Congressman suggests ways to reform American culture

by Joe Butler
News editor

All the problems in America today stem from unwed pregnancies, a United States congresswoman told approximately 60 concerned citizens last Thursday.


“Our job is to make sure all citizens are treated fairly,” Inslee said. “I’ve concluded that the ultimate problem is out of wedlock pregnancies.”

Inslee blames unwed pregnancies, which he said have increased from 6 percent 25 years ago to 30 percent today, for abuses in the welfare system, a rising crime rate, a growing deficit and the overall breakdown of families.

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The package will provide universal health care to citizens and non-citizens, Inslee said.

Many audience members were concerned about an increase in gun control legislation, including several men who purchased guns which are now considered illegal.

Inslee, who voted against the Brady Bill and supports instant computer checks of prospective gun buyers, said present ownership will not be affected by the new law.

He also described the current welfare system as “woefully inadequate.”

Inslee believes many reforms can be accomplished at the federal level so the average taxpayer doesn’t have to take on too much. Washington already has in place a system where an employer notifies the Social Security Administration.

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by Greg Aldaya
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Grand opening of nightclub scheduled for next weekend

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Some of the highlights planned to celebrate the grand opening of the new undergraduate nightclub in the Samuelson Union Building Jan. 28-29 include a comedian, a live radio simulcast from campus radio station KCAT, a live band, food and a rave party.

The nightclub, located in the SUB south cafeteria, is a student-run organization aimed at providing entertainment for the Under-21 crowd, said Brian Dolman, chair of the Student Activities Resource Sharing team.

This Friday night the nightclub will be open as a regular dance club and will charge a $2 cover charge.

The charge is to pay the nightclub’s overhead costs for student jobs, a disc jockey and any food expenses, said Dolman, a junior, who replaced former chair Dann Sheridan. Sheridan left Central at the end of fall quarter.

Saturday night, The Sun Country Shufflers will be providing a disc jockey to teach country line dancing.

- The nightclub does not have a name, said Dolman, but a search is currently underway. Ballots are available in a box near the SUB Information Booth.

- The person with the winning entry receives a VIP pass, which allows free admission to the nightclub for a year, Dolman said.

- Surveys are also going to be taken periodically to ensure students’ needs are being met, Dolman said.

- "Most music programming will be by students, hopefully," Dolman said.

- The Sun Country Shufflers are being contracted by the nightclub to teach line dancing this weekend only.

Interviews are underway for a permanent disc jockey, Dolman said. Auditions will be scheduled for Saturday nights.

So far, the 21-member nightclub committee has created four student positions for the nightclub: a program manager, two security positions and a cashier.

The program manager will be in charge of planning events, the security people will also set up and tear down equipment and the cashier will take money and tickets at the door, along with balancing the nightclub accounts, Dolman said.

The money used to pay staff will come from already appropriated funds and a portion of cover charges, Dolman said.

Descriptions and information on these positions are posted in the SUB. Dolman said he opened all jobs to both work-study and non-work-study students.

- The completion of renovations to Shaw-Smyser Hall, originally set for Dec. 1, 1993, has been moved to Feb. 4. The building will feature new colors, walls, columns and floors.

Athlete acquitted of rape charges

by Joe Butler
News editor

A Kittitas County Superior Court jury found a Central football player not guilty last Thursday of rape of a child in the third degree.

The jury, composed of seven women and five men, acquitted Casek "Cash" Thomas Jan. 13 after deliberating for more than four hours.

The trial began Jan. 11. Judge Michael Cooper presided.

Thomas, 22, was arrested and charged in February 1993 with third-degree rape of a child, a felony, for having sexual intercourse with a 14-year-old girl. The incident also occurred in February 1993.

According to Revised Code of Washington 9A.44.079, "a person is guilty of rape of a child in the third degree" when the person has sexual intercourse with another who is at least 14 years old but less than 16 years old and not married to the perpetrator and is at least 48 months older than the victim.

Defenses for this charge include being able to prove that "at the time of the offense the defendant reasonably believed the victim to be at least 16 years of age ... based upon declarations as to age by the alleged victim," according to RCW 9A.44.010.

Pat Stiley, owner of a Spokane law firm and the third defense attorney to be assigned to this case, See TRIAL/page 2
Imagine mixing 400 pounds of cement by hand, working 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and watching a live volcano erupt before your eyes in a country filled with unfamiliar rules and regulations.

A group of 21 people from Ellensburg, including two Central students, experienced these things on a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church mission trip to Guatemala City Dec. 10-19.

The goal of the nine-day trip was to get as much building done as possible on a new school for the children of a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church there. The church is in charge of the work for the school frame enforcement wire for the school framework was done at the 40 foot level, mostly without guard rails, said Drake Travis, associate pastor of the CMA church.

Some of the group's experiences included seeing both a dead body and a live volcano erupting in their first 10 minutes in the country, where they kayaked, snorkeled, and drove 75 mph downtown but only 15 mph on the roads.

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Drake Travis, pastor

Two students strain at lifting a piece of frame 40 feet above Guatemala City.

It was a rush," he said. Traffic laws in Guatemala were almost non-existent, he said.

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Alternative High School location alarms Student Village residents

A petition is circulating on campus to remove an alternative high school from the Student Village recreation room and lounge.

by Gregg Roustat
Staff reporter

Concerns over student safety and lack of facilities have driven Student Village apartment residents to circulate a petition to remove the Ellensburg alternative high school from their apartment lounge and recreation room.

The high school has been located in the lounge in the center of the 172-apartment complex for more than 10 years, and was established after Central made arrangements with the Ellensburg School District to exchange the lounge space for needed storage space.

Alternative schools offer students who find a traditional high school setting difficult a second chance to complete their education.

Some students attend the alternative school full-time and others attend regular high school classes in the morning, then come to the alternative school later in the day.

Dave Hamilton, a law and justice major and Student Village resident, began the petition with other residents last quarter. The completed petition will be delivered to Central President Ivy V. Nelson at the end of winter quarter, Hamilton said.

About 100 signatures have been gathered so far, Hamilton said. He does not disagree with alternative education, but does object to being denied access to the lounge area and is equally concerned with the personal safety of apartment residents.

Kim Johnston, a senior and Student Village resident, said, "I thought it was a violation of line, but I started talking to people and found out I'm not the only one who wants to use the lounge. All the dorms have them."

Pedro Bicchiere, a teacher at the alternative school, also has concerns about safety: the protection of his students from Central students, he said.

"I think there's a misconception on the part of Central students as to what kind of kids and program we have, but, to tell the truth, I'd like to see the school moved to its own facility so we don't feel like we're in a borrowed building," Bicchiere said.

In the 10 years the school has been in its present location, no Central student has ever been hurt by an alternative school student, he said.

Alternative school students also have things to fear from Central students, he said, specifically referring to two alleged rapes by Central students this year.

