Central addresses parking

by Bridget Pechtel
Staff reporter

Many students on Central Washington University's campus consider parking to be one of their main concerns. Bombarded with complaints about a lack of overnight parking, Central's student government and parking office administrators recently released 115 spaces for student use in the Music Education Building's lot. Complaints focused on the poorly lit paths and far walking distance that many students, especially those in the Bassetts, were forced to endure on a daily basis.

Members of the student government as well as Stacy Klippenstein, director of University Housing and New Student Programs, Steve Waldeck, director of University Recreation, Lt. Kevin Higgins of Central Police and Kevin Kimball, associate vice president of Business and Financial Affairs, sought to comfort students by visiting them in their residence halls. Lucas Westcoat, student body president and public relations major, spoke to the police force to consider changing the parking spaces.

"It was not a battle at all," Westcoat said. "We relayed the problem to the people who could change it; we made the case and they did change it."

After visiting with students living in Stephens-Whitney, Beck, North, Wilson and Hitchcock residence halls, the safety concerns previously raised proved to be worth looking into. The police force had anticipated these concerns and lack of overnight parking spaces. Steve Rittereiser, director of Central Police, had made enough observations to make the decision to open up the 115 spaces.

"Parking is an ever changing process. We will continue to evaluate that change," Rittereiser said. "We did the best that we could do."

Students coming and going into the Music Education Building have witnessed the congestion in the adjacent parking lot. Delshia Thomas, senior music major, realized that commuters during the day needed to be accommodated as well as those parking overnight.

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thinking inside the box

by Swan Vasquez
Staff reporter

During the Great Depression many unemployed, disgruntled Americans took up a box residency in Washington D.C. to demonstrate to President Herbert Hoover that many Americans were living in poverty. From that point on, history tagged these box cities as "Hoovervilles." According to the National Coalition for the Homeless and the Urban Institute an estimated 3.5 million people experience homelessness throughout the year.

This disturbing statistic did not sit well with Central Washington University's Joanna Hunt, junior english education major.

Central students experience the homeless lifestyle for a night

by Swan Vasquez
Staff reporter

Emily Ogura, sophomore art studio major, and her boyfriend Mike Lightner, junior broadcast major, share a box Friday night at Box City. The event let students experience homelessness for a night.

Hunt, along with the Diversity Center, organized an event called Box City that took place on Oct. 8. Those who participated spent 15 hours, from 5 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday, living the life of a homeless person. Each participant either had to pay $3 to live in a box or donate non-perishable food items.

Local businesses and Central clubs were also able to assist by sponsoring boxes. Those who participated received dinner and breakfast. "Students were fed oatmeal and stale bread," said Leslie Webb, Director of the Diversity Education Center.

Each participant upon arrival set up their boxes then quickly had to tear them down due to a simulated police call to move the boxes. Students pan handled along University Way to feel exactly what it was like to be the homeless.

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Ground broken for new SUB

by Carol Jedock
Staff reporter

With their white hard-hats firmly in place, students and faculty raised their golden shovels and kicked up the dirt to officially start construction of the new Student Union and Recreation Center at Central Washington University.

"It seems only fitting that we grow with our students," said Lucas Westcoat, BOD president. "This SUB/REC project has been chaired by students, designed through students' suggestions and will be paid for by the students who will enjoy its many offerings."

Construction has already begun on what will become a three-story, 228,261 square-foot facility, which is larger than the Science Building and Black Hall combined.

The Recreation Center plans to open its doors in January 2006, while the Student Union Building is scheduled to open in April 2006.

"There is no doubt in my mind that this facility will be just as it was envisioned, a place that I may enjoy as an alumna and that future generations may enjoy as their home, a meeting place, and a community," said Heather Yergen, BOD vice president for Student Life and...
Students at risk for identity theft

by Natalie McCullough
Staff reporter

Student identities may be at risk; even GroupWise is no longer safe.

Many students do not have separate e-mail addresses and rely solely on the account supplied by Central Washington University. These people are at risk because e-mail is the newest way identities are being stolen.

An e-mail is circulating GroupWise right now, asking for personal information. Allegedly from CITI Bank, this e-mail is a fraud. These messages take many forms. The e-mails may be from Washington Mutual, PayPal, government agencies or even posing as an e-mail service provider. The truth is, companies will never ask for personal information in an e-mail. If asked to give personal information, consider doing a little research first. The e-mail is probably a fraud if they inquired the contact.

“I have gotten those e-mails before, but I never pay attention to them,” said Rachel Ross, senior English education major. “Most of the time I don’t even have accounts with the companies they are supposed to be from. I wish I knew how they got my e-mail though, since I never give it out.”

GroupWise accounts are harvested and the explanation is that the solicitor searches an organization’s Web site looking for e-mail lists. Central’s particular program makes it harder to access. The program only allows searches with greater than four characters unless it is the exact match. Central allows students to place a “do not disclose flag” on private records. When turned on, e-mail names are not placed in Central’s searchable e-mail lists.

“Unfortunatley there is no stopping a CWU e-mail user from sending his address book anywhere he wishes, and if you are in it, there it goes,” said Carmen Rahm, senior director of Information Technology Services at Central.

A thief will not only gain access to open accounts, but can also ruin future credit. Gaining credit might not seem important right now, since many students are young and have no present need for credit, but future home loans and car loans depend on good credit.

“Preventing spam is basically impossible,” Rahm said. “It will always be there. The basic question is how to handle it once it arrives at our CWU ‘post-offices.'” CWU’s current policy is to flag e-mail that is believed to be spam—meets certain criteria—but to let individuals decide what to do with them.

Central passes all the e-mail generated through spam filtering.

A new Piper Arrow purchased by the flight technology department sits at Bowers Field.

Flight tech costs take off

by Desiree Michel
Staff reporter

Ryan Lovell has dreamed of becoming a pilot since he was 12.

Now he’s learning to fly as a junior flight technology major at Central Washington University’s flight school, the only four-year flight school in the Northwest.

While flight students like Lovell enjoy training with the latest equipment, such as the recently purchased Piper Arrows, it’s not cheap.

Flight training prices rose again this year, placing further financial burden on flight students and their families.

Flight technology students pay the usual $15,000 a year for tuition, books, room and board that all full-time Central students pay.

