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Minutemen disappoint

Immigration debate sparks campus-wide concern, response

by Mike Oh
Staff reporter

The forum on illegal immigration held on Tuesday, Feb. 26 set off a firestorm over the behavior of its speakers. The College Republicans hosted "How Illegal Immigration is Ruining America," which brought Minutemen founder Jim Gilchrist and retired INS agent and Democrat Michael Cutler to the SURC. After the event, President Jerilyn McIntyre and the ASCWU-BOD, the College Republicans, the College Democrats, and the College Republicans stayed to speak to students, with assurances that Central promotes respect, civility and tolerance for all people.

"I was very disappointed from the moment that I read advertisements that made it clear that this event would not be a discussion that would give both sides, but just one sided platform of views," junior law and justice sociology major Domenique Meeks said.

Meeks is a member of the BLU, CAMP, and FASA. These organizations were present at the forum, with GAIA and MECHA. In the wake of mounting student and faculty concern, the Center for Student Empowerment, the Diversity Education Center, the ASCWU-BOD, the College Republicans, Central's academic departments and other organizations on campus have been addressing the fallout. Additionally, many faculty members reflected on the forum.

"Where the Gilchrist event crossed the line was in the tactics of intimidation that have nothing to do with the practice of free speech," professor and director of the center for Latino and Latin American studies Michael Erin said.

"I'm hoping to document the abuse students suffered that night that goes beyond those actions obvious in the broadcast. The incidents I'm referring to occurred off stage and were motivated by racial bias," Popovic said. "Students were asked to identify themselves and their immigration status, and were followed and threatened by the members of Gilchrist's entourage and, perhaps, other CWU students."

"The solution is better background checks of who we let on campus," added the sentiment that Central should continue to put their offense together, Central continued to put more points on the board. Junior guard Johnny Spevak accompanied Penoncello with 10 first-half points and a successful lay-up with less than two minutes left in the half to give the Wildcats a 20-point lead, their largest of the night.

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Committee seeks new president

by Mimi Oh
Staff reporter

The 15-member presidential search committee hopes to have the new president step in by January 2009. Through a typical national-scale search, and with the help of an executive search consultancy, the committee will present their pool of final candidates for president to the Board of Trustees, who will make the final decision.

The committee is chaired by the department of geological sciences' associate professor and Chair Dr. Wendy Bobron. "We are in the process of trying to finalize our recommendation for search consultancies, hopefully in the next 10 days," Bobron said about the committee's choices for the executive search consultancies.

Bobron has had experience as a faculty member and administrator. She was the interim director of research for one year, and is in charge of the Science Talent Expansion Program (STEP). She has worked with both graduate and undergraduate students in research.

Included on the committee are people representing or recommended by faculty members, students, the Faculty Senate, the ASCWU-BOD, the Exempt Employees Association, the Employee Council, the Alumni Association, the Central Washington University Foundation Board, the Board of Trustees, one academic dean and one community member recommended by the Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce.

"My perspective is to represent the entire community [both on- and off-campus perspectives]," Committee member and Interim Director of the Office for Equal Opportunity Staci Seigh-Lyman said. "Of course, I bring my knowledge and experience in equal opportunity to that mix, but it's a holistic approach."

There appeared to be a consensus from the interviewers that the next president should possess good communication skills and approachability for students. Other traits ideal president that were mentioned included knowledge of higher education and the ability to advocate for the university with donors and the state.

"I think we should have more guest speakers talking about a broader range of subjects than just the most controversial ones," Danielle Martin, freshman undeclared said about what she would like to see at Central. "The only problem I have with Central is the town. Specifically, there is nothing to do around town. Barely anyone I know stays at the school during weekends."

Both committee members said that the recent departures and resignations among the administration are a natural evolution of university administration and a necessity to bring new perspectives about issues.

"The Board of Trustees will negotiate the salary with the finalist," Bobron said. "My understanding is this activity will occur at a public Board of Trustees meeting, most likely in November or December of 2008. The ad for the president's position will be posted in spring. The committee will narrow the pool of candidates at several stages, mostly during summer. By next fall, the committee will narrow the pool to the three to five candidates. During and after the interview process, the campus and other communities will be asked for feedback."
A satellite image of the Kittitas Valley after Mel Waters appeared on the Art Bell Show indicates that the area where Mel's Hole is located is erased. The image is now changed on Google Earth.

by Joseph Siemandel
Asst. News editor

Every year, local tales seem to grow about Ellensburg, and every year, they seem to get craziest. This tale, though, has all the makings of a classic rumor that you would hear anywhere—but what if it is true?

Mel's Hole, a supposedly bottomless pit on Manastash Ridge, not only has received attention from the town of Ellensburg, but also from the entire world. The hole, which was discovered by Mel Waters, a local who claims the hole was located in his backyard, has been given the name of a geographic anomaly.

Water entered the Art Bell coast-to-coast radio program in Feb. 1997 to talk about the hole, according to Waters, the hole, which he had to measure to be more than 15 miles deep, was big enough to push a car into. By his claims, a group had actually pushed a car down the hole and never heard a sound, as if the car never hit the bottom.

Mel's Hole first made national headlines on the show that got the attention of the Seattle, Washington documentary, the hole, which he has been heard from. In a later interview with Art Bell, Waters claimed the hole was engulfed by Yakima Training Center (YTC) and that he was forced to regroup in the spring of 2006 after new information was found about the hole.

The myth of Mel's Hole is impossible to debunk or prove true. Many think it is a passage to Hades, often believe it is an alien passage to Earth. Some also believe that it was a nuclear test site during the Cold War and that there is an underground city along with tunnels to Fort Lewis.

According to Red Elk in the University of Washington documentary, the hole, which he has claimed to have seen in his dreams, is occupied by lizard people who want to take over the earth. Lizard people claim to have seen black beams from the area where the hole went blank. It was as if the hole disappeared on the map.

In a later interview with Art Bell, Waters claimed the hole was engulfed by Yakima Training Center (YTC) and that he was forced to move into the town of Ellensburg. Waters appeared on the Art Bell show three more times, the last time being in December of 2002. Since that time he has not been heard from.

An article from the Tri-City Herald in 1997 reported that Mel Waters wasn’t listed in any phone book and was not a registered taxpayer in Ellensburg, and all grid coordinates to the area, and all grid coordinates to the area where the hole was located were changed. Two big white boxes appeared over the area, and all grid coordinates to the hole went blank. It was as if the hole disappeared on the map.

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The Liberty Theater, which is the oldest of the two movie theaters in Ellensburg, has a storied past. It was the first theater in Ellensburg, and has served Central Washington students for almost 60 years. Along with all it has done, it has its dark past as well.

