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Senior Celebration a safe place to toast, if city will issue permit

by Andrew Von Den Hoek

In a matter of days, another chapter in the history of this campus will draw to a close as the senior class moves on to the great futures that lie before them. As the end of the year at the school approaches, I have watched down the hall from my office in the Center for Excellence in Leadership the idea of Senior Celebration was born. It would be one of the most memorable events in a person's life that top graduates can attest when it comes to experiences that are as worthy of celebration as an annual event.

Senior Celebration will provide a controlled, centralized environment for the student community and city officials to reach a crescendo about the end of the year before things get out of control. A few months after this school year began, a group of students and leaders and people driven by the belief that they are capable of making positive changes in the world around them. The Senior Celebration has the ability of turning the negative event that will still be a success even without the beer garden, O'Brien said. "The initial proposal was for an alcohol-free event and I commenced them for taking on the leadership to come up with a safe and positive alternative to Senior Golf."

P-Dub's is expected to open this Friday, in time for the Senior Celebration.

"Barring any problems with inspections it'll be open Friday," Jose Perez, P-Dub's general manager said. Westcoat and Peters are optimistic that the Senior Celebration will be a success, even if there is no beer garden. In addition to P-Dub's the ASCWU is in the process of negotiating with local downtown bars to provide discounted beverages and coupons for attendees.

"At this point, people are encouraged to do whatever they want to do and we'll be happy to see them," Westcoat said.

Wescott is expecting a turnout of up to 2,000 celebrants.
Changes proposed for Safe Ride program

by Heather Lewis
Staff reporter

Central Washington University students depend on Safe Ride for many reasons, and the changes being made to it for next school year will make it easier for students to get around town.

Steve Rittereiser, Central's chief of police, gave a forum on campus last Thursday to answer questions and explain plans for the new shuttle service. Instead of relying on the phone method, vans will be doing a point-to-point transit system using 15-person airport-type vans instead of the older ones currently in use. Rittereiser held focus groups to determine what students thought of these new plans, and decided it was time for a change.

"Connecting students with the downtown base will benefit both parties," Rittereiser said. "Most freshmen that come to Central do not have cars and this will enable them to run errands or see a movie in town."

This transit system will be running from approximately 2 p.m. to 12 a.m. on weekdays and longer on weekends with major stops throughout town with specific routes. Drivers will also be taught how to use their best judgment regarding incidents that include alcohol, and they will drop students off in well-lit areas.

"This service would make getting home a lot more convenient. It would also be safer than risking college students driving home drunk," said Jake Schrader, English education major.

The new system will have two buses, with one driver in each bus, and will be supplied with cell phones in case of an emergency. All passengers will have to show their Central Connection Cards. Unopened alcohol containers will also be allowed if done in an appropriate manner, and if the person with the alcohol is over the age of 21.

Also under consideration is providing a van that is handicapped accessible. There would be a student patrol who would answer calls in a separate handicap accessible van.

"We don't want to make anyone feel excluded, we want to have a better service to offer everyone," Rittereiser said.

The system will be paid for with grants and vans will be painted with Central colors to promote the school. The planning and development of this system will be worked on during the summer and will be up and running by October 1.

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Working to make Ellensburg better

by Pat Brown
Assistant news editor

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Doc Hastings visits Central

by Tariik Kaysomare
Staff reporter

Doc Hastings, United States Congressman for Washington's Fourth Congressional District, made his third visit to Central Washington University Tuesday. Hastings spoke and answered questions in front of a political science class in the Psychology Building.

Todd Schaffer, associate professor of political science, said he invited Hastings to campus because Hastings' role of serving this district in Washington, D.C., fits the theme of the class, legislative process. Students took the rare opportunity to ask questions from a real politician.

Miles VanRijin, senior political science major, thinks he learned the sense of "real" politics.

"I thought it was cool," VanRijin said. "He informed the class what is going on in the district."

Hastings covered topics including his duties as a congressman, the process of budgeting and nuclear waste issues in the area.

"My duty changes accordingly," Hastings said during the speech. He said his duties are from authorizing budgets and taking care of people who have problems about the federal government such as the loss of Social Security.

When Hastings talked about the long process of developing a budget, he said a budget is a broad document, but it is a blueprint which sets up the fiscal foundation for the government.

The issue of cleanup projects across the nuclear reservation near the Tri-Cities was one of the key points as Hastings himself is the founder and chairman of the Hanford Nuclear Clean-up Project.

Hastings spoke to a class of political science students on Tuesday in the Psychology Building.

Up Caucus.

