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Chia Chun Chang, sophomore marketing major, treks through the campus' winter wonderland in 14 degree weather.

Ross Walette/Observer

## Winter has arrived

### 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 University Way, Canyon Road, Main Street and Mountain View, said Rick Bollinger, assistant Public Works director.

The secondary or "collector" streets such as 14th Street are next. The city will try to get streets that are directly around schools, emergency services and the central business area. Residential areas are the last priority.

"Directly around the schools, [we] try to get those areas cleaned out as soon as possible," Bollinger said.

An exception is if the city receives four inches from one storm and another is expected, the plows might wait until

after the second snowfall. If it snows one day, but the next day is expected to warm up to melt the snow, the public works department will wait to plow.

This snowfall was not a major event, 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, south 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 team 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 963-3000.

### 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' reactions.
- \* Don't cut off trucks, which need more time and space to stop.
- \* Don't use your cruise control.
- \* Don't count on four-wheel drive to keep you completely safe.

The WSDOT has several other winter driving tips that can be accessed online at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/winter](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/winter)

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 keep fumes clear.
- \* Leave your dome light on while the car is running so you can be seen.
- \* Keep moving your arms and legs while you sit to keep blood circulating and to stay warm.
- \* Open a window (away from the wind) to let in fresh air.

Source: [www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0\\_252\\_00.html](http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0_252_00.html)

Preparing 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

- \* 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.

- \* Winterize your home by insulating attics and walls. Caulk window and door linings.
- \* Winterize outdoor building fixtures such as sheds or garages by clearing 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/bazard/winter/wi-before.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/bazard/winter/wi-before.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 night, 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."

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."

Hargett called 911 and requested medical assistance. The ambulance crew had to negotiate their way through

the snow-covered terrain to get to the victim. Bellinger was taken to Kittitas Valley Community Hospital by ambulance and later transported to Harborview Medical Center. She sustained serious injuries from hitting the tree, fracturing her pelvis in three places.

She was scheduled for surgery Wednesday, but the extent of treatment was unknown until surgeons could assess the damage. She is expected to remain in Harborview until the end of the week, and then go to her father's home to recuperate. She will be on crutches for six weeks, before starting rehabilitation.

The hill Bellinger and Hargett slid down has been a popular sledding area in the past, but there are no distinctive path marks indicating frequent use.

Ellensburg Fire Chief John Sinclair said that sledders do run the risk of bodily harm.

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

Some hazards common with sledding 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 sledders walk the path they plan to use and assess possible hazards.



Maggie Schmidt / Observer

The SURC fees were approved eight years ago with students will to pay up to \$200 a quarter. The university fit the \$159 fees into its budget plan along with the knowledge of a possible fee increase due to inflation.

## SURC: Paid in full, 2036

by Korben Cook  
Staff reporter

A structure that dwarfs other state-wide university buildings has to have money coming from somewhere.

For Central Washington University, that structure is the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) and the money comes from the students.

The \$49.6 million SURC is funded through two fees on students' tuition bill per quarter.

They are \$64 for the student union and \$95 for the recreation center. With the \$159 total fee, Central will be able to pay off the bond they used for the SURC in 30 years.

"We wanted to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that we could pay for this building and operate it," said John Drinkwater, senior director of campus life and student facility development. "There are no current plans to raise the fee."

An approximate budget was formulated eight years ago to get the planning underway. The budget was created based upon bonds that would be repaid by students.

Student surveys conducted by the university helped establish the \$159 total cost for the SURC.

"When students were voting ... they were willing and approving a fee of up to \$200 a quarter," said Jeff Rosenberry, Associated Students of Central Washington University vice president for student life and facilities.

The fees were pegged at \$159 because that figure fit well into the SURC bond payments, Drinkwater said.

The budget plan includes money for operation, bond payments and a reserve for repairs and any unexpected issues.

"Without a healthy reserve we could get in trouble very easily," Drinkwater said.

Two years ago, the university got more specific with the budget plan.

As enrollment increased to roughly 8,300 students, the university has adjusted the budget plan to account for 7,750 students.

This adjustment allows for a financial safety net in case enrollment dips or dining services or the Wildcat Shop become unable to pay their part. All three are separate entities with individual budgets.

"[The budget] gave us enough room to be comfortable that that plan had an opportunity at succeeding," Drinkwater said.

With enrollment exceeding the budget estimates, it may seem as though the SURC will be paid off sooner.

Ultimately, the extra income will go to update the wireless computer infrastructure, Student Funds Financial Manager Ed Day said.

Between 2012 and 2013, inflation rates will catch up to SURC expenditures and the university will have to start thinking about increasing the fee or tap into the reserve budget, Drinkwater said. This means the university and students 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.

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## DHC continues director search

by Caitlin Kuhlmann  
Asst. Scene editor

With an interim director about to retire, a curriculum still up in the air and a national search for a new director yet to begin, the William O. Douglas Honors College (DHC) is in the midst of many changes.

The DHC is a program independent of any major directed toward exceptional students who want a more rigorous and enriched academic environment.

The program incorporates small class sizes, reading assignments, cultural field trips and other activities to enhance the students' learning experience.

After Sura Rath resigned as director of the DHC last year, it seemed that finding a new director was top priority. An internal search was conducted to

find an interim director. The position would exist for about a year until a national search could be conducted. A lack of interest in the position, however, brought other issues concerning the DHC to light, said Linda Beath, associate vice president for undergraduate studies.

Beath has since filled the interim director position herself due to the lack of applicants.

"I thought this will be a great opportunity to say 'what is the DHC and what do we want it to become' before we went on to do the national search," Beath said.

Instead of focusing on finding a new permanent director, Beath has decided to examine and evaluate the aspects of the DHC that could be improved upon.

To evaluate the program and make proposals concerning possible changes, Provost David Soltz expanded the DHC

faculty committee. The committee sought nominations and invited individuals based on those recommendations.

The expanded committee has met twice, but meetings will continue every three weeks. Issues they will address include the curriculum, admission policies, the role of faculty in the DHC and the role of the director said Andrew Piacsek, physics professor and member of the DHC faculty committee.

The committee plans to have a complete recommendation document for the provost by May 2007.

Creating a humanities minor out of the required classes for the DHC program is one issue Beath hopes the committee will consider, in addition to recruitment and retention.

Although the recommendation by the faculty committee is due by the end of this academic year, many of the curricular changes may not take immediate effect.

