THEY'RE BA-A-A-A-Ck...

For the third year in a row bed bugs are back on campus. The critters are becoming a problem across the country...again.

by Korben Cook
Staff reporter

Beck Hall has bugs bit with another infestation of bed bugs this season.

Bed bugs are no strangers to the Central Washington University campus. The university has been battling the pests since 2001. The rise of bed bugs is a national issue. The new-age bed bug problem has been growing so significantly that USA Today, The New York Times and Dateline NBC have all recently covered the issue.

"In another year or two I'll be surprised if no universities have this problem," said Andrew Soeprono, technical specialist with Eden Advanced Pest Technologies.

Eden is based out of Olympia.

"In talking to my colleagues at all the other institutions, they have had situations dealing with bed bugs as well," said Richard DeShields, director of residence life and new student programs.

The first reported cases of bed bugs in the United States occurred during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Once people became aware of the problem, households started to use better cleaning practices and almost wiped out bed bugs in America.

In the past decade, bed bugs have begun to crawl back into households.

Central's first reported case this school year happened a few weeks into fall quarter.

Central conducts annual pest inspections and fumigation of residence halls for all pests — not just bed bugs.

Although the bugs are a new experience for new students, this outbreak has been very similar to previous ones.

DeShields said. Freshman graphic design major Alex Chong was permanently relocated to Spinks Hall because of an infestation of bed bugs.

"When my roommate said we had bed bugs I was like, 'WHAT?,'" Chong said. The first outbreak occurred across the hall from Chong's room at the beginning of fall quarter.

"My roommate was getting bumps all over her [and] was freaking out," Chong said.

There have been three reports of bed bugs this year and students were given the option to permanently move to another dorm or return to their original room after the room had been treated.

Eden Technologies inspected all rooms with reported problems. DeShields said the university responds to the cleanliness issue," DeShields said. "For students who might experience bed bugs they do not want people to think they're dirty."

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The way pesticides were used in the past, no bug had a chance to escape because everything was sprayed from ceiling-to-floor, Soeprono said.

One of the biggest problems this year is the university is still finalizing costs with Eden and other fumigation companies. DeShields said, but the overall cost is dependent upon the severity of the infestation.

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Creepy bed bug information:
- Bed bugs can live for a year without a blood meal
- Bed bugs get full then fall off of people's skin
- Bed bugs can travel across the country in a suitcase

First Stage Larva (1.5 mm long)
Takes a blood meal then molts.

Second Stage Larva (2 mm long)
Takes a blood meal then molts.

Third Stage Larva (2.5 mm long)
Takes a blood meal then molts.

Fourth Stage Larva (9 mm long)
Takes a blood meal then molts.

Fifth Stage Larva (6.5 mm long)
Takes a blood meal then molts.

Life cycle of the bed bug
Cimex lectularius

Egg (3 mm long)
Takes a blood meal then molts.

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Alumni honor four professors for excellence

by Hallie Luginsland
Staff reporter

Each year the Alumni Association presents an "Excellence In Teaching Award" to one faculty member from each of the four colleges at Central Washington University. This year, four faculty members are Mike Ervin, Graeme Coetzer, Amy Hoover, and Andrew Downs, who were recognized in the Sue Lombard room Friday Nov. 3.

The award honors new faculty by recognizing them for outstanding teaching skills early in their careers. Recipients must have taught for more than two years and less than six years at Central.

The room was filled with fellow faculty and staff who joined in on conversation and a light lunch. Provost David Soltz introduced each of the four deans who then announced the award recipient from their college.

Each gave a brief background on their teaching style and shared positive comments from past students.

The College of Arts and Humanities honored Michael Ervin from the history department. Ervin has been at Central since fall 2002 and is the director of the Latin American studies program. His area of specialization is modern Mexican history. "Central students are extraordinarily diverse in their learning," Ervin said. "I am among excellent company."

The College of Business, sponsored by Carleigh Lorenz, announced Graeme Coetzer from CWU-Lynwood management department. "He certainly has succeeded in creating an effective learning environment," Savoian said. "He treats students with respect and has an interest in whether or not these students learn." Coetzer is an assistant professor of human resource management.

The College of Education and Professional Studies, by Hallie Luginsland, announced Amy Hoover, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies. Hoover started flying in the 1980s and has worked as a geologist, a white water guide and an air taxi pilot before she began teaching. "Aside from flying, teaching is an amazing passion in Amy`s life," said Dean Rebecca Brown, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies. Hoover has had several articles and books published, and is currently working on her Ph.D. from Oregon State University. She started teaching at Central in 2001.

The College of the Sciences recognized Andrew Downs, assistant professor of psychology. Downs has a B.A. in psychology and history from the University of Notre Dame. He received both his masters and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Washington State University.

Downs was a large part in starting the early intervention project at Central. "It's important to recognize teaching and that's one of the important things about Central," Downs said. "It truly is a special place."