If you hang out in cemeteries for fun, this will definitely strike your interest. The Roslyn and Thorp Cemeteries have stories that could send chills up anyone’s spine.

Roslyn, which is famous for its mining history, has had claims from patrons of seeing lanterns and headlamps floating at night. Others have seen what they claim to be apparitions of miners.

The Cemetery has also had articles due to be a paranormal hot spot. Thorp cemetery also claims of paranormal activity.

Patriots claim to see an American Indian woman named Suzy walk around. Suzy, who was lynched in 1890 according to local stories, is also seen on a white horse, crying among the tombstones.

The cemetery stories, which are impossible to prove, could be nothing more than bored high school students coming up with stories that their imaginations brew up.

The Ellensburg Cemetery at night: could it possibly have paranormal activity?

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Ellensburg restaurants aim for healthier dining options

Central students have teamed up with the Shape Up healthy organization to implement a healthier dining-out experience in the Ellensburg community.

Beginning this month, the project was initiated after a local survey conducted in February said that more residents would like to see healthier choices on restaurant menus.

The Shape Up Kittitas County Healthy Dining Out Project is a collaborative effort among Central Washington University's Nutrition Science Club, Shape Up and a dozen restaurants in Ellensburg.

The goal is to make one or two of their entrees healthier for customers in an effort to promote National Nutrition Month.

Participants include Cattlemans Steakhouse, Dakota Cafe, El Caporal, Ellensburg Pasta Co., Grant's Pizza Place, Mellin's Cafe, the Pita Pit, The Red Horse Drive-In, The Soup Bowl, The Valley Cafe, The Palace Cafe and Campus U-Tote-Em.

The Ellensburg survey revealed that 67 percent of respondents are influenced by the availability of healthy entrees and side dishes when choosing a restaurant.

Meanwhile, 40 percent of participants would like restaurant menus to include more nutritional information, and 75 percent would like menus labeled with the healthy or low-fat entrees while 76 percent of those surveyed would pay extra for healthier substitutes.

All meals must meet the basic criteria: contain one to two servings of vegetables, be 750 calories or fewer and include no more than 1000 milligrams of sodium, a risk factor for high blood pressure.

To do this, nutrition science students picked recipes with the help of the restaurants and used a computer program that generated a healthy nutritional analysis.

The students then worked with the data they had to help restaurants modify their meals. David Gee, professor of food science and nutrition and coordinator, led the university on this project.

"I know that we wouldn't be able to do this project without someone helping with the nutritional analysis piece," said Megan Woltman, health educator of the Kittitas County Public Health Department.

By Kevin Opasahl
Staff reporter

$50,000 in Technology Grants Available

The CWU Student Technology Committee is now accepting applications for their annual technology grant program, and have allocated $50,000 for grants this year. By RCW, requests can not be funded that are related to a specific academic program, nor can funds be allocated for personal technology needs. Grants will be evaluated and awarded based on several criteria including 1) benefit/impact to the students of CWU, and 2) number of students served.

To apply, simply fill out the application online at http://www.cwu.edu/~techfee/ and submit by 5PM on April 25 or April 21. Funded requests are scheduled to be announced by May 5.

Organizations and departments that serve the students of CWU, and others with innovative technology ideas to serve our students, are encouraged to apply.

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JOSH FRIEDMAN
PITA PIT OWNER

Department. "In talking with [Gee], he thought this was something that the Nutritional Science Club students would be able to help out with. There were enough students that were interested, and so they decided to take that piece on.

All restaurants are required to label their modified entire in the menu and, in addition, provide each table with slips noting their nutritional value. Woltman said that a booklet with more information on nutritional value and health tips would also be provided at each table.

"Even if you're not going to choose to eat one of those healthy meal options, there are things that you can do to eat healthier when you are eating out," Woltman said.

El Caporal Family Mexican Restaurant is located just off University Way. The Rodriguez family has worked hard since its start in 1989 to provide a healthy balance, offering vegetarian, side order and a la carte items to customers.

As part of this project, they agreed to modify their pork salad substituting charred chicken for grilled and fresh salad for regular dressing.

"(The project) has sure opened up our eyes on a lot of the things that we could cut down," said general manager Daisy Rodriguez, public health major.

"It definitely sort of gives us a greater view of all of the time and effort that goes into trying to come up with a healthier menu."

The Pita Pit, which opened in Ellensburg last year, has agreed to modify two of their selections. According to owner Josh Friedman, their chicken breast pita will include more veggies and the Greek pita will include wheat flatbread, spinach, tomatoes, cucumbers and fresh black olives.

He explained why the chain decided to sign onto the program even though they are more conservative than most eateries when it comes to nutrition.

"It was just something ... to tie us into the community," Friedman said.

"They started this program and so we decided that it would be great because we already are drawn to healthy food. We believe healthy food can also taste good, and it is good for you."

The Shape Up organization does not plan to implement the project in other Kittitas County towns, but they would like to try the project elsewhere if it goes well.

Shape Up Kittitas County is located at 507 N. Namur St. in Ellensburg.

Contact the organization by phone at 509-962-7515 or on the Web at www.shapepublic.org for information.
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20% chance of precipitation
Partly cloudy

Saturday:
High: 57°F  Low: 32°F
20% chance of precipitation
Mostly sunny

Sunday:
High: 56°F  Low: 31°F
10% chance of precipitation
Partly cloudy

Correction
An error is printed in last week’s (Feb. 28) issue of The Observer. On page 3, a caption for the “Controversial speakers cross the line” article incorrectly states that the panel discussion “How Illegal Immigration is Ruining America” was put on by the Diversity Education Center. It was, in fact, put on by the Central Washington University College Republicans as part of their Conservative Lecture Series. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience this may have caused.

Animal shelter competes for million dollar remodel
by Sarah Hazel
Staff reporter

Who wants to be a millionaire? The dogs and cats at the Ellensburg Animal Shelter do. Not for fancy new collars or spiffy new toys, but for a makeover of their current home.

Zootoo.com is holding a contest to help support animal shelters around the country. The pet lovers’ Web site will donate $1 million to a deserving shelter. The top 20 shelters are chosen by how many points they can accumulate.

The Ellensburg community can help build up points for their local shelter. People who want to show their support can involve as little or as much as they wish.

"Just for signing up, you get 100 points," Kim Manderson, Ellensburg Animal Shelter volunteer, said. "If you refer a friend and they sign up, you get another 100 points. You can write reviews about pet products, about leashes and toys, all kinds of stuff. You get 20 points for each review."

So far, the Ellensburg Animal Shelter has earned approximately 500,000 points and is in sixth place in the country. Manderson hopes it stays that way, because in order for the shelter to be in the running after March 31, they need to remain in the top 20. There are approximately 1,000 shelters participating in the contest.

