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Fake ID? Expect to be turned away
Lousy counterfeits becoming easier for law enforcement to spot

BY ALBY FYNSKY
Senior Reporter

It's the beginning of the school year and all some new students can think about is how much fun they are going to have without their parents around.

Students can stay up as late as they want in the dorms, have fun with their friends, and maybe even sneak a drink in here and there.

There is one big problem: most students are only 18 years old when they first come to Central Washington University and the drinking age is 21.

Every year at Central, University Housing and New Student Programs invite the University Police Department into residence halls to talk to new students about drugs, alcohol or any other temptation that may get them in trouble with the law.

This is to prevent students from digging themselves into a deep hole before they have a chance to begin this new chapter in their lives.

One topic discussed by the police is underage drinking and the use of fake IDs.

According to Capt. Dan Hansberry of the Washington State Department of Licensing (WSDL), fake IDs have become less common over the years because of enhancements the Department of Licensing has made to real IDs over time.

These enhancements include an improved state seal that can only be seen under a black light and newer types of material used to create the ID.

Hansberry said the most common time to see fake IDs use is during the fall and spring seasons due to the inclement weather during the winter.

Most of the calls EPD receives about fake IDs come from the bar scene.

“The bars are really good about calling us when they suspect a fake ID,” Hansberry said.

Hansberry said, Derek Henninger, bartender at the Starlight Lounge in downtown Ellensburg, has seen the same decline in fake ID use that EPD has over the last few years.

If a user does not have a fake ID, he will ask the person the question of ID is still on scene or his/her identity will be confirmed.

If the officer will issue a citation with a mandatory court date.

The prosecutor takes the case from there and if found guilty the court will impose penalties.

The university had been working on possible cuts for over a year ... I honestly didn't know who the cuts would affect.

BY BECKY WATSON
Communication Instructor

“Right now I have a contract to teach full time for the communication department,” Watson said. “I’ve taught periodically for about 20 years here at Central, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and South Puget Sound Community College.”

Watson had no comment on what she is doing now after her grievance hearing, only saying “I am moving forward.”

Jon Rankin, the second employee still working at the university after being laid off, has spent 27 years of his life at Central.

Employment to Rankin, the university “eliminated the ergonomics program so there was no longer a need for an ergonomist safety officer,” he specialized position he filled for the past 8 years.

Like Watson, Rankin moved into a different field at the university, now serving as the food service manager for the dining services.

“The alternative [to being laid off] provided to me was to bump back into a position that I last filled in 1987,” Rankin said.

Rankin, who is a public employees’ retirement system plan 1 employee (PERS 1), is only three years shy of retirement. He said that he could not afford to lose three years of pay from his 401(a) if he left Central, so moving back to food services was his only option.

“It’s not the occupation I wanted to retire from,” he later said.

Rankin said the circumstances that happened were unfortunate, especially because the normal bumping procedure that should have prevailed did not.

“What was most unfortunate about the situation was not so much the loss of my position but the consequent elimination of many health and safety services for faculty and staff at CWU,” Rankin said.

Rankin filed a grievance with the Office of Equal Opportunity at Central in June.

“A further investigation is going on through the Equal Opportunity Commission,” Rankin said.

LGBT group addresses suicide rates
Resources work for a safer campus

BY LYEK LAASUL
Asst. News Editor

The suicide of freshman Tyler Clememi left Rangers University shocked and has drawn attention to the issue of students struggling with their sexuality.

Central’s Diversity Education Center (DEC) is working to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students feel welcome on campus.

DEC Director Leah Shelton is working with students and other departments to bring attention to Central’s tragedy and the other eight documented LGBT suicides of the past three weeks.

“I think that something like that can happen anywhere to any young American student who identifies as LGBT,” Shelton said. “So it’s definitely something we all need to be aware of and working to reduce.”

Shelton and Kyle Duffy, senior business major and student programmer, work to improve LGBT life on campus, with programs such as Safe Spaces.

The Safe Spaces program is an educational workshop with signs to designate safe spaces.

“Create safe spaces on campus with visual representations of that ¬– just to send that visual message to students, faculty and staff that the space they are entering in which they have to fear of that kind of bullying or that kind of discrimination,” Shelton said.

The Safe Space workshop goes through exercises on listening skills, how to be empathetic allies, and basic information to become more educated on LGBT issues.
Central Washington University President Jim Gaudino will now be calling Ellensburg home for at least three more years, due to a new contract that extends the board of trustees. On Friday the board of trustees voted to approve the extension of Gaudino’s contract through June 30, 2013. Board Chair Sid Morrison said at the meeting that the new contract gives Gaudino three more years of assurance and the board assurance of three more years of his leadership. The board also celebrated the accreditation of the college of business by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). The accreditation puts Central into an elite group of only 593 schools of business – less than 5 percent worldwide – that have achieved international accreditation by the AACSB.

Gaudino cited the accreditation as a step into bringing together the college of business and other schools, saying “The accreditation of our college of business is truly really monumental … We more than were accredited, we really needed our accreditation with flying colors,” Gaudino said.

The session also marked Logan Bahr’s first trustee meeting as the student member of the board. Bahr was selected by Washington State Governor Chris Gregoire to serve on the board until June 30, 2011. Bahr senior political science, has had previous experience working with the state government and worked as an executive intern in the President’s Office under former chief plan- ning officer Libby Story. Bahr also announced the re-launch of the inclusive initiative that was launched during the 2009-2010 school year.

