Central student dies in crash

by Kwame Amoafteng
Staff reporter

A solemn gathering of tear-filled mourners attended the April 3 funeral of Central student Mike Landon. Landon, 22, died in a one-vehicle rollover accident March 26 on California State Route 44, 15 miles west of Susanville, Calif., highway patrol officers said. Landon was traveling to Las Vegas, with three friends when, at 5:40 a.m., the 1991 Acura Integra in which they were riding skidded on an ice-covered road.

The South Korean-born Landon was traveling with Arlo Hammontree, Adam Nelson, and Chad Cook.

The driver lost control of the vehicle when it skidded on a 40-foot patch of ice, authorities said.

The vehicle hit an embankment and overturned, ejecting Landon, who was not wearing a seatbelt, from the backseat.

He suffered massive head and internal injuries and was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Lassen Community Hospital.

Nelson, Cook and Hammontree all sustained injuries and were first transported to Lassen Community Hospital, but referred to Washoe Medical Center in Reno, for treatment. They have all been discharged.

About 30 Central students were among the over 200 mourners who joined Landon’s family in Tacoma for the burial at the New Tacoma Community Hospital.

“I remember Mike as a good friend who usually shared advice with me,” Jim Beatty, president of Central’s marketing club and longtime friend, said, “He had a great sense of humor and a laugh which stood out a lot.”

Mike Landon

Curtain call
Theatre arts chair resigns after audit finds financial mismanagement, violations of state procedures

by Aimee Peterson,
Carrina Galloway
and Paul Lobue
Observer staff

Wesley Van Tassel, chair of the theatre arts department, has announced his resignation effective June 30 following an audit report showing financial mismanagement, poor record keeping and failure to follow state procedure. The theatre arts department’s negative cash balance of more than $200,000 has affected programs and departments throughout campus.

Academic affairs has purchased a $192,000 debt from a theatre arts student affairs account. The account was used for the department’s summer productions in Toppenish. Because academic affairs accounts must be paid by June 30, provost David Duvalder has asked the deans of each college to find money to cover the debt.

Some classes have been cut while many other departments find themselves scrambling to cover costs for the remainder of the year.

“No one wants to do it, obviously, but I think everyone realizes the reality of the situation,” Duvalder said. “Realizing the essence of this is that the university had a contract, delivered on it, and did not receive payment.”

Margaret Smith, Central’s director of auditing and control, conducted the audit after reading an article in the Observer detailing financial problems.

“I do audits based on what it’s necessary to do them,” Smith said.

She said the department was operating in a deficit and she wanted to confirm what was going on.

Van Tassel declined comment on many of the details regarding the audit.

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**Fire starters flee and lewd e-mail messenger revealed**

**Sunday, March 15, 4:14 a.m.**
After making a routine traffic stop, campus police found beer in a vehicle and issued a 14-year-old passenger an MIP and MIC.

**Tuesday, March 17, 11:20 p.m.**
An 18-year-old woman was cited for exercising her right to refuse to give her name and terminated his account.

**Saturday, April 4, 10:16 a.m.**
A custodian reported to campus police that the Meisner Hall laundry room door had been vandalized. Campus police issued a search warrant and found under 40 grams of marijuana. The Central student was cited and released.

**Thursday, April 2, 6:45 p.m.**
In the X-22 lot, a Central woman notified campus police that her parked vehicle had been struck. There were no witnesses to the hit-and-run incident and the case is still under investigation.

**Thursday, April 2, midnight**
A 19-year-old man was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Quigley Hall. Campus police obtained a search warrant and found under 40 grams of marijuana. The Central student was cited and released.

**Tuesday, March 31, 4:45 p.m.**
A custodian reported to campus police that the Meisner Hall laundry room door had been vandalized. The case is still under investigation.

**Saturday, April 4, 2 a.m.**
A custodian reported to campus police that the Meisner Hall laundry room door had been vandalized. Campus police issued a search warrant and found under 40 grams of marijuana. The Central student was cited and released.

**Friday, April 2, 8:45 a.m.**
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THEATER: Department in the red

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the department’s financial management.
"I wish I could discuss them all, but it’s not appropriate," Van Tassel said. "It’s not in the best interest of the department or the university for me to air my differences with the audit in the newspaper."

Van Tassel told auditors he did not think he was in violation of university or state procedure because he had been doing the same things under the previous dean.

