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Recent snow has kicked the city of Ellensburg into winter gear

by Maggie Schmidt
Staff reporter

It's that time of year again. The sweet smell of eggnog lattes, the uplifting tune of Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" playing on the radio and snowflakes flying, Winter is here.

Ellensburg streets have been hit with an early snowfall. Roads are slick, slushy and dangerous, and the thought of "Why hasn't my street been plowed yet?" might come to mind.

When it snows four inches or more the city public works department will start plowing the main arterial streets, such as 14th Street and Mountain View, said Rick Bollinger, assistant Public Works director.

The secondary or "collector" streets are next. The city aims to get streets that are directly around schools, emergency services and known hazardous locations cleaned out as soon as possible," Bollinger said.

"If we got two inches of snow we wouldn't do anything," Bollinger said.

Vehicles may get plowed in when parked on the street. Students living on campus are advised to move their vehicles if they are planning to leave them behind for break.

"Residences that live on campus can move their vehicles, N-19 parking lot, sort of the music building," said Greg Poe, Manager of custodial and grounds for facilities management. "It's a well lighted area."

Last year there were about 40 to 60 cars left on campus over the break. With the vehicles moved to the N-19 parking lot, the grounds crew can remove the snow in other parking lots as it falls.

"Our approach is to get it [snow] just as soon as we can," Poe said. "It's a difficult task to get everywhere, but doing our best."

Students who see a dangerous area or a sidewalk that needs to be de-iced or sanded, can call 963-7000.

Tips for getting from here to there and back this winter

Winter driving can be difficult and dangerous, but the Washington State Department of Transportation has some tips to help drivers stay safe.

- Plan for routine trips to take longer than usual and slow down on the road.
- Don't pump anti-lock brakes to stop. "Stomp and steer," instead.
- Keep headlights on at all times.
- Keep at least 200 feet away from maintenance vehicles.
- Watch for surfaces prone to freezing quickly, such as bridges and the bottoms of hills.
- Look farther down the road than usual and pay attention to other drivers' actions.
- Don't cut off trucks, which need more time and space to stop.
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- Be extra careful near construction sites. Watch for signs and follow instructions.

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Additional tips:
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- Winterize outdoor building fixtures such as sheds or garages by insulating gutters and cutting away branches from nearby trees.
- Insulate pipes with insulation, newspapers or plastic and let faucets drip slightly to avoid freezing.
- Prepare your home for a winter storm can be easy, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as long as you have the necessary tools on hand.
- Rock salt to clear walkways.

Source: www.redcross.org/services/prepared1.10820_252_00.html

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Even with good planning, winter weather strands thousands of drivers each year. In the event that you're stuck on the road, the American Red Cross has some tips on how to stay safe:
- Don't attempt to walk to safety—stay with your car.
- Tie a brightly-colored cloth to your antenna to attract attention.
- Start your car and use the heater for about 10 minutes every hour. Keep the exhaust clear so you can be seen.
- Keep moving your arms and legs while you sit to keep blood circulating and to stay warm.
- Leave your dome light on while you're stuck on the road.
- Keep fire extinguishers handy.
- Open a window (away from the wind) to let in fresh air.
- Sand to provide traction while driving.
- Snow shovels.

Additionally, there are several do-it-yourself procedures you can do to keep yourself and your home safe:
- Prepare for long-term isolation in your home by stockpiling wood for fuel.
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- Winterize outdoor building fixtures such as sheds or garages by insulating gutters and cutting away branches from nearby trees.
- Insulate pipes with insulation, newspapers or plastic and let faucets drip slightly to avoid freezing.
- Keep fire extinguishers handy and know how to use them.
- Learn how to shut off water valves.
- Have a contractor check the structural integrity of your roof.

Source: www.fema.gov/hazard/winter/wi_complete.shtm
Student fractures pelvis during sledding accident

by Megan Hansen  
News editor

With large quantities of snow covering the hillsides and the anxiety of finals week approaching, students feel it's time to take a break and cut loose.

The appeal of sledding down a big hill is not reserved for children; students at Central Washington University take advantage of the nearby snow-covered hills, especially the large hill by the city water tower. However, sledding can be dangerous without proper precautions.

Around 10 p.m. Monday, Catie Bellinger, senior public relations major, went sledding on the hill by the water tower, along with about 25-30 other students. Bellinger and friend Abbey Hargett, senior art education major, decided to slide down the north side of the hill, which is steep and has trees at the bottom. Most of the people were sledding on the east side of the hill.

The women were aware of the trees before attempting the hill because Hargett had slid down it before.

"It was so steep and slippery we decided to slide on our butts," Hargett said. "I guess you don't realize how steep it is."

Some hazards common with sled accidents are hitting obstructions, sledding on rocky terrain and vehicle collisions when sledding on roads. Hallie Luginsland, senior public relations major, slid down the same hill two years ago and hit the side of her leg on the same tree Bellinger struck. Lug­insland, who was with the group, was not aware at the time the two women were going to slide down the hill, other­wise she would have warned against it. "You can't even see the bottom from where they jumped off," Luginsland said.

Sinclair advises that sledgers walk the path they plan to use and assess possible hazards.

The hill is estimated to be steeper than 45 degrees and the pair could not control their speed or direction, Hargett said.

"I saw the trees coming at us, but she (Bellinger) couldn't because there was snow in her eyes," Hargett said. "We straddled the tree and were thrown off it."

"We encourage people to pick nice, clear hills free of obstruction and have a good time," Sinclair said.

Several hazards are common with sled accidents and the UW Medical Center has seen its share.

"There are no current plans to raise the fee," Drinkwater said. "They are $64 for the student union and $95 for the recreation center. With an interim director about to be named and $159 fees into its budget plan along with the knowledge of a possible fee increase due to inflation we will need to make a decision on one of these courses of action."