Keith Tolzin, superintendent of the Ellensburg School District, said, "We will work with [Central's] administration if they want us to leave. There's no space right now, but we will work with the school. The school won't be closed because too many kids would lose an education."

Hamilton said, "Placing a school for troubled children in the middle of a residential complex shows a great lack of concern for the residents by the school and the administration," he said.

All the schools in the Ellensburg School District are in residential areas, Tolzin said.

According to Public Safety and Police Services records, there have been two incidents in the past year involving alternative school students possessing guns on campus.

In the first incident, the gun turned out to be a cigarette lighter resembling a small handgun.

The second incident occurred in September when a teacher confiscated a stolen handgun from an alternative school student.

Police arrested the student and later charged him with possession of a dangerous weapon and possession of stolen property. These and also been two other stolen property incidents involving alternative school students; police records show.

Steve Rittereiser, chief of Public Safety and Police Services, is concerned about the location of the alternative school and voiced his concerns to Rob Chrisler, director of Auxiliary Services.

Chrisler also has concerns about the school, but is unsure of how to make any change.

"I can understand why Chief Rittereiser is concerned, but the alternative school has a legal contract, and anything that could be done until there's some kind of break in it," Chrisler said.

"If students are concerned, of course we're going to stop and look at the situation," he said.

Kristi Barnes, a Student Village resident, said she has been sexually harassed by alternative school students while sunbathing in the area of the apartments.

"I want to say I did not enjoy their adolescent comments directed at me while tanning, or their childish behavior," she said.

Public Safety and Police Services has not received any complaints from students concerning sexual harassment at the alternative school.

Perry Rowe, assistant director of Housing Services, said the Student Village lounge can be made available to students who make appointments at least 48 hours in advance. Several dances have been held for Central students in the lounge in the past, Rowe said.

Jones has warned juveniles loitering in the parking lot will close Komer Pocket if he gets complaints from neighboring businesses.

"We see the kids in the lot at night and it is an intimidating scene for families who would otherwise come into Frazzini's," Jones said. "So we bring the kids inside and let them do something."

Alternate Channels video store formerly occupied the corner property, but they moved to the former Sweet Stoppe location fall quarter.

The Jones' found out about the vacancy, contacted the landlord, and were allowed to lease the property.

Komer Pocket patrons must cease toasting, underaging smoking or loitering in the parking lot.

"I get these rules by those rules, they'll be better," Jones said.

Jones is considering renting the place out for private parties.

"If anybody is over 21, we're willing to lock the door and bring a keg inside," Jones said. It costs $150 to reserve Komer Pocket for a night, he said.

Komer Pocket is open every day except at midnight Monday through Wednesdays and 1 a.m. weekends.

Insel: Congress needs to lead by example

In the current Congress, he said, and described how he reduced the size of his office staff and budget.

Insel has discovered two roads in Congress, he said.

The first road, he said, is the most difficult of the two, and requires sometimes doing unpopular things to one's constituents, but will benefit America's economy in the end.

"I am a member of Congress," Insel said. "This is a title that is very attractive to many in Congress.

"I prefer the first road, because my predecessors left me a $20 billion deficit, and my kids and I have to deal with it."
Stop that pigeon: Feds to remove dangerous birds

by Tim Yaeden
Staff reporter

Woody Allen once described feral pigeons as "rats with wings," and apparently Central shares his definition following a decision in December to eliminate as many of the disease-bearing birds as possible.

In a joint effort with the City of Ellensburg and Kittitas Valley Auto Supply Inc., Central contracted the United States Department of Agriculture to eradicate the pigeons, which they consider to be nuisances and possible health hazards.

Jim Hollister, director of Housing Services, said Central has tried several measures in the past to get rid of the birds, mainly using live traps, but these have failed.

“We’ve had complaints for years of there being too many pigeons around Ellensburg,” Hollister said. “The town, community and campus finally came together (to address the problem).”

The agriculture department’s solution will include drugs, live traps and air guns to remove pigeons around Ellensburg, ” Hollister said. "You can put food out in your yard on grain shaken out of hay, but that will attract more pigeons to your area."

The USDA’s action will include a lot of maintenance work. It is not done. He wants a year-round maintenance contract after the completion of this program.

Whitehead, the USDA agent in charge of the current program, said pigeon control has not been widely publicized on campus because many students may be pigeon friendly and do not approve of such actions.

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Not enough people are aware of the potential health risks from pigeons, Whitehead said. People are not in much danger of injury from a pigeon, he said. Pigeons have the potential to transmit more than 30 diseases to humans.

Whitehead had a document which specifically said pigeon excrement contains several bacteria including yeast infections, chlamydia, psittacosis, salmonella and e.coli.

Transmission of these diseases happen when people breathe air-borne spores from dried excrement. This can be dangerous in areas where pigeons roost and leave large amounts of excrement.

While most contractible air-borne diseases are treatable, some may not be, Whitehead said. USDA employees wear special suits and respirators while working with the pigeons. In addition, they are required to have blood drawn every six months in a routine health check.

“I hope people realize just how dangerous this problem is,” Whitehead said. “I don’t think the majority of them were aware or realized the health hazards involved with these birds until the last six to 12 months.”

Whitehead did not have data on the number of pigeons already destroyed, but said the USDA’s work is not done. He wants a year-round maintenance contract after the completion of this program.

The previous three-day weekend was a busy one for campus police officers. Besides routine traffic violations and noise complaints, officers had many more cases.

Saturday alone, they investigated 32 cases, including 28 counts of malicious mischief.

Steve Rittereiser, chief of Public Safety and Police Services, said he and his officers had expected the weekend to be quiet.

“Many students went home over Christmas break, so it was possible that more people stuck around on this holiday,” Rittereiser said. “It seemed like there were more people on campus.”

• Wednesday night, officers arrived at Brooklake Village to investigate a domestic violence/assault case. They determined a man, approximately 40 years old, assaulted a woman at the apartment they shared. The man was taken into custody and booked into the Kittitas County Jail.

• Friday night, there were three reports of burglary and theft in the Bassettell. Two people in Meiner Hall and a person in Sparks Hall reported money missing from their rooms. In all three cases, there were no signs of forced entry. The amount of money taken was $40, $56 and $6. Police have no suspects at this time.

• Early Saturday morning, officers received a malicious mischief call from the J-A parking lot, near Hertz Hall. They discovered damage to 28 cars parked in the overnight parking lot, including bent windshield wipers and antenna damage.

Three-day weekend brings mischief, mayhem and minors

Club: More changes in layout expected

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Work-study students because he didn’t want to discourage any interested students from applying. More positions will be decided upon by the committee as needed, Dolman said.

The nightclub will be open three nights a week — Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, when it becomes Pappa John’s, a jazz-style coffee-house.

Pappa John’s, which previously was held weekly in the SUB pit, usually offers a live jazz act, along with espresso service and free admission.

