Speel-yii day
The Ellensburg community recognizes cultural diversity

by James Anderson
Staff reporter

For many students at Central Washington University, November is a time of celebration spending quality time with friends and family and demolishing a table full of food at the expense of the cook’s hard work.

A relatively unknown fact is that November plays part as the National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. This past Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) Ballroom, Central honored this traditional month and hosted Speel-yii day, an event celebrating the Yakama Nation and its members.

Speel-yii day consisted of many events and fun activities including teaching guests how to create traditional stories featuring narration and music which were acted out live. The library also presents the Coyote Tales performances, which are performed either at the library or on location in the Pacific Northwest about 10 times per year. Along with observing the importance of the Yakama Nation, Speel-yii day generally honored diversity as a whole, which encompasses a large portion of the Central’s student body.

“We’ve not all alike,” Vivian Adams, Yakama Nation library administrator, said. “It’s sad to say but a lot of local people don’t know the local tribes and find us somewhat exotic. People need to know [Yakama Nation] is unique, in our own area.”

The Yakama Nation has thousands of members living alongside the Yakima River. The Yakama Nation Library features general and Native American literature for the general public.

The library also presents the Coyote Tales performances, which are performed either at the library or on location in the Pacific Northwest. The survey seems to have proven true as Speel-yii day was a popular event among students as well as staff and the general public. The event even attracted a first-time vacationer to the U.S. from as far away as Australia.

“I thought it was a great event,” Garrett Gibson, senior construction management major, said. “It’s cool to see this sort of thing go down – kind of acknowledging where our land comes from and learning about [the Yakama Nation’s] ideas.”

Speel-yii day has helped attending students and families realize that the Yakama Nation and diversity in general are important things to recognize, especially during this time of the year.

BOD constitution found to be contradictory

by James Puglisi
Staff reporter

Vice President of Academic Affairs Caitlin Baldwin was appointed to her position due to the ambiguous language in the Associated Student of Central Washington University-Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) constitution.

The ASCWU-BOD lost a member of their panel, Sarah Ruiz. The former vice president of Academic Affairs resigned on Sept. 1 due to family reasons and personal conflicts. Acting quickly, the ASCWU-BOD filled the position from previous submitted resumes. Caitlin Baldwin was nominated on Sept. 18 to fill the vacant position.

The constitution appears to contradict itself. In sections 5:3:3A and 5:3:3B, it states that all ASCWU-BOD members shall be elected in a regular election, with primary elections held no later than mid-spring quarter. However, the constitution states in section 1:1:2B, “the president shall have the responsibility to fill all vacancies of the Board of Directors by nomination and affirmative majority vote by the members of the Board of Directors.”

Now because of the language and Baldwin not being elected, controversy has stirred up between the ASCWU-BOD and Student and Activities (S&A) Committee and students at Central with regard to interpretation of the university constitution and proper protocol to take when hiring panel members.

“IT sounds a little back roomish,” Christian Mecham, senior philosophy major and senator of the Philosophy and Religious Studies said. “This is not the only dilemma that has risen following this motion. The ASCWU-BOD appointed six members of the student body to the S&A Fees Committee. This committee oversees a budget of more than $4.3 million and comes directly from the student body to fund clubs as well as other organizations and campus events. This could become a concern because with the BOD appointing six students, it appears that the ASCWU-BOD has indirect control over these funds.”

Some students at Central are concerned with this method of nominating members to the S&A Committee because one member of the ASCWU-BOD is not a member of the student body.
Summertime offers $400 first prize in marketing campaign

by Mimi Oh
Asst. News editor

Summer session now offers more online courses. Last summer the number of online courses offered increased from 2007's 29 courses to 66. A new faculty incentive program caused the increase in online course offerings in the general education area, according to the Office of Continuing Education Assistant Director Geoff Foy, Ph.D.

"Now, one of the other benefits to this increase in online offerings is we're seeing Central Washington University's administration take more interest in increasing online classes throughout the regular academic year," Foy said.

"We see this as a positive benefit from the summer session, that it's carrying over to the regular academic year."

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Central students spread holiday cheer and volunteer

by Nicole Weinheimer
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Civic Engagement Center (CEC), partnered with the Friends in Service to Humankind (FSH) food bank, put on the Community Harvest food drive on Tuesday, Nov. 18, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Super 1, Safeway, and Fred Mey­ er. Their goal was to gather food and raise awareness for local food banks.

In order to make the greatest impact, the CEC needs as much student involve­ ment as possible.

"The purpose of this food drive is to collect donated food from local grocery stores," said Melynda Hooton, a CEC intern hosting the event. Involvement can be as simple as donating food.

