'Bull dog' administrator resigns from Central

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JOSEPH NELSON, FOREIGN LANGUAGE CHAIR

by Chelsea Krzotker
News editor

former Associate Vice President of Faculty Affairs Michael Jennings has resigned and sought new employment outside of the state, according to Central Washington University Provost David Saltz.

"It wasn't a good fit for him," Saltz said. "Some jobs aren't good fits, he wasn't that satisfied. It was mutual."

"Jennings was basically a bull dog," said Rob Perkins, professor of career and technical studies, industrial and engineering technology. "He gets it into his mind to do something and he does it. The problem leads to very reckless behavior; not including people in on a lot of decisions and not really working well with others, and in a university setting that is the culture."

According to Josh Nelson, chair of foreign language department, part of the Jennings "bull dog" persona is thought to have stemmed from his confrontational personality, such as staring down faculty members. Jennings also would openly flaunt his military background, which bothered some faculty members and caused his military history to come into question.

According to Nelson, Jennings would show off military wounds to colleagues and comment on the shrapnel still inside his body, reference tours in Vietnam and emphasize his experience as a sniper in the marines.

"It's not the kind of behavior you would expect to see at a university," Nelson said. "It's the kind of thing you'd see in a prison."

Nelson has been involved with faculty senate for a number of years and was one of the first faculty members to interview Jennings prior to his arrival. In May 2007, Jennings was deposed in regard to a lawsuit filed against Central by Bill Chandler former information technology and administrative management assistant professor.

During the deposition, Chandler's attorney Jeffery Needle asked Jennings a series of questions, including whether or not he had any military experience. Surprisingly, to all that knew him, Jennings' answer was "no."

A records request was then filed by former United Faculty of Central president Daniel Carrasquillo with the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Mo. According to the document Carrasquillo received in July of 2007, the records center had been unable to locate any information that would verify Jennings' military service.

"Hook, line and sinker," psychology professor Terry DeVietti said. "He took the faculty, the administration, he took everyone."

DeVietti added that during one conversation, Jennings claimed that when he dies, he wants to have his union card in one hand and an M16 in the other. Despite the military charade Jennings created, he did not include any documentation of being in the military on his resume or other documents given to the university.

According to Saltz, Jennings' mitigation nation did not have to do with the fabricated military history.

"To his credit, he did move the [bargaining] along," DeVietti said. "We did get a contract."

What the faculty had not anticipated receiving was a drop in morale as Jennings two-years of employment progressed.
President's address:

Scholarships, faculty enhancement and diversity key issues this year

by Marjorie Allen
Senior reporter

Selling Almond Joys and Baby Ruths is an excellent way to raise money, but that strategy is not nearly as effective when trying to raise $21 million in three years.

At the State of the University Address held last Tuesday, Central Washington University President Jeryln McIntyre presented the school with the challenge of raising the $21 million during the next three years. The campaign officially started two years ago and was in the "quiet" phase, and as of last week entered into the "public" phase, and the university has almost accomplished its goal.

"We have over 85 percent [of the initial goal]," said Paul Baker, vice president of University Relations and executive director of the Central Washington University Foundation, who is helping spearhead the campaign. "By the time summer hits us, the campaign will be successful."

The money collected would be divided into three funds: $15 million for student scholarships, $4 million for faculty enhancement and $2 million for Central impact programs, such as the James E. Brooks Library and the William O. Douglas Honors College.

"Our emphasis by far is on scholarships and getting and retaining good students," Baker said.

The strategy to raise the money is to focus on people with some connection to the university at some point.

"The large majority of our donors are people who have experienced Central as a student, a parent of a student, a faculty member, or a staff member," McIntyre said. "Others are friends of Central who wish to support specific initiatives of the institution."

Although this money isn't expected to benefit the university for some time, the President also announced that 64 additional grants applied for by the university had been funded, the sum of which equaled $9.3 million. While there was a substantial amount of money acquired through grants, McIntyre is most enthused about what will hopefully make an impact beyond the university.

"We've particularly excited by the grants that allow us to serve regional needs, and provide mentoring to students who have been underrepresented in higher education, including our GEAR-UP and College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) grants," McIntyre said.

GEAR-UP reaches out to low income middle school students in surrounding communities to provide them mentoring they can use to get into and succeed in college. CAMP offers financial and academic support to first generation freshmen students who come from a migrant or seasonal worker background.

Not only is the university focusing more attention on underrepresented groups outside of the community, but also is promoting more diversity in the student body at the university. This year's incoming class has 19.2 percent of its population made up by people of color, which is a jump from 12.6 percent in 2000.

"We have actively recruited students of color," McIntyre said. "We believe that the entire university and student body benefit from a diversity of ideas and people."

Raising money through fundraising, applying for grants and improving the surrounding communities is all very important, but the biggest impact with the college community, which will make Central a better place, is increasing diversity ASCWU-BOD executive vice president Anna Boyer said. "I think the administration has done a great job of bringing in diverse groups and then supporting them with the help of clubs and other organizations, but we could do even better" Boyer said. "If we didn't have that diversity, we'd all be the same, and we wouldn't learn more about people different from ourselves."

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Domestic Violence: A sad realization

by Matthew Hartmann
Staff reporter

Violent acts can happen to anyone at any place. The city of Ellensburg has an organization called ASPEN (Anti-violence Support and Education Network) that allows one person to control another through the years, ASPEN has operated in Ellensburg since 1974 helping people deal with being victimized. ASPEN typically deals with approximately 250 new clients per year. In the past three months they dealt with 80 new clients. ASPEN is still described as giving support and information as opposed to advice.