But by the end of the fourth year of training and five certifications later, a typical flight student will have paid an additional $40,000 or more.

Central’s flight students train at Midstate Aviation, which has a contract with the university and currently enrolls 142 Central students.

Officials at Midstate explain that high costs are the nature of the business and much goes into the prices students pay.

“It’s an expensive program, it really is,” said Andy Mc Clerk, Midstate’s assistant chief flight instructor.

Mc Clerk said the company spent $1.5 million on new aircraft in the last two years.

“If I like the Pipers a lot,” Lovell said. “They have really good technology, good Global Positioning Systems and lots of room in the cockpit. They’re really fun to fly.”

Amy Hoover, assistant professor of flight technology, said that it’s a combination of inflation, rising fuel costs, new equipment and planes and insurance costs that keep prices increasing.

“It’s typical in our industry just like any other industry,” Hoover said.

Those entering the program know it’s a commitment of both time and money.

Freshman flight technology major Jason Martin said the high prices made him reconsider his plans to become a pilot, before receiving advice to ignore the costs and pursue his dream.

“I think it was good advice, looking back, because I’ll probably be in a little bit of debt when I graduate, but it’s an investment,” Martin said.

The program also has a direct hire agreement with Horizon Airlines, giving Central students a significant boost into the industry.
Campus police get new car

by Kathryn Lake
Staff reporter

Campus police are driving around in style in their new patrol car. The 2004 Ford Crown Victoria was put into service in late August. The department usually gets new cars every three years; however, because of budgeting this new car came after a four-year wait.

"These cars are becoming more like offices, with cell phones, laptops and high-tech radios," said Steve Rittereiser, Central Police chief. "You want to have a balance of quality equipment and price."

The Crown Victoria cost $22,600, which is about $2,500 more than the last Chevy Impala the department bought. However, both Impalas had to get a transmission replacement, which cost around $3,200 each.

The concern about the reliability of these cars was enough that the department kept two 1995 Jeeps and got rid of the 2000 Impala, Rittereiser said.

About $10,000 in equipment is put into a patrol car, some of which is paid for by grants. Radar units and light bars have been covered by grants for the newer vehicles.

Traditionally the Central patrol cars have been navy blue but the Crown Victoria was painted midnight grey with "University Police" in maroon on the sides. "We were trying to get it painted closer to our school colors to make the car look approachable," Rittereiser said.

Students are still wary of approaching a patrol car despite the color. "People are still going to be afraid of getting into trouble," said Shannon Miller, sophomore undeclared.

Lisa Mitchell, sophomore undeclared, agreed. "It’s still a police car, I’m not going to approach it."

'Democracy Experience' set for students

by Joseph Castro
Senior reporter

MTV’s "Rock the Vote" was the original—but perhaps too lofty—goal of student coordinators in the Civic Engagement Center.

When plans fell through weeks before the start of school, Callie Jones, Service Learning Fellow for the Civic Engagement Center, took on the challenge of picking up the lofty-goal of student coordination. Jones, Service Learning Fellow for the Civic Engagement Center, has been working together to prepare for the event of the elections.

For more information or to volunteer contact the Civic Engagement Center at 963-1643 or visit them in the SUB 211.

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"If you live in the Bassettis you don’t want to park up there," said Derrick Peters, ASCWU Executive Vice President, decided to register, in Kittitas County through the Civic Engagement Center.

"I registered to vote two weeks ago at a booth in the SUB," Peters said. "I figured since I’m living here it might be a little more applicable to vote for things that are affecting me here."

The Samuelson Union Building PIT is scheduled to be the center for all activities. For more information on volunteering contact the Civic Engagement Center at 963-1643 or visit them in the SUB 211.

Students are still wary of parking long distances from their residence halls.

"Safety isn’t a problem for me, but my girlfriend wouldn’t want to walk alone in the dark for very long," said Thomas.

Central’s student government has made student issues their primary concern. In the past four weeks of fall quarter they have listened to chatter around campus and done their best to relieve students of any added stresses due to campus construction. The parking lot south of the Bassettis and main overnight lot is closed due to the building of the new Student Union Building leaving many students without parking spaces.

"Students understood there would be a slight time of inconvenience," Westcoat said. "However, we understand student needs."

For more information or to express concerns please contact the ASCWU/BOD office at 963-1693.
BOX CITY: Event raised over $75

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what homeless people go through. “Box City opened my eyes to an experience that you don’t get everyday,” Jacque Murdock, sophomore, undeclared said.

Guest speaker, Michelle Cadigan of Kittitas County Action Council, lectured on ‘the United State’s poverty level and where Kittitas County stands compared to the nation.

“Box City reminds students and the community of Ellensburg that homelessness is something that can be eliminated with everyone’s help. Students who participated were raised on and slept in wet clothing for the event until moved into Central’s amphitheater. “The rape added to the experience,” said Emily Ogura, sophomore, art major. “Homeless people don’t always live in perfect weather conditions.”

The event raised more than $75 for the Kittitas County Action Council. The KCAC will use the funds to find shelter and forms of employment for local Ellensburg homeless. If you want to donate items to the FISH food bank please drop them off in the SUB. Hunt will have a table set up accepting non-perishable items for the next few weeks.

Dean Duby, president of ABLE, said by participating in this activity he hopes people in Ellensburg will gain more awareness about the homeless population.

SUB: Fees won’t be assessed until building opens

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Facilities
Lydig Construction Inc. was given the contract to build the new facility after submitting the lowest bid of 40.7 million.

The company has worked on various projects around campus in the past, such as Black and Kamola Halls and McConnell Auditorium.

A self-imposed student fee will be the main source of revenue to pay for the debt service and operational costs of running the facility.

The fee is set not to exceed $64 per quarter for the new SUB and not over $95 per quarter for the Rec. Center.

“I want to make sure that the students know that the fee for this building will not be enforced until January of 2006,” Yergen said. “There have been many misconceptions that current students who will never see the building will be paying for it and that is simply not true.”

The Rec. Center will include a four-court gymnasium, elevated running track, rock-climbing wall, training areas, group exercise rooms, outdoor equipment rentals, locker rooms and more.

