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**Town, gown in on river clean-up**

Will Smith and many other students turned out to clean up the Yakima River.

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**Faculty, trustees bargain on union rights**

by Mike Bellamy
Staff reporter

The United Faculty of Central (UFC), a steering committee made up of members of Central's current teacher's unions, is trying to convince the Board of Trustees (BOT) to allow a faculty referendum on collective bargaining. Collective bargaining is a process of negotiations creating a contract two parties agree to abide by. If collective bargaining is allowed at Central, the UFC will become the main faculty union, encompassing the local chapters of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), the National Education Association (NEA), and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), among others. The only four-year college in Washington to have collective bargaining at the present is Eastern Washington University.

Current Washington state laws allow the BOT of any four-year college to create a faculty code, which the staff must follow, without the consent or input of the faculty members themselves. The BOT can also change the code at any time. Collective bargaining would give faculty unions the right to negotiate the faculty code. English instructor, co-president of the AFT local, and member of the UFC Patricia Garrison said the current faculty code works much like a syllabus.

"The faculty really hasn't agreed to these terms," she said. 

"They are dictated to us."

English instructor Lily Harper, co-president of the AFT local, and UFC member, said she too was concerned about the arbitrary nature of the code.

"It's just not binding," Harper said.

"It's subject to change by one party without the input of the other."

The UFC began its first major push for collective bargaining in 1994. Although 64 percent of the faculty expressed a wish to elect a union that could collectively bargain at Central, the option was rejected by the BOT. The UFC has continued its efforts to gain collective bargaining power through dialogues with the BOT ever since.

The faculty senate, a supporter of the UFC, is currently the only voice the faculty has in matters concerning faculty codes, but cannot negotiate the terms.

"The faculty senate's responsibility is for dealing with academic matters," Garrison said. "They're not lawyers."
Antifreeze, drunks, and thieves

Monday, Oct. 7, 7:40 p.m.
Officers were called to investigate a large puddle of antifreeze in the B-section parking lot of Brooklane Village. Officers estimated there was about two gallons of the poisonous liquid. Officers worked to clean up the spill. A 35-year-old female was responsible for the antifreeze, but was not cited.

Monday, Oct. 7, 6:48 p.m.
A 31-year-old female reported that her Yamaha mo-ped was vandalized sometime in the previous three days in the I-15 parking lot. The mo-ped suffered damage to its mirror, spedometer, turn indicator and seat, amounting to $310. Two side covers worth a total of $80 were also stolen. There are no suspects.

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 4:40 p.m.
Officers responded to a possible domestic dispute in Brooklane Village. Residents reported that a 26-year-old male and 24-year-old female were arguing loudly. The officers contacted both individuals and found no physical altercation. The parties were willing to work out their problem in a more reasonable way.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2:58 a.m.
A 25-year-old female reported that $2,700 in cash may have been stolen from her apartment in Student Village. Officers arrived in a few minutes and searched the area. There were no suspects.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 5:07 a.m.
Officers responded to a report by a 31-year-old female that she heard someone inside her Brooklane Village apartment. Police arrived in a few minutes and searched the area. There were no signs of forced entry, and officers attributed the sounds to thin walls and a neighbor.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 3:15 a.m.
A 14-year-old male reported that his Miami Hurricanes baseball cap, worth $25, was snatched off his head by an unknown suspect in the SUB games room. The victim thought the snatching was a prank, but realized that the person who took the hat wasn't coming back. The suspect is described as a 5-foot-4-inch white male, dressed in a black shirt and baggy shorts, with a shaved head. The suspect was with several other people, all carrying skateboards, who exited the east doors of the SUB and left the area. Police are following up on this situation.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 9:27 p.m.
Police contacted a 33-year-old male carrying an open container of Corona beer near Student Village. He and a 38-year-old male were both cited for violating the law against having open beverages in public.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 10:25 p.m.
Officers on a routine patrol in Allford Montgomery Hall cited an 11-year-old female for an MIP, in a contact which led to the citation of two 19-year-old males for the same offense, and the confiscation of beer, rum and wine in the residence of one of the two men.

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Clean-up: "Do a good thing"

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Tomkins said.

"When we consider the upper county group and the group from Thorp, we have approximately 150 students and community members," Ramsdell said.

"I think it's important Central Washington University students are out in the community," sophomore Cara Lnocot, RCH chair, said. "It's a program Resi­

dential Hall Council has sponsored for two years.

Army ROTC students said they came out to show the community their support.

The clean-up went very smooth with a decrease in material collected. This decrease in trash has been a trend in previous years. Ramsdell said he hoped that people were realizing the damage trash can cause to the river.

UFC: Not allowed to vote?