"We are a hand to hold during the transitional period. We don't tell people what to do," said Sarah Rogala, victim services program manager of Abuse Support and Prevention Education Now (ASPEN).

Sometimes these acts happen in the home or the residence hall next door. According to Rogala, "Domestic violence is any sort of violence whether it be physical or emotional that allows one person to control another against their will. Relationships may involve domestic violence if one of the partners appears to want control over every aspect. This can range from telling their part­ner what to do, to physically abusing them. One of the most important things is to support every­thing and talking negatively about their partner."

On average the Central Washington University campus police services deal with 10 confirmed cases of domestic violence per year according to the statistics on their Web site.

"The most important thing to do is report to the police when domestic violence occurs," Kevin Higgins, captain of Central's police services said.

Higgins identified that severe incidents of domestic violence also includes people you live with and should be dealt with by the police. An anonymous student at Central, whom will be referred to as "Angela," came forward to inform fel­low students of her story.

After the incident, the relationship was broken off and it took Angela six months to come to terms with what had happened. Angela said that she dealt with shame and speculation of why she hadn't acted differently before it was too late to stop things. Angela's partner wanted the relation­ship to become more physical than she wanted it to be. "He tried to change my views by controlling me and eventually coerced me into having sex with him," Angela said.

According to Pichardo, budget limita­tions have prevented the university from bringing authors in the past. "Egan really brought his passion for the subject matter for the book," Pichardo said. "I really like the book, I am only on chapter two but so far it has really drawn me in." Holloway said. "I feel like I want to read it instead feeling like I have to for my class."

The Provost's Office supplies the books to all incoming freshmen and any faculty who choose to include the book in their curriculum. According to Nelson Pichardo, the One Book One Campus chair, this year the book is available for free to upper class­men whose professor includes the book in their curriculum. This year also marked the first occa­sion where the author of the book cho­sen was included in the activities. According to Pichardo, budget limita­tions have prevented the university from bringing authors in the past. "Egan really brought his passion for the subject matter. He is clearly com­mitted to the history of the story and the people involved," Pichardo said.

Egan, who Wednesday night called himself the accidental dustbowl histori­an, infused that passion into his speech. "I'm loving [One Book One Campus]," Egan said. "Today I’ve had people come up and talk to me about how this book meant something to them from a historical angle, or from an environmental angle. It hasn’t been all journalism students, but people from all over sharing a common experience, at least for today."

Other activities this year include more panel discussions, movies shown at the Student Union theater and exhibits in the Ellensburg Public Library, Kittitas County Museum and Clymer Museum.

One book, one campus to the university, community

by Jennifer Weigel
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's One Book One Campus program has officially kicked off its third year with a day of speeches given by Timothy Egan, author of "The Worst Hard Time." The day's events included several book signings and exhibits in the Ellensburg Public Library, Kittitas County Museum and Clymer Museum.

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UFC files class action suit

by Chelsea Kratzer
News Editor

Faculty union has sued Central Washington University in regard to changed information.

Faculty received hours while supervising undergraduate and gradu­ate students. The hours would be banked until they had accumulated enough hours to receive compensa­tion.

Due to a new contract, faculty members with banked hours are no longer able to use them.

"It was as if the old bank closed its doors and they opened a new bank and the funds didn’t transfer," said Joanne Callaghan, professor of English said.

The hours were honored under the old faculty code that was in place prior to the creation of the faculty union. The code changed once the union was established.

When the collective bargaining agreement was signed, the method of handling undergraduate and graduate research changed. "Bargains were operating based on table discussions that the new work load plans would be flexible enough to accommodate banked hours," Bob Hicks, UFC president said.

The administration was under the impression that because of the bank of hours not being included in the accepted contract, they would not be an issue.

"We think it’s more important to look at the future than look back at what happened in 2000," said Hicks. "We expect that the university will make it fair and also offer flexibility to facul­ty that want to contribute.

According to an E-mail from Central Provost David Sott, the adminis­tration told "do not believe that there is a basis for the lawsuit and expect to address that matter with the court.

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Big cause in a little package: Delivering condoms through mail

by Donna Bure
Staff reporter

Next time an envelope gets delivered to a Central Washington University student, there may be more than just a letter inside. Central Washington University's Wildcat Wellness Center is once again delivering free condoms to student mailboxes.

"We send condoms out monthly. It's year-round and students sign up every quarter. They can sign up any time, but every quarter they must sign up again," said Tyler McLain, health education programmer at the Wellness Center.

Students can sign up to have condoms delivered to their residence hall, or send the Wellness Center an email. Students must provide their name, residence hall and room number.

"Some people don't want their friends to know they're having condoms delivered. You shouldn't broadcast it," McLain said. "You shouldn't be ashamed of it. We understand some people want to keep it secret and we're going to respect their privacy."

Each condom containing envelope is unmarked and delivered during first week of every month.

"It's inconvenient for a student to get a condom; it's likely that they'll engage in risky behavior," said Gail Farmer, Director of the Wellness Center. "We want to reduce the barrie­r to healthy behaviors."

Last year approximately 35 to 40 students signed up each quarter. So far, 40 students are signed up for fall quarter this year.

"A common college perception is they drink every night and have multiple partners," said Car­ly Kujath, sexual assault programmer at the Wellness Center. "That's the stereotype."

Research has shown that most students have a couple partners a year and practice safe sex.

"It's a good way to reach out and help people," Michael Rivera, junior history major, said.

