Education department denied appeal

Central's teacher preparation program's appeal was recently denied. The appeal was made to the Professional Educator Standards Board's (PESB) spring 2007 decision.

"It doesn't mean that we lost an accreditation, it means, in essence, we're on probation," said Becky Watson, Central's director of public relations and marketing.

The PESB accredits college programs at the state level. Their initial decision was based on the way Central kept data, regarding students and the student programs to obtain full state approval.

"We were disappointed in the ruling because we feel that we prepared a very strong case," said Connie Lambert, interim dean for the College of Education and Professional Studies.

According to Watson, the PESB said the teacher preparation program needed to provide more information about how Central evaluated student programs to obtain full state approval.

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Watson said students could still be admitted to the program during the probationary period.

The teacher preparation program is being re-evaluated by the PESB this month and will make their final decision in May. The decision will be based off the report compiled during the PESB's three-day visit to campus.

Wildcat offense comes alive

Central holds GNAC lead

by Casey Donovan

In a numbers game, the Central Washington baseball team showed their offensive diversity in a three-run final inning win over Northwest Nazarene, taking three of four games in the series.

"Right now we needed something to spark us up," senior outfielder A.J. Cosney said. "A win like this is real good for us."

In game four, senior left-hander Jordan Moore went six solid innings, giving up three runs off of six hits. Nazarene's Jimmy VanBrekel smashed a shot off Moore in the second inning to take the early, 1-0 advantage.

Moore settled down after that, but pitched his way into trouble in the sixth inning. He walked the leadoff man, something he did in two previous innings.

Nazarene tacked on two more runs, putting hits together to take a 3-1 lead into the seventh. Head Coach Desi Storey said the later Moore got into the game, the more he was pressing to get guys out.

Storey was pleased with Moore's overall performance and the way he battled out of some tighter situations.
Visual Stimulation

"Just as treasures are uncovered from the earth, so virtue appears from good deeds, and wisdom appears from a pure and peaceful mind. To walk safely through the maze of human life, one needs the light of wisdom and the guidance of virtue."

-Buddha

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CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Your future is Central.
New food options available at Central Marketplace

by Allie Mathis
Staff reporter

Starting this quarter, the Central Marketplace has two new food options: Thai Now and Grinders. There are also new options added to North Village Café, including calzones and an “All You Can Eat” option on specified days each week.

Thai Now, which is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, has changing menu options that allow students to experience a variety of Thai food. Some of these include red curry and many other Thai-related dishes.

Grinders, a past student favorite not offered for almost three years, is returning. It offers new daily special to students every three weeks. New foods include croissant sandwiches, pan-cakes, waffles and Philly pizzas.

“It was time for a change, and time to add new food options,” Executive Chef K.C. Camarillo said. “There were a lot of surveys from students asking for something new and fresh.”

There are many things that are important when deciding what changes should be made to student food options. The dining staff believes it is key not only for the food to appeal to students, but that it has nutritional value as well.

The option change is a hit among students who are excited to see new foods among the older choices they are used to. The new options appeal to those who are health conscious. Adding to the selection of healthier foods on both Main Campus and North Campus has made it easier for some to sustain more nutritional eating habits without feeling deprived.

“Having healthier options just makes it easier,” said Natalie West, junior communication major who works in North Café. “I don’t feel like I’m eating fast food.”

According to the dining staff, as the year progresses, there will continue to be changes made to the food choices. The staff tries to change items they believe have been offered too long, and will often make special foods according to season.

“We try to make adjustments quarterly,” Dan Layman, director of Dining Services, said. “We will switch sauces, or pasta, to keep things changing. As the students request things, we expand our menus and see what we can do with them.”

For a list of food options offered by Dining Services, visit their website at www.cwu.edu/dining or try the new options in the Main Campus SURC or North Village Café.
Natural science seminar begins

The Natural Science Seminar Spring Series will begin with Priya Shahani, a natural area ecologist for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. Her speech is called Pollinators in a Patchy Landscape: Forest Management, Native Bees and a Serpentine Specialist Plant.

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Students across campus

The College of Arts and Humanities research associate Ronald Boline Mendes will be giving his speech “Sounds Gay to Me: Language Use and the Perception of Gayness.” Mendes will discuss language use, perception and personal identities. Mendes will focus on gay male speakers and the speech forms used in communities to express sexual identity.

Career Quest’ comes to Central campus April 17

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The additional informational event is being held on April 16 by Boeing.
Springtime blooms with student-owned business

by Kevin Opsahl
Staff reporter

There is a touch of spring in Ellensburg, despite how the weather has held up this quarter. That touch would be Boutique Corral, a flower and gift shop located off University Way and operated by Central Washington University student Abby Reynolds, sophomore undeclared. The store officially opened on April 1 and will hold its grand opening on April 18 and 19.

The store specializes in floral arrangements for special occasions, as well as sales of flower pots, bouquets, spa body supplies and home décor. The floral design is done by Reynolds herself. Reynolds remembers clearly when she developed a strong interest for the floral business.

From there, Reynolds moved up into an internship at a grocery store floral department owned by one of her instructors. Once her instructor left, she took the managing position. While Reynolds was still in high school, she began student assistant teaching in one of her FFA classes. Reynolds became the general manager of the Moses Lake Food Pavilion floral department when she was 18. She continued to work there until last June. According to Reynolds, "I love the designing, creative end of it."

ABBY REYNOLDS, SOPHOMORE UNDECLARED

She also worked at a number of other floral shops in the Moses Lake area, as well as sales of flower pots, bouquets, spa body supplies and home décor. The floral design is done by Reynolds herself. Reynolds remembers clearly when she developed a strong interest for the floral business.

Reynolds attended Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake before coming to Central, and then transferred in 2007 after one year. The Canyon River Bakers (now located on E. 18th Ave.) used to occupy the space that is Bouquet Corral's current location at The Plaza at 706 E. University Way. Reynolds found the space was for lease in the local paper.

After she made a deal with the original owners, she went down to Ellensburg City Hall to obtain a business license. Once she was given her Unified Business Identifier (UBI) number, she was allowed to set up shop. She credits her parents for their moral support during the transitional phase.