"One doesn’t knowingly ignore state procedure," Van Tassel said. "This was our third audit in seven years and during that time we have corrected every procedure we’ve been asked to correct. I’ll stand by the honesty and integrity of our faculty, staff and myself."

The audit, however, stated the department failed to make corrections in a number of areas, including petty cash procedures.

In 1995, the department of accounting and control recommended the theatre department maintain better records of cash transactions. It was shown that petty cash was improperly used, checking accounts were not properly reconciled and petty cash transactions were not properly documented.

Part of the debt — $192,000 — is from an unpaid contract with the Mid Valley Performing Arts, a theatre company in Toppenish. The theatre department had a contract to perform "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" and "Pump Boys and Dinettes" during the summer of 1997 in the newly renovated Liberty Theatre. The contract required MVPA pay the entire amount by Aug. 26, 1996. However, the theatre arts department has not received a payment yet.

This is the fourth contract with MVPA; the previous three were paid in full, but were late.

"The reason we have not met that bill is because of a lack of ticket sales and revenue," Tom Clayton, MVPA chair, said.

Clayton said he hopes to meet with the university to resolve the issue in the near future.

Mid Valley Performing Arts in Toppenish has failed to pay Central's theatre department $192,000.

Wesley Van Tassel

Theatre Arts Department Chair Wesley Van Tassel joined Central's faculty in 1991 after serving as an associate dean at Tarkio College in Missouri.

Van Tassel has taught performing arts both as a graduate student and professor at six colleges throughout the United States.

Van Tassel graduated from Moorhead State University with a secondary education degree in 1960. He later studied directing and playwriting at the University of North Carolina before receiving his doctorate in dramatic literature from the University of Denver in 1969.

Van Tassel's 24 professional and 49 college productions include "Man of La Mancha," "Cinderella," and "Once Upon A Mattress."

Audit findings

— The chair of the department repeatedly violated university policies, procedures, state laws and regulations.
— Several agreements were contracted without authority or written agreement.
— Petty cash transactions were not appropriately accounted for.
— The chair signed PAFs (personel action forms), travel vouchers and contracts for related family members.
— Some faculty appeared to have a teaching load exceeding requirements by the Faculty Code.
— The department provided complementary housing to summer staff and students in violation of their housing contracts.
— Employment agreements made by the chair with MVPA represent a conflict of interest.
— Production costs for the "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" were deemed excessive.

Wesley Van Tassel

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"The way Stennett presented information about the club, and what the club presents on its web site are clearly contradictory," John said. "I don't promote or agree with them. In fact I disagreed with them so much that I actually take a stance and actually start a club which partially, as I see it, will de-fang the multicultural vampire."

After listening to both sides of the issue, the BOD decided to table the issue with plans to re-open it later. "The board felt that we couldn't make a quick decision," Amy Gillespie, BOD president, said. "I didn't want to be the adviser because of their fundamentally anti-Christian views."

After the Euro-American Student Union's request was tabled, its adviser and does not foresee any issues with plans to re-open it later.

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SALT shakes San Francisco

by Kristen Schwab
Staff reporter

On March 20, the Ellensburg Christian & Missionary Alliance (CMA) hosted 75 SALT members to the Sea-Tac Airport on a mission to spread God’s word and goodness throughout the San Francisco area.

After arriving in San Francisco, the group crossed the Golden Gate Bridge and then split into five teams.

The eight-day trip were San Francisco, Newark, Santa Cruz, Petaluma, and Pacifica.

The trip brought the group members closer together and for many of us, strengthened our relationship with God,” Ryan Holm, a senior in geography, said.

The mission trip was not all work and no play. The participating SALT members relaxed by surfing, swimming and sight-seeing.

During the last few days of the mission trip, the entire group stayed in Santa Rosa. There they participated in a block party where Big George, an ex-con, shared his testimony.

The team returned to Washington Thursday night, at 8:30 p.m. The CMA church is located at 1407 N. “B” St. It is non-denominational and all are welcome.

I think they realized how much they have, and in a sense experienced life in a different way,” Eric Byers, intern at the CMA church and head of the mission trip, said.

SALT Company participated in building projects, shared their faith and grew spiritually on a recent trip to San Francisco.

Students seek jobs

by Tanya Dykstra
Staff reporter

The 25th annual job fair will be held in the Sub Ballroom on April 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students should dress professionally and come with their resume and portfolio in hand.

