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Baldwin flies to Eastern

by Frank Stanley and Curtis Crabtree
Sports editor and Asst. Sports editor

A 10-3 season, a third Cascade Cup in four years and a birth in the NCAA Division II quarterfinals are three achievements that Central Washington football fans saw in head coach Beau Baldwin's first year. They will also be the last things that fans will see from Baldwin as head coach of the Wildcats.

In a press release last Friday, Beau Baldwin announced to his team and to Central Washington University that he would accept the head coaching vacancy at NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Eastern Washington University for next year; ending his brief stint with his alma mater, where he spent four seasons as a quarterback and graduated in 1996.

Prior to taking the head coaching job at Central, Baldwin served as the offensive coordinator for the Eagles for four years. The head coaching job became available after former coach Paul Wulff accepted the same position at Washington State University.

Baldwin met with the team Friday morning to inform them of his decision and give praise to his players.

“A lot of you all told them thank you,” Baldwin said. “Thank you for the work you put in, thank you for an absolutely fabulous season, not just based on a win-loss record and playoffs or this and that, but just an incredibly talented and fun group to be around.”

With Baldwin’s departure, the Wildcats are faced with finding their third coach in as many years. After the 2006 season, John Zamborin left for the head coaching position at Idaho State.

“I really don’t think it’s going to be that big of a problem as it was the first time because the program hadn’t had a head coaching change in so long,” sophomore wide receiver Johnny Spevak said. “But we just did this last year so we know what to expect, how it’s going to go and what the coaches are going to expect from the rest of the players.”

McIntyre to retire

by Chelsea Krotzer
News editor

Jerilyn McIntyre has announced her retirement after eight years as Central’s first female president. She is the fifth administrator to share plans of leaving Central in the past six months.

McIntyre will retire from her position as president in December 2008. She will then return as a faculty member until June 2009 when her contract is up, spending her time archiving and doing research.

“That was all partly the symbolism of returning to the faculty,” McIntyre said. “I am a faculty member, I came from the faculty, I will end my career as a faculty member.”

McIntyre’s original intent was to retire in June. The December decision was based on the time needed to seek out a replacement.

The decision was first announced to the Board of Trustees at an annual retreat in August 2007. It was not formally announced until last Friday.

The announcement caught members of the campus and community off guard following an article that ran in the Dec. 26 edition of the Daily Record.

In the article, McIntyre claimed that she didn’t “plan to go anywhere else.”

The next month, her retirement announcement was found on Central’s web site.

“Don [Gronning] claims that it was misleading for me not to tell him that I was going to announce in January,” McIntyre said. “My feeling is, you know, I gave him the honest answer. As a matter of fact, I’m retiring in December. That’s a long time from now.”

When asked about her retirement, McIntyre said she “did not plan to retire until everything gets done that needs to be done.”

She also stated that she wanted to respect the campus community and announce her retirement to them first. “The worst possible thing would be for the campus to read in the newspaper something that I had not told them personally,” McIntyre said. “It’s just not the way I dealt with the campus.”

A search committee for a new president is currently in the works.

At last Monday’s Board of Trustees meeting, Wendy Bohrson, associate professor of the department of geological sciences, was announced as the search committee chair.

“President McIntyre has really done a wonderful job and set the bar high for the next president,” Bohrson said. Trustees present at the board meeting had concerns of Bohrson’s ties with the faculty union and recent collective bargaining negotiations.

The full search committee will be chosen in early February. Two students will be included in the 15-member committee.

“Student involvement to me is really very crucial,” Bohrson said. “The office of president is a high profile position, essentially the leader of the university.”

President Jerilyn McIntyre
- Central’s first female president
- Served for eight years
- Will officially retire on Dec. 31, 2008
- Her contract ends June 2009

Speaker series brings China to Central campus

by Brooke Mortensen
Staff reporter

Once known as the “sick man of Asia,” China has grown in the last 30 years at the same pace that America has experienced. With non-stop building and 25 percent of the world’s construction coming in Shanghai, it has become an economic giant.

“If you go back to China even two years ago, you get lost because of the pace of change, with buildings going up and coming down and roads being built,” said Joseph Esherick, history professor at the University of California at San Diego.

At 7:30 tonight in the Music Building Concert Hall, Esherick will speak to students, staff, faculty and community members about the emergence of the Chinese economy and the foundations that were laid to make it what it is today.

“In the past, Japan was known as the success of Asia while China was the failure, so I will discuss why this happened, how it grew to be such a superpower and give a historian’s perspective on it all,” Esherick said.

Professor Joseph Esherick is lecturing tonight as part of the annual Presidential Speaker Series. He will be discussing Chinese economy.
Kurtz new interim dean of sciences

by Mimi Oh
Staff reporter

On Dec. 14, Martha Kurtz was announced as the interim dean of the College of the Sciences, filling the vacancy left by former dean Meghan Miller. The position encompasses a myriad of complexities.

"The dean's job is to manage multiple departments," Kurtz said. "The college has 12 departments and several interdisciplinary programs.

An internal search found Kurtz, who came to Central Washington University in 1995. Kurtz is transitioning from her former position of six years of presiding as the chair of the chemistry department to a position which requires her to manage multiple departments. Kurtz brings to the job long experience for easing into a position which requires her to manage multiple departments," Kurtz said, "Wayne Quirk associate vice president of Graduate Studies and Research.

Central's organization and unique issues will prove to be a test of these strengths.

"Because of its size and diversity, the College of the Sciences would present significant challenges for any dean," said Marji Morgan dean of the College of Arts and Humanities and history professor. "It is unusual to have the natural and social sciences together in a single college, for example. Being an interim dean is also a challenge in itself, as it's difficult to get the balance right between short and long-term initiative.

One challenge that Kurtz faces is supplementing state funds in order to maintain Central's large faculty-to-student ratio, a feature often touted to adequately prepare, how many years students take to learn. They also look at finance.

"I have to admit, I haven't been involved in much interdisciplinary work, so I don't have much of an opinion on it," Doug Frye, junior biology major, said when asked about his involvement in the College of the Sciences' interdisciplinary programs. In the short term, Kurtz is working on shoring up the College of the Sciences' interdisciplinary programs and smoothing the way for the recently unionized faculty's collective bargaining agreement. Another project involves paperwork to gain accreditation by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

"The NWCCU has nine standards that we have to address," Kurtz said. "They look at whether the faculty is adequately prepared, how many years students take to graduate, government structure, and assessing whether the students are learning what we want them to learn. They also look at finance. This accreditation happens every 10 years. In chemistry, one of our goals was to have students be able to look at the literature with competence."