However, some students at Central don't flaunt the program.

Sophomore Monica Hodge saw a flyer about it when she moved into Davis Hall last year.

"I knew I wasn't going to be using it, but I hid it from my dad because he was helping me move in," Hodge said. "My dad's from the South. He's not the kind of person that would have been down with that."

Her father was also surprised his daughter was living in a co-ed residence hall.

"Sex is something he doesn't want me involved in," Hodge said. "He wouldn't like the fact the college would make it easy. He probably would have brought me home."

Even though condoms are the safest way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, the Wellness Center still promotes abstinence as the best choice.

"We always give the message the only 100 percent risk free way to avoid an STD is abstinence," Farmer said.

The Wellness Center has set a goal to encourage students to engage in safer sex practices.

Education issues addressed by administration, faculty

by Frank Stanley and Chelsea Knottz
Copy Desk Chief and News editor

There are several rumors and specula­tions surrounding the status of Central Wash­ington University's Department of Education throughout the beginning of this academic year. Regardless of the questions, both Cen­tral administration and the education depart­ment themselves urged concerned students not to worry.

Last summer two different organizations came to Central's campus to assess the educa­tion programs. The groups present included the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) and the National Council for Accred­itation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

According to Rebecca Bowers, former dean of the college of education and profes­sional studies, the state funded program (PESB) focuses on program approval, while NCATE approves Accreditation.

Bowers recently resigned due to health reasons. She will be returning to the campus in spring quarter 2008, in the meantime, she is going through a re-training process.

"It's one of those places where you stick it out as long as you can and then it gets to the point where you have to step down," Bowers said.

PESB: Program problems

Beginning last May, the PESB, a 16-mem­ber committee established by the Washington State Legislature in 2000, visited Central cam­pus to assess and review the education-related programs and departments.

DURING a meeting held in Olympia on July 11 and 12, the PESB announced that they approved Central's preparation programs per­taining to school counseling and psychology services, but could not gather sufficient data to approve the preparation programs for both teach­ing residency and principal and program admin­istration.

The main problems, according to the Board's report, came from a failure to meet seven of 31 measured evaluations, nearly all of those pertaining to program assessment.

As of now, Central is appealing the Board's decision and will know the results of the appeal by the end of June 2008. Students are still encouraged to apply to the program. The only students affected are those who have not yet to the program. In a prior state­ment issued by Bowers, students that had appli­cations still pending for the 2007-2008 academic year are still eligible for approval into the program.

NCATE: Accreditation issues department.

According to the NCATE Web site, Central is still accredited at the initial and advanced teacher preparation level.

"We did not loose [NCATE Accreditation]," Bowers said. "We do not know what their decision is going to be until November."

A report with the results from the NCATE evaluation will be sent to Central in late October, early November.

According to Scott Carlton, director of Cen­tral Academic Advising, all department and gen­eral advisors are staying the course and telling students wishing to pursue education nothing different from before.

Most rumors that may have stemmed from miscommunications in other news stories from local newspapers. In a recent story published by Ellensburg's Daily Record, it was said that stu­dents would not be allowed to enroll in the Resi­dent Teacher Preparation Program at all. This was later corrected by Central Provost David Soltz.
Pell grants, lenders increase

by Ken Stanton
Staff reporter

Students at Central Washington University may find a little extra mon-
ey in their pocket next fall, though some worry changes to the current
lending system will hurt students, believing high profits and runaway
government subsidies focus on keep-
ing students in school.

Last September President Bush
signed the College Cost Reduction and
Access Act, which increases funding for
Pell grants along with a proposed
increase in borrower loan limits.

"I have the honor of signing a bill
that will help millions of low-income
Americans earn a college degree," Bush
said at the signing of the bill.

"Today is a reaffirmation of our com-
mittance, our determination to help
more Americans realize their dreams
and ambitions, by getting a good education." Bush said at the signing of the bill.

"I think [schools] should help stu-
dents find lenders, but not necessarily
have a preferred lenders list," said
Shannon Hudson, a non-traditional
freshman electrical engineering
major. "I've also had encounters with
another educational institution, and
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JENNINGS: Administrator leaves
detail of rumors, speculation

from the faculty's point of view, an
explanation of what is going on would
suffice.

"If you really knew the truth, maybe
there's a reason [the administration]
won't talk," DeVietti said. "It's the
silence that's frustrating and leads to all
types of speculation.

Currently three candidates are
being reviewed as Jennings's
replacement. The new position of
Assistant Vice President for Faculty
Relations has been created, placing
some of the responsibilities originally
held by Jennings on the shoulders of
Associate Vice President for Graduate
Studies and Research Wayne Quirk.

According to Soliz, the new
position will focus more on faculty
human relations.

During the interview process of
candidate Dennis Defa, Nelson
brought up Jennings, inquiring
what Defa would do to fix the
current situation.

"I voiced my concerns; it's such an
important position," Nelson said.

Jennings was contacted two weeks
in advance on numerous occasions and
decided to comment.

Keep reading the Observer for further
developments of the United Faculty of Central
civil suit, the bargaining agreement, Michael
Jennings and the department of education
and professional studies accreditation that will be
included in upcoming issues.
Anarchists to blame for local graffiti frenzy

by Karena Shellman
Senior reporter

Ellensburg has been seeing a lot of new graffiti recently, but not on the skin of its citizens.

Many local businesses are being damaged by graffiti, most representing an anti-government and anti-corporation lifestyle.

"We have some folks who think they are artists," Dale Miller, Ellensburg chief of police said. "Unfortunately, they don’t know what they’re defacing."