According to Hastings, there are 177 underground tanks near the Tri-Cities which range from 50,000 to one million gallons with radioactive and hazardous waste accumulated from the time the United States started manufacturing the atomic bomb in 1945.

After Hastings' 10 minute speech, the students were given the opportunity to ask him questions.

One student asked what it feels like to represent the district. Hastings mentioned that being elected every two years is like a test, he is renewed or rejected.

"I don't see anything wrong with that," Hastings said about the process of running for reelection. "The real test is how you do it."

According to Hastings' Web Site, Hastings studied business administration at Columbia Basin College and at Central Washington University.

He won election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994 to serve the citizens of Washington's Fourth Congressional District.

He was re-elected to a fifth term in 2002 with 67 percent of the vote.

Career field open to college grads

More lucrative opportunities for graduates with business education

by Allie MacKinzie
Staff reporter

Finding a job after graduation is becoming more difficult each day. Students are possibly more stressed out about finding a job rather than graduation.

Whether or not students have a career lined up after graduation day, the fact remains that they are now eligible workers in the big and open job market with no guarantees in the job market.

According to Randy Williamson, assistant professor of career services, the most popular careers are teaching, accounting and construction management.

Along with those popular career options are sales and services. "Sales and service corporations are generally the top recruiters in the world," Williamson said.

Salary may also be a key factor in finding a career. "An actuary degree, which specializes in calculations in insurance, offers the best available income which is associated with the Central Washington University Math Department," Williamson said. This job offers a starting annual salary of $45,000 to $50,000.

Accounting also has a reasonable income according to Williamson. "Accounting is the most solid as far as wages go with an annual income of $35,000 to $40,000."

Some students have a job lined up prior to graduating. "I will be working for promotions in Seattle for passage events and promotions," said Jason Rassell, senior marketing major who got the opportunity from a family member.

A job that offers further advancement is also essential for a college graduate to have. "Jobs that require a good business background tend to give more security," Williamson said about career advancements. "Sales and service management generally have a good background."

In order to gain a career in these jobs, there is work to be done prior to graduating. Williamson advises to act aggressively on preparing for a career. "Don't wait to graduate to start your search and utilize any and all methods such as the Internet," Williamson said. "Begin working on your application skills with resumes and cover letters that is the first impression you leave on an employer."

There is also a career builder through the school called the Wildcat Career Center that is available for student use. According to Williamson, job fairs and career days are a good way to begin a job search as well.

According to the Agriculture and Life Sciences Web Site, "Begin by thinking of everyone you know that might have some, even remote, way help you find a job. This includes as many people as you can think of. These contacts do not have to be CEOs of companies, but just common people who know you and might be able to help."

In an article on www.habournet.com, entitled "Five Smart Money Moves for New College Graduates" by Deborah Fowles, the number one smart move is to choose a career carefully.

"Accepting a job in an unrelated field, simply because it pays more, either delays your career progress, or traps you in a field of work that may not make you happy," Fowles said.

With only a week until graduation, the clock of opportunity keeps ticking so get those resumes and cover letters in and begin your career in the working world.

ASCWU-BOD addresses year's accomplishments

by Rachel Thorne
Art. news editor

Achievements and challenges for the current and newly-elected student board of directors were presented at the ASCWU/BOD state of the university address last Friday.

"Last year's board had a lot of problems communicating with administration and staff," said Lucas Westcoat, student body president. "Our [BOD] first objective was to rebuild those bridges and relationships."

According to Westcoat, one of the ways the BOD accomplished this was by creating a new code of ethics for elected board members to be held accountable to. Prior to this year, the BOD had no such code.

"The current board has done a wonderful job establishing lines of communication," said Jerilyn McIntyre, Central's President. "They set the bar really high and the greatest challenge for next year's board is to continue to build on that."

Another reason for the BOD's success, according to Westcoat, was holding regular meetings with different clubs and organizations throughout the university.

"Just seeing student representatives care about what they're doing really yielded a positive outcome," Westcoat said.

Westcoat said one of his major accomplishments as president this year was appointing a new director of community affairs. The director's responsibility is to work with city entities to discuss issues affecting students. He cites the bike helmet law proposition as one of those issues.

"We brought information to the board and created an effective argument for students," Westcoat said.

The law originally required all citizens to wear helmets but because of students' efforts, the law only requires those under 16 years old to wear one.

Other accomplishments mentioned in the address included Central's lobby for more tuition waiver authority in the state legislature, the planning of the Senior Celebration, and the setting aside of $3,000 of StA funding to jump-start next year's board activities for the transition from summer to fall.