The initiative was a survey conducted at all campus centers to allow the university to gain information on the acceptance of diversity, the ability to report harassment or discrimination on campus and to gauge the sense of belonging at Central. The re-launch of the initiative is aimed to assess the climate of the campus and see if there was a sense of welcoming for students returning to campus. For it to be in the survey, Gaudino moved sociology professor Delores Kander. Clearly key part to lead the campus wide effort of the initiative.

Gaudino said the survey would initially focus on the campus in Ellensburg and extend out to the other campus centers. We want to do this to have a welcoming university for students, for faculty, for staff,” Gaudino said. “[C]learly has some exciting ideas.”

The board also announced that the university is above its goals for enrollment, with 11,039 students as of Sept. 30. The annual average of full time equivalent (FTE) students is 9,900, making this fall’s enrollment 11.5 percent above average. There was also an increase of minority student enrollment.

The increased enrollment is not matched by an in- crease of state-funded FTEs, which funds approximately $1,200 per student. The board is hopeful that the new funds from high enrollment will help lessen the effects of budget issues.

“That will help offset these budget cuts and we’ll be able to offset other budget cuts,” said trustee Annette Sandberg. “But when we get the data in December we’ll be able to verify.”

Despite the gain in enrollment Gaudino expressed concern on how the state budget will affect higher edu- cation in the coming year.

“There’s a great deal of uncertainty of the budget and its impact on higher education, there is probably more cooperation between the six year institution than there has ever been,” said Gaudino. “We are far- ther ahead in the information process than we have ever been, but then there is more uncertainty than there has ever been.”

Wayne Quick, provost of academic affairs and stu- dent life, reported that his newly formed department will be committed to making logical decisions to minimize spending while enhancing the student experience.

“We’re Prioritizing programs and making strategic and data driven decisions with how we deal with our programs … to deal with the current economic situation,” Quick said.

Sandberg added that by December the data for bud- geting and staffing would be available to the trustees, which will help with making those data driven decisions.

Quick also stressed that the reason for the merger of his department with student affairs and enrollment management is solely for the benefit of the students.

“The coalescing of the department of academic af- fairs and student affairs and enrollment management, the point of that restructuring is student success,” Quick said.

Additional, the workshop helps to give those in attendance be aware of the language they use while looking out and confronting homophobia when faced with it.

“Education is key. It’s what is going to help others see a different point of view,” Duffley said.

One role-playing activity from the workshop simulates what it is like to go through the coming out experience.

“People start to understand that this is something where people lose their family, they lose their friends, and they get kicked out of their house,” Shelton said. “That sort of builds their empathy for them that they might not have had before.”

The DEC has brought the Safe Spaces workshop into

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residence halls, departments, the Wellness Center, and any groups interested.

Equality through Queers and Allies (EQuAl) is another student club interested in the issue of LGBT. Last spring EQuAl organized the first annual lavender graduation ceremony for seniors graduating who identify as LGBT as well as the annual Pride Week.

“In 2005 Central appeared on the list of the top 10 gay friendly universities in the country, but we haven’t been back on it since then, so that’s definitely a goal that we’re working towards,” Shelton said.

Though resources for students are in place, the gravity of the issue of LGBT suicides is pressing.

“Nick Sain, junior family and consumer science educa- tion major, is organizing the 1 in 3 program to highlight the statistic that 1 in 3 youth suicides are LGBT related.

It would be stupid to not be fearful that something couldn’t happen here,” Sain said.

With students working to develop a community of ac- ceptance, Shelton points out that the good news is the generation of students is more accepting than previous generations.

The bad news is that this bullying is still happening, this harassment is still happening, these suicides are still happening,” Shelton said. “Clearly there are big problems

For more information about the Diversity Education Center visit: www.cwu.edu/diversity
Alumni Association looking for place to call home

BY LINDSAY TROTTO
Staff Reporter

The Central Washington University Alumni Association is currently in discussion with the board of trustees about finding a building close to campus to serve as an office, a location for alumni to come visit and a place to hold events and meetings.

The alumni association proposed that President James Gaudino’s current residence on 10th and D Street would be a prime location.

Jim Armstrong, executive director of the alumni association, sees the location as being financially feasible for the university and believes that the president’s house would be easy to transition into an event center. “I can see it becoming a major event center for the university,” Armstrong said.

The alumni association looked into several other places, such as the old smoke stack, but the costs to restore it would be more than the Alumni Association and university can afford. The university has already renovated the president’s current residence and it holds space specifically designed for offices, meetings and events.

Armstrong suggested the move may even end up saving the university money if the president was given a stipend to find an alternate residence; from there any further renovations and maintenance would become the president’s responsibility and not the university’s.

“If the house is leased, the university would no longer have to pay those expenses and would save several thousand dollars a month,” said Armstrong.

The Alumni Association is also considering the hard work to having a central location near campus for alumni who come to visit their alma mater.

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Disability services aid students statewide

BY NICOLLE SWAPP
Staff Reporter

Central Washington University’s Accessibility Technology Resource Center (ATRC) helps many students each year with materials they need for classes, within the Center for Disability Services (CDS).