Marji Morgan, CAH Dean

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Martha Kurtz

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Colorado Springs, Co

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Diverse group to come to speak at Central

by Sarah Hazel
Staff reporter

Three renowned public figures have been invited by The Symposium Group to speak during Central’s 2008 annual Symposium Without Boundaries series. The speakers include a controversial writer, a Harvard alumnus scholar and a Nobel Peace Prize winner.

The Symposium Group is a newly formed alliance of Central divisions. The list of partners involved is diverse, ranging from the College of the Sciences to the Center for Student Engagement. The group’s goal is to address and engage critical and transformative ideas that have the power to transform lives.

“We hope to generate discussions among students and staff,” said Jesse Nelson, Ph.D., director of Central’s 2008 annual Symposium Without Boundaries series. “The goal is to create an environment within the community that encourages us to discuss issues that affect the human condition. There is a wealth of issues that crosses all disciplines and will engage people of all majors.

Some of the topics include racism, religion, environmentalism and women’s rights, to name a few.

The Symposium Group was formed recently, but the speaker series tradition started in the early 1960s, called “Symposium on American Values.” Guest speakers, including Margaret Mead and Stokely Carmichael, were invited to Central to facilitate conversations and workshops with the students and faculty. That speaker series inspired the partners of what is now called The Symposium Group to continue the tradition.

Today, The Symposium Group not only invites relevant speakers to address the community, but also encourages students and faculty to incorporate the discussion of controversial topics into people’s lives. The group is funded by organizations involved in the cause, and also welcomes contributions, monetary or otherwise.

Incorporating the ideas range across the entire spectrum. The Wildcat Shop, a partner in The Symposium Group, has put more books on its shelves pertaining to important world issues than even before. Students from various divisions are contributing by participating in panel discussions. Teachers are becoming involved by incorporating these ideas into their syllabi and initiating conversations in the classroom pertaining to these vital issues. The Symposium Group welcomes new members, and is open to suggestions of other ways in which these issues can be addressed, discussed and acted upon.

“The university community should not need encouragement to attend,” Pauls Pirmomo, professor of English at Central said. “This will bring together the students, the faculty, staff, and the Ellenby community.”

Pirmomo will be introducing one of the speakers, Salman Rushdie, an award-winning writer and free speech advocate. His fearless approach to world issues has helped him achieve international notoriety and countless prestigious awards. His segment, titled “The Rule of the Writer in the 21st Century,” is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 23 in the McConnell Auditorium.

Cornel West, the second speaker in the series, is a scholar and public intellectual whose groundbreaking interaction with controversial issues has changed the way people look at race, justice and democracy. He is a professor of religion at Princeton, a prominent author and has also appeared in the “Matrix” trilogy. His segment, titled “Race Still Matters,” is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Feb. 20 in the McConnell Auditorium.

Wangari Mutaiah, the third and final speaker in the series, is the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner. Among many other things, she is a global activist and the founder of The Green Belt Movement, an organization based in Kenya that fights deforestation and soil erosion. Her unique dealings with world issues have changed the way people view them today. Mutaiah’s segment is scheduled for 4 p.m. on April 28 in the Student Union Ballroom.

Symposium Without Boundaries hopes to generate an ongoing conversation about current issues in discourse and society, and continue our transformation from the passive recipients to formative ideas, but also inspiring people to take action. “We can do this,” Pirmomo said. “This matters, and the university is ready for it.”

Admission for each of the events in the Symposium Without Boundaries speaker series is free, and tickets are available at the Student Union Office about 10 days in advance.

For more information on The Symposium Group or how you can contribute, please contact Djordje Popovic in the Diversity Education Center at 509-963-1667.

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Interim provost in for a month

by Michael Johnson
Staff reporter

Dennis Defa will take on the role of interim provost at Central Washington University beginning in 2008 as of now he is looking to become familiar with his position.

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“My goal is to maintain good relations with the faculty and administration with the intent in serving student,” Defa said.

Defa has a broad background in labor relations at the University of Utah and Southern Oregon University. At Central, he was also the director of Staff Labor and Employee Relations.

“We’re delighted to have him here,” said Deb Schrier-Barley, administrative assistant for Faculty and Staff Affairs. “I think his experience will be invaluable in this position.”

Dennis Defa to fill new VP position

by Joseph Samendat
Asst. News Editor

On Dec. 17, Central Washington University announced Anne Denman as the interim provost and senior vice president of student affairs.

Anne is the perfect person to provide leadership for academic affairs during this interim period,” Central President Jerilyn S. McIntyre said.

Denman, a cultural anthropologist, began her career at Central in 1967 as a part time faculty member. In 1969, she became an assistant professor in the department of anthropology. Denman will serve as provost from Jan. 7 until Jan. 31 as Central looks for a permanent replacement.

Former Provost David Soltz, who had held the position since 2001, left Central on Jan. 5, 2008, to assume the presidency of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. While Denman is filling the provost position Central will conduct an internal search for a permanent replacement.

“ID like to do everything I can to ease the transition to the new provost,” Denman said.

A search committee has been formed by the Central Board of Trustees, and applications are being accepted until Jan. 10. The applicant will then be narrowed down and a new provost will be selected.

“This is just an interim position for three weeks,” Denman said. “The position could possibly be filled earlier, though.”

Denman holds a Bachelor of Arts in history and French from Mt. Holyoke College and a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of California in Berkeley.

Over the last 30 years Denman has held a number of positions at Central, included been named dean for the College of Sciences from 1995 to 1998.

After Denman retired from Central in 2003, she maintained an active interest in the university and the progress of the college and the students.

“I’ve stayed interested and involved in the university since my retirement, and accepted the position with pleasure,” Denman said. “While there have been many changes at the university since 2003, which is familiar from my waiting as a faculty member, associate dean, dean, and involvement in other parts of the university.”

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Random student drug testing

A regional random student drug testing summet is being held addressing legal issues and looking into programs to learn more about drug prevention, intervention and treatment programs.

An informative drug prevention program is being held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Educational Service District 121 at Pasco Wash, geared towards middle school and high school students in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

So far approximately 1,000 school districts across the nation have already begun random student drug testing to increase drug prevention and treatment. The programs are community-initiated.

