Campus news at a glance—

Pucker up, it's baby kissing time!
Attention all of you would-be politicians. Spring quarter is around the corner, which means it's almost time for the Associated Student Board of Directors elections. Election packets will be available in the next few weeks, so keep your eyes peeled and keep reading The Observer for more details.

Funky fashion show
Interested in fashion? Tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the SUB Theater come see everything from lingerie to the most fashionable of menswear. Door prizes to be awarded to eligible for a wide assortment of fashions. Escorts, model a wide range of funky fashion show by Dave Dick/ The Observer.

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Nelson's report card gets mixed reviews
Despite successes, Nelson is cited as being aloof and indifferent in report

by Laura Yoshida
Staff reporter
One section of the Campus Climate report focused on the administration. This article investigates the discontent surrounding the faculty-administration relationship and the president's perceived indifference to faculty and students. In the recently-released Campus Climate Task Force Report, Ivory Nelson was described as being "aloof, as a person who displays little or no interest in the fundamental purposes of the university."

This conclusion was based on faculty, staff, and student comments about Nelson's failure to ask questions about university programs, his failure to display a desire to know about what is done here, to respond to concerns and views of faculty and staff, and to explain important actions taken by management. Faculty members reported they felt efforts to communicate with him were futile.

"There is a fairly high level...of faculty dissatisfaction with the way the administration is dealing with these problems," Robert Brown, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said. Nelson's inability to foster good communication with faculty is not new. Prior to coming to Central, Nelson was chancellor of the University of Idaho.

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Central student commits suicide over weekend
Christopher "Kit" Felice found dead in Moore Hall over weekend
by Brian Bartels
Staff reporter

Moore Hall was plunged into numb shock this weekend in the wake of the suicide of Christopher "Kit" Felice there on Saturday. Felice, a 22-year-old art major, was found dead at 3:48 p.m., Feb. 17 in his Moore Hall room by his roommate. Campus police secured the scene and investigated the death as a suicide. On Tuesday, the coroner's office confirmed that Felice died of self-inflicted strangulation. "The police department wants to extend their sincere sympathy to aspiring cartoonist. An avid cartoon watcher, he especially liked "Japanimation," the distinctive and stylish Japanese cartooning. He liked cartoons," said Lois Breedlove, Felice's mass media professor. "Not just as a consumer, but he liked how they were put together. That was what he wanted to do." This is the first suicide on campus since Jan. 22, 1994, when a freshman student hanged himself in Beck Hall. David Wain Coon, director of Residence Living, said that most attempts have been made during winter quarter. He attributed this to winter depression and the pressure of mid-terms.

Sally Thelen, the director of counseling at the health center, worked with Moore residents throughout the weekend. She said it is not unusual for a person to decide to take their own life with- out arounting any suspicions. "He was so good at presenting this positive image," said Thelen. "Many suicides don't present with those classic symptoms, giving away their things, saying goodbye to people. Those things just

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Politically correct person on the street
Do you think President Nelson is in touch with student concerns?

by Dave Dick
Mike West, finance, senior
"He attempts to be, but his duties remove him from what student life is like."

Paul Wieck, graduate student, education
"I feel he is as much as he can be. I think he has a very difficult job of trying to please students and staff."

Yayoi Kawamura, junior, Spanish education
"He writes letters, like in last week's paper, but we never really see him."

Tyril Cooper, senior, communication
"I think he is involved somewhat but I wouldn't say on a personal level. You hear more about him from what people write in the paper."

Stephanie Brown, senior, fitness
"This is my fourth year here and I haven't been directly affected by anything related to him, that I'm aware of."

Story idea? Hot scoop? Call the Observer Tip Line at 963-1073

Cris Christofferson/ The Observer

President Ivory Nelson: Is he making the grade?
David Dick/ The Observer

A Moore hall resident. "He seemed okay...and then to come home on Saturday and hear that he'd done that."

Felice was remembered as "Kit" Felice there on Saturday. depressed for some time, while others said his action was a complete surprise. "He gave a presentation in class Thursday, and he's joking around and stuff," said Erin Drebis.
Feb. 15, 1:50 a.m.
Officers on patrol observed a vehicle on 13th Avenue causing it to veer off the centerline and weaving erratically. The driver, a 21-year-old man, was visibly intoxicated and was arrested. He was transferred to the Kittitas County Jail and booked for Driving Under the Influence.

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NELSON: President's achievements overshadowed by communication breakdown with faculty and students

From page 1

Alamo Community College District in San Antonio, Texas. The faculty there gave Nelson an "F" in a survey consisting of 11 questions, covering issues ranging from attitude to communication skills, according to a December, 1990 article in the San Antonio Light.