ATRC provides students with “any print disability here on campus,” said Kristin Lujan, one of the lead technicians at ATRC. According to Greear, Central’s ATRC doesn’t only help students here at CWU but as well at community colleges and universities in Washington.

“We have been producing the audio version of the Washington state voters pamphlet for the Secretary of State’s office for the past 14 years. We record the driver’s manual for the the state Department of Licensing, we’re producing audio versions of voters’ pamphlets for many county auditor’s offices, some of our other clients are Department of Transportation, Group Health, Molina Health Care, Starbucks, DSHS, and numerous other agencies,” said Justyn Bell, ATRC coordinator.

Greear says that since other schools and organizations pay Central to perform these services for them ATRC in turn makes a profit in this current economy. “We currently have 25 student employees and are looking to hire an additional 10 during this fall quarter to account for growth,” says Bell.

“We are the backbone of this organization,” said Greear. “We pretty much get to run the show ourselves; under the watch of Bell.”

Greear says student employees are allowed to make appointments with student of CDS and have one on one counseling with them as well. “As far as deciding what their need are, that is in the hands of the Assistant Director, Pams Wilson,” says Greear.

A small team of students who get a lot done is a not an easy job. Greear says that over the summer, all the student employees were working anywhere from 15 to 25 hours a week preparing for fall quarter. “It never slows down here,” said Greear.

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Students: walk it out

Too many students are driving short distances to class, wasting time, gas.

This year, I moved off campus and am now 10 minutes further away on 18th Avenue. The only drawback is, I am no longer walk to class, but apparently a 10-minute walk is necessary.

Last week, I watched as students, including my roommate, drove to the far end of my apartment complex, drove down 18th Avenue and hung a left on Walnut where the parking lot is in the parking lot behind the Psychology Building.

After all of this, I met these same students again at the edge of campus and they were in line for the bus. Putting the “green” issue aside, for now, there are many other ways to accomplish this with this picture. The most obvious is cost.

Student parking permits cost $963 for the academic year – certainly no small expenditure for a student who is already struggling to pay for rent, feed, and attend school. I can honestly say I have never met the neighbor I never met. It’s two guys/driving a car around town with a cold engine also burns more gasoline and causes more wear and tear on the engine. Every college student, I want my car to make it to graduation. Next to essentials such as books, rent and food, and permits cost.

As mentioned before, old engines burn more of our precious resources. It’s better to produce less, make more pollutants, wear out the car’s parts quicker, which often require damage or limited materials, such as asbestos, lead and platinum to produce.

Luckily, there are alternatives. Central Transit runs in the morning and afternoon. Many students with a good way to travel. With this type of action, I could find the most effective martial arts for the environment, and possibly a football player. A majority (61 percent) of the brain injury-related fatalities occurring the period from 1945 through 1999 – among American football players during this time of year, a quick way. As far as liability goes, ladies and gentlemen, while competition in the MMA is occasionally depicted as brutal by the media, there have only been two documented cases of deaths after a verbal slap on the wrist if pulled over, and not arrested and charged with a DUI.

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How about you earn my money?

Cut football, bring on MMA

Growing up, like any other 11-year-old kid, I was a fan of professional wrestling.

My favorite was Bret “The Hitman” Hart. He possessed the technical skill of classic Roman wrestlers and the intensity of any 23-year-old man, watching 18-hour days, starting work all day, starting with minimal rules. Later the technical skill of a classic Roman wrestler and the intensity of any 18-year-old man, watching 18-hour days, starting work all day, wasting time, gas.

I also wasn’t into the fact that my extra student fees are paying for the football program – a program I don’t support. If I’m going to pay into the fact that my extra student fees are paying for a 23-year-old man, watching 18-hour days, starting work all day, wasting time, gas.

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Dear Editor,

I have just completed reading the article concerning DUls in Ellensburg ("Student DUls carry consequences, prompt discussions," Issue 1). I must say I am disappointed in the paper’s apparent view on the issue.

If I understood the article correctly, it is the responsibility of CWU and the City of Ellensburg to come up with solutions for the problem. The only true, effective solution lies with the students and only the students. It is not the job of either the college or the city to hold our hands at 21+ years old and make sure we get home.

We are adults and part of being adults is making choices that are our responsibility. For most students, it is not new news that Central Transit only goes till midnight and there are only two taxis in town.

It takes five minutes at most before a group of students go out to draw straws, flip coins, etc. over who will drive that night. Most bars in town don’t charge for soda or water. The group’s designated driver won’t die of thirst and having fun with one of our friends shouldn’t be predicated on being intoxicated.

Publishing the Community Oriented Policing (COOP) policy of the City of Ellensburg Police also may not have been a wise choice. You run the risk of drumming students willing to take the risk of driving to the risk.

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James Gaudioso
CWU President

We think that we never adequate budget … and we found some money to offset the accumulated debt.
At 8 a.m. on a foggy Saturday morning most students would expect the campus to be empty.

But last Saturday, the SURC patio was filled with the smell of fresh coffee, bagels, cinnamon rolls and laughter from approximately 175 students and community members who prepared to gather trash by foot and raft during the 38th annual Yakima River Clean Up.

Groups formed and began to pile into the busses and vans, each with its own destination, to cover a larger area of the valley.

One bus leader said to think of the garbage as spies and all of the spies must be caught. This helped make the experience fun by offering volunteers something to focus on besides the fact that they were picking up trash.

