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Central may soon be plagued with a high percentage of teacher turnover due to the increasing number of retirements among faculty and administrators, said Dr. Robert Edington, Vice-President of Academic Affairs.

"Nearly one-third of our faculty may retire over the next five to six years," Edington said.

Edington said this creates problems as well as opportunities.

"We will lose good people who are hard to replace," he said. "But, as we begin to 'fine-tune' the university, this gives us opportunity to recruit new faculty that have skills in areas we want to emphasize."

However, the issue of retirement is not entirely a mixed blessing, Edington said. It also brings to the surface the problem of recruitment. One major problem is it has become harder to recruit at the higher education level. Edington estimates the ratio between the supply and demand of Ph.D.s is 3-to-4, at most.

"After about 1993 or 1995, we will get into a situation nationally where there are fewer Ph.D.s than we need to get into a situation nationally where there are fewer Ph.D.s than we need," Edington said.

"Ideally we are looking for women and minorities," said Dr. W. Fred Cutlip, chairman of the mathematics department. "We want to address the under-representation of women and minorities in the area of mathematics and sciences."

The problems of being understaffed have long been felt by the mathematics department as well as many Central students who need math to fulfill breadth requirements. According to Cutlip, there are not enough sections of basic classes to satisfy the demand.

"For at least 15 years, Math 101 classes have been too large, whereby creating less than optimal circumstances which inhibit interaction between students," he said.

For example, this quarter Math 101 has 68 students enrolled in a single section. Cutlip acknowledges that at the University of Puget Sound, the same course with the same materials is offered in five different sections with 20 to 25 students in each—creating an "ideal teaching and learning situation."

Still, Cutlip is "hopeful, but not optimistic."

"The university seems to be supporting the effort very strongly," he said, "but it's a competitive market with not enough people to meet the demand."

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Students join anti-erotica crusade

by The Observer staff

Two Central students assisted the effort of two local citizens' groups to restrict the business of the Lover's Package when they presented a sexually explicit item purchased at the store to the Ellensburg city attorney and city manager at the Jan. 15 city council meeting.

The students, Dave Williams and Jed Olston, along with roughly 100 supporters from the Central Students Tired Of Pornography committee (STOP) and Kittitas County Citizens Against Pornography, presented a manual detailing different sexual positions bought from the store that included a chapter on bestial sex, showing a woman posing nude with a small dog, to city manager Donna Nylander and city attorney Glenda Bradley-House.

Williams said that after examining many of the other items in the store, not every item sold there may be considered "obscene" but some of the material being sold may be in violation of certain state and local laws against pornography.

Lover's Package has not been charged with any violation, since the council Jan. 2 voted 5 to 2 to investigate the complaints lodged by the citizens' groups.

The Ellensburg City "Puritans" ordinance states, "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to carry on any indecent or immoral business within the city limits."

The Revised Code of Washington specifies what is "indecent" or "immoral." RCW 9.68.140 states that those who for profit-making purposes and with knowledge sell, exhibit, display or produce any lewd matter is guilty of "promoting porrnography."

Lewd matter as described in RCW 9.68.140 includes any matter which depicts or describes offensive acts of ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, masturbation, fellatio, cunnilingus, bestiality or excretory functions.

Among the items singled out by Williams as available for purchase at the store include dildos, masturbation kits with batteries, plastic female sex organs and a videotape guaranteeing "hard-core action."

Williams said he and Olston were approached by a member of STOP and asked if they would enter the store and purchase something that could be illegal.

"I said I'd be willing to," he said. "But I didn't want to buy too much. I bought the manual and a [sexually explicit] card. The committee reimbursed me."

Williams said that while he was inside Lover's Package, two young children with their mother were in the store, and the sign on the window states "Must be 18, I.D. required."

Former Attorney General Ed Meese's 1986 Commission on Pornography concluded that few stores have employees at the point of entry of adult stores who verify ages and enforce the "no one under 18 admitted."

An employee who asked not to see Erotica — page 3
If you're old enough to drink, then I'm J. Edgar Hoover

A minor was cited for possession of an alcoholic beverage Friday night in one of the campus parking lots. Two male subjects were observed walking and drinking from plastic containers. As the officer approached the subjects, they recognized him as a police officer and quickly consumed the containers. One subject dropped his, spilling the contents. The other subject handed his container to the officer upon request.

The officer said the container smelled of alcohol and suspected the drink was vodka mixed with orange juice. The subject told the officer he was 29 years old but said his wallet contained no identification.

The officer was permitted to search the wallet and found a Washington learner’s permit revealing the subject’s true age to be 18. The officer then showed the permit to the subject and asked if the picture looked familiar. The subject agreed the picture resembled him.