"[The changes] would be incremental in nature," Beath said.

Anthony Aronica, senior history and anthropology major and Associated Students of Central Washington University vice president of clubs and organizations, has joined the committee to help bring a student voice to the council.

"I think [the DHC students] want what any other student would want," Aronica said. "They want a high quality program offered with qualified professors."

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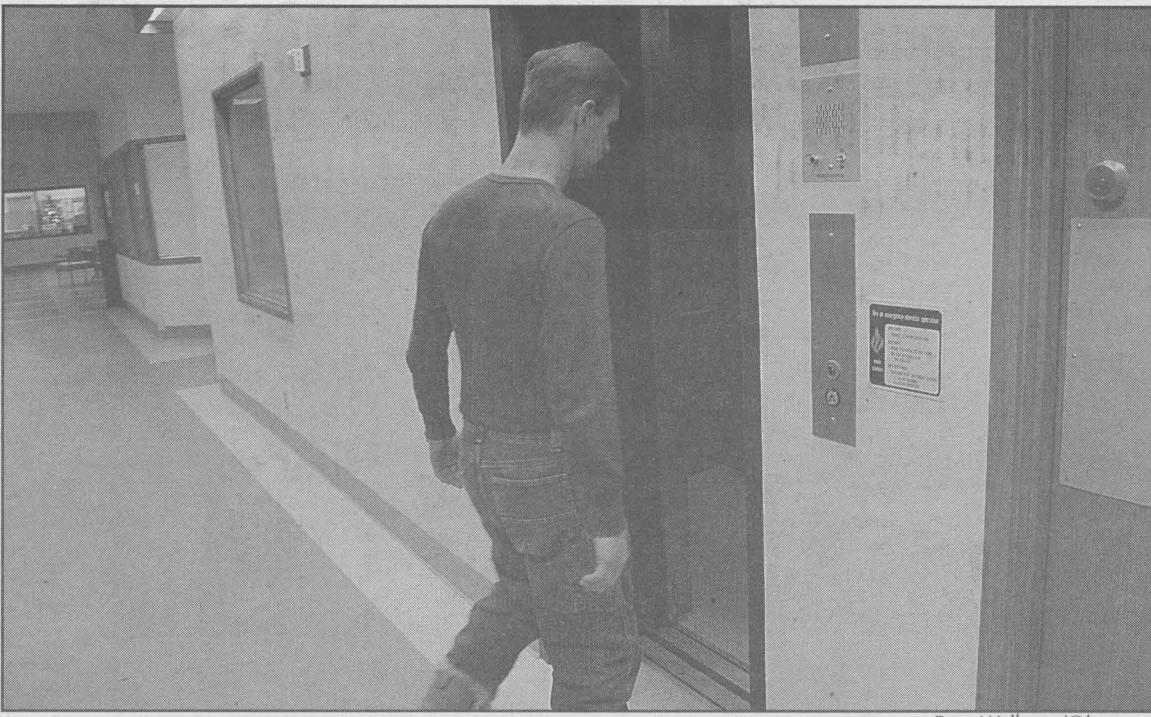
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Elevators on campus are checked regularly, insuring they maintain availability for students in need. However, if an elevator does break down DSS offers services, such as note takers, for students unable to attend class.

## 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 Seelye, freshman undecided, missed two out of his three classes because of broken elevators in the Language and Literature building and Randall 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," Seelye said. "I don't know if at 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 are available for students from the DSS office in Bouillon 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.

Facilities Management plays a big role in taking care of the elevators.

"The Facilities Maintenance Dept. contracts with an elevator company (One Elevator) for monthly inspection and adjustment of campus elevators," said Robert Tosch, 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.

## Ghana approved for Study Abroad

by Hallie Luginsland  
Staff reporter

This spring break, Central Washington University's study abroad and exchange program offers students a chance to travel to Ghana, Africa for 10 days.

The opportunity to study abroad over spring break is something Central has offered for nearly five years, but never before have students had the option to travel to Ghana.

Philosophy professor Cynthia Coe and assistant history professor Maurice Amutabi worked to set up the trip and will be traveling with students in March.

The idea was proposed more than a year ago. In order to get approval, Coe and Amutabi performed the necessary research and began to build a syllabus.

The proposal was reviewed by the International Studies & Programs advisory committee (ISPAC) and received approval at the beginning of October 2006.

"I'm interested in how students react to being in a different environment and how they react to the people," Coe said. "For them to see what it's like for a white person to be in the minority."

A major part of the trip will be visiting old slave forts. The forts were used to hold slaves for a period of time before being transported to the United States.

The group also plans to visit museums, markets and the University of Ghana.

"The slave forts, for me, are going to be the highlight of the trip... thinking about the people there and their experience," Coe said. "The trip is really intended to open up an issue that a lot of students try and avoid."

The classes will focus on race and colonialism, Coe said. Students will receive three credits in either history or philosophy.

Because the trip offers college

credit, financial aid can help students pay for the related expenses. The cost is typically added into the parent loan award, providing there is any remaining award money.

"The important thing is for students to know that there is no money sitting there waiting for them," Agnes Canedo, director of financial aid said. "It comes from student loans that they have not tapped into yet."

Financial aid has to see a list of names for students attending the trip, submitted by Coe and Amutabi, to

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~Cynthia Coe  
Philosophy professor

ensure students are actually signed up.

The first information session was held on Nov. 15. The meeting included a discussion on books and resources that will be used, and a brief idea of what the experience will be like.

"We show pictures of the area so that we can give students an idea of what the geography is like and what the people are like," Katie McCarthy, study abroad advisor, said.

The program will allow between 15 and 25 students to attend. All students interested must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. There is no language requirement because all classes will be taught in English.

An information session will be held today at noon in the International Center. Applications, available in the Study Abroad office, are due Jan. 12.

### NEWS BRIEF

#### New BOT members appointed

Gov. Chris Gregoire appointed two new members to the Central Washington University Board of Trustees. Patricia Mattsen Notter is an architect and retired public works commissioner in Wenatchee and David S. Valdez, who resides in Everett, is a senior vice president for Verizon Communications. Positions on the board were made available after two trustees, Mike Sells and Jay Reich, terms were up on September 30, 2006.