Each shelter ranked in the top 20 after March 31 will receive a prize. Experts in the pet industry will visit each of the 20 shelters and determine which one deserves the makeover the most. The second place winner will receive $100,000, and the remaining 18 will receive $5,000.

"The problem is that we are competing against large cities," Manderson said. "Washington, D.C., Houston, Atlanta, all these places, so we're very concerned as the deadline comes close ... that they're going to sort of take over. We're trying to get as many people to sign up as possible."

According to Manderson, signing up to volunteer also racks up 100 points for the shelter. Rebekah Smith, a volunteer for the Ellensburg Animal Shelter, reflects on her experience volunteering.

"I was looking to get involved with something in the community, and I love animals," Smith said. "I didn’t know how I’d feel about going to the shelter. I didn’t know if I’d just feel so sad for the animals or just want to take them all home with me, but I kept the realization that I could help them while they are homeless. I could bring a little bit of joy into their lives."

If the shelter wins the $1 million, the facility will be completely made over. According to Smith, the most important change will be making it larger.

"It's pretty small," Smith said. "Our cat room is teeny tiny; we get three people in there and it's pretty full. Some cats are in the back room with the volunteers. The back yard could probably use some help. I just think it would be a good thing for the animals."

Cindy Carleton, an Ellensburg resident, signed up for the contest. She is a dog owner and feels that the money would help the shelter a great deal.

"I think it's important because it sounds like they need a new facility," Carleton said. "They need a new and better one, and I don't know how long it's been since they had a new one."

For more information on how to sign up, go to www.zootoo.com or contact the Ellensburg Animal Shelter at 509-962-7246.
Students seek makeover for Central’s mascot

by Meggan Eaton
Copy editor

Central’s mascot, Wellington the Wildcat, may be in need of a new look. Students at the recent town hall meeting voiced their opinions of Wellington’s costume. The current Wellington outfit was purchased in 1991 and cost approximately $5,500. Due to the high price tag, updates to the outfit have been made only when necessary, most often to the shoes and helmet.

Pedro Navarrete, ASCWU-BOD vice president for student life and facilities said, “If the funding’s available, go with it.”

Navarrete encourages students to submit design ideas and become involved in the process of possibly creating a new costume that will represent Central pride and spirit.

A funding for a new Wellington outfit would be provided by the University Cohesion and Tradition Restoration Initiative, which is a part of the “Triad Program” involved with the three major Central spirit trademarks: the Victory Bell; the antique fire truck, “The Generator,” and the Wellington mascot.

Opinions fell on both sides of the line at a recent CWU men’s basketball game.

“I think Wellington needs a new outfit that’s more intimidating to our opponents, something that strikes fear in the eyes of our competition,” Kundle Albriton, freshman undeclared, said.

Five-year-old Chloe Amont voiced a different view.

“I like Wellington the way he is,” Amont said. “If he looked different, I wouldn’t recognize him.”

Navarrete said that maintaining Wellington’s current look may keep the university and sports fans familiar with what has been Wellington’s costume for the last five years. The familiarity of Wellington could make him more recognizable when spotted at Central events.

To become involved in a possible revamp of Wellington, contact Pedro Navarrete in the ASCWU-BOD office, located in the Student Union and Recreation Center.

MINUTEMEN: Central students, faculty offended by speaker conduct continued from cover

Junior French major Erika Harder stated her disappointment in the forum, due to polarizing and hostile behavior by people on both sides of the issue.

“I was disappointed by the ‘debate’ because although the event could have brought people of different opinions together to intelligently and coherently discuss their views, both sides represented themselves poorly and probably widened the gap between them,” Harder said.

Some attendees expressed their discomfort at leaving the forum early. Students expressed their support of both sides of the issue.

Suggestions abound about how future events could be more fairly structured.

Ervin framed the issue of how Central defines itself in the wake of the Minutemen in terms of a response, rather than just the Minutemen’s appearance itself. He also commented that the Minutemen used the cover of free speech and patriotism to mask their tactics of fear and intimidation.

“...he declared that the only thing that’s keeping him from beating and shooting undocumented immigrants, is the law.”

DJORIE POPOVIC, PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE DIVERSITY EDUCATION CENTER

“There is one positive outcome of this shameful episode,” Popovic said. “As a university community, we have an opportunity now to analyze and rethink who we really are, what ideas we serve, and what our core values are.”

Trace Bundy

Highly-acclaimed and award-winning acoustic guitarist, Trace Bundy, is performing tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Union and Recreation Center Ballroom.

The concert is free.

For more information, please contact Campus Life at 509-963-2677.

Central PR class hosts benefit for train station

by Holly Henderson
Copy editor

In effort to give back to the community, students from Central’s communication department are holding an auction to raise funds that will assist the restoration of Ellensburg’s Historic Train Depot.

The All Aboard benefit will take place at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, at the Ellensburg Quality Inn. All Aboard will feature live music, a benefit dinner, silent and live auctions, a raffle drawing and a speaker series with the theme of promoting environmental awareness.

All proceeds will go to the Historic Ellensburg Association in order to help fund the nearly $2 million project of rebuilding the depot. Future plans include meeting areas, display areas for artwork and a train service running from Seattle to Ellensburg.

Joe Bach, the director of the Downtown Ellensburg Association, has lent a hand to the efforts of the class.

“I have been out, selling dinner tickets, selling raffle tickets, talking with people and just sending out mass e-mails to groups,” Bach said.

The Central students putting on the benefit are part of the applied public relations class (Communication 470) at Central. Along with the help of Patrick Deffenbaugh, a communication and graphic arts professor, the students have learned how to plan an event and all the work that goes into it.

The benefit, which has been promoted state-wide, has had radio and TV ads, along with articles written in the Ellensburg Daily Record. The Tri-City Herald and the Spokesman Review. The benefit has also been promoted on “Good Morning Northwest,” which is aired on the ABC network in Spokane.

The event staff is anticipating more than 300 people to attend.

“We need as much community activity as possible to help us continue the process.”

SEAN TURPIN,
PROJECT CO-MANAGER

“In the beginning, nobody knew what we were doing,” Turpin said. “We really need to see how much the benefit raises and all the grants we have going into it.”

Bach and the Historic Downtown Ellensburg society have worked since 1997 to gain full control of the station from private owners. With help from the City of Ellensburg, they have written grants to the city in order to gain control.

The city is trying to push the grants along quickly, so that the work can begin as soon as possible,” Bach said.

The process to restore the train station is not a quick one. The architect and contractors chosen for the project will be in charge of making sure the building is earthquake-ready and that all the birds living in the building will need to be cleaned up and sanitized.

The class, however, is just looking to help the train station. They are also giving back to the community department.