"I think the DHC students want a high quality education, said Linda Beath, associate vice president for student life and facilities. "They are $64 for the student union and $95 for the recreation center. With an interim director about to be named and $159 fees into its budget plan along with the knowledge of a possible fee increase due to inflation we will need to make a decision on one of these courses of action."

"This project was bound with stu­dents from day one," Drinkwater said. "We will have to start making [fee] decisions as a university with the students."

The portion of the fee that goes to the payment of bonds for SURC opera­tion will not increase, Rosenberry said.
Elevators on campus are checked regularly, insuring they maintain availability for students in need. However, if an elevator does break down DSS offers services, such as note takers, for students unable to attend class.

Disability Support Services (DSS) contracts with an elevator company (One Elevator) for monthly inspections and adjustment of campus elevators, said Robert Toch, director of maintenance and operations for Facilities Management. “The State of Washington inspects and certifies each campus elevator on an annual basis.”

When Facilities Management is notified of an elevator outage they contact DSS, which checks if classes need to be moved to make them accessible for students, or send someone to record the lecture for the student, Wilson said.

When scheduled maintenance needs to be done on elevators, Facilities Management contacts DSS before scheduling the date so they don’t interfere with students’ needs. All major elevator repairs are also contracted with the same company, One Elevator.

Elevators create hassles for some as repairs cause inaccessibility

by Carleigh Lorenz
Staff reporter

Imagine trying to get to class but not being able to make it there because the elevator is broken, and the stairs aren’t an option.

This is a situation that some students with physical disabilities have to deal with when the elevators break down. Logan Searcy, freshman undecided, missed two out of his three classes because of broken elevators in the Language and Literature building and Randy Hall.

“It didn’t really bother me because I didn’t have to go to class, but if I had to do something important in class then I would have been a little upset,” Searcy said. “I don’t know if all it really affected me in any way because if anything at all it kind of made me happy.”

Central Washington University’s Disability Support Services (DSS) responds right away when an elevator on campus breaks down. They keep track of all students who need to use an elevator, students who are affected by broken down elevators, and when they would need a way in and way out of the classes, Pamela Wilson, DSS associate director said.

When DSS receives notification that an elevator is not functional, we check that list and if necessary, move classes to accessible locations,” Wilson said.

Facilities Management and DSS also work together to keep the campus accessible to everyone.

They clear snow from buildings and pathways and also pour sand and salt on the sidewalks so they are accessible and safe for walking.

They use a priority system and maps for the priority snow removal areas available for students from the DSS office in Boulld Hall room 205.

DSS tries to outfit classrooms with specialized furniture for physically disabled students.

They work to find those classrooms every quarter to make sure the right furniture is accessible.

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by J. Aaron Siebol
Staff reporter

As part of a plan to utilize unused buildings, Central Washington University looks to renovate Dean Hall and the Samuelson Union Building.

Central has a list of priorities it would like to complete in terms of updating in the coming years. The 2007-2009 capital budget requests show that Central’s number one priority is remodeling and renovating Dean Hall, a task that would require approximately $23.2 million dollars.

“Dean Hall is at the top of the list on the capital budget,” said Jeff Rosenberg, Associated Students of Central Washington University vice president of student life and facilities. “Construction on Dean Hall is estimated to take as long as a year. Bill Vertrees, assistant vice president for the facilities management department, thinks that once funding is approved by the legislature, construction could start as early as summer 2007. It’s a high priority for the state. I think it is going to be funded,” Vertrees said.

Before its closure in 1998, Dean Hall was the primary science building. Now it sits vacant due to contamination of asbestos and heavy metals. The renovation could bring some unique changes to the building.

“Dean Hall will be landscaped superbly well; we are looking into inter-active landscaping that will make the canal and arboretum,” Rosenberg said.

The closure of the Samuelson Union Building generated opportunities for Central to consolidate, which in turn reduced operating costs and enhanced efficiency.

Now Central is looking into various options as to what to do with the building. This is part of the campus master plan for the previous university center in Yakima. President Jennylyn McIntyre has appointed a committee for the “south neighborhood planning study.” This study will examine all of the buildings south of Hertz Hall to make student services more convenient and accessible for students.

Judy Miller, executive secretary to the president and board secretary, said, “We have brains full of possibilities, but we’re not sure where we want to go.”

The south neighborhood committee has been researching and hearing proposals regarding what to do about the various buildings: contractors have been contacted and have been making recommendations. “We haven’t made any decisions in this committee, we’ve just been listening,” Miller said. “We’re not close to a decision yet.”

Several plans and ideas have been submitted, mainly asking for student services to be located in one single location. “This would be like a one-stop-shop for students. We’re looking into relocating all the student services into the same building,” Rosenberg said. “No designs, no recommendations yet, we are just assessing the needs of the students.”

Centralizing student services would make it easier for students, since students must now go to Burge Hall for financial services and Mitchell Hall for the registrar’s services.

“It should be used for more classrooms or centralizing the registrar and counseling offices,” said Jason Erickson, junior business education and industrial engineering technology major. Vertrees believes that it might be some time before remodeling the Samuelson Union Building takes place. “We have no hard answer for Samuelson,” Vertrees said. “The real issue with Samuelson is how well it will do as a long term situation and how costly that is.”

The lingering question for the administration is whether or not Samuelson will satisfy the needs of current services or classes that would be put there.

As of now there are three options for the Samuelson building. The first is to knock it down and rebuild, the second option is to renovate it, and the third option is to do a combination of the two. “My inkling now is that it might not be that cost effective,” Vertrees said when speaking about possibly renovating Samuelson. Adding items like windows and other various necessities for a building might become as expensive as rebuilding it, but advisers are assessing the building and offering various options, Vertrees said.

Additional parking on campus does not fit into the picture in terms of the remodeling and renovating projects. “Central prides itself on being a green campus, it has more trees and grass than concrete,” Rosenberg said. He doesn’t think students would like to lose grassy areas like the one in front of the science building, which can be used for relaxation and game playing.