There will be some remodeling of the nightclub, such as permanent staging, and perhaps a change in decor (possibly neon), television monitors and mirrors, Dolman said. However, under the current agreement with the SUB, much of the original floor plan cannot be changed.

Every proposed change has to be approved by the SUB Union Board, Dolman said. Purchases can take place over the course of the year.

“I think the nightclub will evolve into something and will have its own personality,” Dolman said.

The location of SALT Company, a religious club which meets Thursdays in the south cafeteria will not be affected right away because the nightclub probably won’t be in operation most Thursdays.

Special events will definitely be given priority to the nightclub, Dolman said.

He is currently looking for more students to join the nightclub committee, which meets weekly.

Currently, the decision-making body consists of 18 students and three advisors: John Drinkerwater and Scott Drummond from Student Activities, and Jerry Findley, from University Recreation.

Interested students can attend meetings Tuesdays at 3 p.m. in the SUB, Room 209.

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Factors leading up to trial don’t disappear with verdict

As a result of Central linebacker Cass "Cash" Thomas’ acquittal on charges of child rape last week, people will no longer find it necessary to place blame. They will no longer feel the need to say, “Those student athletes are all trouble,” or “I should really watch my kids.”

Instead, athletes will magically be good guys again. People will say, “Those guys are all right,” or “See, I told you he didn’t do anything.”

Previous theories and fears will be forgotten.

Thomas will not be held responsible for the events that landed him in court because he was acquitted, legally found not guilty. Legally told he didn’t do anything wrong.

It doesn’t matter how wrong he did it, he doesn’t have anything to take responsibility for.

He may be out a few thousand dollars in attorney’s fees, court costs and bail money, but he can go on without the stain of this conviction on his record. He can hang out with the same people and go to the same parties.

Justice was served in that the defense was able to place enough reasonable doubt in each juror’s mind to make them question whether Thomas is guilty.

A jury has judged Thomas. That is its function and no one else’s. It found him not guilty, and so he is.

To take another view, the girl involved in this case has lost nearly a year of her life. At legal age limits, she would be free to think about homework, driver’s permits, makeup, clothes and that crazy Blossom show.

Instead she has lost her virginity, her very innocence, not to a romantic fantasy man who will sweep her away to his magic castle, but to a man who took her, possibly drunk, in his tiny apartment bedroom.

Last week lawyers blamed a myriad of things for this case’s very existence.

Style of dress, the use of alcohol, wild parties, a small town where they are having fun, and you can’t have fun with the same people and go to the same parties.

The disturbing attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan will no longer be talked about.

The opinion here does not necessarily reflect those of the university. Unsigned editorials and cartoons represent the opinions of a majority of The Observer editorial board.

OBSERVANCE

Requirements make students better teachers

To the Editor:

This is in response to a letter written by Steve Bovingdon which appeared in the Jan. 13 edition of The Observer.

It seems Steve Bovingdon does not want to work very hard at Central to obtain a degree in education. He does not like having to maintain a 3.0 GPA or taking a test to enter the teacher education program, or not to mention taking courses outside the education department.

My guess is he would like to see the standards lowered to his level so he can get accepted. I don’t think that would be a good idea for the education department.

If Steve investigates what a teacher needs to know and do on the job, he may realize how important courses in other departments are.

How are you going to figure grades for students, how each child statistically fits into the class profile, or what child’s level is on standardized tests if you know nothing about math?

How are you going to write lesson plans, letters to other faculty members, letters to parents, etc. without English?

How are you going to spot a child who is having problems at home or elsewhere and may need counseling, or deal with problems in the classroom without the courses offered by the psychology department?

I would think these are all very necessary courses for a future teacher, and I fail to see how taking courses such as these is dangerous. If you are truly interested in becoming a teacher then you should be more interested in learning.

I believe Central’s faculty want us to get good grades but more importantly, they want us to know and understand the subject, and this requires a lot of hard work.

The standards are set high to let only those who are dedicated and have the desire to become quality teachers, only those who can “think,” into the education program. If you think you learned it all in high school, you better think again.

I really laughed at the final sentence, which was, “I already got through high school and don’t have to do that stuff anymore.” That has to be the dumbest statement made by a university student, let alone a future teacher. If you don’t have to do this stuff anymore, then why are you here?

This is a university—“an institution of learning of the highest level” according to Webster’s Dictionary—not a technical trade school.

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EDITORIALS

Exception warranted in women’s Olympic figure skating

by Chuck Case
Staff reporter

The disturbing attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan in Lillehammer, Norway. In the 1992 Winter Olympics, three Americans were allowed to compete.

Should Kerrigan be allowed to compete in the 1994 Winter Olympics?

There is no guarantee Kerrigan would have finished in the top two if she had competed in the U.S. Championships.

At the 1993 World Championships, Kerrigan finished a disappointing fifth. However, she would have more than likely finished in the top two at the U.S. Championships, which she won last year.

The fact she was injured in an office incident should not disqualify her. The only factor that should matter is whether she is willing and able to skate. If so, she should be allowed to compete.

Should Harding be allowed to compete in the Olympics?

Her bodyguard, Shawn Eckardt, confessed to helping plot the attack. Two other men, the attacker and the driver of the getaway car, have surrendered to authorities. At press time, Harding’s ex-husband was going to be served with an arrest warrant by Michigan police.

Harding herself has not been terribly sympathetic to her fallen competitor. She said, after the 1993 U.S. Championships, she would not allow the Olympics to redeem her loss to Kerrigan.

However, this does not prove Harding personally had anything to do with the attack. Unless she is connected directly with the attack or knew about it ahead of time, she should not be disqualified.

Should Michelle Kwan be allowed to compete in the Olympics? Kwan was the second-place finisher at the U.S. Championships.

Her performance has been all but forgotten in the wake of the scandal.

Kwan still could have finished in the top two even with Kerrigan competing against her. Plus, Kwan earned a top-two finish. The fact Kwan is 13 years old and will surely have many more chances to be in the Olympics is irrelevant. She earned her spot in the competition, and therefore should be allowed to compete in the Olympics.

Does this sound like a call for the United States to get an exception to the rules just because a high-profile skater went down? It should, because ‘that’s what it is.

However, it is an exception that should also be granted to other countries if similar injuries caused by outside forces, not by competition, occur.

There is precedence for such an exception: the 1992 NBA All-Star Game, when an extra spot was created on the Western Conference roster to accommodate Magic Johnson. Johnson hadn’t played all year, but was voted into the starting lineup by the fans.

The Kerrigan incident should be placed into its proper perspective. The most important questions now concern who planned and executed the attack, why, and how they should be dealt with. More importantly, for Kerrigan, is not only if her leg will recover, but her ego, which must be injured right about now.
Teaching degree means diverse, varied studies

From TEACHERS/page 6

The possession of a four-year diploma from a university means your education has touched on many subjects, something that is important for a good quality teacher.

