Ellensburg firefighter Jim Hanson (center) attempts a lay-up at last weekend’s “Guns-Hoses” charity basketball game. The game pitted local police against firefighters to raise money for the local ASPEF women’s shelter. The event brought in about $530—about twice as much last year’s event. The police emerged victorious, 50-48.
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Less is more in the world of voting.

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But look at me now? I’m a 22-year-old who’s already been assimilated by the system for which I once held so much contempt. I’m a sellout! And now I’m supposed to tell you to do the same thing.

Well, I refuse.

One of the reasons I started voting in the first place was to voice my opinion on how this country ought to run, and if even one of you opposes me, my vote gets effectively cancelled out. Therefore, it’s in my best interest to encourage as many of you as possible not to vote.

Imagine if I could whistle America’s voting public down to myself and two candidates; imagine how many people could regress back to living the care-free college life they loved? It would be enough to make a complaining like me eatier, too, because there would only be three of us voting. And believe me, you would be complaining.

This imaginary place of mine would be a lot different from our world today; “the man” might not be a man at all, but a “wo-man.” Gay couples would be getting married in the streets—legally. Affirmative action would cease to exist. Abortion would be outlawed. The world as we know it could go completely to hell.

See: Are they? Maybe! But it’s exactly what could happen so long as American voters only account for a fraction of the population. And as long as you all continue to leave well alone enough along November, I can vote my way toward turning my fantasy world into complete reality. Feel free to try and stop me. Or not.
Talent Contest: Mr. and Ms. Central will be decided tonight in the Student Union Ballroom.

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Movie Options: Read about the two movies playing the the Student Union Theatre.

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**Talent Contest:**

A Ku Klux Klan member, wearing a white mask, complained to his wife that he can’t find his robe. “Well I can’t go to the rally with no robe; I’ll look stupid,” he said. “Don’t worry,” she says reassuringly, “They’re not going to care that you look a little different than they’re used to.”

The Ku Klux Klan, undergirding drinking, the pursuit of happiness in America, that depressed homeless with a “sweet-ass fluffy white dragon” were just a few of the topics covered by The Second City comedy troupe as they performed to a crowd of more than 200 on Monday in the Student Union Ballroom.

The famous acting company that produced such names as Chris Farley and Stephen Colbert was the second event of Central Washington University’s 2006 Homecoming Week.

“It was pretty good,” said Brian Daven, senior recreation management major. “I’ve been to comedy clubs in New York and L.A. and this Second City show was just as good if not better.”

The six cast members were comprised of three women and three men. Colleen Doyle, Mary Sohn, Dana Quercioli, Hans Holken, Tim Baltz and Brendan Jennings used a combination of gags and lighting to perform sketches and improv for more than two hours.

Highlights included an opening musical number about the pursuit of happiness in America, and a sketch where drunk New Jersey-ites interacted with the audience. The show closed with a half-hour encore that was purely improvised.

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**Homecoming Performer:**

The group has performed in shows all over the Northwest.

“Used to do improv in high school and so I was really interested in seeing these guys,” said Lauren Shurt, sophomore public relations major. “The improv scenes that they did were really impressive.”

For information on The Second City go to www.secondcity.com.

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Front and Central:
talent show takes off

by Robbie Miller
Staff reporter

The most talented male and female from each residence hall will duke it out American Idol style tonight in hopes of becoming this year’s Mr. and Ms. Central.

Contestants will have to keep their cool under the lights as their faces are shown on big screens in the Student Union and Recreation Center ballroom.

“It’s a thrill to see people in a way you wouldn’t get to see in a classroom setting.”

Student and faculty judges will rate the contestants with a score card. Final scores take into account the audience’s reaction and technical aspects of the performance. Some of the judges will be from the music and theatre departments to provide the experience and knowledge of performance.

Contest winners will receive two free tickets to either Kathy Griffin or the Homecoming dance, Entz said.