Miller said that most of the graffiti does not relate to gang or drug activity but more toward a following in the anarchy movement.

According to The Anarchist FAQ Web site, anarchists believe in the strict, classic "no-government" because it needs some coloring. "Bobby loves Suzy" or "Class of 2003" are artists, Dale Miller, Ellensburg chief of police said. "They’ll be arrested and go to jail.

"They’re rare to catch in the act."

"We’ve caught a couple but we haven’t caught as many as we need to," Miller said. "They’ll be arrested and go through the criminal justice process for malicious mischief."

Consequences for such acts depends on the depth of damage done to the property. "(Punishment) depends on if it’s a misdemeanor or a felony," said Bert Marx, Lieutenant for the Ellensburg Corrections Center. "Normally, (jail time) is no more than 90 days."

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Locals, like Wheeler, have even tried to prevent such destruction by attempting to create volunteer clean-up brigades. ""About a year ago, I was trying to investigate ways to get kids involved in community service," Wheeler said. "That way, they can see the detriment and realize [graffiti] isn’t right." 

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As of now though, businesses can only paint over the illustrations. "I don’t care what they graffiti, it’s not their building," Wheeler said. "It should be illegal but if it’s in a spot that’s designated, then I won’t find it offensive at all."

Police to enforce law, slap bar drunks with tickets

by Krystal McMullen
Staff Reporter

Drunk driving, violence, and indecent exposure are just three of the low acts that the newly formed Ellensburg Task Force is focusing on this year.

Central Washington University is working with the city police, campus police, local bars and the liquor store to create a task force to reduce criminal activity in and around the city.

Teddy Kollman, manager of the Oak Rail Bar and Grill, estimates that 80 percent of his business comes from Central students.

One of the laws that the task force is cracking down on is intoxication in public businesses. The law was created in 1933, but has yet to be enforced until now.

City police officers are going into local bars and handing out tickets to intoxicated individuals who are exhibiting vulgar behavior.

"If this occurs, students would have to attend the Prime for Life program that the school is holding," Kollman said. "If a woman is by herself and is intoxicated, we will call a cab for her," Kollman said. Everything we are doing is strictly precautionary for the safety of everyone who walks in and out of the bar."

If a student receives a ticket in the bar for over consumption of alcohol, further disciplinary action through the school is possible.

If this occurs, students would have to attend the Prime for Life program that entails a ten-hour class on alcoholism and related criminal activities.

"Drinking is going to happen whether it’s in the bar scene or not," said Lynne Harrison, Campus Community Coalition member. "You just need to be careful and responsible. Try to space out your drinks, try not to play drinking games, and never get behind the wheel."
Financial instability is one of many reasons some people do not leave their abusive relations hip. In April, Sen. Patty Murray introduced legislation and chaired a hearing focused on domestic violence in the workplace. The Survivors' Empowerment and Economic Security Act (SAFE S. 1136) was created with input from domestic violence survivors, advocates, workplace experts and senators. It would allow victims to take time off from work (without penalties), to appear in court, seek legal assistance and to get help with safety planning.

According to the American Institute on Domestic Violence, intimate partner violence victims lose nearly 8 million days of paid work each year — the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs — and nearly 5.6 million days of household productive work. This legislation ensures that victims who lose their jobs because of abuse are eligible for unemployment compensation. Between jobs, my mother and I would pack our older brother up and go back to my biological father. She got pregnant again during one of those trips. That's how I came to be. I was the mistake born as Kathryn Ann Shoemaker and my divorce was finalized less than a month after I entered this world. This legislation also prohibits employers or insurance providers from basing hiring or coverage decisions on a victim's history of abuse. This will be beneficial because many insurance companies reject abuse victims, thus punishing them for being abused. Finally, this bill addresses the punitive elements that can penalize victims who flee from dangerous situations.

An estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to violence against their mothers or female caretakers by family members each year, according to the American Psychological Association. I was lucky enough to not witness any of the abuse my mother endured and my brother was too young to remember. But, there are many children that observe this violence everyday and suffer emotional and financial support of my grandparents, she was able to break free. For millions of domestic violence victims like my mother, the nation is finally trying to strengthen an laws.

Black and blue bruises looked more like permanent tattoos than temporary skin changes; there were blood stains on her T-shirts. She left my abusive biological father, joined the Army and moved across the country, away from everything she knew and loved, to make a better life for her two children and herself. My mother is a strong woman, but it still took her years to leave an abusive husband. With the emotional and financial support of my grandparents, she was able to break free. For millions of domestic violence victims like my mother, the nation is finally trying to strengthen an laws.

The AMA decided that more research was necessary to determine if video games are habit forming. The AMA's purpose in bringing up this issue was to get video game addiction recognized as a documented mental disorder and thereby raising awareness.

The point of contention in this debate is whether or not video games can be addictive, and classified as a mental disease in the same way alcoholism is. Or, is the overuse of video games a symptom of other problems like low self-esteem, depression and social anxiety. Whether video game overuse is an addiction completely misses the point. In bringing the question of compulsive video-game behavior to the attention of its peers, the AMA is recognizing the problem that more children (and adults) are perhaps spending too much time on their computers.

Keith Flakker, director of Smith and Jones Addiction Consultants, said in a July 2006 WebMD article, that kids who play video-
Young head brewer taps local markets with Iron Horse ales

by Kayla Schroader
Staff reporter

Drinking is a popular pastime in a college town, but Greg Parker thought big when he purchased the Iron Horse Brewery.