“This space will have features in it that you wouldn’t normally see from a school our size,” Yergen said. “I think that will help the value increase for this campus, and the university as a whole.”

Some of the amenities included in the new SUB will be the University Store, a theatre, meeting rooms, computer labs, the student radio station, student government and administrative offices, dining services and more.

“The student union is at the heart of student life,” Central President Jerilyn McIntyre said.

“It’s the seat of student government and throughout the history of this and other universities, it has been at the center of civic engagement and student activism.”

For more information about the Student Union Building and Recreation Center construction project, visit Central’s construction Web site at: www.cwu.edu/facilities/construction_news.

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Two Central Democrats vie for rep positions

Union chief Dale Hubbard set to challenge Janéa Holmquist for District 13, position 1 seat

by Marti Osborn
Staff reporter

Local democrats are counting on a more "central" approach to clean up at the next election. Central alums and lead maintainance custodian Dale Hubbard, whose campaign focuses on improving education, improving affordable health care accessibility, and improving job market, is challenging incumbent republican Janéa Holmquist for 13th Legislative District seat, position 1.

"The people here are tough," said Hubbard, Washington Federation of State Employees Union Local 330 President. "They are really independent. They look at the issues; issue by issue.

Hubbard said the idea to run for public office came about from a politically oriented chat with friends. "It's kind of neat that Central employees are getting involved with the community," said Ben Haines, junior, political science major.

Haines, who is the treasurer for the College Republicans added that he is disappointed that Hubbard is a democrat.

"I wish more republican Central employees would get involved," Hubbard graduated from Central in 1989 with a bachelors of arts degree in mass communication and a minor in music.

Remaining active in the local music scene, Hubbard plays guitar in a local band—Short Term Memory, who played at the freshmen barbeque this year, along with being a board member for Jazz in the Valley, a founding member of the Ellensburg Blues Society and hosting his own morning show on KCWU.

The family was alerted to the problem when a spam checker. Central uses licensed software to eliminate spam. The box thrill on the computer. This allows them to access all information stored on the computer.

Anyone can be a victim. A five month-old baby has taken advantage of a three-week-old baby is hard to understand." Hubbard said when asked if his campaign has had much presence outside of Ellensburg. In the last quarter, Hubbard has also helped to train them for the past six years.

"I'd love to obviously see him succeed," said Chris Hull, KCWU general manager. "The excitement for me comes from seeing one of our own DJs rise to such a high office.

So far, Hubbard's campaign has collected close to $7,000 in donations, most of which he raised himself. Hubbard claims his funding is supported by people in the district and labor unions that represent people in the district. He says the bulk of his opponent's funding is from special interest groups, most of which are from outside the area.

"You shouldn't have to settle for less than adequate employment," said Hubbard who grew up primarily in Ellensburg. "This area's prime — for a location — for small manufacturing," Hubbard believes the area has the potential to fill those jobs.

He believes the state could help the district by offering incentives to companies. He also thinks the state could offer easier access to grants to help small business and farmers take continuing education classes to enrich their businesses.

"People out in rural areas of Grant County are just starting learning my name," Hubbard said when asked if he felt his campaign had much presence outside of Ellensburg. In the last quarter, Hubbard's campaign run unchallenged by the democrats.


"No matter what, I'll still live here," said Hubbard. "It's a great place to live, to do anything, to be anything. You can go anywhere in the world from Ellensburg."
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Register to vote, it's not too late

This is an open letter to all students. Elections are only 20 days away. If you haven’t yet registered to vote, it’s not too late. You have until Oct. 18 to go in person to the county election office and make sure you have a voice on Nov. 2. (The election office is at the county courthouse, 205 West Fifth St., Suite 105; for more information, call 962-7501.)

If you are registered to vote in Kittitas County and have been following local politics, you know that Nov. 2 will be an important date for the county as well as for the country. Kittitas County is at a crossroads, and the County commission...
Kerry, Bush differ on the foreign policy front

It is hard to say whose foreign policy is superior. I think it is too early to say if George W. Bush's unilateral approach will be more effective in governing the Iraq war. Are we better off flying solo (along with the coalition of the willing) or is John Kerry's multilateral approach better at confronting the Middle-Eastern conflict?

I see it this way. A unilateral approach is much like an authoritarian system of government because there is no one in the way to interfere, no checks, and no branches of government to balance power. It's actually quite effective in accomplishing what you set out to do. Take the Soviet Union for example. The Soviet Union was basically an authoritarian style government. No checks or balances, a centralized government where everything was governed from the top down. With this style of governing the Soviet Union was able to build (with its available resources and money) the only military to rival U.S. military power. The U.S.S.R accomplished what it set out to do which was have this incredibly strong defense. Kerry's approach to stopping nuclear proliferation is very similar. Without any bang-ups, like the U.N., the U.S. can really get things done in the middle-east. Sure, we will pay the price with increased military spending and American lives, but that is the price of securing ourselves. Kerry's approach to stopping nuclear proliferation is to work with the international community to share the costs of fighting wars. I see this like the U.S. style of government. We have checks and different branches of government to balance power. The draw back to Kerry's foreign policy is that it would take longer to approve military action. Like a bill trying to pass in congress, it would be discussed, analyzed, rejected and filibustered to death. The upside is that using a more democratic approach might ensure that we did not make the same mistake we did in rushing into the Iraq war.

For now our soldiers are stuck in Iraq waiting for the elections to determine what they will be faced with for four more years. I'm just worried that either approach we take there will be no desired result to a never ending battle.

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Where can you expect to see competitive Rubik's cube solving, martial arts demonstrations, an interpretive dance routine to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and spit wad "archery" all in one night? At Club Central of course. Club Central was packed on Tuesday night as Central Washington University students came out to cheer for their favorite residence hall in the annual Mr. & Ms. Central Pageant.

The pageant provides an excellent forum for elected residents from the Central residence halls to demonstrate unique talents for an audience while attempting to crush the competition for the coveted title of Mr. or Ms. Central. And it seemed there were no limits on the talents the contestants brought to the table.

"It was very entertaining, all of the acts were very original," said Kelsie Rees, sophomore history education major.