"The faculty's key criticism of Nelson revolves around communication," Bill Byerly, San Antonio Community College faculty senate chairman, said in the article.

Students at CWU seem to find Nelson to be aloof as well. Complaints indicate Nelson is unfriendly and inaccessible. "When he walks by on campus, he never says hello. If you say 'hi,' he doesn't act very friendly," said a senior who wished to remain anonymous. "He's never in the SUB." Nelson contended he is in touch with the students and offered as support his strong relationship with the ASCWU Board of Directors (BOD).

He attributed a large part of the past four years, funding has been cut by over 10 percent. Nelson also takes credit for negotiating with state legislators so that Central received fewer cuts than other Washington universities.

He attributed a large part of the morale problem to the state university administration of salary policy, he questioned his hiring placed him in a disadvantageous situation with the faculty.

Before Nelson's hiring, a recruiter spent several days on campus gathering information on pertinent problems and issues.

When Nelson was subsequently hired by the Board of Trustees, he seemed to arrive with a fully-developed plan. The report said that this situation probably influenced interpretations of Nelson's performance.

"When Ivory arrived, he was more interested in changing things to his model than working with the community toward university goals already in place. Thus, people were told how things would change, and it's been that way ever since," Ken Hammond, geography department chair, said.

Larry Lovther, history professor, shared his perception of Nelson's arrival. "Let me put it to you this way, when Nelson came to Central he was touted as a budget-cutter which made some of the staff nervous with regards to what that meant," he said.

Since Nelson arrived, his administration has upgraded the computer facilities, increased staff, established two new degree programs, established the distance learning program, and has put together a strategic planning committee.

All of this has been accomplished with reduced state funding. In the past four years, funding has been cut by over 10 percent. Nelson also takes credit for negotiating with state legislators so that Central received fewer cuts than other Washington universities.

He attributed a large part of the morale problem to the state legislature's micro-management of higher education. Nelson cited as an example the fact that Washington is one of the few states in which faculty salaries are determined by the legislature, rather than by university administration.

Nelson said he would like to see the legislature give salary control to each university. He believes that university administration of salary would resolve a great deal of the morale currently on campus.

SUICIDE: "There's always more work to be done to help people realize life is better than death."

-Sarah Shumate

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weren't there," Thelan said. "There's always more work to be done to help people realize life is better than death," she said.

Changing of the guard
On Wednesday, Feb. 14, the Air Force ROTC held a change of command ceremony in the SUB Ballroom. Cadet Colonel Brian Moore relinquished his command of the Detachment 895 Screaming Eagle Wing to Cadet Colonel Richard Vogler.

In the picture, Cadets Moore (middle) and Vogler (right) initiate the change of command by reporting to the detachment commander, Lt. Col. William Kuerz (left).

Vogler, a junior geography major from Naches, will be in charge of supervising, training and leading the 47 cadets in the corps during his tenure as the corps commander.
Central grieves loss of student
To all members of the Central Washington University Community,

Last Saturday afternoon, Central student Christopher "Kit" Felice was found dead in his residence hall room. We join with Kit's family and friends in grieving his death.

An investigation has confirmed that he took his own life. Everyone, including those persons closest to him, has expressed deep shock by his action; it is clear that there is no adequate explanation. We are concerned about the impact of this loss upon the University community. Moore Hall staff, residents and other students have been contacted by the appropriate campus offices in an attempt to provide support and assistance.

While these support and assistance actions are very focused, we may not be aware of all those impacted by this loss. Please assist in making students and staff aware of support services on campus and in the community. For information on available services and memorials for Kit, contact the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, 963-1515.

Once again, we appreciate your empathy and support for those affected by this tragedy.

Very truly yours,

Ivy V. Nelson
President

Schedule conflicts absorbed
To the Editor,

It seems absurd to me that a campus, which so rarely seems to schedule much of interest on Thursday evenings, suddenly has at least three events that pique my interest all scheduled at the same time on the same day.

It hardly seems professional or fair to say, to the audience for these events, to the performers at these events and, least of all, to those whose work to schedule the event goes largely unacknowledged.

I just hope some petty politicking did not drive the unfortunate scheduling of events on Feb. 15, 1996.

Sincerely,

M. Paula McMin, student

Student amazed at behavior
To the Editor,

I am continually amazed at the behavior of some students here at Central. Where does our society draw the line from right and wrong?

It is embarrassing to see advertisements promoting homosexuality on our campus. The foreign student attending Central are the future political and business leaders of their countries and what they experience on campus forms their opinions of the United States.