"To walk into a bar and (buy) a beer, they check for [identification], but no one ever checked my [identification] and I bought a brewery," Parker said.

Greg Parker, 28, grew up in Kitsap County. Unsure of what his future held, he always had a keen interest in business and brewing. In 2003, while surfing the Internet, he stumbled upon the sale of the Iron Horse Brewery and jumped at the opportunity, investing with his father, Gary Parker. He became the youngest head brewer in the state.

"I make and sell beer for a living while increasing the share of the Blending market," Greg Parker said. "A lot of time is spent on the road talking directly about putting our beer on tap."

With Gary Parker's 30 years of business experience at NAPA Auto Parts, Greg Parker's familiarity and study of brewing, along with their commitment to a small business community, the Iron Horse is in good hands.

Other customers include RC Townsend and Cake Chalstrom with the aid of employee and Central Washington University student and senior geography major Sam Scotchmer, 22.

"I like working for a small local business that makes good local beer," Scotchmer said. "As a new company we may make mistakes along the way, but it doesn't stop us. Our enthusiasm makes up for our young age."

The Iron Horse brewery consists of four fermenters and six conditioners. The heavy machinery generates 40-gallon batches of ale, from which the Iron Horse is able to produce 2,700 barrels of beer each year.

The six-brewery favorites offered year-round include Rodeo Extra Pale Ale, Locomotive Imperial Red Ale, Cream Ale, Brown Ale, Indian Pale Ale and Quitter's Irish Death. Seasonal flavors are also available.

Iron Horse ales are produced during a two- to three-week period, depending on the strength of the ale. The brewing process takes 10 hours of brewing and 12 to 15 hours of cleaning, transferring and kegging, a tedious, perfectly perfected process that requires necessary knowledge and experience.

"Water, yeast and age are what set us apart," Greg Parker said. "We're just young."

Iron Horse ales can be purchased at the brewery itself. Other sale locations include The Palace, The Woodshed, Lily's Cantina, Morelli's, Grant's Pizza and The Dakota Cafe, as well as a majority of Ellensburg's grocery stores and mini marts.

Jake Cowan, 20, works as the head cook at The Woodshed, where customers can purchase the Iron Horse ales both on tap and in bottles.

"I'm not surprised," Cowan said in response to Parker's age. "We live in a college town. Starting a small business at a young age is something to be respected for."

With Oktoberfest in full swing, a possible beer chugging or oyster eating contest may entertain guests at the Iron Horse Brewery during their fifth anniversary celebration.

Festivities will be held at the brewery on Saturday, Oct. 27 and will include plenty of beer and souvenir mugs.
Egan talks hard times at Central

by Tom Kokes
Asst. Scene editor

Race, migration, and environmentalism may be elements of Tim Egan’s new book, “The Worst Hard Time,” but those issues were not what he spoke about at last Wednesday night’s presentation to an audience of approximately 400 people.

What he spoke about was storytelling.

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TIM EGAN, AUTHOR OF “THE WORST HARD TIME”

“Folks who go through something like this (the Dust Bowl) don’t think you can understand what they went through and they are right,” Egan said.

Egan went on to make the audience understand in his own way what these people went through.

He described the people that lived in the Plains states, specifically Oklahoma, as the “Last Chancers”: blacks, Latinos, Russians and the Irish among others, but all these people were looking for a place to make their own. They found that place in Oklahoma.

Then the dust storms came, Egan said, turning a rich grassland to barren fields.

Egan chronicles the heartache of the Last Chancers and their tenacity in staying on their land.

“You never know you are in the middle of an eco-disaster when you’re in the middle of an eco-disaster,” Egan said, bringing attention to the way people will accept hardship.

Throughout the presentation, Egan spoke in a calm manner, but he makes a point to explain the pressures he was under in writing the book.

Telling the audience of the people he interviewed, most of them in their 80s and 90s, and how he felt he was operating underneath the gun due to the extreme age of those witnesses. He was worried they would pass away before he got their story.

Egan brought the presentation to an end by reading from his book. He read from his introduction, setting the scene for his tale. It describes the ever-present winds and how their silence was so profound that it even “scared the Last Chancers, the twice-rolled.”

“I thought it was very good,” said Kathleen Sheldon, who works in Registrars Services and had her book signed earlier by Egan. “I read the book cover to cover, making notes in the margins.”

After the book reading, a Q&A session commenced for the audience.

The questions revolved around issues of today that echo events of the past.

“The most important point he [Egan] made was that history matters and peoples voices matter,” said Nelson Richards, professor of sociology and chair of the One Book, One Campus project.

Egan is a Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist and from Washington state. He has written five books to date, works for the New York Times, and started his journalism career with the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. While he graduated from the University of Washington, he has a sister who attended Central.

The book was chosen for the One Book, One Campus project for its themes, Provost David Soltz said. The book’s themes of race, migration, and climate change are as relevant today as they were in the 1930s.

Soltz also said that he hoped that having a journalist like Egan present at Central would encourage journalism students.

Talent turns out for Open Mic Night

by John Reddier
Staff reporter

Music, food and nervous energy. These are the ingredients of Open Mic Night, kicking off at 7 p.m. on Oct. 11 in the Student Union pit. The event is open to all students. Whether they come to perform or listen.

“It’s been free and easy, like the jets of a Jacuzzi,” said Joel Stamm, freshman business major. “I plan on making the November Open Mic Night my Thanksgiving musical feast.”

Central Washington University’s 2007-08 season of the musical event, sponsored by Campus Activities Board, will begin where last year’s performances left off.