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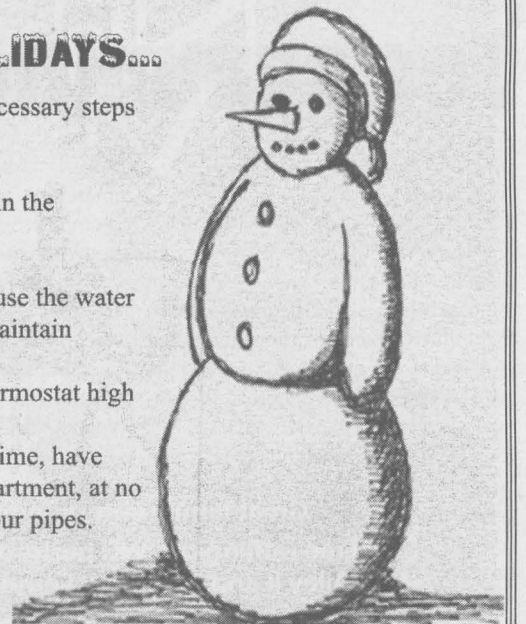
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4. If your residence is vacant for a short time, set the thermostat high enough so the pipes won't freeze.
5. If your residence is vacant for an extended period of time, have your water turned off at the meter by the City Water Department, at no charge during normal working hours, so you can drain your pipes.



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A public service message from the City of Ellensburg Public Works Department.



# Remodeling options for Dean, Samuelson

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 Rosenberry, 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 interactive landscaping that will incorporate the canal and arboretum," Rosenberry 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 Central," Rosenberry said.

President Jerilyn 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



Mary Ebenal /Observer

**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.**

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 issued, 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," Rosenberry said. "No designs, no recommendations yet, [we are] just assessing the needs of the students."

Centralizing student services would make access easier for students, since students must now go to Barge 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 oth-

er 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," Rosenberry 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," Rosenberry said.

## Fee committee helps theatre, university centers

by Frank Stanley  
Asst. News editor

Nearly \$100,000 of Services and Activities (S&A) funds were allocated in the past three weeks. The funds went to eight different organizations including club sports, the marching band and the west side university centers in Lynnwood and Des Moines.

The S&A fee committee has been busy providing supplemental funds and preparing for the biennial funds request coming up during winter and spring quarter.

Typically, the funding process begins when a group makes a supplemental (one-time) request to the committee, which then discuss the proposal. The committee votes on the request the following week.

Under certain circumstances, such as a shortened timeframe, the committee will vote on the request the same night.

The supplemental requests process started in early October with the approval of approximately \$9,000 to the vocal jazz choir for a trip to New York.

At the same time, the committee

heard a funding request from the marching band. Two weeks later, the committee approved \$4,150 for uniform and instrument maintenance.

In the following weeks, several groups and departments have presented their needs to the body.

Sheila Walton, director of student affairs for the Des Moines and Lynnwood university centers, requested \$23,800 for staff supplies and relocation funding.

The committee approved the full amount, indicating that since students enrolled at the university centers pay S&A fees, they are entitled to receive funds.

"I feel that we should give them [the university centers] as much help as possible," said Alexander Kobrianov, senior law and justice major and S&A fee committee member.

Leslee Caul, director of marketing and development for the theatre arts department, requested \$7,830 for the touring crew to perform this year's show, "Pecos Bill and the Ghost Stampede," at the Yakima, Wenatchee, Pierce County and Des Moines university centers.

Provost David Soltz had already

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senior law and justice  
major*

provided funds for the remaining two centers in Moses Lake and Lynnwood. The money covers crew payment, travel, any overnight accommodations and meals. Caul emphasized that bringing the show to the other centers will benefit both the performers and audience.

"We're actually operating this show at a loss, but this is more for the experience," Caul said.

The committee approved \$5,650, asking that any accompanying faculty

pay their own way and citing a general rule brought up with past S&A fee committee members.

"Normally, we don't cover food," said David Reynolds, senior history 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 Kobrianov 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 Sinclair, requested \$55,125 for various needs, including insurance for participants, staff pay, travel, club allocation and the purchase of a van for equipment.

Sinclair outlined the priorities for the funds, and placed insurance and staff pay are top priority. The committee approved \$31,125, 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 updated. 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 SURC 301.



## DeShields, Drinkwater promoted

by Korben Cook  
Staff reporter

With the cold weather hitting Central 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.

Through 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."

Goals for Drinkwater in his new position include talking to a newly forming 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 students.

"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.

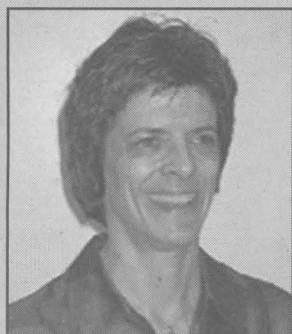
Richard DeShields who is the new director of university housing and new student programs.

Former interim 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."

## Meet Your Administrator:

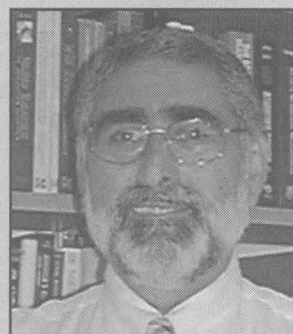
# Deans give insight into four academic colleges, challenges and preparation



Marji Morgan



Meghan Miller



Roy Savoian



Rebecca Bowers

by Britt Huston  
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's students are spread among four distinct colleges. Each of the four is headed by one dean and several associate deans.

The dean for the College of Arts and Humanities is Marji Morgan. Rebecca Bowers is the dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies. Roy Savoian is the dean of the College of Business, and Meghan Miller is the dean of the College of the Sciences.

All four deans said they are actively involved with advisory boards made up of professionals from the industries in which Central graduates are headed. Student advisory councils are also utilized at least once per quarter by each dean to keep a pulse on the student needs.

The deans shared some insight about their jobs and colleges with us.

**Q: What are the challenges you face as dean?**

**Miller:** The biggest challenges we

face are time management. Sometimes you have to choose among the priorities you prize. There just aren't enough hours in the day. Also, keeping the faculty size in balance with the large enrollment growth is a challenge.

**Savoian:** The Washington State Legislature. The appropriations for higher education or education in general are just not at levels they should be. You've got underpaid faculty and departments that have to scrimp and pinch. That creates a lot of challenges for us.

**Q: What are the most enjoyable parts of being dean?**

**Morgan:** Getting to know faculty and students, and learning about their work. It is a joy to attend concerts, plays, art exhibitions, literary readings, talks, and the many other fascinating events in our college. I also enjoy hiring new faculty and watching them develop as teachers and scholar-artists.