President Jerilyn McIntyre (center) attended the the award presentation last Friday and took the opportunity to chat with recipients Michael Ervin (left) and Andrew downs (right). Participants were also treated to lunch.

Andrew Bush, senior photography major, works as a student assistant in one of Central's computer labs. All computer labs have a weekly schedule.

The technology fee committee has not yet met this year. The six-member committee currently has three open spots.

Students can find the computer lab hours and schedule by going to the Student Internet and Clicking on Computer Labs.
BUGS: Bed bug life style and behavior remain a mystery and total extermination will be a long process continued from page 1

The insecticide DDT was banned in the 1970s because it was thought to cause cancer. DDT was believed to be the best pesticide for exterminating bed bugs. Flapping it might have been good for human health, but not for exterminating bed bugs. If you can set a suitcase down, [that contains bed bugs] in the middle of the floor and they'll be able to make it to the bed without coming into contact with any pesticide," Soeprono said. Infestations can be found in the seams, tufts or folds and mattresses. In severe cases, they can be found behind baseboards, window and door casings, in pictures and picture frames, in furniture and cracks in plaster, according to the Cornell University Insect Diagnostic Laboratory. Entomologists know the physical aspects of bed bugs, but little is known about their actual life span and character, Soeprono said.

"Most tests are done on old colonies that haven't come across them already." Schools will be very lucky if they haven't come across them already.

"We are all so different, but yet so much the same." Wise said.

"Currently there is a stigma talking about depression and people need to understand talking about it is healthy," Wise said. Her book is endorsed by a variety of professionals. Many universities and colleges use it for undergraduate and graduate studies in psychology. No book has as accurately captured the panic, focus, and words of actual therapeutic sessions, nor the immediacy and power of a therapeutic relationship... I have adopted 'Waking Up' for a graduate-level class I teach," said Barry Farber, director of clinical psychology at Columbia University. Wise will discuss a variety of subjects, including depression, loss, signs of depression and the best ways to help yourself and the people you love.

Prevention methods:

- Bed bugs circulate by attaching themselves to clothing, birds, mammals and anything that may be close to a colony.
- When traveling, inspect rooms by looking at baseboards, headboards and small cracks for colonies.
- Make sure to wash clothing and dry on high heat especially after traveling abroad or to any major urban areas.
- Even if students have not traveled, keeping clothing clean eliminates any bug picked up simply by walking outdoors.
- Do not store cardboard in your room.
- Do not leave clothing or backpacks on the floor. This limits its transfer of all pests, including bed bugs, from the ground to beds and clothing.

Author to discuss depression, life, joy

"This is not a depressing topic. It's about how to feel joy in life, and how to infuse hope."

--Terry Wise, author, "Waking Up"

"There are a lot of unusual pressures on college students, more than just academically," Wise said. Susan Lonborg, psychology professor at Central, said it's important for students to attend the event because depression and suicide are common problems that society encounters. "A lecture by Wise may provide students with the opportunity to hear about suicidal ideation from the perspective of the patient," Lonborg said. Students should be aware that the counseling center is an important resource for people considering suicide or having symptoms of depression, Lonborg said.

Kasey Loomis, computer science major, said students should attend events dealing with mental health. "It's good that someone is getting the message out there, especially to those people who can be informed," Loomis said.

Wise hopes for a full audience, and everybody is encouraged to attend. Wise will reveal unique insight helpful to all people of all ages.

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Regional RHA conference brings spirit to Central

by Chelsea Evans
Staff reporter

Twenty-one students and countless volunteers are heading up the first Pacif­ ic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (PACURH) conference at Central Washington University.

It has been 1,825 days of time con­s uming work through paper-pushing, budget-building, and mistake-mending for organizers of Central's version of the PACURH.

All that stands between them and 357 students is a mere twenty-four hours and sleep, a luxury none have seen in quite awhile.

All the participants will arrive tomorrow from Canada, California, Oregon, Alaska and Washington. Heather Whitty, conference co-chair, has been living in sweats the last several days, dedicating her time to the conference's final projects.

"We have put a lot of heart into this event before we got the award," Whitty, senior social services major, said. "We have been waiting for this bid for five years; we wanted to showcase all of our new facilities."

The motivation for PACURH began in 2001 when residence hall leaders suggested having the conference at Central.

The convention has previously been held in California in past years. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. tackles tough topics, politics

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. spoke last Thursday for the Presidential Speaker Series. He addressed issues including the government and environment.

"We need an independent and vigorous press."

—Robert F. Kennedy

He criticized the media for not approaching news like it had in the past when journalists like Edward R. Murrow sought for the truth.

"We need an independent and vigorous press," Kennedy said.

The war in Iraq was also a central issue in Kennedy's subject matter. "Seventy-eight percent of American soldiers believe we are in Iraq to punish Saddam Hussein for bombing the World Trade Center," he said.