Reynolds warns Central students who share her same goal not to get ahead of themselves. "You have to have the energy for a business because it's a lot of work and you need to know what you want to do and keep your mind open to other things," Reynolds said. "It takes a lot of your time, and so if you want to start your own business, make sure you're well organized, and you're able to balance school and extra curricular activities."

This is not just rhetoric for the small-town shop owner. Between attending CWU and helping customers at an average of 42 hours a week, she is also a member of the Rodeo Club, which meets three times a week. To meet her academic demands, Reynolds often does her homework while she is in the shop. Recently, Reynolds helped a couple with flower arrangements for an upcoming wedding. She also donated an arrangement for a silent auction as part of the 2008 Lincoln Day dinner event at Central, hosted by the Kittitas County Republicans.

"So far, I like meeting all the different people that come in and I love the designing, creative end of it and that's why I started in it, because I've always been sort of creative," Reynolds said. "This is where I found my niche."

The shop is not hiring at this time, but Reynolds hopes that by next spring she will be able to take on employees. The boutique serves Ellensburg, Kittitas and Cle Elum.

To contact Boutique Corral call 509-925-2660 or toll free at 1-866-438-7146. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals (OPR) will be hosting a float trip at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 18, down Yakima River but recent weather conditions could postpone or even cancel the event.

University Recreation Coordinator Ryan Hopkins said that it will be "hit-or-miss" when it comes to weather conditions.

"We do it early in the season at half-price just so people who have never been on a river can get acquainted," Hopkins said.

Jonathan Spiry, junior mechanical engineering technologies major, shares concern for the unusual weather this season.

"Weather permitting, I would be interested in joining a group of students and enjoy spending some time on the water," Spiry said.

The float trip is part of the organization's annual Spring Outdoor Symposium that includes an outdoor film festival and an intercollegiate bouldering competition.

Vendors will open booths from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, on the east patio of the Student Union Recreation Center (SURC) to promote the events and hold giveaways.

In the evening there will be an informative film shown involving biodiesel and kayaking.

Central faculty member to be honored this Saturday

This year's Bridge Builder Award, an annual award through the CWU Foundation, will be given to Dr. James Pappas, professor of education.

Pappas has served as administrator, dean of academic services, dean of admissions and records, faculty member and interim university president in his span of 28 years at Central. Pappas has also given back to the Central community in more ways.

He was honored for his service in

For more information regarding the reception, please contact Kim Thomas at 509-963-1416.

2003, when he was given the CWU Distinguished Professor Award for Public Service.

He has also created his own scholarship for those hoping to study abroad, called the Jim and Denise Pappas Study Abroad Endowment.

His late wife, Denise, was the inspiration for the scholarship after she died in May 2006.

The Bridge Builder Award will be given at the tenth annual Building Bridges Scholarship reception at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, in the Student Union Ballroom.

During this time, scholarship recipients will also be recognized and they will be able to meet the scholarship donors.

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20% chance of precipitation
Partly cloudy

Monday:
High: 56°F Low: 57°F
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Mostly cloudy

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Ellensburg is now a Cascade Agency City member, which seeks to preserve land through careful city planning.

Jani Niner, a city council member, said, "The first event in April to celebrate Ellensburg's blue skies is National Public Health Week, which began on April 7 and will last through Sunday.

The theme is "Climate Change: Our Health in the Balance." The week was proclaimed in Washington by Governor Christine Gregoire and the American Public Health Association. A couple of weeks later, on April 25, Arbor Day will mark Ellensburg's 25th year as a Tree City.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation's Web site, the Tree City USA program helps with cities' community forestry programs and calls national attention to these cities. Miller remarked on how appropriate it was that Washington's first Tree City should be eastern Washington's first Cascade Agency Member City.

The city council also made decisions on the following:

- Robyn Hull was added to the Arts Commission.
- The Ellensburg Police Department will trade all firearms that are over five years old to properly licensed federal firearms dealers for newer weapons.
- The Downtown Task Force will consider creating a process for event parking.

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More area through smart planning

by Chloe' Robbins
Asst. News editor

Reflecting the feeling of spring in the air, Ellensburg is starting to show its greener side. Along with celebrating 23 years as a Tree City, Ellensburg will recognize Public Health Week and Arbor Day this month. Also this week, Ellensburg became a member in the Cascade Agenda.

"I think it's been a very good night," Council Member George Bottcher said about the eco-conscious leanings of this week's city council meeting.

The Cascade Agenda, created last summer through the Cascade Land Conservancy, seeks to preserve land through creating well-planned communities.

Jeff Aken, the project manager for the Cascade Agenda, said the way to improve the community was to accommodate new residents, create a strong economy and preserve rural lands.

The goal area for the group is 1.3 million acres conserved altogether within King, Kittitas, Pierce and Snohomish counties.

The time frame for completion is within 100 years. The city council's resolution says that lower Kittitas county will likely double within that time and cites this as more reason to conserve that amount of land.

"This is all sort of in line with what the city wants to do," Fennelle Miller, a city council member, said.

Because of its consistency with the 10-year Comprehensive Plan, the city council unanimously voted to become a Cascade Agency Member City shortly after Aken made a short presentation.

The council members even had a short discussion about becoming a leadership city, which would have come with a $5,000 annual membership fee. However, the council decided to ease into the process.

The city will need to hire a new staff member to act as a liaison between the city and the conservancy group. This person will relay news and attend informational meetings based on individual area data. The individual recommendations are created from research by scientists.

Much of the pushing for this membership was done by Jill Arango, the local representative for the group. She has also been an active member of the Ellensburg community for approximately two years.

"I just want to thank Jill for her efforts—in the county and in the city."

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Craiglist.com: some crazy adventures for everyone!

Most people never get a chance to stand on top of a mountain and proclaim their love for some something. Well this is my story, and I want to proclaim that I love Craigslist.

It isn't very often that you come across something totally revolutionary when it comes to saving money. Over the years, however, I have found that looking back I probably wouldn't be able to survive without Craigslist.

Not only has it lead me to some great deals on things I want, but it has also introduced me to some very interesting people along the way.

My friend and I bought a totaled car from a family who were so friendly they managed to convince both of us to buy it. They told us their black out help us get the broken vehicle onto a trailer.