“I’m really excited to see that stuff,” Resident Hall Association President Jessica Entz said. “It’s a thrill to get to see people compete and

Boo Central

makes kids smile

Boo Central has been a tradition at Central Washington University for years and has been previously held in the Student Union Building. Now it is taking place on the second floor of the SURC. Central clubs participate in the event by decorating rooms in different themes. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to this warm, safe event. The event is held from 5 to 7 p.m. every Halloween night. Look for this story online.

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Jake brings music, dance & all that jazz

by Amanda Balo
Staff reporter

Bring your dancing shoes to the Homecoming Dance, Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Student Union Ballroom because Jake Bergevin and the Javatown Swing Orchestra is coming to campus. Jazz enthusiasts, or those who just like dancing and dressing up, can come enjoy the swanky atmosphere the featuring music of Big-Band and Jump-Blues of the 1930's to the 70's.

The group is comprised of Jake Bergevin on trumpet and vocals, Jim Sisko on trumpet, Saul Cline on tenor sax, Dan Haeck on trombone, Greg Fulton playing guitar, RJ Whislow on bass and Mark Wend on drums.

Bergevin's mentorship with Gary Evans and Kirk Marcy led to a Downbeat Award in 1985. He also had the chance to perform with The Manhattan Transfer and Bobby McFerrin while still in high school. Bergevin attended Central Washington University on the Presser Scholarship the highest award granted. Bergevin earned a Master's degree from Central in Trumpet Performance giving him the opportunity to play with musicians Ernesto Anderson, Ethel Ennis, Bill Watrous, and Emily Remler.

Bergevin has played at many prestigious venues, from the Paramount Theatre in Seattle to the Savy Swing Club. In the summer Bergevin performs at Ellensburg's Jazz in the Valley and sometimes performs for the Central Washington University Swing Cats club dances.

Currently Bergevin is a mentor for students in his hometown of Kirkland, and the vice president of the International Association for Jazz Education.

The RHA Homecoming Dance "Hollywood Stars," 9 p.m. - midnight, SURC Ballroom

Jake Bergevin and the Javatown Swing Orchestra, 9 p.m., SURC Ballroom

Washington Chapel: "Back when I first worked with [the] group called Otis Elevator and The Shotts — a group of Central's most talented musicians — Bergevin was their "front man" as singer and horn player," Assistant director of student activities, Scott Drummond wrote.

Bergevin and his band have been invited back several times to play for special events and Drummond thought Homecoming would be another great time, especially because so many members of the band are Central graduates.

If interested in attending the RHA Homecoming dance can purchase tickets Student Union Box office for $10 or can be purchased at the door for $12.

Check out the Boo Central Story Online

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• Wellington's Wild Night, 4:30 p.m., fire, SURC Patio & Parking Lot

• Presidential Speaker Series: Robert Kennedy, 7:30 p.m., McConnell Auditorium

• Mr. & Mrs. Central, 8 p.m., SURC Ballroom

• An Evening with Kathy Griffin, 8 p.m., SURC Ballroom

• SURC Grand Opening Banquet, 6:30 - 9 p.m., SURC Ballroom

• RHA Homecoming Dance "Hollywood Stars," 9 p.m. - midnight, SURC Ballroom

• Flute Fete: Brittany Fuchs 7 p.m. Music building recital

• Three more weeks til Thanksgiving!

• Classic Film Series: "Born into Brothels," 7 p.m., Theatre

• CAH Speaker: Jeffery Dippmann, 4 p.m., Science Building 216

• OFF the Grid," 7 p.m., SURC Theatre

• Geographical Seminar Series: Dr. David Fastovsky, 4 p.m., Lind 215

• "Hard Times" Theatre performance, 6 p.m., McConnell Auditorium

by Observer Staff

Philosophy professor Jeffery Dippmann will deliver a presentation titled "To Ride the Wind in Liezi: New Perspectives on Immortality," at 4:15 p.m. on Nov. 7 in room 216 of the Science Building.