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In December of 1995, the BOT voted not to allow a faculty vote on collective bargaining. On Oct. 10 of this year, a meeting was held where the BOT agreed to listen to more discussion on collective bargaining.

BOT president Owen Chaplin said the UFC's arguments were not very persuasive at the December 1995 meeting, and that the board was interested in discussing the topic further.

"We wanted to hear more about why they feel collective bargaining is necessary," she said.

Harper and Garrison said the UFC and the BOT have many shared inter­

ests, and that they want to discuss what can be accomplished together.

"It's not in anybody's interest if we fight," Garrison said.

Garrison and Harper agreed that unionization of the UFC would give Central a much better deal by bringing in more funds for lobbying at the state and federal levels. This could help alleviate the inflation of tuition paid by the students.

"We are a teacher's union," Harper said. "We are concerned with educa­
tion."

Garrison said the collective bargaining issue is really one of democracy and that the faculty should be able to choose whether or not they want it.

"If [they] want a faculty senate, sure, [they] should have that," she said. "If [they] want a union, [they] should have that, but the first thing [they] should vote is the right to decide."
A tower, an engineer's report and a rehired general manager's future top the latest of KCAT's concerns in their 18-month quest for FM airtime. 

KCAT has hired Evan's Associates out of Wisconsin to determine the proper location for the proposed station's antenna and tower structure. Evan's Associates has already determined that KCAT's frequency for broadcast will be 88.1 MHz. 

"We are after the best site that we can get," Chris Hull, KCAT's interim general manager said. "With FM broadcast everything is 'line-of-sight,' so elevation is the key. If you get a good elevation and you don't have a lot of hills and things blocking [the signal] then you are going to have better coverage."

The current tower site under consideration by KCAT's engineers is in the Green Canyon Road area. "The actual application process is a hassle, but it is not nearly the hassle of waiting from back from the FCC," Hull said.

The hassle comes from the backlog of applying radio stations, coupled with the FCC's bureaucratic process. Hull has a quote from one engineer as saying it may take nine to 12 months to hear back, and from another that it could take as long as two years. A 1996 graduate of the music department, Hull was the previous student director at KCAT for the 1995-96 academic year.

Rehired over the summer, following a suspended campus-wide search for a full-time non-student general manager, Hull was only given a nine-month contract.

"We needed somebody here who worked at least 40 hours a week to devote their time on getting us over the air," Devlin said. The manager needed to devote his time to working with the engineer, which was not possible for a student to do while taking classes.

"He's the interim general manager, because he knows what he is doing," Champagne said. "Chris had all the knowledge and we needed to keep the continuity and consistency to take us to the next stage. So once we get to that point we will have a new search, a national search to hire a permanent general manager, and Chris will certainly have the opportunity to compete in the national search for that position." It has been estimated by Hull that KCAT might go on the air as early as Winter quarter 1998. Hull will no longer be under contract at that point. "I'm not sure what their plans are," Hull said. "They don't have any answers. I've already put the ball in their court. It's frustrating for me, because I don't totally know where I will be in nine months. In nine months we will be just weary of hearing back from the FCC." Hull admitted Student Affairs had a difficult time with his hiring as there were "hoops [student affairs] had to jump through."

According to Nancy Howard, director of Affirmative Action, KCAT will need to conduct a search for a permanent general manager at the end of Hull's nine-month contract.

"If the position is to be continued, then a search will be initiated," Howard said. The scope of the search will be determined by both Howard and Student Affairs.

For more on KCAT, please see "KCAT needs student help" on page 11 in the Observer's Scene section.

NELSON: Detours of progress

From Page 1

tered learning, and applauded the recently created Asian/Pacific studies program. Nelson also mentioned the strength of the international exchange program and expressed hope of creating exchange opportunities with African countries, as well as furthering such opportunities in Mexico.

From applauding past successes, Nelson moved to outlining current projects shaping campus life. He discussed the construction currently blocking off parts of campus with a touch of humor, while emphasizing that the new science center and the Black Hall renovation project will be completed by fall of 1998.

"See [them] as detours of progress," Nelson said.

Nelson next targeted the large body of freshmen on campus this year. He named the variety of newly implemented programs to help the over 1,100 freshmen graduate in under four years, including block registration for classes and the mandatory advising program.

Nelson then focused on the operating budget for Central Washington. He outlined what Central has requested from the legislature for the next biennial period, including items such as a seven percent salary increase for faculty each year of the biennium, more funds for the library, upgraded technology, and a new Hertz Music Hall.

President Nelson wrapped up with comments for the 1996-97 school year. He emphasized continued focus on Central's strategic plan and student-centered learning, as well as the general education curriculum.