“Ten years from now, Central is going to look very different, not only aesthetically, but in terms of services as well,” Rosenberg said.

Dean Hall has stood unused for eight years due to asbestos and heavy metal contamination. It is one of two vacant buildings that have no clear and decided future. One major concern with handling the buildings is cost. Planners need to decide if its more cost effective to renovate or demolish.

Several senior law and justice major and S&A fee committee chair. “The participants are usually able to pay for themselves below the per diem (per day) amount.”

Director of the Center for Student Empowerment Katrina Whitney requested $5,000 to hire a graduate temp position who would help coordinate events such as the Women’s Achievement Celebration and Experience Empowerment Project.

The committee rejected the request for the time being. Their reasoning was that the Experience Empowerment Project, a week-long “camp” in the summer for youth around the community, was not in the best interests of the students.

The committee also believed that the position could be replaced with students seeking an internship opportunity rather than a graduate student, said Kobraniot and Associated Students of Central Washington University Executive Vice President Kathryn Ruth.

The most recent meeting brought requests from club sports and the Publicity Center. Club sports, represented by Corey Slinick, requested $55,125 for various needs, including insurance for participants, staff pay, travel, club allocations and the purchase of a van for equipment.

Sinclair outlined the priorities for the funds, and placed insurance and staff pay at top priority. The committee approved $11,125, noting that travel funds would be held for when it would be truly necessary.

The Publicity Center, represented by Lola Gallagher, requested $10,075 for hiring two student web positions to maintain the club and department Web sites.

The Central intranet is having trouble staying up. Those two additional members would increase support and consistency for events that are advertised through posters across campus, Gallagher said. The committee approved the full amount, marking the final request before adjourning for Thanksgiving break.

Meetings will resume the first week of winter quarter, 5 p.m. every Wednesday in SUBC 301.
DeShields, Drinkwater promoted

by Korben Cook
Staff reporter

With the cold weather hitting Cen­
tral Washington University, two staff members will be keeping warm with new duties.

Vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, Charlotte Tullos, announced the promotions of John Drinkwater and Richard DeShields on Nov. 22.

"These two are highly qualified and knowledgeable to step into these roles and help us with these positions," Tul­los said in a press release.

Former senior director campus life and student union John Drinkwater was named senior director of campus life and student facility development on Wednesday Nov. 22.

"I have a great opportunity to repre­sent the students and impact their lives and experiences," Drinkwater said.

With working with the new stu­dent union and recreation center (SURC) construction and, operations, Drinkwater has experience with new facilities.

"I was focused exclusively to the SURC facility," Drinkwater said. "But now I can expand my role to all student facilities.

Richard DeShields in his new position include talking to a newly formed committee with the sole pur­pose of planning for the construction of a new athletic facility, the new housing plan which will renovate and build new residence halls, and generally any­thing that represents student

"After 30 years of doing this type of work here at Central, John is taking on a new and interesting twist to his job," Tullos said in a press release.

Richard DeShields who is the new director of university housing and new student programs.

Former intern director of the same office, DeShields, who has been very involved with the parent's program on campus will also be in charge of with new student programs, student orienta­tion and Living Learning Communities and student housing.

"I'm honored that he's willing to take on the position here at Central," Tullos said in a press release. "Espe­cially since people with his back­ground are in such high demand across the country."
The Yakima Fire Department did a burn training on this house on Saturday, Nov. 18. They couldn‘t burn the garage because of its proximity to the power lines. The department uses slabs of sheetrock to prevent practice fires from spreading. If a house is structurally unsound or too close to power lines, the department will turn it down for burning purposes.

**Department does more than just fight fires**

By Katie Murdoch

Ellensburg firefighters utilize every hour during their 24 hour shifts working on individual projects, doing required safety training and responding to calls. During the little downtime they have, they train and practice.

“We want them to be proficient in everything they do,” Deputy Chief Rich Elliott said.

From 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. firefighters work on a strict schedule, and from 9 a.m. until the next day they are free to spend free time training as long as they stay in uniform.

During their shifts, firefighters work on projects involving maps and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) equipment. They also respond to an average of seven calls per day.

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—Rich Elliott

deputy chief,
Ellensburg Fire Department

Statistically, 50 percent of senior citizens who break a hip never get to go home and are sent to assisted living establishments, Elliott said.

The fire department helps the elderly by changing light bulbs and shoveling their driveways to prevent them from injuring themselves.

9:40 a.m. Before the training, we pulled into the Kittcom Dispatch Center located near the airport. Kittcom is staffed by 13 dispatchers who answer 911 calls. They contact the police and fire department to respond who the calls.

“It takes the fire department about 10 minutes to respond to calls at the airport area, which is not good,” Elliott said.

With funding, the fire department could build a triangle around the city by building another fire station at the West interchange to cut down on response time by not having to drive through the city.

“Being the dispatcher is the hardest part,” Elliott said. “They don’t get warning and you don’t get to see the problem get fixed.”

Firefighters have the advantage of having two to three minutes to think about the emergency, unlike the dispatchers who have to calm down hysterical callers, Elliott said.

There are eight 911 phone lines running through separate switches to prevent all of the lines from going out.

Dispatch Arica French answered a call while we were there. Her colleague explained that during 911 calls, the information is shared on two computer screens. While French gathered information over the phone, another dispatcher got a jump on the call by contacting the fire department as information was obtained.

Half of the potential dispatchers quit halfway through training. Elliott said.

Kittcom will run short on dispatchers rather than randomly hire someone who isn’t adequately trained for the job.

“Fires are regional dispatch centers,” Elliott said.

The employees are required to go through this annual drill training as a safety precaution.

“We’ve previously done video training,” Light Operations Supervisor Richard French said.

10:40 a.m. After leaving Kittcom, we drove to the elderly woman’s home to change her light bulbs.