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Texting crosses the legal line

Sending text messages costs far more than just a service charge

RCW 46.61.668: Sending, reading or writing a text message while driving.
Effective: Jan. 1, 2008
Drivers may not send, read or write a text message while driving unless operating an emergency vehicle or reporting an emergency or illegal activity. It is a secondary offense, meaning drivers can only be ticketed if they are pulled over for a primary offense. The ticket will not become part of a driver's record.

RCW 46.61.668: Using a wireless communications device while driving.
Effective: July 1, 2008
"Hands free" cell phone devices are required while driving, including speaker phones, head sets or ear pieces. The law exempts drivers of emergency vehicles and tow trucks, drivers who have hearing aids and drivers reporting emergencies or illegal activities. Secondary enforcement.

What do you think of the new cell phone laws?

Austin Sconce
sophomore, business

"I hate it. It's a way to spend more and buy Bluetooth."

Si Stuber
graduate student

"I don't have a cell phone, so I don't care."

Andrew Stiger
freshman, business

"It keeps the road safe."

Lacey Guaco
freshman, elementary

"It's a good thing. It will keep the roads safer."

Andrew Reed
senior, law and justice

"It's stupid to text and drive, but they won't be able to do anything about it."

Washington offers voter online options

Washington state is now offering online voting registration. Voters can now go online to complete registration applications online at the following Web sites.

www.secstate.wa.gov
www.vote.wa.gov

All that is needed is a Washington state drivers license or a Washington state I.D. card number.

An applicant turns in their date of birth and name exactly as appears on license or ID card. The applicant must agree to use the license or ID card signature as their voter registration signature.

The applicant must affirm via oath that the information provided is true and accurate.

Results: New Hampshire primary

Democrats

Hillary Clinton
39% of the votes
112,238 total votes

Barack Obama
36% of the votes
104,757 total votes

John Edwards
17% of the votes
48,666 total votes

Republicans

John McCain
37% of the votes
88,447 total votes

Mitt Romney
31% of the votes
75,202 total votes

Mike Huckabee
11% of the votes
26,760 total votes
Global warming talk gives chance for scholarship

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CAREY GAZIS, FOCUS THE NATION ORGANIZER

ROTC student bombing over break shakes downtown

by Katrina Smith
Staff reporter

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Officials say the homemade bombs were made from sparklers, and officers later recovered five more homemade bombs turned over by the suspects.

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New council members hope to improve E-burg

by Joseph Stroemeland
Asst. News editor

Last Monday, Jan. 7, the Ellensburg City Council held the first meeting of 2008. The agenda comprised of many topics, but most importantly elected a new mayor of Ellensburg and oathed in four council members.

New members George Bottcher, Fenelle Miller and Bruce Tabb stood in front of a full meeting room and took their oath of office. Re-elected member Stan Bassett took the oath of office because of his re-election in November.

"It's an honor to be on the council," Tabb said.

Tabb, Miller and Bottcher are replacing former council members Ed Barry, John Perrie and Shannon Carlson.

The city council of Ellensburg has many big topics on the agenda for the next 12 months. With the city in a transition from a small town to a growing city, the decisions which will be made by the new city council members could change the face of Ellensburg for years to come.

"We want people to set down roots in the town," Tabb said. "We are hoping to generate new jobs in the city that will have competitive salaries."

Tabb feels that if the town can generate new jobs with better salaries, Central Washington University will grow and Central graduates will stay in town and raise families here.

"We are here to support the city," Tabb said. "I think all of us want to see economic growth and development in the town."

Tabb also mentioned the new housing developments in Ellensburg. The housing prices are competitive and that has helped the town grow.

Ellensburg has seen tremendous growth over the course of five years. New houses have gone up all over the northern Ellensburg areas including new businesses such as Quiznos, Auto Zone, Blockbuster and, soon, International House of Pancakes have come to Ellensburg.

Long standing businesses have seen their profits go up because of the growing population. Many have updated their stores to bring in new customers.

The new council members also took part in their first official act of voting in a new mayor of Ellensburg. Nancy Lillquist was elected the new mayor in a unanimous vote. She fills the position that was held by fellow council member Obie O'Brien. Jani Niner was elected as mayor pro tempem.

The Ellensburg City Council holds meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at the city hall, which is located at 501 N. Anderson St. across from Safeway on the corner of Anderson Street and Fifth Avenue.
Observes

Overcoming winter hardships

Now that winter break is behind us, it's time to look ahead to the new year and embrace a new beginning. There are resolutions to keep, goals to achieve, and new activities to tackle. With so many things in front of us to work on and accomplish this quarter, you wouldn't think it would be easy to stay busy and have fun in the process.

Like many, you and I are probably thinking: that is way easier said than done.

I don't know about the rest of you, but winter always seems to be the hardest quarter for me to push through. While there may be new classes and textboxes to divvy up in, there isn't always the motivation that comes from the very beginning of a new school year. And then there's the excitement of another year being nearly complete that often comes in the spring. Winter quarter is right in the middle. It's almost as if the world is holding its breath.

Not to mention there's a lack of warm weather and sunshine. Sure, there are plenty of outdoor snow activities to enjoy, but what do you do with your time is school and work, I do my best not to forget about my own well-being in the midst of everything else. I used to think of this time of year as an opportunity to meet new people, discover new parts of Ellensburg or find new ways to have fun. It was during the winter quarter that I rediscovered my childhood love of bowling. Rodeo Bowl is conveniently across the street from campus, and offers an indoor fun for groups of people.

There are also pool tables at many locations throughout town where you can stop for a bite to eat or a few drinks with friends. It's an attempt to keep my sanity, as well as a positive attitude. I make it a point to set aside time away from work and school to spend some time socializing with friends. I know the joys of games such as Catch Phrase and Apple to Apples. I've found myself in a situation where I don't feel quite comfortable playing in a game. With friends, it helps make the winter months less dull.

With how busy schedules get in college, it's easy to put sleep at the bottom of your list of priorities. I can't even begin to tell you how important it is, especially at the beginning of the year, to rest up. With illnesses spreading during the winter quarter, days will turn shorter, and it's easier to wear out. It may be hard to follow a consistent sleeping schedule when constant homework on our plate, but getting plenty of sleep will help keep you going this quarter.

For the times when it's necessary to get down to business, I'd suggest ordering pizza for that next study group rather than turning it into yet another party mood. There are many things that can steer you away from the depressing mood that sometimes accompanies the winter.