Moore Hall's Alan Columbo started off the night's festivities by singing a self-composed song entitled "Milkshake" for which he also provided the music on an electric guitar. With the exception of the title, the song bore no resemblance whatsoever to the infamous techno-ballad performed by pop star Kelis.

Other unique musical acts followed, such as Quigley Hall's Kvellan Kilmcr's one man a cappella rendition of the Beatles classic "Yellow Submarine." The audience was quick to chime in at Kilmer's request and provided the echoing of "a yellow submarine."

Also of note was Al-Monty's own James Puglisi, who played the little-known trombone solo from AC/DC's "Back in Black." Rumor has it that this version of the rock classic was composed when trombone player Glenn Miller and AC/DC guitarist Angus Young went on a vicious binge one night in the 1970's.

The pageant's roster also included comedy acts by Courson Hall's Ben Musladin, who stressed to the audience that the events contained in his act were all "lies and hypotheticals." He immediately began his routine with "So I was smoking weed with my friend the other day..."

Other comedy acts included Stephens Whitney's "Buddy" performing a routine as Matt Foley, the motivational speaker character portrayed by the late Chris Farley on "Saturday Night Live." Along with memorable lines from famous "Foley" skits, the act also included an original skit in which Foley ripped the seat of his pants.

The evening also included an event titled "Rubik's Cube Deathmatch," in which Quigley Hall's Tyler Klauss and Kamola Hall's Rudy Schuepbach rapidly tried to solve a Rubik's cube. In the end, Schuepbach came out the victor, solving his cube in one minute and 25 seconds. "The Rubik's cube battle rocked!" Ariel Jacobson, freshman, theater major said. "Rudy kicked ass!" said Austin Jennings, freshman, theater major. Both Klaus and Schuepbach solved Rubik's cubes in their individual acts earlier that evening.

Inspired by the popularity of Screen Gems' "You Got Served," this year's pageant also included several dance routines. Wearing a cowboy hat, boots and, as required by the song, a men's shirt and short skirt; Meisner Hall's own Marissa Spaid performed a modest yet saucy dance routine to Shania Twain's "Man! I Feel Like a Woman!"

Decked out in "Flashdance"-esque leg warmers, shorty shorts, and baggy sweatshirt was Hitchcock's Ashley Ross, who performed an interpretive dance routine to Enya's "Only Time" and then promptly switched over to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." Concluding the dance portion of the pageant was Beck Hall's James Campbell, performing a routine so fast that it would have made MC Hammer cramp his parachute pants.

In the end, Campbell and Ross were proclaimed the winners. As such, they will be in the CWU Homecoming parade on Thursday, and their talents will be showcased at the homecoming dance on Friday.

Admission to the pageant was either $1.00 or a donation of a canned good. According to Residence Hall Association Vice President Katie Baker, proceeds from the pageant will go to benefit the Kittitas County Action Council's community outreach efforts.
Taking off the makeup with Kathy Kinney

by Rachel Guillermo
Asst. scene editor

When it comes to meeting our favorite celebrities, we would be lucky enough just to catch a glimpse of their hair from 50 feet as they are whisked away by bodyguards into a black SUV. And then there’s me. For Homecoming, Drew Carey’s All-Star Improv crew will be performing a live show in Nicholson Pavilion this Saturday, Oct. 16.

I had the pleasure of a phone interview with Kathy Kinney, better known as Mimi, from “The Drew Carey Show.”

Q: How did you get mixed up with Drew? Did you know him before the show?

A: No. I’d never knew Drew Carey before. I’ve never even seen him before. They were shooting the pilot of “The Drew Carey Show” and they had this role of Mimi, and it was this ‘one shot deal.’ kind of as visual gag, someone applying to work for this ‘one shot deal.’ kind of as visual gag, someone applying to work for cosmetics that looked really bad.

Q: What was your inspiration for coming up with the character Mimi?

A: Actually, I had had information from my agent. He said it was a part for someone selling cosmetics. So I dressed up. I thought Bloomingdale’s. I had my fake Armani clothes. My hair was longer, so I had my hair flipped, and red lipstick. I looked very corporate. And I walk in and everyone had cut glasses and had their hair up. It was very weird.

I just went in and all they said to me was she’s angry and crazy. So I tried to walk a fine line between an angry, crazy woman. The make-up and the other stuff was Bruce Helford, the executive producer. She [Mimi] was visually wrong, a woman you would never get your makeup done by. The relationship between Drew and Mimi was fun to watch for them. So they called me back.

Q: How long does it take to put on the makeup for the show?

A: It used to take up to an hour when I finished with hair. I had a very lovely wig, so that I could take that off and brush my own hair. The hard part about the makeup was taking it off. It took me almost as long to take it off. You know blue stuff and black things would shoot out of my eye.

Q: Can you describe to me a typical day working with Drew? What was it like as much of a character on and off set?

A: On the set, Drew is much more serious than you would ever imagine. He’s got a good business head. He thinks all the time. He’s not the one who’s the joker—that would probably be Greg Proops.

Q: How close are you to Mimi in real life?

A: I think I got closer after nine years of doing the show. I think Mimi became softer at the end, a bit more like me. And I probably became stronger and more outspoken at the end. But in real-life, I don’t wear that makeup. I’m very plain.

Q: How do people react to you when they see you in person?

A: Here’s the odd thing, people say, ‘Oh my god. It’s Mimi! Can I have a hug?’ And I just want to say, ‘Don’t you watch the show? Mimi wouldn’t want to give you a hug.’ Sometimes I would say, ‘Do you have any aftershave or perfume? Because I’m allergic.’

People seem to genuinely love Mimi. And I found that gratifying and odd at the same time. So many women have come up to me and say they just love the way she just speaks up. And she just says what she thinks. I really enjoyed playing Mimi. I could have played her for another 10 years.

Q: Does Cleveland really rock?

A: You know I think it does. I’ve been there a couple times. We had a really good time there. They have good people, but for me, they have really good shopping.

Q: What is the difference between improv and acting for you? Which would you rather be doing?

A: For me, there used to be a wide gap. I started with improv. When I had to memorize lines I tried to put the same intention behind them. Improv is very real because it’s really happening right there in front of you. But somewhere down the line, a switch got thrown and I can memorize lines and still have a reality behind them. I think improvisation is one of the best tools to becoming a better actor.