Kennedy did not set his sights solely on the current administration or corpo­ rate power, but also talked about nature and the importance it has on human beings and religion.

"When we destroy nature we diminish ourselves," Kennedy said. "I believe nature is how God talks to us."

The idea that land is shared by everyone was expressed by him as well. Kennedy told the audience that people have the right to protect the environ­ ment and that laws exist to do so; it is the enforcement of these laws that is the hard part.

The Hudson River, a river that runs through New York and New Jersey, was a prime example of how citizens can combat pollution.

"Shared resources of the land are the shared resources of the community, everybody can use them," Kennedy said.

Kennedy reflected on his childhood and what America was to him when he was growing up.

"When I was a little boy... I saw the hope of American leadership," he said. "America is a good nation."
**Birds, mud and ecology highlight One Book seminar**

by Dona Buse
Staff reporter

Geography instructor Robert Hickey, students, local Australian groups, volunteers and fellow scientists looked at the ecology of migratory birds, particularly inter-tidal mudflats.

They mapped and evaluated the habitat of migratory birds in Western Australia.

On Friday November 3 Hickey gave a PowerPoint presentation at Central Washington University. "Benthons and Birds: 10 years of collaborative research at Roebuck Bay, Australia." He connected the project to the book, "A Short History of Nearly Everything" by Bill Bryson, which is the basic scientific understanding of the various components making up bird habitats.

"Birds are sexy. People like them." - Robert Hickey

Geography instructor

Hickey got involved because he attended a party with the geography faculty at a university in Australia and got invited because of his computer mapping skills. Benthons are animals living in the mud that birds feed on.

They mapped and evaluated the habitat of migratory birds in Western Australia. On top of that, the scientist findings were published in various journals.

In 2002 they collected over 1,004 samples. In 2006 they had 598 samples and processed over 12,800 critters.

"I wanted to listen to a natural science lecture. There aren't too many of them," Kristen Centinieri, biochemistry major said. "I thought it was good he did an excellent presentation.

The sciences host lectures at Central every other Friday. "I like to see how people approach different projects," Aja Woodrow, biology major said. "It showed that a group of hard working individuals can achieve."
Kittitas County citizens turn out to cast votes

Dana still sheriff, McClain is new commissioner

by Paul Balcerak
City editor

On a night when Democrats seized control of the U.S. House of Representatives and made a serious push toward claiming the Senate, the political landscape of Kittitas County remained relatively unchanged.

Republicans swept the election in all but one of the county's four bi-partisan races, but their defeats at the local level made for a bittersweet night.

"The county Republican party is kind of afflicted right now," said Matthew Manwell, chair of the Kittitas County Republicans. "We got shellacked nationally, but locally, we won virtually across the board."

About 1,200 ballots remain to be counted, but no major changes in win totals are expected.

Republicans maintained control of the District 3 county commissioners seat as Mark McClain picked up a win over Democratic challenger Dale Hubbard.

"(The election) could have been better, but everybody ran good races and we'll just turn around and start building for the next one," Hubbard said.

County Democrats picked up only one contested win, with Gane Dana defeating Republican Sean Hillmann for the position of county sheriff.

The number of county polling sites was trimmed significantly for Tuesday's general election. Only three sites were available for voters — two in Ellensburg and one in Cle Elum — as opposed to the eight in previous elections.

County Auditor Jerry Pettit said the move to consolidate was made to accommodate new electronic voting systems, set up mainly to assist handicapped voters.

"We had to have the ability to have the equipment for people with disabilities to be able to vote at every poll site in the county," Pettit said. "So instead of having equipment for eight poll sites, we purchased equipment for two."

Pettit said his office purchased new equipment for the county for Tuesday's election at a cost of $137,000, which was purchased with federal funding from the Help America Vote Act.

Full results of Tuesday night's local elections are available online at www.co.kitsap.wa.us.

Firefighters to light barbecues for vets

by Katie Murdock
Staff reporter

Acknowledging heroes for their courageous acts is the first step on Veterans Day. To actually show one's gratitude is the next.

The Ellensburg Fire Department will take that step and show appreciation on Veterans Day by hosting a barbecue for military veterans.

"If they wouldn't have enlisted or volunteered their time, we'd be speaking German or Japanese right now," firefighter and union secretary Rich Smith said.

Smith began the tradition of hosting a barbecue to honor veterans seven years ago while working for the Wenatchee fire department. After transferring to Ellensburg, Smith continued the tradition. This is the Ellensburg fire department's third year sponsoring the event.

"It's a small token of our appreciation," Smith said. "We wouldn't have what we have today without them."

The barbecue is reserved for war veterans and their families because the families went through hard times with military overseas, Smith said.