I am tired of the media endorsing a lifestyle that I and many others do not believe in. G.A.L.A. members have the audacity to post their flyers because they are not opposed. It is time for men to be men and women to be women and stand up for what is right.

Sincerely,

Ward Bischoff, student

Pat on back for flood help
To the Editor,

I would like to extend a pat on the back and heartfelt congratulations to the housing services personnel, C.W.U. maintenance staff and all of the students who jumped in to save University Daycare and the Brooklane Village apartments.

On Friday, Feb. 9, these people spent hours shoveling snow and ice and stacking sandbags.

All persons involved went after the task with much exuberance and efficiency. Not one apartment in Brooklane got flooded! Thanks again for your efforts and time during the big flood of 1996!!

Sincerely,

Sotija J. Smith, student

Fan mad at BÔC research
To the Editor,

There were several gross errors in your article about Blue Oyster Cult.

First of all, you stated that all the original members played on all the albums. This is not even close to true.

The original drummer quit in 1984. The keyboard player left a year later, but since returned. The drummer and bassist that are currently touring with them were hired specifically for this tour. "If you are going to give the line-up, at least don't say it's the original. Next time, please, do your homework, or don't bother writing the artice.

Sincerely,

Phil Stevens, student

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RADIO: have some faith
From page 4

was involved with the station when he attended CWU, why doesn’t he believe in the KCAT students’ ability to succeed?

If they were not doing a good job, I doubt that the station would still be in operation.

Mr. Carr seems concerned that the students will not have enough guidance, saying that an instructor is needed with a radio broadcasting background. The students seem to be doing fine with the on-the-job experience they are getting now.

Mr. Carr made the comment “You wouldn’t want a stranger from the Fresno paper teaching you how to write.”

Maybe so, but I would not want the support of someone who did not believe in me.

These students have some experience from running the station. I have faith in them, why doesn’t Mr. Carr?

Sincerely,
Reece Copeland, student

Invite to improve Spanish skills
To the Editor,

I would like to invite anyone interested in improving their Spanish conversation skills to a conversation group.

This group is currently meeting in the SUB. They meet in the back of the cafeteria in a room called “Sam’s Place.” They meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m.

In addition, we are currently in the process of founding an organization specifically for students who are interested in Spanish and Latin American culture and language.

For more information, please call 925-2983.

Sincerely,
Linda Lee Blaine, student

The following people are invited to learn more about student government by attending the next B.O.D. meeting, Wednesday, February 28 at 4:30:

Amanda Seward
Jay Spears
Hideki Tazuke
Patricia Vandermeij

Kira Wheeler
Tara Young
Matt Arrell
Kevin Berendon

Eric Brunstetter
Andy Cho
Melissa Dallum
Todd Dunham

Shane Flatness
Christine Gerber
Annamie Hansen
Kirsten Higgins

Marcus Irwin
Steven Karl
Zane Kraft
Tammy Lindberg

Be the first person to sign in at the meeting in the SUB Yakama Room and WIN a FREE Big Mac from Ellensburg McDonalds!

Would you like to give input on how ASCWU elections are run?

The Election Task Force is meeting tonight in SUB 209 at 6:00 P.M.

Other meetings are scheduled on Mondays & Thursdays at 6:00 P.M. in SUB 104.

We want to hear from you!

Donate 5 minutes of your time, & a little creativity
February 27 & 28 in the SUB Pit 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Come and Color a Quilt Square and brighten a child's life.

Squares are 6 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches and will be sewn to form a quilt.

Quilts will be donated to the battered women's shelter
and a local homeless shelter. Crayons will be provided. For more info call 963-1693

Wednesday, February 28th
Denise Thimmes
appearing twice: noon in the SUB Pit, and 8:00 P.M. at Club Central

February 27th C.W.U Theater Department presents opening night of:

Romeo and Juliet

Curtain opens at 6:30 P.M. at McConnell Auditorium

Tickets are available at the McConnell Box Office
$5 students $10 non-students
Other performance dates are:
February 28, 29, March 1,2,5,6,7,8,9,10, and 11. Curtain times, call 963-1766.

Interested in how state government works for you? Call OLA/WSL at 963-1682.

You’re invited to the next

B.O.D. Meeting: February 28th 4:30 P.M. SUB Yakama Room
Senate Meeting: March 6th 6:00 P.M. SUB 206/7
Union Board Meeting: February 27th 5:00 P.M. SUB 104
Equity & Services Council: February 28th 12:00 P.M. SUB 209

ASCWU is located in SUB 116. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Phone: 963-1693
Fax: 963-1695
E-mail: ascwu@cwu.edu
World champ bullrider addresses CWU students

by Shay McGraw  
Staff reporter

In celebration of Black History Month, world champion bullrider Charles "Pee-Wee" Sampson entertained and enlightened a small crowd at Samuelson Union Building’s Club Central on Thursday.