Q: What’s the coolest thing that has happened to you because you’re a celebrity?

A: There’s so many, but the one that pops in my head is I went to celebrate my birthday at the cafe on the Great Wall of China. On the day they were shooting, I got a ride out there and they had a little surprise party out there for me. And I thought ‘God, I’m celebrating my birthday at the Great Wall of China.’

Q: What is the one thing you will always remember doing during the show?

A: There are so many, that I’m stuck dumb. I think what I’ll always remember are the great people that I have met and got to work with.

Kristan Frost/Observer

In coordination with National Coming Out Day, students talked about gay and lesbian issues at an informal question and answer session with Paul Dill and his partner, Danny Roberts.

Students’ issues come out at talk

by Allison White
Staff reporter

Five years ago on “The Real World: New Orleans,” MTV viewers were introduced to Danny Roberts, a southern native, who was facing a crucial point in his life: coming out as a gay man.

Oct. 11 was National Coming Out Day, and to celebrate the event, Central Washington University was proud to bring Roberts and his partner, Paul Dill, to campus for an evening of stories, questions and encouragement.

“The good thing is most people come here and they don’t care too much, but they leave after learning something new,” said Roberts, about lecturing at universities.

Across the nation, organizations hold ceremonies to commemorate the day and to encourage individuals to come out to their friends and families. In the past, Central has held same-sex marriage ceremonies for a dozen couples, and brought in different speakers or groups to make the campus more aware of the issues.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Straight Alliance (GALA-GLBTSA) has been one of the biggest groups on campus to promote awareness, as well as the Diversity Center.

“The event should promote awareness, having a first person point of view. It should definitely give insight to people who think of gay males as ‘fags,’” said Devin Beach, junior, undecided.

Throughout the evening, Roberts and Dill talked about the effects of being homosexual in today’s society, highlighted current issues with regard to the gay community and shared their story about being in the media spotlight while they dealt with the matters surrounding their relationship.

“The night the show aired was the night it began,” Roberts said. “Two years of complete hell. After a year it broke down to complete schizophrenia. And we knew something had to change.”

Things did change. After two more years of serving as a lieutenant in the Army, Dill left and together they moved to Seattle where Roberts sells real estate and Roberts runs his own business.

Looking at the service now Roberts says he doesn’t understand why, in the world’s most forward nation, openly gay men still aren’t allowed to serve in the military.

“It’s kind of weird because you’re wondering why you’re not allowed to serve your country,” said Dill.

“You’re making the most personal sacrifice for your country and they won’t let you.”

Today’s society continues to be close-minded of gay issues, but Roberts is hopeful for the members of the new generation.

“They’re not so set in their ways that they can’t think about issues in a different way,” Roberts said, “What a horrible society [right now] that we can’t expand our minds to accept that.”
The Formalist plays a set at one of the first club Central performances of the year. Shows will be every Wed. night, as The Mammaloids and play at house parties.

Sag Callahan, the guitar of The Formalist, said that when their band played Wednesday, the show was about an hour long and there was a good turn out. Callahan also said Club Central was a "great experience" for him as their first on campus show and that he would like to play there again.

The Formalist are headlining tonight at Wellington's Bonfire BBQ at 5 p.m. in the north fields on campus. Also, they will be playing on Nov. 2 for Rock the Vote, which is also on campus. Callahan said members of The Formalist are happy that students are getting behind local music.

The bonfire will be held on north campus in the field between the new Music Education Building and Student Village. It starts at 5 p.m. with a parade around the university.

Central police will lead the parade, "The General," the Big Top tent, as well as The Formalist are the bands performing. The big-top tent will feature games such as Vagina Neopets, Fishing for Prizes, Condoms and Tug of War, all put on by Central clubs including the history club, Central VOD, FMLA and Family Studies.

"I want to make it a successful event, promoting a great atmosphere that students can enjoy," said student body Vice President of Clubs and Organizations Tony Annear.

At 8 p.m., smores will be roasted and the bonfire will burn until 10 p.m.

"It's a really good tradition to start," said Sally Wright, senior print journalism major. "It's also a good alternative to the overrated comedy show."

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**BONFIRE ALTERNATIVE TO HEAT UP THE NIGHT**

Tonight is a chance to make history. Wellington's Wildfire is the first bonfire Central Washington University has held in over a decade. Many hope it will be the first of many.

"The vision was to include not just students, but the entire Wildcat family and the Ellensburg community. We're trying to make this an all-inclusive event," said BOD Executive Vice President Derrick Peters, who coordinated the event.

For many students at Central, a common complaint is that there isn't enough to do on campus, or that the events put on aren't fun.

"I think it's stupid when students complain about not having anything to do," said Melissa Peters, who coordinated the event.

The evening will feature and sponsors a variety of music on campus. A majority of the bands are local, but Central also books bands from Seattle. Papa John's sponsors Noon tunes are held outside, in the SUB pit or at Club Central. The Wednesday night Music Night show is held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights and is always in Club Central. Also at Club Central, free pizza and coffee will be available and the Cat's Convenience Store will be open.

According to Central's Campus Activities Programmer, Tahnee Brown, senior business marketing major, there has been a 50 percent increase in attendance since last year. "We know a lot of people enjoy music and we want them to experience music right here on campus," Brown said.

Brown said that the really wanted students to get involved because it is an alternative to going out and partying Wednesday nights. The Formalist is a progressive metal band with a female vocalist giving the band a unique sound. The Formalist write their own lyrics. The Formalist used to be known as The Mammaloids and play at house parties.

"Evans has a poptung energetic rock sound," said Sean Nettleton, guitarist and back vocalist, senior, information technology major. In regards to being a coverband, Nettleton said, "The audience likes to hear songs they're familiar with."

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Central police will lead the parade, "The General," the Formalist, as well as cheerleaders, athletes, and anyone else who wants to participate.

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Cabin Fever 101: How to kick the inner Daria Morgendorfer

Okay, so something impossibly terrible has happened and for whatever inscrutable reason, you have found yourself stuck in Ellensburg for the weekend with no social plans to speak of. But before you get lost in self-pity and start wondering what you’ve done to deserve such negative karma—stop, you are not doomed to boredom. There is still hope that you can have a perfectly fabulous weekend. Yes, in Ellensburg and no, I have not lost my mind.