10:30 a.m. At the corner of Mountain View and Willow Street, the Ellensburg Energy Services Department simulated a rescue to learn how to save someone trapped in a confined space such as a utility vault.

“We’ll emphasize if someone is in a confined space to tell Kittcom so we can bring the right resources,” Elliott said.

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11:00 a.m. Elliott finished the ride-along by showing us houses they’ve used for training burns. A training burn is when the fire department creates a contained fire in an abandoned house for the firefighters to practice extinguishing. Due to the increased number of calls, the fire department is pushing their training burn from Thursday to Sunday. The department can get three burns out of one bedroom and 20 burns out of one house. They burn 10 to 15 houses per year, Elliott said.

To set the house on fire, firefighters ignite wood pallets inside the building. This is because the sheetrock used to build a house prevents the building from going up in flames. Ten days ago, the Yakima fire department burned a house on the languard as part of their training.

The faint, lingering smell of smoke, nails, the chimney, slabs of corrugated metal, which were used to keep the fire from spreading to the garage, and a shed were the only things left behind.
Excited about the opportunity, but it is really hard for me to leave the Observer behind. It is not that I think the Observer cannot run without me; we have a strong staff for next quarter and I have complete confidence in them; I am just not sure what I am going to do without the Observer. This has been my seventh quarter on the newspaper, for which I have been editing.

I came to Central Washington University knowing exactly what I wanted to be involved with and I joined the staff that fall quarter of my sophomore year. Now, I cannot say I have enjoyed every moment of my time on the Observer, as it has been a lot of hard work. But I can say I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many people across this campus, learning the ins and outs of how this school works and being part of a team. We’ve worked hard each quarter despite projects, tests and breakdowns to produce our best for 6,000 people to read.

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**Goodnight, Observer, and good luck**

I have seen remarkable redesigns, editors come and go and reporters grow. I think in the time I have been on staff we have worked hard to mend strained relationships between the Observer and faculty, administrators and staff on campus. I can only hope everyone continues to work together, return phone calls and show up on time for interviews.

Journalism has been my passion for years. While on staff I have learned how much I love designing pages, and I think that is what I will want to do when I graduate. My other idea of what I would like to do is dependent on my internship. I have worked closely with other reporters and editors, teaching them how to interview, write and help others learn as well. My internship goes well I may decide to get my teaching certificate so I can teach younger students about journalism.

I hope that during my internship I can help a few students fall in love with the process of producing a newspaper as I did in high school.

**Important dates**

- Jan. 12: Baccalaureate graduation application deadline
- Jan. 15: No classes (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- March 9: Last day of instruction
- March 9: Hardship withdrawal deadline
- March 12: No classes (Professional Development/Study Day)
- March 13-16: Final Exams

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**SURC: Fees are subject to change in the future for Central students**

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The university’s first line of defense against shortfall is the reserve budget, Drinkwater said.

The second line of defense will be raising the fee.

"The reserve budget buys us the time to make the decision," Day said.

With inflation and the non-fluctuating SURC fee, $599 will mean less of a payment for future students than current students.

"That student is getting a heck of a deal," Drinkwater said.

As the reserve budget, the SURC officials will be able to give students a more definitive answer on when the building will be paid off and when or if the fee will need to increase.

This is the first full quarter of operations with the building firing on all cylinders," Day said. "The budget is still evolving."
Handmade crafts for holiday season

The colors of Christmas, the smells of spice and the sounds of holiday cheer. Starting today through Dec. 2 the Central Washington University Student Union and Recreation Center will hold the 31st annual "Ware Fair" holiday arts and crafts show.

Campus Activities organizes the annual Ware Fair event, which is full of arts and crafts for students and the community to enjoy. The second floor of the SURC will be filled with about 50 vendors who will sell everything from food to clothing to décor. Specifically items such as hats and scarves, jewelry, artwork, baskets, soap, baked goods, and more will be for sale.

The handmade merchandise sold at the show is from regional vendors from the Kittitas Valley, the Western Washington area and part of Montana. Many vendors make a living with their crafts.

Sarah Grant, junior tourism major, has experienced Ware Fair first hand. "Growing up in Ellensburg, Ware Fair has been a Christmas tradition to look forward to for her.

"Vendors go through a jury process to make sure that everyone is making their own stuff and that it is all legitimately handmade," Grant said. "This is great because people purchasing the items know that their item is one of a kind."

Returning customers rely on vendors to sell both the same and new gifts. "Vendors plan ahead and folks look forward to purchase specific things from specific vendors," Scott Drummond, director of campus activities, said.

The goodies sold at the show are generally reasonably priced for students to purchase. "It's also a really great way for guys to buy presents for their moms, sisters, girlfriends or wives, especially if they're clueless about what to shop for," Grant said.

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-Scott Drummond
Campus Activities director

The items for sale are great for holiday gift giving, but they are also meant for year-round use by everyone. Students that are interested in getting items for themselves such as, decorations for their dorm or apartment, or gifts for their friends and family will get many ideas from Ware Fair. Katherine Anne Jones, senior recreation and tourism major and Ware Fair Coordinator, said.

Along with the items for sale, activities will be available for people to enjoy. Morgan Middle School's choir will be performing throughout the weekend, and on Dec. 2, "Santa Comes to Central," will be open for kids to take pictures with Santa.

Ware Fair is open to students and the community free of charge. Ware Fair is open Thursday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m and Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Central excels in disability services

by Andrea Rust
Staff reporter

Imagine waking up every morning needing someone to help you get ready for the day. This scenario is nothing new to junior family studies major Elizabeth Chapman. Chapman has spastic cerebral palsy that was caused by a lack of oxygen before birth. While she has full function of her brain and her left arm, the rest of her body is affected, so she relies on an aide to help her with activities that an able-bodied person wouldn't have any trouble doing.

