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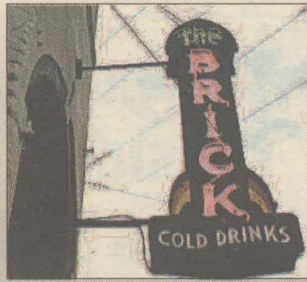
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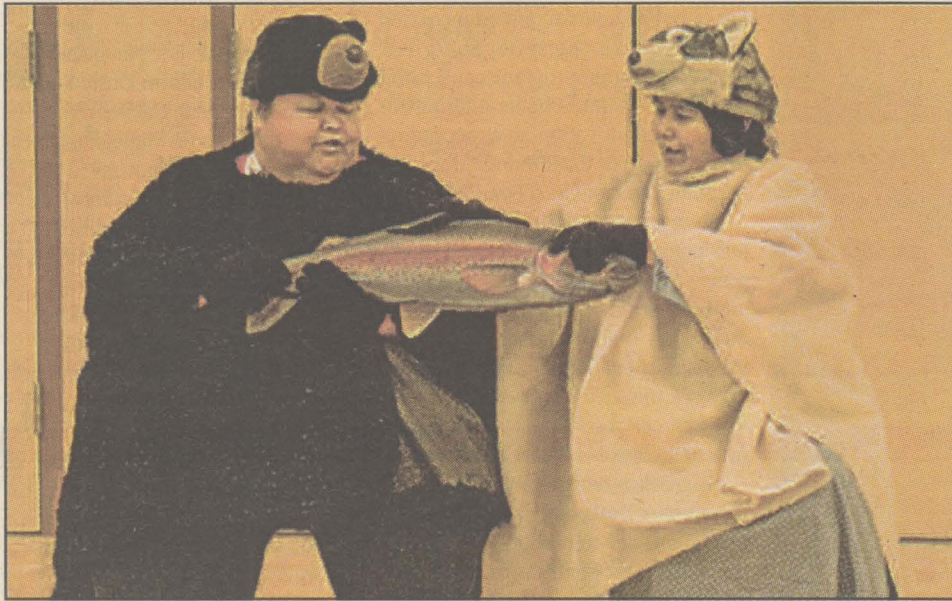
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Speel-yii day The Ellensburg community recognizes cultural diversity

by James Anderson
Staff reporter

For many students at Central Washington University, November is a time of celebration spending quality time with friends and family and demolishing a table full of food at the expense of their cook's hard work.

A relatively unknown fact is that November plays part as the National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. This past Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) Ballroom, Central honored this traditional month and hosted Speel-yii day, an event celebrating the Yakama Nation and its members.

Speel-yii day consisted of many events and fun activities including teaching guests how to create traditional medicine bags and dream catchers. The main attraction of the gathering was Coyote Tales, a set of traditional stories featuring narration and music which were acted out live in front of the audience. The skits told of the traditional beliefs passed

down from generation to generation within the Yakama Nation, such as how the Yakima River was formed and how the concepts of day and night came to be.

Non-tribal members learning stories like the ones depicted in Coyote Tales is the most important step to raising awareness of the Yakama Nation, which is its toughest challenge.

"We're not all alike," Vivian Adams, Yakama Nation library administrator, said. "It's sad to say but a lot of local people don't know the local tribes and find us somewhat exotic. People need to know [Yakama Nation is] unique, in our own area."

The Yakama Nation has thousands of members living alongside the Yakima River. The Yakama Nation Library features general and Native American literature for the general public.

The library also presents the Coyote Tales performances, which are performed either at the library or on location in the Pacific Northwest about 10 times per year. Along with observing the importance of the

Yakama Nation, Speel-yii day generally honored diversity as a whole, which encompasses a large portion of the Central's student body.

"We have a campus full of diverse families and individuals," said Nan Doolittle, program coordinator of Central's Family Resource Center. "It enriches us as individuals and families to learn about others' cultures."

Doolittle and the Family Resource Center sponsored Speel-yii day in hopes of promoting awareness and diversity within the student society of Central.

The event came to be after a family needs assessment survey was distributed that brought back results showing that student families on campus want to learn more about family diversity.

The survey seems to have proven true as Speel-yii day was a popular event among students as well as staff and the general public. The event even attracted a first-time vacationer to the U.S. from as far away as Austria.

"I [thought] it was a great event," Garrett Gibson, senior construction



management major, said. "It's cool to see this sort of thing go down - kind of acknowledging where our land comes from and learning about [the Yakama Nation's] ideas."

Speel-yii day has helped attending students and families realize that the Yakama Nation and diversity in general are important things to recognize, especially during this time of the year.

Left: Cat Miller plays an Anhoi, or bear, with Josie Stahi, who plays a wolf as they tell the story of the formation of the Yakima river. Bottom: Ezilda Johns as Ant dances against Anhoi to decide whether there should be more night or more day.

Photos by Pete Los/ Observer

BOD constitution found to be contradictory

by James Puglisi
Staff reporter

Vice President of Academic Affairs Caitlin Baldwin was appointed to her position due to the ambiguous language in the Associated Student of Central Washington University-Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) constitution.

The ASCWU-BOD lost a member of their panel, Sarah Ruiz. The former vice president of Academic Affairs

resigned on Sept. 3 due to family reasons and personal conflicts. Acting quickly, the ASCWU-BOD filled the position from previous submitted resumes. Caitlin Baldwin was nominated on Sept. 18 to fill the vacant position.

The constitution appears to contradict itself. In sections 5:3.3A and 5:3.3B, it states that all ASCWU-BOD members shall be elected in a regular election, with primary elections held no later than mid-spring

quarter. However the constitution states in section 1:1.2B, "the president shall have the responsibility to fill all vacancies of the Board of Directors by nomination and affirmative majority vote by the members of the Board of Directors."

Now because of the language and Baldwin not being elected, controversy has stirred up between the ASCWU-BOD and Student and Activities (S&A) Committee and students at Central with regard to interpretation

of the university constitution and proper protocol to take when hiring panel members.

"It sounds a little back roomish," Christian Mecham, senior philosophy major and senator of the Philosophy and Religious Studies said.

This is not the only dilemma that has risen following this motion.

The ASCWU-BOD appointed six members of the student body to the S&A Fees Committee. This committee oversees a budget of more than \$4.3

million and comes directly from the student body to fund clubs as well as other organizations and campus events. This could become a concern because with the BOD appointing six students, it appears that the ASCWU-BOD has indirect control over these funds.

Some students at Central are concerned with this method of nominating members to the S&A Committee because one member of the ASCWU-

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Summer session offers \$400 first prize in marketing campaign

by Mimi Oh
Asst. News editor

Summer session now offers more online courses. Last summer the number of online courses offered increased from 2007's 29 courses to 66. A new faculty incentive program caused the increase in online course offerings in the general education area, according to the Office of Continuing Education Assistant Director Geoff Foy, Ph.D.

"Now, one of the other benefits to this increase in online offerings is we're seeing Central Washington University's administration take more interest in increasing online classes throughout the regular academic year," Foy said. "We see this as a positive benefit from the summer session, that it's carrying over to the regular academic year."

The Office of Continuing Education is hosting a marketing campaign which includes a student-produced element in the visual arts contest. "YouSummer" and the tag phrase "make summer session work for you" is said to play off of YouTube, MySpace and Flickr.

To draw people to summer session's Web site, the Office of Continuing Education is holding a number of events. On April 2, the Ellensburg campus will host a festival called YouFestival as the culmination of the visual arts contest.

The contest's four competitions are photography, T-shirt design, commercial video and music video. Students vote for their three favorites on the summer session Web site. The photography contest goes first, with a \$400 Wildcat Shop gift certificate first prize. The second prize winner receives a \$200 Wildcat Shop gift certificate. The third prize winner receives "The Earth From Above: 365 Days" book on photography.

In addition to competitions, there is a talent competition during the celebration.

"Students have different reasons for taking summer session, including staying on track with their degree program, taking classes that maybe they don't normally take during the regular year," Foy said. "For example, special workshops like the Wenas Mammoth Field School, or intensive language courses."

There are hundreds of classes offered. Over a third of the student population attended summer session 2008.

Contest rules stipulate that all winners must be present with picture ID to claim the prizes. Contestants are to submit all photos and release forms to Rachel Gordon in Bouillon Hall 206.

For more information, go to <http://www.cwu.edu/~summer>.

CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 13 issue of Observer, "Ellensburg Christian School hires Central grads as teachers," the two Central students are undergraduate students.

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Central students spread holiday cheer and volunteer

by Nicole Weinheimer
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Civic Engagement Center (CEC), partnered with the Friends in Service to Humanity (FISH) food bank, put on the Community Harvest food drive on Tuesday, Nov. 18, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Super 1, Safeway, and Fred Meyer. Their goal was to gather food and raise awareness for local food banks.

In order to make the greatest impact, the CEC needs as much student involvement and volunteers as possible.

"The purpose of this food drive is to collect donated food from local grocery stores," said Melynda Hooton, a CEC intern hosting the event. Involvement can be as simple as donating food.

Items appropriate for donation include any canned or non-perishable foods as well as gift certificates. Another volunteer option includes handing out "shopping lists" to customers going into the stores.

The lists include food items most needed and were meant to influence grocery shoppers to buy extra items they could later donate.

Jana Minaker, senior communication studies major and secretary of the communication department's honor society, Lambda Pi Eta, participated by volunteering at the Super 1 post during the food drive.

"It builds character in a way that can continue throughout a person's whole life," Minaker said.

The CEC is currently hosting another food drive on campus within the resi-

dence halls.

"We are encouraging the Freshmen dorms to compete by collecting food items for the local food bank," Hooton said. "Whichever dorm collects the most food wins a pizza party hosted by the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)."

The community food banks require active involvement. In Ellensburg alone

"I was deployed to Iraq for three Christmases so I'm taking valuable interest in this event."

RENEE ROLLINS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

approximately 704 households, almost 10 percent of the community residents visit the FISH food bank with some sort of need.

"We are basically a 365 days a year operation," said Rodger McCune, the FISH Director.

The SHRM partnered with the local

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in order to make this event possible. The SHRM has taken on the role of collecting gift donations while the VFW is raising money for the cost of postage.

"I was deployed to Iraq for three Christmases so I'm taking valuable interest in this event," project leader Renee Rollins said.

All of the gifts must be in by Nov. 21 to ensure that they arrive to the troops in time for Christmas.