Last year approximately 100 guests attended. This year the fire department is inviting soldiers from Yakima Firing Center, a neighboring military training center and Central Washington University's chapter of Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) to the barbecue.

"It's a good time," Smith said. "The best part of it is seeing the older vets."

Traditionally, a lot of veterans work with fire departments.

For example, the Navy puts their recruits through basic firefighting training and many sailors focus their training towards a future career in fighting fires.

Smith said Central's ROTC honor guard will present the colors at the barbecue. However, Major Tyler Oxley, assistant professor of military science, couldn't confirm that.

Major Oxley said Central's ROTC color guard comprised of Army and Air Force cadets will march in the parade along with half of the ROTC cadet battalion.

The barbecue will take place immediately following the downtown Veterans Day parade.

Students split over how to honor vets

by Marjorie Allen
Staff reporter

As Veteran's Day approaches, many students seem split on how to observe the holiday, or to observe it at all.

"Every once in a while, we'll go to one of the graveyards that have relatives that have passed in a war or two," said Sean Tiff, freshman undeclared. "Sometimes we don't do anything, which I think a lot of people do."

Students who said they do celebrate Veterans Day had differing responses when asked how they celebrate. Most said they tend to take a look at their own past, and talk with or think about a relative who is veteran.

"I usually just talk to my dad and listen to him," Tyler Thompson, freshman business administration major, said. "He likes to talk a lot around Veterans Day, and I just listen to him."

Some students still just view Veterans Day as another three-day vacation.

"I don't really do anything; just have fun on an extra day off," Kyee Gordon, junior nutrition major, said.

Involvement in Veterans Day is relatively easy, and many local veterans would be satisfied with any support or involvement.

"We most definitely and most assuredly want young people to get involved," said Charlie Barker, member of the American Legion and veteran of the Korean War.

There will be a Veterans Day parade at 11 a.m. on Saturday on Pine Street. There will also be a spaghetti feed at Ellensburg's American Legion post.

Soggy weather brings flooding to Kittitas Valley

Flooding in Kittitas County became severe as the County Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency on Tuesday night.

Kittitas County Board of Commissioners chairman David Bowen said the board declared a state of emergency due to the Salmon La Sac Road being washed out, where people lived beyond the washout.

The National Weather Service reported that the Yakima River had crested at 53.3 feet early Tuesday morning, which is 2.5 feet above the unofficial flood stage.

On Tuesday night, two families were evacuated and the Red Cross set up a shelter in Cle Elum.
Eight states voted to ban same-sex marriages, but citizens of Arizona voted down an amendment to the state constitution that would define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. The law would have also prohibited domestic partnerships and civil unions. Colorado, Idaho, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin successfully passed similar legislation banning same-sex marriages, just like 20 states before them. Arizona broke this trend; hopefully they will become the next Massachusetts.

Arizona voters also had measures on their ballots dealing with the inflow of illegal immigrants. Voters approved a measure that makes English the state's official language and another which expands the list of government benefits denied to illegal immigrants. Ohio and Arizona are to be smoke-free, much like Washington. Both states passed smoking bans in public places and rejected the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco-backed measures that would have exempted bars.

He said he'd be luck and Arnold Schwarzenegger will be back for a second term as governor of California.

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TOP: Emma, played by Heather King, consoles Sissy, played by Crystal Love, as she is trying to decide about whether to study away from her father. Slearly, played by Thomas Ohrstrom, works to convince Sissy to leave what she knows to the education she desires.

BELOW: Louisa is on stage by herself, narrating the action. Most of the characters also play the part of the narrator, bringing the audience up to speed on events with both that character and others characters involved in the plays.

**Theatre students prepare for “Hard Times”**

*Cast members take on two roles to bring Dickens’ play to life*

by Robbie Miller

The Central Washington University theatre arts department has been working all quarter to assure that none of the grandeur and realism of Charles Dickens is lost in its stage adaptation of Dickens’ “Hard Times.”

“It's a play on a very large scale,” director Brenda Hubbard said. “I don’t think people in Ellensburg get to see this kind of theatre very often.”

Forty-five students—one-third of the theatre department—are working on the play. Twelve students comprise the cast, and the rest are behind the scenes creating costumes, perfecting the sound and adjusting the mechanics of the movable stage.

“Students are working on every facet of the production,” Hubbard said. “It's a huge undertaking; they probably put in somewhere between 120 and 160 hours a quarter in a production like this.”

“Hard Times” is an intricate story that follows Louisa Gradgrind through the trials and changes of the industrial revolution. Louisa is brought up to ignore imagination, but she struggles with her emotions as she learns to value the heart and mind. The story is a tragic comedy, Hubbard said.

“There’s a lot of humor in it but there’s some sentimental things too,” she said.

Christina Welsh, who plays Louisa, said she hated reading Dickens in high school but the play has given her a new perspective.