"It's going to be a seamless transition from this board to the next," said Westcoat. However, "As much as our association has improved, it is not without future challenges."

Improving representation at university centers, making affordable, predictable tuition rates, and increasing financial aid proportionally with tuition increases are a few of the expected challenges the new BOD will face, according to the address.
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I have to say, very disappointing.

And you should thank me for actually sharing my opinion as well, for if your readers aren't happy and aren't even reading anymore, maybe you should change something.

Lid Nelson
senior, music performance

Regarding your new rag tag line: "Love it or hate it. We know you Read it?"

I've been planning to tell you that I'm the new layout, and that you all were doing a good job. That was just after the first issue this quarter. You know how life is, just kept forgetting to write in.

Then there were the photographs on the cover two weeks ago. Interesting choices. A little edge. OK, that's not my thing, but whatever.

Then came Jenn Turner's "opinion" piece last week. I agree that hate crimes are appalling. But so are ALL violent crimes! And non-violent crimes, for that matter. So I should be admonished because I didn't get all worked up about it?

The final straw is last week's cover art. There is no value to these photos other than to shock the reader. When did The Observer strive to become The Strange? Since when does the First Amendment (which is the argument I am nearly certain will come up) negate responsibility? Responsibility to the tuition- and fee-paying students who do not share the values of the editorial staff of this STUDENT newspaper? When did valuable conserves become intolerance? Why are my values less valid than yours? You say, that's fine. It's your life. Why must you put it in my face? I really don't care. I know I am not alone.

I thought there was hope, when I read the headline about students balancing school and kids. Nope. Missed again. This story was less about a non-traditional student, and more about Flannel Parenthood.

Where is the story about students (like me) who are truly balancing school and children, with school? Is there a story worth writing. But that might be too much work, and it is certainly not shocking enough. It's time to grow up, now. You are journalists. Act like it. This is not a newspaper. This is a rag. (Sorry, Cynthia Mitchell! I know there's nothing you can do about it.)

Kristine Foreman
senior human resources management major

I wholeheartedly believe that in this council we have advocates who are willing to stand up for the safety and welfare of their constituents and all they need to hear is the voice of our campus and of this community.

In conclusion, I want to thank my advisors Cynthia Mitchell, Lois Breederlove and Christine Page for their endless support.

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Reporters are always welcome!
After eight years with his band, now takes his act solo, and to the senior celebration

Marcus Eaton

Senior Golf had been a problem year after year, and finally Central Washington University decided to do something about it. A large budget was put together in hopes of having a day-long celebration with food, beverage, and music, all topped off with a popular headlining band. The event is to take the place of Senior Golf this year and if all goes well, in the years to come.

Marcus Eaton will be playing on the evening of June 4th at Central's first ever Senior Celebration. Although Eaton may not be a household name, many believe he has the potential to soon become one.

Annie Phelps, junior business administration major, has been a fan of Eaton's for a long time.

"Marcus Eaton opened for Jason Mraz in June of 2003 at the Roseland in Portland," Phelps said. "He's a very talented guitar player with a great voice."

Hailing from our neighboring state of Idaho, Eaton is best known for his time with his last band The Lobby. They were signed to a label branching off of MCA, that ended when Universal purchased it all as a package.

"His CD that was released when he was still with the band is full of very catchy songs," Phelps said.

Now Eaton is taking a different route, playing as a solo artist. When he plays in Ellensburg, however, he'll be backed by a full band.

Derrick Peters, ASCWU executive vice president, helped book the band and is excited about them coming.

"Right now (Eaton) is in the recording studio with Tim Reynolds, Sting's bassist and another guy on drums," Peters said.

Tim Reynolds is a famous musician who's collaborated with multiple artists including Dave Matthews. Some believe that Reynolds might show his presence at this weekend's concert.

"We don't know for sure," Peters said, "but we think there's a chance they might all be coming with Eaton for the show."

If Eaton does bring his famous friends, the show will end up being a steal.

"If that's the case, I'm stoked," Peters said.

Other bands and musicians will be filling the earlier hours of the celebration, including Bill and the G-Strings, Translated, Below Average, Pick Pocket, Oxbow Scar and Blue Scholars.

Blue Scholars is the biggest act behind Eaton. They are a two-piece hip-hop group, consisting of Geologic on Vocals, and Sabzi on turntables.

They've shared the stage with De La Soul, Del the Funky Homosapien, and...
by Rashi Gadgilone
Scene editor

The mass of bodies pulse to the crushing beat of the music and bouncing over to Blue Scholars; MC Geo, encouraging them to push faster, with more fury, and to go out of their freaking minds. Welcome to Senior Celebration, with the Blue Scholars’ leading the way.