Afterward, the mother invited my friend and I to her son's upcoming wedding. Lamenting to us say yes, it was probably one of the most awkward situations I have ever been in. It only got weirder when the father tried to teach me binary and tried to persuade my friend and I to go to the bachelor party. Weird.

On a whim, I bought a motorcycle from a 6-foot tall Vietnamese man, to this day I am absolutely positive he was a former kickboxer. In all honesty, I didn't even want the bike, but he was such a bad-ass I ended up taking it home.

Later I realized that this bike was in such disrepair it was beyond ridiculous on the danger scale. Yet the Vietnamese friend who driven it daily.

I don't even feel bad he totally ripped me off.

While selling the bike a few months later I received a very interested call from a man with an English accent.

Only later would I learn that not only was this particular style of bike highly sought after by enthusiasts, but also this specific buyer was a former Porsche Supercup race car driver.

Meeting him was probably the best thing that came out of buying this motorcycle, aside from not being murdered by an angry Vietnamese kick-boxer.

We're in agreement hands down my favorite purchase ever. I took it off of the hands of a student at the University of Washington. He was persuasion that the engine was failing and I scored it for under a grand.

I installed a new clutch and it has run perfect for over a year and a half since. Normally I would feel bad for the guy, but I figured to hell with it, I really wanted that car.

After blowing up a motor in a truck that wasn't even worth repairing.

I ended up selling it to a Hungarian father-and-son tow truck driving duo.

I specifically stated in my listing I wanted a case of beer on top of the asking price. He was not only happy to oblige with money and beer, but we ended up talking for several hours about growing up in Sweden.

That was probably the only time I have sold a vehicle and felt lucky.

The beauty of these kinds of Craigslist goes beyond just buying items though. My former roommate and now my current roommate found the room for rent in my house through Craigslist.

Judging by the fact that none of my stuff has been stolen and I haven't been molested or murdered in my sleep I would say they are pretty good people.

In a world where people are afraid of their neighbors, it is nice to know that there still are decent people out there, even if they are on Craigslist.

There aren't many things in life that lead you to meeting interesting people, so take that opportunity to buy something and want a deal, consider Craigslist.

Not only will you be able to get what you want for cheap, but you will probably come out of it with an interesting story to tell.

If you have a Craigslist story to share, please e-mail me at fisherd at cwu.edu.

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Dan Fisher
Asst Scene editor

I'm not starting over great!

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China for their violations of human rights in Tibet and their support of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir's heading of the militia in the Darfur region. The demonstrations have so far stretched across the globe: Paris, London, Rome, Tokyo, Sydney, Toronto and most recently San Francisco.

So, where does the athlete fit into this equation? They don’t, but unfortunately, someone will find a way to squeeze them in.

It’s a shame that the Olympics have garnered so many political implications, stretching as far back to Munich in 1972, or more recognized in Moscow and Los Angeles in the early 1980s.

What confounds me more is that with those issues, whatever they may be, we don’t turn to the advocates voicing their concerns; we don’t go to our political leaders that speak out.

Instead, we go to the athletes.

Frank Stanley
Editor-in-Chief

An emerging pawn in the struggle for Tibet

Letters to the Editor

Dear Observer,

As a student aspiring to be a Communication major, I read the Observer weekly. Since I have been a student here at Central Washington University, I have picked up a copy of the Observer every week. I have followed the paper through various news stories and editorials, typically enjoying the writing presented by the students.

In the most recent issue of the Observer, Editor-in-Chief Frank Stanley discussed a very important issue here on campus, student apathy. I agree that students seem to have lost passion for the university community beyond personal issues; twice, I have been quoted in the newspaper, mentioning student apathy as an issue.

While I commend Stanley for bringing an important issue to the attention of the students, I am extremely disappointed in his research, wording and credibility of the article as a whole.

The piece begins well, describing how students are currently involved on campus. However, the article turns grim at the end of the first column.

A sudden change leads to the main idea of the piece, universal apathy. While many students indeed seem not to care, many in fact do. Stating that all incoming students do not care about the campus and community is untrue.

As a passionate student, I became involved on campus soon after I moved into my residence hall. I now volunteer regularly at the Don and Verna Duncan Civic Engagement Center and am involved in various clubs and committees. Although I am only one student among thousands, I do care and I am doing my best to share my passion with others.

To answer several of the questions posed in the article, yes, I am aware of the state of Central outside of what I read in the Observer. Yes, I do care about what the Services and Activities Committee is allocating funding for; yes, I even know what the S&A committee is.

I cannot answer the third question because it is blatantly wrong. The Associated Students of CWU Board of Directors is not ineffective; students who take just a few minutes to visit the busy office know this.

They are working very hard to support thousands of students' needs and concerns. Because nearly every dedicated officer works more than their allocated hours per week, and are not paid overtime, they deserve far more than the small stipend they receive for serving the student community.

I am currently running for Vice President of Equity and Community Service, and hope that I get the opportunity to further spread my passion for education and the community to my peers.

I am disappointed in the entire piece. Stanley wrote, although his was an opinion piece, the incorrect information and disrespect for dedicated students is upsetting.

Kiley Baker
FRESHMAN, UNDERGRADUATE

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Grammy award-winning a cappella group takes center stage tonight at Central's Concert Hall

by Kayla Schroader
Staff reporter

Sweet Honey in the Rock developed its name with Psalms 81:16 in mind. The biblical reference of being fed honey from outside the rock suggests the sweet strength of the 35-year-old female group. This a cappella sextet encompasses a mix of gospel, blues and jazz music, frequently inspired by the group's African American heritage. The five-piece harmonies are often created by the group itself.

"Sweet Honey is the musical embodiment of the spirit of freedom," Marian Lien, Interim Director, said. "... Whose roots go back to Africa, were nurtured by the injustices of slavery, the jubilee and the continuing struggles to realize that freedom."

Sweet Honey in the Rock emerged in 1973 from the Washington D.C. Black Repertoire Theatre Company by founder Bernice Johnson Reagon, who retired from the group in 2004. Their first, self-titled album released in 1976, followed by nearly two dozen other albums. Their most recent album, "Experience... 101," was released in 2007. Sweet Honey in the Rock earned numerous Grammy nominations and won the 1989 Best Traditional Folk Recording for their version of "Greygoose."