Later the same evening, police were notified of a broken window on the second floor of Wilson Hall. Responding officers found a stairway door with a window that looked as if it had been smashed by a fist. The suspect was identified to officers as a white male with medium-length blond hair. Police informed the Kittitas Valley Community Hospital to watch for anyone fitting this description with a hand injury.

Early Saturday morning, the officer received a call from the hospital. A man fitting the description was seeking medical assistance. The officer went to the hospital and questioned the suspect, who admitted breaking the window. He was charged with malicious mischief and transported to the university police station for a taped statement. The suspect attributed his aggressions to a relationship problem with a female.

Muzzall residents reported a handrail broken off the wall in one of the stairways between the seventh and eighth floors Sunday afternoon.

A disturbed LGA at Sparks Hall called campus police for help calming some belligerent residents Friday night.

The students were repeatedly told to lower their voices to avoid disturbing other students. She noticed there was beer inside one room and told them to dispose of it.

One of the students promptly slammed the door, catching the LGA’s foot in the door and causing it to bleed. The officer responded to the call only to find that the students had left for the night.

A student from Beck Hall had problem opening his door because the lock was filled with toothpaste. Campus police arrived and cured the problem by saturating the lock with CRC S-56 lubricant.

North parking lot to be put out to pasture

by JONATHAN MODE
Staff Writer

The abandoned gravel parking lot immediately south of North and Wilson halls that once provided easy parking for nearby dormitory residents will soon be put to use after lying dormant, said John M. Holman, director of the Physical Plant.

Plans have been drawn to lay sod halfway through the old E-1 parking lot south of North Hall. The path will extend from the south side of Holmes Dining Hall, cutting halfway through the old railroad beam on the south end of the lot, to the north end of Black Hall on Walnut Mall.

In addition, a sprinkler system will be installed to supply ample water to the large grassy area, Holman said.

The Physical Plant will also plant other trees throughout the campus to complement the new landscaping and a possible Japanese garden, and lights along the path for safe walking at night.

Holman said the walkway will allow easier access to the main mall while reducing damage to the area caused by students crossing through the grass and surrounding garden areas.

“I understand that when (the student) does that, they leave a lasting impression on the landscape,” Holman said.

The Physical Plant will put up signs and fences to keep short-cutters out of the new area and other damaged areas throughout the campus.

Holman estimates the cost of the project will be “a couple hundred thousand dollars,” though an exact figure is not known. Funding will be provided by the university’s capital construction budget, and a bid to a landscaper has yet to be made.

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CAMPUS COPS
by Tony Nelson Staff Writer

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High turnover rate to cause future professor shortage nationwide

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Cutlip doesn’t believe things are likely to improve in the short run either.

"The state doesn’t seem ready to put additional resources in higher education," he said. "The Board of Higher Education keeps talking about increased access to higher education as their goal, but no one has addressed increasing the funding—and no one gets something for nothing."

In the meantime, Cutlip said the recruitment process will continue with position announcements posted throughout the country.

"We’ll just continue to do the best we can with what we’ve got," he said.

Beaver wreaks havoc with Ganges

by JONATHAN MODIE
Staff Writer

The unusually high water level in the Ganges could be atributed to ice that had just frozen at a high level, or the melting mountain snows, or even the need to water area crops... but this time the culprits are small, fuzzy, tree-chewing beavers.

The beaver, nicknamed the "Ganges Monster," has built a well-constructed dam across the canal just north of the northeast corner of Quiquigley Hall, backing up the water to a high level uncommon for this time of year. University officials said the little critters, if there is more than one, may move along sooner or later.

University grounds officials said they first noticed the beaver dam in mid-December after noticing the Ganges, used as an irrigation ditch during the summer to supply local area crops, was higher than normal.

"Right now there’s a couple of them in there," said William Engel, maintenance supervisor of custodial and grounds services. "We didn’t plan to do anything with them in there," said William Engel, maintenance supervisor of custodial and grounds services. "We didn’t plan to do anything with them until the water comes up in spring."

Every spring, the Ellensburg Water Co., which controls the water that flows through the ditch, slowly opens the valves that release water into the Ganges and out to area farmers. The procedure involves raising the water level to a very high point, then gradually letting it down to a normal level. This cleans out any debris that has built up in the ditch.

University said when the water level moves up, it will just clear the dam out. Small fallen trees from one to seven inches thick can be seen laying in the water along the banks of the canal on each side. The beavers' teeth marks are visible on the stumps.

Engel said that as long as the beavers don’t do any harm to campus property or expensive trees, the school will just keep an eye on them.

"The trees they’re chewing on are just wild willows," he said.