"Today is a great day," Sampson said as he took the floor, reminding attendees to make the most of each day. "That’s the way I feel every day."

Sampson’s message was one of inspiration and dedication to achieving one’s goals. Having grown up in the Watts district of Los Angeles, Sampson had to overcome many obstacles in becoming a professional rodeo cowboy.

At five-foot-four and 130 pounds, Sampson was at a greater disadvantage than simply being a black man in a primarily white-dominated sport.

Despite these obstacles, Sampson rose above and won many rodeo awards, including Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association’s world championship in 1982. "I accomplished a lot," Sampson said. "One thing I’ve learned in this sport is you’re going to take your bumps and bruises. And one thing I have to tell people who want to do it is you have to work at it."

In his speech, Sampson also talked about breaking down the barriers associated with race. "A cowboy isn’t black or white, it’s someone who loves the sport," Sampson said. 

"I’m glad I get a chance to express my life," Sampson said regarding Black History Month, "and I’ve been black for 38 years, so I’ll definitely be able to express that."

Sampson closed his presentation with video footage highlighting his rodeo career, including a public service announcement condoning seatbelt use which he recently completed for airing on network television.

"And what I said... this is a great day," Sampson said, ending his presentation and making himself available to fans for questions and autographs.

Juliet (Sara Hill) and Romeo (Keith Edie) bask in the glow of young, forbidden love in the upcoming CWU Theatre Arts Department production of William Shakespeare’s classic tragedy, "Romeo and Juliet," which opens Feb. 27 in McConnell Auditorium.

Shakespeare classic headed for Central

by Kelly Lawing  
Assistant Scene editor

Are you looking for something different and exciting to do next Tuesday night? William Shakespeare’s great romantic tragedy, "Romeo and Juliet," opens Feb. 27 in McConnell Auditorium.

The role of Juliet is played by senior theater arts major Sara Hill. Most recently Hill was seen as Dr. Elizabeth Seward in "Dracula." The role of Romeo is played by senior theater arts major Keith Edie, having played a young lover last summer at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, while serving as an acting intern.

The musical play, "I Dream A World: Black Women Who Changed America," documents remarkable accomplishments by African-American women during an era of racial chaos. It focuses on such well-known as Rosa Parks, who fought for equal rights, and Maya Angelou, the renowned poet. But also examines other less well-known personalities, like Alexé Canady, the black woman neurosurgeon, and Daisy Bates, who established a weekly newspaper and led the historical flight of the "Little Rock Nine" to desegregate Central High School in 1957.

The musical play is directed by Brenda Hubbard, CWU faculty member and newly-appointed artistic director of Laughing Horse Summer Theatre.

The rich and majestic costumes required for the Montagues and Capulets come courtesy of resident designer and faculty member Huaixiang Tan.

Show times are 6:30 p.m. Feb. 27 and March 5, 8 p.m. Feb. 28 - March 3 and March 6 -9 at 8 p.m.
"Broken Arrow" is a thrill ride
by Yorn Hogan
Staff reporter

The action movie "Broken Arrow" rocked my boat. It was intensely fast, and I inevitably fell overboard and was swimming in "slam barn" action.

Acclaimed action director John Woo (Hard Target, The Killer) truly out-did himself. "Broken Arrow" was anything but boring. The film features John Travolta (Get Shorty, Pulp Fiction) and Christian Slater (Pump up the Volume, Bed of Roses) as B-3 stealth bomber pilots who become arch-enemies after traitor Travolta steals two nuclear missiles.

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Four spectacular helicopter explosions, beautiful rocky terrain, an underground nuclear explosion like nothing you've ever seen before, and a well-choreographed climax between John Travolta and Christian Slater, make this movie an uncanny adventure.

Travolta and Slater hate each other just enough to make you love them. They have chemistry, and their combative relationship is a blast to watch.

Despite the exaggeration director John Woo often puts into his films, "Broken Arrow" is relatively serious. A few jokes keep us smiling, but all in all, it stays focused.

John Travolta was totally believable as a bad guy.

His evil was fresh and likable, unlike the rest of today's cliche action movie bad guys. Travolta was bad in a good way. But that's no reason to let him live.

Quite the contrary, he goes out with style.

When choosing whether or not to see "Broken Arrow", remember that when you watch an action movie, you're going to see action, not reality.

This movie is pure uncut action which could be so potent that you may O.D.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5. The location will be posted in the Shaw-Smyser building.