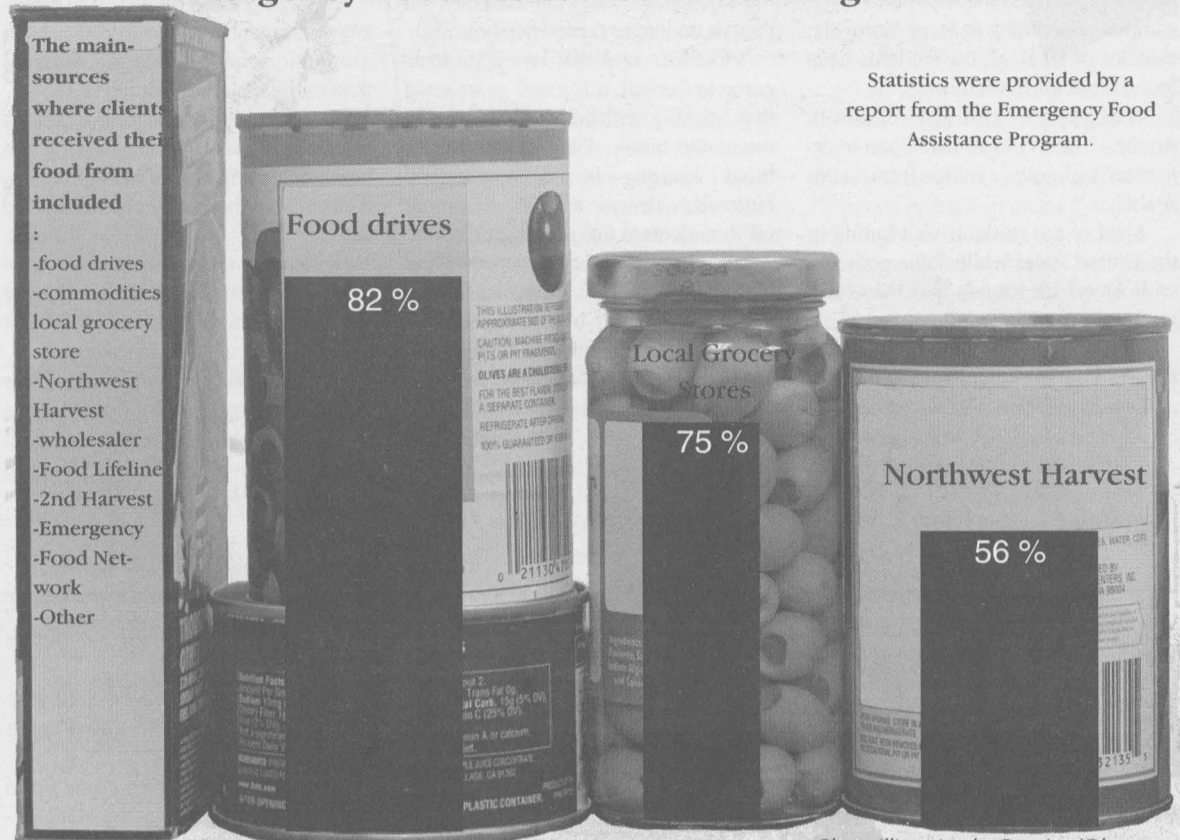
The FISH food bank is currently located at the Methodist Church on North Ruby Street but will soon be relocated to 301 West 2nd Street at the Snickeldoodle building. They are open seven days a week. Five days a week

they distribute non-perishable items, and two days a week they distribute perishable items.

For more information regarding the food drives contact Melynda Hooton at the CEC at 509-963-1643 or e-mail at HootonM@cwu.edu.

For gift drive questions, contact Renee Rollins at RollinsR@cwu.edu.

Emergency Food Assistance in Washington State



Central presidential candidate Bennett withdraws

by Kevin Opsahl
Staff reporter

Central Washington University presidential candidate Dr. Linda Bennett withdrew her name from consideration on Nov. 7.

Bennett, the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Southern Indiana (USI) in Evansville, Ind., contacted the consultant at Central and said she was stepping out of the search, according to Wendy Bohrson, chair of the presidential search committee and professor of geology.

"We thank Dr. Bennett for her interest in the position and wish her great success in her career," Bohrson said. "She is returning to her former job now, and that's good for her university."

The Observer reached the USI Academic Affairs office, but the office stated that Bennett would not be commenting on the matter to the media.



Bennett was one of the four finalists to be considered for the position. Now the search is down to Greg Weisenstein of the University of North Dakota (UND), James Podolefsky of the University of Central Missouri and James Gaudino of Kent State University.

If Bennett had chosen to stay on and was selected, Bennett would have been the second woman president of Central following Jerilyn McIntyre, who became president in 2000.

Late last month and into early November, each of the candidates visited Central for interviews. Now the presidential search committee is moving to the latter portion of their review process.

The search committee checked references provided by each of the three remaining candidates. Last week, select members of the committee visited the University of Central Missouri, Kent State University and the University of North Dakota to meet with the candidates at their home institutions.

Bohrson, who visited UND, said that the specifics of the trips would not be discussed due to confidentiality agreements.

The committee went into executive session to discuss the finalists after-

wards. In an executive session, the committee discusses issues in private.

Bohrson will review all feedback and provide a summary to the Central Washington University Board of Trustees. The search committee will make a presentation on Nov. 21.

"We want to make sure that this [presidential candidate] is active on campus and listens to students and the [student] government," said Derrick Peacock, search committee member and vice president of Political Affairs with the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors.

The board will meet in December to choose the next president. The goal is to have a president in place by early 2009, according to Bohrson.

Jerilyn McIntyre will be leaving in December, according to administrative operations coordinator Kim Dawson. A specific date has to be determined.

"I am confident the board will move

as quickly as they can to come to a decision," Bohrson said.

The search committee is still very interested in candidate feedback. Web-based forms are available on the committee's Web site at www.cwu.edu/president/search.

Also available on the search committee site is complete video clips of the staff and student forums with Gaudino, Podolefsky and Weisenstein in RealPlayer format.

Friday Open Meeting

From 9:30 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m., the CWU Board of Trustees will hold an open meeting in Barge 412 on Friday, Nov. 21 to hear public feedback on the three presidential candidates. Questions about this meeting should be directed to Judy Miller in the President's Office at miller@cwu.edu or at 963-2156.

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Housing problems hit home for ESL during winter break

by Martinique Haworth
Staff reporter

Central Washington University has 90 students who are a part of the university's English as Second Language (UESL) program. These students come mainly from Korea, Japan, China and Taiwan. With the Thanksgiving and Christmas break around the corner, many of these UESL students who live on campus have to make plans to be off campus. According to Steve Horowitz, director of UESL all the students have found plans for Thanksgiving.

"I'm going to visit [my] cousin in Arizona," said Firas Al Jamed, an information technology major from Saudi Arabia.

Most of the students visit family in the United States while some go home with American friends that they have made on campus.

"I'm going home with an American friend," said Tzu-Chan Lin, international trade student from Taiwan. After the quarter ends, Lin is returning home.

With Thanksgiving plans taken care of, some UESL students have already made plans for winter break.

However, about 15 out of the 90 students do not have plans for the winter break. With the residence halls closing, these students have nowhere to go.

According to Horowitz, in the past, housing has had other resident halls that they could relocate students too, but all the Resident Halls are full. In addition, students had the option of staying in conference housing and paying a hotel rate to stay in the facility, but there is no longer conference housing.

Horowitz said that when students come to Central, it is never guaranteed that housing will be available during the winter break. Even though winter break housing is not guaranteed Horowitz always advises incoming UESL students to live on campus.

"It helps with language barriers and understanding rules," Horowitz said.

One thing that university housing does is offer 12-month housing. Anderson Hall offers rooms that have two bedrooms and are designed to accommodate three people. Anderson also offers a full functioning kitchen.

"We would encourage anyone who is applying to the university and knows

they need to be here during break periods should select that as an option," said Richard DeShields, senior director of University Housing and New Student Programs.

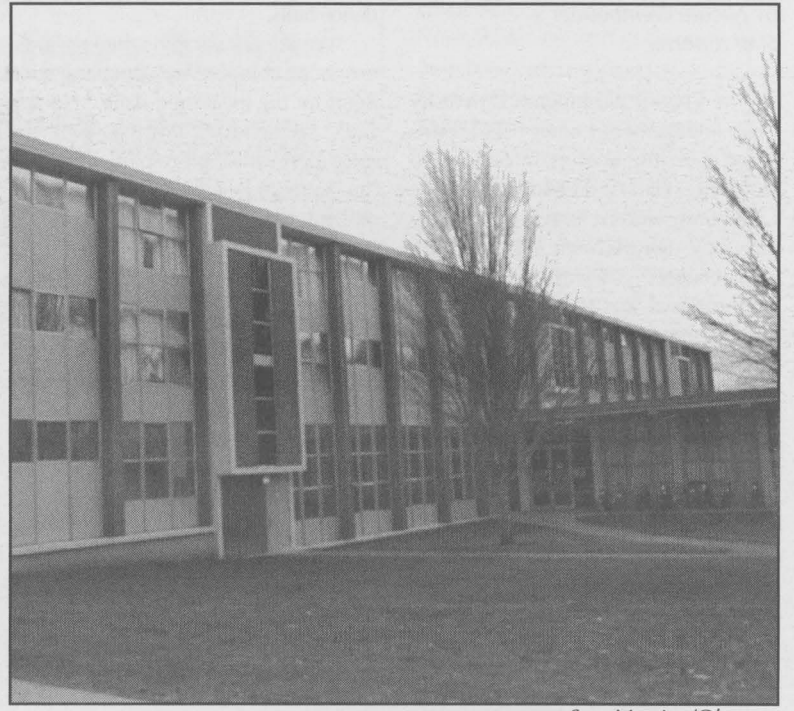
There are 20 residence halls on campus and if there is a student living in each hall financially, it would mean that the housing cost would go up to help offset the cost of having student on campus.

Residence Halls for the Asia University American Program (AUAP) have academic schedule that are different than traditional students.

Housing makes accommodations for those students to stay during the break. Housing knows who those students are, so the cost is already figured in.

If there is a UESL student that lives in one of those residence halls. Housing will try to accommodate them, but not all 20 residence halls can stay open.

"The housing contract is pretty clear that we are closed during that period of time, but we want students to know that we do make every attempt to help them," DeShields said.



Sara Messing/Observer

Anderson Hall is one residence hall that international students can move to during winter break when other residence halls are closed. One feature that is unique to Anderson is a fully functional kitchen that helps when campus dining is closed during breaks in the school year.

BOD: ASCWU constitutionality and by laws in question

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A document submitted by junior philosophy major Mike Mocerri from the Liberty Club states "BOD made a grave error in the interpretation of certain clauses with the ASCWU Constitution and by laws."