High waters on the Ganges have been blamed on the famed "Ganges Monster." (photo by Colin Whitley)

Erotica deemed obscene by student activists

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be identified said the store has been here for three years, and is not unlike other "romantic" shops in other towns.

She said parents with young children occasionally patronize the store, and the parents use discretion when accompanied by what are usually infants.

"I’m not about to throw someone out just because they brought their kid in," the employee said. "and I’m not gonna tell them to leave the kid outside."

The STOP committee is working along side the Kittitas County Citizens Against Pornography group, which claims that pornography comes under the legal definition of "obscenity" and is not protected by the First Amendment guarantee of free speech.

Both groups stress that they are not pressing the Lover’s Package to shut down, only that it remove all illegal items from the store.

There will be an open forum on this issue 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29 at the Senior Center on 506 S. Pike St.

This report compiled by staff members Helen Foley, Jay Pulliam and Jim Thomsen.

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ROTC Ranger squad squelches Pac-10 rivals

by TONY NELSON
Staff Writer

Central's Ranger ROTC team won the Third Annual Ranger Challenge Invitational Competition at Portland State University Jan. 12-14.

Nine different schools entered 11 teams in the competition, including such Pac-10 heavyweights as the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Washington State University and the University of Washington.

"We take a lot of pride in showing-up UW and EWU."

— Kevin Dean

The award ceremony will be at Peterson Hall today at 4 p.m.
"Our toughest competition comes from the University of Oregon," said the team captain, Senior Cadet Kevin Dean. "But we take a lot of pride in showing-up UW and Eastern Washington University.

Dean said the team consisted of 14 members, but only nine actually compete. The team trains specifically for the competition three days a week and has physical training five days a week at 6 a.m.

The competition consisted of five events: the rope bridge, M-16 marksmanship, weapons assembly, physical training and the tank kilometer road dash. The top eight teams in each event earn points, and at the end of the competition the totals are added up.

"The tank kilo is run in full fatigues," said Junior Cadet Dave Solomon. "Combat boots and a rue sack on each member's back."

Central beat last year's champion, the University of Oregon, by a one-point margin. Central didn't place first in any of the events, but scored consistently and won through superior teamwork.

The regional competition will be at Fort Lewis in February, with 33 teams competing from 27 schools. There will be three additional events: patrolling, orienteering and the grenade assault course.

Dean said they have enough motivation to continue performing at this level and hope the team will be triumphant.

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by MELANIE STONE

Shreveport Times

**RUSTON, La.**—Dead cats hanging from a Christmas tree and a goat masquerading as Santa, infested with heartworms, are two of the reasons why two animal control officers said Jan. 16 they would not be prosecuted for animal cruelty.

On Dec. 13, animal control officers found two dead cats infested with heartworms and a goat on a Christmas tree on a house in Ruston. The cat and the goat were found to have been infested with heartworms.

The dead cats were found in the house where they were killed by a cat.

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CWU Students Go To War To Fight High Costs.

Tired of tuition increases? Want to get into student government and have a voice in Olympia? If so, here’s how. More than 50 students from Central will be joining 500 other students in Olympia to rally in support of legislation concerning Graduate Fellowships, Financial Aid, Tuition Surcharge, Building Fees and Service and Activity Fees. The rally will take place on the steps of the Capitol Building in Olympia on Friday, February 2.

“We are at war!” Our fight is against issues that limit student involvement at Central Washington University,” said Henri Moreau, ASCWU Executive V.P. “We also want to let the legislature know that Central students are concerned about issues facing higher education and are willing to go to Olympia to express their opinions.”

All students are invited to register for the trip by attending an information session on **Tuesday, January 30 from 7:00-9:00 in the SUB Yakima Room.**

Governor Gardner, the Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor Pritchard, the Chairs of the Senate and House Higher Education Committees, and student leaders, including ASCWU President, T.J. Sedgwick will speak at the rally.

Ten students, including Sedgwick and Dan Sutich, ASCWU Representative to Residence Living, will be running relay-style from Seattle to Olympia to present the Governor with an agenda of student needs and concerns. They will arrive at the steps of the Capitol Building at 12 noon and will hand the agenda to Governor Gardner.

“The impact we have will be a springboard for further interaction in Olympia. Our impression will be felt long after the rally is over. So Please come help us fight!” challenged Moreau.

From Left: ASCWU President, T.J. Sedgwick; Executive V.P., Henri Moreau; CWU WSL Chairperson, Diana Collins.
Letters to the Editor

‘Death Race 2000’ coming soon to a campus near you

To The Editor:

While I find your Jan. 18 “opinion” on the usefulness of Central’s bike path relevant and necessary, I must point out, as one of the riders shown in the picture, that the photograph bears little relationship to the path and is directly in front of North Hall. The cinder path leading to North Hall in the northwest is clearly visible.