"Recently, it's about the Daoist search for transcendent existence, it's considered physical immortality or spiritual," Dippmann said.

Dippmann will explore the controversies concerning the Liezi text, which was designated a Daoist classic in the eighth century CE. He will also compare the Liezi with the Zhuangzi which has many similarities.

Dippmann plans to examine how Lie Yokou, the man thought to have written Liezi, either plagiarized or borrowed material from the Zhuangzi.

Although the Liezi contains fresh ideas, it uses recycled ones, too. The Daoist sage topic of professor's speech

by Katie Baker
Staff reporter

The First Friday Art Walk is a self guided tour throughout the historic downtown of Ellensburg. Gallery One puts on this program every first Friday of the month.

The dance is open for everyone and all ages are welcome to attend.

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Wild Night offers live music, free food, more

by Tashi Kanamatu
Staff reporter

College students' favorites: food, prizes, rock bands and a parade are all happening tonight at the Student Union and Recreation Center. Everything is free.

"Wellington's Wild Night," sponsored by the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors, is a celebration for Homecoming and the opening of the new SURC.

"We wanted to tie it with the opening of the new SURC, as well as all the homecoming events," said Kathryn Ruth, the ASCWU/BOD executive vice president.

The Homecoming parade, featuring cheerleaders, the football team, fire trucks and police vehicles will start at 4:15 p.m. on Nov. 2 on campus.

The event will give the first 1,000 students free hotdogs, popcorn and caramel apples. Several clubs and organizations will have games and activities at the event. Giveaway prizes, including tickets for Kathy Griffin and gift certificates for Grant's Pizza, will be distributed.

Two indie rock bands from Washington, The Pale Pacific and the Schoolyard Heroes, will be headlining the event.

Ruth, who helped choose the bands, talked with Campus Activities and students to find out which bands they like and wanted to see.

"I really like them both," Ruth said.

The drummer of The Pale Pacific, Greg Swinehart, said the band was originally formed in Bellingham when the members were high school students 10 years ago.

The band has released two CDs on their own, and another two sold nationally. They have toured the country five times, which included playing at the old Student Union Building on Central's campus two years ago.

"I loved it," Swinehart said about the bands last show at Central. "People we met there were great, and some of our old friends used to go there."

Although Swinehart likes playing in big cities such as New York, San Francisco and Austin, he said the band never forgets the local support they have received in Washington.

"Nothing replaces the northwest," Swinehart said.

The other band that will play tonight, the Schoolyard Heroes, is not necessarily considered an indie rock band. Their songs sound more like danceable, harder music and are more fun rock, like Iron Maiden, the vocalist of the band Ryan Donnelly said.

The band was originally formed in Tacoma, where three members, including Donnelly, went to high school. The drummer, Brian Turner, joined them then. These four are the current members of the band.

After performing their first show in 2001, the band has toured nationally several times. They have gained recognition with such heavy sounds as "Serial Killers Know How To Party" and "Nothing Cleanses Quite Like Fire."

"Please come to the show and dance," Donnelly said.

For more information, contact Kathryn Ruth at 963-1843.

It's Miller Time: adventure film highlights winter fun

by Heather Elliott
Staff reporter

Start off the winter season the right way with a rush of adrenaline, lots of snow and daring adventures that will go beyond the most intense experiences imaginable by the average person.

Kim and Warren Miller's 2006 movie "Off the Grid," a former football player turned avid skier, Jeremy Bloom, narrates the story. He follows along with others who make it their mission to find the deepest snow, the steepest mountains, and the biggest snowball fights to entertain both themselves and viewers who will be left on the edges of their seats.

The movie includes a record-breaking scene in which Jamie Pier skis off the edge of a 245-foot snow-covered cliff. This is one of many riveting scenes following the skiers as they travel all over India, Canada and the Chugach Mountains in Alaska searching for the excitement of pure adrenaline.