In my opinion, anyone who has the opinion Steve expressed toward education would be a very poor teacher. I would not want such a narrow-minded person to teach my children, or any other children, for that matter.

James Graber, student

Russian people struggle with rate of change

To the Editor:

Politics in Russia is, astonishingly, a more apathetic process than in the United States. In the new constitution, semi-legally put together by Boris Yeltsin, there is a clause that only 25 percent of the registered voters need to vote to make the election viable.

Now they're scrambling to get 25 percent to vote. To make matters worse, there are a disturbing number of college students who don't even know there are going to be elections, much less their date.

During Yeltsin's illegal actions in late September and early October (he was not president the moment Parliament voted 149-0 to give him the boot), the citizens of St. Petersburg whom I know—history professors, philosophy students, a few skilled laborers, the press—seemed to be unanimously of the opinion the events were taking place in Moscow and one corrupt government raised on Soviet dictatorships is the same as another. This opinion was well-supported, and still is, by the fact 10 parties cannot participate in the election; 15 newspapers, radio and TV shows were closed on Oct. 5; and Pravda had to hire a new editor.

Admittedly, the papers were reopened in two days and most of the shows are back on the air. But it was oh-so-easy to do what comes naturally to a man whose entire political career, until 1991, was the KGB-Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Taking an outsider's view of the politics here, I'd have to say Russia needs desperately to stop trying to do too much at once, and it'll be a couple of generations before democracy can exist here as the U.S. and Europe know it.

The country needs to slow change because the democratization process is causing a lot of people pain. The effect of this is the people are looking with fondness on the days of stability, when the prices of meat, an apartment and all the necessities didn't change in 50 years.

The same basic style of government was in effect here since Ivan the Terrible in the late 15th century. At that time, the first efforts at democratization were being born in Western Europe and have since progressed to the current state of affairs (which looks pretty messy right now).

We've had 500 years of moving away from feudalism and monarcnism. We've had a lot of pain and horror and our fair share of regression. We cannot expect a country of nearly 300 million people to suddenly throw off 500 years of stagnancy.

We have to remember that while we are becoming freer, we seem to be handing our freedom to popular opinion.

Brian Neely

student on exchange in St. Petersburg, Russia

Note:

This quarter, 25 Central students are around the world in 10 different countries. It is a rare student who does not return a changed person. After experiencing the world from a new perspective, many students marvel at their own previous naïveté.

Often, while learning the subtleties of another culture, one's own culture comes more sharply into focus. What a great challenge!

Nomi Pearce

International Programs study abroad/exchange adviser

Representative voices support for KCAT radio

To the Editor:

I'm a little frustrated right now because of the article on KCAT in the Jan. 13 Observer. I want to clear up a few things.

KCAT is doing a wonderful job of trying to get their music out to the student body and the community. I commend them for their unobserved hard work. This article made it seem as if I did not support them, but in fact, I do.

I did not say KCAT plays "rhythm and blues, older rock, Christian music, rap, reggae and heavy metal music." I did not say the "type of music" will definitely have to be reviewed. That is entirely up to the KCAT staff. I also did not say the "station needs to figure out its goals."

I appreciate you, The Observer, recognizing KCAT as you are a crucial part in spreading the word about our campus organizations, but I also think it is important to keep the facts straight.

Thank you. Keep up the good work.

Leslie J. Webb,
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Several administrative searches are in progress or have recently been concluded. The following is a partial update of their outcomes and progress.

- **Manager of Electronic Maintenance Services**: Randall McLean assumed this position Jan. 16, said Donna Blanton, program support supervisor and search committee chair. McLean previously served as the lead computer maintenance technician for Central’s Electronic Maintenance Services.

- **Director of Development**: Maria Thompson has accepted this position and began work Tuesday, said Barbara Radko, director of University Relations and search committee chair. Thompson previously served as the senior campaigner at Arrowhead United Way in San Bernardino, Calif. She has also been an annual fund associate for the Seattle Symphony.

- **Counselor**: Rhonda McKinney has been hired as a counselor at Central’s Student Health and Counseling Center, said Marcia Eckert, office assistant at the center. McKinney will start Feb. 1 and will bring the number of counselors on staff up to three. She has degrees in psychology and counseling psychology, and a variety of counseling experience, including vocational counseling, according to her resume.

- **Community Training Coordinator**: Carol Owens has been named to this position and will assume it the beginning of next week, Raymond Kryzyk, associate dean of Graduate Studies and Research, and search committee chair, said. Owens will work with the prevention unit of the Washington Department of Social and Health Services to provide substance abuse prevention and training to Washington residents in this grant position funded by Graduate Studies and Research.

- **Local Area Network Specialist**: The search committee should be making a decision from a group of three finalists this week, said Rob Perkins, associate professor of business education and administrative management, and search committee chair, said. All three finalists have visited campus. One is from Oregon, one is from Tennessee, and the third is from Alaska. The three were selected from an original pool of 75 applicants.

- **Internal Auditor**: Margaret A. Lewis assumed this position Jan. 10, said Courtney Jones, vice president of Business and Financial Affairs. Lewis is a graduate of Central and Gonzaga University and has also taught accounting courses at Central and at Yakima Valley Community College. She has worked for the Washington State Auditor’s Office and was most recently the account principle for Central’s Auxiliary Services.

- **Coordinator**: Carol Owens has recently been concluded. The Health and Counseling Center, McKinney has been hired as a director of University Relations Tuesday, said Barbara Radko, director of Development, and search committee chair, said. Hoffman Brown has accepted this position and began work January 10, said Courtney Jones, search committee chair, said. Owens will work with the prevention unit of the Washington Department of Social and Health Services to provide substance abuse prevention and training to Washington residents in this grant position funded by Graduate Studies and Research.

- **Break in GRE code forces company to remove pattern questions from general test**

Educational Testing Services removed a section from the Graduate Record Examination after a national educational computer company revealed an easy solution to the questions. The pattern identification portion of the test was removed from the GRE general test was removed from all tests administered after October, 1993. This was the first year ETS included the pattern identification questions on any test. The decision to remove the questions was made after Kaplan Educational Centers released information to students about how to solve the quantitative problems. The GRE is a 200-question standardized test offered five times a year (February, April, June, October, and December) and produced by ETS. The test, which measures verbal and quantitative skills, is required for admittance to many graduate programs.

José Ferreira, director of Kaplan, solar employer at Kaplan discovered a quick non-math method to solve the questions by substituting symbols and arrows instead of using the suggested mathematics. After publishing the solution in a 1993 GRE preparation manual and teaching the method to students before October, 1993; Ferreira discovered those students who took the test knowing Kaplan’s discovery went through the section in a shorter amount of time and found the questions easier to solve using less mathematics.

According to a statement from Ferreira, over 400,000 people will take the GRE exam in the 1993-94 school year. With the exception of the SAT, more Americans take the GRE than any other standardized exam, Ferreira said.