Mocerri pointed out both sections that explain the different ways of filling positions. According to sections 5:3.3A and 5:3.3B, it can be argued that the BOD violated by-laws because Baldwin was not elected to the panel by a vote.

However, the ASCWU-BOD believes they followed the constitution

because of the language of section 1:1.2B.

"We basically followed the constitution word-for-word," President Pedro Navarrete said.

This situation has also come up in the past. Ten years ago the ASCWU-BOD lost its president, and Marin Oates, the executive vice president, filled the position and appointed someone to fill her former position.

"I believe they did the right thing," BOD's advisor and Senior Director of Campus life John Drinkwater said.

Drinkwater also said that by not fill-

ing the position right away, the ASCWU-BOD couldn't function as well as it would with a full panel, so the nomination of Baldwin was necessary and followed the guidance of the constitution.

The liberty club and others still disagree with the motion.

"You can't appoint people to an elected position," Mocerri said.

Moreover, Mocerri and senior philosophy major Christian Mecham have been trying to inform more students about the issue.

Both are concerned that the ASCWU-BOD's constitution does not completely define what the ASCWU-BOD is supposed to do regarding filling positions becoming vacant prior to an upcoming election.

Mecham has been making presentations to different clubs on campus to try to engage student support to modify the language in the constitution and avoid confusion in the future.

Mecham is currently in the process of trying to get a hold of the College Democrats and College Republicans to inform them of the issue.

Clubs supporting Mocerri's document include GEEC, Nox, Philosophy

and the Feminist Club.

"I support a democratic process of elections," said Casie Dunleavy, senior double major in philosophy and general studies and Philosophy Club president.

Mocerri, Mecham and supporting campus clubs argue that control and proper safeguards of student funds is suspect with Baldwin in office.

"We feel that [if] the person who is currently in position of Academic Affairs is truly qualified, then that will show in a general election," Mecham said. "Unless someone completely wows me, [Baldwin] would have my vote."

Right now, a group called Campus Probity is looking into this issue. Campus Probity is an organization made up of students that oversee the ASCWU-BOD's actions.

They determine whether or not the ASCWU-BOD followed the constitution when replacing Ruiz with Baldwin.

Presently, members of Campus Probity are being trained and as soon as this organization is up and running, they will examine the Baldwin case.

"The BOD informed the Campus Probity," Navarrete said. "We hope to address it properly."

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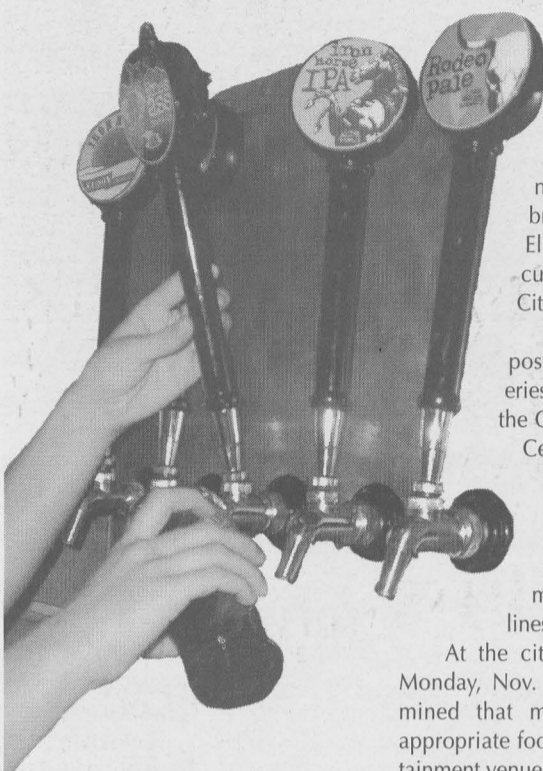
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News from around the Ellensburg community

Ellensburg City Council makes room for microbreweries downtown



Kerri Benecke/Observer

by Megan Peters
Staff reporter

An ordinance allowing microbreweries into downtown Ellensburg was up for discussion for the Ellensburg City Council on Nov. 3.

Ordinance 4532 proposes adding microbreweries as a "permitted use" in the Central Commercial and Central Commercial II zoning districts. This means microbreweries will be allowed in the downtown area if they meet the correct guidelines of the city.

At the city council meeting on Monday, Nov. 17, the council determined that microbreweries are an appropriate food, beverage and entertainment venue throughout both zoning districts and should be allowed.

The Central Commercial zone roughly runs from Water Street to Sprague Street, University Way to Second Avenue and includes historic downtown Ellensburg. The Central Commercial II zone runs roughly from Main Street West to the railroad, and from Third Street to Mountain View Avenue. However, the boundaries are by no means straight lines and there are

many exceptions to the descriptions given.

Currently the only microbrewery in Ellensburg is the Iron Horse Brewery, which is located in an industrial zone on Prospect Street off of Dolorway Road. Many downtown areas, such as those in Portland and Seattle, have thriving microbrewery industries that brew and sell beer on-site, in retail store

"[Iron Horse's] current activities don't fit well in the industrial area as they attract more retail customers

than their neighbors."

NANCY LILLQUIST

ELLENSBURG MAYOR

fronts and pubs. About a century ago, Ellensburg hosted as many as 10 local breweries.

"Iron Horse Brewery ... requested the code change to enable it to move downtown," Ellensburg Mayor Nancy Lillquist said. "[Iron Horse's] current activities don't fit well in the industrial

area as they attract more retail customers than their neighbors."

If the Iron Horse Brewery was downtown, its customers would perhaps visit other downtown businesses, such as restaurants, so it could be an economic benefit to everyone. Both zones currently host several taverns and bars. Microbreweries are similar to what is already allowed, except that microbreweries will be manufacturing the product on-site.

"Any opportunity to move a business to another location is a bonus," Ross Cholstrom, Iron Horse Brewery manager, said. "However, whether or not we move to the downtown area is still up in the air."

This opportunity is something that students are getting excited about. They

are hoping that the brewery takes advantage of this chance.

"I go to the Iron Horse Brewery all the time with friends, and would love it to be able to move downtown," Mary Burchell, junior sociology major, said. "It would make it so much more accessible to the community if it moves."

Although the ordinance was adopted, don't look for any breweries to be moving into the downtown area any time soon.

The Ellensburg Planning Commission will grant a conditional use permit to interested breweries. This permit will allow the city and the brewery to address potential issues which might arise in certain areas of those zoning districts before businesses will be allowed to move in.

On Monday, Nov. 17, Ellensburg City Council members discussed and approved amending Ordinance 4332 to allow microbreweries into downtown Ellensburg. Iron Horse Brewery requested the change to fit better with their current activities.

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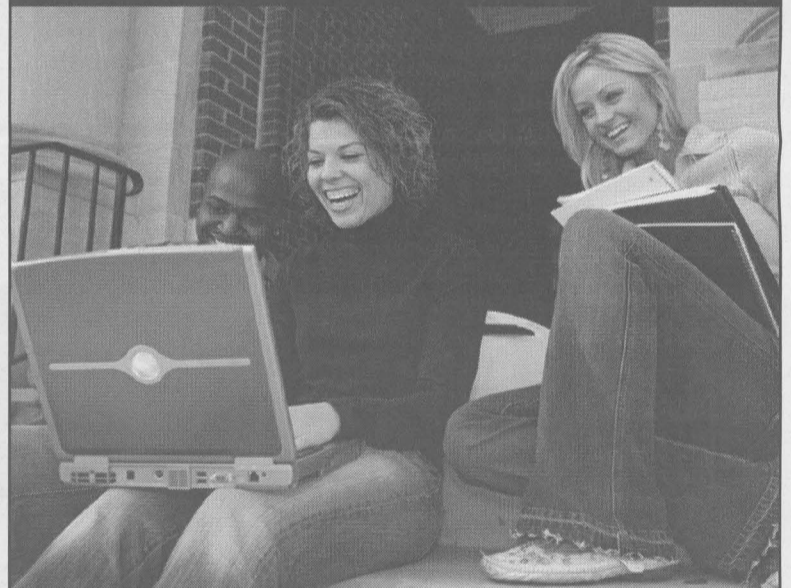
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OPINION

Observance: More please

Automakers require federal government's help

Three major U.S. automakers are asking the federal government to help them financially. Congress is torn and unsure whether or not to help bail out the big three automakers (Chrysler, General Motors and Ford).



Maggie Schmidt
Editor-in-Chief

National Public Radio announced this week that the Bush administration does not want to give the automakers another \$25 billion. Supposedly the automakers have already received assistance and it was supposed to help manufacturers retool their factories so they can make more fuel-efficient vehicles.

This is news to me; I didn't know the government had previously given help to the auto industry. To my knowledge the last time the automakers got help was in 1979.

In September 1979 Chrysler borrowed money to stay in business. They were suffering from revenue decline that nearly shut down the company. Chrysler did pay the money back, with interest, by 1983.

The U.S. has been suffering from a recession for the past couple of years, and if three major companies shut down, I think this recession could turn into a depression fast.

Since Monday, Congress has been debating whether to help bail out the big three. It has also been debated that the \$25 billion needed to keep the Detroit automakers afloat should come from the Department of Energy.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury suggests that the money should come from the \$700 billion Wall Street package that has already been approved.

What bothers me is that this is not the first time the federal government has had to bail out an auto company. It seems that the CEOs and executives of the auto compa-

nies are not learning from prior mishaps.

Now, it is three companies needing help instead of one. Congress is considering asking the motor company executives who make \$250,000 or more to surrender their bonuses for the year to help sustain the loans.

I certainly hope they do.

General Motors is saying that they don't know if the company has enough money to stay open through the end of the year. However in the article "Bay City Mayor Charles Brunner to campaign in Washington," it said that General Motors' CEO Rick Wagoner made \$15.7 million in one year.

If Congress loans this money, then corporate personnel of the auto companies need to take a pay cut. It is just sick and wrong that any person can make so much money and be asking for help to keep a business running.

I say help the companies to stay in business only because it is not the executives who are going to suffer. It will be the everyday Joe, Jane and their families who suffer. When sales are down and product is not moving off the shelves, it is not the executives who get laid off, but the employees who barely make ends meet.

The United States is in a bad way financially, with billions of dollars going over to the Middle East to fund two wars, the federal government bailing out banks to alleviate the mortgage crisis and now the automakers needing help.

The U.S. piggy bank is getting empty really fast. However, something has to be done to help. I say start cutting back on the fat of the real pigs, help the automakers, but make sure the corporation is paying back full interest. Make sure they are taking care of the employees; make sure the vehicles getting built are economically affordable and environmentally safe. Start taking care of our own by cutting back on those who are making a gross amount of money.