"One of my philosophies is that while I might need extra help, I am still very much the same as everyone else," Chapman said. "I don't want to be treated otherwise."

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, people with Spastic Cerebral Palsy have increased muscle tone that causes their muscles to be stiff and their movements awkward. Seventy-to eighty percent of people with cerebral palsy have the same type as Chapman and 3,000 people are born with cerebral palsy each year.

"So many people have told me I can't do things and I get past that by just doing it," Chapman said. "I can't. But I want to try it myself first." Chapman chose to come to Central Washington University because of the accessibility of the campus and the good attitudes of the people at Central. "For the most part, all the staff has been positive and helpful," Chapman said. "They look at me as a person before they see my disability." It helps that the campus is flat and everything is in close proximity for her.

"We kind of work like a pit crew," Taylor-Foenix said. "Activities which include having someone physically take her backpack on and off for her, helping her shower, dress, and eat can all prove difficult for Chapman. "She can't just breeze from class to class while eating a snack," Taylor-Foenix said. "The hand she eats with is the hand she drives with and is the hand she does everything with."

Even something as simple as typing with one hand or opening a door is a significant task since Chapman only has full use of her left arm. But she still manages to get it done. "A person who has disabilities such as mine takes three times as much energy to do everyday tasks as an able-bodied person," Chapman said. "People don't let me try things first because they think I can't. But I want to try it myself first!"

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According to Chapman, many of the things that an average college student takes for granted are things Chapman struggles with every day. "Elizabeth is very independent; nothing slows her down," Taylor-Foenix said. "She is absolutely fearless."

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Chapman chose to come to Central Washington University because of the good attitudes of the people at Central. "For the most part, all the staff has been positive and helpful," Chapman said. "They look at me as a person before they see my disability." It helps that the campus is flat and everything is in close proximity for her.

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“Central is generally considered to be a leader in the field when it comes to accommodations,” said Robert Campbell, director of Disability Support Services. “We can’t make everyone totally happy, but we do a pretty good job of providing accommodations for students and staff with disabilities.”

Disability Support Services works with everyone on campus in need of their help, and while each individual person’s needs might be different, DSS helps with physical access, academic accommodation, and anything else needed. Accommodation includes taking tests at different times for longer periods, or having early registration to arrange a more convenient schedule.

“Giving someone more time on an exam isn’t giving them an advantage, it just levels the playing field because they need more time to work and process,” Pamela Wilson, disability accommodation specialist said.

The public education system often isolates students with disabilities so coming to college and having the experience is important, Wilson said.

“The people at Central tend to be more open and accepting of people who have had different experiences in their life,” Wilson said. “We try to encourage other students on campus without disabilities to see diversity.”

Chapman uses a special wheelchair that costs $18,000. Her wheelchair weighs more than 320 pounds and has a lift that helps get her into a special vehicle when she needs to go places she can’t get to in her wheelchair alone. Aside from the base cost of the wheelchair, it costs a lot to repair when it breaks. Right now one of Chapman’s footrests is held together with duct tape until she can get the part fixed.

“Elizabeth has to have her wheelchair to get anywhere,” Taylor-Felix said. “It’s pretty unbelievable what she does at the gym,” Taylor-Felix said. “An able-bodied person would have a hard time doing the things she does.”

Chapman is striving to have a normal college experience, and she attributes that to the help of her family and friends that want her to succeed and do things.

“My biggest frustrations aren’t about the campus people think I should be treated just like people without them.”

Teen parents’ lives viewed through photos

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Members of the ‘Hard Times’ cast wrapped up the final show to end the fall 2006 main stage season.

Theatre department makes it through ‘Hard Times’

by Lacey Stanton
Scene editor

The lights were dimmed, the curtain opened and the show began. The final of seven performances of the Central Theatre Ensemble’s ‘Hard Times’ wrapped up on Sunday, Nov. 19, in McConnell Auditorium. The three-hour performance started on schedule without a hitch. The actors performed on stage after months of reciting lines and practicing scene sequences.

Some students like Thomas Ohtstrom, junior performing arts major, and Christina Welsh, senior theatre performance arts major, played two characters. This meant more than mastering one dialect. At the first intermission the audience was asked to evacuate McConnell Auditorium because of technical difficulties. A spotlight went out and needed to be replaced, so the audience was asked to leave just to be safe, Leslie Caud director of marketing and development said. Following the first act, the play continued with no problems.

“This is the first play I have come to this year,” Sarah Collins, sophomore English education major said. “I come because I enjoy them.”

The Central Theatre Ensemble puts on three main stage plays a year. The Winter 2007 play will be Scott Warrender’s newest musical “Blankity-Blank.”

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Students laugh their way through semi-final comedy competition

The semi-final round of the stand-up comedy night proved to be a success. Audience members had the opportunity to assist in judging process. The amount of clapping by the audience influenced the judges to give the comedian a better score. Alison Aringer, who had her own comedy show the evening before, participated in the judging of the event.

People on the Street... Holiday fun

Jonathan Shepherd, junior exercise science
“Christmas! Because my birthday is three days before that.”

Danielle Jones, senior accounting
“Making a pie with my grandma for a week.”

Jeremy Hochstein, sophomore English education
“It’s a good excuse to eat a lot of food.”

Riyo Awa, junior exercise science
“Going back to Japan to spend time with my family.”

Jordan Cloyd, freshman undecided
“Celebrating holiday spirit with my friends.”

Tabitha Rivera, freshman exercise science
“Presents!!”

Daniel Wright, freshman sociology
“The food of my mom.”

Jill Gutierrez, junior elementary education
“Putting up the Christmas tree and decorating it. presents.”

Melinda Glance, sophomore sociology
“Christmas shopping by myself. It’s relaxing.”

Hiroki Hoshino, sophomore chemistry
“Travel. I’m thinking of going to South Africa this winter.”
**Traveling play educates students through diversity**

by Robbie Miller

Staff reporter

Eighteen junior high school students from around central Washington took over the Student Union Theatre Friday evening, Nov. 17, as Alison Arngrim, Little House on the Prairie star, sollte up with the Bridges by Robbie Miller.