One anticipat-ed artist participating this time around is fresh-music major Skyler Mehal. Though he isn’t sure what songs he’s going to play yet, Mehal will be singing and rocking out on both his acoustic guitar and piano.

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Margo Selski with her piece "The Rocking Horse," oil and beeswax on canvas, on display at the Climber Gallery.

Selski showcases surrealist art at local Clymer Museum

by Joshua Rumley
Staff reporter

The sound of a piano gracefully played a jazz tune dance through the air as people found their way into the quiet stare of Margo Selski's new exhibition, "Through the Looking Glass."

Margo Selski, Ellensburg resident and Central Washington University art professor, premiered her new collection of paintings at the Clymer Museum of Art in downtown Ellensburg during the First Friday Art Walk. The collection, made up of nine paintings, presented visitors with an array of surreal images and deep symbolism.

"It's really kind of great to see a painting that actually makes you stop in your tracks and think," Austin Dafoe, sophomore theater education major, said.

The collection of paintings in "Through the Looking Glass" presents images that one might say was from another age and time, with images of porcelain skinned maidens in large dresses that resemble something Marie Antoinette might have worn.

Selski uses historical images and blends them together with fantasy elements, such as mythical the beast chimera and winged women, as seen in the featured piece "The Rodeo Queen." Selski uses such images of fantasy blended with reality to express one of her themes for the collection, the relationship between mother and child.

"It's almost like a passing on of things, things all parents do with their children," Rachelle Bunch, sophomore music education major, said. "[Parents] hope they have given [their children] enough knowledge so that they know how to make it through life."

The exhibit gives visitors to the Clymer Museum a chance to see art that is not only by a local resident but also an award-winning artist. Selski's work has received awards, including the Minnesota State Arts Board Grant for 2004.

"I honestly didn't think I would find art of this caliber outside Seattle in this state, but this was a nice surprise," Rosa Villanueva, Kennewick resident said.

"Through the Looking Glass" will be on display at the Clymer Museum through Oct. 29. There will be a talk by Selski at noon on the last day of the exhibition.
Central student wins $10,000 award for photo

by Amy Sitzler
Staff reporter

Glenna Bain had almost forgotten to pass along a brochure that held the fate of Laurel Ebenal, the winner of a nationwide contest held over the summer for the disabled. The brochure sat on Bain's desk for nearly a month before she remembered to pass it on to Ebenal.

"I get this delighted feeling like I could achieve more with my art than I had expected to." 
LAUREL EBENAL, SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHY MAJOR

"This experience has been a valuable lesson to me regarding the importance of paying attention to those seemingly little details and how they can become very big and influential when they are attended to," said Bain, the coordinator of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Access Services.

Ebenal took a picture of her twin sister, Mary, at the farm where they live in Ellensburg. It was this picture that made Laurel the $10,000 winner. The award was held in recognition of young artists between the ages of 16 and 25 with disabilities. Selected from 204 submissions, 15 finalists were awarded a total of $60,000 from Volkswagen of America, Inc.

"I am so proud of Laurel," Bain said. "She is very talented and completely deserves the recognition and the award she is receiving through this honor."

Her recognition will be held in Washington D.C. Nov. 13 and 14. While there, Laurel and her family plan to sightsee and tour museums.

"I'm looking forward to visiting D.C. and meeting the other winners, the people with VSA [Very Special Artists] arts who had put the contest together and seeing the exhibit for the first time," Laurel Ebenal said. "I'm a bit nervous about the award ceremony since I have the feeling that there's going to be a lot of people there, but I'm sure it'll be fun and it will be an experience to remember."

More than 36,000 people viewed the exhibition last year. The ceremony will be held at The Rayburn House Office building on Capitol Hill.

"I'm thrilled that Laurel will have the opportunity to have her photography viewed and enjoyed on a much broader, national basis," Bain said.

Glenna Bain, a 22-year-old senior photography major and winner of a $10,000 award for a photo submitted to a contest hosted by VSA arts.

Inset: The photo taken of sister Mary Ebenal that Laurel entered into the contest. The photo was taken at the farm where they live in Ellensburg.

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2007 Central Washington University Athletics Schedule

SATURDAY O C T O B E R 1 3
WATER POLO TOURNAMENT 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
CWU Pool, N. Walnut St.

MEN'S LACROSSE TOURNAMENT
Noon - 5:30 p.m.
Community Fields, N. Alder St.

WOMEN'S RUGBY
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Rugby Pitch

MEN'S SOCCER
1 - 3 p.m.
Varsity Soccer Complex
Volleyball splits at home over weekend

by Joseph Semander
Staff reporter

The Wildcat women’s volleyball team played a pair of games last weekend. Last Thursday, Central Washington University defeated Seattle Pacific University in four games, but lost on Saturday to Northwest Nazarene University in five.

Junior middle blocker Rachael Schurman set a Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) single-match record with 14 blocks against the Seattle Pacific Falcons.

"I didn’t even know I had the record until I got home and my roommates told me," Schurman said.

Schurman’s 14 blocks helped lead the Wildcats to 20 total team blocks during the match.

Defensively and defensively, Central put up good stats against a strong Seattle Pacific team. Senior libero Erika Stevens led the defense with a season-high 33 digs during Thursday’s game.

"We just prepare very well before every serve," Stevens said. "We know a certain player’s serving style and where they like to try and put the serve and we just focus on that."

Stevens’ 33 digs were one shy of the school record.

"I came close last year against Seattle Pacific as well, but during the game I don’t really think of the stats, I do what I need to just help the team win," Stevens said.