For more information contact the club president, Rob Peifer, at 962-5795.

Invest in your future
by Mindy Goldfarb
Staff reporter

If you are looking for a way to get involved in the stock market and don't know where to start, there's a new club on campus just for you. If you know how the stock market works but would like to learn more, this new club is for you too.

The Central Washington Investment Group has just been created to help students get involved in and learn about the stock market. The group works through a non-profit organization called the National Association of Investors Corporation (NAIC). According to the president of the club, Rob Peifer, the NAIC is the world's largest non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the teaching of sound investment principles and the wider ownership of industry through the investment club movement.

This organization offers stock options through a low-cost investment plan, to different clubs by going directly through the companies. That way there are no broker fees.

"I think it is a good opportunity to help me learn about investing which will help me later in life," junior Doug Leeke said.

Junior Steven Nuefeld agrees.

"I've always been interested in investing and I wanted to learn how to prepare for my future," he said.

The club will feature two different sections. The first section will be educational only, requiring no annual dues or monthly fees. The second section will combine investment practice with the educational aspect, and members involved in the second part will be required to pay $13 for annual dues.

These fees allow members to participate in the low-cost investment plan, receive the monthly Better Investing magazine and share in the profits and losses of the club.

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This drummer might not be such a bad neighbor

by Yom Hogan
Staff reporter

Animal, from The Muppet Show, is probably what most people consider the quintessential drummer. And off the top of your head, what type of person would be the worst roommate? Somebody who makes lots of noise, is rambunctious and bangs on things? A drummer would seem to be the roommate from hell.

"You just got to hit as hard as you can, and you'll break something sooner or later," said Eric Stemm, a 22-year-old student at Central who plays the drums.

Eric's parents became tired of him drumming on the furniture, his grandfather's den, and even turned 5 years old. "And make lots of noise." Eric's parents became tired of him drumming on the furniture, his grandfather's den, and even turned 5 years old.

Stemm's exhibit covers 30 years at CWU

by Karrin Jaeson
Staff reporter

Some of us are probably very familiar with the notion of knowing what we want to do with our lives at a young age. Some of us aren't. It can be an easy decision or it can be a hard one, depending on who you are.

For one CWU professor, her life goal were set before she even turned 5 years old. As a child, Margaret Sahlstrand was the only family member allowed in her grandmother's den. While he would write, she would create her own artwork, remaining very quiet the entire time. Sahlstrand attributes her learned patience to these silent moments.

An exhibit of Sahlstrand's artwork, covering her 30 years as a member of the art department faculty at CWU, is on display in the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery in Randall Hall. Her work will remain on display in the Sarah Spurgeon Art Gallery until March 1, which is only one more week, so be sure to make time to stop by the gallery and see her retrospective.

Sahlstrand's early work includes drawings in graphite and colored pencil of images using surface manipulation, fabrics and found objects. Soon, the desire to make her own drawing paper for her artwork became strong. She studied the art of papermaking intensely while still producing work.

"Just to have fun with it," he said. "And make lots of noise." Eric still knows what drumming is all about.

In 1981, Sahlstrand had the opportunity to travel to Japan and Korea to study with the best papermakers there. "Papermaking is labor intensive," Sahlstrand said, but it is obvious she enjoys that form of art immensely.

Many of her pieces have outlines of hands in them. Sahlstrand said that it is the result of her father and other family members being so skilled with their hands. She said she has found most inspiration from the events in her life.

Some of Sahlstrand's favorite pieces are those she produced after her return from Japan and her current dominant interest - one-of-a-kind books.

Her work has been purchased by the Levi Strauss company, the Smithsonian Institution and the Oji Paper Museum in Japan, and has been on display in Israel, Tasmamia, England and other countries.

Even though Sahlstrand has recently decided to retire as a professor, she has no intention of retiring as an artist.
Central baseball ready to swing

by Curt Nelson
Assistant Sports editor

The sun is out and the days are warmer, almost as if Mother Nature knew the boys of summer were coming out of hibernation.

The men's team finishes the regular season with a 2-5 record last year. After this weekend the team does not play until March 1 and 2, when they will travel to Northwest Nazarene and play doubleheaders on Friday and Saturday.

Dave Fish/Special to The Observer

Men's basketball team still has shot at playoffs

by William Baldyga
Assistant News editor

With two more losses last week the Central Washington men's basketball team will have to pull it together with their final two home games if they hope to make the playoffs. "The reason for our record is a combination of things," head coach Greg Sparling said. "Those few close losses just have the guys real frustrated."

Central, now 1-9 in Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference play and 11-14 overall, watched their playoff hopes start to slip away as they lost to Lewis-Clark State, 89-58, and Western Washington, 84-68.