Through the years, more than 20 different women have contributed their vocal talent to the group. Today, featured vocalists include Ysaye Maria Barnwell, Nitanju Bolade Casel, Aisha Kahlil, Shirley Childress Saxton and original members Louise Robinson and Carol Maillard.

"When you get one new member out of six people, 15 percent of the group is new," Gary Weidenaar, Central's director of choirs, said. "Most groups need not just breaks and talent, but commitment to staying together. It really takes sacrifice to make a group [like Sweet Honey] work."

As part of the 2007-2008 Performing Arts and Presidential Speaker Series, Sweet Honey in the Rock will visit Central for the first time at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, in the Music Building Concert Hall, following a 3:30 p.m. question and answer session. Tickets can be purchased for $35 for reserved seating, $25 for general seating or $15 for students. The group will also provide a sign language interpretation to accompany the performance.

"We try to bring performers and speakers who will add another intellectual or cultural layer of discourse to the community," Lien said.
Belly dance club shakes up workouts

by Stephanie Olson
Staff Reporter

Hip bumps, belly rolls and Shim­mies.

The belly dance club is bringing the ancient art of belly dancing to CWU, with classes every Tuesday and Thurs­day from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. in one of the open Group Fitness rooms in the Recreation Center. The classes are free and open to any fitness level.

"That’s what’s really cool about belly dancing," said Kelsey Meyer, Belly Dance Club president and class instruc­tor. "It works on any body type.

Meyer has been belly dancing in professional competitions for three and half years and started offering private lessons to a few people she knew. After getting five interested people and an advisor, the belly dance club became official this quarter. According to Mey­er, the last few classes had 20 to 30 girls each time.

"I am surprised," she said. "I haven’t really advertised...so it’s really excit­ing."

Each class builds off the other. Mey­er teaches new moves on Tuesdays and then reviews on Thursdays. The class is open to any skill level. The majority of the people in class are beginners but eventually she hopes to add some sim­ple choreography.

[The classes] take any level of dance," she said. "Beginners are great to have, advanced are great to have.

Meyer teaches an Egyptian style of belly dance. There are different theories as to the origins of belly dancing but Egyptian belly dancing dates back to the Pharonic times and is considered a part of Egyptian culture.

Kimberly Green, senior dietetics major, enjoyed the belly dancing class­es she took when she went to Washing­ton State University.

"It’s a really good workout," Green said. "It works a lot of muscles you don’t realize you have.

Belly dancing targets specific mus­cles and calls for them to move individ­ually, specifically stomach muscles. It also encourages a healthy mind as well as a fit body.

"(Belly dancing offers) self benefits, self esteem, confidence," Meyer said. "It’s a lot of fun and a great workout."
"The Ruins" falls flat; audience bummed out

Not another lame horror movie! Oh wait, that's exactly what it is. I consider myself a horror movie buff; I've always loved being scared, grossed out and simply offended. With the release of the trailers for "The Ruins," I immediately assumed that the trend of lame, opposite-of-scary horror movies would be broken. I was wrong.

We are introduced to the main characters at the beginning of the film, a group of four Americans vacationing in Mexico this alone should have been a hint of the predictability of what was to come. Two girls and their boyfriends, who are partying on the beach, randomly meet a man at the beginning of the film, a group of Galacticians who would end up being the bad guys, given the entrance they made directly behind the four Americans. As soon as they had climbed onto the pyramid, the villagers pulled their guns and arrows. Their motive was not to kill these intruders, but rather to quarantine them.

At this point, I was done. Nothing ever had an entire theater to myself. Off? Well no, but only because I went to the closest possible there to see the band. Hansen made the most of the small stage area. Stomping around as if he had fifty feet instead of five. LaCourt focused intently on the task at hand, never missing a beat and keeping everyone on track. Suffering from two broken legs, the guitarist John McLean's guitar playing. They may look somewhat mild mannered, but when they get on stage everything changes. The graceful Mclean has the ability to steal a show without arrogance. He is simply playing the music he loves.

Contaminator was on Valentine's Day. They played in a dank, musty basement, full of thrashing, twenty-year-olds. It smelled of day-old sweat and beer. It was awesome.

Contaminator, a band I saw the day before, on Wednesday April 2, and I went hoping to see some of the same chaos from last week. Contaminator proved to be true. Wait? How do you go from mania to calm? Very well, it didn't take long for the characters to find their way to the spooky ruin and from there on out it was obvious that an ominous force was tracking their presence.

At first I thought it was the local villagers who'd end up being the bad guys, given the entrance they made directly behind the four Americans. As soon as they had climbed onto the pyramid, the villagers pulled their guns and arrows. Their motive was not to kill these intruders, but rather to quarantine them. Enter the villain: A PLANT!

This Mayan pyramid, in all its ancient glory, stood above the group with an ominous blanket of thick vine. Cutting to the chase, it turns out that the ruin is not haunted, nor are the villagers the enemy, but rather the vines (yes, meaning plants) are alive and preying upon human beings.

At this point, I was done. Nothing could possibly salvage this film's chances of redemption.

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**Indie rock show tonight**

**Bands Barcelona, Mon Marie, The Lonely Forest**

*hold free concert in the SURC Ballroom for Central students, Ellensburg community*

by James Anderson

Staff reporter

On Thursday, April 10, three well-known and diversified indie rock bands are set to perform live at Central. The three bands -- Barcelona, Mon Marie and The Lonely Forest -- are up-and-coming indie rock bands rising through the ranks of mediocrity, with sights set on indie rock fame.

Three distinctly original sounds will be emanating from all three bands, because of their creativity and their twist on classical formats of music.

"Our first album was ‘Nuclear Winter,’ a space-rock Odyssey, about the end of the world," said John Van Deusen, singer/songwriter, guitar and piano player for The Lonely Forest.

The Anacortes-based indie pop rock group released ‘Nuclear Winter’ in 2007 to great success. The band was formed in 2006, spawning from the successful solo career of Van Deusen. Their influences include XTC, Animal Collective and The Microphones. Van Deusen and company are currently working on "We Sing The Body Electric!" their latest album which is set to release later this year.