The segment shown is in fact far beyond the north entrance to the path and is directly in front of North Hall. The cinder path leading to North Hall in the northwest is clearly visible.

The road angering photograph destroys the credibility of your argument. I must admit that in the photograph I was, in fact, near pedestrians, but it is rather difficult to “break away from pedestrian traffic to use the bike path” when, on that section of the Walnut Mall, there is no bike path!

This problem with bike riders not using the path can be solved with the installation of an extensive network of paths and enforcement of the regulations regarding bicycle traffic on our campus. Banning bicycles on campus is not the solution. Many ride bicycles not because we enjoy a game of “Death Race 2000,” but because we have a necessity to travel quickly between our classes (perhaps you have seen my wife and me traveling about the campus with a bicycle trailer filled with children?) It is frustrating to be a pedestrian and hit by a bicycle. But it is equally frustrating to have to continually dodge the random movements of pedestrians, sometimes, unfortunately, hitting them. Rather than alienating a large segment of the student population which rides bicycles, The Observer should take the lead in advocating changes in university policy which would enable bikers to get everywhere on campus without having to make contact with pedestrians, and pedestrians would not need to fear for life and limb each time they walk to their classes.

Michael Chess

Football fans at least as important as the players

To the Editor:

Associated Students of Central, Faculty, Administrators, Support Personnel, Cheerleaders:

On behalf of Athletics and the football team I would like to thank you for your tremendous support both physically and financially. We could not achieve the success we have without you — you are #1.

Gary Frederick
Director of Athletics

Letters

Lover’s Package: What’s immoral? Who decides?

The Lover’s Package is under fire from local extremists who believe they should decide what is good or bad for the rest of us.

(photo by Colin Whitley)

Lover’s Package is under fire from local extremists who believe they should decide what is good or bad for the rest of us.

The problem with this definition is the fact that, again, what one person sees as offensive may not be offensive to another.

If you sit back and really think about it, what is offensive? Are magazines which show explicit sexual acts offensive? Are authentically-designed sexual aids offensive? Is rock music offensive? Is the Bible offensive?

All of these things are offensive to someone.

The one thing that is truly offensive is the fact that there are a few individuals who take these definitions and twist them until they fit their own definition of what they want and don’t want in their world, without taking into account what their neighbor wants.

As American adults, it is our right to partake in the activities of our choice. It is not up to a handful of self-righteous narrow thinkers who want to throw out what others enjoy, just because it doesn’t fit into their idea of what the world should be.

It is also the right of Lover’s Package to cater to its customers without living in fear of what might happen if it doesn’t buckle to the whims of the self-righteous. It is our chance to fight for our rights.

There will be an open forum on this issue at the Senior Center at 506 South Pine Street, Monday, at 7:30 p.m.

Students are urged to attend.

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Letters

Opinions
Doors open to ‘House of Fun’

by JILL BOCOL
Staff Writer

He can usually be seen riding a bright red bicycle around town or on campus. He wears a clown hat and sports a false nose. During his journeys, he leaves a trail of soap bubbles and smiles in his wake.

Garcia and friend Joan of Art have turned an old dairy into a land of amusement for all ages. The two opened the doors to the House of Fun in August, but have added features to finalize the look. It officially opened Jan. 3.

The House of Fun is not just meant for children, but for adults who need to get in touch with the simplicities of childhood, Garcia said. The world would be a much better place if everyone could have the fun they used to enjoy as a child, he said. His goal is to allow for people to cut loose the strings that bind children and society in two different worlds.

To enter the Bubbleman’s House of Fun, each guest must choose from the large variety of costumes. The costumes must be worn through the duration of the visit. Each guest may wear as little as a hot or mask or dress completely in the provided costumes. There are an abundance of false noses, gypsy masks and colorful scarves for each costume.

During the visit, a guest can play the various games for prizes, or just enjoy the detailed and intricate patterns on the floor, walls and ceilings. After one has taken all of the surroundings in, then they are led through tunnels of excitement.

Behind each curtain lie surprises that are guaranteed to be original. These surprises could be the hilarious laughing tree, the vibrating green machine, or the wonderful ever-popular room of balloons.

Moawad has attended this event since he first became a member of the International Association of Jazz Educators convention. About 2,500 educators, clinicians, performers and students gathered at the New Orleans Hyatt Regency Hotel for six days of workshops, lectures, performances, jam sessions and fun.

Moawad was awarded a plaque for his “22 years of dedication and service to IAJE,” including all of his years spent as a music critic for the IAJE quarterly magazine and his job as new vocal music editor.

He is already looking forward to next year’s convention in Washington D.C., and then again in 1992, for which Seattle is being considered as a site.