“We are hoping to promote the public relations program and show people what we have learned here at Central, while helping the community as well,” Brianna Berg, senior public relations major, said.

The benefit committee is also hoping to raise enough money to supply the communications department with a scholarship. They also hope to leave information and fund-raising for the next communication 470 class. Deffenbaugh hopes that the event will become a annual event.

The train station, which was used as transport from Seattle to Ellensburg, now just stands vacant.

Future plans for a passenger train line from the Washington State Department of Transportation shows the lines running from Seattle to Leavenworth and then down to Ellensburg and continuing east.

The train which was the primary way of travel before Interstate 90 was paved, was able to run over Snoqualmie Pass even when the weather was bad. Freight trains right now travel on the lines when the weather is bad on the pass.

On Sept. 26, 1991, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

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Responses to last Tuesday's immigration debate with吉尔克里斯特 and迈克·卡特勒

Observer Staff, 

作为州立大学共和党的主席，吉尔克里斯特的言论“非法移民是掠夺美国的罪犯”等言论引发了争议，让他陷入麻烦。吉尔克里斯特认为，这些言论是为了唤醒公众的意识，防止非法移民对国家的损害。他拒绝道歉，他认为自己的言论是正当的，是出于对国家的关心。而吉尔克里斯特的言论不仅引发了校内外的批评，还让他陷入了法律的麻烦。吉尔克里斯特的言论不仅触犯了言论自由的底线，也引发了对种族歧视的批评。这是一场关于言论自由和国家利益的争论，引发了广泛的关注和讨论。

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Another one down, one to go

The conclusion of another quarter means a change of editors—and writers—let there be change. The Observer. This week's publication is my final issue as editor-in-chief, and while I'm sad in some senses, more than anything I hand over the reigns with a smile. Perhaps I'm slightly biased, but I feel that we have accomplished a lot as a newspaper staff this quarter. It's a challenge to follow stories such as the unexpected retirement and resignations of administration or credit card scandals—all of which have come up since January. It's not always easy attending classes with, and being graded by, the same people who see your name attached to a news article each week. That is especially true when the topic covered is controversial. Yet, students from The Observer staff have stepped up to the plate. They chose to take this class for one to three credits, despite it being a heavier workload than most 100-plus level courses. Most do it not because they have to, but because they want to.

Our staff faces constant criticism, and thankfully we receive praise on a regular basis as well. Still, we have reporters who return and editors who dedicate a large majority of their life to this newspaper so that you, the readers, can stay informed about this university. Not everyone agrees with everything we write. In fact, some of our own staff members don't always agree with what we print. The reality is that we can't please everyone. No matter the reaction, we continue to produce a paper each week not only for our own benefit as writers, but more so for the readers.

Our staff constantly strives to report on and present what is important, and what is of interest. Last week's immigration debate, for example. What started out as an event—something that is typically "simple" to cover—turned into a huge interest piece due to the controversy that surrounded the speaker and some audience members. This week, we have dedicated a page to various responses the Observer received following the Feb. 26 debate.

The decision wasn't made based on some hidden agenda we have against anyone. Rather, it was obvious that our readers had questions about something, and many wished to be heard. This makes it especially newsworthy in our eyes, and what we try to communicate.

At The Observer we are all students, and we are learning as we go. As such, we accept and appreciate feedback—both positive and negative—from our peers and editors.

I'm not finished with college—not yet. I still have one quarter left, and I plan to stay involved with the newspaper. But the time I've spent so far writing, editing, and designing layout for The Observer, has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. I attribute a lot of that to the readers, and the rest of it to the people who I have had the privilege to work with. I am proud of what we have accomplished so far this year, and while I may be handing this position over to someone else, I am confident that there is still more to come.

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Question: What do you think of Central's alcohol policy?

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The Artist's Eye...

Illustration by Mikaela Sanders
While students are cramming for finals and packing their bags, permanent Ellensburg residents prepare to breathe easy. Between March 14 and March 24, many Central students will clear out of Ellensburg for spring break destinations that range from the exotic to the mundane.

Kyle King, sophomore English major, will be traveling to Palm Springs during his spring break, and although the purpose of his trip will be to visit his grandfather, he admits that there is more than one reason to go.

"There are some perks to it," King said. King elaborated that the warmer climate in Palm Springs was an enticing factor: "Even though it's starting to get sunny here, it'll be warmer there."

While expensive vacations are tempting, many Central students are opting to visit their parents or work during their much-needed break. Kayla Carney, junior education major, will be going home to Port Orchard.

"I don't think a lot of us can afford to do a whole lot, but I think seniors realize that their travel opportunities are almost up," Carney said. "Once you have a career you can't just take two weeks off."

Stephanie Sype, sophomore fashion merchandising and journalism major, will be spending part of her break at her parents' house to save money to study abroad in France. For her, there are advantages to spending the break at home.

"Every time I go home [my parents] give me money and fill up my gas tank," Sype said.

As students prepare to leave Ellensburg, businesses and local residents have mixed reactions. For Tony Contarino, owner of Lilly's Cantina, spring break means a slowdown for his business, as he estimates close to 70 percent of Lilly's revenue comes from college students.

"It will affect our revenue," Contarino said. "We may have to cut back on staffing, but we won't be changing our hours. We might try to put on some special events."
Nicholas, Climb On and Wall Crawlers participant, practices his techniques with three other peers at the Recreation Center climbing wall.

### Children climb to great heights

**by Allie Mathis**  
**Staff reporter**

Central's Recreation Center programs Climb On and Wall Crawlers are giving the children in the Ellensburg community the opportunity to learn climbing techniques every week, in a fun and safe environment.

Climb On and Wall Crawlers are a club and meets every Tuesday in Randall 208, in addition to the Central Recreation Center rock climbing center. Both eight-week courses meet at Central Recreation Center rock climbing walls and cost $75 for members and $95 for non-members.

Each class has three instructors to ensure that each student gets equal attention and help. Instructors also offer encouragement and give certificates of congratulations at the end of each quarter. “These programs are positive because the kids can be around people who like to do the same things as them,” Climb On instructor Denise Soderburg said. “It also challenges them mentally and physically, and gives them a fun type of exercise.”

The instructors of these classes agree that not only is rock climbing a good form of exercise, but it is something these children can enjoy for the rest of their lives. “Rock climbing is a lifelong sport,” said Drew Brian, who works for Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals.

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### New student clubs form on campus

**by Donna Buse**  
**Staff reporter**

At Central there’s more for students to do than just study. There are over 120 recognized clubs on campus. The only requirement to join is to be enrolled in one credit or more at Central Washington University. Right now, freshman criminal justice major Kelly Meyer is in the process of adding one more: an officially recognized belly dance club.

“I wanted to start this club because there isn’t one, and I think a lot of girls would really enjoy it,” Meyer said.