It will take some effort, I’m not going to lie to you. My dad always told me that attitude is everything, and that good times are a product of great attitudes.

So step one: Shake the negativity.

Kick your inner Daria Morgendorfer to the curb and embrace the weekend with optimism.

Step two: Develop a plan of attack.

Friday night, go out on the town. Call up your friends, and if you can’t get your usual crew together, call up some friends who haven’t been in awhile (you know, the people you’re meaning to call but haven’t). Get dressed up and go out to a restaurant. Ellensburg is full of really great places to eat and you don’t have to spend a lot of money to enjoy them. There are great ways to have “fine dining” experiences without the big bill: 1) order a few appetizers as a group and split the cost; 2) order fancy drinks instead of food; 3) stick to the dessert menu. These options allow you to still enjoy the atmosphere and excitement of eating out, but usually cost about one-third as much as getting a full meal. After that, find out if there is anything going on around town (like live music or an art exhibit and attend. If there is nothing you find worth doing, head back to someone’s house and watch a good movie.

On Saturday, start your day off at one of Ellensburg’s many fine coffee shops. Grab a latte and a scene and meet up with a friend or bring along a good book or morning paper. Spend your afternoon outside (weather permitting) and play a game of touch football, bike Mansatah, or pull a practical joke. Head out to the range or hit the range and do something active. If you don’t feel like being active yourself, check out Central’s sports schedulers and go to a game and watch others work out. You could also effectively pass the afternoon by baking a cake, visiting the Casino or taking in a movie at the local theatre. As night, have some friends over and grill up some hot dogs or burgers and have a game night. Don’t limit yourself to board games, reassemble some of the games of your youth and try a round of charades, truth or dare, or even spin the bottle. Afterwards, go out for coffee or drinks—lovers buy for winners.

On Sunday, sleep in, do the housework you’ve been avoiding and clean your house. This way you can start off your week feeling organized and prepared. If you still have free time after taking care of all that, read a magazine or research something interesting on the Internet that you’ve always wanted to know about. Still have unfilled holes in your Sunday? Call your mom, she’d love to hear from you.

Amy Lynn Taylor
Scene Columnist

Christopher Reeve, American Superhero dies at the age of 52

I remember watching “Superman” when I was a little kid and being absolutely spellbound. Superman represented all that was good and right in the world. He fought for truth, justice and the American way. Above all else, he never gave up. No matter how grave the situation—a space shuttle blasted out of orbit, a nuclear missile streaking toward the Midwest, or evil alien convicts laying waste to Metropolis, Clark Kent would always say “This looks like a job for Superman.”

I grew older, the magic of the films wore off, as magic often does with age, but it was still a shock to me when I heard about Christopher Reeve’s horse-riding accident which left him paralyzed. The Man of Steel was down! And yet, I watched with the rest of the world as he refused to give up. Reeve chose to not focus on his limitations and instead focused on his remaining abilities, using his fame and wealth to raise awareness and funding for thousands of people suffering from paralysis and other nerve-damage conditions, in the hope that one day there would be a cure. He could have just as easily gone a route more befitting the villainous Lex Luthor, focusing his efforts on only his own recovery, but that’s not what a superhero would do. Reeve demonstrated inner powers of determination and selflessness that easily matched the physical powers of the last son of Krypton he played years earlier.

It was with great sadness that I heard of Reeve’s passing on Sunday. He didn’t die a death befitting the hero that he was. Like Superman, he saw people who needed help, said “This looks like a job for Christopher Reeve,” and then tried to save the day.
It's all smiles: the team is undefeated

by Andrew Grinaker
Sports editor

With a winning streak similar to one the National Football League's New England Patriots are putting up—19 consecutive wins—it is hard not to smile.

With wins over Seattle University and Northwest Nazarene this past weekend, the Central Washington University women's volleyball team has started the season with 17 consecutive wins. Although there has been some phenomenal play amongst the women, being a close-knit group has kept the team focused.

"There are a lot of factors," said coach Mario Andaya. "But the cohesive ness off the court and carrying that onto the court is the biggest difference."

Just take a minute to watch the interactions of the women at practice, at a game, and on campus and it's easy to see the unity of this team.

"This is by far the closest team I have played on," said junior LaQue Branch, who transferred to Central this year from Washington State University.

Watching "Top Model" and MTV's "The Real World" are a few events outside of practice and games that the team makes an effort to do together.

"We can hang out and do our own things," senior captain Kate Reome said. "But once we get on the court, we are a family."

Reome's words speak volumes about the leadership from the upperclassmen.

Andaya added: "[It is] absolutely crucial for the underclassmen to learn from the leaders of the team."

Learning from them is one thing, but surviving them is another. Three of the upperclassmen were asked to see TEAMWORK, page 13

Close, but scoreless streak continues

by Jonathan Mentizer
Asst. Sports Editor

The Central Washington University women's soccer squad continued their woes Saturday, losing to conference foe Northwest Nazarene University, lifting up their sixth straight loss.

Central couldn't get anything past NNU freshman goalkeeper Amanda Merrell, who acted like a steel-curtain with 14 saves. The Wildcat women weren't able to capitalize with a 0-0 tie when the Crusaders scored in the first half.

"Since Humboldt [State University], this was our most complete game, even though we lost 3-0," coach Michael Farrand said.

"After struggling for the past five games it's a nice breath of fresh air. We had a fantastic game. We had 31 shots, 16 on frame, 10 corners but, no goals."

With freshman Samantha Kony out due to an injured elbow she experienced in the first 10 minutes against Seattle University, sophomore Christina Nordmark filled in with four saves. Farrand was impressed with Nordmark's play against NNU.

"She had a fantastic game," Farrand said. "Christina has the talent to be a good goalkeeper. We're just trying to work with her and pump her up."

Freshman forward Ashley Roundtree continued her strong play with four shots on goal, while freshman midfielders Lindsey Mitchell and Hannah Bridges each had three shots on goal each.

"We all played together," Roundtree said. "We played the full 90 minutes and took a lot of risks."

Central will try to rebound and get back in the winning column as they come home Friday, Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. as they take on Concordia University.