Blue Scholars is a Hip-Hop group based out of Seattle.Aleli Sahi Mohajerjasbi, aka DJ Sabzi, and George Welcome to Senior Celebration, with young age. And I played saxophone as to get an inside look into Blue Scholars’ underground world.

Q: Can you tell me little about your musical background?
A: I started playing piano at a young age. And I played saxophone as well as the clarinet. I played in a jazz band in high school and I used to listen to a lot of hip-hop in elementary and junior high. I tried to rap. And failed miserably. Somewhere around ‘96, I really started to get disconnected to the hip-hop world in general. Because the music was not as tight as it used to be. I started going to a lot of underground punk-rock shows. That was about what time I discovered the independent music scene. So I really got into that regardless of what form it took.

Q: How did you and Geo come together?
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A: I’m glad people like it! It’s kind of humbling because in a way I feel like myself as merely being someone that is able to channel something. I look at myself as being influenced by a lot of other great musicians and good musical teachers I’ve had. Now I am able to create something other people like. I don’t necessarily take full credit for.
Random Thoughts of a Single Lad

Where's the rest got?—So the committee in charge of the Senior Golf? The committee didn't bug a band that costs $25,000, which was its budget. They got Markus Evans playing for around $7. Go. That's great, at least there will be someone. For how short of notice they were giving bands (mostly because of not knowing its budget until last minute) it could have been a lot worse. But now where's the rest of the money go to? Of course you need to pay the staff, production and other elements of the event, but they were going to have to do that whether they booked a $3,000 band, or someone for the full $25. Why do we take that band, some $15,000 and host a big band for the fall? Most bands do a fall tour, there's plenty of time to find one at this point and people are burnt out by spring anyway, making the autumn a better choice to begin with. Like I said, getting Markus Evans is great, I hope he pans on an excellent show, but let's kick the new academic year off with a bang. In my book, I just looked at your explanation two show are better than one.

Bigfoot knocked my socks — While we're on the subject of music, did any of you attend Sasquatch? I did and fully enjoyed the event. Though not important to my point, The Dores stole the show, and my heart. Nothing like a baby, 30 something black dude, that looks like a British pirate, rocking out on stage with his super pregnant keyboardist. Sasquatch had a gang of 8,500 workers roaming around, all looking for illegal hooch drinking. No drinking beer without ID or white bread, no drinking from the bars out of the bar, no beer after 8:30 pm, no charging your beer without pants on and no bringing your own. With so many ways to get busted at Sasquatch, I only managed to notice one safe way to get messed up, smoke marijuana openly and obviously while a band plays. During Wilco and Kanye West alone, I'd see a big cloud of smoke pop up every 15 to 30 seconds. And not once did I see someone do anything about it. Sure there were too many to bust them all, and obviously alcohol could harm you more than a bit of cheese in the 95 degree weather it's still in. It really seemed like an extreme case of "pick your poison," and this time, the drugs got the shaft.

EATON: Headlining the Senior Celebration party.

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even Pedro the Lice. Most recently, Blue Scholars played the Yeti stage at this year's Sasquatch music festival. With the Blue Scholars playing, the event was a hit of a wider range of music lovers. No matter your musical taste, be it rap, rock, indie or acoustic, there should be something for everyone.

"Having an opportunity to see any band play in Ellensburg is something everyone should take advantage of," Phelps said. "For as seeing Marcus Eaton play in Ellensburg, I'd say it's a must."

The Senior Celebration will take place at 4th and Ruby in downtown Ellensburg. Music is from 1 to 9 p.m. with other activities from 2 to 6 p.m. Eaton, with or without an extended band, should put on an exciting show packed with energy. And even if you don't like his style, there are plenty of other reasons to attend.

"It's always fun to watch a good guitar player," Phelps said.

Famous Central grads, will you be one?

By Carter Thomas
Staff reporter

It's the dream of many Central Washington University students and graduates to graduate, get a real job and make their mark on the Top Ramen for real college. Though nowhere near as selective as Yale or prestigious as Stanford, Central has raked up quite a few graduates in high places over the years.

According to the official list of famous Seniors, graduates and the records of distinguished alumni award recipients, this school has been the stomping grounds for everyone from sports stars to brave service people. One name that many students on campus know is Jon Kima. Kima graduated from Central in 1996, and went on to become the quarterback of the Barcelona Dragons. He earned Most Valuable Player in the victory over Reign Fins. He had a 7.6% completion percentage (a game record), and later went on to be the starting quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks. Kima now plays for the British Bowl.