Wednesday's game against LCSC saw the Wildcats suffering another period of cold-shooting that contributed to the loss.

While LCSC rolled up the score with a 13-0 run late in the first half, Central shot a dismal 28 percent from the field as their opponents marched their way to a 41-21 halftime lead.

Central watched as nationally ranked LCSC continued their scoring dominance in the second half with a 5-0 run that began to put the game out of reach for the Wildcats, who were unable to recover from their sluggish start.

Central was led by four players who scored in double digits each: seniors Jeff Foster and Troy Steigman, freshman Tyce Nasnic, and sophomore Jeff McDonald. Foster was eight points under his season average and the team's second leading scorer, senior John Greer, was held scoreless throughout the game.

Along with the outfield, Central's offensive and defensive strength lies with the catchers. Seniors Jim Boora and Joe Jackson shared the catching duties last year, and it appears they will do the same this year.

Last year Boora hit .309 and threw out nine of 26 potential base stealers. Jackson hit .303 and is a little better behind the plate defensively than Boora according to head coach Dan Storey.

It is also likely that the one who is not catching will be the designated hitter most of the time.

The only returning infielder who saw significant action last year is senior Steve Polar. Last season Polar hit .268 and will likely see most of his action at third base this year according to Storey.

Junior transfer Mike Reese figures to start at shortstop. Reesch hit .304 last year at Big Bend, and he will likely split time at short with Jason Sarpy who earned a letter last fall with the football team as a true freshman.

Sarpy is one of four freshmen on the 28-man roster.

The second baseman will most likely be senior Jeremy Denny who was a reserve last year, and hit .175 in limited action.

First base will be played by junior transfer David Blocklinger who was all-conference last year at Walla Walla Community College.

The staff ace for the Wildcats this spring is expected to be senior Ian Keber, who last year's ace after going 3-3 with a 3.93 earned run average in 1994. Keber most likely will be joined by juniors Mark Stewart and Corey Carmack, and senior Ron Jablonski in the starting rotation.

Sophomore Jason Tracy looks to be a top reliever on the staff this season. Last season Tracy had a 4.43 ERA in 10 relief appearances.

Andy Purvis looks to take the extra base after diving into second, in a game last year.

Later that week the men prepared for their rivals Western Washington. The last time these two teams faced each other was memorable: a question-able call in the final seconds of the game gave the Vikings a win in Nicholson Pavilion.

This time it was different. Another night of cold-shooting and 21 turnovers caused the Wildcats to experience their seventh straight loss while chasing the final playoff spot.

With Central unable to stop the Vikings' inside play and shooting a mere 40 percent from the field, the men found themselves down 35-30 as the teams broke for halftime.

Then a 24-10 scoring run with 12 minutes left in the second half all but locked up a victory for Western Washington.

"We stuck with them in the first half," Foster said. "But we just came out flat in the second half and their team got the momentum."

Foster led the Wildcats with 20 points and 9 rebounds, Mike Blankenship contributed 13 points and Greer added 11.

The men's team finishes the regular season this week with two home games and must win both of them to have a chance at the final playoff spot.

If the Wildcats win the next two games and St. Martins loses on Saturday it will force a one game playoff on Feb. 26 between the two schools in order to determine which team will get the final post-season berth.

Central faces St. Martins tonight at 7 p.m. and Seattle University at 7 p.m. Feb. 24, in Nicholson Pavilion.

Wildcat Mike Blankenship takes it to the hole. Brad Brockman/ The Observer
The Wildcats lost two; look to playoffs

by Shantal Chase

The Central Wildcats were defeated last week by both Lewis-Clark State College and the Western Washington University Vikings. The Vikings, ranked 18 in this week's NAIA Division I national poll,
remained in the PNWAC with Lewis-Clark State. Both teams are 9-1.

Last Wednesday afternoon the bus broke down, the Wildcats walked half way across town to get to L.C. State College, determined to win. At half time, L.C. State was up 47-35 with a chance for the Wildcats to come back. Unfortunately, Central was unable to comeback in the second half and pull off the win they were looking for. The final score ended 93-67.

"It was a really frustrating game," junior Stephanie Bergstrom said. "L.C. applied a lot more defensive pressure than we've seen before."

Nicole Trammell scored 19 points with three assists, along with four rebounds for the Wildcats. Natalie Hutcheson played with five rebounds for the Wildcats to come back. Unfortunately, Central was unable to make the playoffs.