Items appropriate for donation include any canned or non-perishable foods as well as gift certificates. Another volunteer option includes handing out "shopping lists" to customers going into the stores.

The lists include food items most needed and were meant to influence grocery shoppers to buy extra items they could later donate.

Jana Minaker, senior communica­ tion studies major and secretary of the communication department's honor society, Lambda Pi Eta, participated by volunteering at the Super 1 post during the food drive.

"It builds character in a way that can continue throughout a person's whole life," Minaker said.

The CEC is currently hosting another food drive on campus within the resi­ dence halls.

"We are encouraging the Freshmen dorms to compete by collecting food items for the local food bank," Hooton said. "Whichever dorm collects the most food wins a pizza party hosted by the National Residence Hall Hall Honorary (NRHH)."

The community food banks require active involvement. In Ellensburg alone, approx­imately 704 households, almost 10 percent of the community residents visit the FISH food bank with some sort of need.

"We are basically a 365 days a year operation," said Rodger McCane, the FISH Director. The CEC partnered with the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in order to make this event possible. The SHBM has taken on the role of collect­ ing gift donations while the VFW is rais­ ing money for the cost of postage.

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The SHBM has been collecting food since the mid-1990s, according to Renee Rollins, senior attorney for VFW Post 1413.

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The main­ sources where clients received the food from included:

- Food drives
- Community outreach
- Local grocery store
- Northwest Harvest
- Wholesaler
- Food Lions
- 2nd Harvest
- Emergency Food Net­ work
- Other

The SHBM partners with the local

Central presidential candidate Bennett withdraws

by Kevin Opsahl
Staff reporter

Central Washington University pres­ dential candidate Dr. Linda Bennett withdrew her name from consideration on Nov. 7.

Bennett, the provost and vice presi­ dent for Academic Affairs at the Univer­ sity of Southern Indiana (USI) in Evans­ ville, Ind., contacted the consultant at Central and said she was stepping out of the search, according to Wendy Bohrson, chair of the presidential search committee and professor of geol­ ogy.

"We thank Dr. Bennett for her inter­ est in the position and wish her great success in her career," Bohrson said. "She is returning to her former job now, and that's good for her university."

The Observer reached the USI Acad­ emic Affairs office, but the office stated that Bennett would not be commenting on the matter to the media.

Bennett was one of the four finalists that Bennett would have been the second woman president of Central following Jerilyn McIntyre, who became president in 2000.

Late last month and into early November, each of the candidates visited Central for interviews. Now the pres­idential search committee is moving to the latter portion of their review process.

The search committee checked refer­ ences provided by each of the three remaining candidates. Last week, select members of the committee visited the University of Central Missouri, Kent State University and the University of North Dakota - to meet with the candi­ dates at their home institutions.

Bohrson, who visited UNO, said that the specifics of the trips would not be discussed due to confidentiality agreements.

The committee went into executive session to discuss the finalists after­ wards. In an executive session, the com­ mittee discusses issues in private.

Bohrson will review all feedback and provide a summary to the Central Washington University Board of Trustees. The search committee will make a presentation on Nov. 21.

"We want to make sure that this presidential candidate is active on campus and listens to students and the students' government," said Derrick Peacock, search committee member and vice president of Political Affairs with the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Direc­ tors.

The board will meet in December to choose the next president. The goal is to have a president in place by early 2009, according to Bohrson.

"I am confident the board will move quickly as they can to come to a decision," Bohrson said.

The search committee is still very interested in candidate feedback. Web­ based forms are available on the com­ mittee's Web site at www.cwu.edu/president/search.

Also available on the search com­ mittee site is complete video clips of the stall and student forums with Gaudino, Podolefsky and Weisenstein in RealPlayer format.

Friday Open Meeting

From 9:30 a.m. to approximately 10:50 a.m., the CEC Board of Trustees will hold an open meeting in Barge 412 on Friday, Nov. 21 to hear public feedback on the three presidential candidates. Questions about this meeting should be directed to Judy Miller in the Pres­ident's Office at millerl@cwu.edu or at 965-2156.

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Emergency Food Assistance in Washington State

Statistics were provided by a report from the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Food drives

Northwest Harvest 56%

Local grocery stores 75%

Food drives 82%

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BOD: ASCWU constitutionality and
by laws in question
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A document submitted by junior philosophy major Mike Moceri from the Liberty Club states "BOD made a grave error in the interpretation of certain clauses with the ASCWU Constitution and by laws." Moceri pointed out both sections that explain the different ways of filling positions. According to sections 5:3:3A and 5:3:1B, it can be argued that the BOD violated by-laws because Baldwin was not elected to the panel by a vote. However, the ASCWU-BOD believes they followed the constitution because of the language of section 11:28.