Drums and masks entertain

The drum masquerade was a huge hit with the younger children who attended the performance in the Student Union pit and those students and staff that attended the night show in the Student Union Ballroom.

by Heather Elliott

Laughter filled the Student Union theatre Friday evening, Nov. 17, as Alison Arngrim, Little House on the Prairie's Nellie Olson, shared humorous stories of her personal and professional life.

"Allison has donated all of her time tonight to help raise money for the gay and lesbian initiatives," Dustin Jarred, Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender coordinator of the Diversity Education Center, said.

The Diversity Education Center sponsored the event, along with a raffle for a free dinner with Arngrim.

A clip of "Little House on the Prairie" opened the show. Many of her fans thought she would actually enjoy living in the 1800's like her character, Arngrim said.

"I don't want to live in a time period without boxox and green apple marin­ 

i," Arngrim said.

During the show, Arngrim shared personal pictures she had taken with Liberachi and Michael Landon.


Landon ran the set and cared about all of his fans, Arngrim said.

During the last half of the event, Arngrim answered questions from the audience.

Arngrim read off questions that were written down on index cards prior to the start of the show.

"Being a TV bitch was absolutely the greatest therapy in the world," Arngrim said.

"I was a buzz-kill on dates. Nobody wanted to date Nellie Olson," the 44-year-old comedian said that "the girls on by all the bad celebri­ 

ites, including Grizzly Adams.

The show ended with a final clip of Nellie rolling down the hill in her wheelchair, falling into a pond.

Arngrim returned to the stage in an antique wheelchair, wearing the famous Nellie wig, pajamas and a bonnet.

"Remember, I'm not any bitch, you're your bitch," Arngrim said.

The audience was very receptive to Arngrim's performance.

"I liked it, she was really cute," Caitlin White, 2005 graduate, said.

"Arngrim's comedy act changed the minds of some audience members.

"I thought it was good. She's not so much of a bitch," Jared Jones, fresh­ 

men, said.

Laughter filled the Student Union auditorium and left the audience delirious.

"The workshops were wonderful," Peoples said.

"And it was so invigorat­ 

ing to see my cast interact with the kids!

The six-member cast of "Bocón!" traveled to the schools before perform­ 

ing the play to help with workshops.

The students made props that were later used for the play.

This interaction with the students made the actors more comfortable with the students on the day of the premier, Peoples said.

The workshops included an improv session and a lesson in stage fighting from theatre arts professor George Bathell.

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by Caillt Kuhlmann

Staff reporter

The holiday season has brought some changes to this month's First Fri­ 

day Art Walk in downtown Ellensburg.

Although the art walk is still held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in many of the same locations, some venues have altered the format.

Instead of featuring a single per­ 

son, Gallery One will feature more than 10 different artists from all around the Pacific Northwest, most living from Ellensburg.

"We are devoting both sides of the gallery to retail and calling for more works from the artists," Mauri Johnson, Gallery One retail man­ 

ager, said.

The featured artist will include glass­ 

work, photogra­ 

phy, mosaics, ceramics, can­ 

dies, pottery, pen and ink prints, and woodwork.

The venue will be a great place for people to pick up holiday gifts, John­ 

son said.

Piano music will accompany the first hour of the art walk at the gallery.

"It's very light, very enjoyable music," Johnson said.

The Clymer Museum has also decided not to seek a new artist, and will continue to feature Claire Edna Hurrey's collection entitled "Yakima River Scenes, Part I" throughout December.

"Claire has a pretty big following," Mia Merendino, Clymer Museum director, said. "She's getting more and more successful. It's pretty neat to see an artist from town town." from Hurrey's collection is a series of large and small oil paintings and char­ 

coal prints.

In addition to Hurrey's artwork, the museum is featuring a "Miniature Show." This is made up of small pieces of art made by artists who have been featured in the museum throughout the year.

"It's our chance to provide reason­ 

ably-priced art," Merendino said.

Christmas music and snacks will be served at the gallery.

"Margo Selski as its new artist this month.

Eight pieces of Selski's artwork will cover the walls of the business while local musician Dan Black provides music. Selski uses oil and beeswax to create paintings that have attracted attention from Hollywood, Calif., where she will be hosting a solo show in January. She has recently moved to Ellensburg and is part of Central Washington University's faculty in the arts and humanities department.

Kendra Vientos, a Prosser winery, will also be featured for tasting.

In addition to Gallery One, The Cly­ 

mer Museum, and Ellensburg WineWorks, 13 other businesses are participating in this month's art walk.

"Following the art walk, the Moose Lounge will host the First Friday Dance, featuring music by Star Anna and the Laughing Dogs, and headliner Vicci Martinez. The Moose Lounge is located on Main Street across from the Panda Garden.

First Friday Art Walk Venues

The Clymer Museum

416 North Pearl Street 962-6416

D&M Coffee Downtowner

301 North Pine Street 925-5313

Ellensburg WineWorks

606 North Main Street 962-8463

Expecting Wild Flower Gallery

309 North Water Street 925-8040

First Impressions

413 North Pine Street 962-4104

Frame Express

300 West 3rd Avenue 962-2799

Gallery One

408 North Pearl Street 925-2676

Hungry Hippo Sushi Shoppe

310 Nortb Main Street 933-4001

Jade Moon

423 North Pearl Street 925-1030

Kittitas County Historical Museum

114 3rd Avenue 925-3778

Old Chick Enterprises

309 North Pearl Street 933-1004

Organized Noise

310 North Main Street 925-1319

Salon Fenix

217 West 3rd 962-2600

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First Friday Dance

Vicci Martinez

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Men's hoops return from long road trip

by Nathan Young
Staff reporter

While many students were at home gobbling up turkey and stuffing, junior guard Tyler Monk was busy gobbling up All-Tournament honors at the Mac Martin Tournament in California for the Central Washington University men's basketball team as they ended a season-opening five game road trip.