Here’s What’s Happening • Jan. 25-31

Jan. 25
Lecture by Michael Simon Hebler Auditorium 7 p.m.
Vaia recital by Jeffrey Showell Herz Recital Hall 8 p.m.
Swim meet at Whitman 5 p.m.
Wrestling vs. Eastern Washington 7 p.m.

Jan. 26
“Pirates of Penzance” at McConnell Auditorium 8 p.m.
Swim meet at Evergreen State 6 p.m.
Men’s JV basketball vs. Yakima Valley 3 p.m.

Jan. 27
Women’s JV basketball vs. Northwest College 5 p.m.

Jan. 28
Classic Film Series “A Year of the Quiet Sun” McConnell Auditorium 7 p.m.

Jan. 29
“A Taste of Life” Cultural Night at Bars Lounge 7 p.m.
Women’s varsity basketball vs. Alaska Southeast 7 p.m.

Jan. 30
Men’s JV basketball vs. Spokane 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling at Pacific Lutheran 7 p.m.

Jan. 31
Men’s JV basketball vs. Walla Walla College 5:15 p.m.
Men’s varsity basketball vs. Seattle 7:30 p.m.
High School String Days all day
Recitalist plays five pieces in three styles

by JIM CARLSON
Staff Writer

Central percussion professor Dr. Andrew Spencer gave a solo marimba recital last Wednesday evening in Hertz Hall, playing five diverse-sounding pieces in which the three main styles of contemporary marimba literature were represented.

The first of these was "Time" (1969) by Japanese composer Minoru Miki, a piece with many shifts in timbre and dynamics. It starts off with a persistent pattern which eventually branches off into different developmental passages.

In this piece, Spencer introduced the audience to the wide variety of sounds and textures that can be generated by this mallet instrument that range from snapping accents to the eerie, hollow quality of the lower register.

The second piece was "Etude for a Quiet Hall" (1982) by Christopher Deane. This piece is typical of the Neo-Tonal style of North America, according to Spencer's program liner notes.

"This piece has strong tonal centers which are supported through sections of traditional harmonic motion or repeated emphasis of a single note," he wrote.

Spencer showed an amazing amount of sensitivity of touch in this piece and treated the simple motifs and repeating note passages with grace. He also showed much adroitness in playing the sprawling middle section in which the initial motifs are interwoven.

His third selection was a transcription of the "Chaconne" from J.S. Bach's "Partita in d minor for solo violin." This transcription makes the listener greatly aware of the rhythmic qualities of Bach's music. Most of this violin piece lends itself well to the marimba despite the enormous differences between the two instruments.

Spencer was stylistically tasteful throughout this piece. He treated it, at times, as if it were written originally for marimba, an excellent approach to this transcription.

His next piece was "Variations on Lost Love" (1983) by David Maslanka.

In this piece, Maslanka builds three variations based on melodic fragments of the first movement entitled "Lost Love." This opening movement is charming in its simplicity — repeated notes sound vaguely like the gentle fluttering of a bird's wings.

In the variations, Maslanka explores a variety of textures and moods. One variation had flourishes that span the entire instrument, another was lyrical with the melody in octaves and yet another incorporated a child-like melody which was then twisted and varied.

At one point in this work, Spencer changed to some smaller mallets which resulted in a very crisp and clear sound, especially in the lower register.

He closed this very enjoyable concert with a composition based on a Japenese folk song in which the melody was intertwined with a driving, persistent pattern. This piece was probably the most rhythmic on the program and was a nice encore.

Andrew Spencer performed a faculty recital last Wednesday. (photo by Chris Stone)
Major General played by CWU music instructor

by JILL BOCOL
Staff Writer

Gilbert and Sullivan’s musical comedy The Pirates of Penzance will feature Central music instructor Peter Gries, who takes on the challenging role of the Major General during the play’s run Jan. 26 and 27, and Feb. 2 and 3 in McCon nell Auditorium.

The Pirates of Penzance is an English satire that pokes fun at the British system of appointing officials to high-ranking positions.

According to Gries, the Major General is a bumbling character who enjoys making rhyming songs more than stressing his military authority. Gries demonstrates this in the play by singing the song "I am the Very Model of a Modern Major General.

Because of his “fondness of the clever usage of words and the delicious rhyming,” Gries enjoys the role.

Gries has been teaching music, theory and advanced counterpoint at Central since 1974. Prior to teaching at Central, Gries taught junior and senior high school general and choral music in Port Angeles and Longview; Fairbanks, Alaska; and Bayside, N.Y. He also was a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Oregon until 1970.