Health class will produce peer educators

by Heidi Betts
Staff reporter

Central is offering a new class to students of every field. Health education 240. The class will go through a program called the Certified Peer Educator Program. The course will train students to become peer educators as: caring teachers, and programmers, role models and much more. It also teaches on skills in listening, communication and confrontation.

"It's about making healthy choices for yourself, as well as for others," Mark Dettner, interim director, said.

The goal in the next two years is to train 500 students. Dettner is anxious to get the class started. The first session is planned to begin Oct. 18-20. The course will be offered every quarter, starting winter quarter, for two credits and a total of 20 hours.

The CPE program was founded by The Bacchus and Gamma Peer Education Network. "This will be a basic class dealing with health and wellness," Dettner said. "The philosophy behind peer education is that peer educators educate peers."

The Washington Traffic Safety Commission gave the university a $10,000 grant to begin the course.

"We hope to see the program in all schools, including elementary and high school," Dettner said.

Students completing the class will be certified as facilitators for Bacchus and Gamma and will be part of S.W.A.T (Student Wellness Action Team). Students will also receive shirts that promote the program.

"It think it's a really good idea for a class," senior Don Berry said. "People tend to turn to friends first."

Students can sign up in the D.A.P.P.E.R. office located in SUB 106 for registration this quarter, or contact Ken Briggs, chair of the health and education department.

The class will be in the winter catalog and registration can be done through REGI.
Union vote denied

All talk, no action.

That’s the best way to describe the response the Board of Trustees repeatedly gives every time the issue of collective bargaining rears its ugly head on campus.

Collective bargaining is the vehicle the faculty at Central want to employ in order to redress a number of grievances. The release of President Nelson’s Campus Climate Report on Jan. 26 of this year specifically discussed the issue of collective bargaining and the Trustees lack of initiative in discussing or solving faculty grievances.

On page 36 of that document it states that, “The board [of trustees] has the prerogative to act unilaterally ... but the inevitable result will be increased faculty/staff cynicism and distrust. Failure of the board to respond publicly to the faculty unionization issue is a case in point.”

Furthermore, in a survey conducted this spring by the United Faculty of Central, 95 percent of the respondents said they were dissatisfied with the status quo at Central and felt that the Board of Trustees — and President Nelson — should honor their request for collective bargaining.

The Trustees and President Nelson, however, continue to take an autocratic stance on the matter, unwilling to allow the faculty the opportunity to vote on collective bargaining.

So what is the solution to this mess? First of all, the Trustees need to remember the cliche, “Actions speak louder than words.”

Second, if President Nelson is truly concerned about building a sense of unity and dispelling faculty grievances at Central, he needs to remember his own days as a faculty member. Maybe then he might see the point of view of the faculty more clearly and be more receptive to their issues.
Campus employers should pay students equitable wages

To the Editor of the Observer,

I am writing to inform students of their rights as employees of CWU. Campus employers must realize that they have an ethical duty to pay their student employees a marketable wage. However, at the present time many departments on campus are forcing this basic economic principle by paying students a less than equitable wage. I believe that by allowing these unfair practices to continue employers detract from a respected institution. I want work study students to know that they have the right to negotiate their wages with their supervisors. Don't believe that just because you are a student worker that you are any less valuable than other members of the campus faculty and staff.

I became aware of this problem through my work as an office assistant in the student employment office during the summer. This position provided me with a insiders view of the rules and policies governing student employment on campus. Based on my observations I would estimate that at least 60% of the job posting requested only work study applicants. Work study applicants have become a valuable commodity to campus employers because of the cost savings they bring to their departments. Either the federal or state government contributes the majority of the funds to pay students wages, so departments only pay 20-25% of their employees salary. There is a distinct difference between federal and state work study; the wages for state work study are set by the student employment office, and for federal work study wage is $4.90. Federal work study awards comprise the majority of the funds distributed to students. For example if a department hires a work study student at rate of five dollars an hour then that department only pays about a dollar of that students wage. Nearly all of these positions paid only slightly more than minimum wage, and furthermore at least one third of these positions were for office assistants. These positions require basic office skills commonly performed by secretaries earning at least $7 per hour. An essential aspect of this problem is the wage discrepancy between the wages of federal and state work students in similar office positions. For clerical positions campus employers are required to pay a state work study student $6.86 compared to federal work study which is only minimum wage. Furthermore these wage differences are even more appalling considering how small a portion these departments are required to pay of their employees salaries. A student could go to work at almost any fast food restaurant and earn more than these departments pay their skilled assistants. Universities, especially public ones, hold a moral responsibility to ensure that their students are provided with a safe environment free from exploitation.

Shannon Nevitt
Student

Education key to meeting challenges of the 21st century

by First Lady
Hillary Rodham Clinton

A few months ago, my daughter Chelsea and I went on a college tour. We visited dormitories, libraries and lecture halls, and looked over flyers advertising plays, clubs and special Karen throughout the larger community.

