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Central Washington University
Measles alert
There have been 42 cases of measles reported in B.C. 30 cases have been linked to Simon Fraser University. Central's athletic teams have played at SFU. If you are an athlete it is strongly recommended you receive a second vaccination.

Acting dean appointed
Jay Forsyth of Central's SeaTac Center has been appointed acting dean to the school of business and economics. Forsyth joined Central's faculty in 1969 and has been chair of the accounting department since 1985.

Funny-shaped stems
Central's Geology department presents a visiting instructor from WSU at noon, Jan. 29 in Lind 215. Aram Derewetzky will discuss "Hydrodynamic Modeling of Crinoids, or Why do Fossil Sea Lilies have Funny-Shaped Stems?". Refreshments will be served at 11:50 a.m.

Central's best is wanted
The Association of College Unions - International is holding a qualifying 8-ball tournament at 7 p.m., Feb. 6, in the SUB Games Room. The top three in each division will participate in the Region 14 Tournament in Seattle at the UW. For more information call 963-1351.

Malcolm X remembered
At 7 p.m. tonight in the Cesar Chavez Theatre actor Vermont Van will perform a one-man presentation "Brother Malcolm Y.: Reminiscences of a Black Revolutionary." Van's performance is free and open to the public.

Health and Counseling Center director discusses new rates
by Aimee Peterson
News editor
Amidst writing checks for tuition, computer fees and books last fall, Central students were also required to write a $40 check for their health and counseling fee - an increase of $15 from last year. The $40 students pay is the total subsistence for the center, and the fee only goes so far. The Health and Counseling Center is a non-profit agency that was already behind other universities in what it charged for the fee.

"We strive to maintain low costs," Jack Baker, interim director of the Student Health and Counseling Center said. "Because of the $40, our goal is to be 20 percent lower than standard price."

The increase allowed for two additional counselors and a medical aide to be hired. Ninety percent of the Health and Counseling Center's budget goes directly to salaries. Baker said medical personnel are expensive, and they want to keep good people to serve the students and they are still looking at ways to reduce cost. "It is a challenge to stay out of the water," Baker said.

Deacon Meier, associate vice president for student affairs, points out students really save money, especially on services such as lab fees. He understands the frustration felt by some who don't want to pay the mandatory fee because they don't think they will ever use the center, but says students utilizing the center go in cycles. "You never know when you might need it," Meier said.

With the increased fee, the question arises as to why the health center is not open on a 24-hour-a-day basis. See CENTER/Page 5

Minority access still needed, despite accolades
by Michael Bellamy
Asst. News editor
Central has been named one of the top institutions in the nation for higher learning.

Central was one of seven Washington state universities to be listed as "Publisher's Picks" in the November issue of "The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education."

The review is based upon access to financial aid, English as a second language programs, scholarships, tutoring, and number of Hispanic faculty and administrators, among other categories.

"I think their efforts are beginning to pay off," John said. John said there is a perception among many that Central's climate is not very welcoming to minorities. He said the campus community should set its sights on what can be done to make Central a better place for minority students, and not be caught up in the recognition.

"Rankings can mean anything," he said. "We have sufficient problems here we need to work on."

Administrators hope to improve Central's image in the Hispanic community with the annual Migrant Student Leadership Conference, sponsored by the State Migrant Education Office, March 6-9.

Black history month is for everyone
by Lisa Allen and Nichole Baker, special from the BSU
When some think about the month of February they think about twenty-eight days in the month, but for others they think about the month of February they think about celebrating twenty-eight days of black history and the contributions of African-Americans that helped shape America.

Many people are aware the month of February is designated as Black History Month, however, they don't know how or why it was started.

Caretta Woodson, an African-American historian, who is credited with founding Black History Month wanted to increase the knowledge of black history within black communities, but also wanted to share that knowledge with others who were interested as well.

Woodson believed that Black History was therapeutic in that blacks could be seen as integral to the country if their contributions were known. Woodson wrote, "If a race has no history, it has not worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negative factor in the thought of the world..."

Woodson, who graduated from Harvard University with a Ph.D. was the first African-American of slave ancestry to earn a degree in the state of New York.

Woodson believed the knowledge and dissemination of African history would not only build self-esteem among blacks, but would help eliminate prejudice among whites. See HISTORY/Page 3
**Student trustee bill comes of age**

By Tim Yeadon
Staff reporter

For 15 years, the Washington Student Senate has lobbied the state legislature to place a voting student on the board of trustees. According to Tony Gepner, ASCSU vice-president for political affairs, this could be the year.

If passed into law, Washington would be the 34th state to promote a student to trustee status. The student would be selected by the governor to serve a one-year term with CWU’s six current trustees.

“This is all about taxation without representation,” Gepner said. “These people are making decisions about us and our student money, yet, we have no vote.”

ASCSU President Adam Eldridge said he thinks this bill would elevate the student voice, a voice in his eyes, often overlooked by the trustees.

Currently, ASCSU’s president may sit and give a report at the trustee’s table during their regular meetings, but is not allowed to vote or join executive sessions.

“There may be a lot of seven-to-one votes if it passes,” Eldridge said.

“But, it will keep people focused on what students have to say. Students will finally be behind the closed doors. They will not be pushed aside. What a way to keep them in touch with student needs.”

However, not everybody shares that opinion.

When asked about the proposed student trustees bill, University President Ivory Nelson laughed and said he doesn’t get a vote at the BOT table, neither should a student.

“Having a student on the governing board doesn’t provide a solution to their biggest problems which are low, predictable tuition and high financial aid. To me, those are the most important things in the state legislature for students,” Nelson said.

“But our way of board trustees is set up there is a student at the table,” Nelson said. “So, student input is heard.”

“Never seen a necessity for the bill,” Nelson said.

Washington state’s governor has always had the right to put a student on the BOT but has never chosen to do so, Nelson said.

“I would argue we don’t need it,” Nelson said. “But I won’t spin any political capital one way or another.”

This is the best shot this bill has had to pass in a long time say Eldridge and Gepner. They give credit to WSL.

“WSL is very respected over in Olympia, they have been for a long time,” Eldridge said.

The bill is sponsored by state Sen. Jeanette Wood of the 21st legislative district.

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Wells said this clarification of the legislation is necessary to make benefits more equitable between state and higher education workers.

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**MilPs, driver flees**

**CAMPUS COPS**

by Almee Peterson
Newspaper

Monday, Jan. 27, 9:20 p.m.

On a general walkthrough of Ellensburg, officers looked through an open door and found a man and a woman, both 18, with open bottles of beer. They were cited for minor possession.

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1:45 a.m.

A 25-year-old man and a 21-year-old man were arrested for stealing bikes: one from the city and one from campus. One man was also charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. They were booked into Kittitas County Corrections.