**Q: Is there anything you would like to tell students?**

**Bowers:** I wish the students could explore their major early. I've seen too many students directed into a major they really didn't like, and unfortunately, some even go all the way through it. If a student is even thinking of going into an area they should meet with an advisor early. It's ok to change majors.

**Morgan:** Make every effort to improve your writing skills, do an internship before you graduate, and take advantage of the study abroad opportunities here at Central.

**Q: Tell us something unique about your college.**

**Savoian:** We are somewhat unique from the other colleges because about 40 percent of our full-time students are at university centers. We really serve two populations, the one in Ellensburg and the students at the centers. About 1/3 of my faculty reside in Seattle. I think that enhances

our program. We have a lot of diversity in any way you want to measure diversity.

**Bowers:** We certified more teachers than any other institution in Washington with 527 in 2005. Thirty-three percent of students in our college are in teacher education. But I do want to emphasize that we have seven professional studies departments and I am very proud of them.

**Miller:** We are planning a masters program in primate studies. Degree programs require approval from Olympia and could take between one and two years. The program is under development and the faculty is articulating the courses.

**Q: What do you do directly for or with students?**

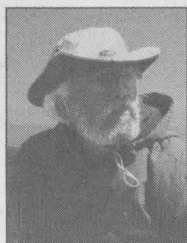
**Morgan:** I volunteered to teach a section of University 101, and I am really enjoying that experience. It has educated me about the issues our students face as they begin their careers at Central.

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# City

News from around the Ellensburg community



Clare Jensen/Observer

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

Reporter Katie Murdoch  
and photographer Clare  
Jensen rode along with  
Ellensburg's bravest

by Katie Murdoch  
Staff reporter

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 5 p.m. firefighters work on a strict schedule, and from 5 p.m. until the next day they are free to spend 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.

During the ride-along with Elliott, which was a windy, snowy day, the roads were slightly icy and slippery. The fire department expected to respond to a maximum of 12 calls that day.

"The ice is a little bit sticky and it catches people off guard," Elliott said.

**9:00 a.m.** Photographer Clare Jensen and I arrived at the fire station and the administrative assistant ushered us into Elliott's office to wait for him.

**9:20 a.m.** Elliott returned to his office after responding to a car accident that occurred on Caribou Road and Vantage Highway involving two cars and four victims, one in serious condition. A helicopter from Moses Lake was ordered to move the victims to Kittitas Valley Community Hospital.

The combination of ice, a ditch and

over-correcting contributed to the cars colliding, Elliott said.

We piled into Elliott's red pick-up truck to attend a confined spaces drill that the Ellensburg Energy Services Department is required to perform annually. On the way to the training, Elliott received a call from an elderly woman asking him to change her light bulbs.

"We do accident prevention stuff for senior citizens," Elliott said. "We don't want them climbing on stuff if they're not comfortable doing it."

**"Being the dispatcher is the hardest part. They don't get warning and you don't get to see the problem fixed."**

~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 crevices to prevent all of the lines from going out.

Dispatcher 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.

"For a regional dispatch center, they're very strict on who they hire," Elliott said.

**10:15 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 simu-



Clare Jensen/Observer

Deputy Chief Elliott works from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and is always on call. The busiest time for the fire department is after the first snows.

lated 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.

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.

**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 extin-

guishing. 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 palettes 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 fairgrounds 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.



# OPINION

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**Kathryn Lake**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

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, five of 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 the 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 week despite projects, tests and breakups to produce our best for

6,000 people to read.

Many times the Observer can almost be considered a full time job on top of our other schoolwork. The newspaper is a great learning experience where we get practical knowledge of how our future profession works.

## OBSERVANCE

### Goodnight, Observer, and good luck

I have seen numerous 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 both reporters and other editors, teaching them how to interview, write and help others learn as well. If 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.

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On a side note, while driving around Ellensburg the past couple days I have become annoyed with drivers who speed, ride people's butts and take corners so fast that they fishtail. Please respect the other drivers who are out there and who may not love driving in the snow like your do. Drive safely during the holidays and enjoy your vacations wherever they may take you.

I have been sitting here trying to write my last Observance of the quarter as Editor-in-Chief and all I can think about is how this is my last Observer until spring. I am taking winter quarter off to do an internship at Manson Middle School.

I will be helping students learn how to write, design and produce a monthly newspaper for their school. I am really

# Colliding finals and life after Central



**Ford Harris**  
*Staff reporter*

When finals, term papers and year-end projects come around—all of which will have a huge impact on grades—the most commonly stated remarks are, "Man, I can't wait until I'm done with school."

The rigors of tests, projects and homework can weigh heavily on students' minds and stress them out, making them wish they didn't have to deal with these things anymore. There's no doubt that these thoughts go through every student's mind at one point or another during college.

On the other hand, living the life of a business person isn't easy, either. Ten bills sitting in front you can be just as stressful as finals. Knowing you have a report due on the boss's desk in the morning and not having a good idea of what to do can really make someone wish they were back in college.

The clear answer is it is better to be in college than working a nine-to-five shift, five days a week. Can you really beat the lifestyle of a college kid? To start, most of your peers are going to be around the same age, 18-to-22.

In the business world, there are

going to be co-workers that are 20 years older than you. That doesn't include a boss that you rely on to keep you employed.

When it comes to the stresses that are involved in each lifestyle, dealing with a teacher grading your paper is much better than dealing with an IRS audit.

Looking at grades is better than looking at bills. Of course, a lot of college student's have to pay their own bills right now and that can add stress to a student's life, but a mortgage, new car payment and pressure to keep food on the table can add a little more stress.

This doesn't even count the good times you are going to have with your friends in college.

Building memories with those friends—road trips, nights out on the town, not turning on the heat to save money, girlfriends, etc.—can all leave lasting impressions (not to say that someone can't do some of those things when they are older, but there are bigger and more important things that will be on your mind).

We get a month-long winter break, a

week-long spring break and summer breaks that all contribute to those good times. These are looked forward to by all college students. Consider those gone once you are done with school.

Skipping a day of class because of a previous long night is possible in college, but you can't just skip a day of work because you feel like it. Having three-hour breaks in between classes so you can float the river will not be happening in life after school.

At some point college will be over, business life will be rearing its ugly head at us and it's a fact you can't deny.

Most of us go to college to better further our careers and don't want to be Central's Van Wilder. Just enjoy the times you have right now.