"We basically followed the constitution word-for-word," President Pedro Navarrete said. This situation has also come up in the past. Ten years ago the ASCWU-BOD lost its president, and Martin Oates, the executive vice president, filled the position and appointed someone to fill her former position.

"I believe they did the right thing," BOD's advisor and Senior Director of Campus life John Drinkwater said. Drinkwater also said that by not filling the position right away, the ASCWU-BOD couldn't function as well as it would with a full panel, so the nomination of Baldwin was necessary and followed the guidance of the constitution.

The liberty club and others still disagree with the motion. "You can't appoint people to an elected position," Moceri said. Moreover, Moceri and senior philosophy major Christian Mecham have been trying to inform more students about the issue.

Both are concerned that the ASCWU-BOD's constitution does not completely define what the ASCWU-BOD is supposed to do regarding filling positions becoming vacant prior to an upcoming election. Mecham is currently in the process of trying to get a hold of the College Democrats and College Republicans to inform them of the issue. Clubs supporting Moceri's document include GJEC: New, Philosophy and the Feminist Club.

"I support a democratic process of elections," said Casie Dunleavy, senior double major in philosophy and general studies and Philosophy Club president. Moceri, Mecham and supporting campus clubs argue that control and proper safeguards of student funds is suspect with Baldwin in office.

"We feel that [BOD] is not currently in position of Academic Affairs is truly qualified, then that will show in a general election," Mecham said. "Unless someone completely removes me, (Baldwin) would have my vote."

Right now, a group called Campus Probsty is looking into this issue. Campus Probsty is an organization made up of students that oversee the ASCWU-BOD's actions. They determine whether or not the ASCWU-BOD followed the constitution when replacing Ruiz with Baldwin. Presently, members of Campus Probsty are being trained and as soon as this organization is up and running, they will examine the Baldwin case.

"The BOD informed the Campus Probsty," Navarrete said. "We hope to address it properly."
Ellensburg City Council makes room for microbreweries downtown

On Monday, Nov. 17, Ellensburg City Council members discussed and approved amending Ordinance 4332 to allow microbreweries into downtown Ellensburg. Iron Horse Brewery requested the change to fit better with their current activities.

By Megan Peters
Staff reporter

An ordinance allowing microbreweries into downtown Ellensburg was up for discussion for the Ellensburg City Council on Nov. 3. Ordinance 4532 proposes adding microbreweries as a "permitted use" in the Central Commercial and Central Commercial II zoning districts. This means microbreweries will be allowed in the downtown area if they meet the correct guidelines of the city. At the city council meeting on Monday, Nov. 17, the council determined that microbreweries are an appropriate food, beverage and entertainment venue throughout both zoning districts and should be allowed.

The Central Commercial zone roughly runs from Water Street to Sprague Street, University Way to Second Avenue and includes historic downtown Ellensburg. The Central Commercial II zone runs roughly from Main Street West to the railroad, and from Third Street to Mountain View Avenue. However, the boundaries are by no means straight lines and there are many exceptions to the descriptions given.

Currently, the only microbrewery in Ellensburg is the Iron Horse Brewery, which is located in an industrial zone on Prospect Street off of Dorrway Road. Many downtown areas, such as those in Portland and Seattle, have thriving microbrewery industries that brew and sell beer on-site, in retail stores, at bars or in restaurants. Microbreweries are similar to what is already allowed, except that microbreweries will be manufacturing the product on-site.

"Any opportunity to move a business to another location is a bonus," Ross Cholstrom, Iron Horse Brewery manager, said. "However, whether or not we move to the downtown area is still up in the air."

This opportunity is something that students are getting excited about. They are hoping that the brewery takes advantage of this chance. "I go to the Iron Horse Brewery all the time with friends, and would love it to be able to move downtown," Mary Burchell, junior sociology major, said. "It would make it so much more accessible to the community if it moves."

Although the ordinance was adopted, don't look for any breweries to be moving into the downtown area any time soon. The Ellensburg Planning Commission will grant a conditional use permit to interested breweries. This permit will allow the city and the brewery to address potential issues which might arise in certain areas of those zoning districts before businesses will be allowed to move in.