A slow start on Saturday hurt the Wildcats as they fell to Northwest Nazarene. Central fell behind early, suffering a close two-point defeat in the first game and trailing nearly from start to finish in game two.

The Wildcats heated up their offense in the third and fourth game after inserting some new personnel into the lineup.

Freshman setter Carlee Marthe and Sophomore middle blocker Erin Norris helped the Wildcats get to a 17-3 lead in the third game. Norris served 12 consecutive points for Central early in the third game, including five of her match-high six aces during that run.

Central kept rolling in game four to overcome six ties and three lead changes. An intense 10-0 run turned a 19-11 deficit into a 21-19 advantage. Five ties followed after Central’s extended run, but the Wildcats scored the final four points of the game. However, in the fifth game, the Crusaders regained tempo and put Central in an early 5-2 deficit.

Northwest Nazarene went on to score eight of the game’s final ten points to steal the win over the Wildcats.

The win was the first for Northwest Nazarene at Nicholson Pavilion since both schools became GNAC members in 2001.

The split gives Central a 6-12 record overall and a 5-4 record in GNAC play for the season. Head coach Mario Andaya is impressed with how his young team has performed as of late.

"We are improving, it’s encouraging, a lot of these players are getting their first taste at this level and they are making steady improvement," Andaya said.

Central has a very young team with 10 freshmen and sophomores of the 16 on the active roster.

"We are really young and we are missing some key players that we expected to have this year," Andaya said. "We have a lot of young players and we are starting to develop them."

This next week, Central’s women will travel to Alaska to play the University of Alaska Fairbanks on Thursday Oct. 11, before taking on University of Alaska Anchorage on Saturday Oct. 13.

Wildcat runners aim high

by Nichole Bowers
Staff reporter

Central Washington University’s cross country teams are half way through their season. Like other Wildcat athletics, they still have hope, as the end draws near, for a successful season.

With all the traveling, sweat, pain and tears, the two teams are sprinting to try and make it to the top spots in the upcoming conference meet at Nampa, Idaho.

Then, the top five women’s teams will face off, including Central, Seattle Pacific University, Western Washington University, University of Alaska Anchorage and Northwest Nazarene University.

"It will be a huge battle for the women at conference, they will desire for a second high finish," head coach Kevin Adkison said. "On the other hand, the men have their eyes set on a top three finish, against the number one and number two teams: Western Washington University and University of Alaska Anchorage.

This would be a great finish for the men since looking back on last year when they placed fifth."

Together, the two teams have a set prize to reach, and that is to bring home new conference titles to Central.

Aside from the terrain of the courses, time of completion and the outcome of the races, the most important goal right now is for both teams to keep the runners healthy and prevent injuries.

Adkison said that it is valuable for all the runners to keep up with the high intensity and determination they have shown so far this year.

"This is a great opportunity for seniors like Sam Scotchmer and Katie Hummel to have an exciting and rewarding last year and for the new runners (such as freshmen) Nick Holt and Berlyn Bales to build on for returning seasons," Adkison said.

The Wildcat men both teams to compete again this Saturday Oct. 13 at the Bigfoot Open at Spokane Falls Community College for their final competition before the GNAC Championships on Oct. 20.
While Curtis and I agree on the National League representatives for the World Series being the Colorado Rockies, I’m going to have to side with the Boston Red Sox for the American League contenders.

First off, how cool would it be to have a series sub-titled as “the Sox versus the Rock”?

In matching up Boston against the Cleveland Indians, the non-educate sports fan would look at the teams and think, “it’ll be a one-sided contest with Boston running the table. However, the educated sports fan would look at the teams and think...” it’ll be a one-sided contest and Boston runs the table.

Don’t get me wrong—both teams are well-equipped in all aspects of the game, with excellent line rotations, and backup in each bullpen, but what Cleveland lacks and what Boston dominates in is what season is a firm believer of playoff experience.

The most essential matchup for the whole series will be the starting pitching for the two teams. The Indians start with Carsten Charles Sabathia (better not know what C.C. meant, huh), and all ERA leader Fausto Carmona, two frontrunners for the Cy Young award.

The Bosox open the match with Josh Beckett, this year’s only 20-game winner, and following with Boston’s elder statesman Curt Schilling. This series sounds old, but advantage Boston. Why? Regular season stats don’t mean jack in the playoffs, no matter who you are. Minnesota Twins pitcher Johan Santana has arguably been the best southpaw in the league this season, but he also has a 4.13 ERA in the postseason.

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Penn: Fresh forward leads ’Cats in Goals

by Curtis Crabtree

Asst. Sports editor

On a Central Washington University Women’s soccer team that includes 11 freshmen, it is no surprise that one of them has been the biggest contributor to the team’s success.

Forward Kelsey Penn has been the Wildcats’ most dangerous offensive weapon, accounting for seven of the team’s 16 goals through the first 14 games of the season.

Penn, a freshman from South Kitsap High School, quickly made her presence known with a goal in her first college game, a 3-0 win over Hawai'i Pacific University on Aug. 25.

“Steve Franich/Observer

‘She’s a hungry player,” head coach Michael Farrand said. “She doesn’t like to get shut out and is always looking to shoot.”

Penn attributes a lot of her success to her more experienced teammates.

“Yeah I’m surprised,” Penn said. “I wasn’t expecting this much time on the field so soon.”

With only seven games left in her rookie campaign, Penn is tied for 100 runs batted in, only outfielder Travis Hafner with a hit-often-style. Outside of Hafner’s season-long home runs, he has hit all fields and hit for power.