Thursday, Jan. 30, 8:05 a.m.

A 38-year-old woman slipped and fell on the ice near the east 0-5 parking lot. Police transported the woman to the Health Center for treatment.

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‘Word of mouth’ brings international students

by Kwame Amoateng
Staff reporter

For Kenyan Bettington Kesesi an American education remained a fantasy until his uncle took the initiative. Today, he is a sophomore at Central, which makes him one of nearly 300 students from 34 countries represented at this university.

Since the early 1980’s, the international student population at Central has risen steadily, the majority -173 - students are from Japan. Yet, this steady rise has occurred without any large overseas marketing push by Central. So why the sudden interest in Central?

“Word of mouth,” Nancy Vogel, Central’s international student advisor, said. “We’ve also in several of the overseas catalogues that outline what American colleges offer and cost. And, frankly, the rural setting is an attraction, because it’s considered safe and secure.”

To Kesesi, though, Central came as a random choice. It did exactly matter where he went as long as he could fulfill his fantasy. Central was one of several universities he applied to, but it was this university that responded with good news.

“I had great expectations going to the super power of the world... I had great expectations,” Kesesi said. “It’s good, first time to leave my country and to have that opportunity to leave to the States, I was happy, I was very happy.”

Central’s international students are nearly equally split into two categories comprising matriculating students, who are taking regular undergraduate - and undergraduate-level degree classes and non-matriculating students, who are enrolled in the university’s English as a second language program.

There are also those who are on campus for short-term, five month educational stays through the Asia University America Program, or other exchange programs offered by Central’s Office of International Studies and Programs.

“When you take a look at the students are, they are the upper echelons of their societies,” David Hedrick, OISP director, said. “They pay their entire way, and they are taking regular university classes, colleges, women’s associations, the newspapers of the Black community, and state department of education. This literature explained how to celebrate the month and included a pamphlet entitled ‘A Table of 152 Important Events and Dates in Negro History.’

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HISTORY: Unity in the U.S.

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Considered by blacks “the father of black history,” Woodson chose the second week in February as Negro History Week for two reasons. The first being in honor of Frederick Douglass who was born on February 7, 1817, and Abraham Lincoln, who was born on February 12, 1809. The first celebration of Negro History Week was celebrated in 1926 and it was not until 1976 that the month long observances were implemented.

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Athletic director faces tough choices and challenges

by Rob Kauder
Staff reporter

It’s the seventh inning for the athletic program and director Gary Frederick is facing some tough choices in his starting line-up. He’s facing the third and final year the program participates as a provisional member of NCAA Division II, a search for a new head football coach, and the annual struggle to get a budget that will keep the athletics program competitive. By good foundation for a solid basketball program.

Frederick is facing some tough choices “It makes me feel good because I have to decide if we want quality or... the job. After the process is over the selection committee will bring Frederick the names of six finalists, who will then make a decision by April 1. Despite the lack of a head coach, a number of prospective players have already begun visiting Central to look at the football program. Frederick said he doesn’t feel the lack of a head coach will have a significant impact on the recruiting program.

If we don’t have an increase in funding, the quality drops.

-Gary Frederick

Student affairs response to suicide evaluated

by David Henderson
Staff reporter

Last February, sophomore Kit Felicer, of Moore Hall, hanged himself in his room.

After Felicer’s death, a memorial service was held outside Moore Hall on his behalf and Student Affairs and Resident Living spoke of trying to improve the community here at Central so things like this wouldn’t happen. They also promised to put up a memorial plaque for Kit in Moore Hall, but have not yet done so.

“I was more than a little disappointed when I returned to Central this fall to see that there was no memorial plaque at Moore Hall,” said Brandy Langfitt, a former Moore Hall resident. “Kit was an awesome person and I’d appreciate someone remembering that.” Student Affairs hasn’t followed through on their promise to put up a plaque for Kit, but according to Deon Meier, associate vice president for student affairs, they have continually been working at creating more things for students to do here on campus.

What has student affairs done to improve living conditions here at CWU?

Suicide prevention workshops are being offered this quarter at Central. Money has been raised in Kittitas County to fund a suicide prevention task force which will offer one hour lectures and peer theater presentation on suicide prevention.

“One of the things that Kit’s death did for all of us was to re-emphasize that the winter months are time when people start to get in the doormats of depression,” Meier said. “We should all try to be more aware of the signs and symptoms of suicide and we are doing more things along those lines.”

Scott Drummond, assistant director of campus life, said CWU is offering a wider range of programs for students but that turn-out for the events are often low.

Meier said many CWU’s sports events, dances and student activities happen on the weekends when many students leave town for the West Side. This has made Central a commuter campus, which during the winter where the student population is only here during the week. Meier added: But that still doesn’t explain why we continue to have low turn out.

“I think the biggest problem for students that come from a metropolitan area is that this little burg, out in the middle of the high desert of Central Washington, can’t possibly offer what Seattle does,” Meier said.

Meier said he agrees that for students who live in apartments, it is often difficult to find out about or be invited to activities because apartment lack the structure that dorms have.

Most students who live in apartments are over 21, Meier added. Which means they have the option of going downtown to dance, listen to live music and hang out.

Also, many students who are older are already in their majors and become involved in activities pertaining to their fields.

But many younger student don’t have a place to go hang out.

“It’s a two way issue, Campus Life owes it to the students to create activities that the students want, as far as information, I think we do a good job of telling people about things, but students need to be more assertive in helping us find the activities that they would like to see,” Drummond said.

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CENTER: Students asked to voice their opinions

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schedule. It is a known fact students don't just get injured and sick between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

"There's not a sense that a full comprehensive service is what is needed although that is what I hear from students, is what they would like to see," Sarah Shumate, vice-president for student affairs, said. "The desire on the [students'] part to do that is not great, but staffing would be our major problem.

She said the first step is a clinic open at all hours, but costs are prohibitive right now.

Going to a 24 hour clinic wouldn't solve the problem, students not receiving adequate attention when needed. Shumate points out with the few staff members they have now, going to 24 hour work days would mean taking some staff out of the day to cover the evenings, thereby decreasing the amount of students that could be seen during the day.

Unless, of course, the fee is raised to cover the additional expenses of hiring more medical staff.

"How much are students willing to pay for the service?" Shumate said. "The cost is what would be the most exorbitant piece for us to consider."

Overall, Central's mandatory health fee is equal to colleges fees around the state. Students at West­ern Washington University have a similar plan. They also pay $40 per quarter and their clinic is open Monday through Friday from around 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Un­til last year, Eastern Washington University students paid a manda­tory $40 per quarter as well, but voted against paying this year for a one year trial basis. They had no health clinic on campus and had to go to doctors' offices in the com­munity.