"Nuclear Winter" was a depressing album to make because it’s about the end of the world, after all," Van Deusen said. "We Sing The Body Electric!" is a lot more personal.

The name The Lonely Forest came from the famed C.S. Lewis novel, "The Silver Chair." The Lonely Forest will be the first of the three bands to perform.

Mon Marie will be the second to perform at Central, after The Lonely Forest.

"We realized that if we used the name Sault Ste Marie, nobody would be able to pronounce it," Davis said. "So we settled on the name Mon Marie."

The concert at Central will be the band’s last official showing in Ellensburg; they are moving to Portland in June.

The final act is the band Barcelona.

"Piano melodic rock with an indie twist is the best way to describe our music," said Brian Fennell, lead singer/songwriter and keyboard player. Fennell released his debut solo album "Safety Songs" in 2005.

"Barcelona started two-and-a-half years ago and grew out of my solo career," said Fennell, who decided to transform his solo endeavors into a band in early 2007.

The indie rock concert starts at 7 p.m. and is sponsored by Campus Activities, Public Relations Student Society of America and 88.1 The 'Burg.

The performances will be held in the SURC Ballroom and admission is free.

With all three bands ready to jam at Central, the stage is set to explode for a night of all-out indie rock, from three of the most talented bands in the industry.
Today Moore believes the message of redemption and forgiveness extends not only to the prisoners and families he ministers to, but also to himself.

After returning from military service in Vietnam in 1974, Moore found that his wife had become addicted to heroin and abandoned their 3 year-old child. Strapped for cash, Moore conspired to attempt robbery with an Army buddy who claimed to have an uncle that kept $10,000 stashed in his home. Once Moore and his friend broke into the uncle's home, a gunshot rang through the dark. Moore fired back, ending the life of 77-year-old Fred Stapton. Moore was 22 at the time.

"When I found out that I had actually killed somebody, I couldn't believe it," Moore told BET.com. "I felt sick, as if part of me had died. I was at the lowest point that somebody could reach.

Moore immediately pled guilty. Three months after the crime, he was sentenced to die without the case ever going to trial. While awaiting his death at Greensville Prison, he studied law and obtained a bachelor's degree in theology. After his conviction, Moore openly embraced Christianity.

"What kept me going was faith in God," Moore said, "and having a desire to help others. One of the things that I wanted to do was to try to help everybody in there."

Yet it was the forgiveness of the vic­tim's family that ultimately set Moore free.

A decade-and-a-half long campaign led by the Stapton family to commute Moore's sentence eventually garnered the support of Mother Theresa and Jesse Jackson. Once his case reached the U.S. Supreme Court, improper legal practices surrounding the handling of Moore's conviction dissolved his sentence. Today, Moore is the only man in America to be convicted of first-degree murder with an open confession of guilt to have his punishment commuted to life imprisonment. In 1990, Moore was released on parole. Since then, he has spoken regularly at universities, most notably Harvard and Yale, about the human implications of capital punishment and the legal system. Moore has formed Jesus Christ Prison Ministry to minister to at risk individuals in rehabilitation centers and prisons with the restorative powers of Jesus Christ.

"We go to different schools, colleges, prisons, and rehab centers to talk to inmates and talk to people on drugs, and explain to them about the positive choices they can make in their lives," said Moore, "to let them see, from what I went through, that you don't have to go to prison. Look at my experience. You can let that be your experience." Today, Moore Lives in Rome, Ga., with his wife, Pastor Donna Moore.

The death penalty: facts and statistics

1. Numbers: Since 1976, 1,009 people have been executed in the U.S. Currently 36 states enforce the death penalty. States with the most death row inmates: California (669), Florida (388), Texas (370), and Pennsylvania (228).

2. Methods: The 4 execution methods used are hanging, firing squad, electric chair, and lethal injection.

3. Crimes: Crimes punishable by death include murder, murder-conspiracy, kidnapping, perjury resulting in death, capital drug trafficking, capital sexual battery, aircraft hijacking, train wrecking, treason, and the killing of a convicts with whom he had worked closely while producing documentary footage. Scaffidi then decided to make a film that would depict the final moments of an execution unlike ever before.

"I wanted to put the audience at the front row of an execution and let them decide for themselves is this is something we should be doing in America today," said Scaffidi. "To heighten the movie's degree of realism, Scaffidi hired individuals whose lives paralleled their characters over Hollywood actors. William Moore, a former convict, plays the film's condemned man. Donald Cabana, who plays the film's warden, directed four men during his 30-year career as a warden at the Mississippi Penitentiary. Father Joel Britto, who plays the film's priest, was convicted of his own conviction. He who convicted the bloodiest people in America for years. The documentary-style has caused scandal among viewers as to whether "Execution" is actual footage or fictional account. As one CWU viewer posted on the film's website, "I seriously thought I was watching a real execution. Next thing I know, the man who just died came walking down the aisle right past me to be on the discussion panel."

During the events question and answer period, Britto stated openly that film was a movie, not an educational documentary. While each panel member answered questions about their stance on capital punishment, it was Moore who fielded the majority of the audience questions: "You young people are inheriting the legal system. If you can see the fallacies in it now, you can straighten it out," said Moore. "Sometimes the sacrifices are people's lives and people's freedom."

Associate CWU Professor Sara Britto, co-advisor of the CWU Law & Justice Club, considers the event success. "The general reaction has been very positive," Britto said. "It includes an appreciation for being allowed to reflect on the death penalty without being told how to think about it."

"Britto became acquainted with Moore in 2004 while researching for her book "In the Shadow of Death: Restorative Justice and Death Row Families." After years of correspondence, Moore informed Britto he had accepted the role in "Execution," which led to the CWU Law and Justice Club's decision to host screenings at CWU's campuses in Ellensburg, Lyndwood, and Des Moines.

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Men's rugby falls to Utah in Round of 32

by Curtis Crabtree
Sports editor

The Central Washington men's rugby team dug themselves a 26-0 halftime hole to try and climb out of against 10th ranked Utah in the Round of 32 of the NCAA Division I playoffs on Saturday.