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Everyone in the party had a good deal of hiking and backpacking experience in the Cascades. Phil had the most mountaineering experience, having climbed peaks throughout Washington and the west coast, including Mount Adams, Glacier Peak, Mount Shasta and Mount Whitney.

At the trailhead, we gathered jackets, warm clothes, water, and all other possessions we might need and began hiking alongside a creek at the base of the Esmeralda Mountains up toward Long’s Pass. At the start of our climb, we were able to push up through the forested slopes fairly quickly. Phil, Frank, and Brian stopped every now and then to ask questions about or marvel at one type of rock or another, including a good-sized quartz sandstone inclusion we discovered.

We scrambled through a small, narrow chute up onto a tree-covered ridge line. From here, Sherpa Peak, a dark granite spire with a black, spherical-shaped rock perched on top of the summit, rose above us. We decided to navigate around the ridge to a talus slope lying beneath several snow fields. Here, the hike became tough as we sloshed through bits and pieces of granite on the steep slope. Stuart’s false summit came into view, as we ascended.

We reached the top of the talus slope around 1 p.m. and set a cut-off time for our hike at 3 p.m, concerned that we might not be able to reach the base of Stuart before dark. Standing on Stuart’s eastern ridge, we caught sight of Stuart’s mighty North Face, thousands of feet of sheer granite which plunged down to the light blue depths of Ice Cliff Glacier’s crevasses. All that separated us at this point from the false summit was a 500-foot snow field inside a moderately steep gully. Not having ice axes or crampons, we decided not to go up the wet, slick snow and instead stuck to the more stable rocks on the right side. Later, looking back, we knew that Stuart was a great adventure, yet concerned about our lack of food, water, and time, we took several photographs and then began our descent down the mountain.

Mountaineer C. E. Rusk called Stuart the mountain “with a thousand thrills.” Slipping on loose rocks now and then, sending a small boulder plunging down Stuart’s 100-foot slope. Navigating the steep talus slope was arguably the toughest part of the climb, as we jolted our legs and feet. Slowly, we worked our way back down to the trailhead, around the ridge and back up the gully to the base of the mountain.

Phil commented later on how challenging he thought the trip was in comparison to some of his other trips.

Looking back, we knew that Mt. Stuart was a great adventure, but there’s no one anytime soon, "It was rough, but it still..."
The African savanna, circa 1898. The Ghost and the Darkness takes place in this setting and chronicles the remarkably true story of a pair of man-eating lions that plague the river crossing at Tsavo for several months during 1898. This pair are not your usual man-eaters, you see. They don’t kill for food.

They kill for the sport.

It happened during the time of empire building, when Africa was the battleground between rival European imperialists. The British, in order to fortify their holdings, were building a train line across Africa.

The sinister head of the British East India Company, Beaumont (Charles Winfield), an engineer in the British Army, to build a bridge across the river at Tsavo.

The goal, as Beaumont icily lays it out for Patterson, is to “save Africa from the Africans, and, of course, end slavery.” Beaumont is the perfect emissary of the empire, a man whose quest for knighthood and the greater glory of Britain will not stop him from destroying Patterson or anyone else that stands in his way.

Thus, Patterson embarks on a voyage that will take him to the heart of Africa, a place he has always dreamed of going. He looks forward to building the bridge, not knowing the hardship ahead.

Tsavo, the location of the bridge he will be building, is known in the local dialect as “Place of the Slaughter.” From out of the tall savanna grasses came two lions, who began to mercilessly stalk the camp, killing over 100 workers during a six month period.

They are named the Ghost and the Darkness for their ability to sneak into the workers’ camp and take people at any time of the day. Despite repeated attempts by Patterson and the camp headman, Samuel (John Kani), to protect the workers while finding a way to hunt down and kill the lions, they seem to anticipate every move. It became a question of who is hunting whom. Frustrated, Beaumont called upon the services of a famous big game hunter from the United States, Charles Winchester (Michael Douglas) to help seek out and kill the lions.

Before we get ahead of ourselves and give away the movie, let’s stop right there. Because there is but one word to describe this movie: epic. While it might be labeled as an action-adventure, it’s much more than just your run-of-the-mill man vs. nature film, or “Jaws in Tall Grass,” or watching Marlon Perkins’ sidekick, Jim, getting mauled while tranquilizing a baboon. It was a non-stop, two-hour adrenaline rush, and a definite thumbs-up, must-see motion picture.

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Deer season opens

by Mike Blankenship
Staff reporter

For all anxious deer hunters, the wait is finally over: Deer season has opened for modern firearm hunters.