Along with Central's new health and counseling fee, the center has also implemented a "call, don't walk in" procedure for making ap­pointments.

"When we had students walk in, they would just stack up in the lobby and wait for hours," Baker said.

A student wanting to make an ap­pointment can call as early as 7:30 a.m. to make an appointment. This new procedure is to ensure students will see a doctor the same day if it is necessary to call early, because this time of year the appointments fill up quickly.

Baker said the call-in appointment setup is working well and they try to see as many students as they can. Last fall the health center saw 3,652 stu­dents. This fall with the call-in ap­pointments, they saw 3,791. Some students don't agree the call-in proce­dure is effective and think it should be more flexible.

"I had to go to the hospital because the health center wouldn't let me in," junior Mickie Davidson said. "It's ridiculous if you really need help but can't get it."

Baker said this is just a busy time of year.

"It is a challenge to get people in every day," Baker said. "But if there is a flaw, it is my job to address it. We try to be student centered and want to meet their needs."

If it's a situation needing more ur­gent care, they will usually send the student to Kittitas Valley Community Hospital since they don't have the fa­cilities.

Junior Jeff Pietrzykowski said his professor called ahead to let the health center know a student was being sent over with a nose bleed that wouldn't stop. Pietrzykowski said he was seen within three minutes.

"I barely sat down and they called me," Pietrzykowski said. "I've had nothing but success from them, I didn't know anything about it (the health center); I think it needs more exposure."

The Health and Counseling Center provides general service to students Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday until 7 p.m.

**Construction worker rises above the rest**

by David Dick

Photo editor

It's 5:30 a.m. and the sun hasn't begun to peek over the dark horizon. A thick sheet of ice has coated the landscape into a slippery mess. John Reagan takes his first step. But the 150-foot ladder; as his foot hits the home in Auburn when he can.

Each day Reagan gets to work before any crews start and works until the last crews finish. This isn't a normal shift for a crane operator because of the unusually bad weather crews are trying to make up for lost time. By staggering the shift it's easier to pay him overtime instead of paying an entire crew for 'crane time.'

The Ellensburg weather has pre­sented Reagan with some other problems when operating the crane.

"When you get to setting walls in the wind, it's just like a big heavy kite thrashing around," Reagan said.

Going down is so much of a hassle that Reagan spends all of his shift up in the tower crane. This means that he takes breaks, eats lunch and sometimes uses the rest room high above.

"From what I've seen of this [science building] it will be a relatively attractive building," Reagan said. "Some [buildings] you feel better about than others."

Most of Reagan's jobs have been in the Pugat Sound area and so he was able to commute from his con­dominium in Auburn. While in

Ellensburg Reagan lives in a trailer. He usually goes home one night a week to visit his wife and family.

At the end of every day Reagan checks the crane for any structural or mechanical problems on his way down. This insures his and the crew's safety.

"One thing about this job is you have the tendency to think you're a little above everybody else," Reagan said with a chuckle.

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OBSERVANCE

Does history have a color?

While discussing the events of February a small group of people talked about Valentine’s and Groundhog Day, and even the fact that Presidents’ Day meant a day off. I mentioned the fact that it was going to be Black History Month. An entire month was created to celebrate the history and accomplishments of a race of Americans, to educate people about the contributions African-Americans have made to this country and the world. The next thing said created a debate that is not only argued in the halls of Central, but around the country.

“So? a girl said.

“So, what do you mean so? I shot back. "You aren’t interested in learning something black history that you may not know?" I was unprepared for what she said next.

“No, there is nothing I want to know," the girl said. "It’s not my business"

At college I’ve decided to be a journalist so I can help people learn about things they don’t know, to report important facts, and help change people’s opinions of things they don’t understand.

One month is not enough to explain the contributions of just one race of Americans, just as March won’t be enough to inform people about the contributions women have made.

The history of different races, sexes and other groups should be taught for what it is, a part of American history. The story of African-American contributions is a history that involves and affects everyone in this country.

People need to learn to accept all histories of Americans as their history, so challenge yourself this month not to only learn the facts about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. or Malcolm X, but to find out about or meet or experience something new. Who knows, you may find out you have a lot more in common than you think.

William Baldyga
Editor

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After reviewing several letters regarding the after-school programs, and in response to Sonja Smith’s letter to the editor last week, I would like to help the university campus know what is being done about the loss of the McCabe Recreation Center.

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The impact of the loss of the recreation center to University Recreation is considerable. The McCabe Recreation Center was being used daily for these services as well as for Leisure Services classes throughout the year. The Summer Day Camp is in its 26th year of operation and has seen enrollment increases to 50 children per summer in recent years. Our After-School Program is in its fourth year of operation and accommodates approximately 25 children each quarter.

For us to continue these programs we need another building or recreation room which has access to bus service, ease of pick-up and drop off and quick access to a playground (grass field). People respond to Bible issue

To the Editor,

In response to Rusty Jordan’s letter concerning condemnation of homosexuality resulting from his reading of the Bible, I submit the following: I believe the Bible is a text which was written in a specific historical context and that it therefore reflects particular social and historical assumptions. Mr. Jordan states unequivocally that “the Bible is true and correct in every way.” This is logically impossible as (for example) the Bible gives two different accounts of creation (see first and second Genesis). Further, if Mr. Jordan is willing to accept at face value (this interpretation of) the Bible’s pronouncements regarding sex between men, is he also willing to abstain from eating pork, shrimp, oyster, lobster, or clam (Leviticus 11:22-23); refuse to use any machinery or technology on Saturdays (Leviticus, chapter 25); forsook his family (Luke 14:26); renounce marriage (Matthew 19:10-12); refrain from wearing cotton-polyester mix clothing (Leviticus 19:19); refuse to touch the hair on the dogs (Leviticus 19:27); never touch a football—pigskin (Leviticus 22:45)—and, etc., all of which are stipulated clearly in Mr. Jordan’s "correct" Bible?

Very simply, the Bible has been used to justify slavery, to argue the inferiority of African Americans, to persecute and execute Jews, to limit the positions and power of women in society, to justify the physical punishment of children, to justify the violation of Native American culture and people, to justify war, and, yes, to justify discrimination, intolerance, and violence towards those who do not appear to be, or do not identify exclusively as, heterosexual. Those who use the Bible in this way fail not only to recognize the historical and social context in which it was written, but also to consider the original Hebrew of the Bible.
Jermaine & Rusty:  Old Testament texts which (as in the case of scriptures regarding sexual relations between men) have significantly different meanings and connotations than do their contemporary translations.

It is ironic when one is repeatedly confronted by those who use limited and fallacious interpretations of one's particular religious text in an attempt to impose their own understanding of “morality” on all of us. Perhaps we would do all better to be more understanding and less judgmental, as a certain book suggests.