"We need a good student turnout," Tori Hendrickson, recruiting coordinator for Career Development Services, said. "We have to meet them with the same enthusiasm that they're meeting us.

In order to interview, a student should register and set up an appointment with the Career Development Services in Barge 204. Internships and full time employment are available with many of the companies."

"This is the only time in your life when employers are going to come to you," Hendrickson said.

The career fair is an excellent place to make contacts. Boeing, Bauth Construction, Americorps, Benton-Franklin Home Care Services, Department of Social Health Services, Doubletree Hotel, Columbia Resource Group, the FBI, Jeld-Wen, and Inter Pacific Management are just some of the employers who will be at this year’s job fair.

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The theatre arts department is in the hole for $200,000. An audit conducted by Central's director of auditing and control Margaret Smith revealed that the department was acting funny when it came to the money. The audit reported that chair Wesley Van Tassel signed travel vouchers and contracts for his wife, son and daughter-in-law. Who says nepotism is dead?

Van Tassel also had a contract with Mid Valley Performing Arts (MVPa) in Toppenish that named him a consultant, a paid position I might add, for the theatre. What's wrong with that you ask? Central's theatre department had previously established a revenue contract with the MVPa for $192,000 (which MVPa has yet to pay). Sounds like conflict of interest to me. How about you?

The audit said, "It appears that a conflict of interest exists because the chair is paid by the university to direct the productions and paid by MVPa to oversee the artistic quality of the productions. In addition, the chair directly administered and supervised the contract with MVPa and was instrumental in initiating the contract which included a clause requiring the employment of a management consultant."

Amid all of the controversy, Van Tassel has announced his resignation as department chair, and Provost David Dauwalder has requested that each department on campus chip in to help the theatre department get out of the red. The deans of each college have been asked to fork over money, on a pro-rated basis according to department sizes, prompting some of them to cut classes and compromise some of their programs. What does it all mean? Basically the whole university (especially students, seeing as how they'll miss out on classes and other programs that affect them) is forced to suffer because the theatre department was frivolous and careless with its budget.

So when your parents want to know why that last class you needed to graduate was suddenly cancelled, tell them to call Wes Van Tassel.
Easter about Christ, not chocolate bunnies

Dear Editor,

As I walked into Albertsson's a couple of weeks ago, I was overwhelmed by all the scrumptious chocolate bunnies. There were little ones, big ones; some with blue eyes others with yellow. Of course with a tantalizing display of candy I had to buy a package of those luscious marshmallow bunnies.

MMMMM! Sweet and slightly crunchy on the outside while soft and gooey on the inside. Beyond those marshmallow bunnies and grocery store candy displays lies a poignant reason to Easter, a reason why thousands of people have died in past history and are continuing to die for this reason in many countries around the world.

The uniqueness of Easter lies in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, a man who claimed to be God Incarnate, walked the Earth 1,900 years ago approximately. During his lifetime he healed the sick, loved the unloved and taught wise sayings. Even though this man was intended to be beneficial to his culture he was branded a criminal and subjected to the cruelest and most humiliating form of execution known to man at that time. After three days he came back to life. Now there have been many wonderful people in history who have been great physicians, wise teachers, and founders of various religions; yet have they been able to come back alive after death? What does this mean? That Jesus Christ was who he claimed to be. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the backbone to Christianity. If there had been no resurrection then Christianity would have faded out long ago. The resurrection of Christ enables mankind to have a personal relationship with Jesus, the founder of our faith. It is this personal relationship with the founding father that sets Christianity apart from other religions.

- Jaime freshman, string performance
The meanings of Easter

Bunnies, eggs and Jesus Christ

by Aisha Duckett
Staff reporter

Some feel Easter is just a fun holiday for children, others view it as an important religious event celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"I grew up going on Easter egg hunts and having Easter brunch with my family," Rachel Martin, junior, fitness major, said. "The holiday is geared towards children, but the children should know why they are celebrating."

In most communities you will find fun Easter activities for children. In Ellensburg, Olmstead Place State Park (921 N. Ferguson Road) will hold their Easter activities from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, April 11. The anticipated day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, activities include a petting zoo, wagon rides, and crafts for everyone.

For some Christians, Easter symbolizes their once-a-year occasion to dress up and visit church. For others it represents an anticipated day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Dave Saltzman of Ellensburg Foursquare Church believes people view Easter in different ways.