The season began last Saturday and will run for a couple of weeks, depending on which particular area hunters decide on. If the big buck eludes you during regular season, you will get another chance during late buck season, Nov. 21-24.

Hunters must have a valid hunting license and tag. The license will cost you $15 and the tag is another $18 for state residents.

For safety’s sake, hunter orange is required to be worn at all times during the modern firearm deer season.

For other laws and restrictions, consult the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife’s pamphlet of Hunting Seasons and Rules. The booklet is free and usually found where ammunition and other sporting goods are sold.

Remember to respect all guidelines and have a fun and safe hunting season. Good luck.

Question of the week

What do you find more interesting the baseball playoffs or the presidential election?

Rodney Brandenhorf, Spanish professor

“I say it’s a toss up. They’re both equally boring.”

Karen Clarke, junior, office management

“Baseball playoffs because I’m not really big on politics and they’re really not too exciting.”

Carlos Gonzalez, freshman, biology

“If I had two T.V.’s in front of me, one with the presidential debate, and the other with the world series, I’d watch the world series.”

Jennifer Canberg, freshman, biology

“Baseball, because I’ve already made up my mind about the presidential election.”

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CD Review

Steve Earle

I Feel Alright

The Houston-based label, famous for its releases of Scarface, Buswick Bill, and the Geto Boys is introducing another group from the Lone Star State. Do or Die is composed of members Belo, Nard, and AK-47, who each had a hand in the production of this album. This group uses a different style than the rap-listening audience has heard from Houston and Rap-A-Lot in the past.

Do or Die raps the songs on this album at different tempos. Some cut a fast "auctioneer type" of rhyming, reminiscent of Bone Thugs-N-Harmony or E-40, and other joints slow the rhyming down to almost a conversational, talking speed.

The beats on this album are dominated by bass drum accompaniment by synthesizers and horns in the background. This is where the album lacks creativity, since most beats sound like mirror images of each other. Either this album was rushed in its production, or the people in charge of making the music need to listen to a wider range of music and samples to add flavor to future albums.

Luckily, this album is highlighted by guest appearances from rappers Tung Twista and Johnny P. Their tracks seem to be the quality works of this debut. In fact, Do or Die must have thought so, because the guest performers appear on the inaugural single released, "Po' Pimp."

The only other tracks that even kept me listening featured these two guests. Tung Twista again lends his vocals to "Papercure," a slow, but catchy chorus line, with better rapping than lights, and his songs are seldom forgotten in the "top forty," but you may have seen him in prison last summer, on MTV, promoting his logo, "I Feel Alright."

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Earle doesn't look upon the token country idols, such as Hank Williams, for inspiration. Earle is an outlaw. His influences range from Guy Clark to Townes Van Zant to Bruce Springsteen. From 1969 to 1991, Earle managed to release five albums for the MCA record label. When his first album, Guitar Town, was released, Earle was heralded by critics as the future of country music. His self-penned, raw, heavy-handed lyrics and hard-hitting melodies took Nashville by storm, and Earle was a shooting star across the country music scene.

Steve Earle was haunted by demons, though. An admitted drug addict from the age of 13, Earle didn't handle his chance for success gracefully.

Earle's gypsy, realistic, hard-core country sound was drowned out by his drug problem, and in 1991, he was sent to prison on heroin-related charges. Paroled in 1995, claiming to be cured of his affliction, Earle was determined to stay straight. He released an acoustic album Train a Comin', which was immediately acclaimed by critics as redemption for Earle's past.

The album, while not reaching a wide audience, earned Earle a pair of Grammy nominations. His latest studio album, I Feel Alright, is not "pure" country. Rather, it is a mixture of music, ranging from blues to hard-rock, combining traditional country ballads, like "Valentine's Day," with upbeat electric guitar powered songs, like "The Unrepentant."

The title song, "I Feel Alright," immediately gives the impression that this album is not softening Earle, who sings the words, "I've been to hell and back, and now I'm back again," with complete believability.

Other tracks also focus on the highs and lows of Earle's drug addiction. "CCKMP," or Coclaine Can't Kill My Pain, is a painful memory of the depression brought about with withdrawal.

However, Earle's songs aren't all about a great storyteller. He manages to weave stories about stalkers, hopeless romantics, heartaches, and the power of friendship around great guitar riffs, a killer blues harmonica, and penetrating bass lines. The final cut on the album, "You're Still Standing There," is a duet with alternative-country artist Lucinda Williams, provides an excellent wrap-up to the set.

This song is a story of two lovers who can't seem to commit to a relationship no matter how hard they try. Earle sings, "Since you've gone my empty arms have nothing left to hold, and your memories cannot keep me warm but they never leave me cold."