The first cleanup area was a camping site along the river with an old suspension bridge that creaked and shook violently as people ran across it. Nature could not be heard over the group comparing their finds and treasures with one another to see who had the most interesting finds.

The group made quick work of the area, gathering wine and beer bottles, plastic sacks and even a pregnancy test that had a smiling face reading on it. Vans carried the rafts to another part of the river to work their way down, collecting some of the same items the other groups were encountering.

Two other busses made various stops around the area and by the day’s end an area of what some said to be 20 miles was covered. As trash bags filled they were left in designated areas for the Rotary Club to pick up and transport to the dump.

Student volunteers also covered surrounding areas in addition to the Yakima River Canyon.

Many of the volunteers were satisfied at the end of their quest for environmental cleanliness.

As everyone returned to the SURC, the smells and tastes of that morning were replaced with new ones, such as pizza (courtesy of Dominos), lemonade and water.

“A way to give back to the community,” said Bryan Briggsways, who’s greatest find was used feminine products, which he said was rather disturbing to see.

“It was something new, free, fun and also good for the environment,” said Kyle West, freshman electronic engineer major and volunteer rafter.

“Keeping our community clean is a constant battle and a huge goal to reach,” said Katie Johnson, senior elementary education major and one of the people in charge of the cleanup effort. “This community deserves to be kept clean and beautiful.”
Mark Pickerel: Drummer to frontman
Ellemburg local moves from the Screaming Trees to the Praying Hands and ends up at Raw Space

BY SOPHIA WORGAN
Staff Reporter

At Mark Pickerel and The Praying Hands take the stage, the spotlight shines down on Pickerel’s Elvis-like coifed hair and through his glass of red wine sitting on the stage. As he begins his set, the crowd begins a slow hip sway, his music bringing together a bittersweet sound playing on emotion.

His voice sounds over the heavy guitar and all of a sudden the audience is drenched in the whiskey-soaked voice of his rockabilly sound. His voice goes from almost eerie, somber cries to a steady deep vocal train moving along heartwrenching lyrics.

The Praying Hands performed last Friday at Raw Space as part of the Ellensburg Film Festival’s Gala Awards Ceremony. The group sounded like one part Tiger Army, another part Chris Isaak, but mainly a rustic country-punk infusion with soulful fringes.

Pickerel had major experience drumming with the Screaming Trees, a band that sprung out of Ellensburg, but he puts out a different sound with The Praying Hands. Where the Screaming Hands were brush and scruffy, The Praying Hands is eloquent and emotional. The Screaming Trees was his first major outlet for music but he felt it was bittersweet, as he played a more passive role in the group.

“Creatively, I could only offer so much,” Pickerel said. At the heart of his music, Pickerel feels that being the frontman enables more creative freedom.

“If I’m going to sing about old themes of love and heartbreak and rejection, I want to strike a new nerve,” Pickerel said. Bill Johnson, 37, a coffee roaster for Goat, Heatwarmer, Spanish For 100 and D&M Coffee and fan of the Screaming Trees, encountered Pickerel’s small town humility first hand, when Johnson, a fan of Pickerel’s first band the Screaming Trees, complimented their song “Nearly Lost you,” a song written once Pickerel had left the band in ’92. According to Johnson, Pickerel responded with a shrug and said that the other drummer wrote the song.

“He wasn’t elitist about it at all,” Johnson said.

The Praying Hands’ members change periodically so Pickerel calls it the “revolving cast of troublemakers” on his MySpace page.

This time, the band consisted of Johny Sangster on bass and Pickerel on guitar and vocals. Despite the fact that Pickerel made his claim to fame drumming for the Screaming Trees, there was, ironically, no drummer during this performance.

Andie Borgward, junior athletic science major, appreciated the way The Praying Hands used their instruments.

“I loved how [Pickerel] played the tambourine with his feet,” Borgward said. “It was like Morrissey was in the Black Keys.”

Visit Mark Pickerel and His Praying Hands on MySpace: www.myspace.com/markpickerelandhisprayinghands

Five Minutes With...
Shena Jaramillo:
Redefining Non-trad student

BY JAYNIE BIRKLAND
Staff Reporter

Shena Jaramillo is a senior at Central Washington University and is presently learning American Sign Language. She has previously majored in psychology and anthropology with a specialization in museology and is currently working toward a major in nutrition with a specialization in dietetics.

In addition to studying and taking swing dance classes, Jaramillo spends time with her four-year-old daughter, Jocelyn. Jocelyn is not only a wonderful asset to her mother’s life, but to Jaramillo’s friends as well.

Q: What do you do for daycare?
A: Jocelyn attends the university’s Early Childhood Learning Center. She goes half days while I am in class. Sometimes I bring her to class with me.

Q: How do you balance your time for studying, socializing and spending time with Jocelyn?
A: I began classes again a week and a half after Jocelyn was born. My study habits became about a quarter of what other students might perform. In the beginning I studied at night while awake with Jocelyn. These days Jocelyn knows it’s time for her to play when I study. I socialize and spend time with my daughter at the same time. My friends miss her when she doesn’t tag along.

Q: How do you keep up with your bills?
A: I own a clothing store that keeps me busy every day. My knowledge of numbers is also helpful.

Q: What do you do for fun?
A: I enjoy exercising, dancing, working and art. Having coffee with my friends is one of my favorite things. Jocelyn is my little shadow and we do most things together.