Charlotte Utzinger, a testing supervisor at Kaplan’s testing center in Boulion Hall, said more than 300 people signed up to take the GRE at Central from January to December of 1993, not counting stand-bys or no-shows. She said 45 people took the general test in October, and 120 took the general test in December.
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Self-defense class helps women students gain self-confidence

by David Scott Seay
Staff reporter

"How many people here think they have to compromise or make the peace because they are a woman?" Sue Young, a Central karate teacher, said, speaking to approximately 20 women in her personal defense class.

The class, which meets Monday night in Mary Grimes Center, gives people the confidence and ability to deal with attacks or potentially threatening situations.

Although the class addresses women's issues, and usually consists of only women, Young said she has had male students in the past.

Young, a black belt in Shudokan karate, also runs the Central Washington School of Karate in Ellensburg.

She has been teaching karate in Ellensburg for more than 11 years, and has taught at Central for six years.

Young divides class time between actual defense techniques and the issues of self-defense.

Self-defense techniques include how to escape a choke hold or using an elbow attack to escape being grabbed from behind.

The other half of class time focuses on how to become more assertive and the lifestyle changes that can keep women from becoming victims.

"A potential attacker can pick you out by something as simple as the way you walk," Young said.

Simple changes in the way eye contact is made or the way the shoulders are held could change the image portrayed to an assumption one rather than that of a victim, she said.

Putting the shoulders back causes a woman to appear taller and more assertive.

Eye contact sends a message of assertiveness and makes women more aware of their surroundings.

Try adopting these attitudes, a woman may reduce her chances of becoming assaulted, Young said.

For their last personal defense class, the students will participate in an actual attack by members of Young's karate school, using the methods they have learned.

This is designed to give students an understanding of an actual experience when the student could be physically attacked by another person.

The final simulation gives self-defense students a chance to see how they would react to that attack.

"It (the simulation) will get your adrenaline pumping ... and gives the best possible simulation of an actual attack," Young said.

Steve Rittereiser, chief of Public Safety and Police Services, said, "The class presents a good opportunity to learn an alternative."

"It gives students more options if they are assaulted," he said.

In some instances, resistance may anger the attacker further, and make the attacker more violent, which could result in death for the victim, Rittereiser said.

Students cited different reasons for taking the class.

Atina Tan, a freshman, said she wanted to build self-confidence.

Other students said they wanted to develop the physical skills and assertiveness necessary to prevent themselves from being victims.

Rittereiser gives five statistics for the number of reported sexual assaults.

However, he did say one second-degree rape, which is rape without a weapon.

It's possible not all the sexual assaults that occurred were

See DEFENSE/page 14
Students have become more responsible about drinking

by JoAnn Horne
Staff reporter

Picture this. A Central student, Kim, drives on I-90 on a sunny, glorious day. There are no clouds in the sky, and Kim is feeling pretty good. All the sudden, she looks in her rearview mirror, and realizes she is being followed. Her beautiful day is ruined, when she's pulled over by a motorcycle police officer.

"I was speeding down I-90 and air surveillance clocked me going over 80 mph ...," said Kim. Boxx, a senior history major.

The speed limit was 65 mph, and Boxx was issued an $86 ticket. Boxx's ticket was probably part of the 246 moving violations Public Safety and Police Services issued last year.

While speeding tickets were among this number, Public Safety and Police Services do not have statistics broken down into specific categories, such as speeding, running a red light, failing to yield the right of way, etc.

Knowing and obeying the speed limit is one way to avoid being pulled over.

For example, the speed limit is 35 mph on Cascade Way and on South Canyon Road. Downtown Ellensburg, north of Canyon Road, has a 25 mph speed limit.

In school zones, the speed limit is 20 mph. Last but not least, parking lots also have a speed limit of 15 mph.

"Some of the more common excuses (for speeding) are being late, (being) unaware of the speed limit, and not paying attention," said Officer Terry Borek of Public Safety and Police Services.

Not wearing a seatbelt can cost $47 per person, he said. Only 52 percent of Central students use seatbelts, according to Public Safety and Police Services. This is less than the 68 percent national average, the department said.

Police normally don't give out seatbelt citations to students who disobey the speed limit and don't wear seatbelts, Houck said. Public Safety and Police Services plan to educate people on seatbelt use.

Recently, the department received a grant from the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission. This grant will help fund the education program.

As with speeding, if people know the seatbelt rules, they are less likely to be cited. For example, anyone over 16 years of age may receive a citation for not wearing a seatbelt, Houck said.

It is the driver's responsibility to make sure passengers under 16 are buckled up, he said. If the driver is less than 16 years old and driving with a permit, but a licensed adult is in the car, the responsibility doesn't necessarily fall with the driver.

"There's no real clear, but the licensed driver in the car should be responsible," Houck said.

Police can't pull someone over just for not wearing a seatbelt, he said.

The only exception to this rule is when a child under the age of 6 appears to be unstrained, which is sufficient cause for police to pull over the car, Houck said.

Whether an officer issues a citation or a warning is up to the officer's discretion, Houck said.

For more information about seatbelt education programs, contact Detective Kevin Higgins or Officer Houck at 963-2938.

"Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight." Benjamin Franklin

Students have become more responsible about drinking

by Lori Leitner
Scene editor

Students have become more responsible about driving while intoxicated over the past 10 years, said Steve Rittereiser, chief of Public Safety and Police Services.

The department encounters about 12 drunk driving incidents a year, and approximately eight or nine of those incidents include college students, he said.

The consequences for drunk driving are becoming more severe, Rittereiser said. For one's first offense, driving drunk can result in spending a mandatory 24 hours in jail, paying fines of up to $500, and having one's license suspended for 30 days.

First offense drunk drivers can also spend about six weeks in an alcohol school, which is a school that makes them more aware of the effects of alcohol, Rittereiser said.

Perhaps these penalties reflect why Public Safety and Police Services sees more cab use and designated drivers, he said.

"I think Ellensburg is a small enough place that you can walk places," said Tara Edwards, a senior and a double major in speech communication and sociology.

"I don't think it (driving drunk) is worth the risk. It's something you live with for the rest of your life. If you hurt yourself or someone else, you'll never forget what that feels like. It doesn't take that much time to walk. I think most people here walk," she said.

As students become more responsible, bars are also becoming more responsible, Rittereiser said.

"Lounge owners realize the liabilities for sending someone out on the road who has been overserved," he said.

If drunk people hurt themselves or others while driving, the lounge or tavern could be held financially responsible in a civil law suit, Rittereiser said.

Although bars and students are becoming more responsible, drunk driving still exists.

Weaving cars and cars crossing the center line are some ways to recognize drunk drivers, Rittereiser said.

Other signs of drunk drivers are drivers slumping over the steering wheel, driving without headlights, or failing to signal for turns, he said.