Gries received a bachelor’s degree in music education from Queen’s College in New York and a Masters of Music in piano teaching from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. He furthered his musical knowledge by earning a Doctor of Musical Arts in piano teaching and music theory from the University of Oregon in 1979.

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According to Gries, Central is an institution that provides an academic setting appropriate to his interests and work. He enjoys the climate and the beautiful surroundings. The location of Ellensburg is ideal for attending the theater, opera, concert and sporting events, he said.

“The support of my colleagues both within the department and within the university” is his favorite aspect of the Central community, Gries said. “The opportunity to interact with students and make a difference in their educational progress is very satisfying.”

Gries performs in both comedic and dramatic vehicles and portrays characters ranging from the judge in Gilbert and Sullivan’s, “A Jury by Trial,” to Salieri in Mozart’s "Amadeus."
Gilbert and Sullivan, was off to a shaky start when Sullivan realized operetta on American soil, by the opening of the operetta at McCon­

Leinaweaver is fairly certain he been secured, and director Richard Durance doesn't occur at Central.

1879 premiere of "Pirates of Pen­

The ill-fated premiere of the
cast of literary "great deceivers," including the Wizard of Oz, Scheherazade, Joseph and his brothers, Prospero and Vishnu.

Sexson is the author of "The Quest of Self" in the Collected Poems of Wallace Stevens," and co-editor of "Corona," a journal devoted to publishing the works of creative thinkers and artists. Sexson has also authored several other publications including, "Theatre of Clouds" and "Myth: the Way We Were or the Way We Are?". He holds a Ph.D. from Syracuse University.

"Pirates," swashbuckling but loveable pirates - decked with swords, pistols and handkerchiefs (they cry at the mention of dear Frederic, the mis-indentured ap­

prentice pirate, through the ringer for the first act had been left in London.

He was forced to rewrite the music as he attempts to lead them to no­

bler deeds. Frederic has the time of his life, the pirates have a laughable time at the expense of the comic Major General Stanley, and all is resolved in fine and enjoyable style. Of course there is also "true Vict­

orian romance" involved. "Pirates" is packed with enjoyable musical wit that is unique to the creative duo of Gilbert and Sullivan.

"Pirates of Penzance" opens tomorrow, with additional perform­

ances Jan. 27, Feb. 2 and 3. All performances are a 8 p.m. General admission is $6; student and senior citizen tickets are $4.
Really? An apple problem? In Yakima??

Thanks to Yakima television station KNDO's crack news team, we here on the east side of the Big Hill have been informed, against our will, of the surprising industry.

I didn't actually hear what this trouble was or how it became such a hot news item, however. I was too busy trying to keep myself hyperventilating with excessive laughter.

KNDO, which despite the fact that their sports reporter recently placed second to Don Knots in the 1st annual "Mr. Shrew-Face of America Contest," puts out a good news program compared to the rest of their Yakima competition, so naturally, they were the first to break the news of the big Apple Disaster, whatever that may be.

To find out what it was, I checked in Yakima's other top-flight disseminator of news, The Yakima Herald-Republican. And you guys didn't think I ever researched this column, did you? Ha!

Anyway, judging from what was printed in the Herald, the Apple Industry has two problems brewing, the first of which is the new government regulation requiring a certain level of "fruit firmness" in apples. It troubles me that the government has so much extra time on its collective hands that firm fruit is a major priority. It also makes me wonder just whose responsibility it's going to be to decide which fruits are firm enough.

What is the example they go by? I think a good test would be to compare the fruit to the thighs of famous people. If the apple is as firm as, say, Susan Sarandon's upper leg — great — sell it. On the flip side, if it's as soft as that of Rosanne Barr, feed it to livestock. Of course, I don't think it would be all that bad of an idea to feed Rosanne herself to livestock, but hey, what do I know? I'm a city boy. What do I know about apples, livestock and overweight celebrities?

The second problem facing the World O' Apples is the proposed program that would pay apple growers to cut down apple trees, and as a result, grow fewer apples. Huh?!

Yep, our government, the same one that was brave enough to go down to Panama with only 40 bizzillion (40,000,000,000,000,000) armed G.I.'s to catch that mean 'ol Noriega, is now using what little intelligence it has left to come up with programs that pay farmers not to farm. This is such a truly and genuinely bizarre idea, that, as a trained journalist, I immediately began to try and think of how I could get a piece of this action. And I came up with this:

To: The Government
Washington, D.C.

From: Me

I, Mike Bush, do solemnly swear, using the most profane language that I can possibly imagine, not to grow any apples this year. In return, you, The Government, will send me sums of money large enough to pay my rent, my phone bill, and $32,000 worth of debts incurred during my college career.