Don't let the next few months get to you. Work to make the little things more fun. Do what you can to make life easier and less stressful for yourself and others around you. I know that if people around me aren't in a good mood, my mood is likely to go down-shift as well. Remember that smiles are contagious. If everybody else is in a bad mood you can stop positive for a while.

I would like to believe that after winter the winter, sometimes our energy drains will help keep you going this quarter. I do my best not to forget about my own well-being in the midst of everything else. Instead, I use this time of year as an opportunity to meet new people, discover new parts of Ellensburg or find new ways to have fun. It was during the winter quarter that I rediscovered my childhood love of bowling. Rodeo Bowl is conveniently across the street from campus, and offers an indoor fun for groups of people.

There are also pool tables at many locations throughout town where you can stop for a bite to eat or a few drinks with friends. It's an attempt to keep my sanity, as well as a positive attitude. I make it a point to set aside time away from work and school to spend some time socializing with friends. I know the joys of games such as Catch Phrase and Apple to Apples. I've found myself in a situation where I don't feel comfortable playing in a game. With friends, it helps make the winter months less dull.

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Kathryn's passion for the student voice has been evident throughout her college career and she has represented herself and The Observer with the utmost respect and dignity. Kathryn has reported on tough subjects which may not always have been received well, but she upheld journalistic ethics and helped create a student newspaper that continues to inform, entertain and persuade readers on a weekly basis.

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January is the month of the man

CENTERS FOR STUDENT EMPOWERMENT SEeks to rise AWARENESS of WHAT IS MASculinity and WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MAN

by Tim Kukes
Scene editor

In a country that has been focusing on the rights of women and minorities, an important element of our culture has been dropped by the wayside. That element is the modern man. What does it mean to be a man in today's world? How are men defining themselves in these changing times?

The Center for Student Empowerment is hosting "Manuary," a monthlong series of events focusing on issues pertinent to men and masculinity. "Manuary" is a program that gives male students out-of-class opportunities to explore who they are and what it means to be a man.

"We wanted to put together some programs that focus on the exploration of manhood, masculinity and character development for college men," said Tom Mengelos, junior public relations major and student programmer. "College is an important time in men's lives; it helps mold individuals into productive, independent-thinking adults."

The program started off with the Balls of Fury Ping Pong Tournament this Wednesday. The second competitive event is "The Great 'Stache Off," a mustache-growing contest that starts on Jan. 14 and runs until Feb. 28. There will be a showcase in which contestants will display their new hair growth and be awarded prizes (tentatively to be held in the SURC Pit Feb. 28). Both of these events are being held to bring awareness for testicular cancer, which is the leading cancer in males between 15-34 years of age.

"Our intent is to inform students about the disease while teaching them to combat the disease by performing self-examination," Mengelos said.

In addition, Byron Hurt, a filmmaker who shot the documentary "Beyond Beats and Rhymes," will speak at Central Jan. 17. The documentary examines representations of gender roles in hip-hop and rap music.

Wayne Levine, author of "Protect Your N.U.T.S. and others, will also be speaking to students on Jan. 24. He is one of the nation's most well-known experts on men and their relationships, said Mengelos. "N.U.T.S. stands for "Non-negotiable Unalterable Terms," and teaches men how to set boundaries and personal goals.

"(Levine) is a talented speaker who focuses on teaching men how to become better husbands, fathers, sons, brothers, friends and mentors," Mengelos said. "He has an uncanny ability to disarm and teach about serious topics."

The Listener Project, a band that centers on people like salesmen, waitresses, mothers, fathers and such, will be performing at Central to support the "Month of the Man" event. They are scheduled to play on Jan. 22. Dan Smith, lead guitarist and vocalist, says the band promotes an attitude of listening to the unheard. They will be performing their "traveling knife salesman" routine, a story of a traveling salesman trying to make it in the world. Listener Project just released "Return to Struggleville" on Jan. 14.

The idea for Central's event originated when Mal Stewman, program support supervisor, was asked, "Why isn't there a men's history month?" Further research online led Stewman to a high school that puts on its own "Manuary" event focusing on sports and other traditional male pastimes.

Cynthia Coe, assistant professor of philosophy and director of women studies, challenged students to think about whom they are reading about and who writes the books that students read in class.

"I think that the stereotypes of men are more positive than women's, but being confronted by a one-dimensional stereotype is alienating regardless of what that stereotype tells you," Coe said.

Coe said that any event that gets students to think about masculinity and how men define themselves is a positive thing. "People should not be stereotyped by gender and people should think about what it means to be a man," Coe said.

"I don't think there is such a thing as masculinity," Coe said. "I think there are various ideas of what our culture and society tell us as what masculinity is."

Central's "Month of the Man" is a little different than the high school's event. Instead of focusing on traditional male pastimes, it is promoting the image of "the whole man." Being "the whole man" means being true to one's self, Mengelos said.

"Masculinity is often portrayed in aggressive competition and insensitivity, but that's not all we are," Stewman said.

The activities will bring attention to all the different sides of masculinity and how men define themselves.

"Masculinity doesn't have to be one-dimensional," Stewman said. "It doesn't have to be what the media says it is. Every man has to define that for himself."
BACKCOUNTRY HAZARDS ADDRESSED BY OPR

by Dan Fisher
Asst. Scene editor

What may seem like a nightmare to commuters and travelers is what skiers and snowboarders from around the state have been waiting for. Winter has arrived in the northern Cascades. Hosted and organized by Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals (OPR), January is "Backcountry Awareness Month" at Central.

Offering a variety of events showcasing the opportunities for winter recreation in Washington, this month-long event strives to bring people together from within the Central community who are involved in winter recreation.

"A lot of my friends ski and snowboard," Kate Ziegler, senior elementary education major, said. "I think [Backcountry Awareness Month] will be a great thing for freshmen and sophomores who are involved in winter sports."

From skiing and snowboarding to snowshoeing, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing, OPR is reaching out to anybody who enjoys playing in the snow.

Several events are taking place throughout the month, starting with "Ski Touring in the Washington Cascades," a discussion with Glenn Bandy, a local winter sports enthusiast, in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) Pit at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Authors Martin Volken, Scott Schell and Margaret Wheelie will present their book "Backcountry Skiing: Skills for Ski Touring and Ski Mountain Engineering" in the SURC Ballroom on Monday, Jan. 14, followed by a discussion with the audience.