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Domestic Violence Awareness

Play shows abuse problem

by Aimee Peterson
Asst. Scene Editor

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Women's Resource Center (WRC) and the Affirmative Action Office are taking part by co-hosting a play about domestic violence in the workplace and how it affects morale and productivity.

In a letter from Governor Mike Lowry, he said domestic violence is not limited to a private, family dispute because it is a criminal activity that affects us all, regardless of race, income or age. It destroys families, relationships and lives.

Lowry said domestic violence of this nature crosses into the workplace causing decreased productivity, increased health care and medical leave usage.

According to Lee Williamson, WRC director, this is part of the governor's domestic violence initiative. Lowry feels it's important as a Washington State employer, that policies are adopted which inform workers that violence is not tolerated in the workplace. He said we should adopt policies, practices and plans to help victims and battered to break the cycle of violence.

The play, "Lily Loves Charlie, Okay?" is in McConnell Auditorium tomorrow from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. It is sponsored by the governor's office, and Ellensburg is one of only five locations in this state showing the play.

Violent facts & numbers to know

- 80 percent of domestic violence cases go unreported
- One-third of all women who are murdered in America are killed by a man they know
- 20 percent of all emergency room visits by women are attributed to beatings.
- There are 30,000 animal shelters in the U.S. and only 1,500 battered women shelters
- 24-Hour Washington State Domestic Violence hotline: 1-800-562-6025
- Kittitas Domestic Violence Sexual Assault: 923-4188
- Women's Resource Center
- 963-3333

Williamson was able to bring the play to Central through numerous phone calls to the governor's office. After the play, a discussion period will follow to increase understanding of domestic violence and how super-

vise...
Mama’s Cajun meals are good deals

by Lena Wood
Staff reporter

Now that the school year is in full swing and the stress is going on hard, a hot plate of home cooking wouldn’t hurt most students at Central. If it’s your first time living on your own, and you haven’t quite mastered your way around the kitchen, then Mama’s Cookin’ Cajun may be your solution.

Mama’s Cookin’ Cajun is a small cafe located at 601 Cascade Way in Ellensburg, just west of the bus station. Mama’s specializes in Cajun cooking and serves a mean breakfast Wednesday - Sunday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Recently, Mama has decided to serve dinner on Saturday until 7:30 p.m.

Mama’s is not your basic cafe. Everything is homemade, from the strawberry jam to the hand-cut french fries.

All of the home-cooked delights are prepared by a little lady called “Mama.” Mama is from Arkansas and was taught to cook Cajun food by her mother.

Mama got her start in the food business running a food trailer at fairs and festivals. There she received so much praise for her Cajun cooking that she decided to open her cafe, almost four years ago.

“I wanted to create a place that felt like home and served good home-cooked Cajun meals,” Mama said. There are crafts and pictures hanging on the walls that feel like you’re at your grandma’s house. With huge plates of home-cooked food to fill your belly, Mama’s is the closest place to home, away from home.

“The hospitality is awesome,” Bryce Erickson said.

The menu features Cajun specialties such as catfish, jambalaya, and shrimp creole. There are also many different hamburgers, sandwiches, and melts to choose from, and there is always hot homemade chili and clam chowder on the stove.

Breakfast is served all day for an average price of $4.50.

“I don’t have specials, because all of my prices are special,” Mama said. Mama’s is one of the only Cajun restaurants in Washington, and it is the only one run single-handedly. Mama cooks all the food, waits on tables, and even does the bookwork.

On an average day, Mama gets to the cafe at 3 a.m. to start preparing the food and leaves around 5 p.m., ready for bed.

“Nothing is packaged,” Mama said. “All of the Cajun cooking is done by me, and all of this takes a lot of time.”

Mama doesn’t mind the time, because she’s happy to provide hot home cooking for all of the college students in town.

Mama’s Cookin’ Cajun offers a wide variety of dishes. From catfish to biscuits and gravy, you’ll get your fill at Mama’s.

Sausage gravy will simmer on the stove all day while Mama bakes her own buttermilk biscuits for her famous biscuits and gravy breakfast. “Mama’s Cookin’ Cajun is a great place for college students, because the prices are low and the quality and quantity of food is stupendous,” Paul Grobbs, frequent Mama’s customer, said.

KCAT needs student help

by Josh Cooley
Staff reporter

Central’s cable radio station, KCAT 91.5 FM, is asking for the support of Central students to help the station get an FCC on air license.

“We, first and foremost, are here for the students of Central,” Dave Rodriguez, program manager, said. “We’re asking for your help. In order for KCAT to actually go over the air, student support is imperative. We need as many people as possible tuning into KCAT via cable hook up, and anyone who wants to have their service or club broadcasted to the university community is more than welcome to come in and talk to me. “If you need a cable, which is free by the way, come down to the station, SUB room 106 across from Tent-n-Tube rentals. We’ll sign you up, and when the new shipment arrives, we’ll call you.”