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Pet owners can find quality when they adopt

When it comes down to looking for a pet, everyone is faced with the decision of whether to buy a purebred from a breeder or adopt. Although purebred are beautiful, adoption has its rewards. There are many benefits to adopting a pet, along with many success stories.



Taylor Purdom
Staff reporter

One benefit to adopting is cost. Pets who are adopted from animal shelters only cost \$50 to \$100 and the cost is for vaccinations and spaying/neutering. If one purchases a purebred these are generally extra costs after purchasing the pet.

Another benefit is the aspect of adopting a pet that might otherwise be destroyed.

So are you sacrificing the quality of the pet if you adopt? Absolutely not; animal shelters have employees and volunteers working with the animals on a regular basis. They can identify what the animal's personality is and what kind of owner it needs.

I went to a PAWS animal shelter near Seattle and found a dog that I really bonded with a blue heeler mix. At the front desk, I asked the lady working there about Tula and said I loved her. The woman smiled at me and went to grab her folder and said, "Do you know anything about her breed?"

I thought about it and said, "Well, no."

She told me that she may not be ideal for my situation. At first I was taken aback because, I would love her and take care of her. I found out that she is a very active dog and Tula's ideal situation would be on a farm or a home with lots of property. Tula's breed is meant for working with cattle and she needs lots of exercise. So the lady was right, my under an acre fenced in backyard and my busy lifestyle were probably not ideal.

Animal shelters really care for the animals and want to make sure each animal is placed correctly the first time so the pet doesn't come back. Some breeders are looking to make a profit and sell all their puppies.

Many times purebred found in pet stores are from puppy mills. These mills are often appalling conditions for animals. The puppies are produced in masses and even though they are purebred, they may be inbred, sick and not sociable due to their conditions.

Animal health issues also hold true with breeders. Most people feel that if they are given papers with their pet the animal is healthier, but this isn't always the case. Purchasing a purebred animal may provide you with a number of health problems specific to the breed or inbreeding that occurred.

My family friends had a purebred soft coated wheaten terrier named Ben that they purchased with papers. Ben came with all sorts of problems and medical bills. At the age of 4 he had to be put down due to all of his illnesses. Ben had bad skin allergies specific to this breed and was sick a good portion of his life. As Ben's vet put it, "He is allergic to life." My family friends spent all this money on a dog that came with many problems, but he did have papers.

If you're still finding yourself stuck on a certain breed, look at search engines on the Web, like www.petfinder.com, which have pictures and information on pets of all species and breeds in whatever location you choose. There are also Web sites specific to placing rescued purebred animals.

Too many people buy animals and then cannot afford them or do not have the time to care for them. These owners usually give their dogs up for adoption, sell them or let them run free and unfed. By adopting an animal you can adopt the perfect pet that is right for your situation. Adoption centers are located everywhere and Web sites make it easy to search for the right one. The local Ellensburg animal shelter is located at 1007 Industrial Way with pets to adopt.

Dear Editor,

I'd like to thank Charles Wainger for his great review of "The Dart League King" and his article about our event with the author of the book here at Jerrol's Nov. 14.

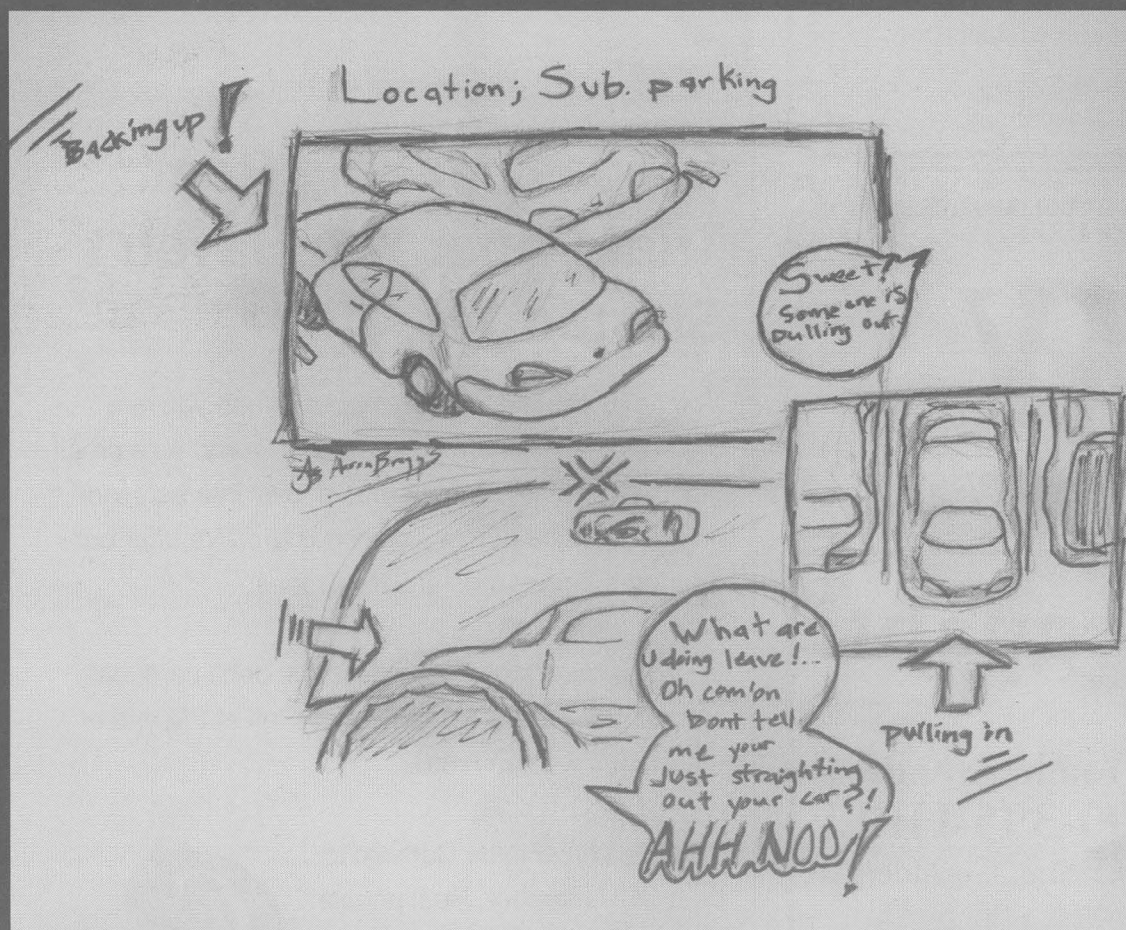
Due to his fine work, members of both the faculty and the student body attended Keith Lee Morris' reading. Keith read a chapter from "The Dart League King," then fielded questions and shared some of his writing technique.

We appreciate the opportunity to foster positive relations with the academic community, and hope to continue our connection when other authors visit.

Robyn Hull
Ellensburg, WA

The Artist's Eye...

by Aaron Braggs



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Greetings from the Brick

Photos by Kate Pridemore/Observer
in Roslyn, Wash.

(Above) Brick patrons sit at the bar. (Below) the front door and sign of the Brick located on the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and First street in Roslyn, Wash.

Brick stands, 108 years and counting

by Megan O'Malley
Staff reporter

The state's oldest operating bar is only a short car ride away. Roslyn is famously known as a filming location for the TV show "Northern Exposure," the city also boasts the Brick Tavern.

At 108 years old, the tavern stands as a monument in the small town. According to the bar's manager Randi Najar, the Brick used to be a hangout for miners.

The basement holds a number of real jail cells and is supposedly haunted.

The Brick is now known for its free shuffleboard, pool, dance floor, running water spittoon and live music scene. In the past they have hosted bands like Slideshow, Mon Marie and Random Orbits. They have also had local musicians Ravinwolf and Star Anna grace their stage. Ravinwolf

"For me it's a tie between the people that work there and the people that come in [that makes the Brick a fun place]."

LUCKY NAJAR

THE BRICK EMPLOYEE

played on Nov. 6 at the Brick.

According to the entertainment booker, Lucky Najar, the uniqueness of the bar and the elevated stage in the back is what brings many bands out to

showcase their work.

Ravinwolf comes for the people. "[It's] the laid-back mountain folk that love music," FayRavin, the singer for Ravinwolf, said.

The crowds at the Brick vary, ranging from college students and recent graduates to Cle Elum and Roslyn locals. With their ability to pair complementary bands together and with the wide range of musical genres, the Brick is quickly becoming a regular stop for Washington touring bands.

The owners, Wanda and Larry Najar, bought the bar a few years back. The Brick is a family affair: they have allowed their son Lucky and his wife Randi to help run the bar.

Randi Najar manages the Brick while Lucky Najar has chosen the bar's music for six years. Now they work with A Cold Snow Productions for entertainment bookings, but Lucky thinks the Brick offers something spe-

cial for those who love live music.

With the ever-evolving music scene, he feels he can offer something to those bands that aren't necessarily looking to become the "next big thing." Instead, through the use of social networking sites like Myspace, Lucky can find bands that best suit smaller live venues, such as bars.

The Brick is about more than just the music. Lucky sees it as a direct parallel to old bars and taverns in Seattle and Ballard, but in Roslyn.

"It's got all the trappings of a beautiful old building," Lucky said.

Within this building is what truly makes the Brick unique: the people.

The Brick is known as a destination bar, and Najar says that there are people who come back yearly for such events as the water spittoon boat races. This, he says, is what makes the Brick so much fun.

"For me it's kind of a tie between

the people that work there and the people that come in," Lucky Najar said.

The mix of history, live music and great people makes it a unique destination in Eastern Washington.



Central crosses borders to South America

by Brooke Mortensen
Staff reporter

Each year at Central Washington University, a new culture is represented during International Education Week. Last year, students got the chance to learn about Africa: dance, clothing, diversity and recreation. This year, Central has chosen South America.

According to Central's planning committee, International Education Week is a nationwide declared week that strives to prepare Americans for a global environment. Its purpose is also to attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

"Students should take part [in Inter-

national Education Week] to get exposure to the world," Roslyn Moes, international student advisor and head of the event, said. "Our main focus is to bring a taste of a different part of the world and for people to experience it."

Each day of International Education Week began with a poster presentation on the Student Union and Recreation Center walkway. A new culture-related theme was presented each day.

"We are trying to create awareness for issues going on in South America and provide ways for people to help from here," said Courtney Pemberton, senior special education major and service learning fellow of the civic engagement center. "We want to show that you can do small things to make a

"Our main focus is to bring a taste of a different part of the world ..."