Bible context

Student attacks housing Letter to the Editor,

In my experience as a Central Washington student, I have never had my intelligence or integrity attacked badly by Janice Freehill in housing.

Janice Freehill is the head of the Housing department, protected by policies of Housing and supposedly encourages respect and helpfulness from her employees towards the students CWU.

We, Ms. Freehill, your employees, are not getting the message.

In my limited experience with the people at the front desk, they have the feeling they do not care about the student, do not want to help the students, and feel the students are inferior. In talking with fellow students and friends it was expressed to me that they, too, receive a negative vibe from Housing and find that dealing with Housing is an extremely irritating experience.

Many also explained that it is not necessarily the answers they receive, but how the answers were presented to them. The answers are often given with the attitude that the front desk is the pre-school faculty and the students are the toddlers that lack the intelligence to understand.

Janice Freehill, this behavior from your employees must stop.

Secondly, Janice Freehill, what gives you the right to attack my integrity and say (something to the effect of) you do not want the reputation of Central Washington University graduating with me. I also said that you feel it is your responsibility to the school to not let someone of my nature graduate? Why? Because of a statement I made to you and other Housing employees. Because I had the courage to speak out and stand up for myself, my friends, and my fellow students. Perhaps my choices or words were not the best and my recollection of an event that happened a year ago was not detailed perfectly, but the core of my beliefs and feelings towards the treatment I received form housing were pure and from the heart. In my statement, I attacked the service and the policies, and did not harass, threaten, or publicly slander anyone.

What I did do was exercise my freedom to speak, which is a God-given right protected by the Constitution of the United States of America.

What kind of student do you want graduating from CWU? Would you like some who is polite and will keep their own beliefs inside because of the fear of offending someone else? Or would you rather like a CWU student that has the courage to exercise their freedom of speech and will not allow their beliefs to be sacrificed by a higher power. I will take a person with passion and courage any day of the week. Why? Simply because passion and courage is what inspires people, and that is what our university needs: inspired, passionate and courageous students.

Finally, in our meeting Ms. Freehill you said you were not threatening me, but do say that you had sent a copy of my statement to Student Affairs. You went on to say that you had not decided what to do with my statement at this point. Ms. Freehill, what can you do with my statement? I suppose you want some disciplinary actions taken against me or you would not have sent the letter to Student Affairs. I must warn you, though, if any form of disciplinary action is taken against me and goes on my transcript, you and the school will be in violation of my constitutional rights as a citizen of the United States.

Jason V. Larson

Editors note: Linder wrote this letter in response to a statement he wrote which resulted in a confrontation with housing.

Janice Freehill could not be reached for comment.

Hastings' supporter speaks out To The Editor:

I was very concerned when I read the editorial printed in the Observer on January 23rd and I am writing you to set the record straight.

I want to point out that Congressmen Hastings attended Central Washington University and has a strong feeling for the institution. Last February he met with students in Prof. Jacob's “Constitution and Human Rights” class. In addition, CWU students have applied for and have served on his staff as interns. Although Hastings' busy congressional and campaign schedule did not allow him to visit Central last fall, he requested that I initiate making arrangements for a visit so I knew he was looking forward to coming here on January 17th. However, road closures and icy conditions between the Tri-Cities and Ellensburg prevented his being able to travel here on that day. He wants to re-schedule another visit in the near future.

Yes it is true that Doc's opponent made several visits here during the past campaign but then, he wasn't busy representing you in Congress at the time.

I was most concerned with the statements made in the editorial about Hastings' positions on student loans and higher education assistance. He has three children who have all attended college. His son currently is attending Seattle University. He has often discussed with them the importance of obtaining a college education and fully understands the high cost associated with financing their studies.

The editorial suggest that Hastings opposes student loan, Work Study and Pell Grants. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, last year the congress with Hastings help, increased funding for the Pell Grant Program by $1 billion. In addition, they increased the maximum Pell Grant award to $2,700—$220 more than the previous year's top award, which was already at an all-time high. The Congress also provided $685 million more for the Work Study program and passed the “Student Loan Reduction Act” that encourages lenders to pay the 3 percent loan origination fee on behalf of student borrowers. This will allow more cash to stay in the student's pockets to pay for textbooks and other expenses. I know that he is proud to have supported these measures and to see that each was signed into law. During this Congress, Hasti­ness will continue to support higher-ed funding and work toward a balanced budget. This will help to lower interest rates on student loans and make a college education more affordable for families.

Roger Clef
King's daughter to visit Central

by Erin O'Connor
Staff reporter

Determined to keep the dream alive, Yolanda King is spreading her father's word around the world. The eldest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Yolanda King will be at Central to present a free lecture "The Dream Is Still A Dream," in celebration of Black History Month.

"We are very excited to have Ms. King come, because she brings awareness to the community that women in leadership can contribute to the community as well," Ron Washington, current events coordinator for Campus Life, said.

Washington asked King to come because people still speak highly of her previous performance at Central, and he heard from other universities that her message was received well.

"She had been here eight years ago and was happy to come back," Washington said.

At the age of 41, King's life seems to be consumed with a mission. She has spoken before countless audiences from various organizations and has followed in her father's footsteps by participating in civil and human rights demonstrations to keep her father's dream alive. She maintains a busy schedule lecturing throughout the United States and Europe.

"She has made this a priority in her life and I am glad she is making sure her father's dream is kept alive," Lisa Allen, president of Black Student Union, said.

Besides being a lecturer, King is also an actress and producer-director. She appears in the Rob Reiner film entitled "Ghosts of Mississippi." She dedicated herself to promoting positive energy through the arts.

At the age of 12 she had already choreographed two musicals and directed several theatrical productions. To improve her natural ability King then went on to Smith College in Northampton, Mass., where she received a Bachelor of Arts with honors in Theatre and African-American Studies. She obtained a Masters in Fine Arts in Theatre at New York University.

In 1990, she formed Higher Ground Productions. Its first project was "Tracks," a multimedia theatrical production celebrating the philosophy of Dr. King.

Higher Ground Production's most recent project, "Achieving the Dream," premiered during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and is about to go on tour.

King is committed to using her talents to effect social and personal change through the arts.

The lecture is hosted by Campus Life, Student Affairs, University Store, Women's Resource Center, and Diversity Room Programming.

The lecture will be given at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 in McConnell Auditorium.

Life or death

Overbreeding, abandonment force animals into local shelter

by Joshua Cooley
Asst. Scene editor

Imagine living in a cage that's smaller than a single room in Murzall, surrounded by incessant, ear-splitting whining and permeated with the odor of animal waste.

At the Ellensburg Animal Shelter, hundreds of cats and dogs experience this every day.