"Some people make the connection with Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead," Saltzman said. "Others don't know what Easter represents at all."

Many believe Easter and other religious holidays have become too commercialized.

"Some people believe Easter is about the bunny," Mike Talamaivao, coordinator of ReJOYce in Jesus Ministries (a campus fellowship), said. "These images block out the real meaning of the holiday and really just take the point away."

Christian Churches throughout the community will be celebrating Easter in a variety of ways.

Ellensburg Foursquare Church (906 E. Mt. View Road) will hold Easter Services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. These services will include four special songs about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, dancing and a video.

CMA Church, located at 1407 North B St., will hold Easter Services at 8:90 and 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Easter Services will be titled, "Friendship Sunday" inviting all members of the community to join with CMA to celebrate Easter. CMA will be presenting a drama entitled, "Trials of Jesus Goodenough" along with a variety of music.

First Christian Church, located at 600 N. Ruby, will hold a traditional service of worship on Sunday. Easter Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. If you fall into the once-a-year category just remember why Christians celebrate Easter and that is for the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Yoga class reduces stress

by Julie Foss
Staff reporter

With a full class and a long list of hopefuls on the waiting list, the athletic department's first ever yoga class got under way last week. Many students are excited to finally have this class offered.

Cathy Braxton, a senior majoring in Spanish says taking yoga has benefited her in many ways.

"Yoga has helped me with stress reduction and increased my flexibility," Braxton said.

Previously, this class was only open to faculty during Wellness Hour, but students were interested in taking it as well. The instructor, Lori Chandler, along with interested students have been lobbying the athletic department to offer a yoga class. This quarter, their requests were granted and yoga has been added to Central's class schedule.

Yoga helps with stress reduction, mental clarity, creative capacity, increased flexibility, and relaxation, Chandler said. People of all ages and fitness abilities can take advantage of these benefits. For athletes, yoga can improve muscular tone, balance and coordination which helps to prevent injuries. It can be a great way to take time out from the stresses of school. Unlike aerobics or sports which emphasize stamina and muscular activity, yoga encourages concentration, perseverance and steady progress.

Chandler also teaches yoga to music students who suffer from chronic back pain and other injuries associated with playing instruments through the continuing education department. "I saw a need that yoga could help students and when I see a need I get excited," Chandler said.

If you're looking for ways to reduce stress, improve athletic performance, or increase flexibility consider yoga as an option. Classes will be offered again in the fall. For more information contact the athletic department at 963-1911.
CWU offers new horse course

by Brandy Langfitt
Scene editor

Sitting atop a strong, powerful horse, reins in hand, riding across the countryside is an activity many people enjoy. Now students can earn credit doing it.

Equestrian classes offer an interesting alternative to the more traditional general education requirements with opportunities for the novice to the expert, and therapeutic riding classes for individuals with mental, physical and emotional disabilities.

With classes covering safety training, farm and business management, equine health and reproduction, training horses, and riding skills, the Equestrian Management Certificate Program offers a range of choices for students.

Students majoring in veterinary medicine, special education, physical or occupational therapy, accounting, law, journalism, English, architecture, insurance and marketing can benefit from taking various classes in the program.

The classes, offered through Continuing Education, are held at the Kittitas County Equestrian Center in Thorpe. Each class is three credits and costs $258. The class can be taken without credit for $165.

The Therapeutic Riding Volunteer Workshop trains volunteers to work with disabled persons. The class is April 18 and April 24, and is open to all students interested. For credit the class is $31, and free for those who just want the experience. Registration is still open for this workshop.

For more information contact the Continuing Education Department at 963-1519.

The terror and peace of whitewater

by Kelly Geyer
Staff reporter

Imagine a floating peacefully down a river with your friends on a beautiful sunny day. Suddenly you begin.

Redline River Adventures located in Wenatchee, Olympic Raft and Guide Service located in Port Angeles, and River Riders near Chelan, are rated for rafting on a scale of one to four. Beginners with little or no experience should start with a class one river whereas hardcore rafters might want to take on a class four river.

Beginning rafters looking for an easy-going ride could try floating the Elwha River, a class two river, with Olympic Raft and Guide Service. This class has a half hour, six mile ride costs $39 per person.

Redline provides a six hour, 15 mile adventure down the Methow River, a class three river. The cost is $75 per person or $65 per person with a group of eight or more. Redline provides riders with everything from the raft to food.