Annette M. Sandberg graduated from Central in 1983, and immediately applied to be on the Washington State Patrol. She was hired onto the force and five years later was named Trooper of the Year for King County.

In 1995, Sandberg was appointed head of the Washington State Patrol by Governor Mike Lowry, making her the first woman in the U.S. to head a state police agency. She was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for Central in 1998.

"In talking to these individuals, we find them very interesting and passionate about Central Washington University," said Dan Jack, director of the Alumni Association. "This seems to be something very important to them."

But don't expect the names of famous Central grads to stop anytime soon. Seniors getting ready to graduate this spring and next year will have big plans, and are planning on making it to this list shortly.

Leigh Fernandez, senior primate behavior, ecology and psychology major, plans to graduate fall quarter of next year. According to Fernandez, she will be spending this summer studying primates in China, as well as searching for a school to continue her education.

"I'm looking into grad school right now. I'm hopefully going to get my PhD somewhere on the East Coast," Fernandez said. "I'm wicked excited about the prospect of going to grad school."

Cell phones: they are not worth it

Ten years ago I hardly noticed cell phones. I would see them in movies or with men in business suits. They used to be so big and bulky. Today, most people can't imagine talking on a phone that is bigger than their palm. They think me how many times people ask for my cell phone number and when l mentor don't have one, the look on their faces is prices. They think I'm from some third-world country and cannot function properly without their cell phone. I am still alive and I don't miss it as much as I thought I would. A cell phone is nice to have in emergencies, but I haven't come across many emergencies in Ellensburg. When I walked down the main walkway to Boulion Hall the other day, I counted 25 people on their cell phones and it was only 9 am. Who needs to be talking to people that early anyway?

It also amazes me when I am at work at Tristar Dining Hall. I can't believe how many people walk in there on their phones and point to the food while they're yelling at someone on the other end.

I notice a lot of people eat alone, then halfway through their meal they think get lonely, so they call someone. People seem to think that if they're on the phone, it's not embar- ring for them to be sitting alone. But I didn't want to pay $80 a month to call friends when I wanted to talk to someone.

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Moving on with few regrets

by Kyle Wheeler
Staff reporter

As June 11 draws near, the graduation buzz and excitement surrounds seniors like Nicole Tabert, sociology and family studies double major. Tabert, like many others, will graduate from Central Washington University next weekend and leave homework to the underclassmen.

"My roommate and I were dorks. We'd stay up late hanging out, visiting with friends and singing to Moulin Rouge. One night we [toilet papered] our friend's door ... just the door because it was a dorm," Tabert said.

Those late nights weren't Tabert's most exciting memories. "I got married! That would probably take the cake," Tabert said. Nicole married Marcus Tabert on Dec. 18, 2004 and they spent Christmas vacation honeymooning in Puerto Vallarta.

"Coming back to school was not so nice," Tabert said. "When it comes to having a social life, being an excellent student and graduating on time, Garrett Grubbs is on top of his game. Grubbs, an Enumclaw native, came to Central Washington University two years ago after completing his first two years at Westrene Valley Community College. He is a business administration major with a specialty in marketing.

Grubbs is thrilled to be graduating next week, but does not find it important enough to walk at the graduation ceremony on June 11. He has heard of the many students watching their own graduation on TV and sipping on their favorite beer.

Grubbs will miss the great friends he has made here at Central. "I'm not quite ready to grow up and leave the community," Grubbs said. "I like Ellensburg, and I will miss it."

One of Grubbs' fondest memories was created two weeks ago at Wing Central. Grubbs is a devoted Wing Central fan, and joined the BEER 101 Club. Two weeks ago, May 19, Grubbs became a BEER 101 Graduate at Wing Central.

"I drank a total of 101 beers since becoming a member of the club," Grubbs said. "I got a mug, but the best part was having lunch with Jim, the owner."

After graduation, Grubbs will be the manager at Sidewaters in Lake Goodwin during the summer. Once the summer is over, instead of looking for a career right away, Grubbs will be enjoying the outdoors.

"I want to do a lot of hunting and fishing before I jump into any kind of career. I need to take a break for a while," Grubbs said.

When hunting season is over and the job search begins, Grubbs dreams of working in the hunting and fishing industry somehow. Whether it's selling hunting gear, teaching people how to fish or managing a store, he will be happy. His biggest dream is to one day own a hunting and fishing lodge that will be strictly used to accommodate hunters and fishers on their hunting vacations.