“One sentence, [in Dickens’ writing], can end up being a paragraph long, which is terrible to read but it actually lends itself to the stage because the imagery is just so rich when it's brought to the stage,” said Welsh, a senior theatre performance major.

The play is written in antiquated British dialect, which is about as difficult to perform as Shakespeare, Hubbard said. As if the language weren't enough of a challenge, much of the cast had to master two different accents.

Everyone in the cast plays at least two characters, and some characters speak standard British while others speak with a cockney accent similar to Eliza in “My Fair Lady.”

"It's definitely a little harder to maintain in a scene with someone who's not speaking the same dialect," Welsh said. "It's really hard not to start talking like the other person."

Junior theatre performance major Thomas Ohrstrom speaks English as a third language to Dutch and Danish. He has two characters with very different dialects. He plays Mr. Sleary, who speaks Cockney with a lisp, and James Harthouse, who speaks standard British. Ohrstrom said that although it's a challenge, it is all part of the fun.

“Normally, what makes memorizing easy is that it’s how you speak,” Ohrstrom said. “But with this, it’s nowhere close to how you speak in any language.”

**Cell phone pet peeves:**

Read the top 15 cell phone pet peeves of the newspaper staff.

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See what you missed at Kathy Griffin’s comedy night.

**Banned Books:**

Read how theatre students are planning to read banned books on campus.
Talent show crowns Mr. & Ms. Central

Students from the residence halls came out in support of their fellow students at the annual Mr. and Ms. Central talent competition last Thursday. The event was one of the many put on during Central's Homecoming weekend. The participants were winners of talent competitions within each residence hall the week before.

The dark room was filled with luminous lighting and energetic bodies. Students held up handmade signs to support a spirited event that filled the Central Washington University Student Union and Recreation Center ballroom. On Nov. 2 the Mr. and Ms. Central talent event was held for Central's Homecoming weekend.

MCs Nathan and Maria introduced all of the contestants who competed for the Mr. or Ms. Central title. Each contestant performed a unique talent and competed against acts selected by the residence halls. Alfred Montgomery, Barto, Beck, Carmody Munro, Davies, Green, Hitchcock, Kamola, Kennedy, Meisner, Moore, Munson, Sparks and Wilson Hall were all represented at the competition.

Shingo Ohtsuka, named Mr. Central, is from Beck Hall. He performed "I Want it That Way," by the Backstreet Boys.

The winner for the Ms. Central title was Sydnee Matthews from Kennedy Hall who had a soulful solo performance.

From hip hop/expressive dance and singing solos to a glow stick light show performed by Elizabeth, Miss Green, the entertainment kept the crowd entertained until 10 p.m.

Each student chose a music genre to perform. There were acoustic solos from students such as Caleb, Mr. Carmody Munro, who sang a popular R&B song while integrating beat boxing in the performance.

"There were more people singing in this one," Hillary Stock, senior biology major, said.

Central's schedule of events has kept students occupied for the week.

"It's a fun thing to do on a Thursday night," Stock said. This event encouraged freshmen to get involved with Central's Homecoming events by uniting them to support each other. Each residence hall had students in the crowd to support their candidate.

The runners up for Mr. Central were Ed from Kamola in third place who performed karate and Caleb, from Carmody Munro in second place who sang an R&B solo and beat boxed. Ms. Central's runners up were Alli from Kamola in third place with a poetic guitar performance, and Elizabeth who performed a light show from Green Hall, in second place.

Each winner received two tickets to the homecoming dance on Nov. 4.

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"There were more people singing in this one."
—Hillary Stock, senior biology major
Forty-five students ready production for opening weekend

country, anywhere."

"Hard Times" is a period piece set in 1840s England, which makes the jobs of the costume and set designers interesting. It also gives the actors a unique experience.

"It's a lot of fun to kind of play dress up," Welch said.

"To put yourself into the shoes of someone centuries before you is really enlightening."

The set designers' challenges have included building a spiral staircase and figuring out how to move the slip stage back and forth between scenes.

"We wanted to make sure that we didn't have awkward pauses in the play that we were using to change scenery," set designer Jerry Dougherty said.

"If we went to the hardware store and told them that's what we're using the motor for they'd probably tell us we're crazy." After months of hard work, the cast and crew are ready to perform tonight, Hubbard said. "The audience is the final component for everything we do," Hubbard said. "It really lifts the actors and gives them more excitement."

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Junior theatre arts major Nathan Benfield was originally assigned the task of setting the 250 pounds of weight in motion to get the stage moving. After some trial and error, Benfield was replaced by a cable motor, which is usually used to lift things in a car body shop.

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"Hard Times" plays at 7 p.m. on Nov. 9-11 and Nov. 16-18 and at 2 p.m. Nov 19 at McConnell Auditorium. Tickets are $12 general admission and $7 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the theatre box office an hour prior to show time or online at www.cwu.edu/-theatre/tix.