Although these first two events of Backcountry Awareness Month are geared toward skiing, the topics to be addressed are relevant to all winter sports. The first priority in winter recreation is safety, which is emphasized in both presentations.

"Most people are not aware of how dangerous an avalanche can be," said Geoff Curtis, junior psychology major, OPR employee and a coordinator of Backcountry Awareness Month.

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 8 p.m., the SURC Theatre will host "Unparalleled Line: The Lost Season," a film that follows the winter adventures of six free-heel (telemark) skiers. Admission is free.

Avalanche," a multimedia presentation by Washington State Department of Transportation avalanche forecasting scientist Charlie Ruben, will be held in the SURC Theatre at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Admission for this event is also free.

"Lost and Found," a film by Teton Gravity Research, shows at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25, in the SURC Theatre. With an admission of $1 for students and $12 general, this is the only event of the month bearing a cost to its participants. The film follows the 2007 season of world-class skiers and snowboarders in 16mm film and High Definition.

To conclude Backcountry Awareness Month, Lowell Skoog will present "Skiing the Cascade Crest" in the SURC Ballroom at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30. Skoog set out in the early 1900s to ski the crest of the Cascades from the summit of Mt. Baker to the summit of Mt. Rainier, and has chronicled his experiences in this presentation. Along with his personal story, the presentation also documents the history of backcountry skiing in Washington state, including historical photos from the 1930s-1950s.

OPR is dedicated to providing the Central community with ample entertainment throughout the month, but another of its goals is to bring together the winter sports enthusiasts among the students and community.

"Programs can be hit-or-miss," said Curtis. "That's why we depend on programs like this one to get the word out.

Star Anna and Mieka Pauley to perform at Central

by Tam Kades
Scene editor

Campus Activities' job is to provide new opportunities and entertainment for Central's student body, and this quarter is no different. To encourage that goal, Campus Activities is bringing two female artists to perform.

The 21-year-old Ellensburg native Star Anna has been making music since high school, said Sarah Grant, student programmer for Campus Activities. This multi-talented performer used to play drums and now writes her own music, sings and plays guitar.

"I think she's really unique in her sound and her musical influences," Grant said. "She's got an older style with a new feel. It's very cool.

Star Anna Krogstie started playing music when she was 12. She has almost 10 years of drumming experience and six years with the guitar. Krogstie said her friends were musicians and she was always going to a concert, said Krogstie. Performers like Tom Petty, Neko Case and Elliott Smith influenced her music.

"Music with [a] lot of emotion behind it [inspires me] - heartfelt music," Krogstie said. "You can tell that it came from really deep inside."

Mieka Pauley will also be playing tonight. Pauley has a style that has been compared to Ben Harper, Cat Power, Neko Case, Patty Griffin, Martin Sexton and many others, said Grant. All of the above artists have influenced her sound, as well as the following: Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Etta Candy, Erykah Badu and Lauryn Hill.

"She's a very well-rounded percussionist," Grant said. "She's got an older style with a new feel. It's very cool.

In addition, she has played with Martin Sexton, KT Tunstall, Eric Clapton and many more. Scott Drummond, associate director of Campus Life, and Grant saw Pauley perform at the NACA, a national conference for Campus Activities programmer. The conference allows programmers to see a variety of acts to bring to their campuses.

"After she played, we ran out of the room and got in line to book her because we knew she'd get a ton of offers," Grant said.

The show is open to all Central students and is free of charge. It takes place tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Pit.

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Cards and chips are down on campus

by Kayla Schroeder
Staff reporter

Campus Life is "going-all-in," encouraging students to participate in the upcoming Poker Tournament.

Along with appetizers, entertainment and good company, students have the opportunity to partake in the upcoming poker tournament at Central. The five-round tournament will kick off on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom and will continue each following Tuesday for five weeks. While the games will be played with chips rather than money, a $5 buy-in will allow for the purchase of a grand prize to be awarded by Campus Life.

Sara Abouhamad, senior biochemistry major, works as a Campus Activities student programmer. "It's very important to meet new people and play for fun," Abouhamad said. "It's a great new way to meet people aside from the norm of playing at home or in the casino." While the games will be played with chips rather than money, a $5 buy-in will allow for the purchase of a grand prize to be awarded by Campus Life.

"It's all about taking risks and playing with different hands, whether good or bad - making the best of what you have." Campus Life hopes the event will provide a fun, informal environment where Central students can come together and network with other students while getting better acquainted with poker. All levels of players are encouraged to participate.

"I usually just play for fun and have yet to participate in a tournament," Justin Leppa, junior business finance major, said. "I think it's a great idea. I'm glad that our school works so hard to appeal to the interests of all different students."

Junior interior design major and campus activities student programmer Christina Zahary is assisting Abouhamad in the organization of the tournament.

"We had a great turn-out last year with a large variety of people," Zahary said. "It's a great new way to meet people aside from the norm of playing at home or in the casino." For more information, please contact Sarah Abouhamad at aboutams@cwu.edu.

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Poker Hands

Royal Flush: The best poker hand, and nearly impossible to get.
Straight Flush: Five cards of the same suit in sequence.
Four of a kind: Four cards of one kind.
Full House: Both three of a kind and a pair.
Flush: Five cards of the same suit.

Straight: Five cards in sequence, off-suit.
Three of a kind: Three cards of one type. Also known as "A set."
Two pairs: A pair of two cards of the same kind, two sets of this is "two pairs."
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Royal Flush: Aces high.
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[Image: An example of a full house, ten high.]
Esherick is coming to speak as part of the Professional and Technical Speaker Series. This series carries a theme from year to year and -works to bring students new expertise. "This year we are turning back toward speakers with heavy emphasis on 4/2 and 53 social- and cultural themes," Esherick said. "The audience comes to us and asks for a speaker with heavy emphasis on China." Esherick will discuss China's economy and its effects on global trade, it has considered even on a local scale.

"China is Washington state's largest trading partner, and it plays a huge role in our economy through purchases we make, jobs we land and oil prices," said James Cook, an associate professor in the history department. "China is the communist revolution and socialism were detours that China had to go through to establish its growing economy and modern China, Asian studies, China's republican revolution and many others.

"In the past we have always seen China as one large culture, so Dr. Esherick's main contribution to the understanding of China was to focus more on the local and individual cultures through history materials and archives," Esherick said. "Not only does Esherick study and speak about the Chinese culture, but he also travels to China at least once a year to visit family and friends and take in the changes that rapidly occur.