So far, 15 girls have called Meyer about the belly dancing club. Meyer plans to teach the fundamentals of Egyptian-style belly dancing for people of all levels. She has been with Robin’s Egypt, a belly dancing company, for three years now and has been belly dancing for three and a half years.

Belly dance can be traced back over 6,000 years. Historical evidence lists belly dancing as a male activity in ancient times. However, belly dancing is thought to be the origin of belly dancing for females. The hip movements, muscular contractions and spasms show strong connections to a woman’s body during labor and delivery. Belly dancing spread from Mesopotamia to North Africa, Rome, Spain and Italy. Gypsies are thought to be responsible for the spread of belly dancing.

“It teaches you to use muscles you never really use on thought you had.”

Meyer said. One of the challenges Meyer faced in creating a club was finding an advisor. “It takes some time to ask around,” Meyer said.

The Board of Directors officially recognizes clubs on campus. All Meyer needs to do is go to scheduling, pick a time and place for classes and obtain an advisor’s and John Drinkwater’s signatures. Then the Board of Directors can officially recognize the belly dancing club.

Another new club on campus is the Wildcat Truth Forum. It’s a politically oriented group looking to involve people in politics.

Full Frame, a photography club on campus, has been around for a year, but it’s just now getting off the ground. Last year there wasn’t many members,” Sean Smith, Full Frame president, said. “So it was easier to get kids interested in the club in development. We did get to go to the Seattle Art Walk and sponsor a club member to go to a photo conference in Florida.”

Now, Photo Frame has 10 members and meets every Tuesday in Randall 208 at 6 p.m. On March 6 they are planning a trip to Seattle Art Walk to attend several art galleries. “There’s been a lot of interest in signing up for different photography techniques and workshops,” Smith said.

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At the beginning of every year, all clubs on campus have to reapply for recognition. “It’s a way to recheck that there’s at least five students in your club,” Sweeney said. “Turnover is so high because people are graduating.”

But, according to Sweeney, starting a club is a really rewarding experience and good resume builder.

### Other upcoming events

- **6** Wind ensemble concert, 7 p.m. in the Music Building auditorium.
- **7** “Luna Fest,” a film festival for, and about women, 7 p.m. in the SURC Theatre, free.
- **10** First Friday art walk, 5 p.m. in the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery.
- **Jazz night, 7 p.m. in the Music Building auditorium.**
- **8** Guitar ensemble recital, 7 p.m. in the Music Building recital hall.
- **9** Sunday Cinema Series presents “Sling in the Rain,” 7 p.m. in the SURC Theatre, $3.
- **12** Poetry Open Mike Night, 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Allied Arts Center in Yakima.

For more information on Climb On and Wall Crawlers classes, visit the CWU Recreation Center desk or call them at 963-5152.

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Red and white stripes on tall cat-like types

by Chloe' Robbins
Copy Desk Chief

At the bookstore last weekend, for a great writer's birthday, some children played pretend in a Seussical kind of way.

Last Saturday, the Civic Engagement Center (CEC) paired up with the Wildcat Shop to celebrate Dr. Seuss' 104th birthday with crafts, cake and book readings. This is the second year they have joined forces for his birthday.

"We're hoping to make it a tradition and work with the bookstore more," said Michelle Smith, junior elementary and early childhood education double major and employee at the CEC. Smith was a coordinator for "Sled into a Good Book," an event aimed at creating an appreciation of books among children. She said the Dr. Seuss celebration was something of a big finale for that event.

The Cat in the Hat was present, reading and taking pictures with children. The books that were read were "Cat in the Hat," "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish" and "Horton Hears a Who!" During story time, there was silence in the cluster of children. There were certain qualifications to be the Cat.

"There was a sign that said, 'Anyone who's perky needs to be the Cat in the Hat,'" said Sondra Soderberg, sophomore music education and French double major, who played the Cat. Near the end of the celebration, the Cat and children played Simon Says. One of the bookstore employees acted as Simon. Before she began, Soderberg mentioned that she had one concern about the game.

"I don't know how well my hat will hold up," Soderberg said.

Another activity provided by CEC was face painting. Two students contacted the CEC to volunteer and painted cat faces on most of the children there. One volunteer said he was only there for his Health Education 230 class, but the other was in it for more.

"I wanted to play with [the] children," said Lillian Yang, graduate student in the music department. "We are having fun here."

Seuss fashion dominated the event. Student volunteers wore white shirts with ties in Cat in the Hat shapes while helping children craft hats out of paper plates and construction paper.

Reactions among the children were mixed. Vicki Rossi, a community member who saw a flyer at Jenikka's, said her granddaughter seemed to enjoy the event.

"They like books," Rossi said. However, Debbie Allemand, a Central alumna who saw a flyer at the bookstore, said her daughter was frightened by the Cat, but had fun making her own hat.

According to Maria Aragon, senior nutrition major and student assistant for the bookstore, last year's birthday celebration was headed by Lorrie Anderson, the merchandise and operations manager at the Wildcat Shop. Aragon, along with her manager, was responsible for providing a reader, books and refreshments for the event, while the CEC was in charge of volunteers and advertisements. She said the cake has been paid for by the alumni association both years.

Later this month, "Horton Hears a Who!" will be released in theaters, and feature the voices of Jim Carrey and Steve Carell.
Amgela Shelton grew up in a sexually abuse oriented family. She spent her days walking through southern Spain as a shepherd. On a quest to find a treasure he dreamt about, he learns about omens and personal treasures. Santiago travels to Africa where he gets robbed, saves a village and crosses the desert to find a hidden treasure.

Throughout his journeys, Santiago learns valuable life lessons that make "The Alchemist" full of wisdom and a valuable read for anyone looking to better him or herself and accomplish great things.

This book teaches its readers to live in the present but to never forget about their dreams.

Near the beginning of the story when Santiago is meditating on his life as a shepherd, he says life should be taken one day at a time.

"When each day is the same as the next, it's because people fail to recognize the good things that happen in their lives every day that the sun rises," Santiago says.

"The Alchemist" is written in a simple style and is a quick, easy read of fewer than 200 pages. It reminds me of a grown-up version of the fables I heard and read as a kid. Because of that, it's not the kind of book I would usually pick up.

"The Alchemist" opened my eyes to a new world. Having never been to the desert myself, I got to experience a new culture and environment through Santiago's journey to self-actualization.

"It's good to see that women (who have experienced sexual abuse) are fac­ ing their issues, standing out there and moving past it," said Caitlin Califall, sen­ ior elementary education major and raffle prize winner. "I think it is important for us, as a generation, to be aware of what we had and the hard work that tenants.