The animals there have less than two weeks to live; either someone adopts them or an untimely death comes from the tip of a needle.

Due to the influx of new puppies and kittens, and a lack of homes for them, 13 million animals must be humanely destroyed annually by animal control officers and humane societies, according to the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association.

"The reason is there's too much indiscriminate breeding of dogs," Phyllis Loeffelbein, manager of the Ellensburg Animal Shelter and Animal Control, said. "There are not enough homes for the animals that are being born."

For every person that's born, 15 dogs and 45 cats are also born, the Yakima Valley Kennel Club reports. Generally, not all of these animals will find a home.

Many are abandoned and ultimately caught by animal control officers.

"There is a tremendous number of animals abandoned in the college area in June," Loeffelbein said. "There are entire cat colonies living around student apartments in June."

Animals not abandoned are related to the shelter.

Many more avoid capture and live their lives as neighborhood "rogues," usually dying from starvation, adverse weather conditions or disease.

The YVVKC reports that about one million animals die on the streets every year.

Animal shelters are working hard to clear the streets of stray animals, to give them a chance to find a home, further reproduction or put them to death humanely.

In 1996, 1,159 animals were impounded by the Ellensburg shelter. Of these, 181 were claimed by owners, 171 were adopted and 753 were humanely destroyed by lethal injection.

The decision to euthanize a cat or dog depends on a particular animal's health, age and cage-life adaptability, and sometimes animals will have to be destroyed because of lack of space at the shelter.

"When it's decided that an animal is to be euthanized one person prepares the injection and another gets the dog," Loeffelbein said. "Then one person holds the dog, and it's generally a pretty gentle hold, just enough strength to hold the dog as the needle doesn't slip. The dog is then injected with sodium pentobarbital and is gone in usually three minutes."

Cats undergo the same procedure except they're given an injection of a sedatives called xylazine and ketamine hydrochloride to relax and immediately put them to sleep, due to their squirming nature. Then they're injected with the pentobarbital near the heart so it'll spread quickly.

Animal shelters hope they'll never have to euthanize any animals, but there's too many homeless dogs and cats for that to be realistic.

To help curb the overflow, the Ellensburg shelter spays and neuters every animal that's still capable of reproduction.

Control officers perform a procedure called an ovariohysterectomy, the removal of ovaries and uterus, on all adopted female animals and an orchietomy, the removal of the testicles, on all adopted male animals.

The WSYMA reports that spaying and neutering produces healthier, happier and calmer pets, minimizes cancer risks, decreases the likelihood of disease, decreases aggressive behavior and reduces lifetime veterinary expenses.

For adoption inquiry, contact the Ellensburg Animal Shelter at 960-7246.
Rodeo Club hosts dance to raise funds

by Jodie Alamos
Staff reporter

Have you ever wanted to dance? Did you rope like the good "owboys do? Do the "boot scootin" boogie, or act out John Travolta's role in "Urban Cowboy"?

Well, Central's Rodeo Club will offer the opportunity Feb. 13.

Students can rope a dummy, learn to line dance and win door prizes all in one evening at a dance hosted by the CWU Rodeo Club.

"This is a great chance for people to come meet the Rodeo Club, have some fun and see what we're all about," Vern Mathews, Rodeo Club president, said.

The dance will be from 7 p.m. - midnight, Feb. 13 in the SUB Fountain Ballroom.

Line dancing lessons will be given by the club members from 7:30 p.m. along with roping basics taught by club members.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for $3 per person or $5 per couple. Proceeds raised by the dance will go towards a non-profit rodeo sponsored by CWU Rodeo Club.

Later this spring the Rodeo Club along with the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) will host a non-profit rodeo for students.

The rodeo will include competitions in team roping, calf roping, breakaway roping, goat tying, barrel racing, steer wrestling, bull riding, saddle broncing and barrel racing.

The club is in their second year of existence and the number of members is increasing to above 20 members including men and women, with over half of the members competing in up-coming rodeo events.

Club members will be competing against 300 participants from other college teams such as Walla Walla, Treasure Valley, Columbia Basin, Eastern Oregon and Lewis-Clark.

Central's Rodeo Clubs' reputation is what influenced Brad Stanley, Rodeo Club vice president to attend CWU.

"Growing up in Idaho I've always had an interest in rodeo, and I called the adviser and was excited about the club Central had here," Stanley said.

"The club gave me an opportunity to competitively compete in my event of team roping, and I've learned and would describe the event as more frustrating than golf, but you have to deal with a horse as well."

Stanley said most members of the club started out like he did with a basic interest and have expanded from there.

"I think we've enjoyed the most, seeing our attendance increase with meetings and are really looking forward to hosting this dance and rodeo event for Central students," Stanley said.

This rodeo project will provide more resources than are currently available to the club. The club's goal is to raise $10,000 for rent, livestock, feed and other expenses.

They plan to raise the money through local fund raisers such as this dance, and through community donations.

The Rodeo Club meets every Monday and encourages anyone who may have an interest to attend a meeting.

They meet this week at 7 p.m. in SUB 204.

"You don't have to own any rodeo equipment or have any experience with rodeos to join, you just need an interest," Stanley said. "We encourage everyone to attend."

For more information about the club or dance, please contact Vern Mathews 925-9565 or Brad Stanley at 925-6552.

Flutists to entertain local children Sunday

by Sarah Petty
Staff reporter

If you're tired of doing the same old thing day in and day out, you may be in luck. On Sunday at 3 p.m., the Central Washington University Flute Choir will perform a concert at the Holy Holmes Community Center to the delight of the children of Ellensburg.

Although the concert is geared toward children, community and students of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The choir consists of 25 flutists, three of whom are Ellensburg residents while the rest are Central students.

"The purpose of this concert is to give back to the community," Hal Ott, director of the choir, said. "The community gives so much to the university and this is one way for us to reach out and give them something back."

The concert is sponsored by the Ellensburg City Arts Commission.

"Our purpose is to encourage arts in the community," Sandy Johnson, chair of the arts commission, said. Johnson is also a member of the flute choir.

Another reason for the show is to raise money to buy a bass flute for the choir.

"The concert is underwritten by the arts commission," Johnson said. "The arts commission pays the flute choir to do the show and they put the money toward the bass flute."

The concert is designed for a young audience by getting the children physically involved in the performance.

They will be given the opportunity to play different musical instruments and actually conduct the flute choir.

"The idea is to get the audience, children and adults, to actively participate in the show," Ott said.

In addition to encouraging the children to "play" during the show, Peter Gries will narrate two pieces, one from "Peter and the Wolf" and the other from "Emperor and the Nightingale."

These two pieces along with the narration capture even more to the children.

It allows them to both enjoy the music and understand that this is entertaining especially for them.