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Wakeboarders hit summer waves

by Ryan Larsen
Staff reporter

Despite the small numbers of members for so far, the Central Washington University Wakeboarding Club is still hoping to get sponsored by the school as an officially recognized sports club.

Mike McKinney, senior communications studies major, is president of the wakeboarding club. His goal for this year is trying to get his team more recognition from Central.

"Before, it was more just friends hanging out, but this year we are trying to get it to be more of a legitimized club," McKinney said. "This is the first year that things have really come together for us."

In the northwest, having a wakeboarding club is rather unique. There are only three colleges with existing groups. Central is one of those schools along with the University of Portland, and the University of Washington. This past summer, the Wakeboarding club competed in several wakeboarding competitions. Co-Vice President Sean Doyle said, "I think we've bounced back after this game. We have a high character group of guys who will work hard to fix it."

"This is the first year that things have really come together for us," Mike McKinney, Club President have become a lot better riders because of being able to practice their skills out on the water. According to McKinney, the consensus of the group is that Doyle was the most improved rider of the year.

Mack Strong, an undrafted free agent out of the University of Georgia in 1993 and lifetime Seahawk, felt it was time to retire.

"There's a lot more to life than football," Strong said in an interview with Mike Kahn of Seahawks.com "I have my wife and two kids and there is nothing more important than being able to spend time with them. If I hadn't been able to walk up and down the shore when I was young, there would be a lot of really good things that I had the opportunity to make that decision."

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The Seahawks will be without starting wide receiver Deion Branch for two weeks with a sprained ankle. With wide receiver DJ Hackett still nursing a high ankle sprain himself, the Seahawks will have to rely upon Obomanu and rookie Courtney Taylor even more to fill out their three- and four-wide receiver sets.

Seattle Seahawks

“Seahawks Central: Steelers crush Seahawks

The Pittsburgh Steelers didn’t need any help from the referees of Super Bowl XL this time around as they shut out the Seattle Seahawks 21-0 last Sunday at Heinz Field.

Despite Pittsburgh (4-1) being without wide receivers Santonio Holmes and Hines Ward, nose tackle Casey Hampton and strong safety Troy Polamalu, the Seahawks (3-2) looked completely outmatched in every facet of the game.

The Seahawks defense held running back Shaun Alexander to only 25 yards rushing on 11 carries while quarterback Matt Hasselbeck only managed to go 13 of 27 for 116 yards with one interception.

On the interception at the end of the first half, Seattle wide receiver Ben Obo­manu ran a lazy post-corner route that allowed Pittsburgh cornerback Ike Taylor to drive on the ball and get in front of the Hasselbeck throw.

With the Seattle offense struggling to move the football, the defense faced themselves on the field for nearly the entire second half. A two-minute time of possession advantage at halftime swelled to more than 20 minutes in favor of Pitts­burgh in the second half.

During the first drive of the second half, the Seahawks held the ball for more than ten minutes before one-yard Nahshon Davenport touchdown run put them up 14-0. The Seahawks went three­and-out on their first drive of the second half and gave the ball right back to the Steelers and the game was essentially over at that point.

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The Seahawks are 2-6-1 at Qwest Field since the start of the 2003 season and look to rebound at home against the New Orleans Saints (0-4) this Sunday night.

Last season, the Saints came out of nowhere to win the NFC South and advanced to the NFC Cham­pionship game before los­ing to the Chicago Bears 34-19. This year's team hasn't been anywhere near as impressive.

Quarterback Drew Brees, a Pro-Bowler in 2006, has only managed one touchdown pass while throwing nine interceptions through their first four games. The Saints lost running back Deuce McAllister for the season due to an ACL tear in week three.

Backup running back Reggie Bush has been ineffective so far trying to replace the production McAllister left behind, averaging only 2.9 yards per carry so far this season.

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The Seahawks always play better at home. If they are the Super Bowl championship team we all hope they are, they should be able to beat the Saints Sunday night.

Prediction: New Orleans Saints 16 - Seattle Seahawks 24

Notes: FB Mack Strong has been placed on injured reserve. LS Derek Rackley was released. Seattle signed FB Fred McCray and LS Boone Stutz, both played for the Atlanta Falcons last season. WR Deion Branch and WR DJ Hackett are out Sunday with ankle injuries.
FOOTBALL: Wildcats win NCC record shootout over South Dakota

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AFCA Division II Poll
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Dropped Out:
Newberry, South Dakota

Others Receiving Votes:
Albany St., Newberry, Winona St., Edinboro, Bryant, Indianapolis, Slippery Rock, Hillsdale, Ashland, South Dakota, Central Missouri, Mars Hill, Washburn, Benedict St., Minnesota St.-Mankato, Lane

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24. South Dakota 3-3
25. Bryant 5-0

Dropped Out:
Hillsdale, Indiana U. of Penn.

Players of the Week:
David Knighton (Harding), Xavier Omon (Northwest Missouri), El tren Quiles (Hillsdale), Dominique Jackson (Upper Iowa), Michael Esabanks (Delta St.), and Josh Leder (Western Washington)

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October is Cyber-Security Awareness Month

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- threats are increasingly tailored for specific regions or organizations
- on average, a computer on the internet is attacked every 39 seconds (source: University of Maryland)
- stolen email passwords sell for up to $350, bank account information for up to $400 (source: Symantec Corporation)
- at CWU, over 4 million malicious email messages are quarantined every month, this includes spam mail
- on average, 500 virus attacks are blocked by the CWU servers every month

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