They have a lot of energy and are very entertaining." The captains of the DanceCats are Samantha Entz and Lapwisya Crutchfield, with Megan Caitlin Wol­ ford and Megan Murray as lieu­ tenant.

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"We were the Universal Dance Association West Coast Champi­ onship champions in our college division receiving first place and a huge trophy that we are going to try and keep on display," said Samantha Entz, one of the captains of the DanceCats.

The Central Washington Dance­Cats competed in California against Cal State Dominguez Hills, South Dakota University and Fullerton Col­ lege. A total of 13 dancers went to Hollywood and 11 of them actually competed in the competition.

"No one can explain the stress that we had and the hard work that we all put in to get there, but when the lights were on and the rush of performing came first place, it was all worth it," Samantha Entz, jun­ior theater education major said.

The team is a sports club, but operates as a team. Auditions are open to all students and no previous experience is required. The Dance­Cats' practices are on Mondays and Wednesdays, with some Friday prac­ tices and are held between 7 to 9 a.m. on the dance studio located on the second floor of the Recreation Center.

The DanceCats perform during the football season, with live music per­formed by the marching band during home games. They also perform dur­ ing the halftime at the basketball games to hip-hop and jazz.
**CWU symphonic orchestra to perform Sunday**

by Brookie Mortensen

The music created from the strum of a string, the beat on a drum and the air blown through a twisted piece of metal has entranced its audiences throughout history as the sounds make their way into the ears of those listening.

Some people are limited to experiencing this music through their sound systems at home; but Central students and Ellensburg residents will get the chance to hear it live at the CWU Symphonic Orchestra Concert.

The Civic Engagement Center has a quarterly event with a different repertoire each quarter, said Lorinda Anderson, director of civic engagement. As the program director for ten years, she has been in the vortex of Ellensburg, making space for residents and community.

"This piece is written after the premiere of "Candide," a broadway show written by Leonard Bernstein, in 1956, based off Voltaire's novel by the same name. "Candide had a beautiful wife and horrible things begin to happen to him," Roy said. "He keeps trying to find reasons for the things that happen, but can't."

The second piece, "Concerto for Cello and Orchestra," will feature John Michel, professor of cello.

"John is doing a great job with the piece and is one of the greatest cellists in the region, and he is on faculty at our school," Caoile said.

"I am stuck in the vortex of Ellensburg," Anderson said. "I feel I can strengthen my values and grow as an individual in this environment."
Wildcat bats come alive

by Ryan Larsen
Staff reporter

Going into last weekend's six-game series in three days, Central hoped to extend their three-game winning streak. To begin the weekend last Friday, the Wildcats went on the road to face Saint Martin's University. The Wildcats were scheduled to play two games but weather limited play to one.

In the first game against the Saints, senior pitcher Tyler Levin got the go ahead to start. Central looked strong in the opener, scoring four runs in the first four innings. But in the fifth, the Wildcat defense's luck ran out as they gave up four runs, starting an error by Levin that opened the scoring fest.

After two scoreless innings, time was running out for the Wildcats as they had two outs with the bases empty. Sophomore outfielder Jordan Rylaarsdam came up to bat and hit a single that sparked a two-hit one-run inning to take the lead. After the hit, senior infielder Dane Fifer drew a walk and senior shortstop Jamie Nelson singled, scoring Rylaarsdam on a throwing error.

Going into the eighth, freshman Jake Millbauer took the hill in place of Levin after a disappointing loss to SMU. After giving up a hit and walking a batter, Millbauer loaded the bases with no outs. He forced a double play, scoring one, and got out of the inning sending two to short.

With the game tied once again, Central had to dig deep to regain the lead. The Wildcats had an opportunity to take the lead with sophomore second baseman Nilsen bringing them both home on a double. In the opener, Nilsen hit his second home run of the season.

Going into the top of the ninth, the Saints led 10-8. Junior pitcher Derek Shoemaker got the win for the Wildcats with three in the fifth to take the lead, 4-3. Trailing by one, the Wildcats turned up the offense and scored two runs on two sacrifice flies by junior outfielder Al Goreney and senior infielder Dean Tomlinson. The Saints, who weren't about to give up, scored three more in the next inning.

With Central trailing by two in the sixth, Rylaarsdam hit his second home run of the game to get within one. "They were throwing the pitches where I liked them and the wind was blowing, which helped carry them out," Rylaarsdam said.

Going into the top of the ninth, the Saints led 10-8. Junior pitcher Derek Shoemaker needed to close the door on the Saints to give the offense a fighting chance to stage a comeback.

After back-to-back singles by junior catcher Andrew Snowdon and Riner, Nelson brought them both home on a double to tie the game. In the game's last at-bat, Goreney doubled to right to score Nelson and win the game.

Shoemaker got the win for the Wildcats in relief for his second win of the year. With the win over SMU, the Wildcats improved to 4-8 for the season and 1-1 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) play.

With the dramatic win in game one, Central geared up for one more to cap off the day. Sophomore Michael McCanna got the nod to start game two. The Saints kept putting on the pressure against Wildcat pitching as they scored three to open the game.

Above: Senior first baseman Nate Rylaarsdam looks to connect on a pitch during a game against Corban College last Saturday. Below: Senior right-hander Tyler Levin follows through with a pitch as part of a nine strikeout performance against the Warriors.

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Playoff hopes chilled in Alaska

5-12 conference record dooms women's chances

by Brittna Freeman
Staff reporter

After a 9-0 start, the Central Washington Wildcats had big dreams for the upcoming season. Unfortunately, the dreams soon turned into nightmares as soon as Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) play began. The team has only won four games in conference action and it quickly losing ground in the playoff hunt that seemed a sure thing at the start of the season.

The Wildcats began their two-game tour of Alaska against the Division II West- ern Region number four, Alaska- Anchorage, where the team desperately needed a win to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Anchorage took control early and dominated from start to finish. The Wildcats' only lead of the game came three minutes into the half when they went up 4-2. The Seawolves then went on a 25-3 scoring run, bringing the score to 33-12 with 4:27 to play. The half ended with a 17-point Central deficit and a score of 37-20.

Anchorage was able to make it to the free throw line at all during the half while Anchorage went 11-for-14 from the line with center Rebecca Klapovich adding 6-for-8 for the Seawolves.

Anchorage came out of the locker room and maintained the control they had in the first half. Central was never able to come within more than 19-points for the remainder of the half. The Seawolves' largest lead of the half came with just over three minutes to play when the deficit reached 38 and a score of 81-43. The Wildcats were only able to close the gap to 32 before time ran out with a score of 85-53.

Senior forward Kristina Klapperich was the only Wildcat to score in double-digits, bringing in 11.