Bounderby, played by John Patrick Meyer, celebrates his marriage to Louisa Gradgriford toward the middle of "Hard Times." The junior theatre performance major also plays the role of Slackridge for his second character.

"This Beautiful Room is So Comfortable.")

5 minutes with...Joe Wilber

Q: How did you become involved in sound?
A: I have been doing sound since I was 11. I have been involved in theatre for about eight years. I started as a sound technician.

Q: What was the first play or production you created sound for?
A: A musical production of "Minnie" in Wenatchee. I was 15 or 16 at the time.

Q: Have you ever thought about acting?
A: I have. I have been an actor before. I was in Central's production of "Frankenstein" two years ago.

Q: Where will you go after Central?
A: I will go to graduate school.

Q: What's the most satisfying part of your job?
A: Getting to sit in the audience opening night. You hear the first sound and get to watch the audience become immersed in something you helped create.

Q: What has been your favorite play to create sound for?
A: Wow. That's a toughie. I really enjoyed "Working." It was a really big show.

Q: Is there anything else people should know about what you do?
A: There is a lot more to sound design than just the music for the pre-show. A lot of thought goes into it.

Q: Have you ever had any major disasters while doing the sound?
A: Yes. When we did "Working" we ran all the sound effects through a computer program and the computer crashed at the start of the show. We had to do the first five minutes of "Working" without sound. We had to just sit through this heart-stopping bad silence.
Jazz band swings to success
by Heather Elliott
Staff reporter

The sounds of clapping and cheer, echoed outside of the Student Union Recreation Center Ballroom Saturday evening when Central Washington University's own jazz artist Jake Bergenie sang "Let the Good Times Roll" along with many more tunes. Bergenie was accompanied by saxo-dressed members of his band playing the trombone, drums, guitar, trumpet, and base. His brother John was on the keyboard.

Throughout the entire night the dance floor was packed as students, staff and alumni enjoyed swing dancing. Those open to the idea learned some new dance moves.

"I don't know how to swing dance, but by golly, I'm gonna learn," Boyle said. Everyone seemed to take it as a new challenge administration major said.

The ballroom was decorated with greenery that had white twirly lights wrapped around it. Round tables were adorned with black tablecloths and the name scattered throughout the room. The orange & blue lights were dimmed, adding to the ambiance. Two screens near the front of the dance floor showed Bergenie and his band playing on stage.

This event took place of planning from many different departments, Josh Baulch, Event Support Supervisor, spent all day Saturday setting up for Bergenie's orchestra.

"Jake Bergenie and his band are a phenomenal group to work with," Baulch said.

Baulch said Central has hosted this band in the past. Bergenie, a resident of Kirkland, is well-known for his music in the Seattle area. His love for music started as a child when he participated in mandatory presentations at Christmas time for family and friends. He decided the trumpet would be easy, since it only had three valves.

There were about 200 people in the ballroom. The upbeat music provided by Bergenie entertained students and staff of all ages. Some students were brought in by Bergenie to attending the dance downtown, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

The students who attended Bergenie's performance seemed enthusiastic and enjoyed the music.

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Uncensored and outright blunt: fans gather to experience Griffin

by Katie Baker
Staff reporter

Emmy nominated comedian Kathy Griffin performed to a packed audience as the Central Washington University Homecoming headliner.

Scott Drummond, director of Campus Activities, introduced Griffin to the eager crowd.

"This is a wonderful place to perform, not like the gym I have played before," Griffin said. "Scott and his team have done a wonderful job." Griffin also wished Central a happy homecoming.

The crowd was a mixture of the Ellensburg community, college students and Kathy Griffin fans from all over the state.

"I heard about Kathy coming from a friend," said Mark Schmitz, a visitor from Spokane. "I know that I had to get tickets to see her as soon as they became available. The drive from Spokane was so worth it. I have never laughed so hard in my life."

In typical Kathy Griffin style she gave her most recent celebrity gossip about celebrities such as Clay Aiken, Lindsay Lohan, Sharon Stone and many others, including gossip about her mistress Jessica.

Griffin does not censor her material; she speaks her mind which raised a lot of questions for people not used to her colorful vocabulary.

Her past endeavors include co-hosting The Billboard Music Awards for the last three years, and she has been in numerous TV reality shows such as "Celebrity Mole." Her hit Emmy nominated show "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List" which is currently in syndication on the Bravo channel.

"You know me, I'll take any job I can get, when you are on the D-List," Griffin said.

She definitely had her dedicated fans in the audience. Three women made shirts that said "WE LOVE KATHY" including pictures of Griffin and a heart that said Chance and Porn, her dogs.

"She came out and recognized us and said ‘Hi girls’ and even noticed our T-shirts!" Lesi Jones, sophomore undeclared major, said. "She kept looking at us from time to time."