Thank you, Mike Bush

Despite what the Almighty Apple Industry thinks, I don't consider this a problem. If I could get paid for doing nothing, you'd see an extremely jovial Mike Bush running around campus, singing happy songs at the top of his voice. Sing, sing a song, Sing out loud, SING OUT STROOOGGGG...

What the Apple Industry needs is a good way to hide their never-ending problems. Not to make the whole argument of its problems seem "fruitless" (pun-play on words), but it seems that every time they tend to growing apples, there's a problem.

Long ago, when the first settler to the Yakima Valley (Bob Yakima 1802-1874) busted a wagon wheel in the middle of nowhere (now known as Central Washington) and found that someone had stolen all of his credit cards from his saddlebags, he set up camp. Needing food, and knowing that the Valley had a reputation for being the Apple Capital of the World, Bob planted the very first apple seed.

When it finally grew into a healthy, happy fruit-bearing organism, Bob plucked one of the bright shiny apples from his tree, bit into it, and...was immediately slapped with a huge government fine for the illegal use of al.

Fearing such monetary penalties, farmers who followed Bob generally ate more than they grew anything, favoring the Hi-way Bar and Grill's free taco nights with the purchase of one or more well drinks.

Luckily, a farmer who was rich enough to cover the fines came along and started an orchard which became highly profitable, but still encountered yearly difficulties, just as the farmers do today.

For this reason, KNDO's recent announcement of the apple program is as surprising to most people as it was to find out that Little Richard is a homosexual. Really? He is?

If the industry could just find away to keep nosey reporters out of their cider barrels, they would have no problem at all. Sure, a few people would die from food poisoning, but more than likely it would be blamed on something like nuclear radiation or dandruff shampoo.

Until they do find this loophole, though, I, as always, am willing to do my part. I hereby volunteer my services unto the Apple Industry for the testing of Celebrity Thigs.

I don't do Rosanne.
Swimmers split with PLU, sweep Whitworth

by MATTHEW PLATTE
Staff Writer

Central’s men’s and women’s swim teams split a dual meet Jan. 13 in Tacoma against Pacific Lutheran University.

Central’s men’s team fell behind after PLU swept the first four events. However, the Wildcats pulled ahead with back-to-back victories by Ralf Moon in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:03.99 and Andy Platte in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:06.56. The final score was Central 117, PLU 88.

Other first-place finishers for the men’s team were Buzz Vickery in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:08.63, Al Rozema in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:19.68, and 400-yard freestyle swimmer Chris Haydon in 3:49.61. Marc Vuylsteeke, Sig Kohl and Chad Youngquist with times of 3:24.53.

Central’s women’s team was over-powered by a strong Lute squad. However, the women’s team did have its share of powerful performances.

Allison Walsh took both long distance events for the Wildcats, finishing first in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 11:07.49 and 5:29.05, respectively. The 400-freestyle relay, with Julie Wetzel, Tyanne Youngquist, Shannon Pingoch and Chris Haydon also took first place with a time of 3:49.69, making the final score PLU 128, Central 77.

The Central men’s and women’s diving team also showed its strength Jan. 13 at the Issaquah Diving Invitational.

Lead by diver Tom Wright, the 'Cats captured a second-place finish in the one-meter diving with a score of 377.7, while diver Kurt Fleter captured fifth place with a score of 328.0. In the three-meter event, Wright took a third-place finish with a score of 330.25 and Fleter finished fourth with a score of 273.55.

Marilyn Quinto was the highest placer for the Wildcat women divers, capturing ninth place in the one-meter diving with a score of 241.05.

Other first-place finishers for the women’s team included the 200-medley relay squad at 2:08.20, Pingoch in the 200 freestyle and the 100 butterfly with times of 2:06.11 and 1:53.42 respectively, and the 200 freestyle relay at 1:57.47.

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Wildcats clobber Alaska SE, break records on way

Central hoopers on three-game winning streak

by PHIL HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

The Central men's basketball team won all three games last week, including two victories on the road, and pushed its record to 6-2 in district and 14-4 overall.

On Jan. 16 the 'Cats picked up an important road win by beating the UPS Loggers 66-61, starting guard Jim Toole, who sat out the game with a sore throat.

Terry Britt added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Other second-place finishers for the women’s team included the 200-medley relay squad at 2:08.20, Pingoch, in the 200 freestyle and the 100 butterfly with times of 2:06.11 and 1:53.42 respectively, and the 200 freestyle relay at 1:57.47. A very strong Washington State University women’s team grouped and held onto a powerful lead over Central Saturday, winning 131 to 73.

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Central hosts Lewis-Clark State Thursday Jan. 25, 1990

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Lynda Laughery had 15 points and Nikki Pasey chipped in with ten points, six assists and seven steals.