The Seawolves had four players scoring in double-digits. Guard Kalena Quinones led Anchorage with 15, forward Ruby Williams and guard Elisha Harris added 12. Klapovich closed out the group scoring 10, all of those points coming from the free throw line.

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The Sports Guy's Big Mouth:

ESPN.com columnist helps aid effort to save Sonics

It seemed as though for one weekend, the entire nation — if not the majority of the globe — became a Seattle SuperSonics fan. I'm sure that by this point everyone has heard the story: Sonics owner Clay Bennett bought the team from a disgruntled Howard Schultz after the team wasn't really seeing success, and now Bennett is in the efforts to move the team to Oklahoma City if, and only if, Seattle taxpayers aren't willing to shell out $500 million for a new NBA arena.

The only thing keeping the team from packing the facilities up right now is the current team's lease to keep them here until 2010. Regardless, the NBA Commissioner David Stern has done everything he can to shove Seattle out the door, saying if basketball leaves our city, it won't return. It also turns out Bennett is in the efforts to move the team to Oklahoma City if, and only if, Seattle taxpayers aren't willing to shell out $500 million for a new NBA arena.

Now that you've read the setup to this point, you can pretty much guess how I feel on the whole situation. This isn't a matter of the team, basketball or even terrible owners. This is about tradition. Forty-one years, a national title, the only thing keeping the team from the front of the crowd to block the moving trucks on that very day they try to leave.

Some posted their fondest memories. Most, however, could do nothing more than vent their anger. Though I was only 11 years old, I learned all of my knowledge on basketball from watching the 1979 season when the Sonics defeated the Washington Bullets to win the NBA title. But honestly, the biggest reason I loved watching Sonics games was the downtown amazing voice of the team, Kevin Calabro.

As Simmons simply put it, "There is only one side. An NBA team is getting hijacked and there's no way of sugarcoating it, defending it or justifying it."

Before I continue, there's a few things about the situation that everyone should know: first, Seattle, the 14th largest market in the NBA, would lose a team to Oklahoma City, the 45th largest market.

Second, the $500 million demand on a new Seattle facility would be more than the cost of Safeco Field and Qwest Field combined, while Oklahoma City's Ford Center would only require a $210 million makeover.

Finally, let's take a look at the whole finance "scandal" that not only threatens the Sonics, but the whole of the NBA: a team owner threatens to move the team if the local taxpayers refuse to provide funds to renovate or rebuild an arena or stadium. Pardon me, but isn't that extortion? If this happened to the Sonics, what is to say this won't happen to smaller markets?

Though I was only 11 years old, I learned all of my knowledge on basketball from watching the 1979 season when the Sonics defeated the Washington Bullets to win the NBA title.

To this day, it's still the only major championship won by a Seattle franchise (apologies to the 2004 Seattle Storm and the 1919 Seattle Metropolitans, but you don't count).

Frank Stanley

Sports Guy

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Baseball: Wildcats host Western Oregon in four game homestand beginning on Saturday.

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The Wildcats fired right back with three of their own, two from Rylaarsdam's third home run of the day. After giving up one more in the second, McCanna dug deep and finished off strong for the rest of the night, giving up three hits and two runs in 6.2 innings. The same couldn't be said for the Saints, who gave up 12 runs to the Wildcats.

After three games against Saint Martin's, Central was set to play two more against Whitman College. Game one of the doubleheader found the Wildcats in store for another tough outing that would test Millbauer and the rest of the pitching staff once more. Central's bats wouldn't be kept silent as they matched every hit against them. The game came down to the ninth once more as senior Zach Habben came into relief with a two-run lead, 8-6, to close out Whitman. But Whitman's bats came back, scoring three off of Habben to take the lead 8-9.

In the bottom of the ninth, with runners in scoring position and one out, senior third baseman John Lobbestael continued the string of comebacks with a single to tie the game. "The energy of the dugout was amazing; everyone was fighting for each other, making sure the guy on deck gets a push for the next guy," senior outfielder Tyler Scoggin said.

After Murillo flew out to short and Riner walked with Snowdon on third, Scoggin slapped the game-winning single to right. "I made sure when it was my turn to do something I actually came out and did it" Scoggin said.

In the final game of the weekend, the Wildcats demolished Whitman College, 12-1, led by a seven-hit, nine-run-four. Walkenhauer went five innings and gave up four hits, one run and one walk in his first win of the season.

"I threw a lot of fastballs and went right after them," Walkenhauer said. "With the big lead I wasn't afraid of a few hits here and there."

With the wins over Whitman, Central improved to 7-8 and 2-1 in the GNAC. The Wildcats are a perfect 6-0 at home and hosts Western Oregon at Tomlinson Field this weekend.
Softball picks up first win of season

by Dusty Kindt
Staff reporter

The Central Washington softball team started their turnaround to success, winning three of their six games at the Clarion Hotel/Central Washington University Invitational in Richland, Wash., last weekend.

The Wildcats lost their first game, 2-1, to tournament champs Western Oregon, who closed out the Invitational 5-1. Central was held to only three hits, the only score coming from a solo shot by junior catcher Holly Rossman. Junior outfielder Tarn Potter had a great tournament where she went 3-for-3 and helped earn Central an 8-7 win against Northwest Nazarene, helping them to 8-0.

In all, The Wildcats outscored their opponents 17-2 in the first three games.

“As a whole, I thought we played really well defensively and offensively,” Potter said. Their next game was a loss to rival Western Washington, an 1-0 shutout in eight innings. The consistency was continued as Central was limited to only four hits.

“We need to find a way to get over the hump,” head coach Gary Fredericks said. “We just needed to get our bats going earlier in the game.”

Senior first baseman Malory Holtman also went a perfect 3-for-3, including a two-run home run in the third inning. She also went 3-for-3 in the seventh inning.

The next game they played was against Simona State. Potter hit two home runs, including a go-ahead two-run shot that put the Wildcats to the top of the seventh giving the Wildcats the victory 4-2.

“Our basically won us the game,” Fredericks said. The next game they played was against Seattle, where they lost 4-3 due to a failed bunt opportunity in the last inning of a game.

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Anchorage scored 30 points in the paint compared to only six for the Wildcats. The Seawolves also had 14 points off of 11 CWU turnovers.

The win punches Anchorage’s ticket to the playoffs with a record of 24-3 overall and 13-2 in GNAC play.

With their playoff dreams slipping away, the Wildcats traveled to Fairbanks in a must-win situation.

Slow scoring was the key of the game as the frame was set right out of the gate with neither team putting any points on the board for the first three minutes.

The stall was broken by a layup from forward Christina Bruketta to put the Nanooks on the board.

The lead did not last long with the teams trading the lead back and forth for the next seven minutes before a 1-0 run put the Wildcats up by nine with four minutes to play in the half.