Tickets for this movie can be purchased at the Student Union box office. There will be a 7 p.m. and at 9 p.m. showing. Tickets are $8 for students and $12 for general. The ticket booth and theatre will open thirty minutes before the show.

Classic Film: 'Born into Brothels'

by Heather Elliott
Staff reporter

Imagine a world filled with poverty, shame and helpless children wandering the streets as they try to escape their lives of hardship and shattered dreams. Ross Kaufman and Zana Briski bring this world to their viewers in the documentary entitled "Born Into Brothels."

The focus of the documentary is children who live in the red-light district of Calcutta, India, while their mothers make ends meet by way of prostitution. Briski, a New York photographer, befriends the children and teaches them how to use a camera. It is through their pictures that viewers will gain more understanding of the hardships and realities these children are faced with on a daily basis.

This film has received several awards and has the film makers creating an organization to help raise money for the education of children in Calcutta. The documentary is 85 minutes long and rated R for the use of strong language.

Tickets for this film and others in the 2006 Classic Film Series can be purchased at the Student Union box office. Tickets are $3 per person, and bargain passes, good for five films, are available for $12 each.

The ticket booth and theatre opens at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and the film starts at 7 p.m.
Women's soccer unable to gain a win in final two home games by Tyler Lobe Staff reporter

The Central Washington University women's soccer team saw their 2006 season come to an end Saturday afternoon. Archival Western Washington University came into Ellensburg hoping to take home a win and a share of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference title. The Wildcats had other plans.

Central's fate was in the last five matches and has been outscored 17-2 during that span. Central played to a 1-1 double-overtime stalemate, finishing with a tie for fifth place in GNAC play with a 4-6-1, 7-2-1 GNAC and will participate in the NCAA Division II National Postseason Tournament for the first time in their history.

The Vikings drew first blood in the 51st minute when Katie Warner took a corner kick from Kelly being and head­ed past Wildcat keeper Erin Barr.

"It was one of the best goals that have been scored against us this year," head Coach Michael Farrand said. "We showed how resilient we have been over the last few weeks and we didn't panic after Western's goal."

It was only 15 minutes later that junior Lindsay Mitchell scored her second goal of the season to take the game up at one. From there, Western put the pressure on the Central defense. After Mitchell's goal in the 65th minute, the Vikings outshot the Wildcats 14-3, creating many chances to take the lead and the GNAC title. The defense by Wildcat netminders Barr and freshman Amber Easterbrook with a pair of Falcon goals in the final six minutes spoiled the Wildcats' upset bid in a 2-0 home loss. Easterbrook again performed impressively, sitt­ing at 5-6-4 mark overall.

"If you look at our performance over the last couple of weeks," Farrand said. "We were very much improved."

Central finished the season with 20 wins big game

Volleyball sweeps Alaska schools by Nathan Young Staff reporter

The Central Washington University women's volleyball team jumped into the number seven spot of this week's regional rankings, after two-win weekend. The top eight teams qualify for the NCAA Division II National Tournament. The top eight teams qualify for the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

The three would lead the team in kills by Ernie Vorhof Staff reporter

The Wildcat men's rugby team traveled to Corvallis, Ore., over the weekend to face off with two top-ranked opponents, the University of Victoria (UVIC), from British Columbia and the University of Utah.

In Friday's match Central got out to an early lead of 12-5 against Victoria. However, the second half wouldn't be as posi­tive and the Wildcats found themselves trailing late. The final score of Central's opening game ended in favor of UVIC 43-24.

On Saturday things didn't get much better as Central against the University of Utah.
Central inches closer to playoffs

The Wildcat's victory over Augustana puts them in position for the playoff hunt

by Nick Parra
Staff reporter

The Wildcats came away with a big win this past Saturday defeating Augustana College, putting Central Wisconsin University in prime standing for the playoffs. The 34-28 victory over the Vikings at Augustana moves the Wildcats up to seventh in the NCAA Division II Northwest Region Poll and improves Central's record to 6-3.