“The Secret Life of Shells” Museum exhibit opens tomorrow night

BY NICHOLS WILLIAMSON
Staff Reporter

The Museum of Culture and Environment is hosting a reception tomorrow night to celebrate the opening of their new exhibit, “The Secret Life of Shells.” The new exhibit is an opportunity to showcase some beautiful and unique things from our collection,” said Dr. Kathleen Barlow, interim director, via email. The exhibit is based off last year's new exhibit, “The Secret Life of Shells.”

The reception will take place at 7 p.m. in the lobby of Dean Hall. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided.

There also will be door prizes and an opportunity for guests to make their own shell art. The exhibit will run throughout the quarter.

Museum hours are Wednesday-Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The Ellensburg Film Festival (EFF) celebrated another year of great independent films. The festival started in 2004 and has ever since been involved with major film and art events all over the state. The festival was created to honor a selection of critically acclaimed films from all over the nation. Some of these EFF films go on to win some of the most prestigious awards.

The EFF is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to connecting people through films and contributing to the downtown culture of Ellensburg. The festival has been successful due to the volunteers who run it and contributing organizations. Some of the local organizations involved were the City of Ellensburg, the CWU Diversity Education Center, Gallery One Visual Arts Center and the Laughing Horse Arts Foundation.

The EFF held the GALA Awards ceremony last Friday, at Raw Space, during which awards were presented to film-makers from all over the nation. Many of the local and student filmmakers won awards for outstanding productions. Other participants from across the nation were presented with awards for creating exceptional films.

One filmmaker who received a prestigious award from the EFF was Cory McAbee, a filmmaker from New York. McAbee’s work has been premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and has been seen all over the world. He travels from his home in New York to some of the farthest corners of the world just to make an appearance where his film is playing.

“I enjoy everything about filmmaking,” McAbee said. “As a writer, I like the solitary creative process and working with actors and musicians.”

McAbee is a self-taught filmmaker. He started working with animations after high school and his career progressed from there. Since then, he has learned where technology was heading with film making.

McAbee’s recent film, “Stingray Sam,” won an EFF award during the GALA Awards Ceremony. There was a screening of the film followed by an after-party featuring the local band, Mark Pickerel and His Praying Hands.

“The post-production is my favorite- the creative working on editing when the film is done,” McAbee said. “I enjoy supporting the films.”

“Stingray Sam” was one of many independent films that won an award from the EFF this year. Other than “Stingray Sam,” McAbee has produced other films such as “The American Astronaut,” “The Ketchup and Mustard Man” and “The Man on the Moon.” All of McAbee’s films are musicals and he appears in each one.

Check out some of the award-winning features shown at this year’s Ellensburg Film Festival.

**Stingray Sam**
Written and directed by Cory McAbee
Produced by Becky Glupczynski & Bobby Lurie

According to the Ellensburg Film Festival website, “Stingray Sam” is based on a “dangerous mission that reunites Stingray Sam with his long lost accomplice, The Quasar Kid.” The film follows the two space-convicts through their adventures to earn freedom and rescue a young girl held captive.

**Waste Land**
Directed by Lucy Walker

According to the Ellensburg Film Festival website, “Waste Land” is an “uplifting feature documentary highlighting the transformative power of art and the beauty of the human spirit. Contemporary artist Vik Muniz takes us on an emotional journey from Jardim Gramacho, the world’s largest landfill on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro, to the heights of international art stardom.”

**The Secret of Kells**
Directed by Tomm Moore

According to the Ellensburg Film Festival website, “The Secret of Kells” is based in Ireland, when main character, Brendan “embarks on a new life of adventure, arriving from foreign lands carrying a book brimming with secret wisdom and powers.” The film incorporates magic, fantasy and Celtic mythology.

**The Thomas Beale Cipher**
Directed by Andrew Allen

According to the Ellensburg Film Festival website, this short film is “an animated train trip that follow the mysterious unsolved cipher of the Thomas Beale treasures.”
Who let the secrets out?
PostSecret creator Frank Warren shares assortment of collected secrets

By Keifer Dodson-Carter
Staff Reporter

Frank Warren, creator of PostSecret and collector of secrets, emerged from behind the black curtain and onto the stage, as “Dirty Little Secret,” by The All-American Rejects played in the background. For a few hours last Thursday, the SURC Ballroom was transformed into a safe place for secrets to be shared. No one had to worry about being judged, as people were encouraged to open up and tell the truth.

“I am a world-class expert on secrets,” Warren said.

Warren receives thousands of postcards each day that reveal secrets from people across the globe. Many of them are decorated with pictures, paintings and drawings. Sometimes the secrets are not posted on postcards at all. Warren said he has received secrets on an “In and Out Burger” bag, on seashells, death certificates and even something as strange as a potato.

In November 2004, Warren passed out 3,000 postcards to anybody and everybody. The goal was to have people reveal their secrets as long as they were true and had never been revealed. Of course, there were some who claimed to have no secrets, but according to Warren, those are usually the individuals that have the best secrets.

PostSecret has come a long way since it started six years ago. There is even a PostSecret website where new postcards are posted each week.

Warren has published several books of secrets, including his latest “Confessions on Life, Death, and God.” There is even talk about a play. (Post Secret application – more info to come)

“PostSecret was one crazy idea,” Warren said.