Enjoy the fact that next week is finals and then we have three-and-a-half weeks off, while your graduated friends will be working up till Christmas.

Most of all enjoy the stresses and anger toward your teachers now, because four or five years down the road, that famous thought will be popping into your head: "I wish I was younger."

Finals are right around the corner, and with finals come the thoughts of how nice it will be to be done with school. Well enjoy those finals while you can because the working world isn't any better.

There's always an assertion made by young people: "I wish I was older." The opposite sentiment is made by older people: "I wish I was younger."

So what should you think being a college-aged individual?

## Important dates of winter quarter:

- Dec. 11: Open enrollment
- Jan. 3: Classes begin
- Jan. 9: Tuition and fees due in full
- Jan 9: Deadline to declare Audit or Credit/No credit
- Jan. 12: Baccalaureate graduation application deadline
- Jan. 15: No classes (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- Feb. 16: Uncontested withdrawal deadline
- Feb. 19: No classes (Presidents 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

## 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 decisions," Day said.

With inflation and the non-fluctuating SURC fee, \$159 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 year progresses, 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."

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Photos by Patrick Lewis/Observer

Ware Fair is an annual holiday event around Central Washington University. It includes dozens of vendors and their handmade arts and crafts. The event will be held in the SURC and will run through Saturday.



# Handmade crafts for holiday season

by Rhea Quintanilla  
Staff reporter

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 a 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.

"Beanie Guys" take orders from people and create scarves and beanies. It's very affordable," Drummond said.

For those who are stumped for gift ideas for the holiday season Ware Fair is a step towards Christmas spirit

**"This is great because people purchasing the items know that their item is one of a kind."**

—Scott Drummond  
Campus Activities director

inspiration.

"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.

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 10-7pm 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 it each year.

"So many people have told me I can't do things and I get past that by just doing it," Chapman said.

There is no cure for cerebral palsy and it causes many complications that

can be difficult to deal with. In Chapman has learned to live with them.

"I am about achieving expectations above and beyond what people expect, but I can only do so much," Chapman said. "My daily life revolves around other people helping me."

Over the 21 years of Chapman's life, she has had 23 different aides, most of whom have changed in the past few years.

"It is very rewarding to hang out with her," said Felicity Taylor-Foenix, who has been Elizabeth's independent provider personal care attendant (IPPCA), for the past three years. "She is so inspiring."

People with disabilities have to be able to trust their aide or whomever they work with. Chapman chooses her aides and puts them through a rigorous interview process to make sure they will work well with her.

"We kind of work like a pit crew," Taylor-Foenix said.

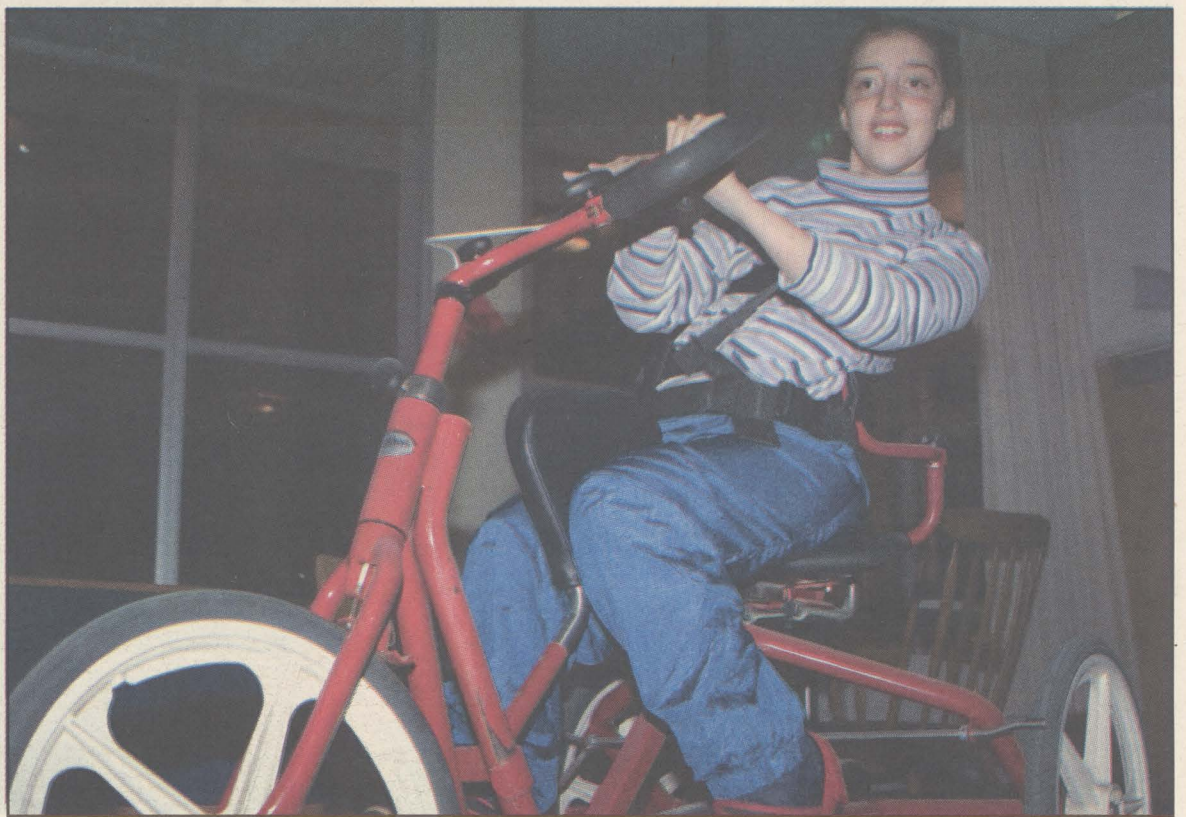
Many of the things that an average college student takes for granted are things Chapman struggles with every day.

"Elizabeth is very intrepid; nothing slows her down," Taylor-Foenix said. "She is absolutely fearless."

Activities which include having someone physically take her backpack on and off for her, helping her shower,

**"So many people have told me I can't do things and I get past that by just doing it."**

—Elizabeth Chapman  
junior family studies



Stephen John Ellis/Observer

Chapman has been a student at Central Washington University since fall of 2003. It has been a pleasure to witness her academic achievements and her personal growth Pamela Wilson disability accommodation specialist said.

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-body 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."

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.

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★ Ware Fair 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. SURC.
★ Campus Life Comedy Night 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Central Theatre.