The flute choir and the arts commission are encouraging everyone to bring the entire family for an hour of free quality entertainment.

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The group Radio Iodine released their four-track CD titled Radio Iodine to introduce the band and support their regional touring. This CD should pave the way for Radio Iodine's full-length debut on Radioactive Records in March.

Radio Iodine established itself on the St. Louis alternative music scene in 1995 when their single “Never Meant To” was picked up for a local music sampler for a modern-rock station and made the station's top 100 yearly countdown. The single generated serious airplay and the band's draw in local clubs doubled. Soon, Radio Iodine was opening for Oasis and Gravity Kills. Radio Iodine's music is centered around the powerful voice of Ellen Persyn. At first, I thought of their sound as a mix between Garbage (the band) and a mad woman yelling. In my opinion, I would classify this group as hard, aggressive, grungy, sarcastic and terrible. They may be a great opening band for Oasis, and may live up the crowd with their yelling for a few songs, but the sound grows old quickly. This judgment is based on a CD with four tracks.

I see this band as a group going for that popular techno-grunge thing that is taking over. The bass consists of three-chords which puts them in the same techno-grunge alternative category as so many other rising groups Garbage and No Doubt, only this band is lacking some originality unlike the other groups. The tracks from this CD are boring and have been done before. I see Radio Iodine as a group jumping on the alternative band wagon and trying to ride it for all its worth.

-Jodie Alamos

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Flynt fights for free speech
by Mike Bellamy
and Lydia West
Staff reporters

Plot Summary: "The People vs. Larry Flynt" follows Flynt from his beginning as a strip club owner in southern Ohio to his Supreme Court case against TV evangelist Jerry Falwell.

Lydia: This film was a non-stop sexually explicit, drug-filled story of a disgusting man who happened to win a significant battle in the struggle for free expression.

Mike: Who is this character, Larry Flynt?

Lydia: Flynt was a young strip club owner and as a wheelchair-bound "pervert." However, Larry's story is not merely a pervert who used the Constitution as a shield. But it's good to know that if the First Amendment can protect a degenerate like Larry Flynt, then it is strong enough to protect the freedom of any American.

Mike: So if Flynt wasn't a pervert, why would we need the First Amendment?

Lydia: Flynt's drug-abusing, sexually-depraved true love type-casting. Did I say that? Did we need to know that much about Flynt's personal life?

Mike: Flynt's personal life was clearly necessary to the plot. Without it, I don't think most people would get the point that Flynt wasn't really a champion of freedom, but merely a pervert who used the Constitution as a shield. But it's good to know that if the First Amendment can protect a degenerate like Larry Flynt, then it is strong enough to protect the freedom of any American.

Lydia: It wasn't for Flynt's lawyer Alan Isaacman (Edward Norton), Flynt would have continued to make a mockery of the court system, make an of himself, and make his way back to prison again and again.

Mike: Enough commentary on Flynt, did I like the film?

Lydia: Eh, it was okay, but it's drugs on. I enjoy the tragic relationship between Flynt and Althea. I have kind of a weak spot for "damned couples."

Mike: Lydia, at least you made some good points about free speech.

University Recreation offers an opportunity to compete
by Mark Weller
Staff reporter

Are you starved for entertainment and strapped for cash? If this is you, then University Recreation and the games room have the remedy for those blues.

The Association of College Unions International regional qualifying tournaments are about to begin. For those students out there who enjoy billiards, ping pong, cribbage, backgammon and chess, this is your opportunity to showcase your gaming skills.

This is the first time these events have taken place here at Central. The games room, located in Samuelson Union building will be hosting the eight-ball tournament slated for 7 p.m. this evening. The tournament features divisions for both men and women. The top three qualifiers from each division in this tournament will have the opportunity to participate in the Region 14 tournament, which will be held in Seattle at the University of Washington campus on Feb. 21-22.

There is no entry fee for this tournament, and the SUB games room urges all master and aspirants who are interested to come and join the fun. Ping pong addicts, cribbage and backgammon masters and those aspiring Bobby Fishers out there, the SUB pit will be hosting the chance to earn a trip to the University of Washington for the regional tournament.

If you plan on participating in these events you must bring equipment for each of these events. This means bring your paddle for ping pong and the appropriate game sets for cribbage, backgammon and chess. The pool pros need not worry about equipment, however if you have your own pool cue go ahead and bring it. Besides, playing with your lucky cue stick is always an advantage.

These tournaments stand as the stepping stone to the regional tournament, and after regionals, if one makes the grade, an opportunity to participate in the national tournament for these events.

Bumbushoot accepting all artistic applications
by Mark Weller
Staff reporter

Bumbushoot, Seattle's annual arts festival, serves as an umbrella for the entire art community of Seattle and Washington State. Artists from all walks of life are given the opportunity to showcase their talents to a wide variety of people.

Applicants are currently being accepted at this year's Labor Day Weekend Bumbushoot. According to Terri Hiroshima of One Reel Productions, Bumbushoot has been around for some time.

"Bumbushoot, English slang for umbrella, started in 1971 and was produced by the city of Seattle," Hiroshima said.

"Originally, Bumbushoot attracted around 50,000 people. Since One Reel took over production in 1980, the number of people who attend Bumbushoot has reached around 215,000 people."

Bumbushoot's lineup includes: musicians, dancers, theaters, literary artists and comedians. Moreover, Bumbushoot features a variety of food from all different parts of the world, along with craft vendors.

This year will mark the 27th annual celebration of this great celebration of the arts.

For those individuals who are interested in the visual arts field - which includes exhibits, kids activities, outdoor installations, and parades - Bumbushoot is an excellent opportunity to get involved.

The performing arts, which include dance, theater, kids performances, comedy, and music, are also represented at Bumbushoot.

Last year, bands including the Indigo Girls, the Sex Pistols and the Spin Doctors provided musical entertainment for Bumbushoot. Bands trying to get their music and talent on display for the public to see can utilize Bumbushoot for this purpose.

"Bands mainly play for the exposure," Hiroshima said.

"Bumbushoot gives musicians the opportunity to play before a diverse audience, something they might not have the opportunity to do at other events."

Musicians also have the opportunity to sell their music.

Wharehouse Records will provide the facilities for artists to display their compact discs or cassettes.

The literary arts-bookklar vend­
ers, writers in performance, read­ings, and the spoken word are also on display.

Art majors interested in dis­playing some of their hand-made crafts can have them displayed at Bumbushoot as well. Artists looking for a little profit from their craft or skill can sell their crafts at the craft market inside the Seattle Center.

There are a lot of crowds here at Central Washington University and they can get their chance to do some clowning around by signing up for the artists in action. These artists create artwork on-demand such as face painting and balloon sculpting.