For those a little more daring, River Riders offers a 16 mile trip down the class four Wenatchee River. This five hour float will range in price from $45 to $75 per person, depending on the group size.

Redline also offers an eight mile class five adventure down the Skykomish River. Previous experience is highly recommended. This is considered the "Big Daddy" of whitewater rafting runs. The Skykomish float is a four hour trip for thrill seekers only.

For more information contact Bron Howard, equestrian management program director, begins her day walking and feeding her horses in the early morning.
Ridge to River to test endurance

by Josh Cooley
Staff photographer

Wax the skis, lace the running shoes, grease the chains and strap on the life vests: April 19, it's on.

It's called the Ridge to River Relay, a 35-mile, multi-sport race, held every year in Wenatchee since 1981. Most participants are team members, others decide to compete individually as an Iron Man or Woman. They attempt to complete the entire race, from mountain to water, by themselves.

The affair begins 7,000 feet above sea level at the Mission Ridge Ski Area's summit. At race time, a frenzied wave of Nordic skiers explode off the starting line.

"It's incredibly congested," race founder Steve May said. "You're trying to get good position right away."

After the Nordic skiers, the Alpine skiers to squat up a 75-yard hill, carrying their skis and poles. Then they navigate a two-mile gowned slalom course. The Alpine skiers hand off to the runners. They run on a sandy, steep downhill asphalt road and finish with a half-mile up-hill sprint on a muddy trail. After the runners, the cyclists continue down the ridge. Radar has cycled cyclists at speeds nearing 60 miles per hour.

"You just scream down the hill," AF Capt. Bruce Simpson, said. Cyclists hand off to the canoists at Monitor Park outside of Wenatchee. The Wenatchee River usually rages in the spring due to snow melt, and floods the past few years have altered the river.

"It'll be a chore for people this year," May said.

Canoists spill out of the rapid Wenatchee river into the doleful Columbia River. They join the rest of their teams at Riverfront Park in Wenatchee for the final leg: the portage.

For more on the Ridge to River visit: www.cwu.edu/~observer
Valley Cafe offers great food

If you are tired of eating take out pizza or macaroni and cheese, treat yourself to dinner out at the Valley Cafe. It has been ranked as one of the Pacific Northwest’s Best Places for several years, and truly lives up to its billing.

The food is very good. The menu includes dishes ranging from soups, salads and sandwiches to pasta and steak. Then there are the daily specials which can include salmon or even lamb depending on the season. The meals are complimented by a wide variety of drinks, appetizers, desserts and coffee choices.

On my visit to the restaurant I sampled both the oriental chicken salad and the tortellini in pesto sauce, both regular menu items. The oriental chicken salad is served cold and consists of tender morsels of chicken, fresh vegetables and pasta. It is covered with a light oriental dressing with sesame seeds. I found the salad to be delicious and something I would order again.

The tortellini is stuffed with three cheeses and served with your choice of sauce. I chose a light pesto sauce made with fresh herbs. The tortellini was served with fresh, crispy garlic bread. This is a dish that could fast become a favorite of mine.

On your visit to the Valley Cafe, I suggest you leave room for dessert. I enjoyed both the raspberry topped chocolate cheesecake and the peanut butter pie. The service is fast and friendly. The staff is knowledgeable about both the restaurant’s menu and its history and will answer any questions you may have.

The atmosphere can not be beat. The Valley Cafe was first opened in 1930 by Jassmine and Gus Carras, who still live in Ellensburg. In 1938, a Spokane architectural firm was hired to remodel the Valley Cafe. The resulting Art Deco style is still present today. Visiting students can even view the original menu from the Valley Cafe’s first days.

To offset the trip down memory lane, the walls of the restaurant are covered with modern day paintings by local area artists. The artwork is changed often, giving diners a fresh new look.

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Carras, who still live in Ellensburg. In 1938, a Spokane architectural firm was hired to remodel the Valley Cafe. The resulting Art Deco style is still present today. Visiting students can even view the original menu from the Valley Cafe’s first days.

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Kelly Geyer

Staff reporter

The Mighty Hare- etones more than pleased the crowd at the opening night of "The Tortoise and The Hare" Friday night in McConnell Auditorium.

Packed with an audience of 3-year-olds to grandparents, Central's theatre arts department sang and danced their way into Ellensburg’s youth hall of fame.