Ellensburg Weather

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Shower

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Low: 30°F
30% chance of precipitation
Few showers

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Mostly cloudy

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Central crosses borders to South America
by Brooke Mortensen
Staff reporter

Each year at Central Washington University, a new culture is represented during International Education Week. Last year, students got the chance to learn about Africa: dance, clothing, diversity and recreation. This year, Central has chosen South America.

According to Central’s planning committee, International Education Week is a nationwide declared week that strives to prepare Americans for a global environment. It is also to attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

“Students should take part in international Education Week” to get exposure to the world,” Roslyn Moes, international student advisor and head of the event, said. “Our main focus is to bring a taste of a different part of the world and for people to experience it.”

Each day of International Education Week began with a poster presentation on the Student Union and Recreation Center walkway. A new culture-related theme was presented each day.

“We are trying to create awareness for issues going on in South America and provide ways for people to help from here,” said Courtney Pemberton, senior special education major and service learning fellow of the civic engagement center. “We want to show that you can do small things to make a big difference.”

Each day also featured Central Chef Kevin Camarillo for “A Taste of South America,” as well as other events like a demonstration from Focus Martial Arts of Ellensburg where attendees watched worldwide champions from Brazil perform. Passport Program featuring South America and salsa dance lessons by Hannah Labovitch, sophomore English education major, and Dennis Richards with 10-member salsa band, Saharia, performing afterward.

“Dance is very much a part of a culture’s heritage,” said Labovitch. “You can learn a lot about that culture.”

“We want to inspire people to want to learn it and enjoy it.”

Upcoming events include the third annual Parade of Nations: International Fashion Show from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. tonight in the SRC Ballroom. The fashion show will feature Central students who were recruited from different clubs on campus modeling traditional and contemporary styles of clothing from around the world.

“The fashion show celebrates Central heritage and diversity with the different cultures around campus,” said Domonique Meeks, senior law and justice and sociology major and program coordinator at the Diversity Center.

Following the event will be a performance by Yurda Barua, a Latin fusion group from Manhattan. “We wanted to do something different and something big,” Meeks said. “We will be cool to have a band that mix different sounds of South America.”

One last poster presentation — Government, Politics and Environment — will end the week’s events.
Event honors transgender people

by Megan O'Malley
Staff reporter

With the elections over, Silverton, Ore., elected the first ever openly transgender mayor, Stu Rasmussen. GALA.

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, New York had over 400 hate crimes in 2007 aimed at the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community.

Central Washington University is hoping to remedy the situation by participating in the 10th annual National Transgender Day of Remembrance on Nov. 20. The Diversity Center, along with the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA), is spearheading the events on campus. A student programmer for the Diversity Center, Kyle Duffy, senior business major, explained what "transgender" means as described in the Diversity Center and GALA.

"Transgender is a person who identifies themselves inside as a member of the opposite sex of their birth gender," Duffy said.

Tonight at the Parade of Nations 400 hate crimes in 2007 aimed at the a lot of underrepresented issues have been transgender mayor, Stu Rasmussen. GALA. He assisted in bringing this idea to the Center and suggested a collaboration.

"Transgender issues have been around and there's a lot of underrepresentation of community," Ruiz said.

Although they are part of the LGBT community, they tend to be underrepresented compared to gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

According to www.gender.org, the day is held to honor a woman named Rita Hester, who was killed in 1998. Her murder subsequently set off the "Remembering Our Dead" Web project and candlelight vigil in San Francisco, Calif. The hope for the day is that it raises public awareness of violence against transgender people, and reminds them that they are still loved and honored by a supportive community.

As part of the event, a candlelight vigil was held for all those lost or abused as a result of their transgender identity on Wednesday, Nov. 19, in front of Black Hall.

That same day, HBO Film "Normal!" was shown, with a discussion following. "Normal!" follows a Midwestern family as they struggle to deal with their father's desire for a sex change.

The movie featured Oscar-nominated actors Jessica Lange and Tom Wilkinson, and was a featured pick at www.gender.org, the day is held to deal with their father's desire for a sex change.

The film was chosen for its positive message.

At noon today in the Student Union and Recreation Center there will be a panel discussion relating to transgendered issues. The panel hopes to bring awareness to the community.

Tonight at the Parade of Nations and Recreation Center, there will be a moment of silence for all those who were lost.

"The Diversity Center's big goal is to bring awareness to the underrepresented groups, whether they are ethically or gender-based," Duffy said.

While Duffy and Ruiz work to bring awareness and equality to Central's campus and the greater community, some students feel that even honoring this day is a step forward.

"I am glad to see that people's minds are opening up important issues," Heather King, senior theatre major, said.

The Diversity Center and GALA are helping to bring awareness to an underrepresented part of the community, and they hope to leave a lasting impression on people.