Grubbs has a few words of advice for remaining and incoming students. From the graduate himself, Grubbs says, "Always drink in moderation, moderation is the key. And don't be afraid to do your own thing. Don't worry about what others think, just be yourself!"

CONSTRUCTING A NEW FUTURE

by Bille WDwaker
Staff reporter

For Colin Dana seniors hit. With just a few days left of his college career at Central Washington University, Dana will soon move onto bigger things.

Dana came to Central in the fall of 2001. He's put in his four years and be getting a degree in business administration with a specialization in human resources management.

Although seniors have kicked in, Dana found time to kick it into high gear this quarter and start job searching, between the occasional Halo playing and studying.

He was successful and now has a job lined up with General Construction Co. and will be working somewhere along the west coast.

"It was a three and a half hour interview process," Dana said. "It was accepted to Central, one of several things Dana will miss is People's from the library during finals week one winter quarter, Dana got pulled over for not having a license plate.

"During the conversation with the police officer I was asked to step out of the vehicle. He then asked me what was in the bag that was sitting on the passenger's seat. I told him books! Then he asked if I had weapons. Oh...no, I don't have weapons. Then the officer left," Dana said. "Be careful of communist Ellensburg, there is one cop per student."

When it comes to deciding on a major, Dana's advice is, "ask for results, ask for the demand and what the salary would be.

This is how he decided on specializing in human resources - it gave him figures, which is what he wanted. He chose to go into business because you can get a job anywhere with a business degree.

"Stick out the four years and don't give up," Dana said.

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Going the distance: Chemistry professor to run in Africa

by Rhianous Hillbrook
Staff reporter

He has run over 30 marathons, 50 ultra-marathons and at least 20 runs of 100 miles or more, and holds two United States distance records for his age group. He mountain biked the continental divide from Canada to Mexico, battled cancer and won. You have probably walked right past him without ever realizing it.

David Lygre, 62, is a chemistry professor at Central Washington University. He is one of many teachers who enhance this campus not only with academic and professional strengths, but physical strengths as well.

To add to his myriad of accomplishments, Lygre will be traveling to South Africa this month to fulfill one of his greatest dreams: running in the Comrades Marathon.

The Comrades Marathon is a race steeped in history. According to its Web site, it’s “the ultimate human race where athletes come from all over the world to combine muscle and sinew and mental strength to conquer the approximately 90 kilometers (54 miles) between the cities of Pietermaritzburg and Durban.”

“It’s a really big thing,” Lygre said. “The race ends in a stadium of 30,000 people.”

According to Lygre the last 10 minutes of the race is the most watched television event in the country.

“The race usually has runners dropping, crawling for the line, helping each other and making the loss of their own medals in the process. At the final gun, they pull a tape across the line and shut the gates so that you can’t even finish,” Lygre said.

The South African race has particular significance to Lygre, who lived in the country for four years as a child while his father was a missionary to the Zulu people. Lygre said that he will not be traveling alone, as his brother and sisters will be going with him to go back and see the place where they grew up.

Build up to this dream has taken over 25 years of training and preparation, and it all started here at Central during Wellness Hour.

“I thought ‘I bet I can run a mile, and I couldn’t’,” Lygre said, remembering his first attempts at running with a very smile. He kept at it and within three months he had graduated to running a four mile loop.

“I’ll never really run before. I guess it kinda got out of hand,” Lygre said.

Now Lygre is an accomplished ultra-marathon runner and holds two U.S. records in his age group: Fastest 100 Kilometer and Furthest Distance in 24 Hours.

Training for Lygre is a daily routine. He runs around five to seven miles per day during the week.

“I alternate one long day with one short day, and run from Ellensburg to Selah on Saturdays,” Lygre said. “Sometimes I’ll build in a longer run during the week.”

Now Lygre finds camaraderie in running and relies on training partners to help him reach his goals.

“For years I trained by myself. You have to be able to handle being alone for long periods of time.”

Running alongside Lygre are several of Central’s faculty members from various areas of the campus. Jody Scheffelman, Ethan Bobbate, Steve Varga and Pat McAulughlin are all accomplished long distance runners.

Tim Englund, 38, associate professor of mathematics, accompanies Lygre on his weekly runs to Selah in preparation for the Western States 100-mile run in California.

Englund said that Lygre helped pull him into the world of distance running.

“I don’t know why I started doing these races,” Englund said. “To see if I could, I guess. Some say ‘because I can’, but I never knew that until I’ve reached the finish.”

Lygre believes much the same thing.

“Nobody makes money running ultras,” Lygre said. “The challenge is in what draws you, both physically and mentally. It’s too easy for something to go wrong and you can fail.”