"With China's growing economy and family history in China, historical records on modern Chinese history. He has also written several books such as "Modern China: The Story of a Revolution," "Last Chance in China: The World War II Dispatches of John S. Service" and "Reform and Revolution in China: the 1911 Revolution in Human and Hobbes," as well as articles on modern China, Asian studies, China's republican revolution and many others.

"One Missed Call" starts well enough, setting up part of the puzzle and creating an air of mystery. The opening scene sets the stage for later developments that would come together later in the story.
Unity leads Wildcat women to best start

by Frank Stanley
Sports editor

"Team" is a word that won't be found in the Central Washington women's basketball team's vocabulary. According to the players and coach, a word that might be more suitable is "family." Asking the players what their greatest strength would be as a group, no one would mention their conference-leading shooting percentages nor their dominance at the boards. Instead, everyone mentioned one of sport's greatest intangibles.

"I know it's cliché, but our biggest strength is definitely our chemistry," head coach Jeff Whitney said. "All of these girls get along; they stick up for one another. You don't find that on many championship teams. The atmosphere they create is so positive." The team's enhanced unity has them beginning the season with a 9-0 start: the best in school history. Some big wins include a 50-point rout of Cascade College, 109-59, and a thrilling 65-57 upset against UC San Diego, the school they've never beaten before. We were the year," junior guard Ashley Fenimore said. "We did it for the seniors, whom said. "It's a really good feeling and I'm really confident in this team. There's no weak link as far as I'm concerned."

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"[Western] was our biggest game of the year," junior guard Ashley Fenimore said. "We did it for the seniors, whom they've never beaten before. We were really happy for them." It didn't matter that Western is in a rebuilding year with a 3-10 record so far this season. According to Whitney, anything can happen in a rivalry game.

"I know that [Western] is a team that continues to pick up as the season goes on," Whitney said. "I thought, 'What could I say to get the best out of our girls?' I just went in and said, 'This is Western. These are our archrivals, and they stand in our way.'"

Backed by a quick, high-scoring offense led by senior forward Kristina Klapperich and senior wing Hannah Hull, the Wildcats have emerged as the highest scoring team in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) this season, leading in points per game, field goal percentage and shooting offense from beyond three-point range.

Central also ranks among the top in nearly every other stat, including rebounds per game, steals, assists, assist to turnover and blocked shots. As with almost everything else, it's attributed to each player knowing her teammate's strengths.

"As a point guard, it's easy when I can just dive and dish out and I know my shooters are going to hit," Fenimore said. "It's a really good feeling and I'm really confident in this team. There's no weak link as far as I'm concerned."

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GNAC home opener for men’s hoops

by Curtis Crabtree
Asst. Sports editor

In the first two months of the 2007-2008 men’s basketball season, the Central Washington Wildcats are still trying to find their team identity.

Central lost five seniors to graduation following last season and has had to reinvent its roster.

Last year’s senior class accounted for 47 points a game and Lance Den Boer was named co-player of the year by the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

The Wildcats welcomed in two transfers from Division I Eastern Washington University (EWU), Matt Penoncello, a six-foot, five-inch junior guard from Moscow, Idaho who has started all 91 games for the Wildcats and is averaging 31 minutes a game. His 14.2 points per game average is second on the team only to fellow EWU transfer Jake Beiting.

Beiting, a six-foot, eight-inch junior forward from Port Orchard, Wash., is the Wildcats leading scorer averaging 15.4 points a contest.

He also led the team with 40 rebounds and 10 blocked shots in ten games played.

Beiting was not able to play against Northwest Nazarene (NNU) last Saturday due to a scratched cornea sustained on Jan. 3 against Seattle Pacific.

Head Coach Greg Sparling said that he hopes to see Beiting back in the coaching job at Eastern.

Running backs coach Nat Conley was named co-player of the year by the GNAC. Sparling said that he will be excited to see that even from afar.

Despite his move to Eastern, Baldwin will not see a bright future for Central. So far, Jackson has started all 11 games and is averaging 13.2 points a game, including a career-high 26 points last Saturday in a 97-85 loss at NNU.

The Wildcats hosted two pre-season tournaments at Nicholson Pavilion in November.

The Tar Pit Wildcat Classic was held on Nov. 16-17 and included three other universities: Chico State, Notre Dame de Namur and Northwest Nazarene.

Central lost its tournament opener to Notre Dame de Namur 85-84 in overtime when a Dan Berger three-pointer with two seconds to go gave the Argonauts the victory.

They were able to rebound the following week with an 89-81 victory over Chico State. The win made head coach Greg Sparling’s 200th career victory.

Following a 95-80 home win over National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics member Montana Tech, the Wildcats hosted the Tar Pit Tipoff Classic on Nov. 30-Dec. 1, with Western Oregon, Brigham Young-Hawaii and Valley Pacific as the participating schools.

Central ran to a 97-61 victory over Ohio Valley in their first game of the tournament.

BYU-Hawaii handed the Wildcats another one point overtime loss the following night. Trenson Akana of BYU-Hawaii scored off an offensive rebound with three seconds to play to give the Seabiers a 102-101 victory.

Following an 83-60 loss to Cal State San Bernardino on Dec. 16, Central rallied off four straight wins against Cal Poly Pomona, Sooma State, Concordia and Seattle Pacific before the loss to NNU.

“I think we’ve gelled,” Sparling said. “It’s an ongoing process but we are far enough along into the season that guys who know what their roles are and I think as a team we’re doing well.”

The Wildcats play host to Western Oregon tonight at 7:00 in Nicholson Pavilion and face off against Saint Martin’s on Saturday, also a 7 p.m. tip.

Despite the recent winning streak, coach Sparling said that there is still room for improvement.

“I think the number one thing is rebounding,” Sparling said. “In the games we’ve won, we’ve outrebounded our opponents and we’ve got to keep doing that and get better on the boards.”

Movin’ On

Four coaches have opted to move on with Baldwin to EWU.

There was speculation among players and other coaches that when the EWU position became open, Baldwin would be considered among one of the top candidates, but according to Central Athletics Director John Graham, Baldwin initially wasn’t interested in the vacancy.

“Word came down that [Eastern was going in a different direction than Central],” Graham said. “I called and they offered the position to two other candidates.”