ROSLYN MOES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

ADVISOR

big difference."

Each day also featured Central Chef Kevin Camarillo for "A Taste of South America," as well as other events like a demonstration from Focus Martial Arts

of Ellensburg where attendees watched worldwide champions from Brazil perform, Passport Program featuring South America and salsa dance lessons by Hannah Labovitch, sophomore English education major, and Dennis Richards with 10-member salsa band, Salsariba, performing afterward.

"Dance is very much a part of a culture's heritage ... you can learn a lot about that culture," Labovitch said. "We want to inspire people to want to learn it and enjoy it."

Upcoming events include the third annual Parade of Nations: International Fashion Show from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., tonight in the SURC Ballroom. The fashion show will feature Central students who were recruited from different clubs

on campus modeling traditional and contemporary styles of clothing from around the world.

"The fashion show celebrates Central heritage and diversity with the different cultures around campus," said Domonique Meeks, senior law and justice and sociology major and program coordinator at the Diversity Center.

Following the event will be a performance by Yerba Buena, a Latin funk group from Manhattan.

"We wanted to do something different and something big," Meeks said. "It will be cool to have a band that mix different sounds of South America."

One last poster presentation on Government, Politics and Environment will end the week's events.

Event honors transgender people

by Megan O'Malley
Staff reporter

With the elections over, Silverton, Ore., elected the first ever openly transgender mayor, Stu Rasmussen. Yet as citizens begin to grow more tolerant of one another, violence and harassment still occur against the transgender community. According to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, New York had over 400 hate crimes in 2007 aimed at the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community.

Central Washington University is hoping to remedy the situation by participating in the 10th annual National Transgender Day of Remembrance on Nov. 20. The Diversity Center, along with the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA), is spearheading the events on campus. A student programmer for the Diversity Center, Kyle Duffy, senior business major, explained what "transgender" means as described in the Diversity Center and GALA.

"Transgender is a person who identifies themselves inside as a member of the opposite sex of their birth gender," Duffy said.

This is a fluid definition, as the ideas often change over time.

Victor Ruiz, senior law and justice major, is a student programmer for the Diversity Center and works with GALA. He assisted in bringing this idea to the Center and suggested a collaboration.

"Transgender issues have been around and there's a lot of underrepresentation of community," Ruiz said.

Although they are part of the LGBT community, they tend to be under represented compared to gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

According to www.gender.org, the day is held to honor a woman named Rita Hester, who was killed in 1998. Her murder subsequently set off the "Remembering Our Dead" Web project and candlelight vigil in San Francisco, Calif. The hope for the day is that it raises public

awareness of violence against transgender people, and reminds them that they are still loved and honored by a supportive community.

As part of the event, a candlelight vigil was held for all those lost or abused as a result of their transgender identity on Wednesday, Nov. 19, in front of Black Hall.

That same day, HBO film "Normal" was shown, with a discussion following. "Normal" follows a Midwestern family as they struggle to deal with their father's desire for a sex change.

The movie featured Oscar-nominated actors Jessica Lange and Tom Wilkinson, and was a featured pick at the 2003 Sundance film festival. It was chosen for its positive message.

"We aren't forcing people to change their mind, we would just like them to ... reevaluate their prejudices."

KYLE DUFFY

DIVERSITY CENTER

At noon today in the Student Union and Recreation Center there will be a panel discussion relating to transgendered issues. The panel hopes to bring awareness to the community.

Tonight at the Parade of Nations fashion show, there will be a moment of silence for all those who were lost.

"The Diversity Center's big goal is to bring awareness to the underrepresented groups, whether [they are] ethnically or gender-based," Duffy said.

While Duffy and Ruiz work to bring awareness and equality to Central's campus and the greater community, some students feel that even honoring this day is a step forward.

"I am glad to see that people's minds are opening up important issues," Heather King, senior theatre major, said.

The Diversity Center and GALA are helping to bring awareness to an underrepresented part of the community, and they hope to leave a lasting impression on people.

"We aren't forcing people to change their mind, we would just like them to take a different look and reevaluate their prejudices," Duffy said.

Banff Film Festival aims for mountain peaks

by Natalie Young
Staff reporter

Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals (OPR) is kicking off the 2008-2009 winter season with the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, showing at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 24 in the Student Union and Recreation Center Theatre. The admission fee will be \$6 for Central Washington University students and Recreation Center members, and \$8 for general admission.

"The Banff Centre basically encourages people to think about the environment and also respect and recognize mountain culture," Ryan Hopkins, Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals director, said.

The festival is held every year in the fall. It starts out with hundreds of videos that are sent in from all over the world.

The videos are judged in Banff, Canada, where 60 films are picked to be showcased on the group's tour. Some films are full-length (90 minutes) while others are only a few minutes long.

OPR showed the top eight films as voted by students to be in the festival on Monday, Nov. 17.

Pharla Sharp Tomlinson from the Banff Centre will be at the event, introducing and discussing the films that will be shown. She will also be talking about the Banff Centre and what they represent.

According to their Web site, www.banffmountainfestivals.ca, the Banff Centre is "internationally recognized as a leader in local, national and international stages in development and promotion of creative work in arts, sciences, business and the environment."

The Banff Mountain Film Festival has been going on for many years and has been displayed at Central for a few years. Darrell Kangiser, senior nutrition major, has been working for OPR and has helped out with this event for the past four years.

"I think the turnout will be really high this year because it's getting more popular every year, so I recommend students to buy their tickets as soon as possible," Kangiser said. "It's going to be packed."

Next week, more posters and advertisements will be displayed to get ready for the event. There will be a raffle going on during the film festival for a chance to win various prizes throughout the night.

"We hope that Mountain High [the outdoor equipment store in town], will sponsor the event for the prizes that we will give away," Kangiser said. "We are also in the process of having Monster Energy there too. We want to hype it up as much as we can."

Some of the films in the worldwide tour are the grand-prize winner "The Last Nomads," "99 Days on the Ice" and "Journey to the Center." The films will include white water kayaking, base jumping, ice climbing, skiing, rock climbing and much more.

"People should come because it will make you more aware of the environmental issues and also activities that you can be doing here in Ellensburg and all over the world," Kangiser said.



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Changing the world one plot at time



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Site of Ellensburg's eighth Habitat for Humanity home. Construction at 500 S. Pearl began last April.

by Matthew Hartmann
Staff reporter

Being without a home is a scenario that nobody wants to be in.

Habitat for Humanity is an international organization that seeks to help people who can't normally afford housing or be able to have a roof over their head in a safe community. This same organization has headquarters locally.

"Our goal is to end worldwide poverty," said Kathy Martin, Ellensburg Habitat for Humanity board of directors President.

The organization has operated in Ellensburg since 1994 and is currently building their eighth house in the community. The construction at 500 S. Pearl began last April, the future home of Gloria Medina and her children.

Candidates for the program are required to agree to a number of requirements, including working on the house and other houses at least once a month.

Candidates must also prove that they make less than fifty percent of the median income for the area they live in but can still afford the interest-free mortgage as part of the package that Habitat for Humanity offers.

Matlin says that the houses built by Habitat for Humanity are often built in clusters so that people under the program can mingle as they become productive members of the community.

"We are giving people a hand up, not a hand down," Matlin said.

Habitat for Humanity has the eventual goal of building two to four houses each month in Ellensburg.

The Don and Verna Civic Engagement Center gives students the opportunity to volunteer at the location.

"We are giving people a hand up, not a hand down."

KATHY MARTIN

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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According to Louise Langun, junior political science major, although this is the first year that the Civic Engagement Center has partnered with Habitat for Humanity there has been student interest for the past few years.

"Habitat for Humanity is a great opportunity to meet community members and students willing to volunteer their time on a weekend," Langun said.

Students who wish to sign up for volunteer work can visit the Civic Engagement Center office, located on the second floor of the Student Union and Recreation Center or visit the Web site at www.takeactioncwu.com.

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Verona gentlemen earn roaring review



Hayley Clayton
Staff reporter

Central Theatre Ensemble is raising laughter and social issues with their 1920s adaptation of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," currently playing at the Milo Smith Tower Theatre through Nov. 23.

The story follows the love pursuits of two best friends. Proteus, played by senior theatre performance major Adam Kroeger, is charming and confident. He is the kind of guy who is used to getting what he wants, including the love of feisty Julia, played by Ashlen Hodge, junior theatre performance major. Hodge's portrayal of Julia is quick-witted and temperamental, though her performance becomes increasingly vulnerable and tender as the play progresses.

Valentine, played by senior theatre performance major John Meyer, is bumbling and sweet as he falls for Sylvia, played by freshman musical theatre major Amy Eisenbach. Meyer portrays Valentine as a man drunk on love, but he's a happy drunk and a joy to watch.

This straightforward love story takes a turn for the worst when Proteus is sent by his father to join Valentine in Milan. There Proteus meets Sylvia and is immediately smitten with her, who is repulsed by his disloyalty to both Julia and Valentine.

To the cast's credit, this complicated love plot remains easy to follow, as does the Elizabethan language, which is enunciated well and spoken fluently.

Proteus remains charismatic and delivers laughs even as he plots to have

Valentine banished from Milan. The charm of the character is a credit to Kroeger, whose performance justifies the villain's actions and makes his motivations believable.

The main cast is particularly adept in transitioning their characters. Kroeger's Proteus switches from poet to villain flawlessly while Hodge plays Julia from tantrums to maturity with ease.

Each cast member succeeded in drawing laughter from the crowd, though the audience roared for Tom Lees, junior theatre arts major, as the servant Speed. Lees delivers his lines with a snappish wit. Equally impressive is his physical comedy expressed through pratfalls and playful gestures.

"[Speed] is the most interesting character I've seen in a while," Marcus Milich, freshman English education major, said. "[The role was] well-played."

The audience sighed appreciatively at the endearing chemistry between senior theatre performance major Andrew Shanks as the servant Launce and his dog Crab, played by pit bull/Rhodesian ridgeback mix, Georgie Wallin.

"It's witty and it's great," English professor Joseph Powell said. "I love [Lucetta] and the dog — the dog is stealing the show."

Amazingly, Shanks' canine co-star did not upstage him — his portrayal of the slightly mentally challenged Launce was genuine, sweet and very funny.

Additionally, Eisenbach's Sylvia was enchanting. Her performance is at times vampy yet coy, at other times smoldering yet classy. It is easy to see why every character in the play is so enamored with Sylvia.

All of the characters looked beautiful and dapper in their 1920s-style costumes designed by Laura Reinstatler, graduate art student. The men wear stylish and detailed waistcoats and the women wear elegant dresses.