Students who are interested in being involved should contact La Vaughn Beaver at 963-7161.
"Down the Road" should be your next stop
couple writing a biography on his ghastly crimes.

William's crimes are documented by Iris and Dan Henniman, a young couple writing a biography on his ghastly crimes. As the couple dives into their investigation, they are faced with questions of why Reach has committed these grisly murders, the moral dilemma of investigating the events, and unintentionally turning Reach into a celebrity.

"Anyone can be a DJ," Rodriguez said. Management at KCAT is already considering ideas and hosts for specialty shows next quarter. A specialty show has to be something not already offered over the air in Ellensburg; so heavy metal and blues show next quarter. This quarter's specialty shows are:

- The Top 30 Rockdown on Sundays from 9 p.m. to midnight, hosted by "Flop and co."
- North by Northwest on Tuesdays from 9 p.m. to midnight, which is all Pacific Northwest music, hosted by Tyler.
- Off the Hook on Thursdays from 9-10 p.m. on Wednesdays, which is all R&B and "slow groovin" music, hosted by Akil and Mike.

"It's harder than accounting," Rodriguez said.

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**SPORTS**

**'Cats slaughter UPS in 43-7 victory**

by Lisa Allen and Dan Hanken
Staff reporters

The Wildcats went into Baker Stadium in Tacoma last weekend with the hunger to win, and came out with a taste of victory in an impressive rout over the University of Puget Sound Loggers 43-7.

Casey Jacox stepped in as starting quarterback for the Wildcats Saturday after subbing for an injured Ryan Pournier and throwing four touchdowns in last week’s loss to PLU. In his first start of the season, Jacox completed 14 of 24 passes for 193 yards and four touchdowns.

The Wildcats attacked first when Jacox hit Tony Frank with a 25-yard touchdown pass, Frank’s third touchdown reception in the last two games. Nathan Cook’s extra point was blocked, giving Central an early 6-0 lead.

Central’s defense, led by Rico Mitchell with 12 tackles, including two for losses, and Sev Hoiness with 16 tackles, kept the Loggers scoreless in the first quarter. The defensive team had set a goal before the game to hold the Loggers to 14 points or less, which they achieved.

On offense, freshman running back Dan Murphy jump started the running game scoring a 5-yard touchdown five minutes into the second quarter.

With an almost non-existent offensive game, the Loggers showed signs of life late in the second quarter after Tony Puz intercepted Jacox, setting up a 2-yard run by Ian Crowland. Jacox and Russaw struck again late in the third quarter with Russaw converting a 24-yard pass into six points and grabbing his second touchdown of the game for the Wildcats, expanding their lead 29-7.

Less than 10 minutes later, Jacox and Russaw hooked up again on a 62-yard pass play for Russaw’s third touchdown of the game. Russaw pulled down the short pass and darted down field with one defender to beat, which he did by making a sharp cut, leaving his defender in awe while he dashed for six. This was Russaw’s 35th touchdown catch, making him the all-time leader in career touchdowns for both Central and the Columbia Football Association.

“My individual honors aren’t my main concern right now,” Russaw said. “Getting this team back to the playoffs and the championships is my primary focus.”

Russaw also became Central’s all-time reception leader with 161 receptions surpassing Tyson Raley’s 160 receptions, on his seventh catch of the game.

Central’s offense has been producing points all season with Murphy and Johann Ham in the backfield and Russaw and Frank split out wide. A lot of credit goes to the unsung heroes of the team, the offensive linemen who make the holes for the backs and give the quarterback time to sit in the pocket.

“All the linemen take pride in doing their job,” Russaw said.

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Lewis-Clark State: “It was a big game effort,” Prkut said.

Andaya said that in order to prepare for Saturday’s game against Western Washington University, the team will need to focus on their positioning.

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Western has a 14-1 overall record and a 2-1 conference record. It is an important game for the Wildcats as the season draws down.

“We’re talking about playing this weekend,” Prkut said. “I think we know what we’re going down.

“We are still in control of our own destiny,” Andaya said about the team’s chances of going to the PNWAC playoffs.

The Wildcats’ next home game will be on Saturday at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 against Lewis-Clark State.
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Women remain confident despite losses

by Kim Kuresman
Staff reporter

The crowd cheered last Saturday as Central's women's soccer team took the field against visiting rivals, Seattle University. However, Central's chance to dominate the first half of the game, with good passing and ball control, was marked by no goals, to end its current five-game losing streak with a score of 1-0.

The Wildcats came out strong, dominating the first half of the game, with good passing and ball control. Sophomore Melissa Budde and Melissa Routh pressured the Chiefstains throughout the game, helping to keep the score stale-mated at 0-0 in the first half.