Bumbushoot features a one reel film festival as well as video short-shots and features for video communication majors, aspiring film directors, or Oliver Stone or Quentin Tarantino wannabes.

All applications for Bumbushoot are available now by calling the Bumbushoot hotline at (206) 281-8111. The mailing address is P.O. Box 9750 Seattle, WA 98109-0750.
The resilient Wildcats tied it up at 63 with 22 seconds on a lay-up from Grady Fallon. Seattle had one more chance at the win with 13 seconds left, but came up short on a missed jumper.

Sophomore Tyce Nasinec came down with the ball and moved it up court for a last shot at the win. After three missed shots under the hoop, the 'Cats were on their way into overtime. The overtime period was fairly uneventful until 2:05 remained on the clock.

Thomas broke a 65-65 tie with a three-pointer and a point spread of 20.

Willie Thomas soars high above the Seattle University defense in Thursdays win. The Wildcats next game is against St. Martin tonight.

Central led the whole way, until Seattle overcame an 11-point deficit and took its first lead with 10:51 left to play after two traveling calls against the Wildcats.

The 'Cats took the lead back and fought hard to keep it. Senior Willie Thomas brought the huge crowd to its feet when he blocked a second Seattle attempt to steal the lead with four minutes left, and again with 2:20 left in the contest.

The Chieftains took their second lead of the game with 1:05 left to play. Mark Scottsenyre sank a three-pointer to give Seattle a two point lead at 63-61.

The Wildcat's defense in the second half and in the overtime. "The guys stepped up in the final two minutes of the second half and in the overtime," Sparling said.

The players give some of the credit for the win to the screaming fans at Nicholson Pavilion. "It's really big when all the fans get behind you," Nasinec said.

"The crowd roars and you forget you're tired," Nealey said. "It gives you that extra bit of energy."

The Wildcats took that energy into their game against preseason favorite Lewis-Clark State on Saturday night. The 'Cats, led by Nasinec's 15 points, erupted offensively in the opening period for an 18-point lead at the break.

Central lacked that electricity in the first half, the 'Cats led the Chieftains 40-31.

So far this season the 'Cats are 9-1. On Saturday they host St. Martin at 7 p.m. against Lewis-Clark State and St. Martin's. Also, our scores have to be close and point-wise we look very good."

The Wildcats are very anxious to put the ball to Maloney who broke open knowledge of the court and players, and took its first lead with 10:51 left to play after two traveling calls against the Wildcats.

The fourth place play-off spot is within reach for the Wildcats, who are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

After seven straight losses, the team played Lewis-Clark State tonight at 6 p.m. and St. Martin's on Saturday game time 7 p.m.
Just Doing It: Three places in Ellensburg offer fitness opportunities

by Steve Braeutigam

Staff reporter

In Ellensburg, people are doing it. Young and old people alike. Even grade school kids have been caught doing the deed. In fact, since the dawn of civilization, people have paid just to do it. How is it done?

First, the heart begins its slow, rhythmic beat. Then a muscle hardens. Next, bodies, set in desire, harden with the anticipation of climax. All the while, hands manipulate, backs arch, legs spread and hips thrust. The pulse rises, rushing with need as sweat drenches the exhausted physique.

Quickly, a low, guttural sound ripens into a crescendo of screams from the quivering climax. All the while, hands manipulate, backs arch, legs spread and hips thrust. At last, with the spirit yearning for more, the body demands rest. Finally, the heart flutters and the exhalation enveloping every fiber of nerve, sinew and heart remains.

Does this sound like something from a Danielle Steele novel of wanton lust? Yes, however, this is the description of an act that sane people call exercise. Even the world renowned thespian Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed it as being, "like an orgasm greater than sex.”

So, where in Ellensburg can someone reach this type of Schwarzeneggerian orgasm? Downtown, where one can sweat and grunt their way to either Hans' Gym or The Gym to reach that uninhibited peak. (Note: From Latin, gymnasion means "in the nude"). Furthermore, for people who prefer to stay on campus, there's Nicholson Pavilion, the huge, cement building that looks like a giant grasshopper with extra appendages.

Hans' Gym, located at 202 N. Pine, is owned by Ellensburg natives, Dale and Teresa McPherson and managed by Orville Kuipers, who together combine for over fifty-years of training experience in weight and aerobic conditioning. Their staff of 23 includes aerobic director Mary-Jane Emme, four fitness instructors, 14 certified aerobic instructors and four child care employees for the daycare. With the largest trained staff in town, Hans’ provides mostly for the students, but ever-increasing numbers of community members.

"I have to provide for everyone in the community," Dale McPherson said "Otherwise, business wouldn't last."

Hans' offers something for everyone, from the varsity athlete to the beginning weight-trainer, all inside an air-conditioned, 10,000-square-foot house of toil and redemption. With over 8,000 pounds of free-weights and dumb-bells ranging from five to 120 pounds, as well as an assortment of cardiovascular machines, including the new state of the art, no-impact elliptical fitness cross trainer. The elliptical fitness cross trainer is a state-of-the-art combination treadmill/air stepper that puts less pressure on the knees. If it's strictly aerobics someone is interested in, then Hans' is the place to keep on stepping. A 1,600 square-foot room (cushioned with 1,500 pads, and supplied with a booming stereo system) separates people from the rest of the gym, allowing aerobics the privacy and comfort from gawking intruders. Nine different classes are available Monday through Friday. A kick-boxing class is offered as well. For more information, call Hans' at 962-9277.

However, the amenities don’t stop there. Hans' also has two locker rooms with four showers and a sauna in each. There's also a Wolf tanning sunbed for consumers who want a tan to go with their muscles.

The price is relatively inexpensive ($49.95 for the university student quarter special). And Hans' displays an assortment of super-carbohydrate loaded, protein-boosting, ginseng-enhanced, one-thousand calories per serving, creatine-crazed supplements sure to cure even the most challenged athlete. They even provide members with a monthly newsletter dealing with current health issues.

According to Dale, it's most crowded between 4 and 6 p.m. at night during the week. Early mornings are also busy times. A corporate sponsor of Central athletics, Hans' staff also boost members with what they have to offer.

“We're a modern, state-of-the-art workout facility that provides both a safe and motivating exercise environment for everyone in the community,” McPherson said.

Another place in town that will give the muscles that blood-engorged euphoria is The Gym. Owned by Mario Andaya and Israel Valencia, The Gym is located on the second floor of 208 West Fifth, where Hans' was five years ago. The owners are friendly and extremely helpful.