The slope was too steep to climb. The Wildcats made a strong second-half push and were able to get back within 16 points, but there just wasn't enough time remaining for Central to complete their comeback.

Central, who entered the contest ranked 15th in the country, had to deal with the early loss of two players to injury. Tim Stanfill suffered an apparent seizure after colliding with a Utah player in the opening minutes, and Victor McKenzie was also lost after suffering a deep contusion on his right side only a few minutes later.

Central head coach Bob Ford said the hospital visit was only precautionary as Stanfill was able to get to his feet and walk to the gurney before being loaded into the ambulance.

The Utes were able to take advantage of the Wildcats' losses and built a 26-0 lead in the opening stanza. The playing surface also yielded to Utah in the first half as they were running downhill and downwind as the pitch is slightly uneven.

"We chose to go into the wind in our half, which they did," hooker Joe Schmid said. "They were running really hard lines at us all game."

The Central Washington University set the first annual blood drive.

Football team donates blood

by Michael Johnson
Senior reporter

College athletics can be demanding for students. Many hours are spent fine tuning technique, lifting weights, watching film and doing individual work outs.

However, the Central Washington University football team donated their time elsewhere and teamed up with the American Red Cross to host its first annual blood drive.

The Nicholson Pavilion field house was filled with beds, coolers, medical equipment and nurses last Thursday as they waited for incoming students.

JayAnne Markle, a Red Cross representative, said that their goal was to collect 84 units of blood. Blaine Bennett, head football coach at Central Washington University set the team's goal for 100.

"They support us, so it's important for us to give back to the community," Bennett said. "What we've done with the players is if we have 100 percent participation, there will be no 6 a.m. workout, so it's a good motivator."

Thursday's workout consisted of numerous stations and just high running drills. To make sure everyone donated blood, head athletic trainer Ken Kladnik sat at a table with a roster of each player. He went through and scratched them off the list as they went in at their scheduled times to donate blood.

Kladnik was aware of Bennett's intentions when he was hired, so when Bennett came to him with the request to organize the blood drive, he wasn't surprised.

"I wasn't surprised he did this," Kladnik said. "He said he liked to do these things. He's a classy guy."

Bennett said this wasn't the last event they put on; the team was also involved in the Yakima River Cleanup event they put on; the team was also involved in the Yakima River Cleanup and has been involved with other volunteer work.

JayAnne Markle was excited for the opening.

"I think it's a great bonding experience," Markle said.

The players sat around waiting and laughing with each other as it seemed everyone was in high spirits.

"I was a little bit nervous," said Mitch Kettle, the senior nose-guard. "I figured I'm going to need some one's blood one day so I might as well give mine."

Softball pulls into GNAC lead

by Dasty Kindred
Staff reporter

The Central Wildcats women's softball team moved into first place in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) with a two game sweep of Northwest Nazarene in a double header at the Central softball field on Saturday.

The opener was a close one throughout, despite the strong pitching performances by junior Linse Vlahovich, and sophomore Katrine Reime.

"We had several base running errors that hurt us," said head coach Gary Frederick.

The two pitchers only gave up two hits, but Vlahovich left the game after four innings facing a 2-2 tie. The rest of the game was dominated by Reime. Who came in and pitched three and-a-half innings of scoreless softball.

"I was just trying to keep the ball down and hit my spots," Reime said.

The two runs came from Nazarene's Vanessa Shaw's solo home run in the second inning, which was the Crusaders only hit against Vlahovich. NNU also scored once in the third after a walk, sacrifice bunt, stolen base and a throwing error on a steal attempt that, at the time, tied the score at 2-2.

The Wildcats got their first two runs in the first and second innings. Then waited until the fifth to strike again with a two-run fifth inning. sparked by Wallace's RBI single and a two-out double steal play on which Logan Moine scored after Wallace was tagged out between first and second in a rundown.

Central finished with a 10-2 hit advantage in the first contest. Led by three hits each from Senior Kasey Druffel and Wallace. Senior Mallrey Holman had a pair of doubles, while sophomore Ashley Fix also had a hit game as that foursome accounted for all of the Wildcat hits.

The second contest of the day was again a closely matched game, 1-0, in the fifth when Wallace's three-run double capped a four-run fifth inning.

A hit batter and a fly-out started the fifth before three consecutive hits by Hol­ly Roseman, Moly, and sophomore Cami Halstead loaded the bases for Wallace.

Softball nulls into GNAC lead

by Curtis Crabtree
Sports editor

Tiger Woods looks for another victory at the Masters

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Football team donates blood

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for a pair of matches

The CWU lacrosse team is off to a great start for the season and just in time for a couple home matches. On Saturday, the men will be playing Lewis and Clark College at 1 p.m.

CWU lacrosse President Kevin Norris sounded confident about his team's chance this weekend.

“Our freshmen and sophomores have been producing well and that is encouraging,” Norris said.

Men's Lacrosse home for a pair of matches

The team, which is in it's fifth year of existence and fourth year of competitive play, has a record of 5-2 and is preparing for their first playoff run ever.

This year we have had a lot of new guys step in and produce and that helped,” Norris said.

The lacrosse matches will be held at the community fields located on the corner of Alder street and 18th Avenue across from the soccer fields.

Men's lacrosse home for a pair of matches

Tiger looks to tame Augusta

The first round of the Masters starts today and there is no one more focused on winning the tournament than Tiger Woods.

Woods has dominated everything since the Masters. In 15 starts since then, Woods has compiled eight wins and two runners up finishes.

On Wednesday, the 13th Masters, he has four wins (1997, 2001-2002 and 2005) and tied for second in 2007. Woods is putting the ball as well as he did back in the 2000-2001 season, when he dominated the field.

So with Woods probably playing the best golf of his career, who has the best chance to beat him?

Dusty Kindred Staff reporter

First, there is one player who can handle the distance of Augusta National and beat Woods. That would be a two handed player in the world and two time Masters champion, Phil Mickelson.

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First, there is one player who can handle the distance of Augusta National and beat Woods. That would be a two handed player in the world and two time Masters champion, Phil Mickelson.