The Wildcats went 1-1 in the first tournament, beating tournament host Chico State.

"You can divide this team into two different teams and they'd both be good. As long as everyone stays healthy we have two tough teams."

—Julius McMillion
Senior center

It felt good to win the honor. It was a good personal achievement; I had a little sour taste in my mouth because we had just lost to Humboldt State the night before, but it felt good," Monk said.

"We did alright, we got better. Obviously we expect to win every game, but it felt good," assistant coach Tyce Nasinec said.

Sophomore guard Joey Luke goes up for a dunk during Slammin' with the Cat's men's and women's scrimmage.

The Wildcats returned from a road trip to Hawaii and Northern California for two tournaments.

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As the weather changes and temperatures continue to drop many students may feel the urge to stay indoors and limit their activities to Nintendo and beer pong. Well, put down the controller and the beer for now, and get outside because the Ellensburg area offers many options in the way of outdoor recreation.

Walking into Central Washington University's Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals is a great way to get some ideas for fun things students can do in the winter months. Sophomore physical therapy major Darrell Kangiser works at ORP and encourages students to come down and pick up some of what they are offering.

"We are having a lot of deals for students during the next few months," Kangiser said. "Our ski and snowboard shuttle should really help kids enjoy the winter." The deals to which Kangiser is referring are on items such as cross country skis, snowboards, ice axes, crampons and even inner tubes for sledding. Of course you can rent all the gear needed for that perfect camping trip. Outdoor Pursuits also has a shuttle bus this year to get students to and from their favorite ski or snowboarding destination.

Students can take their skis or snowboard to the Outdoor Pursuits office to transport them to Mountain High Sports for a wax and sharpening job free of transportation costs.

After renting the hiking or cross country ski gear, there are many locations around Ellensburg to enjoy them. Nestled in the Kittitas Valley, Ellensburg has many trail options.

Morgan Lielers is a professor of geography and land studies at Central and an outdoor enthusiast. He enjoys hiking, camping and cross country skiing and in and around Ellensburg during the winter months.

"We ski up Blewett Pass, Lions Valley, Rock, Reeve Creek and I like hiking in see WINTER, page 15

OUTDOOR PURSUITS AND RENTALS: "LEAVE NO TRACE"

Here is a list of Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals way to protect nature for the future:

Plan ahead and prepare - know the area you are visiting and prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Avoid times of high use.

Travel and camp on durable surfaces - use established trails and campsites. Good campsites are found, not made. Do not alter sites.

Dispose of waste properly - Pack it in, pack it out. Deposit human waste 6-8 inches into the ground. Use small amounts of biodegradable soap.

Leave what you find - look, but do not touch. Leave items as you find them. Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.

Minimize campfire impacts - use a lightweight stove for cooking and a lantern for light. Keep fires small, burn all wood to ash, put out fires completely, then scatter remaining ashes after they have cooled down.

Respect wildlife - observe wildlife from a distance. Never feed animals and avoid wildlife during sensitive times such as mating, nesting and raising young.

Be considerate of other visitors - respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience. Avoid loud noises and voices.
Central women's basketball off to a strong start after two impressive preseason tournaments

by Tyler Iobe
Staff reporter

The regionally ranked Central Washington University women's basketball team is off to a commanding start in 2006.

The Wildcats are riding a four-game winning streak while taking care of business in the sixth annual Wildcat Classic that tipped off last weekend.

The Wildcats welcomed Seattle University, San Francisco State University and Alderson-Broaddus College (W.Va.) to a cold and snowy Ellensburg to compete in a four-team tournament held at Nicholson Pavilion Friday and Saturday. Central, ranked ninth in the Division II West Region, came into the tournament with two consecutive wins.

They then took convincing victories over both of their opponents: a 75-44 win over Alderson-Broaddus Friday night and a 79-50 triumph over San Francisco State Saturday afternoon.

The Wildcats improved their record to 4-1 this season.

"Obviously our team goal was to go out and be 2-0 (in the tournament)," head coach Jeff Whitney said. "We wanted to win convincingly and I felt we did."

In their first game of the weekend, the Wildcats jumped out to a 20-2 lead early in the first half. Four different players scored in double figures as they outmatched the visiting Alderson-Broaddus squad, 75-44, on Friday.

Senior guard Elyse Mengarelli and senior guard Lauren Short scored in double figures as they outscored their opponents: a dozen all came in the first half.

Central shot an even 50 percent from the field, making 10 of 60 shot attempts, and also out-rebounded the Lady Battlers 31-29 in the contest.

Sophomore point guard Ashley Feni­more was held scoreless but chipped in a game and tournament-high seven assists and led with four steals.

With the dominating performance, Whitney was able to exercise his bench and each of his players saw at least 10 minutes of playing time.

"We wanted to develop our bench," Whitney said. "That is something we need to do if we are truly going to compete for a (Great Northwest Athletic Conference) title and do something in a national tournament. You have to have your bench."

On Saturday it took the Wildcats a little longer to flex their muscles against San Francisco State, but when they took the lead for the second and final time with 11:54 left in the first half, Central never looked back.

Led by Wright's 23-point, nine-rebound performance, the Wildcats were able to ride a strong shooting performance by the rest of the Wildcat players— they hit 48.2 percent from the floor (27 of 56), taking the 79-50 victory over the Gators.

Mengarelli's 16 points, five rebounds and five assists also proved crucial in Central's attack to close out the weekend.

On Nov. 21, the Wildcats took on Chaminade University (Hawaii) in their final tune-up before the Wildcat Classic. The Silverswords came into Nicholson Pavilion without having played a varsity basketball game and Central used that to their advantage.