Central had an early 10-2 lead as Western hit two of the first 17 shots that were taken. Western came back, scoring 22 points over Central's seven. Western then held CWU to one field goal in the first 11 minutes of the second half building up a 50-30 lead. Western then took their biggest lead by 25 points (68-43) with 2:16 left in the game.

Nicole Trammell, despite making only three of 17 field goal attempts, led the Wildcats with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Carrie Gosselin said head coach Nancy Katzer. "We showed a lot of improvement as in trying to keep the game close. Men- tally we stayed in the game, but physically we ran out of gas."

Last Saturday, the Western Washington University Vikings defeated the Wildcats 68-46 in Nicholson Pavilion.

Western's April Saunders scored 16 points, helping her team to hold the Wildcats to a PNWAC record-low one of 54 field goal attempts.

Central's effort just wasn't enough to pull off a big win over L.C. State College.

"I'm proud of the entire team's effort," said head coach Nancy Katzer. "We showed a lot of improvement as in trying to keep the game close. Mentally we stayed in the game, but physically we ran out of gas."

The Wildcats fell 3-7 in league and 9-13 overall. Despite the loss to both teams, the Wildcats still have a chance to make the playoffs.

Central finishes up on the road with games at St. Martin's College and Seattle University.

A victory over Seattle on Saturday would earn the Wildcats a first-round home game in the playoffs. The playoffs begin on Feb. 27.

Wrestlers win two

by Michael Bellamy

Sports editor

The Wildcat wrestlers made a ferocious comeback this weekend, winning two of three dual matches, their only loss to Simon Fraser University 21-12. The Wildcats now have a winning record of 8-7 in duals.

Junior Steve Gusse (158), as well as seniors Chris Dockier (134) and Chad Requa (126), went undefeated for the weekend. Requa said he is looking forward to districts and is confident that he will do well.

"If I have a good day, I can beat everyone there," he said. "I just hope I have a good day."

Central defeated Pacific Lutheran University last Friday 26-18. Central forfeited the 118-pound match, and only lost two others. Aside from Requa, Dockier, and Gusse, sophomore Jeremy Brummet (167) defeated his PLU opponent.

Junior Brenda Rotondo (142) and senior Andy Boe (190) both won by forfeit. Gusse defeated PLU's Jason Nokleby 9-1, and was pleased that his team did well this weekend.

"I'm happy that [the team] is doing well," he said.

At the district tournament next weekend it is likely that Gusse will once again face rival Chris Perk. He expects some tough competition.

"It'll be close," he said.

On Saturday the Wildcats traveled north to Simon Fraser University to wrestle against the Clanmen as well as Douglas College.

Dockier, Gusse, and Requa once again pushed their opponents.

The only other wrestler to win his match was Boe, who defeated SFU's Dennis Harrell (126).

The Wildcats dominated their Douglas College adversaries, Rotondo and sophomore Toni Holty (275) joined Gusse, Requa, and Dockier in defeating their opponents.

Hoily denied Douglas's Bill Soll from scoring even one point.

This weekend brings the Wildcats to districts and then off to nationals. They are hoping for some high placings and look forward to some tough competition.

"I think we can place in the top two," said head coach Kevin Fine.

"[Southern Oregon] is the team to beat."
Intramurals spring eternal

by Amy Abbott
Staff reporter

The recent cold weather and extreme flooding has caused many people to be anxious for the onset of spring. Spring quarter at Central not only offers lots of sunshine and wind, but also some great outdoor fun.

"Students are happy to get out of the winter doldrums and do something active outside," Intramural coordinator Bruce Mace said.

Intramurals will not only be kicking off the warm weather, with softball and golf leagues, but this year they are offering three new activities: Tennis leagues, racquetball leagues, and Night Games every Friday night.

Softball offers leagues on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. beginning April 8. Teams need at least 10 players, with co-ed having an even number of five men and five women. The cost is $40 per team, which includes league games, post-season tournament games for the top teams, and officials needed in the games.

A pre-season softball tournament will be held on April 1-4, limited to 16 men's and co-ed teams, and four women's teams. The cost is $5 if the team is entered in the regular season and $10 to only play the tournament.

"Intramural softball isn't about all the competition that is usually present in sports," senior Tate Andrews said. "It's about having a good time and relaxing with all your buddies."

Golf league begins April 1, on every Monday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. To sign up for tee time call the Ellensburg golf course at 962-2984. They will set up students with play partners and a discount for green fees will be offered.

Now this year are the tennis and racquetball leagues, offered for both men and women, singles, doubles, or mixed doubles.

The cost for tennis is $20 for singles or doubles. It begins April 8, with leagues on Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday.

The time is from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a guarantee of 14 matches. League games create eligibility for tournament games held on May 31-June 2.