Early Saturday morning the team caught a flight north to Alaska. In the first game on their trip, the Lady 'Cats visited NCAA Division 2 member Alaska-Fairbanks. Central didn't seem to be suffering from jet lag, though. They held the lead for the first ten minutes of the game. After the 9:37 mark, Central was held scoreless for nearly five minutes and the Nanooks built a 15-point lead. The UAF lead was 12 at the half.

Despite 18 second half points from Riley, the Lady 'Cats were never able to get closer than seven and Alaska-Fairbanks posted a 94-80 win.

Riley led the Lady 'Cats with 26 points. Laughery scored 18 and pulled down a team-high six rebounds.

Sunday night Central traveled to Alaska Pacific to take on the Wolves. Again the Wildcats jumped to an early lead. This night Central found themselves out to a 13-0 lead. Central lead the entire first half, but the lead was only four at halftime.

The Wolves had a five-point lead with only five minutes left, but Central went on a 16-4 run and posted a 73-75 win.

Laughery lead a balanced Wildcat attack with 15 points. Heidi Ham added 12 and Pasey scored ten. Pasey and Riley each had seven rebounds to pace Central. Central only committed 14 turn-overs.

The win evened the Lady 'Cats district mark at 5-5.
## Intramural Sports Standings

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### Intramural Sports Program

**Entry Fee:** $3 per team  
**SUB 212, 963-3512**  
**Last day to register is Jan. 26**  
**Date:** Jan. 27  
**Nicholson Pavilion Main Gym**
Welcome to Super Hype Week and the Underdog Broncos

Sunday, the Denver Broncos take on the San Francisco 49ers in the 24th Super Bowl. As football evolved, the National Football League decided that 'Sunday' wasn't enough. The game is now played on 'Super Sunday'.

I have decided that the week preceding 'Super Sunday' shall hereafter be called 'Super Hype Week'.

ESPN creates a special report three times a day during Super Hype Week.'

The media has gotten very good at building the fans' enthusiasm. The news people's biggest trick is at the practice fields to the urinals, we'll be there.

A couple of the major networks have already violated the unwritten rule of Super Hype Week. The networks began their coverage more than a week in advance. I know I'm always glued to the television when there are football players getting on to an airplane. Obviously, the NFL loves Super Hype Week. It creates enthusiasm for Super Sunday, which ends with the Super Bowl. The media has gotten very good at building the fans' enthusiasm. The news people's biggest trick is cliches.

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This year, it is being emphasized that the Denver Broncos are clearly the underdogs. The media loves the word 'underdog'. As a matter of fact, it is no longer the Denver Broncos. During Super Hype Week, the team officially changed their name to the Underdog Broncos.

Another tragedy caused by the Super Bowl is the Bud Bowl. I hope everyone is as sick of this as I am. Who really cares what beer will win Bud Bowl III? It's not like watching a real sport, the outcome has already been decided. It's like watching pro wrestling. The only positive thing I can say about the Bud Bowl is Budweiser beer prices are lower during Super Hype Week. Or is that Bud Hype Week? They also play on Jan. 28, but the people at Anheuser-Busch like to call Bud Sunday.

Well, let's pretend that we lived through Super Hype Week and it's now Super Sunday. The pre-game show is three hours long itself! I'm just happy that Fishing with Orlando is on another channel at the same time. This way, I can flip back and forth between the two shows. I can never decide which is more exciting.

Halftime of the Super Bowl is about as long as the pregame show. Luckily, though, we won't be burdened by running down to 7-11 to pick up some 3-D glasses this year. I do advise, however, that you put on your beer goggles before halftime if you want to enjoy the festivities. Some of the porn-porn girls are from Western. I don't think I have ever been really entertained by a football halftime show. I do have some ideas for a good halftime, though. If Manuel Noriega was tied to a stake in the middle of the field and shot, I know I wouldn't touch the dial. How about if each NFL team sent their strongest player for a halftime competition of midget tossing?

Actually, the only halftime show I ever sat through was the one put on by the Central cheer staff, the old and new Wellingtons and Robin McNallye and his dancers during the Western game. Now that was entertaining and fun. I think I'll apply to be Wellington next year. I've always wanted to stand on the middle of the court and noon the Western crowd.

Back to the Super Bowl. Advertisers would die to have a commercial during the Super Bowl telecast. Some companies debut new products or commercials during the game. This year Gillette is promising, "...to change the way men think about shaving." The commercial will air during the Super Bowl and unveiling Gillette's new product: Sensor. I don't think any product can change the way I think about shaving. I hate it. If it isn't electric, it isn't for me. CBS is debuting a new television show immediately after the game. CBS must think that everyone is not going to be asleep or passed out.

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