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★ Ware Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. SURC.
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★ Relax and take a trip to Leavenworth before finals week.

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# Auction helps promote student artists



Ross James Walette/ Observer

The student art auction pulled off another successful event this past week. Students, staff and community members showed up to view and bid on items created and donated by Central's art students. Part of the proceeds went to the students who created the art while the remainder went into the Student Art Councils club fund to support other events they plan to host during the year.

## WOMAN: Student finds acceptance on campus with support services

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"Central is generally considered to be a leader in the field when it comes to disabilities," 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 cost \$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 wheel-

chair, 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-Foelix said.

Chapman follows a strict schedule, but she still manages to find time to go to the Recreation Center for her workout routine with the help of Taylor-Foelix. Using a wheelchair machine with a handrail that helps stand her up, she uses tower cable pulleys to exercise and work her muscles.

"Exercising makes a big mental and physical difference for me," Chapman said.

She also does ab crunches, uses the

arm machine and is able to ride a tricycle bike with a seatbelt.

"It's pretty unbelievable what she does at the gym," Taylor-Foelix said.

**"Central is generally considered to be a leader in the field when it comes to disabilities."**

*~Robert Campbell  
Director of Disability  
Support Services*

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 flexible aides that want her to succeed and do things.

"My biggest frustrations aren't about the campus

itself, but partly people's attitudes because they have a lack of education," Chapman said. "My mission is to help educate people. People with disabilities should be treated just like people without them."

## Teen parents' lives viewed through photos

*by Observer staff*

Photography major and Corinne Farrell Merit Scholarship recipient Stephen John Ellis presents his exhibit, "Loss of Innocence," in the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow, Dec. 1.

The Farrell Merit Scholarship in Research and Fine Arts is given to honor the memory of Dr. and Mrs. S.M. Farrell and Dennis Farrell.

The scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate superior scholastic or creative achievement and one who is majoring in the fine arts. The student must undertake a specific project in connection with their majors.

"The primary reason I think anyone would want to undertake the Farrell Scholarship is the desire to create," Ellis, senior music and photography major, said.

Some people undertake the projects as a way to pay for school, Ellis said. Recipients get tuition paid for and \$200 for books. In addition, the individual receives funds to cover the cost of the project, such as supplies, travel and

presentation materials.

The show is a photo documentary containing twenty-four photographs illustrating families with teenage parents.

"I wanted to do a project of teen parenting because I was a child of a teen mother," Ellis said. "It has been a theme in my immediate family."

The documentary was taken off site at a variety of locations. Ellis went to six homes, two families from Ellensburg, one family from Spokane, one from Yakima, another from Gig Harbor, and from his sister's family in North Carolina.

"I'm excited to have the show finally out because it's my first solo show ever, especially considering I just started in photography a year and a half ago," Ellis said.

Ellis' professor and advisor Michael Sherwin thinks he is an incredible student.

"He is the kind of student professor's hope for," Sherwin said, "He gives 110 percent all the time."

Ellis is honored to act as the mediator between these families and the pub-



Stephen John Ellis/ Observer

As part of Ellis's 'Loss of Innocence' exhibit he had the opportunity to photograph his sister and his niece at their home in North Carolina.

lic.

"They are so often labeled as mistakes," Ellis said. "People never see the person behind the situation."

The collection includes twenty-four photographs.

Ellis' artwork will be displayed Dec. 1 through Dec. 10.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekends, 1-4 p.m. The gallery is located in Randall Hall. Admission to the gallery is free.

For more information visit the gallery website [www.cwu.edu/~art/gallery.html](http://www.cwu.edu/~art/gallery.html).





Patrick Michael Lewis/ Observer

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 Welsch, senior theatre per-

formance 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, Leslee Caul director of marketing and development said.

Following the first act, the play continued with no problems.

Some students showed up to fulfill credit for classes while others came purely for entertainment.

"This is the first play I have come to see this year," Sarah Dallosto, 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 Warren-der's newest musical "Blankity-Blank."

"She [Dallosto] dragged me here," Jennifer Miller, senior elementary education major, said. "I hope to continue [coming to plays] assuming my busy schedule allows for it."

For more information on what the Central Theatre Ensemble has to offer go to [www.cwu.edu/~theatre/](http://www.cwu.edu/~theatre/).

### Jazz events

The Central Washington University Jazz Band I will perform "Jazz Nutcracker" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5 in the music building auditorium. The Jazz Nutcracker is a new arrangement of the original Nutcracker completed in 1892. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for students.

Four jazz bands and three vocal jazz ensembles will be featured at the annual Jazz Nite at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 in the music building auditorium. Tickets at the door at \$5, or \$3 for students.

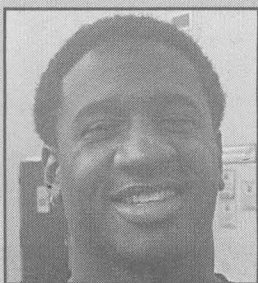
## Students laugh their way through semi-final comedy competition



Clare Jensen/ Observer

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 Arngim, who had her own comedy show the evening before, participated in the judging of the event.

## People on the Street... Holiday fun



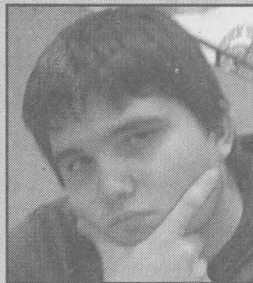
**Jonathan Shepherd,**  
junior exercise science

"Christmas!! Because my birthday is three days before that."



**Danielle Jones,**  
senior accounting

"Making a pie with my grandmom for a week."



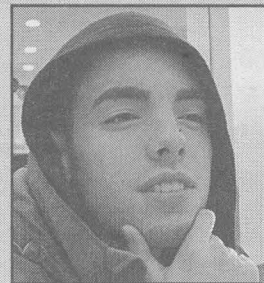
**Jeremy Hochstein,**  
sophomore english education

"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."



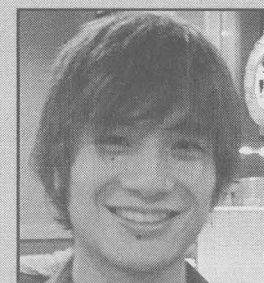
**Jill Gutierrez,**  
junior elementary education

"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."



# Drums and masks entertain



Mary Ebenal/Observer

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.