This famous Aesop fable was brought to life by ten Central students in the theatre department. The play teaches kids that bragging will only hurt you in the end. Here learned this when he lost a race to Tortoise by a hair. "It is hard to play up to a kids audience because you don’t know how the kids will respond," said Hare, played by graduate student David Shoup, was pleased with the performance and the audience reaction.

“We were on, and the audience was great," Shoup said.

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The Tortoise and The Hare

by Kelly Geyer

Staff reporter

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Cat hoopsters finish in the top eight

by Tim Booth
Staff reporter

Just like Princeton at the NCAA Division I level, there is one team no coach wants to face in the first round of the NAIA national tournament.

This team is the winningest program ever at the national tournament and hasn’t lost a first-round tournament game since Ronald Reagan’s first full year in the Oval Office.

So when this year’s first-round pairings for the tournament were announced, Union University (Tenn.) head coach Ralph Turner knew what he was up against. His fifth-seeded Bulldogs, who were making their first national tournament appearance since 1992, were going to have to face that one team: Central Washington.

Eleven straight opening-round wins was more than enough to get coach Greg Sparling to believe that Central would not lose to Union, but add in the fact that this was Central’s last year as an NAIA member, and what you get is a team on a mission.

The Bulldogs weren’t playing just the 1997-98 Wildcats, whose 17-10 record seemed unimpressive compared to Union’s 30-3 mark. They were also going to have to face the history, written by every one of the previous 26 Wildcats teams to make the national tournament.

“Whenever players harder and gets a little luck back there (at nationals) wins,” head coach Greg Sparling said.

After falling behind by three points at halftime, the Wildcats used clutch free-throw shooting and 14 second-half points from Tyce Nasinec to upset the Bulldogs 73-64. The ‘Cat hoopsters finish in the top eight in the national tournament and hasn’t lost a first-round game since Ronald Reagan’s first full year in the Oval Office.

Next up for Central was a date with Olivet Nazarene, (Ill.) who upset 12th-seeded BYU-Hawaii in the opening round. Central built a big 18-point first-half lead, but a furious rally by the Tigers pulled them within two, 72-70 with 3:10 left. Central once again hit free throws in the waning moments of the game and got a huge three-pointer from Nasinec to escape with a 80-74 win. For the second straight year, Central had reached the ‘Elite Eight’ of the national tournament, where the team would take on fourth-seeded Georgetown (Kent.) College.

“The seeds really don’t mean much at nationals,” Sparling said. “It’s hard to compare teams until you get back there.”

Georgetown held a seven-point lead at halftime, but Central stormed out of the locker room and scored the first seven points to tie the game at 44, one minute in. But just as quickly as they tied it up, Central went cold as ice.

Over the next 5:19, the ‘Cats went scoreless and Georgetown ran off with 13 unanswered points to build an insurmountable 57-44 advantage. The Tigers went on to win 92-79, ending the ‘Cats run at a national title.

“We played our worst second half of the year against Georgetown,” Sparling said. “We went dry. Had we hit our shots in that second half, I’m positive we would’ve won the national title.”

Georgetown won the national title after knocking off top-seeded Azusa Pacific in the semifinals, and the 14-seeded Southern Nazarene (Okla.) in the title game.

Because of his outstanding performances at nationals, Johnson became the second Wildcat to be named to both the All-American and All-American second-team.

In their final appearance in the NAIA tournament, Central leaves with the most victories ever.

“Leon probably should have been first team, but with us leaving the NAIA, I think they knocked him down to second team,” Sparling said.

Nasinec also received post-season accolades as he was named an honorable mention All-American. This was Central’s final NAIA appearance.

Next season Central will leave the PNWAC and join the PacWest conference at the NCAA Division II level.

Fastpitch hopes to improve

by Deb Wenzel & April Greffman
Staff reporters

While the rest of the students were out of town working on their tans, the Central fastpitch team was in California working on their batting and fielding.

Central’s fastpitch team went 2 and 0 over spring break.

The Wildcats lost four of their games by only one run while competing against Division II teams.

The nine game week began against Chico State. The Wildcats came up short in the first game, losing 2-1.

In the second game, junior Stacie Galbavy pitched a 6-0 shutout. Senior Julie Majeski went 4 for 7 with two runs in the double header.

The Wildcats went 11 innings against Sonoma State. Senior Andrea Knight pitched all 11 innings giving up only one earned run in the tough loss of 2-1.

Central fell to Sonoma State 3-1 in the second game.