Lygre remembers a time when his ability to run was nearly taken from him. Twice the same version of cancer Lance Armstrong suffered from tried to kill Lygre. The cancer had spread, and Lygre was forced to go through chemotherapy.

“Chemo was much harder than any of the ultra or 100 miles I’ve ever done,” Lygre said. “When I start thinking it’s hard on the trail, I think of those who are still going through chemo, and I can keep running.”

Lygre said the same principles of ultra-running were what enabled him to get through chemotherapy.

“At the worst moments, I literally thought ‘How am I going to get through the next five minutes?’ It helped to be stubborn,” Lygre said. “It means that you’re willing to put up with adversity.”

Adversity is something that Lygre is familiar with.

“The doctor said that I wouldn’t be able to run anymore because my lung capacity had been reduced. An ultra in Colorado was my test for that.”

The high-altitude ultra-marathon in Leadville, Colo. would serve as a test, which would tell Lygre whether he still had what it took to run long distances.

“I remember it clearly,” Lygre said. “I was 70 miles into the race, all alone at 10,000 feet in an open section of the trail. The sky was clear and beautiful, and there were billions of stars just sprinkled across the heavens. I was getting tired, and all of a sudden I noticed a greenish-yellow glow all around me. It gave me a sense of peace, well-being and confidence. It felt like God was with me, telling me that I was going to be alright. I knew then that I could complete the run. When I crossed the finish line, I felt like I was healthy and whole again. I knew then that nothing was going to hold me back.”

Since then, nothing has. Lygre will be traveling home from South Africa to meet up with England, only seven days after England finishes his own race, to start a 200-mile mountain bike trip through Alberta, Canada.

“It’s just a short one,” Englund said. “You don’t think about it, you just do it.”

Later in August both Lygre and Englund will also compete in the Cascade Crest 100-mile run. The race has an elevation gain of over 21,000 feet - a distance likened to climbing Mount Baker twice over.

Challenges like these are part of his nature. “People gravitate towards what they do best. For me, [the Comrades Marathon] is just the frosting on a wonderful cake.”

The Comrades Marathon

Going the distance:

Chemistry professor to run in Africa

Runnin’ wild: David Lygre trains on pavement in preparation of the pavement surface he will be experiencing in South Africa.
Unlocking the Safe:
A behind-the-scenes look at Safeco Field

by Chris Thompson
Staff reporter

Note: This game took place on May 21, 2005.

Deep in the bowels of Safeco Field sits Garrett Cook, his feet on his desk and his tie slightly loosened. The coordinator of Event Services and Tours for the Seattle Mariners has just made it through the eighth game of a nine-game homestand and is already working on his staff schedule for game nine.

Cook is in charge of the Mariners' groundskeeping, a group of college and high school students that help out with the promotion aspects of the game. The group also includes some more specialized jobs, such as the ballgirls and hand-operated scoreboard operator.

"The kids keep me coming to work," Cook said. "I'm really proud of who they are and what they do. I love the fact that I am around them. They give me a lot of energy!"

Today's game was the first of two honoring Little League players from around the Northwest. Not only did all children 14 and under receive a free Mariners' gift bag, but they were given an opportunity to walk around the warning track at Safeco Field.

Led by the Mariner Moose, about 5,000 Little Leaguers took advantage of the invitation. While parents used the opportunity to take pictures of their future all-stars on a big-league field, Mariners' groundkeepers, and former Wildcat baseball player, Bob Christofferson cratered every time someone stepped on the grass.

Christofferson, who's in charge of 196,000 square feet of turf, knows that the Major League players and coaches expect the grass to be in great shape. He understands how much strain 10,000 little feet can do to a custom blend of four kinds of Kentucky bluegrass and two kinds of perennial ryegrass.

While these future stars of tomorrow parade around the warning track, another 50,000 fans are enter the stadium to see if the Mariners can stop the San Diego Padres' eight-game winning streak. In order to make sure all these fans have the best time possible, the Mariners employ around 1,800 employees.

It is up to vice president of Human Resources, and Central Washington University grad, Marianne Short to hire all those workers. Before joining the Mariners' staff in October of 1998, Short was vice president of Labor and Employee Relations for the Bon Marche Company (now owned by Macy's). A special education major at Central, she went to work for the Bon right after college, eventually spending 15 years in its human resource department.

As part of her day-to-day duties, Short is responsible for dealing with the worker's compensation issues for the Seattle Mariners, but the players, coaches and trainers as well.

"When players get hurt, it's a huge issue with us," Short said. "Sports is such a unique industry as far as injuries go."