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Changing the world one plot at a time

by Matthew Hartmann
Staff reporter

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Central Theatre Ensemble is raising the bar on the social issues with their 1920s adaptation of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," currently playing at the Milo Smith Miller Theatre through Nov. 23.

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"It's witty and it's great," English professor Joseph Powell said. "I love [Lucetta] and the dog - the dog is stealing the show."

Amazingly, Sharks' canine co-star did not upset him - his portrayal of the slightly mentally challenged Luccece was genuine, sweet and very funny. Additionally, Eisenbach's Sylvia was enchanting. Her performance is at times vampy yet coy, at other times sweet and dapper. With a snappish wit. Equally impressive is his physical comedy expressed through pratfalls and playful gestures.

"Speed is the most interesting character I've seen in a while," Marlowe, freshman English education major, said. "The role was well-played."

The audience sighed appreciatively at the endearing chemistry between senior theatre performance major Andrew Shanks as the poet Proteus, Launce and his dog Crab, played by pit bull/Rhodesian ridgeback mix, George Washington.

"Not the same stuff you hear every day." THE STORY

Hayley Clayton

Staff reporter

Verona gentlemen earn roaring review

All of the characters looked beautiful and dapper in their 1920s-style costumes designed by Laura Reinstate, graduate art student. The men wear stylish and detailed waistcoats and the women wear elegant dresses. Setting the Elizabethan play in the Southern United States during the 1920s was a decision made by director and theatre professor Brenda Hubbard to bring new emphasis to gender and class issues present in the show. Hubhard's directions mold "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," one of Shakespeare's earliest and least substantial plays, into something that is contemporary, hilarious and thought-provoking.

The mood of the characters and the plot itself are conveyed in junior technical/design theatre major Bonnie Briggs' clever lighting design. Briggs used her talent to translate the characters' emotions and aid the setting through light. Particularly interesting is her technique in creating an artificial moonlight that appears to be shining through the leaves of trees above the stage. "I loved the [lighting] change between Verona and Milan," Ali Doyle, junior theatre major, said. "Verona had more of the cooler tones and Milan the warm touch which was translated in the sets and scenic painting as well."

The sets, designed by theatre professor and resident lighting designer Christina Barrigan, aid in the illusion as they present the settings of Verona and Milan to the audience. Barrigan divided the stage to show both cities at once. The scenic colors of Milan are warm browns and oranges. Bridges the gap between the two cities is a well of water that the actors splash in to enhance the drama at various points in the play. Sitting in the front row, I was concerned that I might get wet, but thankfully, the water never reached the audience.

The well is also the site of an attempted rape that takes place toward the end of the play. Audiences should not take the theatre ensemble's "mature audiences" warning lightly. This scene between Proteus and Sylvia is somewhat violent and shocking. It is also well choreographed and intense, yet tastefully executed.

The ending is especially interesting, as Hubbard has adapted it to show how women were treated as chattel in the pre-Depression era. While the first half of the show delivers laughs, the second half - particularly the ending - presents issues regarding sexism, class and alcoholism, which are sure to give audiences food for discussion after the show. "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" will show again at 8 p.m. Nov. 22 and at 2 p.m. on Nov. 23. General admission is $10, and students with a connection card can get in for $5.

The band will spend most of its weekends traveling back and forth between Ellensburg and Silverton to record with Beebe's family friend, a recording engineer for the U.S. Navy, and finish the record when they have more time during winter break.

"We have a lot of following in Seattle," Beebe, said. "Audience members even knew the words to our songs."

Red Means Go played at Iron Horse Brewery for Oktoberfest with two other bands on a stage built in a cleared out area in the back of the brewery. "I remember I really liked them," said Regan Rinker, senior English major and bartender at Iron Horse Brewery. Between now and a future show at the Brick, Red Means Go is going to be spending most of its time recording its first album. It will either be titled "What?" or "Red Means Go."

Recording begins this weekend in Silverton, Wash.

"I'm so excited for recording," Beebe said. "We want to take our time and not rush through the process."

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"We have about 14 songs we want to record," Mehal said. "There's no chance during the recording process we'll write some new songs."

Once the recording process is over they plan to send their finished album to record companies and local radio stations around the Seattle area.

"We're gonna have a CD release party," Mehal said. "Definitely one in Ellensburg."

Red Means Go can be heard on MySpace and playing house parties around Ellensburg.
No need for a comeback

Wildcat volleyball splits last two games of season, ending with a winning record

by James Puglisi
Staff reporter

Despite losing three games in a row, the Central Washington University volley­ball team's name came out on the regional poll. Central was ranked ninth out of 10 with two games left to play behind Sonoma State. The top eight teams in the region qualify for the playoffs.