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For more information about next year’s homecoming, please visit http://www.cwu.edu/campus/campus_activities.html.

While not the only Central Homecoming act, Kathy Griffin was probably the biggest. With a full house she spent nearly two hours making the audience laugh.

Banned books to be read aloud

by Taishi Karanuma
Staff reporter

Not only are adults involved in the First Amendment controversy in the United States, but children’s literature is also a target.

According to the Fact Monitor, more than 11,000 attempts to ban books were made in 2005. The books included the famous Harry Potter series, singled out by the American Library Association as one of their choices for previous promotion of "unChristian agit." Aside from Potter, other banned children’s books included some well-known classics. "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl" was banned because it was "too depressing" and "The Color Purple" for its "vulgar content."

Cynthia Mitchell, assistant professor in journalism and chair of the First Amendment Festival, said banning children’s books is a horrible thing, and that libraries, school districts and some city governments are the ones who make attempts to ban books.

Although it is not illegal to read the banned books, they are removed from the libraries of the schools where the books have been banned. Therefore every student in the school loses a chance to read the book.

To raise awareness about this issue, Central Washington University’s theatre department will perform theatrical readings of banned children’s books for the First Amendment Festival’s Big Banned Books event on Nov. 14-17.

Elise Forier, an assistant professor in Central’s theatre arts department, said the performances are part of the class project she oversees. The students chose the books, scripted the performances, and will perform them.

The books that will be performed include: "A Light in the Attic" by Shel Silverstein, "Are You My Mother?" by P.D. Eastman, "Griffin’s Fairytales" and "The ABC’s of Halloween" by Patty Fabish.

"I think banning books is ridiculous," Forier said. "I’ve never heard of anybody being hurt by reading something."

Forier thinks parents, not the schools or libraries, should be the ones who make decisions regarding which books their children can read.

"I want people to be like ‘Is this harmful to children?’ and ‘Why are these books banned?’" Forier said. Shelby Loyd, senior youth theatre major, also thinks banning children’s books is not positive. She will be performing "Hallowe’en ABC." This book challenged the public library in the Sandwich, Mass. in 1995 because it was "too violent for young children."

For more information about banned books, go to <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bannedbookswk.htm>.
Wildcat's playoff chances fade

by Tyler Lobe
Staff reporter

Ahead by 17, the Central Washington University football team squandered the lead in the fourth quarter to give Minnesota State University the victory by game's end. The loss dropped Central to 7-0 in the Northwest Region.

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Cougars humble Wildcats hoops

by Ernie Veltri
Staff reporter

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by Nolan Teasley
Staff reporter

Unfortunately in today's sports world it's not uncommon for an athlete with an endless amount of talent to put themselves before the team, or to display more of an ego than humility. Fortunately for the Central Washington University's men's basketball team, Lance Den Boer isn't one of those athletes.

When asked about the team's goals for the season, Den Boer answered the question without any hesitation.

"GNAC (Great Northwest Athletic Conference) champs," Den Boer said. When asked what his individual goals were for the season, Den Boer seemed puzzled, as if the thought had never even crossed his mind. He paused for a few moments, shrugged his shoulders and gave an answer. "I don't have any personal goals," Den Boer said, "Whatever I can do to help the team win." 12 That short response said a thousand words. Many other athletes have been asked that same question and they don't hesitate to answer with rehearsed answers that they have most likely had on their mind since the end of the previous season. "Lance can score, but if it was in the best interest of the team for him to play a different role I know he wouldn't have a problem with that," senior center Bryan Freshwater said.

Den Boer, who has led the Wildcats in scoring for the last two seasons, seems to be content in not shooting if that meant the team would win. Let's not jump to any conclusions though; he needs to shoot and his coaches and team more than likely want him to. "My coaches tell me to shoot even when the shot isn't falling," Den Boer said, "That tells me they have confidence in me, and it makes me have confidence in myself. I don't want to let my coach or teammates down." Den Boer has always had a scorer's mentality. He holds the Washington state record for most points scored in a high school career. That success garnered him a scholarship to play for the Washington State University Cougars. When the coach who recruited him went elsewhere and was replaced with a defensive-minded coach, Den Boer decided it was time to take his game to the next level.

While still wanting to stay close to home, Den Boer decided Central was the right fit. Now with a lot of talented players in place and an experienced coaching staff to lead them the Wildcats are the preseason favorite to make a run at the GNAC championships. "The core is there, so we just filled some holes," Den Boer said. "We have so many options we'll be really tough to defend."

The Wildcats will be on the road until they return for a home game against Walla Walla Community College on December 14, so it's going to be a bit of a wait to watch Den Boer and the Wildcats showcase their skills in Nicholson Pavilion.

"Road trips always get you, but the team will be ready to go for the home opener," student assistant coach Chris Bryan said.

When that first game comes around be sure you're there to watch how good Den Boer and the Wildcats really are this season, because you'll never hear it from him.