Not only does Short compile the worker's compensation claims for the Mariners players, coaches and ballpark staff, but in the fall she deals with workman's compensation issues for the Seattle Seahawks. For all the athletes, baseball and football alike, their bodies are their livelihood and it is up to Short to make sure that they get help when they need it.

"If you blow out an arm, or what Bobby Madrish is going through, it's very emotional for them," Short said. "If you or I get hurt, they would give us a light-duty job at a desk or something. With them, they just need to get better and rehab."

So while Short makes sure that the human resource issues are met, Cook is still down in his office mounding up his troops for the game. While he makes sure everyone knows they are at the ballpark to work, he keeps the mood light.

"Two years ago, at the trade deadline, I called a kid in who I thought had a good sense of humor," Cook said. "I closed the door and tried to convince him that he had been traded to Cincinnati for a popcorn vendor and a soda machine to be named later."

It is two hours until game time and the gates are now open. Cook is walking around the ballpark, making sure all his workers are where they should be and that tonight's giveaway is going smoothly. When he is satisfied that everyone is doing the best they can, he heads back to his office to meet with tonight's ball girls and the guy who will run the hand-operated scoreboard for tonight's game.

Tonight, Kai Myers and Natalie Naeumiller will be down the linesfielding foul balls. Brett Moses, son of former Mariners' first-base coach John Moses, will be out in the left-field hand-operated scoreboard. Cook makes sure that the three college students know what they are doing for the evening and lets them get ready for the game.

As gametime approaches and the fans begin to take their seats, public address announcer Tom Huyler begins his pre-game introductions and it's time for everyone to assume their position.

Myers, a 19-year-old student at Highline Community College, has the unfortunate task of returning an unsigned baseball to a season ticket holder. The ball, along with a letter, was left in the locker of New York Yankees left-hander Randy Johnson, but Johnson did not sign the ball and it was up to Myers to break the news.

Moses, a 19-year-old student at Bellevue Community College, begins the walk down the left-field foul line, into the visiting teams' bullpen and up a ladder to his perch in left field. Moses, who used his family connections to get the job with the Mariners, hopes to get a bachelor's degree in sports management and maybe get a front-office job someday.

Regardless of the future plans, Gil Meche is ready to deliver his first pitch to Padres center fielder Dave Roberts and the game is underway. For all the athletes, baseball and football alike, their bodies are their livelihood and it is up to Short to make sure that they get help when they need it.

Follow the leader. The Mariner Moose leads the parade of Little Leaguers around the field
There have been many surprises this year around the American League, from the success of the Chicago White Sox and the Baltimore Orioles to the disappoint­ment of the Seattle Mariners and the Oakland Athletics.

Many baseball fans would never have heard of the White Sox, who would be the hottest team and boasting a win­ning record of .600. Two of their top three pitchers, Jon Garland and Mark Buehrle, are leading the American League with wins. First baseman Paul Konerko is another player the White Sox can count on because he is fifth in the American League for home runs.

The success of second baseman Tadahito Iwachi is also helping the Boston Red Sox, the Toronto Blue Jays and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Brian Roberts is the leading American League second baseman in batting average.

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Nationals name two All-Americans

by Frank Stanley
Staff reporter

Four athletes represented the Wildcat track and field team last weekend at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field competition in Abilene, Texas, and came home with impressive performances.

Two athletes made top-10 finishes in their events to receive points for the men's team, with sophomore Cameron Neel placing fourth in the men's shot put and junior Mike Pankiewicz placing sixth in the 800-meter run.

Pankiewicz placed fourth in his heat and ninth overall in the preliminaries, then ran the finals with a time of 1:52.36, giving him sixth overall. Both Neel and Pankiewicz were named to the NCAA Division II All-American team.

As for the other two athletes, senior Christian McDowell, the lone female representative, placed 14th in the women's hammer throw and senior Jacob Galloway placed 15th in the men's discus.

Neel, who was the only dual-event athlete for the Wildcats, also competed in the discus and placed 11th. Neel's final throw in the shot put also bested his own conference record with a distance of 57-10, taking third in his heat and fourth overall.

Although the meet formulated team scores, they were too variable based on the number of athletes representing each school. Regardless, the Central men totaled eight points, three from Pankiewicz and five from Neel, to take 25th overall.

The winning teams were host Abilene Christian University for the men and Pennsylvania's Lincoln University for the women.

Other notable athletes from the GNAC came from Seattle Pacific University, where Chris Randolph won the men's decathlon, becoming the first Seattle Pacific male in 13 years to win a national title in any event.