During Warren’s presentation, many secrets were shared and discussed. Some were funny, like the one about a girl who worked at a smoothie shop and put weight gainer in her rude and ungrateful customer’s drink. Other postcards were heartbreaking, like the one with a picture of a door with holes. On the top of the postcard was written, “The holes are from when my mom tried knocking down the door to continue to beat me.”

“We all think we are alone in the world, but we are actually connected,” said Shaylene Wetterer, senior sociology and law and justice major.

Several courageous students walked up to the mic to share their secrets with Warren and his audience. Joseph O’Connor, freshman French education major, was one such student. O’Connor had tried in the past to reveal his secret, but it never really worked out. This time the atmosphere was calm and he felt like no one was judging.

“My heart was beating like crazy, but once I said it, a weight was lifted from my shoulders and I felt free and that my secret wasn’t weighing me down anymore,” O’Connor said.

Visit the official PostSecret website:

www.postsecret.com

Ask Tina Sparkle!

The advice column where students write in and this drag queen tells it like it is

Dear Ms. Sparkle,

I’m new here to CWU and I’m not too sure what to even write to you, but my friends tell me that you are the one to go to for advice. So my question is, how involved with the Queer community are you on campus, and is there a Gay Straight Alliance here at CWU?

~Unknown

Dear Unknown,

I am the one to go to for any kind of advice. Please feel free to email me at any time. My friends constantly tell me I’m a walking Wikipedia because I know just about anything you could ask me. And if I don’t, I do enough research to really make sure I can help answer your question. Keep in mind though, that I don’t post all the questions I get in my emails in The Observer. Too many questions for my little space. Lol.

I am very involved with the Queer community on campus. I am the 2009-2010 Ms. CWU, I organized last year’s PRIDE and I plan on doing a lot more this year. What exactly that will be is to be determined. I’m a busy person, but my one downfall is that I put others before myself.

As for a GSA (Gay Straight Alliance), yes we do have one. It’s called EQaU (Equality through Queers and Allies) and they meet Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in SURC 137 A and B. Feel free to stop by. They are a warm and welcoming family that is willing to accept anyone for who they are, not what they are.

Much love and care,
Tina Sparkle

* Have a question? I have THE answer!

Send Tina Sparkle your questions!

Email her at: asktinasparkle@yahoo.com

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Did you know...

According to Warren, the word “secret” in Hebrew means “come closer.”

Frank Warren received thousands of postcards at his presentation each year. Almost no secrets were posted online or printed in books during his presentation last Thursday.

“PostSecret was one crazy idea,” Warren said.
It was time to either invest and commit to athletics ... or cut programs.

BY LINDSYY WHADON
Staff Reporter

KATIE REESE, CHANELLE FOURNIER AND AMY WARDLEY CONTRIBUTED TO THIS REPORT

A group of top university and athletics administrators, including Athletics Director Jack Bishop and Central Washington University President Jim Gaudino, met in late January. Bishop and Gaudino are coming from a combined total of $230,000 in state funding, according to Budget Director Shelly Baird-Johnson.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, the department was about $68,000 in the hole, according to its tentative budget from June. That was a big improvement over $255,000 in the previous fiscal year, but left them approximately $68,000 in the red. All athletics defi cits are paid for with spare university money, at the university’s discretion, Bishop said. Because of recent changes in state aid, athletics defi cits are paid for with spare university money, at the university’s discretion, Bishop said. Athletics defi cits are paid for with spare university money, at the university’s discretion, Bishop said. Athletics defi cits are paid for with spare university money, at the university’s discretion, Bishop said.

This year’s operating costs take a 2009-2010 defi cit of approximately $130,000, the department cut its defi cit nearly in half in the 2009-2010 fi scal year, but left them approximately $68,000 in the red. All athletics defi cits are paid for with spare university money, at the university’s discretion, Bishop said.

For example, Central’s football coaches requested new lap-tops, but Parker said the request must stay within their base allocation. Parker said that the new collaboration with Facilities Management will solve the problems. Parker said. Because of reduced savings in 2009-2010, Facilities Management will solve the problems. Facilities Management will solve the problems. Facilities Management will solve the problems. Facilities Management will solve the problems.

In a time of university-wide budget cuts, Central’s Athletics Department is set to receive new annual base funding of $230,000 from the university, according to Budget Director Shelly Baird-Johnson.

In 2005, the department was $114,429 in the red. Athletics defi cits are paid for with spare university money, at the university’s discretion, Bishop said. Athletics defi cits are paid for with spare university money, at the university’s discretion, Bishop said.

"I think that we never had an adequate budget and we found some money to offset the accumulated defi cit," Gaudino said. "It was time to either invest and commit to athletics ... or cut programs.

ATHLETIC MEDICAL

$50,920

SPORTS INFORMATION

$18,000

CHEER & DANCE

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TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES:

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For some students, athletics is a big part of the college experience and shouldn’t be diminished by the university. "It’s a system that we didn’t have available to us in the past," Bishop said. "It really has helped and will make a big difference in the future." Parker built a budget plan allowing the department to track each sport’s expenditures and revenues.

"The Athletics Department wasn’t necessarily spending poorly," Parker said. "I think athletics is a big part of the college experience and shouldn’t be diminished by the university." Bishop said. "It really has helped and will make a big difference in the future."