When Public Safety and Police Services officers see a suspected drunk driver, they pull the car over, Rittereiser said.

Then they observe the driver. Red, glassy or bloodshot eyes could be a sign the driver has been drinking, Rittereiser said.

Other signs include the smell of alcohol on the driver's breath, or the degree of alcohol odor coming from the car, he said.

"If those obstacles lead us to believe the driver has been drinking, we do field sobriety tests to help determine how drunk they are," Rittereiser said.

Some field sobriety tests include reciting the alphabet, touching a finger to the nose, or balancing on one leg, he said.

Another test involves a portable breathalyzer, where the driver blows into a device which gives an accurate reading of the driver's blood alcohol content (BAC). If a person shows a BAC of .10 percent, that person is legally intoxicated, Rittereiser said.

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Rodeo queen candidate displays poise and confidence through the competition process

Samuelson Union Building, waiting for me to arrive. She showed no hesitation in stepping forward with an easy smile and confident handshake. Her poise will be a sure asset in the weeks to come. Scholl, a freshman, is one of six candidates for the 1994 title of Ellensburg Rodeo Queen, to be awarded Jan. 29.

This interview for The Observer was one of many stops along the long road a rodeo queen contestant travels. After the interview and a day of classes, Scholl had an appearance at Sweet Memories for a get-together where the six queen candidates and their parents met and mingled with the competition's judges.

Then, preparation begins for the final event of the competition on Jan. 29: a banquet set for 6 p.m. at Tunstall Dining Hall. Each of the candidates will give a presentation to an audience of approximately 100 on a rodeo-related theme. The 1994 rodeo queen and princess will be crowned during the gala.

Candidates are judged on poise, confidence, ability to communicate and horsemanship skills. Glenn Madsen, director of the Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court, said, "The winner earns the title of Rodeo Queen and a $500 scholarship. The runner-up is named Ellensburg Rodeo Princess and receives a $250 scholarship.

Many of this year's candidates share lifelong involvement in rodeo. This year is Scholl's first time in the rodeo queen competition, but her ties to the Ellensburg Rodeo go way back. "My dad grew up here and we've always come down to watch it," Scholl said. "It's something I've always looked forward to." Scholl has also spent a good deal of time around horses. "When I was a little tiny girl, my aunts and uncles had horses," she said. "My parents realized I was really crazy when I was nine." Though she never participated in riding competitions, Scholl learned many important skills. She has since sold her first horse, April, and now owns two others. Capable horsemanship is a big plus and Scholl is a sure asset to a new generation of rodeo queens.

Photo by the Daily Record
Ellensburg Rodeo Queen candidate Alexandra Scholl

by Matthew Burke
Staff reporter

An American dream turns into a nightmare in this Oscar-winning documentary about one of the most explosive labor disputes of the 80's. In 1984, Hormel made a profit of $29 million, yet offered its Austin, Minnesota meatpackers drastic cuts in salaries and benefits. The members of local union P-9 fought back with a walk-out strike. Hormell's decision to break the strike led to heartbreak and poverty for workers and their families... and increased profits for Hormel.

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Assistant professor fascinates crowd

by Eric Andrews
Staff reporter

From the crowded floor of the Hal Holmes Center downtown, he can be seen on-stage preparing for his evening recital.

Soon the crowd has settled into expectant stillness.

The silence is pierced by the brave, lone sound of his French horn. He’s got the audience’s attention.

A musical story is unfolding on-stage. First it’s a soft and distant bugle call, and then it’s full, bold and triumphant. It all flows in one well-executed motion.

Meet Jeffery Snedeker, whose Jan. 12 evening performance was a magical journey for all who wanted to go along.

“That was a ‘traveling impression,’ meaning he went to Spain and this was his musical reaction,” Snedeker said, as he described the opening song by Vitaly Boyunovsky.

With a friendly, casual approach, he went on to describe whatever made each composition unique.

In sound and style, each piece of music was distinctively different from the others. Everything was played with intense concentration by Snedeker together with faculty colleagues. The entire show was full of gold nuggets to inspire music students and entertain the less initiated.

In short, every person in the audience had the chance to see (or hear) a big part of Snedeker’s life.

Although Snedeker thrilled his audience, those same people might also be enthralled with his office.

Its walls are covered with antique instruments, photos and certificates.

The antique instruments are a recent interest, he said. Playing antique instruments teaches the player something about the past, and it’s fun and challenging, he said.

His real specialty is the French horn.

Snedeker likes his job in Central’s music department, where he has taught since 1991.

“I’m very lucky, considering the career opportunities of some of my friends,” he said. “Good jobs are scarce.”

After earning his degree at the University of Wisconsin, he came to Ellensburg where he taught in Holtz Hall. He was a temporary replacement for a professor on medical leave.

Snedeker really enjoys putting performance programs together, he said.

“Picking a program can be more difficult than it seems, it’s not just the random picking of music,” he said.

“Want you do musical techniques for your students (on their level), but you also want to dazzle and give them something to shoot for,” Snedeker said.

“Performing recitals gives you a balance between teaching about doing and actually doing,” he said.

Performing is also a release for him, he said.

Performing music faculty recitals is a lot like the research done in other departments, Snedeker said.

“We as a group just feel that it’s very important,” he said. Apparently the music faculty agree, because almost one-third of them performed with Snedeker Jan. 12.

Snedeker is also impressed with the students he’s taught, because many of them are very outward-looking when it comes to both life and music, he said.

The students usually want to learn, he added.

The highlight may be the spring performance of “Carmina Burana,” which should be “a real crowd-pleaser,” he said.

Students interested in being a part of the spring production can contact the music department.

Art displays realism and abstractness

by Ali Harrison
Staff reporter

A must see exhibit of original works from some of the most influential American artists is currently running at the Sarah Spurgeon Art Gallery through January.

The Modern American Masters Collection contains silk-screen prints and lithographs from artists such as Sam Francis and Claes Oldenburg, who have helped form the major art movements from the 1940s to the 1970s.

The other eight artists featured are Ed Ruscha, Wayne Thiebaud, Roy Lichtenstein, Robert Rauschenberg, James Dine, Frank Stella, Sol Lewitt and Roy DeForest.

Although only a total of 10 pieces are displayed, the walk is well worth it, even if only the following three pieces are seen:

The Statue of Liberty, by Lichtenstein, is a striking visual mixture of realistic and abstract style.

This hand colored silk-screen makes quite an intellectual statement.

Originally created in 1962, The Statue of Liberty is the embodiment of modern art, and seems well influenced by the godfather of modern art, Andy Warhol.

One may have to be color-blind not to get mesmerized by the sky in Rushka’s Home Security System.

This somewhat satirical print shows a tiny silhouetted home-guard surrounded by an otherwise

Drunk: Police chief suggests alternatives to driving while intoxicated

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If the person is unconscious or in some way cannot breath into the device, the police officers use a blood test to determine the level of intoxication.