Coming into this game many Wildcat players were hoping to get ahead quickly, but it was a surprise when the score was 20-0 in the first half of play. "You always plan ahead for a big lead early on like that but you never expect it," freshman wide receiver Johnny Spevak said.

Late in the first quarter running back Will Bennett scored on a two yard end zone drive, capping off a 65 yard drive. The running game was back on Cen­tral's next possession when junior running back Johnny Lopez was able to get into the end zone three yards out, that finished off a 64 yard drive. The offense was led by sophomore quarterback Mike Reilly, who threw for 269 yards rushing. The offense was led by sophomore quarterback Mike Reilly, who threw for 269 yards against Minnesota State University for a total of 134. "We're preparing the same as every game, but it wouldn't be his last. Early in the fourth quarter of play, Reilly again connected to Jameson for a big 36 yard touchdown grab that put the Wildcats ahead 34-14. The Wildcats' defense took a big step forward as well, keeping the Vikings scoreless until late in the second quarter. "We played really well defensively, we were able to read their offense and stop potential plays," said senior free safety Ryan Andrews.

In recent weeks Andrews has stepped up and become a leader for the Wildcats, making five tackles and breaking up Offle pass this past week. "I've worked hard for, for four years." Andrews said. "I will miss the team aspect," Anderson said. "You get close to your team. This is kind of like our family." Andrews said. "I feel intimidated and aren't letting it affect the way they prepare for a game. We're preparing the same as every week, which is full-out with lots of intensity," Andrews said.

After last week's win the Wildcats need only one more win this week to clinch a playoff birth, but are looking to get two season ending wins. "We are treating it like a do or die game, we need to win out the season if we want a place in the playoffs," said Andrews.

Central practices before their next matchup against Minnesota State. Saturday's game is Homecoming and Senior Day at Tomlinson Stadium.

REMAINING FOOTBALL SCHEDULE
Nov. 9. 12 p.m. Home vs Minnesota State-Homecoming, Senior Day
Nov. 11. 1 p.m. CST at Nebraska-Omaha
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Nov. 25. NCAA Division II Second Round
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New assistants bring players perspective to coaching

by Nolan Teasley
Staff reporter

Many athletes choose to go into coaching after their playing days are over. So often, in fact, it seems to be a natural progression. It is a progression that a number of former Central Washington University athletes are not only following but succeeding in.

"I'm not sure if it's a natural progression for everyone, but I knew it for me," Jamie Bankston, assistant soccer coach said.

Bankston is in her first year coaching with the soccer team after her playing days came to an end.

Chris Banish, last season's starting point guard for the Central Washington University men's basketball team, is now passing some of his knowledge and experience on to this year's team and the team seems to appreciate it.

"It's good to see him out here for one more year," senior forward Lance Deit Boer said. "He's a good mediator and offers an open connection between the players and coaches.

Three previous standouts on Central's women's basketball team, Deit Boer, LeAnne McCahuey and Crystal Ames are also in the middle of their first year assisting the office of Marcus Andaya. Although they relish the opportunity to coach and stay around the game the transition to coaching wasn't as easy as expected.

"It was a very hard transition," McCahuey said. "I had to learn how to teach someone how to do something instead of doing it myself."

Jason Schmitt, a former catcher for the baseball team, rejoined Wildcat baseball this year to help out head Coach Desi Storey and head assistant Coach Lloyd Gage, who have taken on the bulk of the duties by themselves for the past several seasons.

"I was confused and looking for advice and found it close to home," Schmitt said. "I basically grew up at Husky stadium. Chris Rohrbach played through the pain, helping Meadowdale football secures its place in the playoffs. He was a standout player in the playoffs but didn't receive any attention from colleges.