However, due to NCAA rules, Central would have to climb up two spots to earn a postseason berth. This was a possibility for two reasons; one is that Central had fallen in the first two sets twice. They were forced to come back from an 0-2 deficit to try to win. Each time the Wildcats fell only by a few points. The game against the Seawolves was no different with the exception of falling 15-2 in the final set.

The second set was just as close as the first. This time there were 12 ties and five lead changes. Neither team was able to break through. However, Try gave the Wildcats a 24-21 lead with a kill.

The next thing the Wildcats knew, they were up two sets to none as Alaska-Fairbanks' junior outside hitter Megan Thiegen committed an error to decide the match 25-21.

In the third set, the Wildcats took all their frustration out on the Nanooks as they began to cruise to a victory. Everything began to fall into place. The more the Wildcats got into rhythm, the more errors the Nanooks committed.

Finally, with the score 24-9, Vercammen spiked the ball for the final point of the regular season and the Wildcats celebrated a 25-9 set win and their first sweep in five games.

Central was led by junior outside hitter and middle blocker Erin Norris, who had 12 kills. In what could be their final game, the 2008 seniors combined for 22 kills.

"It's awesome," Vercammen said. "It's been a while since we won in three. It feels so good."

At the end of the game, the Wildcats stayed on the court and celebrated with their coaches and families. The seniors were ecstatic that they had won their final game of the season and final game at Nicholson Pavilion.

"Their ability for them to come in to work hard is going to be remembered by our program," Andaya said.

The Wildcats may not make the playoffs, but they can hold their heads high after another successful season as they finished 16-12 overall, a three-win improvement from the previous year.

The Seawolves ended up finishing in sixth of the GNAC behind Central. On Nov. 15, Central saluted its seniors as setter Maggie Olson, outside hitter Kayla Roel, Schuman, Veeker, outside hitter Lauren Vercammen and middle blocker Morgan Zamora were all honored for their contributions throughout their collegiate career before the game.

The Wildcats and the Nanooks then took the court for their final match of the regular season. The Nanooks were coming off of two losses to Montana State-Billings and Western.

The match had 11 ties in the first set alone, but in the end, the Nanooks did something they hadn't done since Oct. 25 against Montana State-Billings: win the first set.

An attack error by Alaska-Fairbanks' junior Jessica Hills gave the Wildcats a 25-22 set victory.

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Junior outside hitter Erin Norris serves against Alaska at Nicholson Pavilion on senior night. Norris finished with 18 kills and a .485 hitting percentage that night.

Central students get creative combining two activities to invent a new, yet odd, sport.

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ICE HOCKEY CLUB KICKS OFF THE SEASON

by Tetsu Takiguchi
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's Ice Hockey Club kicked off all its season. Since the club's home field, the Larson Recreation Center in Moses Lake, opened its ice rink, the team finally started practicing on actual ice.

Before the season, the club practiced with rollerblades at the Ellensburg Racket and Recreation Center and Mountaineer Park.

"I've been waiting for this for months," Jaymes Kirkham, club president said. "It's just finally getting out there and playing on the ice." Kirkham explains that ice hockey is a fun sport, definitely not as violent as some may think.

He said the sport is physically and mentally beneficial.

"It definitely gets you in shape," Kirkham said. "Skating is a difficult thing to do, it's definitely something physical, but it is also more mental than it is physical. You've got to focus all the time."

This year, there are 12 players in the club. Out of the 12 players, seven registered in the Moses Lake league for this season.

Byron Woods, senior education major, who has been playing the sport since he was 3, joined the club and started playing in the league this season.

"I'm excited about it," Woods said. "It's good to get more ice time. Because skating is the most important thing in the sport."

Although the club has finally started the season on the actual ice rink, there are some concerns in the club.

Since Central cannot make its own team due to the shortage of players, the team joins Moses Lake's local ice hockey club, the Moses Lake Coyotes.

The club is going to practice and play as members of the Coyotes through the season.

The Moses Lake Coyotes have two teams: White Coyotes and Red Coyotes.

In the Moses Lake league, the White Coyotes and Red Coyotes basically compete with each other through the season.

This year, the Central players are on the Red Coyotes.

"We are benefitting from Central players, because we get some good players for the team," said Tom Los, owner of the ice rink at the Larson Recreation Center.

"They are also benefitting because they get to play more frequently, since Central doesn't have an ice rink."