The police officers then determine whether the person’s driving is affected by the alleged previous drinking activities.

If so, then the person is on suspension on suspicion of driving while intoxicated, Rittereiser said.

“If your driving is affected, and the cop can prove it, you can get hammered for a DWI, the short term for Driving While Intoxicated,” Rittereiser said.

Rittereiser said there are alternatives to drinking while driving.

“I think students should have a game plan ahead of time, like what would I do if I became too drunk to drive, and enact that plan,” he said.

He gave examples of calling a roommate to drive, walking home or taking a cab.

Another suggestion was having a designated driver, a person who wouldn’t drink. Some students agree with Rittereiser.

“Statistics show that it (drunk driving) kills people. It’s the wrong thing to do,” said Brad Balles, a junior and speech communication major.

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Three faculty members will play music

by Anne Mafort
Staff reporter

The drab winter evening will be brightened with rich sounds as three faculty members from Central’s music department step into the spotlight while performing with the Yakima Symphony Orchestra Jan. 22.

Hornist Jeffrey Snedeker, trumpeter Thomas Gause and trombonist Lawrence Gookin will perform the four-movement Concerto for Three Brass, by composer and director David Ott, while the orchestra will perform Schubert’s Symphony in C Major.

All three soloists are highly respected instructors within their fields, and have been performing professionally for years, according to Sarah Marley, executive director of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra.

“Keep cool; anger is not an argument.” Daniel Webster

The Yakima Symphony Concert will begin at 8 p.m. at the Capitol Theater Robertson Room, with a 40 minute instrumental warm-up preceding the concert.

The symphony’s support group, Orverture, will host a concert rehearsal, open to the public, at 10 a.m. Saturday. There will be a $5.00 per person door charge of $1.

Saturday’s concert will be about the same size as the first one he played with the Yakima Symphony Orchestra in the winter of 1991.

“I was called to fill in for a person who had a schedule conflict to play a kiddish (small) concert,” said Snedeker of his introduction to the orchestra.

Gradually, he moved up from third horn to a permanent first horn position within the orchestra.

He also serves as principle hornist with the New Southwest Orchestra in Albuquerque, N.M. Snedeker has extensive education and expertise in historical instruments, music history, brass literature, and solo and chamber music.

At Central, he specializes in the study and performance of historical instruments. He also conducts Central’s Brass Choir and the Central Washington Horn Ensemble.

Gause said he enjoys working at Central because the caliber of professors is incredibly high. He became a permanent principle trumpet for YSO at about the same time he joined Central’s faculty.

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reported to his office, Rittereiser said. The actual number of sexual assaults could be higher, he said. The personal defense class meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday in the Mary Grupe Center for the next six weeks. The class also will be offered spring quarter.

Interested students should contact the Women’s Resource Center, 10:00 am - Cross-Country Ski Trip

(Beginner’s Level)

Saturday, Jan. 22nd
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(Price includes skis, boots, poles & transportation)

Departs from Hertz Hall at 10:00 am & returns early afternoon.

Limited to the first 30 people.

Sign-up in the Tent-N- Tube, SUB.

How to use this piece:

1. Consider the piece as a whole and then focus on specific aspects.
2. Look for evidence of the artist’s inspirations, techniques, and style.
3. Reflect on the piece’s emotional impact and how it relates to the observer.
4. Analyze the piece’s elements, such as color, form, and composition.
5. Consider the piece in its historical and cultural context.

This piece earned this classification because of its "rich" nature and the use of "funk" elements in the art scene for more than 20 years.

Interested students can see the exhibit at the Sarah Spurgeon Art Gallery in Randall Hall until the end of January.
priority for the rodeo queen, said Michelle Gibson, one of last year's Ellensburg Rodeo Queen candidates.

Gibson, a sophomore majoring in pre-veterinary medicine has been involved with showing and competitive riding for several years. She notes that as rodeo queen, one must spend a good deal of time on horseback.

"We've had queens in the past who, during the rodeo run, fell off their horse," Gibson said. "I mean, you're representing the Ellensburg Rodeo.

A riding competition Jan. 8 at Venture Farms allowed this year's candidates to test their horsemanship skills. During the competition, the candidates had to demonstrate proficiency in saddling and unloading their horses as well as performing tricky maneuvers on horseback.

Each contestant's ride included a competitive riding for several years. "I'm just so fun watching the riders," Scholl said. "We've had queens in the past who ran for rodeo queen," she admitted her lack of competitive riding experience made her a bit inexperienced at formal competition, performed exceedingly well.

"She knew what she had to do and she did beautifully," Scholl said. Scholl attributes her confidence to several years of performing with the Melody Lane Singers.

"We would have to get up and sing solos in front of three or four hundred people," she said. "I loved to see peoples' faces. It was just so fun watching the audience, you kind of forgot they were watching you.

Appropriate to her lifelong love of the rodeo, Scholl plans to do her presentation on a child's view of the rodeo. "I know the rodeo queen, compared to what a lot of the volunteers do, has a relatively small part," Scholl said. "But I think it sounds wonderful, just going out there and saying: come watch us.

Gibson agrees. "It's a great part," she said. "We've had queens in the past who've gotten up there and frozen," she said. "They couldn't say a word and had to turn around and walk off.

Scholl is ready to tackle the challenge. "I've been told by everybody that you have to speak in front of a lot of people," she said. "I know I can do it and I do it well.

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"The rodeo and Ellensburg have always been a part of my life," Scholl said. "As a child's view of the rodeo." She flung something across the room.

"I didn't know until later to be scared of that thing she flung," she said. "I thought it was a mouse sleeping on her chest, which she promptly picked up and flung across the room.

There were also incidents of hearing mice rummaging about in our tent with mice, and they've placed really well.

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"It's really important to get some publicity," Gibson said. "I mean, you're representing the Ellensburg Rodeo.

I don't sound like the back-to-basics, wilderness type, and I guess I'm not. I'd much rather sleep in mobile homes, trailers or vans when camping, or better yet, scrap the whole thing and stay home!

However, now that I look back at my experience at the rodeo, the only thing I can say to do this to say... It was worth experiencing once, but next time I get the yearning to spend three months in the middle of nowhere, I'll remember all the animals I made friends with, and I'm sure I'll immediately change my mind.
President Clinton declares January National Blood Donor Month

Despite a plethora of international obligations, President Clinton recently found time to proclaim January 1994 National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, according to the American Red Cross.

"Americans are a caring and giving people," Clinton said in his official proclamation.

"By donating blood, we can bring the gift of life to those who are in desperate need," he said. "Eight million blood donors volunteer each year to give blood, and they exemplify much of what is best about Americans: a willingness to help our neighbors, to take responsibility for our communities, and to respond to the call of service."