"It's good to be able to stay at school and come out and practice without having to travel," Farrand said, about his team's upcoming home game.

Central will be getting freshman Andrea Archer back to play midfield. Archer has been out due to an injury.

Farrand changed up the formation starting with NNU and has felt that his team put in some good work. Farrand makes it clear that there are no secrets to winning.

"Attacking the goal, scoring goals," Farrand said. "No secrets and score more than the other team."
Intramural department resurrects red ball to Nicholson Pavilion

Intramural department has revived dodgeball at Nicholson Pavilion.

"We have had a lot of requests," said Jeff Grauer, Interim Intramural and Outdoor Pursuits coordinator. "Along with all of the hype around the movie 'Dodgeball,' there's been an explosion of interest in dodgeball."

The game rules are almost identical to those used years ago. A game consists of seven starters on the court from each team, starting with three dodge balls each. A match consists of the best four out of seven in 30 minutes. The winning team is the one that has won the most games when the 30 minute match is over.

"I think dodgeball is cool for sixth graders," said Scott Newton, senior industrial education major. "I actually like kicking the dodge balls on the roofs of the school."

"I was a kid. I think the movie 'Dodgeball' was stupid, but the game is fun." Ryan Lunz, senior music education major, said.

"Dodgeball is fun and a great way to let out all the energy and anger." Jeff Grauer, Interim Intramural and Outdoor Pursuits coordinator, said.

"If I had time, I definitely would join because it brings back memories of when I was a kid. I think the movie 'Dodgeball' was stupid, but the game is fun." Ryan Lunz, senior music education major, said.

"Ben Stiller, the star of the movie 'Dodgeball' is all-out for his team, a sight students could see with the emergence of dodgeball in intramural play."

"Our freshmen Brie Bryant licked a worm," junior Cristina Null said. "Because we told her that we wouldn't do anything to her for the rest of the season."

"Our team defense has been the main difference," said Andaya. "Crystal Ames, Branch and Darcie Sched have stepped up this season."

"At a four-year institution you have to have a good foundation of freshmen who know the system," said Andaya.

Central will try to extend their winning streak this weekend to 18 games this Friday at WWU.

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**Classic Film Series presents...**

**SUNDAY, October 17**

**THE ALGIERANS**

*Algeria / Italy, 1965 • 117 min • Black and White • Drama / War • Written/Directed by Gillo Pontecorvo • Starring Brahim Haggiag, Jean Martin, Yasuf Saadi*

*Algeria, 1957: French parachutists inch their way through the narrow, labyrinthine byways of the Casbah to zero in on the hideout of revolutionary stalwart Ali La Pointe, the last rebel still free in the city. Flashback three years earlier to the beginning of the conflict, as the Algerian National Liberation Front decides on urban warfare. Thus begin the provocations, assassinations, hairbreadth escapes, and reprisals: Algerian women — disguised as chic Europeans — depositing bombs; and massive, surging crowd scenes unfolding with such gripping realism that the original U.S. distributor had to insert the disclaimer "Not one foot of newsreel or documentary film has been used." The Pentagon held a screening of The Battle of Algiers last year, urging its audience to consider and discuss the implicit issues at the core of the film as it related to fighting clandestine terrorists in places like Algeria and Iraq.

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**TEAMWORK: Attitude, character helps streak continued from 12 about any strange, funny stories from the year so far.**

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"Our team defense has been the main difference," said Andaya. "But I didn't get on them about that, because I want them to be composed out there, not tense."

Andaya's principle has worked. During their 17-0 run they have only lost eight games, while winning 51 in that span.

"Our team defense has been the main difference," said Andaya. "Crystal Ames, Branch and Darcie Sched have stepped up this season."

Along with team character and attitude, building a winner starts with the underclassmen.

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**Tuesday, October 26**

**BUSTER KEATON DOUBLE FEATURE**

**Sherlock, Jr.**

USA, 1924 • 44 min • Black and White • Comedy
Silent, with musical track • Directed by Buster Keaton
Starring Buster Keaton, Kathryn McGuire, Ward Crane

**The Navigator**

USA, 1924 • 59 min • Black and White • Comedy
Silent, with musical track • Directed by Buster Keaton
Starring Buster Keaton, Kathryn McGuire

**Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter...and Spring**

South Korea / Germany, 2003 • 103 min Color • Drama
Directed by Stephen Fears
Starring Audrey Tatou, Sergi Lopez, Chiwetel Ejiofor

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**Tuesday, November 6**

**NIGHTS OF CABIRIA**

Italy / France, 1957 • 110 min
Black and White • Drama
Directed by Federico Fellini
Starring Giulietta Masina

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**Tuesday, November 30**

**FOX ON THE HUNT**

UK, 2002 • Color • Drama / Thriller
Directed by Stephen Frears
Starring Audrey Tatou, Sergio Lopez, Chiwetel Ejiofor
by Chris Thompson
Staff reporter

It took a while for the Central Washington University men’s rugby team to wake up for the early morning contest, but the Wildcats were able to come back and defeat Oregon State University, 22-17, in a Pacific Northwest Rugby Union match-up in Ellensburg.

“The guys played hard,” said senior team captain Peter Smith. “It was a good match.”

Washington started to mount the comeback, scoring 15 consecutive points, including freshman Steven Sakalia’s go-ahead try with just minutes left in the game. With the win, the Wildcats improve to 3-0 in the conference.

“In the second game of the morning, played by mostly second team players, the Wildcats again defeated OSU, 29-12, to complete the morning sweep.”

The Wildcats’ points were attributed to the great leadership that exists on the team. When asked if the women were feeling any extra pressure to perform in the upcoming game, he said, “We’re playing really consistently right now, every team wants to bump off the top seated team, but we’re just staying consistent.”

Central will return to Ellensburg Oct. 22 and 23 to challenge the visiting teams, but we’re just staying consistent.”

LaQue Branch, junior, had 14 kills, and junior Cristina Noll earned 13. Renne had 52 assists and junior Darcy Scheich lead the Wildcats in digs with 17. Branch earned 9. Against the third-place Seattle University Redhawks, junior LeAnne McGahuey led the Wildcats in kills with 17, also earning 6 blocks.