"Overall, we played much better," freshman Therese Hahn said. "We had several scoring opportunities, but their keepers made some big saves," Foster said. "I felt our defense was strong," sophomore Melissa Budde said. "The game took a turn for the worse when, in the first five minutes of the second half, the Chiefstains scored on a direct penalty kick."

"It was just an unlucky game," sophomore Melissa Routh said. "We feel 'jipped' by the referee over the p.k. [penalty kick]." Hahn said.

Other team members shared Hahn's attitude regarding the ill-fated goal. The Chiefstains continued to drive at Seattle University's defense, but failed to score. Toward the end of the second half, the Chiefstains were dominating the field, but Central's defense stood its ground, refusing to allow any further goals.

"I think we worked really hard," junior Jessica Kennedy said. "We've just had a tough season finishing the ball." The Wildcats have lost seven of their last eight games and are 5-7 overall in conference standings.

When asked to comment on their performance, Hahn said: "I'm just very fortunate to have the opportunity to play the game I need to." Hahn's cut to end the second half, the Chiefstains scored on the field, but Central's defense continued to hold its ground.

"I think we need to play up to our ability," Budde said. "I think we really hard," junior Jessica Kennedy said. "We've just had a tough season finishing the ball." The Wildcats have lost seven of their last eight games and are 5-7 overall in conference standings.

Larry Foster talks with the Wildcats after a tough loss to Seattle University. The only score of the game came in the beginning of the second half on a direct penalty kick.

Correction

In the Oct. 10 edition of the Observer, Shawna Honeck was named as the president of the women's rugby team. Angle Lorenz is the president. Honeck is the contact and scheduling person.

Fall intramurals kick off season in foul weather

by Nora-Marie Myers
Staff reporter

Intramural Sports began Monday with Men's "X" Division Flag Football. The four games played were: Pigskin Nuts vs. Dug 6:12, Karts Roy vs. The Vasa Minor, 24-18, Bad News Beers vs. ROTC 20-0 and 69ers vs. Ryan Moore 12-0.

Flag football is a little different than kick football. Instead of rushing or passing to get a first down in 10 yards, the goal in flag football is to make 20 yards in four downs.

In the 69ers vs. Ryan Moore game, Bryan Harley, one of the quarterbacks for the 69ers threw for a touchdown in both the first and second halves. Dan McDonald, running back and manager, scored the first touchdown reception for 40 yards.

"I was the only one open, and it was a forty-yard touchdown," McDonald said. "It was kind of nice." In the 20-0 Bad News Beers vs. ROTC game, Tyce Nasnic quarterbacked the first touchdown, in which Mike Collie scored. Shane Moore threw for the second touchdown to Chad Littleton for about 20 yards.

"He was running out-route, I threw it tight and he made a great catch," Moore said. Joe Perrin, manager of the Bad News Beers, scored a two point conversion on the second touchdown. Men's "X" Division in Flag Football plays Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the field behind Nicholson Pavilion.

Manager for men's X Division:
- Pigskin Nuts - James Linden
- Dug # - Bob Benetin
- Karts Roy - Kurt Roy
- Vasa Minor - Kyle Kelley
- Bad News Beers - Joe Perrin
- ROTC - Darren Higashiyama
- 69ers - Dan McDonald
- Ryan Moore - Ryan Moore

Team Managers for co-ed soccer I division:
- 525 - Akio Oishi
- The Who Cares - Adam Kurts
- Autumn Cooper - Autumn Cooper
- June Kick B - Monica Krier
- F.C. Rage - Josh Cooley
- F.C. Schmoeckle - Thad Artz
- F.C. Schmoeckle - unknown
- Sea Dogs - Chris Hendrickson

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Eliminate Direct Lending for Student Loans. Students at nearly 1,400 colleges and universities across the country participate in the Direct Lending program including over 74,000 students in Washington. [Source: Council on Higher Education]

Balance the Federal Budget. [Source: Candidate positions from public documents including candidate statements and questionnaires.]

Environmental Protection Agency Testing of Drinking Water for Radon & Arsenic. In 1995, Congress tried to block the EPA’s ability to test for these and other chemicals in local water systems. [Source: Congressional Record]

Restrict Access to Pell Grants and Other Federal Academic Grants. In 1994-95, approximately 3.7 million students received Pell Grants; the average award was $1,518. [Source: Alliance to Save Student Aid]

Federal Youth Summer Job and Work Study Programs. Over 600,000 kids nationwide participate in summer jobs and work study programs each year. [Source: U.S. Department of Education]

Raise the Minimum Wage from $4.25 to $5.15 an Hour Over the Next Two Years. Over 155,900 workers in Washington currently earn the minimum wage. [Source: Economic Policy Institute]

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