"We got a good contrast to compete athletically, competitively, academically," Gaudino said.

"We should have eliminated sports to help meet our plan is to have a balanced bud-

"It was time to either invest and commit to athletics ... or cut programs."
Wildcats roll in style at Emerald City Invitational

BY ANTHONY HOGAN
Staff Reporter

The Wildcat cross-country team took their talents to the west side of the mountains Saturday, to compete in the Emerald City Invitational at Woodland Park. Despite the challenges of a rolling hills style course the Wildcats had some great performances during the meet.

The men came out with a strong performance from junior Manuel Santos. Santos once again led the pack for Central, taking 7th in the 8K run with a time of 27:08, making that run his best of the season.

Junior Ryan Eidsmoe followed Santos, finishing 20th overall at 28:11.

“Becoming a member on the team was a smooth transition for me,” Eidsmoe said. “I feel like my performance on Saturday was right on pace with what I’m used to, and I’m glad I can contribute to the team’s success.”

Freshman Nathan Power and sophomore Jon Swanson placed high in the top thirty. Teammate and brother senior Tyler Eidsmoe wrapped up the field of Wildcats, placing 31st overall out of 91 male athletes.

The Wildcat women had a good showing at the meet, even with new faces hitting the course. Junior Krissy McGill came out for the first time this year putting down a respectable time of 25:09 seconds and placing 25th overall right behind teammate junior Kelsey Kreft. Kreft led the girls in the 6K race, placing 22nd with a time of 24:36.

“It’s good to have a tight pack of girls that are all good,” Kreft said. “The course posed some challenges, but it was good to keep up and compete the whole way through.”

Freshman Taylor Kartses struggled on the day, finishing in 28th overall with a time of 25:23. Senior Adriana Mendoza cracked the top 30 as well, placing 26th.

“It was a challenging course,” said Kartses. “I felt like I was putting in more effort at times then I should have been, but every one has those off days.”

The team finished third as a whole at the meet and plan to improve their marks next week in San Francisco for the San Francisco State Invitational.

Other runners on the team will be traveling to the west side again for the Pacific Lutheran University Invitational in Parkland.

This week the men are set up to run an 8-kilometer race while the women run a 6K.
Humboldt State drops Central to second in GNAC

Central suffers first conference loss in 35 games

BY BRYCE NAUERT
Sports Reporter

The Central Washington football team lost 25-24 to the Humboldt State Lumberjacks, making it the first loss in 35 games within the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC).

The Wildcats traveled to Redwood Bowl in Arcata, California where they had a showdown in a tough loss to conference opponent Humboldt State University (HSU).

Coming into the game, Central was first place in the GNAC division, with a one game lead over second place Humboldt. Both teams were unbeaten within the conference. After the game, Central dropped to second place in the conference with a record of 4-1 in conference play, while Humboldt overtakes first place with a record of 3-0 in conference play. Central has not lost a game within the GNAC since September 25, 2004 and has not loss to Humboldt in 16 straight games.

The first quarter was scoreless for both teams. Neither team could get anything moving offensively until the end of the first quarter when the Lumberjacks got into red zone territory. HSU started the second quarter with an immediate touchdown, making it an eleven play drive for 77 yards. The Lumberjacks started the drive with an immediate touchdown run by junior running back Simon Fraser, giving them a 6-0 lead early in the game.

On the next drive Wildcat sophomore quarterback Ryan Robertson completed a 33-yard pass to senior wide receiver Chris Smith which put the Wildcats at the Lumberjacks 4-yard line. Two plays later, Robertson found senior wide receiver Kollin Hancock in the end zone for a touchdown. The extra point was good, making the score 7-6 in Wildcats favor.

Following the touchdown, Central's defense stopped the Lumberjacks on a fourth down incompletion by junior quarterback Mike Proulx. The Wildcats offense took over and went 9 plays for 64 yards which ended in a 23-yard field goal by Sean Davis, making the score 10-6.

The Lumberjacks bounced right back to tie the game at 10 with 5:30 left in the half. HSU kicker Brian Blamburg connected on a 30-yard field goal to make the game 10-10 at the half.

The next score would not happen until about four minutes into the fourth quarter. After a blocked punt by Bighill, the senior linebacker recovered the ball on the Lumberjacks own 4-yard line and ran in for another touchdown. Central now held a 16-10 lead in the third quarter.

The Lumberjacks responded with a drive that netted them another rushing touchdown cutting Central's lead to just two points, 24-22.

The Wildcats followed with a short drive ending in a punt. Humboldt State then countered with an 8-play 60-yard drive ending in a field goal with 1:12 remaining on the clock. Central was unable to get anything going in the final minutes of the game and turned the ball over on downs for a final score of 25-24.

This was the first of two games that Central will meet Humboldt this season. The second game will be home for the Wildcats on October 23 at 1 p.m. Next Saturday the Wildcats host Southern Oregon at Tomlinson Stadium.

OPR offers kayaking pool sessions for beginners

BY JON CLEVELAND
Sports Reporter

With fall in bloom, the offseason of kayaking has begun, and the start to another quarter of the popular kayaking pool sessions is here at Central.

The sessions are held nearly every Sunday in the aquatic center from 7-9 p.m.

You don't have to break the bank on this activity either. It runs just $5 per session and is a great way to get some exercise.