According to Los, the Coyotes are giving a great opportunity for Central to form a team and to help the Central club grow larger.

Los is hoping the Central club will be the third team to compete for the league in the near future.

"We want to keep Central players together as a team, because in that way, they are used to playing with each other when they form their own team," Los said.

Despite the Central team and Coyotes' efforts, the awareness from other Central students is not as they expected.

The Central team obviously needs to recruit more players to become the "third team."

"Although this year has turned out a lot better than last year, still it isn't what we wanted it to be," Kirkham said.

According to Kirkham, Central doesn't have a developed set-up for the sport, but Western Washington University and Eastern Washington University do, so the club is still small and not many students know about it.

Kirkham believes that building a process and growing the Central team to be able to compete in the league is a repay to the Coyotes and the members.

"(Playing here) is our last option," Kirkham said. "We can't play anywhere else. The city of Moses Lake keeps allowing us to come out here, and we want to get something back to Moses Lake too."

The Central Ice Hockey Club and Moses Lake Coyotes have drop-in sessions every Monday, from 8:15 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. at the Larson Recreation Center in Moses Lake.

They also play a league game on every Thursday at the same place and same time.

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Football loses in first round

Quarterback Mike Reilly still breaks passing record

by Tristan Conrige
Staff reporter

West Texas A&M (WTAMU) defeated the Central Washington Wildcats 32-27 on Saturday afternoon at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium Nov. 15.

Byron Woods, senior education major, who registered in the Moses Lake league for this season.

Woods added that it feels even more incredible, since this is the seventh time Central has finished with an overall record of 11-11-1 in this season and will travel to Abilene, Texas next Saturday to take on Abilene Christian University in the second round of the NCAA Division II First Round playoff action.

Now finished with an overall record of 9-3, Central Washington, who’s ranked fifth in the Super Regional Four, endured its very first loss to a Division II opponent this season and have been slimmed from the postseason tournament.

Fourth ranked West Texas A&M improved to 11-1 this season and will travel to Abilene, Texas next Saturday to take on Abilene Christian University in the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs.

The Wildcats, who were down by as many as 10 points in the second half, came back within seven points after Reilly and Spevak had their fourth touchdown connection at the 2:34 mark of the fourth quarter to make the final score 49-42.

On the fourth down possession, WTAMU marched down the field on a 12-play, 51-yard drive that ended in a 32-yard missed field goal by James Chandler that would have put West Texas A&M up by 10 with 1:50 remaining.

Central regained control of the football on their 20-yard line.

Reilly put together a 10-play, 58-yard drive that was stopped inside the WTAMU 22-yard line after a fourth-down incompletion to freshman wide receiver Justin Helwege.

This ended the Wildcats' chance to tie the game at 49 and force the overtime session.

Reilly, who played in his final college legate football game on Saturday, completed 30 of 61 passes with five touchdowns and one interception.

Four of the touchdowns were made by Spevak, who caught nine passes for 129 yards.

Senior tight end Jared Bronson led the Wildcats' receiving core with a career-high of 169 yards on just eight catches.

Sophomore linebacker Adam Biglhi led the Wildcats' defense with 12 tackles that included a one-and-a-half for a loss and an interception that led to the Central Washington touchdown to make the score 49-42.

Senior center back J.R. Jamerson, junior linebacker Buddy Wood and junior safety Jerome Williams all made 10 stops for the Wildcats.

West Texas A&M’s quarterback Keith Null passed for 463 yards and completed 35 of 49 passes with three touchdowns and one interception.

Charly Martin, who led the nation in reception yards coming into the game, caught four touchdowns and one interception.

The Buffalos also had eight catches for 160 yards and two TD's.

Running back Keifon Flemming rushed for 99 yards on 21 carries with four touchdowns.

In retrospect the Wildcats had all the skill to win the game and played an amazing against West Texas A&M.

"WTAMU has 36 full ride scholarship players," Wildcats Head Coach Blaine Bennett said.

The Buffalos also have seven full time coaches compared to Central's four and five graduate assistants compared to Central's one.

Central Washington, who won the Great Northwest Athletic Conference championship earlier this season, completed its second consecutive winning season with 10 wins.

This marking this the seventh time in school history to do so.

The Wildcats are now 12-1-1 in postseason history.

"I was very pleased with the effort we gave the entire game," said Bennett. "It was a close loss and there are always a few things you would change or do differently, but all you can ask for is a chance, in the fourth quarter to win it and we had that chance."