Central competed in five games in the Tenth Annual Hayward Invitational.

The only win of the tournament was against Dominguez Hills. Senior shortstop Julie Majeski hit an inside-the-park home run.

Junior pitcher Kaci Bridges and sophomore outfielder Andrea Knight both scored on a triple by junior first baseman Viki Wenzel. The game ended with a score of 8-5.

Assistant coach Dave Fiske said, last week was disappointing in some ways and was productive in other ways. Disappointing in the fact that Central lost four games by only one run, but promising in the fact that the team was playing a higher level of competition and was competitive in every game.

While in California, two players toppled some team records.

Junior Stacie Galbavy ended her pitching streak with a total of 20 consecutive innings without allowing a run.

“I’m a pitcher that likes to keep the ball down,” Galbavy said. “That keeps the ball in the infield, on the ground, and prevents a lot of runs from scoring.”

Despite good defense the ‘Cats lost 4 close games during spring break.
Intramural spring fever

by Tara Rattray
Staff reporter

Intramurals begin a new season of both outdoor and indoor sports April 13, giving students the chance to face intense competition.

"Attitudes are better during spring intramurals because you're outside and able to unwind," Bruce Mace, intramural coordinator, said.

Sixteen teams will be divided into two leagues, with tip-off time scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Nicholson Pavilion.

"Our main goal is for everyone to have fun," Mace said. "I try to produce fun activities for everyone. Spring is normally our best season because it is outdoors."

Spring intramurals is a chance for students to come outside and be outside for activities," Mace said.

Outdoor sports offered this quarter will be softball, tennis and golf.

Eight leagues containing 10 teams each will compete in softball action.

Central students can go to the Ellensburg golf course to work on their game on a weekly basis.

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Eight leagues containing 10 teams each will compete in softball, tennis and golf.

Successful teams will advance to the finals of the rodeo at the Ellensburg Rodeo Arena.

The rodeo starts Friday night at 6 p.m. Saturday's events start at 10 a.m. This is the slack portion of the rodeo. The finals of the rodeo will be held at 6 p.m. Admission to all rodeo events is free.

To conclude weekend rodeo, there will be a dance starting at 9 p.m. at the best Western Inn. There is a $5 admission charge to the dance. Music will be provided by "Whiskey River."
Wildcats battle for playoff position

by Mike Ferrari

Staff reporter

Despite an 11-15 record, Central's baseball team still has a chance for post season play with 24 games remaining.

On March 21, Central took on the University of Puget Sound in a twin-bill.

The 'Cuts fell to the Loggers 3-2 in the first game. They made the game close, scoring two runs in the middle innings. Marc Horner collected an RBI double. Tom Ammerman also added an RBI single.

Scott Earle suffered the loss.

Want a place to park, but not live in a parking lot.
Want to live some place quiet, but not too quiet.
Central's baseball team still has a chance for post season play with 24 games remaining.

Ammerman each registered two RBIs. Turner, Horner and Gillaspy each amassed an RBI.

On March 25, the 'Cats traveled to LaGrande, Oregon. They ambushed Eastern Oregon 18-4.

John Thrumond and Sherrill paced Central, each going deep. Thrumond's homer was a two-run shot while Sherrill's was a grand slam. Both homers were hit during a seven-run third inning.

Brett Matson recorded the win in relief. He scattered one run and only gave up three hits over six innings.

Coach Desi Storey was encouraged with the team's play.

"We started to play like we were the first couple of weeks," he said. Heading into last weekend's three-game series against national powerhouse Lewis and Clark State, it was important for the Wildcats to play well. Storey hoped to take two of three from the Warriors.

On Friday, they came back from a 3-1 deficit to defeat the visiting Warriors 6-5.

Horner's two-run RBI highlighted the come from behind attack.

On Saturday the 'Cats traveled across the state line to Idaho for the final two games of the series. L-C State swept the final two games 15-8 and 24-4. A combination of walks, wild pitches, and passed balls did Central in. The final game was called after 5 1/2 innings due to wet grounds.

The 'Cats return to action on April 15, when they host St. Martin's College in a doubleheader.

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Sophomore third base Nikki Bahr set another team record with 12 assists in one game.

"I felt like every ball was coming at me," Bahr said.

The Wildcats feel the season ahead looks promising.

"After seeing how competitive they were in NCAA competition last week," Fiske said, "I feel this team is capable of winning the game."


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