Central was able to maintain a small lead for the rest of the half and headed to the locker room with a six-point lead and a score of 23-17.

The second half continued much like the first with the teams tying the score five times before the Nanooks were able to take the lead for good with just over seven minutes to play and a score of 34-24.

Central was able to keep it close and even came within one point but they were never able to regain the lead and the game ended with a three-point deficit and a score of 47-44.

Close losses have been a thorn in the paw of the Wildcats all season-long with the team losing by fewer than 10 points in seven of their 12 losses.

Senior forward Hanna Hull was the only Wildcat able to score in double figures, bringing in 13 points. Sophomore center Shaina Afoa brought in 11 rebounds, 10 being on the defensive end.

Three Nanooks were able to bring in double figures accounting for 14 of the 24 total points. Forward Christina Bruketta scored 14, guard Sheena Brown brought in 11 and forward Kari Reisheld had 10.

With their record to 13-12 overall and 4-12 in GNAC action.

With this loss, the Wildcats most likely fall out of playoff contention and brought their record to 11-13 overall and 5-12 in GNAC play.

The Nanooks raised their record to 11-13 overall and 4-12 in GNAC action.

In order even to be eligible for the playoffs, a team must have a record of better than .500. If the Wildcats lose Saturday they will fall to .500 and will become ineligible for post-season play.

If Central is able to win against Western, the likelihood of them going to the playoffs is still very slim. The combination of losses that needs to occur for the Wildcats to make the playoffs is highly unlikely to happen.

The Wildcats return home for the final game of the season and a must-win if the Wildcats want even the slightest chance of reaching the playoffs. They face archrival Western Washington University at Nicholson Pavilion Saturday at 7 p.m.

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Central Intramural Sports is already in full swing, preparing for spring quarter events. All students are encouraged to get teams ready and get registered early for all spring leagues, as this quarter’s events fill up quicker than before, especially events such as flag football and softball.

Registration begins March 28, three days after classes begin, and continue through April 10. All leagues begin between April 14 and April 18, with this year’s events including softball, soccer, flag football, basketball, volleyball, dodgeball, tennis and badminton.

This spring also marks the return of the ultimate Frisbee league and the inclusion of a whole new league with bocce ball.

“We have a bocce ball set in Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals being checked out all of the time, so I thought we should try out a league,” Intramural Sports and Special Events coordinator Eric Scott said.

Special events for the quarter include preseason kickoff tournaments for tennis, beginning on Tuesday, March 28, and soccer, starting on Saturday, April 12.

Softball and flag football are also scheduled, though times are still to be determined.

Included with this year’s Family Weekend, held on May 11th, is a golf tournament to be held at the Ellensburg Country Club from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Also, Intramurals is hosting several events for this year’s Student Appreciation Day, held Thursday, May 22. Events so far include additional intramural soccer and softball games, an outdoor volleyball tournament, horseshoe and bocce ball games and, for the first time, a CWU Celebrity Softball Game, held in the evening.

For more information, check out the Intramural Sports line at www.cwu.edu/rec/innmaralSports.

NCAA Division II
West Regional Poll

1. Alaska-Anchorage 23-5
2. Cal State-San Bernardino 22-6
3. Seattle Pacific 20-8
4. BYU-Hawaii 18-7
5. CENTRAL WASHINGTON 19-6
6. Seattle 17-9
7. Cal State-Los Angeles 17-11
8. Cal State-Dominguez Hills 17-10

*GNAC teams in bold
*Top 8 teams advance to NCAA tournament

National Association of Basketball Coaches Poll

1. Bentley 27-0
2. Grand Valley State 31-0
3. Winona State 30-1
4. Northern State 26-2
5. South Carolina Aiken 25-3
6. Findlay 25-3
7. Dordt 25-3
9. Minnesota State 22-5
10. Augusta State 22-5
12. Benedict 23-4
13. Edinboro 22-5
14. Cal State-San Bernardino 22-6
15. Southwest Baptist 21-6
16. Fort Lewis 22-5
17. California 22-5
18. Drury 22-5
19. West Texas A&M 21-6
20. Anderson-Beauly 25-6
21. Tarleton State 22-5
22. Lehman 21-5
23. Saint Rose 21-4
24. LEC-West Post 21-4
25. South Dakota 22-5

*GNAC teams in bold
*West region teams in Italics

Other Receiving Votes: Nebraska Otisco 18, Florida Southern 17, Central Washington 11, Northwest Missouri State 11, Tampa 10, Augustana 9, Humboldt State 9, Mount Olive 8, Wingate 6, Central Oklahoma 5, Seattle Pacific 5, Southeastern Oklahoma State 1

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We got on them for offensive rebounds in the first half. We only had one at halftime,” Sparling said.

The second half started off right for Central as Beitinger shot a jumper on the team’s first possession. Beitinger tried to set the tempo for the team with the shot, but SU would not go away that easily.

With 17:45 left in the game, SU started a 12-5 run to take their largest lead of the half, 50-42 with 12:47 left.

“Everyone on the team can score, it’s just a matter of who’s hot on that night,” Bryce Daub, Senior Forward

At times it was downright ugly,” Beitinger said. “We didn’t play that great, but then other times it was exciting to watch. We were swapping baskets. It’s one of those games that was a rollercoaster up and down and back and forth. It was just a heavyweight slugging match.”

Back-to-back three-pointers from junior forward Brandon Foote and Woods started the Wildcats’ comeback. During Central’s run, Beitinger made a three-pointer to bring the deficit to one and then they were able to take the lead by one after a Daub lay-up with 2:33 left to play.

Coldren tried to get the lead back for the Redhawks with free throws and a three-pointer, but the Wildcats were too strong.

“Hopefully we can get the fans out here for the two home games,” Penoncello said. “If we play the way we’ve been playing, there is no doubt we’re going to end the regular season the way we want to.”

The ITS and Facility Management Departments want everyone to know that the entire Central Computer Facility will be “offline” for maintenance for approximately 4 to 6 hours on April 5 and again on April 12. These outages are necessary to complete electrical work to increase the available power for additional equipment.

Check the Intranet for details and exact times of the outages!!

What will NOT be available:
- Safari, PeopleSoft, Blackboard, File Server access, CWU Websites, etc.
- Local Area Network access
- Internet access (administrative network and ResNet)
- Network printing services
- Email, Web access
- 4-digit dialing to/from University Centers, ITV
- ALSO off campus access to these services

What WILL be available:
- Telephone Service
- Your personal computers (PC and Mac)
- Local printing - direct connect

If in doubt, it’s probably out!!

* The April 12th outage will be scheduled so as not to conflict with the Spring Open House for Accepted Students scheduled for that day. Contact the ITS Help Desk at helpdesk@cwu.edu if you have questions/concerns regarding these outages.