Second, there is a player who is going to have to do is bide the par 5's. Woods owns the long game, where he’s a combined 93 under par in his 11 starts this season. That doesn’t mean he can’t be done. Last year champion Zach Johnson was 11 under par, 2 strokes better than Woods and it proved to be the difference in the tournament.

However, there is one thing Woods struggles at the Masters, and that's the par 4’s. Woods is atrocious 24 over par in his career, and his inability to capitalize on this has proven to be Woods' downfall in the past.

With Lefty's consistent shot making and strategic play he is well suited for Augusta’s tricky layout. Another thing Mickelson needs to do is make a plan. This worked for him in 2005 when he used two drivers, one to draw the ball and the other to fayet it.

Finally the most important thing this year. He has two drivers in the bag at the moment, but is trying to figure out if he needs the two or go with one and put an extra wedge in the bag for the slick and undulating greens at Augusta.

Mickelson also needs to start off hot. Woods lowest score in the first day of 70, and his average is 72. Mickelson's is two strokes lower, and can put the pressure on Woods early forcing him to make up strokes.

Pay for rain phil Left year the temperature in the 80’s and the winds blew Augusta National around like the British Open. Woods didn’t have to break a sweat, for the winds of the doglegs. Instead, he had it to hit low running tee shots down the middle of the fairway taking away his two or go with one and put an extra wedge in the bag for the slick and undulating greens at Augusta.

Finally the most important thing Mickelson needs to do is play all 72 holes. Woods struggled in back in the end and toughened up the field. That’s why the field is bunched up. If Lefty does all these things, he has a pretty good chance of beating the number one player in the world and picking up his 3rd green jacket and his 4th major title.

He begins first round play at 10:45 a.m. Thursday with U.S. Open Champion Angel Cabrera and Australian Stuart Appleby. Mickelson Tee off at 1:34 p.m. with Andres Romero, and the 6th ranked player in the world K.J. Choi.

Notable Thursday Tee Times

7:23 a.m. Zach Johnson, Luke Donald, Geoff Ogilvy

7:34 a.m. Mike Weir, Padraig Harrington, Jeff Yellock Singh

7:45 a.m. Tiger Woods, Angel Cabrera, Stuart Appleby

10:00 a.m. Bubba Watson, Sergio Garcia, Mark Calcavecchia

10:19 a.m. Adam Scott, Paul Casey, Retief Goosen

10:30 a.m. Vijay Singh, Steve Stricker, Stewart Cink

10:41 a.m. Phil Mickelson, Andres Romero, K.J. Choi

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Turkey calls: what to use

by Jay Renwick
Staff reporter

You have the perfect spot picked out, the wind is calm and the sun is starting to rise as you sit down in your turkey blind and pull out your call, but do you have the right one with you?

With spring turkey season starting on April 15, it might be time to think about the perfect call to bring in that monster tom. There are many different calls for turkey hunting and finding the right one might be the difference between a successful hunt and coming home empty handed.

Some hunters might think a box call is better, or a Call's em All or maybe even a Tone Top diaphragm, it's up to the hunter to decide. While every call is different, they all have a purpose, and if used properly they can bring in that big tom that has been in hiding all year.

"I really like to use a diaphragm because it keeps your hands free to use your binoculars or your shotgun if you want to shoot," senior mechanical engineering technology major Edgar Cossio-Rojo said.

Rockie Jacobsen is the owner of Bugling Bull Game Call, the inventor of the Palate Plate and the Tone Top diaphragm calls, and a three-time world champion elk caller.

According to Jacobsen, the Tone Top diaphragm will sit on the top of the mouth correctly so the call will sound right.

There are three different styles of tone top diaphragm calls: one that sounds like young turkey, another sounds like an average-aged turkey and the other one sounds like a boss hen. These small portable calls are easy to pack so all three can go out into the field to help harvest that big tom.

"To make each call sound different we have the latex stretched different," Jacobsen said.

One call that can do multiple calls can be the Call's em All. The Call's em All company is owned and operated by Bruce Hancock. In 1994, Hancock won the Kitap Bow Hunters Archers Rendezvous calling championship for deer, elk, predator and turkey using this single call.

"The call can be used for turkey by using a turkey yelp/cackle or the pea-cock call that can be used as a turkey locator; both calls can help during a turkey hunt," Hancock said.

The box call is a great turkey call that can be fun to use, the problem is the chalk. Older box calls have chalk on them to help create the sound, but if that chalk gets wet, the call isn't going to work properly.

Today, hunters are lucky enough to have box calls that don't require the chalk. These waterproof calls are a good choice on rainy spring days. All of these different calls can be used during spring turkey season but it takes time and practice to master them. Some of the calls have instructional DVDs like "Primos Mouth Calls Made Easy". Check out the web site for the Call's em All for audio instructions, www.gamecall.net.

Now, go out, find that perfect blind, figure out which call works best, sit down and call that monster tom in.
Track and Field has strong showing

Many athletes set personal records over the last four track meets

by Brooke Saul
Staff reporter

Making personal bests, setting individual goals, and battling the wind are several things the Central Washington Track and Field team are currently doing.

The team just competed in four events: the Willamette Invitational, Stanford Invitational, Stowell Invitational, and a Western Washington University Combined Events.

At the Willamette Invitational, two women from Central competed among 17 runners in the 300-meter race.

"It was really disappointing," junior sprinter Rachel Kaercher said.

Kaercher came in fifth with a time of 1:00.61 and teammate senior sprinter Chelsea Evans placed second with a time of 58.60.

Other teammates, such as senior sprinter Brittany Hood, felt expressed different emotions.

"It feels amazing," Hood said. "I have never placed that high in college."

Central sent several participants to the Willamette Invitational. In the men's 100-meter dash, freshman sprinter Tisha Wells came in second place with a time of 11.13. Hood finished with a time of 13.21.

In the 200-meter race, Hood placed fifth with a time of 27.15 and Wells posted a time of 27.27.

In the women's 400-meter dash, Evans came in second with a time of 58.60 and Kaercher came in fourth with a time of 1:00.61.

"Chelsea had a real strong race in the 400," head coach Kevin Adkisson said.

Adkisson also added that Evans has put in long hours of hard work and was excited to see her get close to her personal record.