## Prairie bitch a comedic hit

by Heather Elliott  
Staff reporter

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 botox and green apple martinis," Arngrim said.

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

"Working for Michael Landon rocked," Arngrim said.

Landon ran the entire 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. "It was a buzz-kill on dates.

Nobody wanted to date Nellie Olson."

The 44-year-old comedian said that she gets hit on by all the bad celebrities, 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, I'm 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-

## Traveling play educates students through diversity

by Robbie Miller  
Staff reporter

Eighteen junior high school students from around central Washington not only witnessed theatre Friday, Nov. 17, but also they got a chance to go backstage and meet the actors and learn a little about what it takes to put on a play.

Two free performances of "¡Bocón!", a children's play by Lisa Loomer, were held on Nov. 17 and 18 at Hertz Auditorium and were open to the community. "¡Bocón!" is a play that graduate student Amber Peoples directed for her thesis project. Peoples teamed up with the Bridges Project and Gear Up to allow her to take the show on tour to the junior high schools Bridges works with.

Eighteen students from five different schools came to the opening performance. The students, who were selected by teachers based on interest, grades and attitude, had lunch with the actors and learned some tricks of the trade in workshops.

"The workshops were wonderful," Peoples said. "And it was so invigorating to see my cast interact with the kids."

The six-member cast of "¡Bocón!" traveled to the schools before performing 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 Bellah. The

highlight for many students was the make-up workshop led by theatre arts professor Paulette Bond, which focused on creating fake cuts and bruises.

"He got beat up," Royal Middle School student Oscar Mata said of his black-eyed friend Kyle Duke of McFarland Junior High.

Duke left the make-up on throughout the day. He had a rubber gash on his arm in addition to a very authentic-looking black eye.

Duke and Mata said they enjoyed the play and that La Llorona was their favorite character. The mythological story of La Llorona is popular in many Latin American countries. It is said that the La Llorona wanders after dark screaming for her children whom she drowned, that she'll drown any child she finds.

In "¡Bocón!" La Llorona has a good heart and helps the hero Miguel on his journey to find his voice after it flees from his body. La Llorona's screams filled the auditorium and left the audience laughing.

The first tour stop for "¡Bocón!" was Monday at Royal City Junior High, and the tour will continue on Friday and through a week of Christmas break.

"¡Bocón!" is ultimately written for a middle school audience so it was really delightful to hear the students laugh

where we had never had laughter before because up to this point we've had mostly adult audiences," Peoples said. "They were riveted."

Bridges Coordinator Veronica Gomez-Vilchis said she thought the play turned out great. It was a learning experi-

**"It was so invigorating to see my cast interact with the kids."**

~Amber Peoples  
Director

## Holidays spice up Friday art walk

by Caitlin Kuhlmann  
Asst. Scene editor

The holiday season has brought some changes to this month's First Friday 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 person, Gallery One will feature more than 10 different artists from all around the Pacific Northwest, most being from Ellensburg.

"[We are] devoting both sides [of the gallery] to retail and calling for more work from the artists," Mauri Johnson, Gallery One retail manager, said.

The featured artwork will include glasswork, photography, mosaics, ceramics, candles, pottery, pen and ink prints, and wood work.

The venue will be a great place for people to pick up holiday gifts, Johnson said.

Piano music will accompany the first hour of the art walk at the gallery, followed by a performance from the Historical District Players.

"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 our town grow."

Hurrey's collection is a series of large and small oil paintings and charcoal prints.

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

"It's our chance to provide reasonably-priced art," Merendino said.

Christmas music and snacks will be available at the museum.

Ellensburg WineWorks will feature 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.

Kestrel Vintners, a Prosser winery, will also be featured for tasting.

In addition to Gallery One, The Clymer Museum, and Ellensburg WineWorks, 13 other businesses are participating in this month's art walk.

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

## First Friday Art Walk Venues

The Clymer Museum  
416 North Pearl Street 962-6416

Old Chick Enterprises  
309 North Pearl Street  
933-1004

D&M Coffee Downtown  
301 North Pine Street  
925-5313

Organized Noise  
305 North Main Street  
925-1319

Ellensburg WineWorks  
606 North Main Street  
962-VINE (8463)

Salon Fenix  
217 West 3rd  
962-2600

Expecting Wild Flower Gallery  
309 North Water Street

Sarah Spurgeon Gallery  
CWU Campus

First Impressions  
413 North Pine Street  
962-4104

Starbucks  
908 East 10th Ave  
925-7877

Frame Express  
300 West 3rd Avenue  
962-2799

The Magic Square Bookstore  
108 South Water Street

Gallery One  
408 North Pearl Street  
925-2670

Valley Café & Deli  
105 West 3rd Avenue  
925-3050

Hungry Hippo Sub Shoppe  
310 North Pine  
933-4001

Walter's-A Floral Shop & More  
115 East 4th Avenue  
925-9123

Jade Moon  
421 North Pearl Street  
925-1020

First Friday Dance  
Vicci Martinez  
All Ages  
Ellensburg Moose Lodge  
\$8 general \$6 students w/ ID  
kids 12 & under free

Kittitas County Historical Museum  
114 3rd Avenue  
925-3778



# SPORTS

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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



David Woodford / Observer

Sophomore guard Joey Luke goes up for a dunk during Slammin' with the Cat's men's and women's scrimmage. The men's team recently returned from a road trip to Hawaii and Northern California for two tournaments.

"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. "I

think there are others on the team that deserved the honor more."

The Wildcats ended the trip with a 2-3 record. They will take that record

into their next tournament in the Shilo Inn Classic Dec. 1 and 2 in Nampa, Idaho, hosted by Northwest Nazarene University.

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

Central is scheduled to play Montana State-Billings and Alderson-Broadus in the tournament before returning home Dec. 14 to host Walla Walla University.

The strength of the Wildcat team appears to be their depth on the bench. Central's bench has out-scored their last two opponents, Humboldt State and Chico State, by a combined total of 40 points.

"You can divide this team into two different teams and they'd both be good," senior center Julius McMillion said. "As long as everyone stays healthy we have two tough teams. Both these teams can compete in the GNAC."

The strength on the bench, however, was not enough to beat Humboldt State on Nov. 24 as the Wildcats lost in overtime 90-79.

The Wildcats outscored Humboldt State in fast break points, bench points, and points off turnovers. In the end, it was Humboldt's second-chance points that out-did the Wildcats as they beat Central 15-6 in that category.

The following night Central came out strong against another Wildcat team, Chico State, beating them 92-78.