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Man’s Rugby

Wildcat women making a name for themselves

by Rebecca Thornton
Staff reporter

Just as the fall weather dominates Ellensburg in mid-October, the Central women’s volleyball team continues to dominate in NCAA Division II play. There are only three undefeated teams left in the nation at this level, and with victories against Seattle University and Northwest Nazarene University this weekend, the Wildcats remain one of these teams.

Moving up to a 13th place ranking nationally, the Central women are now 17-0 overall and 9-0 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. This makes the Wildcats the highest-ranked team in the GNAC this week in regional and national polls. Second to only University of California-San Diego, Central is 11-0 in the Pacific Region.

Some of Central’s success can be attributed to the great leadership that exists on the team. When asked if the women were feeling any extra pressure to perform in the upcoming game, she said, “We’re playing really consistently right now, every team wants to bump off the top seated team, but we’re just staying consistent.”

Central will return to Ellensburg Oct. 22 and 23 to challenge the visiting AAU and AFU, both at 7 p.m.
Defense holds opponent to 73 total yards

by Pat Brown
Staff reporter

Central football fans will be getting the game they have been waiting for this weekend when the Wildcats face conference foe Western Oregon. The Western Oregon Wolves are looking to improve their conference ranking with a road win over the Wildcats. The red hot Wildcat defense, which thoroughly dominated Eastern Oregon last weekend, has other ideas.

The Wildcats defense held the Eastern Oregon Mountaineers last week to only 73 total yards en route to a 31-7 victory. The Mountaineers, only score came from linebacker Mark Pernice, who had a 79-yard return of junior quarterback Brian Baugh’s fumble. The Wildcat defense has now gone eight consecutive quarters without giving up a score, spanning games against Eastern Oregon and Humboldt State.

“You do that and you know you’re doing a pretty good job,” Head coach John Zamberlin said.

The Wildcats veteran defensive line played phenomenally, anchored by senior defensive end and defensive co-captain Jacob Galloway.

Galloway’s six tackles for a loss moves him from 14th to third for the most tackles for loss in Central history. With 34.5 career tackles for loss Galloway needs only four more to pass John Fields, who holds the school record with 37.5. Galloway’s average of 2.4 tackles for loss a game is fourth in the nation among Division II athletes. Galloway was also named GNAC Defensive Player of the Week.

Senior linebacker Eric Foss (45) and senior defensive lineman Jacob Galloway (91) get set to blow a play up against Eastern Oregon. Galloway and the defense held EOU to 73 total yards. Earlier this week, Galloway said, “Coach said to play nasty, so we played nasty,” said Galloway after the game.

Galloway had eight tackles, six of which were behind the line of scrimmage for a loss of 13 yards.

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Your First Look at: MLB Championship Series, NFL Matchups

It is October, and that means one thing: continuous promos for the new Fox season mixed in with a little playoff baseball. Both the American and National League Championship Series have begun this week, and we can only hope that they will be as good as they were last year.

American League Championship Series

I don’t think anyone is surprised to see the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees face off again in the ALCS. Expect to see countless replays of Aaron Boone’s extra-inning, series-clinching home run from last year, but don’t expect the same result. Four out of the nine players in the Yankee’s starting lineup were not with the team last season and Jason Giambi isn’t even on the playoff roster this year. Last year, my heart told me Red Sox, but my head told me Yankees. This year, with the off-season and in-season moves that Boston has made, my heart tells me Red Sox and my head...well, it tells me Red Sox as well. Boston in seven games.

National League Championship Series

Houston snuck into the playoffs after going 26-7 in the month of September and it doesn’t look like the Astros have hit their peak, winning its first ever playoff series this year over Atlanta, as they take on the St. Louis Cardinals in the NLCS. Roger Clemens should provide leadership to a team that won a series for the first time in history, but the Cardinals just look to be too tough. Houston is a good team but St. Louis has the best bullpen in the major leagues and the veteran leadership it takes to stay focused. Look for the Cardinals in five games.

Carolina Panthers (1-3) at Philadelphia Eagles (4-0) (10 a.m., No Local TV): A rematch of the 2004 NFC championship game, the Panthers return to Philadelphia to take on an Eagles team they embarrassed back in January.

In this day of free-agency, Carolina doesn’t seem to have what it takes to stay on top of the pack. Carolina might be able to keep it close early, but the Eagles will fly away with it in the end, 35-14.

Seattle Seahawks (3-1) at New England Patriots (4-0) (10 a.m., FOX): This could very well be a preview of Super Bowl XXXIX. The Seahawks take their 3-1 record into Foxboro, Mass. to take on the Patriots, who after last week’s win, now hold an NFL record 19-game winning streak. The Seahawks offense will have to balance the air and ground game to keep the Patriots’ defense guessing, but if the ’Hawks can do that, they should be able to win. I have to go with the hometown team and pick the Seahawks, 31-24.

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Wildcat women win on Western's turf

by Andrew Grinaker
Sports editor

The Wildcat women are beginning to believe. They are beginning to believe they can take their conference. And they are beginning to believe with rightful evidence.

On Saturday, at Western Washington University, the Central Washington University women's cross-country team took first place at the 31st annual Western Washington Invitational. The Wildcats edged-out Seattle Pacific University by seven points and beat third-place-finisher, Seattle University by 14 points.

The Central women did not have a runner in the top five but had five runners in the top 20 finishers, the most of any team. Brandy Anderson's eighth-place finish was the tops for the Wildcats, who have won two meets in a row coming off their home win last week.

Lindy Mullen and Stephanie Stine finished back to back at 13th and 14th in the race, putting the Wildcats in excellent position to win the invitational. However, the key for Coach Kevin Adkisson's team was the consistency of his entire team. After Anderson, Mullen and Stine, four more women finished in the top 30 for the Invitational. Another positive to come out of this race, is that Bellingham will be the site for the NCAA West regionals, something Central has circled on the schedule.

While the women had extreme success on their rivals turf, the men's team struggled to fifth-place showing. The Wildcats barely missed out on fourth place, losing to Northwest Nazarene by a single point. Seattle Pacific University took first with 46 points.

The Wildcats are 17-16 all-time against the Western Oregon Wolves. The Wolves lost 54-2 to UC Davis last weekend and beat conference rival Western Washington 52-49 in overtime the previous week.