The Wildcats handed Chaminade their first loss in their first ever women's basketball game, 85-40.

Hanna Hull had team-highs of 21 points and eight rebounds as the Wildcats scored the games' first 20 points, scoring 10 of those in the first 59 seconds of the contest.

Central eventually built a 27-2 lead before going in front by as much as 32-4 in the first half and the Wildcats went into the intermission with a commanding 40-12 lead.

In the second half, the Wildcats dominated Continued as the Silverswords never got any closer.

Wright had 15 points, eight rebounds and four blocked shots.

Bounds added 13 points and Mengarelli added 11 points, along with seven assists and three steals.

Central will take their four-game win streak into the Dave Cox Classic, hosted by Seattle University this weekend, when they take on undefeated Grand Canyon University (4-0) tomorrow in a 5 p.m. tip-off at the Connolly Center.

"We played (Grand Canyon) last year here (in Ellensburg)," Whitney said. "We have a good idea of what they are about. It will be a game of two really good basketball teams."

Playing in High School?

Q. Where did you go to high school?

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Q. What is your role on this year's team?
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Senior guard Lauren Short has been a staple in the Wildcats' bid for a strong 2006-07 season. She has averaged just under 40 assists per season.


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Hummel finishes 12th at Nationals

by Ernie Vinhof
Staff reporter

For Central Washington University junior runner Katie Hummel, success has been the story of her season running cross country in her first year for the Wildcats.

After finishing third in the women's six-kilometer race at the 2006 NCAA Division II West Region Cross Country Championships on Nov. 4 in Oroville, Calif., Hummel ran the biggest race of her life on Nov. 18 at the NCAA Division II National Cross Country Cham­ pionships in Pensacola, Fla.

Not only did the Great Northwest Athletic Conference-Newcomer of the Year represent Central's first ever berth at Nationals, she earned a 12th

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Above: Senior guard Elyse Mengarelli, a transfer from Yakima Valley Community College will start for Central.

Below: Sophomore point guard Ashley Feni­more has made six percent of her three-point attempts.
RUNNER: Central’s lone runner at the National Championship earns All-American honors

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place finish out of 184 runners.

"I was really happy with the way I finished the season because I peaked at pretty much the perfect time, and that’s a credit to Coach Adkisson," Hummel said. "He did a great job training us so we didn’t burn out toward the end of the season."

Hummel completed the race in 20:43.9 seconds. Shortly afterward, she was awarded All-American honors, said. "He did a great job training us so once that happened I was hoping to finish in the top 10 or 15," Hummel said.

WINTER: Ellensburg’s surrounding areas provide places for people to go hiking and cross-country skiing

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the Crab Creek area," Uebelacker said.

Whiskey Dick Mountain, Lake Kachess and Mainistah Ridge are some other locations Uebelacker recommends for good hiking and cross-country skiing. While enjoying the scenery, don’t forget about the wildlife. There are many interesting species that can be seen around the Kittitas Valley.

"You can go up Liptonum to watch big horn sheep, they're up there all the time," Uebelacker said.

And lastly, if you have the resources, snowmobiling has become a popular activity in Ellensburg. Because of the various trails and their proximity to one another and the forests that lay to the west, the surrounding areas have become prime locations for sled enthusiasts.

Adam Drouhard is one such student who likes to get out and enjoy the outdoors from the seat of a Polaris.

"I like heading up the Blowett Pass; you can just pull over and head up a trail," Drouhard said. "Once you get sick of that, just head up the road and there will be another set of trails to enjoy."

"I pretty much ran the best race of my life at the perfect time."

Looking back at the season, Hummel feels the team has lived up to the expectations they set out before hand.

"We pretty much met our goals, and we improved a lot this year," Hummel said. "Two or three of our freshmen were our top runners, which was great because you never know what exactly to expect from the newcomers. They improved so much this year, so it will definitely be interesting to see what they can do in the coming years."

Central's head cross country coach Kevin Adkisson is pleased with Hummel's success and looks forward to next year's possibilities.

"This year was a great year for our team and with our top individuals performing the way they did, and for our team as a whole as well," Adkisson said. "You can't do much better than to have someone that strong leading your team. She went out there and executed. Next year, women's cross country as a team, should be able to move up to that level."

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O’Brien scores twice, men go 1-2 in tourney
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"We really stepped it up at nationals and played well for our school."

The first opponent at nationals was Minnesota State University. The game got off to a rough start when Minnesota scored within the first five minutes.

Though the Wildcats dominated the majority of the game defensively, Central was unable to score. Minnesota took over in the second half by scoring again within the first five minutes. Despite their best efforts, the Wildcats were defeated 2-0.

Central showed their abilities in the second match against Southeastern Louisiana University. O’Brien scored twice and junior forward Joel Duzey scored once, helping the Wildcats shut out the Lions 3-0.

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—Andrew O’Brien
junior forward captain

Central’s final match was against Vanderbilt University. Both defenses kept the game scoreless through most of the second half. In the final minutes of the game, Vanderbilt took a shot that bounced off the post, then off the back of Central’s goalie and into the net, putting the Wildcats behind by one. The final score was 1-0, eliminating the Wildcats to end their season.

"We played really well," Eggert said. "We had a few unlucky breaks that kept us from moving on."

Luck or not, senior mid-fielder Travis Hadler feels things could have gone more in the Wildcats’ favor.

"I’m disappointed that we didn’t do better," Hadler said. "We played well but we could have beaten the teams that we didn’t.

The losses didn’t prevent the team from having fun, though.

"Overall, the tournament was a blast," O’Brien said. "Even after the final whistle blew."

The Wildcat men finished out the regular season 5-2-4, in spite of the fact that the team often traveled low numbers of athletes due to injuries during the season.

Though the team didn’t do as well as they had in the past, they are still happy with their performance.

"We pulled together and still managed to have fun in the season and learned a lot while still being quite successful," O’Brien said.