"I had to learn how to coach and being with friends and family, most of the new assistant coaches not only have school to finish, but they are interested in making coaching a career in addition to earning their degree.

"I'm interested in the coaching side of things," Bankston said. "I'm using this experience as a learning tool."

As the experience they gain through their seasons begins to add up, the ability to coach gets closer to becoming a reality. Having this knowledge of coaching is sure to prove invaluable for both themselves and those they coach.

Rohrbach finds home with Central football

by Casey Donovan
Asst. Sports editor

Chris Rohrbach spends most of his time on the inside looking out at the slot receiver position on the football field.

But he tells a much different story for the Central Washington University junior wide receiver, putting him on the outside looking in.

The trend has been set for players to move from Division I to Division II. Chris Rohrbach is one of them.

From his days at Meadowdale High School in Edmonds, to now, Rohrbach's seen more changes and misdirections handed to him than Peyton Manning handed the Indianapolis Colts offense.

In his junior year at Meadowdale, Chris Rohrbach broke his collarbone at a time when schools were beginning to take interest; particularly, his flashy yet smooth style. He came back during his senior year stronger than ever, only to encounter more misdirection.

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"Mike Rohrbach, finding that Washington was not the place for him."

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"His desire is to contribute to the team."

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"Jared and I put in the sweat that my dad found us a place to live. Now we are great friends."
VOLLEYBALL: Central gears up for last two conference road games

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Central showed their offensive prowess earning 42 kills as a team and committing only 12 attacking errors. Sophomore middle blocker Rachael Schurman led the Wildcats with 13 kills.

The University of Alaska match was the last at home for three of Central's graduating seniors, Pasley, Dollente and defensive specialist Julie Henderson. During their time at Central, the trio has an 81-24 record since 2003.

With only two regular season games remaining, the women look to continue their collegiate careers a while longer by staying in the top eight of the regional rankings.

"We're exactly where we should be right now; we've corrected a lot of errors that we've seen this season in our losses. Even though we are young, we've come a long way," Dollente said. "Defensively (and) offensively we've really found a way to put it together and get some really solid wins."

The Wildcats will finish their regular season with a Nov. 2 match against Seattle University and their last match Nov. 4 against Northwest Nazarene.

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The Utes held the Wildcats scoreless in the first half and got out to a 45-0 before the break.

In the second half, Central managed to put up 15 points while holding the Utes to only five, but it just wasn't enough as Utah cruised to a 50-15 victory.

Central made the trip to Corvallis without several of their players due to injuries and personal issues, but several positives came out of the weekend's matches, senior lock Joe Bergin said.

"Things didn't really end the way we wanted them to, but it showed that we could handle some adversity," Bergin said. "I think it was a good show of character. We came out playing really sloppy but we picked it up and showed that we were a contender."

Many of Central's younger players got a chance to see some action over the weekend, which helped build experience.

"The young guys really stepped up when we needed them," Bergin said. "Hopefully some of the younger guys can get more playing time this weekend."

Central men's rugby practice last week in preparation for their games in Corvallis against University of Victoria and the University of Utah.

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Left to right: Senior outside hitter Kristen Pasley, sophomore middle blocker Rachael Schurman and junior outside hitter Emily Veenker attempt to block a kill against University of Alaska Anchorage last Thursday.
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Easterbrook fought an injury all year that she suffered in club soccer back in February.
"Many people didn't know this, but she played with a torn meniscus," Farrand said. "She had played on one leg all year long."
Though only a freshman, Easterbrook handled the collegiate soccer stage like a seasoned veteran.
"High school soccer has so much less pressure," Easterbrook said. "You train much more in college ball than you do in high school and club soccer."
Coach Farrand said they will continue recruiting throughout the offseason, looking for more offensive-minded players and addressing the needs on defense.
"We also need to heal up," Easterbrook said. "We accumulated injuries over the season and now we have a chance to heal and come back (next season) and play even harder."