In the women's 1500-meters, sophomore mid-distance runner Stephanie Cook came second among 19 runners and came in fourth with a time of 5:07.83.

In the women's 5000-meters, freshman distance runner Alejandra Borunda passed a time of 19:38.57. She completely fell apart under pressure.

"It was just a matter of getting into the groove. The longer I went, the more the game came to me," senior Tyler Scoggins said.

Central's last opportunity came in the seventh inning when Nazarene completely fell apart under pressure.

Senior Tyler Scoggins was hit by a pitch and senior shortstop Jamie Nilsen—who leads the team in runs scored, RBIs, stolen bases and doubles—was walked. Gorney laid down a perfect bunt that was bobbled by Nazarene second baseman Ryne plywood.

"It was just a matter of getting into the groove. The longer I went, the more the game came to me," senior Tyler Scoggins said.

Central's only loss in the series came in game four.

"I told them we will take 3 of 4 anywhere," Storey said. "With the run he (Mahelona) gave up one hit in the first four innings, something that clearly upset Coach Storey. Central muscled six runs off Mahelona, but it wasn't enough and Central lost 8-6.

"We waited too long in the game to adjust to the pitcher," Storey said. "With the run he (Mahelona) gave up one hit in the first four innings, it should have been enough to get the win."

However, Storey is optimistic about his starting rotation, and with the bullpen surrendering, only four combined runs in the series, the pitching is headed in the right direction, he said.

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Central is clinging to a one-and-a-half game lead over the Wolves in Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) play, Central is playing its best ball of as late, going 7-1 in its latest home stand.

"It's really big to go down there and keep piling the way we have been playing," junior catcher Andrew Snowden said. "It is crucial that we get wins to stay on top in the conference."

Senior right-hander Tyler Levin knows the importance of this series. Central's number one starter heads into Mountmounth, Ore. coming off a complete game win against Nevada last weekend.

Levin understands that the pitching starts and ends with him, and Storey has put significance on all four starting pitcher performing well, including Derek Shoshmaki, Michael McCanna and Jordan Moe.

"These four are capable of complete games, and we expect them to go deep," Storey said.

The Central bullpen is tightening up loose ends, putting more pressure on Western Oregon's offense. Both freshman right-hander Jake Millhauer and sophomore right-hander Kevin Wallenhausen are still the first two that Central depends on in the bullpen.

"Jake and Wallenhausen threw great against Northwest Nazarene," Storey said. "We rely on those guys to finish things up."

One guy that is coming in hot to Western Oregon is junior third base man Frank Donangelo. Storey has placed him in the cleanup spot and Donangelo has proved to be worthy of hitting there.

"I am comfortable hitting in the four spot," Donangelo said. "Guys tend to pitch you backwards, so I just have to react."

In his last four games, Donangelo has had six RBIs and five hits.

In the five hole is senior first baseman Hank Anderson, who got his hitting turned around when Central faced Western Oregon three weeks ago.

"I just want to get the bat going again," Anderson said.

Anderson is hitting .302 this season and leads the team with four home runs.

Central senior shortstop Jamie Nilsen is hitting .355, third in the GNAC and Western Oregon three weeks ago.

"It's really big to go down there and plans to go after hitters aggressively," Storey said. "He helps his strategy out the defense by getting them off the field quickly and allows him to go ahead of hitters and keep his pitch count down."

"He is mentally tough and makes pitches when he needs to," Storey said.

The rest of the rotation following Levin will need to perform well to shut down the GNAC's second-highest team batting average.

Central's offense will need to put up numbers similar to what they did earlier this season against Western Oregon. Central's average of .247 through six games should suit them well if Wildcats' pitching is effective.

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Senior shortstop and reigning GNAC player of the year Jamie Nilsen digs for third against Northwest Nazarene on Saturday.
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The Wildcats were able to get within a few yards of a try late in the first half but turned the ball over and ended the half scoreless.

Central changed their gamelan in the second half and it allowed them to finally make headway against the Utes.

“We noticed their midfield was coming pretty hard at us so we chipped some balls in behind them to slow them down a little bit and that opened up some running lines,” Ford said.

The Wildcats were able to score three tries in the second half and controlled the flow of the game after the intermission.

Despite the Utes offensive struggles in the second half, the Wildcats were never able to significantly threaten the Utah lead.

“I think we played really well in the first half and that gave us a little too much confidence in the second half and we weren’t able to put together a complete game,” Utes head coach Dave Anderson said.

The Utes advance to the Round of 16 to face the Colorado Buffaloes in Albuquerque, N.M. while the Wildcats season comes to a close.

“They got the better of us,” Ford said. “They are a good team and hats off to them.”

The Wildcats advanced to face Utah after a 27-19 victory over Chico State the previous day.

Central was able to take advantage of the sloped field in the first half as they built an early 15-0 lead against the visiting Wildcats.

Chico State mounted a strong comeback in the second period when the field turned to their advantage.

The wind, which was a factor against Utah on Saturday, was even more vicious on Friday.

Chico State was able to break the Wildcats defense on a couple occasions and were able to claw back to within one, 20-19, with about seven minutes to play in the contest.

The Wildcats were then able to put the outcome to rest as they punched home a game clinching try with less than a minute to play.

Center Devin Snyder punched the ball across the goal line for the try. Snyder, whose grandfather passed away earlier in the week, played in both of the Wildcats playoff games despite his grandfather's funeral falling on the same day as their match against Utah.

The referee's whistle sounded to end the contest just a few seconds following the Wildcats successful conversion.

Central finished the season as champions of the Pacific Coast Rugby Football Union and were awarded the number one seed in the region.

During the regular season, the Wildcats outscored their opponents by a whopping 256-93 with their only two losses coming against Oregon State, and a 26-6 loss to Utah on January 26. The loss was Central's last on the season and both teams joined Central as part of the regional playoff

SAFARI, Blackboard, Email and the entire Central Computer Facility will be down for maintenance on April 12th

The ITS and Facility Management Departments want to remind everyone that the entire Central Computer Facility will be "offline" for maintenance again on April 12. Schedule as follows:

1:45pm - ALL systems and services will start to go offline. Midnight - Network and general services will return to service. Sunday Noon - Peoplesoft/Safari return to service.

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!!

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