According to reports, the initial candidate for the job was Jim McElwain, the offensive coordinator at Fresno State University, but he turned down the offer one day before EWU Athletic Director Bill Chaves offered the position to Baldwin.

Just recently, it was announced that three Central assistant coaches will join Baldwin on EWU’s coaching staff: defensive coordinator John Graham, who was a finalist candidate for the Wildcats’ coaching position alongside Baldwin last year, defensive line coach Ryan Sawyer, running backs coach Nat Conley and wide receivers coach, Torrey Hunter.

Among the accolades earned during his one year at Central, Baldwin and the Wildcats’ 10-3 season and advancement to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals is arguably the best season ever in Central’s nine-year NCAA history.

Central’s national title year in 1995 was when the Wildcats played in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

The 19 wins and marred only the sixth time CWU has reached 10 or more wins in a season, garnering a national ranking of 11th by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

As a former quarterback for the Wildcats who played alongside current NFL quarterback Jon Kitna in the early 1990s, Baldwin also helped current quarterback Kyle Reilly to one of the most productive years for a quarterback in team history.

Reilly’s 1,386 passing yards was the second best single-season mark in school history, and he earned all-region honors with a 62 percent completion rate, 30 touchdown passes and 10 interceptions, resulting in staggering efficiency rating of 145.8. Reilly was also one of 24 national candidates for the Harlon Hill Trophy, awarded to the top player in Division II football.

Baldwin’s offensive-minded coaching led to one of the most potent scoring threats in the region. The Wildcats averaged 399 yards of total offense per game this past season, 264 of which were through the air. Central also averaged 31.4 points per game, with five games of at least 40 points.

Prior to his stint at Central, Baldwin served as the offensive coordinator for Walla at EWU, seeing similar success at quarterback with Eric Meyer, who won the Walter Payton Award in 2005 as the top offensive player in Division I FCS football.

The offensive coordinator job at Eastern came after nine years as an assistant coach at Central under Zam- Berlin.

Baldwin wouldn’t rule out another move in the future but he said that he doesn’t go looking for opportunities.

“This approach I’ve always taken and will continue is I’m going to work as hard as I can at the program I’m in to win ball games and develop relationships to try and mold guys and build something,” Baldwin said. “It’s something that creates another opportunity then that will be something I will have to assess at that time.”

The search for Baldwin’s replacement is already underway.

Some of the early rumored candidates are Central offensive coordinator John Phick, Missouri offensive coordinator Bruce Walker and former Eastern offensive coordinator Tim Rosenbach.

Rosenbach didn’t join Walla at WSU due to his hopes of getting the head coaching job at Eastern.

Despite his move to Eastern, Baldwin still sees a bright future for Central.

“I think the sky is the limit,” Baldwin said. “There is no reason why they can’t compete for a National Title again and I’ll be excited to see that even from afar.”

Even with another new coach coming in, the team agrees with Baldwin’s sentiment.

“We’ve got a lot of good ball players so regardless of who is coaching us are still going to be a good football team,” Spevak said.
Central football earns postseason awards

Six Wildcats named to All-North Central Conference Squad

by Ryan Larsen
Staff reporter

In the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs, Central upset the top seed in the Northwest Region, the University of Nebraska-Omaha in a come-from-behind 20-17 victory in Omaha.

However, the Wildcats would need more luck on their side when they faced their next opponent in the quarterfinals against two-time defending National Champion Grand Valley State. The Wildcats trailed 27-0 midway through the second quarter. As the second half started, the Wildcats scored on their first possession on a touchdown pass from junior quarterback Mike Reilly to sophomore wide receiver Brandon Stout.

It seemed that there was still life in the Wildcats as they scored, but the high-powered offense of the Lakers matched them as they scored on their next possession. The final first half deficit was too much for the Wildcats to overcome, Central fell to Grand Valley State 41-21.

The Wildcats had an outstanding season, as they finished 10-3 overall, only the sixth time that the Wildcats finished with 10 or more wins in a season. Many Wildcat players had stellar seasons. Some received recognition for their hard work with postseason awards and nominations.

Six Central players were named to Daktronics All-Region football team. For the first time included Spevak, Bronson and sophomore linebacker Buddy Wood.

Specvak was the top receiver this season for the Wildcats, with a career-high 74 receptions for 981 yards and 12 touchdowns. Bronson tallied 29 receptions for 412 yards and two touchdowns.

Wildcat football: team leaders

Offense
Passing yards: Mike Reilly, 3,386
Passing Touchdowns: Reilly, 30
Rushing yards: Johnny Lopez, 1,230
Receiving yards: Johnny Spevak, 1,210
Receptions: Spevak, 92
Touchdowns, total: Spevak, 14

Wildcat football: team leaders

Defense
Total tackles: Buddy Wood, 119
Sacks: Bret Stray, 5.5
Interceptions: Jerome Williams, 6
Passes defensed: Brandon Kennedy, 11
Tackles for loss: Adam Bighill, 11
Forced fumbles: six players tied with 2

Prior to 2003, North was employed at the University of Texas-San Antonio, According to Jonathan Gordon, Director of Athletic Media Relations, North apparently left the post for personal reasons including an attempt to pursue other professional opportunities.

"The position hasn't been opened up at this time but a search committee will be formed when the position is posted and open for hiring. The timetable for that to occur is unknown at this time," Gordon said.

Jacobs, Jackson earn GNAC Player of the Week Honors

Senior guard, Nate Jackson has been named co-Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Week. Jackson scored 17 points on 6-8 shooting as part of a 78-70 victory over Sonoma State on Dec. 28. Jackson then followed with 11 points on a perfect 5 of 5 from the field in a 97-52 rout of Concordia (Ore.) Jackson is the first Wildcat to earn player of the week honors this season for the men.

Robbie Jacobs, Jackson's freshman wing, was named Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Week for this week of Nov. 25-Dec. 1. Jacobs scored a career-high 21 points in a 70-68 victory over Notre Dame de Namur. Jacobs also scored 14 points in each of the two games against Hawaii Pacific. Jacobs joins teammate Hanna Hull as the only Wildcats with player of the week honors.
 Defense leads Seahawks past 'Skins  

by Crucifix Crumrine  
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SEATTLE - The crowd of 68,297  
scrunching fans at Qwest Field, in  
collective breath before the Seattle  
Seahawks turned on the afterburners to  
defeat the Washington Redskins 35-  
14 in the Wild Card Round of the NFC  
playoffs on Saturday.  