Setting the Elizabethan play in the Southern United States during the 1920s was a decision made by director and theatre professor Brenda Hubbard to bring new emphasis to gender and class issues present in the show. Hub-

between Verona and Milan," Alli Doyle, junior theatre major, said. "Verona had more of the cooler tones and Milan the warm which was translated in the sets and scenic painting as well."

The sets, designed by theatre professor and resident lighting designer Christina Barrigan, aid in the illusion as they present the settings of Verona and Milan to the audience. Barrigan divided the stage to show both cities at once. The scenic colors of Milan are warm browns and oranges. Bridging the gap between the two cities is a well of water that the actors splash in to enhance the drama at various points in the play. Sitting in the front row, I was concerned that I might get wet, but thankfully, the water never reached the audience.

The well is also the site of an attempted rape that takes place toward the end of the play. Audiences should not take the theatre ensemble's "mature audiences" warning lightly. This scene between Proteus and Sylvia is somewhat violent and shocking. It is also well choreographed and intense, yet tastefully executed.

The ending is especially interesting, as Hubbard has adapted it to show how women were treated as chattel in the pre-Depression era. While the first half of the show delivers laughs, the second half — particularly the ending — presents issues regarding sexism, class and alcoholism, which are sure to give audiences fodder for discussion after the show.

"The Two Gentlemen of Verona" will show again at 7 p.m. on Nov. 20 through 22 and at 2 p.m. on Nov. 23. General admission is \$10, and students with a connection card can get in for \$5.

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JOSEPH POWELL

ENGLISH PROFESSOR

bard's directions mold "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," one of Shakespeare's earliest and least substantial plays, into one that is contemporary, hilarious and thought-provoking.

The mood of the characters and the play itself are conveyed in junior technical/design theatre major Bonnie Briggs' clever lighting design. Briggs uses her talent to translate the characters' emotions and aid the setting through light. Particularly interesting is how her techniques create an artificial moonlight that appears to be shining through the leaves of trees above the stage.

"I loved the [lighting] change

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Red Means Go, no stops in sight

by Charlie Wainger
Staff reporter

Turn down the radio and the television and the sounds of local band Red Means Go can be heard echoing through neighborhoods.

It's been four years since lead singer Jazmarae Beebe put her songs out on MySpace, which has collected over 60,000 hits and attracted local musicians Skyler Mehal, Tom Noble, and Janss Woldseth to join her behind the microphone.

"I think they're great and they're original," said Kelly Larsen, senior public health major and music director for 88.1 the 'Burg. "It's not the same stuff you hear every day."

"Skyler randomly found me on Myspace and asked me if I needed a guitar player," Beebe, sophomore music major, said.

Mehal, sophomore music education major, was the first to contact Beebe and became the guitarist she needed to fit her charming and melodic voice.

Mehal and Beebe rehearsed with one another, played together at Grants open mic night, and decided to further the band's sound by adding more members.

"We just collaborated and decided we needed a rhythm section," Mehal said.

Tom Noble, sophomore music education major, joined the band on drums then Janss Woldseth, sophomore music performance major, joined in on bass one month ago.

"He's still on probation," Mehal said jokingly about Woldseth.

Recently the band played El Corazon in Seattle in September along

with Mosquito Valentine Trio and Good Brains.

"We've had a lot of following in Seattle," Beebe, said. "[Audience members] even knew the words to our songs."

Red Means Go played at Iron Horse Brewery for Oktoberfest with two other bands on a stage built in a cleared out area in the back of the brewery.

"I remember I really liked them," said Regan Rinker, senior English major and bartender at Iron Horse Brewery.

Between now and a future show at the Brick, Red Means Go is going to be spending most of its time recording its first album. It will either be titled "What?" or "Red Means Go."

Recording begins this weekend in Silverton, Wash.

"I'm so excited for recording," Beebe said. "We want to take our time and not rush through the process."

The band will spend most of its weekends traveling back and forth between Ellensburg and Silverton to record with Beebe's family friend, a recording engineer for the U.S. Navy, and finish the record when they have more time during winter break.


"We have about 14 songs we want to record," Mehal said. "There's a good chance during the recording process we'll write some new songs."

Once the recording process is over they plan to send their finished album to record companies and local radio stations around the Seattle area.

"We're gonna have a CD release party," Mehal said. "Definitely one in Ellensburg."


Red Means Go can be heard on MySpace and playing house parties around Ellensburg.

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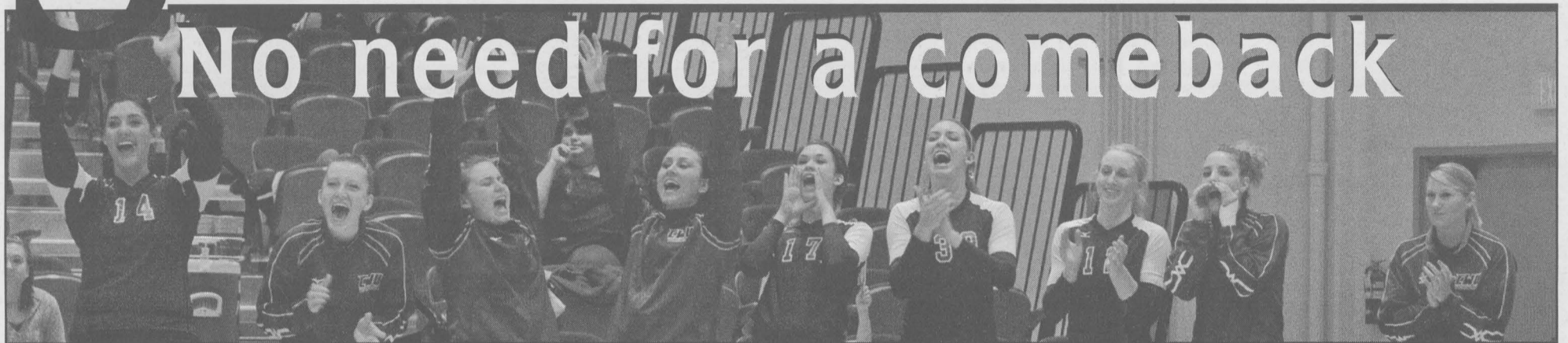
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SPORTS



Central students get creative combining two activities to invent a new, yet odd, sport.

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No need for a comeback

Wildcat volleyball splits last two games of season, ending with a winning record

by James Puglisi
Staff reporter

Despite losing three games in a row, the Central Washington University volleyball team's name came out on the regional poll. Central was ranked ninth out of 10 with two games left to play behind Sonoma State. The top eight teams in the region qualify for the playoffs.

However, due to NCAA rules, Central would have to climb up two spots to earn a postseason berth. This was a possibility for two reasons; one is that Central defeated Sonoma State earlier this season and the other is that they had two games remaining on the regular season schedule.

The thought of the playoffs evaporated quickly, though, as Central lost its

first game against the Seawolves of Alaska-Anchorage on Nov. 13 before defeating the Alaska-Fairbanks Nanooks on Nov. 15.

During the three-game losing streak, Central had fallen in the first two sets twice. They were forced to come back from an 0-2 deficit to try to win.

Each time the Wildcats fell only by a few points. The game against the Seawolves was no different with the exception of falling 15-2 in the final set.

The Wildcats were led by senior outside hitter and middle blocker Emily Veenker, who had 15 kills, and senior middle blocker Rachael Schurman added 10 kills. Sophomore outside hitter Kady Try had 13 and a hitting percentage of .591.

The Seawolves were led by senior outside hitter Rhea Cardwell, who had

32 kills and a hitting percentage of .407.

"We served pretty tough," Alaska-Anchorage Head Coach Chris Green said. "Hopefully we can finish fifth."

Alaska-Anchorage was picked to finish last in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC). As Central's Head Coach Mario Andaya said earlier this season, the Seawolves were the surprise team this year.

The Seawolves ended up finishing in sixth of the GNAC behind Central.

On Nov. 15, Central saluted its seniors as setter Maggie Oleson, outside hitter Kayla Roof, Schurman, Veenker, outside hitter Lauren Vercammen and middle blocker Morgan Zamora were all honored for their contributions throughout their collegiate career before the game.

The Wildcats and the Nanooks then took the court for their final match of the regular season. The Nanooks were coming off of two losses to Montana State Billings and Western.

The match had 11 ties in the first set alone, but in the end, the Wildcats did something they hadn't done since Oct. 25 against Montana State-Billings: win the first set.

An attack error by Alaska-Fairbanks' junior Jessica Hills gave the Wildcats a 25-22 set victory.

The second set was just as close as the first. This time there were 12 ties and five lead changes. Neither team was able to break through. However, Try gave the Wildcats a 24-21 lead with a kill.

The next thing the Wildcats knew, they were up two sets to none as Alaska-Fairbanks' junior outside hitter Megan Thigpen committed an error to decide the match 25-21.

In the third set, the Wildcats took all their frustration out on the Nanooks as they began to cruise to a victory.

Everything began to fall into place. The more the Wildcats got into rhythm, the more errors the Nanooks committed.

Finally, with the score 24-9, Vercammen spiked the ball for the final point of the regular season and the Wildcats celebrated a 25-9 set win and their first sweep in five games.

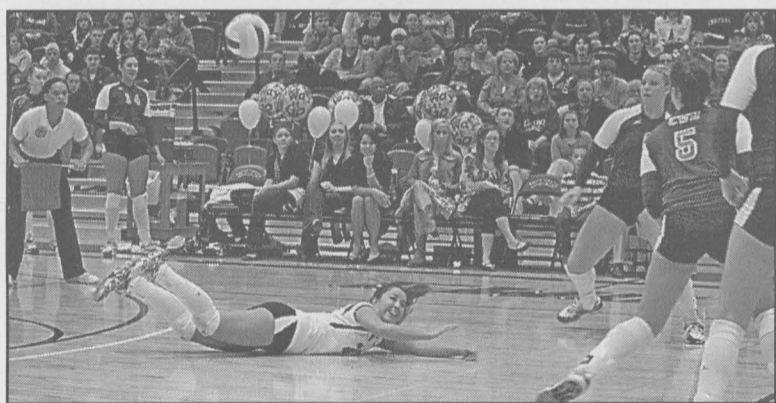
Central was led by junior outside hitter and middle blocker Erin Norris, who had 12 kills. In what could be their final game, the 2008 seniors combined for 22 kills.

"It's awesome," Vercammen said. "It's been a while since we won in three. It feels so good."