Racquetball is $10 for singles or doubles, beginning April 9. League games held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. A total of eight games of offer are available with tournament play held on May 17-19.

Registration for all Intramurals begin Friday, March 1, until the end of finals week (March 1-11).

Students can register in the University Recreation Office, SUB 212. Everyone registering needs to bring a list of participants and the money. Check register early as there is a limited number of teams.

Other events include the continuation of Night Games on Friday nights from 9 p.m.12 p.m. in Nicholson Pavilion.

These programs are absolutely free and offer a fun alternative to going to parties or out to the bars. Everyone is welcome and come can come as either singles, doubles, or groups.

Tentative events are a 4-on-4 volleyball tournament, swim float and movie, hoop challenge and hot shot, as well as a team hoop challenge.

No registration is required, students can just show up and have fun at the Pavilion at 9 p.m.

Special events include a week-long sports trivia tournament with questions about all sports events in history.

An Intramural swim meet will also be held during another weekend. Students can enter individual events or get enough people to form their own team.

"We hope all the events are a huge success and lots of students participate," Mace said. Tomorrow, night games offer the 1-on-1 basketball tournament. Then Saturday, Schick Superhoops is hosting a 3-on-3 tournament.

Both events will be held in Nicholson Pavilion. Registration is free at the intramural office until February 23.

For more information on all events call the intramural office at 963-1501 or the recreation office at 963-3512.

The Tent-and-tube will also be offering many outdoor events such as hiking excursions and river rafting trips along the Yakima river.

A schedule is in the process of being completed, and should be ready by the end of final week. For events and dates call 963-3512 after spring break.

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Thursday — Feb. 22
- Join a Spanish Conversation Group, 1 p.m., Sam’s Place in the SUB.
- Eating disorder support group, 3 p.m., Central Counseling Center.
- Women’s Student Organization meeting, 5 p.m., SUB 204.
- ASCWU special elections task-force meeting, 6 p.m., SUB 209. All students encouraged to attend.
- “Critical First Year on the Job,” workshop, presented by the Career Development Services, 3 p.m., Shaw-Smyser 109.
- Young Republicans’ Club, 7 p.m., SUB.

Friday — Feb. 23
- A.A. meeting, noon, SUB 107.
- History Club, 3 p.m., SUB 104.
- “Dare to Wear,” fashion show sponsored by the Fashion Merchandising club, 7 p.m., SUB Theater. $2 cost of admission includes entry for door-prizes.

Sunday — Feb. 25
- Catholic Campus Ministries, Mass, 7 p.m., Mary Grupe Center.
- 1996 Danton Lecture Series presents “The Nesting Prayer: When the Spirit Broods,” lecture by Pastor Susan Breihiel, 7 p.m., at the Fellowship hall of the First Lutheran Church, 512 N. Ruby.

Monday — Feb. 26
- KCAT club meeting, 4 p.m., SUB Yakama room.
- A.A. meeting, noon, SUB 107.
- ASCWU special elections task-force meeting, 6 p.m., SUB 209. All students encouraged to attend.
- “Las inmigraciones europeas y su influencia en la literatura oral hispanoamericana: el caso de Chile,” by Dr. Marcos Urra Salazar from the University Austral, in Chile. Presentation will be in Spanish, 3 p.m., Grupe Conference Center.
- Rejoice in Jesus campus fellowship, 7:30 p.m., SUB Yakama room.

Tuesday — Feb. 27
- Spanish Conversation Group, 1 p.m., Sam’s Place in the SUB.
- National Broadcast Society meeting, 5 p.m., Bouillon 101.
- STEPS meeting, 5:30 p.m., Central Counseling Center.
- Chi Alpha Bible study, 7 p.m., Mary Grupe Center.
- Relationships 101: “Sex, Love or Infatuation: Love and the Test of Time,” 6 p.m., Barto Hall.
- “Romeo and Juliet,” 6:30 p.m., Tower Theater. tickets are $5 for students and seniors, $10 general admission.

Wednesday — Feb. 28
- Wind Ensemble Festival, all day.
- “Romeo and Juliet,” 8 p.m., Tower Theater. Tickets are $5 for students and seniors, $10 general admission.

Thursday — Feb. 29
- Spanish Conversation Group, 1 p.m., Sam’s Place in the SUB.
- ASCWU special elections task-force meeting, 6 p.m., SUB 209. All students encouraged to attend.
- Wind Ensemble Festival, all day.
- Brass Choir concert, 8 p.m., Hertz recital hall.
- “Romeo and Juliet,” 6:30 p.m., Tower Theater. Tickets are $5 for students and seniors, $10 general admission.

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