Used mainly by students, The Gym is similar to Hans' Gym in that they offer a variety of exercise equipment and training supplements. There are free-weights, an awesome looking dumb-bell rack that goes up to 110 pounds and cardiovascular machines like stair-stoppers and treadmills. And members can keep their hearts pumping with the aerobics classes that are offered four times a day, Monday through Friday. While the cost is relatively inexpensive ($46 per person for the quarter), using the heavy bag for boxing and taking the new Tae Kwon Do classes will cost extra. At The Gym, they also have recumbent stationary bikes. There are two locker rooms with a shower in each. At this time, there is no organized day-care, just a place for kids to play with crayons, color and watch television. At The Gym, members go about their normal routine while Andaya and Valencia keep up with the demands of running a work-out facility.

"The atmosphere is low-key," said Andaya. "We provide something for everyone and do what the members want.

And, like Hans', The Gym's busiest hours are early in the morning and early in the evening between 4 and 6 p.m. To find out more about The Gym, call 962-6200.

There is no air conditioning. In past winters, the pipes have frozen, and during the summer it can get as high as 100 degrees.

"It's too hot in there during summer and too damn cold during winter," said Central student Andy Pemsel. "But I still like working out there."

Finally, in this bounty of exercise edifices, there is Nicholson Pavilion. Built in 1960 to serve varsity athletics, 80 scheduled classes, intramurals, and normal student use. Every sport or form of physical activity can be performed here from fencing, karate, dance and racquetball, to basketball, volleyball and track.

The demands of a building operating from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. are increased when it's also considered the most widely used student activity center on campus.

“A tremendous amount of students use the pavilion every day,” athletics professor John Gregor said. "There isn't a facility on campus that is used more."

With all of the traffic and the wear and tear the 36-year-old pavilion receives, there must be a large maintenance staff in place to keep the place standing and operating.

Custodial engineers Teresa Miller and Edward "Skip" Littlefield are responsible for the 36

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Member of The Gym, located at 208 W. 5th Ave., uses the many kinds of cardio equipment.

Instructor Blyth Williams leads an aerobics class at Hans' Gym at 202 N. Pine St.

Peter Voiles uses the leg extension machine at Nicholson Pavilion. The facility was built in 1960 and designed to serve 3000 people. It is the only campus facility for students, student athletes, and faculty.
Wrestlers stumble on road to regionals

By John Fazio
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University wrestling team faced what was, perhaps, their toughest obstacle of the season last Saturday. Southern Oregon State College, which has been on a tear this season and carries five nationally ranked wrestlers on their varsity squad, allowed Central just one victory for a total of three team points. Southern Oregon’s solid lineup handed Central a humbling 3-2 defeat. Freshman Chris Feist took the only victory for the “Cats, winning a 3-2 decision at the 177-pound weight class. Feist’s 26th win of the season made him the second winniest freshman wrestler in school history. Junior Leighton Smiley won 31 matches two years ago for the Wildcats. The lopsided score overshadowed the Wildcats’ numerous close bouts.

The “score doesn’t indicate it, but we had some very close matches,” head coach Kevin Pine said.

The “Cats two previous show-downs, however, turned up much more favorably as Central dominated Pacific University and Pacific Lutheran University.

Last Friday, Central traveled to Forest Grove, Ore. to take on Pacific. Central was able to capture seven of ten bouts against PU in the 23-16 victory. Rich Wheeler, at 118 pounds, kicked things off with an 18-11 win for Central. Bart Orth, at 167 pounds, and Jeremy Brummett, wrestling at 190, both took major decisions along with heavyweight Jay Custin. Adam Gunnerson and Chris Feist both won three point decisions for Central at 150 and 177, respectively. The other Wildcat win was a forfeit accepted by the two-time All-American Leighton Smiley at 134.

Pine credits the win to the team’s work ethic.

“We out-conditioned and out-wrestled them,” Pine said. “We’ve been really working hard in practice.”

The team nabbed another impressive victory from the hands of the Pacific Lutheran Lutes. Trailing early by a score of 12-6, the Wildcats bounced back to claim the final five bouts.

The 12-2 Wildcat win saw Smiley, who is ranked second in the country in his weight class, and Wheeler pick up early decisions for Central. The Lutes were still able to tack up six points to claim the victory. Thus Orth turned the tide with a win at 158. Steve Kissel, Brummett, Feist, and Custin followed Orth’s lead and pulled away from the Lutes.

Brummett’s win was a crucial one for the Wildcats, cracking open a tight score late in the match.

“That was the deciding match in my opinion,” Pine said.

After defeating the country’s number three ranked 167-pounder earlier in the week, Brummett edged PLU’s Fere in a major decision in the nation at 177 pounds. Brummett, typically a 167-pounder has wrestled all the way up to the 190-pound weight class this season to help balance out the Cat’s starting lineup.

“Jeremy’s wrestling really well right now and he has become our uni-form guy,” Pine said.

And the long and exhausting season caught up to him last year, but doesn’t seem to be taking its toll this season. “I’ve been feeling a lot better this year,” Brummett said.

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second half.

“We charge into the locker room and don’t charge out,” Sparling said. After building their lead to 24 points, Central watched it slowly crumble down to just three points with 6:52 to play. But the Wildcats proved they were down but not out.

A flu-ridden Nealey hit seven of eight free throws down the stretch to clinch the win, 76-64. Nealey attributed his great stripe-shooting to playing in Nicholson Pavilion.

“Shooting free throws at your own bucket is an advantage,” Pine said.

Central showed that they used teamwork to win games by spreading out the scoring duties. Nasinec finished with 22 points, and Nealey had 17.

Thomas had a big game with 19 points, 11 rebounds, five assists, and two steals. Playing at home is a plus for the ‘Cats.

“We probably wouldn’t have been able to pull those games out if we weren’t playing in our gym,” Nealey said.

The games were close, but that’s to be expected against a second place team and a preseason favorite. The ‘Cats are treating it as a learning experience.

“I think that blowing those big leads is a blessing in disguise. It’ll give us a lot of experience going into the conference,” Nealey said.

Close or not, they are wins and they’ve put the Wildcats on top of the PNWAC with an undefeated conference record.

The team will have to maintain focus for its last six games, which include two against Western Washington, and matches with St. Martin’s, Hawaii Pacific, BYU-Hawaii, and Seattle.

“We have to take one game at a time and not look ahead to big games like Western,” Nasinec said.

Central takes on St. Martin’s at 8 p.m. tonight in Nichols Pavilion, before heading up to third place Western on Saturday night.
GYMS: Where to work out?

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"The best pool of all the state, Observer Thursday, February 6, 1997, people using the pavilion.

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us, ours is the nicest in the state."

Backtracking towards the pavilion again, even though it provides more than enough physical activity for someone to receive an adequate work-out, it is still lacking. Lacking in money. The athletic department wants to make changes and improve the facilities for the students and varsity athletes.

"We desperately, desperately, desperately need a new addition to the facilities," Gregor said.

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