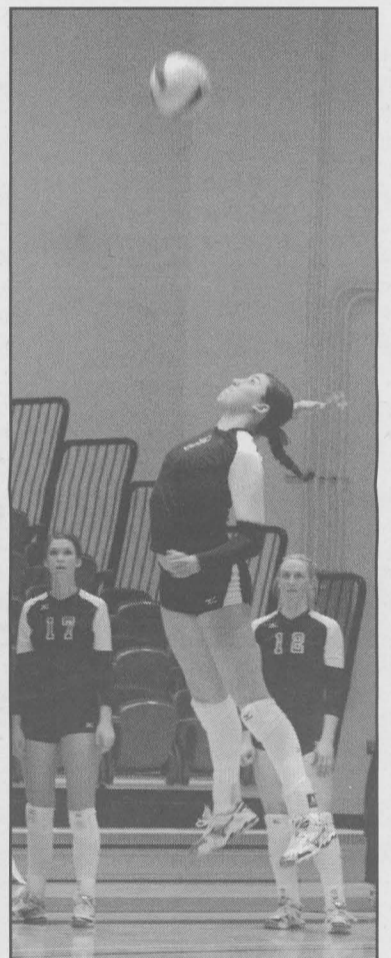
At the end of the game, the Wildcats stayed on the court and celebrated with their coaches and families. The seniors were ecstatic that they had won their final game of the season and final game at Nicholson Pavilion.

"Their ability for them to come in to work hard is going to be remembered by our program," Andaya said.

The Wildcats may not make the playoffs, but they can hold their heads high after another successful season as they finished 16-12 overall, a three-win improvement from the previous year.



Above: Sophomore libero Brandie Vea dives for the ball at the last home game of the season. Top: Women on the Wildcat volleyball team cheer as they swept Alaska 3-0 at Nicholson Pavilion on 11/15.



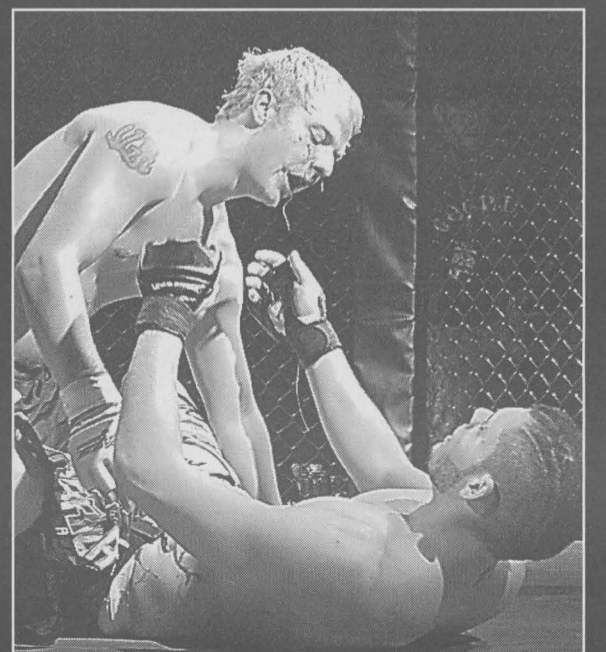
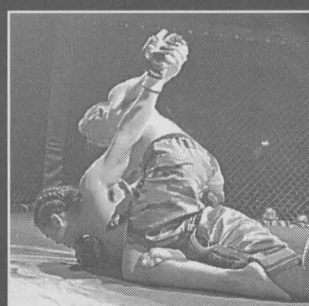
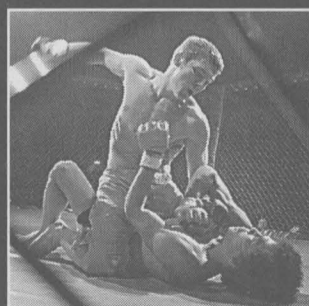
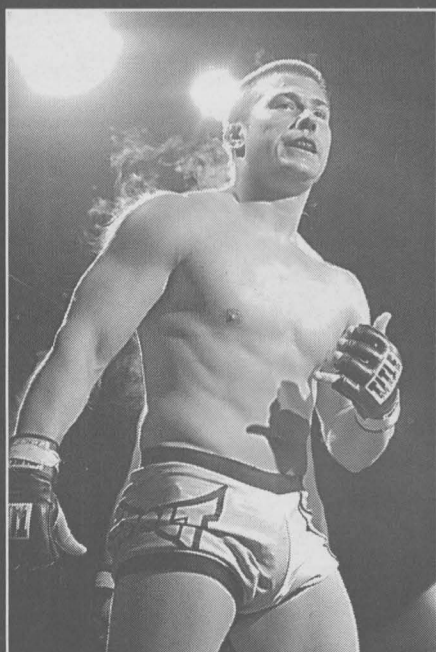
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Junior outside hitter Erin Norris serves against Alaska at Nicholson Pavilion on senior night. Norris finished with 12 kills and a .435 hitting percentage that night.

MMA CAGE FIGHTERS PUT ELLENSBURG ON LOCK DOWN IN OCTAGON

Yakima Mixed Martial Arts sanctioned the amateur cage fighting at the the Kittitas County Fairgrounds' Bloom Pavilion on Friday, Nov. 14.

Right: Joe Vanaman, MMA fighter and Central student, wins a cage fight by verbal submission after a two-minutes-17 second fight, it was his first fight as well as his first win. Top center: Ed Robinson (top) grapples Chance Donaldson (bottom) on the cage floor. Below center: Forrest Seaborn (top) prepares to left hook David Auto (bottom) while grappling on the cage floor. Far right: John Richert (top) uses his last efforts against opponent David Alvarez (bottom).



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ICE HOCKEY CLUB KICKS OFF THE SEASON

by Tetsu Takiguchi
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's Ice Hockey Club kicked off its season. Since the club's home field, the Larson Recreation Center in Moses Lake, opened its ice rink, the team finally started practicing on actual ice.

Before the season, the club practiced with rollerblades at the Ellensburg Racquet and Recreation Center and Mountainview Park.

"I've been waiting for this for months," Jaymes Kirkham, club president said. "It's just finally getting out there and playing [on the ice rink]."

Kirkham explains that ice hockey is a fun sport, definitely not as violent as some may think.

He said the sport is physically and mentally beneficial.

"It definitely gets you in shape," Kirkham said. "Skating is a difficult thing to do, it's definitely something physical, but it is also more mental than it is physical. You've got to focus all the time."

This year, there are 12 players in the club. Out of the 12 players, seven registered in the Moses Lake league for this season.

Byron Woods, senior education major, who has been playing the sport since he was 3, joined the club and started playing in the league this season.

"I'm excited about it," Woods said. "It's good to get more ice time, [because] skating is the most important thing in the sport."

Although the club has finally started the season on the actual ice rink, there are some concerns in the club.

Since Central cannot make its own team due to the shortage of players, the team joins Moses Lake's local ice hockey club, the Moses Lake Coyotes.

The club is going to practice and play as members of the Coyotes through the season.

The Moses Lake Coyotes have two teams: White Coyotes and Red Coyotes.

In the Moses Lake's league, the White Coyotes and Red Coyotes basically compete with

each other through the season.

This year, the Central players are on the Red Coyotes.

"We are benefitting from Central players, because we got some good players for the team," said Tom Los, owner of the ice rink at the Larson Recreation Center.

"They are also benefitting because they get to play more frequently, since Central doesn't have an ice rink."

According to Los, the Coyotes are giving a great opportunity for Central to form a team and to help the Central club grow larger.

Los is hoping the Central club will be the third team to compete for the league in the near future.

"We want to keep Central players together as a team, because in that way, they are used to playing with each other when they form their own team," Los said.

Despite the Central team and Coyotes' efforts, the awareness from other Central students is not as they expected.

The Central team obviously needs to recruit more players to become the "third team."

"Although this year has turned out a lot better than last year, still it isn't what we wanted it to be," Kirkham said.

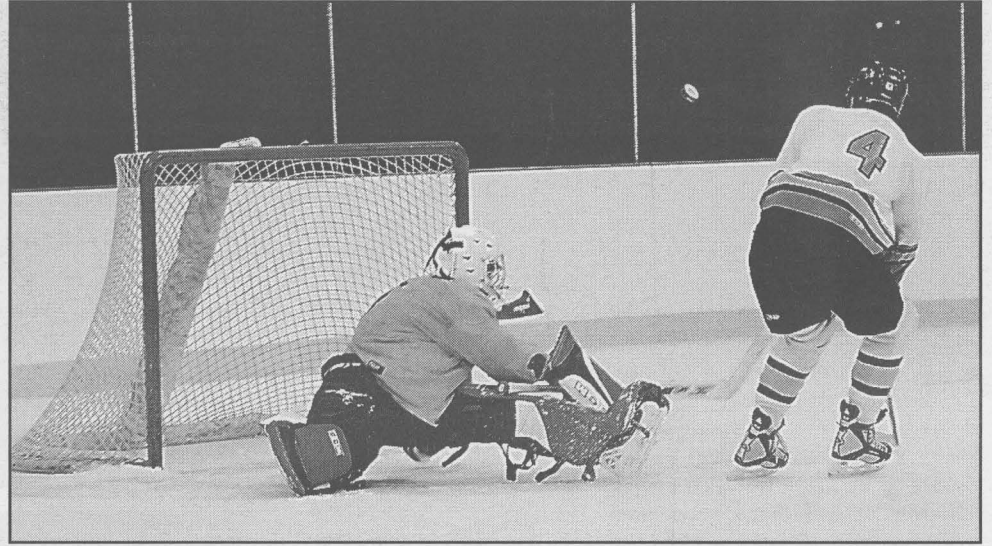
According to Kirkham, Central doesn't have a developed set-up for the sport, but Western Washington University and Eastern Washington University do, so the club is still small and not many students know about it.

Kirkham believes that building a process and growing the Central team to be able to compete in the league is a repay to the Coyotes and the members.

"[Playing here] is our last option," Kirkham said. "We can't play anywhere else. The city of Moses Lake keeps allowing us to come out here, and we want to get something back to Moses Lake too."