Wildcat volleyball earns eighth seed in regional tournament

by Nathan Young
Staff reporter

Despite losing their last two matches, the Central Washington University women's volleyball team made the playoffs for the third straight year in California.

Central will enter the post-season ranked as the last seed in the eight team NCAA Division II Regional tournament, after a 19-7 overall record and a 10-6 record in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC). The tournament will begin Thursday Nov. 9.

The Wildcats recorded their first-ever NCAA tournament victory last year by beating Cal Poly Pomona. They went on to lose to this year's foe, Cal State San Bernadino in the semifinals. Cal State finished the regular season with a 25-1 record, claiming the California Collegiate Athletic Association championship, and will prove to be a tough match for a young Wildcat team.

"(Cal State San Bernadino is typically a very physical team, athletic and well-coached," head coach Mario Andaya said in a recent press release. "The tournament is on their home court, so it will be a tough environment for us to play in. As a team, we will have to figure out our best plan of attack to stop them. We have to make sure we are sound on our side of the net and that we're doing what we have done thus far."

The Wildcat's last visit to Seattle University on Nov. 2 and to Northwest Nazarene on Nov. 4.

Central won the first game 30-25, against the ninth-ranked Seattle Redhawks, but went on to lose three straight at the Connolly Center on the Seattle University campus.

The rest of the match would be characterized by late SU rallies to win games. Central led late in game two, 25-22, but a rally brought the Redhawks back.

An early lead for Seattle in game three put the Wildcats in a tough position. After being down 10-5, Central came back to lead by two at 24-22. Seattle responded with eight of the game's last nine points to win 30-25.

Game four was a disaster. Central trailed by as many as nine early on and were never able to come back. They lost the match on an attack error that gave Seattle University the win. The loss snapped a four-match winning streak that helped get the Wildcats into the playoffs.

The Wildcats were led by senior outside hitter (OH) Kristin Pasley with 12 kills, five serve aces, and 17 defensive digs. Junior OH Stephanie Powell led the team offensively with 17 kills on 37 attempts.

The Wildcats lost again to Northwest Nazarene on Nov. 4, 3-1. Central's offense came out strong early in the match to lead them to a strong win. Their offense would suffer in the next three games as they lost, 32-30, 30-21, 30-29. The loss brings Central to the end of their regular season, as they head into the playoffs on Nov. 9.

Central co-captains senior setter Lindsay Dollente and Pasley have been named to the All-GNAC first team.

Powell and sophomore Rachel Schuman were named to the second team and honorable mention respectively.

Pasley had a career year this year averaging, 3.40 kills per game. She currently ranks second on the Wildcats in kills, among all-time leaders. Pasley is also third in digs all-time.

Dollente finished her senior season with 12.67 assists per game. She was selected to the all-GNAC second team last year, and is one of only two setters on this year's first team.
Mix of new faces and veteran play give both rugby teams victories

by Melanie Lockhart
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University women's rugby team took full advantage of their first chance to play at home last Saturday against Western Washington University.

The Wildcat women kicked it off at 9 a.m. and took a strong defensive stance against Vikings.

"I think everyone on the team had a really great game," Chelsea Nyhus, sophomore inside center, said. "The defense came together and the offense played well.

The first score of the game came from junior fullback Rachel Tisabel in a penalty try of the match. Nyhus said, "and the returners have really stepped it up a notch."

The men's rugby team dropped off Division II this year, having played in the first five minutes of game play.

Western's men's team returned to Division I with the Wildcats in previous years.

Senior fullback Jason Foster ran past the Western defense to score the first try, putting the Wildcats up 5-0.

Senior outside center Jessica Thompson scored the second try of the first half, followed by a conversion completed by freshman fly-half Aaron Lee to put Central up 12-0.

The first score of the game came when the women undefeated so far in league play, at the University of Washington on Oct. 28.

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Rugby: Women's rugby team is still undefeated with home win

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A penalty tri was scored by the Wildcats to end the first half. Senior fly-half Mike Merrill successfully converted after the first try was scored in the second half, increasing Central's lead to 26-0. Merrill filled in as kicker after Lee suffered an injury ten minutes into the second half and was forced to sit out the remainder of the game.

David Jones, senior scrum-half and captain, scored the fifth try for the Wildcats after the team's forwards successfully passed him the ball. Merrill converted a final time after junior flanker Cameron McVicker scored the last tri of the game, while holding the Vikings scoreless with a 38-0 finish.

"Central dominated the game in every aspect," Jones said. "We crushed them in every tackle and held them to a scoreless game."

The men will pick up game play again Feb. 3, 2007 in a match against Oregon State University. The Wildcat women face off at home against Idaho State University next week at the Tomlinson pitch on Nov. 11.

"I hope we make it to the playoffs and remain undefeated," Nyhus said.