In a four-minute sequence to start the  
fourth quarter, the Seahawks went from  
having a 13-point lead to staring at  
the scoreboard with a one-point deficit  
to overcoming it.  

After closing the gap to 13-7 on  
the first play of the fourth quarter,  
rookie free safety Laron Landry inter­  
cepted a Matt Hasselbeck pass intend­  
ted for Bobby Engram and was recovered by Redskins  
winter safety Landry. The ball  
turned on the following drive by Jordan  
Babineaux, which was also returned  
for a touchdown, this one spanning 57  
yards.  

The interceptions for Collins were  
his first since Nov. 30, 1997, against  
the Buffalo Bills. Collins has primarily  
been a backup since the '97 season.  

"We kind of just kept our head on  
straight, didn't go into panic mode and  
guys made plays.  

BRIAN RUSSELL  
- SEAHAWKS FREE SAFETY  

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intercepted by Marcus Trufant and  
returned 78 yards for a touchdown.  

"You're waiting on it, and waiting  
on it, and finally came down, and I  
was able to get the interception," Tru­  
fant said. "Guys are blocking for me  
all over the place, and it was just a  
good play.  

Moss said that he didn't even see  
the ball.  

"I just thought it was a dead play  
because I look back and I am not  
hearing anything or seeing anything  
and at the last minute I see the guy  
catch the ball like a punt out of nowhere," Moss said.  

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in the regular season."  

"Our free safety was very active  
and we thought we could get a little  
move down the seam, and it worked  
nicely," head coach Mike Holmgren  
said.  

"They were illegal block above the waist on  
Mike Sellers called back a 55-yard  
return by Rock Cartwright on the fol­  
lowing kickoff.  

Then on the first play of the drive,  
Collins fumbled a pass up the sideline  
for Moss that was overthrown and  
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(THE RETURN OF) THE WEEKLY SPORTS FACE-OFF: 
Resting the starters: an acceptable strategy?

Sure, it makes the last few games boring to watch, but resting the starters for the last couple games before the playoffs is integral and vital to a team's postseason success. Clinch the spot early in the year? Why worry? Analysts crying - why not? Analysts crying - the last couple games before the time again that this year is a fluke for way too unreliable.

Resting the starters: an acceptable strategy?

When I say two teams, I'm clearly pointing out the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the New York Giants. The Bucs rested for too long and lost, while the Giants didn't rest at all and won. How did this happen? Well, the answer has nothing to do with resting the starters.

Tampa Bay plays in the NFC South, one of the worst divisions in the NFL and New York plays in the NFC East, arguably the best in the NFL. It didn't matter whom Tampa Bay was up against in the first round; as long as it wasn't anyone else in their division, they would have lost.

Anyway, back to resting, I'll go back to New York. They locked up a playoff berth against Buffalo in week 16 and went full force against a 15-0 New England team bent on the perfect season.

Since I'm a believer in the asterisk and putting a tainted mark on the Patriots' season, why stop the inevitable? Instead, the Giants risked serious injury in week 16 and went full force against a 15-0 New England team bent on the perfect season. The one thing to note is that I am not mentioning the one- and two-seeded teams in any of this, as they get a week of rest anyway. The only exception is Dallas, as they predicted that wide receiver Terrell Owens would need more time to heal his high ankle sprain.

As for the other end of the table, name some teams that clinched a playoff berth early, continued to play their starters and went one and done in the first round. Need help? Here's a few: the '06 Jets, the '05 Bengals, the '05 Bucs and '05 Giants. All four clinched early, kept their starters in the final game and found themselves one and done afterward.

In the end, it's mental. You take your starters or no, and play your game. If you lose, don't let it get to your head and enter the playoffs on a downer (kudos to you, New York). On the other end, don't shove your players and hope that they'll pick it up and play like they just finished practice (boo, Tampa Bay!). Don't just rush through the season and think you can charge to the final game when you have spooler teams gunning for injury (it happens - see Washington and Dallas). Just be careful out there.

Some coaches in the NFL choose to sit their starters in week 17 to rest them for the playoffs. Doing this gives those on the roster with injuries a week off so they will be more rested and ready before playoffs.

One of the reasons coaches in the NFL decide to sit their starters in week 17 is if they have locked up their division in the previous weeks. It's no secret that many players perform week in and week out with injuries that would keep an average man off the field.

Most of the time I do not agree with the coach's decision to do this. My reason is this: many of the teams heading into the playoffs need an edge over their opponents, and resting your key starters isn't going to do your team any good.

Going into the playoffs, you need everyone on the team to be firing on all cylinders, and if you sit your key starters they may not be ready for the playoffs.

Too much rest can be a bad thing in football or any other sport. Being away from the game for too long creates the risk of getting rusty and losing team cohesion. That may cause you to be eliminated in the first round.

Another reason teams should just play all of their starters is that they should finish strong at the end of the season, that kind of momentum carries into the playoffs or into the off season for those teams that didn't make it into the playoffs that year.

One of the few teams that made the right choice not to sit its starters in the final week of the season was the New York Giants. They went up against the New England Patriots, who at the time were going for the perfect season. The Giants had already clinched a playoff spot the week before.

The Giants had the option to sit their starters and rest them for the playoffs but they decided not to. They wanted to give the Patriots their best shot and hopefully get some momentum going into the playoffs.

Some of the players looked at this game as if it were an early Super Bowl. They could see how far they have come throughout the season and see what they have to do to improve to beat a team like the Patriots in the playoffs.

The Giants played a hard-fought battle that night, and came up short but gained experience that they could take with them into the playoffs when they faced the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 2008 NFC Wildcard Playoff game.

Tampa Bay is an example of a team that rested their starters for a week or more, and when they played last Sunday, they looked out of sync. Quarterback Jeff Garcia looked awful and out of step with his receivers during the game.

On the other side, Eli Manning, who had played full throttle against the Patriots, looked sharp and knew how to pick apart the Buccaneers defense. He seemed poised and in control the whole time, unlike recent weeks were many critics doubted if he could get past the first round of the playoffs.

In the end, the New York Giants played better than the Buccaneers. The outcome of the game was more likely due to the Giants not resting their starters in the final week of the season.

Teams that play well going into the playoffs are more dangerous than a team that decides to rest its starters because they don't want to risk injury.

Sometimes taking big risks has high rewards, and the Giants got their reward with a win last Sunday.

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