"I commend you for your commitment to civic duty. I encourage you to continue to help us maintain a safe and sufficient blood supply and to encourage other healthy people to participate on behalf of this wonderful cause," Clinton said.

Watch for special promotional events to mark National Volunteer Blood Donor Month within the Columbia River Region and the surrounding areas.

Donating blood requires a healthy, giving nature

With January being National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, people may be wondering what makes an acceptable blood donor.

According to the American Red Cross, the individual must have a giving nature.

Other guidelines include:

The donor must be in good health.

The donor must be 18 years of age.

People who have had malaria may donate three years after recovery and completion of therapy.

Working in a potential blood exposure area, where a person is exposed to blood often, will not prevent a person from giving blood.

People with any risk of exposure to HIV are ineligible to give blood.

People who have had cancer may give blood, if they did not receive chemotherapy and have had no recurrence of the cancer in the past five years.

Women may donate blood six weeks after giving birth.

Blood donors must weigh at least 110 pounds.

Routine dental work will not prevent a person from giving blood.

Donors must wait at least a year after receiving a tattoo before giving blood.

If a donor has been exposed to measles, chicken pox or mumps, they may give blood three weeks after exposure.

Most acne medications will not prevent a person from giving blood.

People taking antibiotics may donate 48 hours after their last dose and must feel well at the time of the donation.

The use of birth control pills will not prevent a person from giving blood.

Donors may give blood two weeks after receiving immunizations for measles, yellow fever and oral typhoid.

Donors may give blood four weeks after receiving immunizations for German Measles, and one year after receiving a rabies vaccine.

These guidelines are part of a multi-tiered system of donor screening and testing to ensure the safety of both the donor and eventual recipient.

Donated blood needed over holidays

People who enjoy donating blood should donate more during the holidays, because that is when it's needed the most, according to the American Red Cross.

Times of need include the days surrounding the following holidays: Christmas/New Year's, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

Holiday donation numbers often drop as people become more immersed in entertaining and traveling.

This is bad news, because the need for donated blood during holidays can increase dramatically due to accidents on crowded highways, according to the American Red Cross.

What's more, the blood supply dwindles on holidays when blood center and mobile drawings don't take place.

In response to this dilemma, a new promotional program called "Holiday Heroes" has been launched. Current donors who give at the Yakima and Tri-Cities donation centers have received a special mailing urging them to join the "Holiday Heroes Club."

Club members are people who commit to giving blood at a time near holidays.

After becoming a club member, participating donors receive a reminder call from the blood center before each donation.

Each "Holiday Hero" receives a special label for their blood donor card and a holiday-specific lapel pin at the time of the donation, according to the American Red Cross.

Anyone interested in becoming a "Holiday Hero" can contact the American Red Cross.

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**SPORTS**

Tennis and golf programs cancelled

**May return next season**

by Paul L. Williams

Sports editor

While most of the country focused on the Los Angeles area earthquake, the Central athletic department had an earthquake of its own. In a meeting a week ago today, it was determined the men's and women's tennis programs and the men's golf team would not be competing this spring on the intercollegiate level.

"We had to cancel their season, but we are interested in keeping them as club sports," Acting Athletic Director Jeff Zenisek said.

Zenisek said the athletic department was forced to make, but trying to fill the coaching positions in the two sports was one of the major snags. Tennis Coach Mark Morrill and Golf Coach Frank Crimp decided not to continue this season.

"The coaches we had were excellent," Zenisek said. "I don't foresee us getting two individuals like that again," Zenisek said.

When the athletic department looked over the applicants for the positions, they found two major problems. One was the scarcity of applicants, just five people combined for the two positions. The other was they all were students. This was a direction Zenisek, Athletic Director Gary Frederick (who is on sabbatical leave), and Vice President of Student Affairs Greg Trujillo did not think was best for the university, Zenisek said.

"We felt we shouldn't have peers coaching peers and that a four-year school should not have students coaching students," Zenisek said.

One of the applicants for the tennis coaching job was Todd Caldwell, who played on the tennis team last year.

"I was really looking forward to it (coaching)," Caldwell said. "It's frustrating. A lot of people on the tennis team are frustrated as well," Caldwell said.

Despite the cutting of their programs, five to seven women's tennis players will still receive tuition waivers and all seniors, junior and sophomores in both sports will receive letters.

"I really feel bad for them, it's like the world has left them," Zenisek said. "It's a sad situation."

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The athletic committee will send a proposal to Trujillo in mid-February. Contained in the proposal will be which sports should be cut and by how much. Then Trujillo will take the proposal to Central President Ivory V. Nelson.

Zenisek emphasized that the tennis and golf programs being cut is not permanent and is only for this season.

"I'm hoping they will continue on the club-sport level," Zenisek said.

This hope could very well become reality. The women are already making plans for matches this spring, Lisa Dirks, a junior from Woodinville, said.

"A lot of us will play as a club," Dirks said. "We are setting up a practice schedule as well as a couple of matches."

The reverberations from the cuts will not only be felt by the athletic department.

"We're all feeling it, it's a shame," Zenisek said. "It will get worse before it gets better."

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"Cats stun fourth-ranked Hawaii Pacific, 89-80"

by Chuck Case

Staff reporter

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Carianne Davis shows the form that has led her to qualify for nationals. However Davis has no real specialty event. "I was always taught to be a well-rounded person," Davis said. You can catch the women's and men's swim teams in action Saturday as the Wildcats host the CWU Quadrangular.

And with four weeks and four meets left until districts, that total could certainly increase.

"We could put her at any one of the 20 events and she would probably post a national-qualifying time," said Head Coach Lori Clark of Davis.

Swimming is nothing new to Davis. At the age of three months she was in pools and she was taking swimming lessons at the age of three years.

"My mom drowned as a kid so she wanted her kids to learn how to swim," Davis said.

And swim they have. Carianne and her two older brothers have been at the collegiate level. Tim swam for Pacific Lutheran University for four seasons and Jeff swam for Central last two seasons. Davis has been swimming competitively since the age of six and continued on to high school where she qualified for state all four years, her best finish being third place in the 100-meter breaststroke and the 200-meter individual medley.

"When I came to choosing a college, the choice was an obvious one for Davis. "I came to Central because it's come to a lot of my meets and they give me an extra little push when I need it." Outside of swimming, Davis also teaches swimming lessons for kids. "I love working with kids in the water," she said. "It's a lot of fun to see them swimming and enjoying it."

Being able to work with kids is one of the reasons why she is an is the long break in the off-season. Davis usually has two seasons, the normal school season and a swimming club season.

"I'm not sure what I will do in the off-season," Davis said. "I will probably do some type of training."

It is highly likely Davis will swim all four years of college at Central. "I like the swim program here, it's very relaxed and the school has a good education program," Davis said.

"I had some really influential teachers who made an impact on me," Davis said. "I love kids and hopefully I can make an impact on their lives."

A big difference between swimming in college and in high school

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