“Our pool sessions are an opportunity for people who have never kayaked before,” said Tom Potter, OPR shop technician who runs the Kayak Pool Sessions.

“People who have just started kayaking or who are experienced kayakers, to come get into some warm water in the offseason, to practice their skills, learn new skills, and to basically keep in shape.”

The Kayak Pool Sessions, which are organized by Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals, are great for beginners to the sport, because the pool is a much easier environment than open water. The sessions teach the basics of kayaking and allow kayakers to perfect their skills.

“We started the Kayak Pool Sessions last year,” said Blaine Serrin, senior geology major and student manager of OPR. “Dan and Tom took it last year and ran with it, and it became very popular, so instead of doing it once a year we now have it every quarter. We also have the class that has spawned as a result of the popular pool sessions.”

The pool sessions are recommended to anyone who loves the water and has an adventurous personality.

“Anyone that has any interest in water sports, outdoor sports or any sort of paddling, it’s going to be a kick in the pants for them,” said kayaking instructor Troy Hughes.

There is no experience required to participate in the pool sessions. You don’t even need to know how to swim.

“Especially for people who have not kayaked before, it gives them an opportunity to feel what a kayak is like and see what it is all about,” Potter said. “If they come frequently we will give them some education on how to roll a kayak and different paddle techniques.”

Participants may bring their own gear to the sessions. For those who don’t have their own equipment, gear will be provided by Leavenworth Mountain Sports.

Students must also bring a long sleeved shirt and a swim suit to each session.

“We put new people in boats and then we let everyone paddle around and get comfortable,” Hughes said. “Then let people come to us with any instruction that they want. It’s very unstructured.”

GNAC Football Standings

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Volleyball spikes competition, wins fifth straight

BY JAKE ABBOTT
Staff Reporter

As the Central Washington volleyball team travels to Alaska this week, focus, determination and teamwork are three essentials to success.

Central will be facing the defending conference champions, Alaska Anchorage tonight and Alaska Fairbanks on Saturday the 9th. Over the past two seasons, the Wildcats have not produced a win against Alaska Anchorage.

“This is one of those games that won’t go three sets,” said junior setter Carlee Marble. “It’s going to be a fight to the end. It will come down to who wants it more and who is more prepared.”

Looking forward to the trip is Head Coach Mario Andaya.

“We need to compete at a pretty high level,” Andaya said. “Our serving needs to be excellent to keep them off balance.”

Alaska Anchorage is known for being physical and athletic, and this will be Central’s toughest trip of the year. The athletes will endure a three and a half hour flight to Alaska, and hopefully return with two victories.

“We can’t let the environment take us out of our element,” said junior outside hitter Meg Ryan. “We need to keep focused, watch film and study our scout reports.”

Last week, the Wildcats moved up in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) rankings after defeating Western Oregon University and St. Martin’s University.

Central beat the Western Oregon Crusaders in three straight sets Thursday night (25-18, 25-16, 25-12). Leading the Lady Wildcats on the night, Meg Ryan had a first-class performance, supplying 10 kills, over one third of the team total on the night (29).

“The team really came together last Thursday,” Ryan said. “Our team chemistry is great.” Ryan also generated a .360 hitting percentage and nine digs for Central.

Senior outside hitter Kady Try had 6 kills and Marble produced 3 kills, 21 assists, and 8 digs. The Wildcats shut down the crusaders in the third set, ending with a .529 hitting percentage.

Defensively, Central was in control the whole game, forcing Western Oregon to make many mistakes. The Crusaders made 23 hitting errors on the night, which resulted in 23 points for Central.

“We came out and jumped on them early,” Marble said. “We played very well, had some strong blocks, and didn’t let the ball hit the ground.”

Last Saturday, Central swept St. Martin’s University in three sets with scores of 25-17, 25-14, and 25-16. The Wildcats bumped up to third place in the GNAC rankings after last week with a record of 7-5 overall (5-2 in the GNAC).

“You can’t underestimate a team like St. Martin’s,” Marble said. “We had a big job ahead of us.”

Marble had a perfect hitting percentage against the Saints and produced 19 assists.

Try also had a great performance against St. Martin’s last Saturday in the Pavilion. She had 15 kills, .353 hitting percentage and 7 digs. Try is ranked in the top three in NCAA Division II, and is a huge contributor to the recent victories for the Wildcats.

Central was able to put some new faces on the court last Saturday as well. Reserves were able to come in and seal the deal for the Wildcats. Sophomore outside hitter Jordan Offutt and sophomore setter Devin Larsen played extremely well.

Central hopes to carry their winning ways to the 49th state tonight, looking to tack on two more wins to their five game win streak.

BY JAKE ABBOTT
Staff Reporter
Central takes down 19th-ranked SFU, falls to Western

BY ANDREW HOGARTH
Staff Reporter

After a slow start to the season, the Central Wildcat women's soccer team had won their last two games heading into this week's game against Simon Fraser University, who were the 19th-ranked team in the GNAC. The Wildcats pulled out an exciting 2-1 win at home against Simon Fraser University, who were the 19th-ranked team in the NAIA.

The Wildcats (3-6-1 overall and 3-3-0 in the GNAC) took the lead as Lia McKole in the 39th minute kept the pressure on the Clan, but the Wildcats trailed at the half, 1-0.

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