Again, Central led in many statistical categories: points off turnovers, second chance points, and bench points. Central's bench was the saving grace in the game as back-ups junior guard Nate Jackson and McMillion led the bench with 10 and 11 points respectively.

McMillion also added a season-high eight rebounds in 18 minutes of action.

The Wildcats came out strong early to a 56-38 lead at the half including a 21 point lead twice during the game. The last 21 point lead being early in the second half. Chico State was able to slim the lead to eight points before a 16-10 run in the last three minutes by Central to secure a victory.

## Men's Club Soccer ends season in Phoenix

by Melanie Lockhart  
Staff reporter

Cold weather and injuries limited practice time for the Central Washington University men's soccer club as they prepared for the national tournament, held Nov. 16-18 in Phoenix, Ariz.

"We only managed to get about three team practices within the two weeks prior to nationals," junior forward and team captain Andrew O'Brien said.

Despite the complications, the Wildcats represented Central well at the tournament.

"We were really shaky going into nationals, coming off our program's worst record in season," O'Brien said.

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## Changing weather offers different activities for Central students

by Mick Para  
Staff reporter

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 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 OPR 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 snowboarding shuttle should really help kids enjoy the winter."

The deals to which Kangiser is referring are on items such as cross country

### 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.

skis, snowshoes, 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.

Morris Uebelacker is a professor of geography and land studies at Central and an outdoor enthusiast. He enjoys hiking and cross-country skiing in and around Ellensburg during the winter months.

"We ski up Blewett Pass, Lions Rock, Reecer Creek and I like hiking in

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# Central women's basketball off to a strong start after two impressive preseason tournaments

by Tyler Lobe  
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 out-matched the visiting Alderson-Broaddus squad, 75-44, on Friday.

Senior post Laura Wright and junior guard Hanna Hull each finished the game with 14 points, leading Central.

Senior guard Elyse Mengarelli chipped in with 13 points and senior guard Brandie Bounds added 12.

Bounds' dozen all came in the first half.

Central shot an even 50 percent from the field, making 30 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 dished out 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 contend for a [Great Northwest Athletic Conference] title and do something in a national tournament; you got 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



Photos by Michael Bennett / Observer

Above: Senior guard Elyse Mengarelli, a transfer from Yakima Valley Community College will start for Central. Below: Sophomore point guard Ashley Fenimore has made 42 percent of her three-point attempts.

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 Wildcat dominance 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."



Michael Bennett / Observer

## Catching up with Lauren Short

by Nolan Teasley  
Staff reporter

Senior guard Lauren Short is a key component to Central Washington Universities women's basketball team. Get to know her a little better.

### SHORT'S STATS

#### 2003-04 season

averaged 5.3 min/g  
7 assists  
7 steals

#### 2004-05 season

averaged 20.5 min/g  
83 assists  
32 steals

#### 2005-06 season

averaged 17.4 min/g  
60 assists  
20 steals

Q. Where did you go to high school?

A. Prairie High School in Vancouver, Washington.

Q. What accolades did you receive while playing in High School?



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Senior guard Lauren Short has been a staple in the Wildcat's bid for a great 2006-07 season. She has averaged just under 40 assists per season.

A. I was selected to first team all state my senior year.

Q. What is your favorite memory while playing in high school?

A. We won state my senior year.

Q. Why did you choose Central?

A. I wanted to be a teacher and it was a good school for education.

Q. What is your role on this year's team?

A. I need to run the floor and keep the team organized.

Q. Favorite memory here at Central?

A. My sophomore year against Alaska Fairbanks, we were down by twenty points with ten minutes left and came back and won. It was cool because it was the last game of the season.

Q. Goals for this season?

A. To make it to the national tournament and I want to beat Western (Western Washington University) and SPU (Seattle Pacific University) because I've never beaten them in my three years here.

Q. What are your goals for the future?

A. I'd like to get a teaching job somewhere and coach basketball.

## Hummel finishes 12th at Nationals

by Ernie Vorhof  
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, Ca., Hummel ran the biggest race of her life on Nov. 18 at the NCAA Division II National Cross Country Championships 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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## RUNNER: Central's lone runner at the National Championship earns All-American honors

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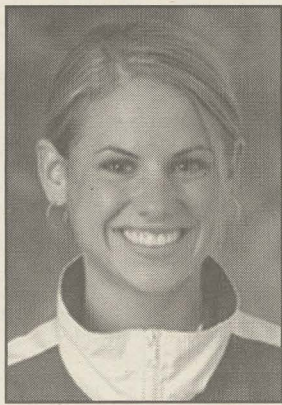
place finish out of 184 runners.

For Hummel, it was pretty much the icing on the cake.

"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, becoming the first Central cross country student-athlete to do so in the school's nine years of competing at the NCAA Division II level.

"My goal at the beginning of the season was just to get there, and then once that happened I was hoping to finish in the top 10 or 15," Hummel said.



**Katie Hummel**  
Senior cross country runner

"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."

## 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 Manastash 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 Uptanum 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 Blewett 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."



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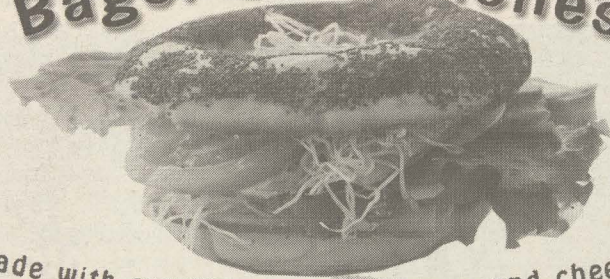
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## SOCCER:

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 Duby scored once, helping the Wildcats shut out the Lions 3-0.

**"Overall the tournament was a blast, even after the final whistle blew."**

~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," Eggen said. "We had a few unlucky breaks that kept us from moving on."

Luck or not, senior mid-fielder Travis Haderli feels things could have gone more in the Wildcat's favor.

"I'm disappointed that we didn't do better," Haderli 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.

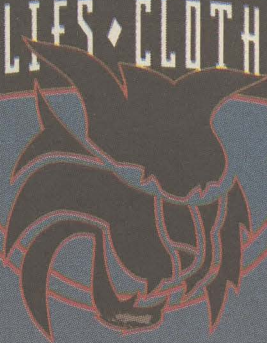
"We pulled together and still managed to have fun in the season and learned a lot while still being quite successful," O'Brien said.

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