Above: Jaymes Kirkham, junior TTAMU major, (left) makes a save. Below: Byron Woods, senior education major, (middle) cuts through defense.
Bike polo takes over tennis courts on Fridays

by Laura Mittleider

Spare time during the week can be well worth it. It was for two students at Central Washington University, Joe Garcia and David Bryce.

These two students have put together a new game for themselves and their friends to play during their down time. They have developed days when they hop on their bikes and enjoy a few hours of bike polo.

The majority of their playing is done on the old tennis courts at the west Student Union entrance.

The game is played just like it would be on horses, only a little more fun.

"It's really funny to watch people fall over," David Bryce undeclared sophomore said. "It happens a lot." The game is usually played three on three but it just depends on how many people show up and how many mol­let's there are, Bryce said.

The mallet's themselves were made by Bryce and are made from various random materials.

Some are made from steel from the hardware store, ski poles and an old lacrosse stick that was lying around. The heads of the mallet's are made from plastic piping.

Since the games are generally three on three, they play to seven and rotate teams and get people in who have not played yet.

"Joe and I started it last year," Bryce said. "We just started messing around and people passing by just stopped and joined in." The group of about six regulars has only met consistently for about two and half weeks.

According to Bryce, the game has adapted into what the group calls Bike Fridays.

The group gets together to play bike polo and then goes for a fun bike ride around town.

The group of friends went on a Hal­loween bike ride where they all dressed up and rode to the Starbucks wear the freeway in town.

According to Bryce, there is not a lot on a Friday night and their biki­ng has developed into Bike Friday event. It is something they look forward to during the week.

Pritchett wins marathon

by Natalie Lo

It didn't take Dr. Robert Pritchett very long to notice that the large crowd of competitors that had amassed a moment ago had suddenly disappeared. The race had started two minutes ago and he was in the bathroom.

It was no sweat for Pritchett, who crossed the finish line at 2:42, winning the Tri-Cities Marathon on Oct. 26.

"It was easy," Pritchett said. "I had M&M's and Jelli Babies the whole way."

The Tri-Cities Marathon spans along the Columbia River, leading runners along the 26.2 miles across three bridges and through the three cities: Richland, Pasco and Kennewick.

Pritchett's wife, Kelly, finished the race at 5:48, but hit "the wall" at mile 20. Pritchett, on the other hand, caught the leader at mile 18, beating second place by about a minute and a half.

"I think I was the only African in Tri-Cities," Pritchett said.

Easily mistaken for British or Aus­tralian due to his accent, Pritchett grew up in Capetown, South Africa, and has been running his whole life.

"It was a very popular sport; you never know who's going to show up," Pritchett said. "There were lots and lots of talented athletes running here today."

He was lucky enough to ride the bus, but others had to find their own way to the races. Running against a guy in ruby boots with the soles coming off, he remembers thinking, "How come he's still running and keeping up with me?"

Pritchett accepted a full-ride scholar­ship out of high school, and ran cross country for Western Kentucky Univer­sity.

He met his wife, Kelly, a collegiate swimmer, at the University of Alabama.

Their first teaching jobs began six months ago at Central Washington Uni­versity where Pritchett was a core of exercise science and Kelly is a professor of food science, nutrition and exercise science.

"They are an inspiring couple," sen­tor Chelsea Murphy said. "They seem to be in sync, and passionate about the same things."

Pritchett's win was a big change from theSeattle Marathon he ran last November.

Suffering from a full-body cramp mid way through the race, he was near­ly paralyzed.

"Two old ladies had to carry me off to the side of the street," Pritchett said. "I swear I'd never run another marathon again."

Pritchett's dissertation was on pre-exercise recovery foods and she found that chocolate is number one.

He prepared for the race, both trained at least 50 miles per week, with a couple 20-mile in the weeks before.

"Running keeps us sane," Pritchett said.

This was Pritchett's fifth marathon in preparation for the California Interna­tional Marathon, where the number of runners in the race will increase to 10,000. Pritchett and his wife Kelly will compete on Dec. 7, by which time Kelly will need to cut three minutes off her time to qualify for the Boston Marathon, one of the world's most prestigious marathons.

Pritchett and his wife will continue to push themselves by doing triathlons and their ultimate goal, the Ironman, one of the most grueling races around. The race begins with a 2.4-mile ocean swim in Kailua-Kona Bay, a 112-mile bike ride across the Hawaiian lava desert to Hana and back and a 26.2­ mile marathon along the coast of the Big Island of Hawaii.

If somebody wants to pick up run­ning marathons, Pritchett carried only this piece of advice: "If you run, you should run outside. You just need a pair of shoes, well, actually you don't need those."

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