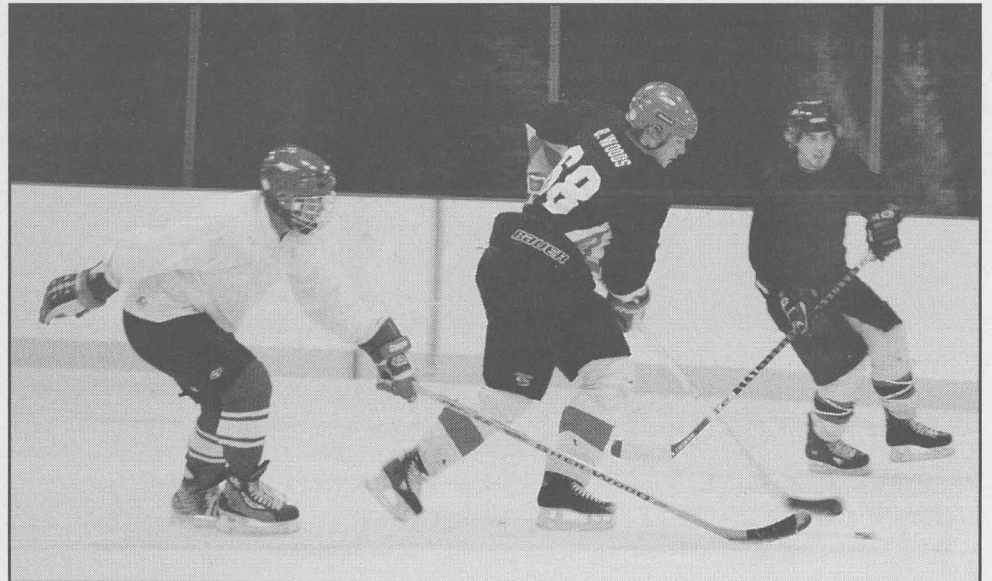
The Central Ice Hockey Club and Moses Lake Coyotes have drop-in sessions every Monday, from 8:15 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. at the Larson Recreation Center in Moses Lake.

They also play a league game on every Thursday at the same place and same time.



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Above: Jaymes Kirkham, junior ITAM major, (left) makes a save. Below: Byron Woods, senior education major, (middle) cuts through defense



Football loses in first round

Quarterback Mike Reilly still breaks passing record

by Tristan Gorringer
Staff reporter

West Texas A&M (WTAMU) defeated the Central Washington University Wildcats in Canyon, Texas on Saturday afternoon at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium Nov. 15.

Senior quarterback Mike Reilly threw for a career-high of 420 yards and junior wide receiver Johnny Spevak caught four touchdowns.

The Wildcats fell short of a big comeback against the Buffalos in a 49-42 upset in NCAA Division II First Round playoff action.

Now finished with an overall record of 10-2, Central Washington, who's ranked fifth in the Super Regional Four, endured its very first loss to a Division II opponent this season, having been eliminated from the postseason tournament.

Fourth ranked West Texas A&M improved to 11-1 this season and will travel to Abilene, Texas next Saturday to take on Abilene Christian University in the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs.

The Wildcats, who were down by as much as 21 points in the second half, came back within seven points after Reilly and Spevak had their fourth touchdown connection at the 7:34 mark of the fourth quarter to make the final score 49-42.

On the next Buffalo possession, WTAMU marched down the field on a 12-play, 51-yard drive that ended

on a 32-yard missed field goal by James Chandler that would have put West Texas A&M up by 10 with 1:50 remaining.

Central regained control of the football on their 20-yard line.

Reilly put together a 10-play, 58-yard drive that was stopped inside the WTAMU 22-yard line after a fourth-down incompleton to freshman wide receiver Justin Helwege.

This ended the Wildcats' chance to tie the game at 49 and force the overtime session.

Reilly, who played in his final collegiate football game on Saturday, completed 30 of 61 passes with five touchdowns and one interception.

Four of the touchdowns were made by Spevak, who caught nine passes for 129 yards.

Senior tight end Jared Bronson led the Wildcats' receiving core with a career-high of 169 yards on just eight catches.

Sophomore linebacker Adam Bighill led the Wildcats' defense with 12 tackles that included a one-and-a-half for a loss and an interception that led to the Central Washington touchdown to make the score 49-42.

Senior center back J.R. Jamerson, junior linebacker Buddy Wood and junior safety Jerome Williams all made 10 stops for the Wildcats.

West Texas A&M's quarterback Keith Null passed for 463 yards and completed 35 of 49 passes with three touchdowns and one interception.

Charly Martin, who led the nation in reception yards coming into the game, caught eight passes for a team-high of 172 yards and one touchdown.

Seth Hayden also had eight catches but for 160 yards and two TD's.

Running back Keithon Flemming rushed for 99 yards on 21 carries with four touchdowns.

In retrospect the Wildcats had all the skill to win the game and played an amazing against West Texas A&M.

"[WTAMU has] 36 full ride players compared to our 24 full ride scholarship players," Wildcats Head Coach Blaine Bennett said.

The Buffalos also have seven full time coaches compared to Central's four and five graduate assistants compared to Central's one.

Central Washington, who won the Great Northwest Athletic Conference championship earlier this season, completed its second consecutive winning season with 10 wins.

This marking this the seventh time in school history to do so.

The Wildcats are now 12-11-1 in postseason history.

"I was very pleased with the effort we gave the entire game," said Bennett. "It was a close loss and there are always a few things you would change or do differently, but all you can ask for is a chance in the fourth quarter to win it and we had that chance."

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Bike polo takes over tennis courts on Fridays

by Laura Mittleider
Staff reporter

Spare time during the week can be well worth it. It was for two students at Central Washington University, Joe Garcia and David Bryce.

These two students have put together a new game for themselves and their friends to play during their down time.

They have developed days when they hop on their bikes and enjoy a few hours of bike polo.

The majority of their playing is done on the old tennis courts at the west Student Union entrance.

The game is played just like it would be on horses, only a little more fun.

"It's really funny to watch people fall over," David Bryce undeclared sophomore said. "It happens a lot."

The game is usually played three on three but it just depends on how many people show up and how many mallet's there are, Bryce said.

The mallet's themselves were made by Bryce and are made from various random materials.

Some are made from steel from the hardware store, ski poles and an old exercise stick that was lying around.

The heads of the mallet's are made

from plastic piping.

Since the games are generally three on three, they play to seven and rotate teams and get people in who have not played yet.

"Joe and I started it last year", Bryce said. "We just started messing around and people passing by just stopped and joined in."

Patrick Lewis and Michael Sconce are two who are also involved in bike polo as well as the bike club on campus.

"I like bikes a lot and it is just a new thing to do on a bike," Bryce said.

The group of about six regulars has only met consistently for about two and half weeks.

According to Bryce, the game has adapted into what the group calls Bike Fridays.

The group gets together to play bike polo and then goes for a fun bike ride around town.

The group of friends went on a Halloween bike ride where they all dressed up and rode to the Starbucks wear the freeway in town.

According to Bryce, there is not a lot to do on a Friday night and their biking has developed into Bike Friday event. It is something they look forward to during the week.



The regular group of bike riders play polo outside of the west Student Union entrance on the old tennis courts.

Laura Mittleider/Observer

Pritchett wins marathon

by Natalie Lo
staff reporter

It didn't take Dr. Robert Pritchett very long to notice that the large crowd of competitors that had amassed a moment ago had suddenly disappeared. The race had started two minutes ago and he was in the bathroom.

It was no sweat for Pritchett, who crossed the finish line at 2:42, winning the Tri-Cities Marathon on Oct. 26.

"It was easy," Pritchett said. "I had M&Ms and Jelly Babies the whole way."

The Tri-Cities Marathon snakes along the Columbia River, leading runners along the 26.2 miles across three bridges and through the three cities: Richland, Pasco and Kennewick.

Pritchett's wife Kelly finished the race at 3:48, but hit "the wall" at mile 20. Pritchett, on the other hand, caught

the leader at mile 18, beating second place by about a minute and a half.

"I think I was the only African in Tri-Cities," Pritchett said.

Easily mistaken for British or Australian due to his accent, Pritchett grew up in Capetown, South Africa, and has been running his whole life.

"It was a very popular sport; you never know who's going to show up," Pritchett said. "There were lots and lots of talented athletes running barefoot."

He was lucky enough to ride the bus, but others had to find their own way to the races. Running against a guy in rugby boots with the soles coming off, he remembers thinking, "How come he's still running and keeping up with me?"

Pritchett accepted a full-ride scholarship out of high school, and ran cross country for Western Kentucky University.

He met his wife Kelly, a collegiate swimmer, at the University of Alabama.

Their first teaching jobs began six months ago at Central Washington University where Pritchett is a professor of exercise science and Kelly is a professor of food science, nutrition and exercise science.

"They are an inspiring couple," senior Chelsea Murphy said. "They seem so in sync and passionate about the same things."

Pritchett's win was a big change from the Seattle Marathon he ran last November.

Suffering from a full-body cramp mid-way through the race, he was nearly paralyzed.

"Two old ladies had to carry me off to the side of the street," Pritchett said. "I swore I'd never run another marathon again."

Focusing on nutrition this time around, Pritchett made sure to get enough carbohydrates in his system during the race.

"Even a little caffeine can be helpful [to jump start the body into exercise mode]," Kelly Pritchett said.

Last year, Kelly did her dissertation on post-exercise recovery foods and she found that hot chocolate is number one.

To prepare for the race, both trained at least 50 miles per week, with a couple 20-milers in the weeks before.

"Running keeps us sane," Pritchett said.

This was Pritchett's fifth marathon in preparation for the California International Marathon, where the number of runners in the race will increase to 10,000. Pritchett and his wife Kelly will compete on Dec. 7, by which time Kelly will need to cut three minutes off her time to qualify for the Boston Marathon, one of the world's most prestigious marathons.

Pritchett and his wife will continue to push themselves by doing triathlons and their ultimate goal, the Ironman, one of the most grueling races around. The race begins with a 2.4-mile ocean swim in Kailua-Kona Bay, a 112-mile bike ride across the Hawaiian lava desert to Hawi and back and a 26.2-mile marathon along the coast of the Big Island of Hawaii.

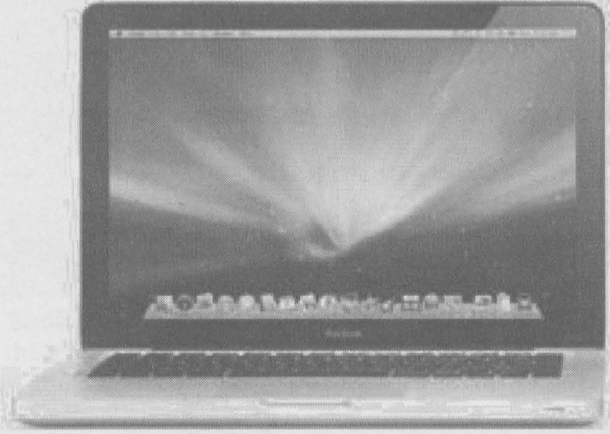
If somebody wants to pick up running marathons, Pritchett carried only this piece of advice: "If you run, you should run outside. You just need a pair of shoes - well, actually, you don't even need those."


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