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Katrina's impact felt at Central

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Ellensburg Film Festival
Friday, Oct. 7 -- Sunday, Oct. 9
Stories of hope and struggle from the Gulf

by Andrew Van Den Hoek
Special assignments editor

Imagine walking into your home to find water up to your waist. Not the kind that comes out of your shower or the kind you use to make your coffee in the morning, but a filthy, salty, stagnant kind that soaks into everything and ruins whatever it touches.

The smell of that water permeates every nook and cranny and at times is enough to make you sick.

Now imagine wading through that water to find that every piece of what was your life has been mashed together in a jumble, as if by some giant hand. For the victims of the Hurricane Katrina this is reality.

"In New Orleans the levees failed, but the houses are still there," said Taylor Fulton, son-in-law of Charlotte Tullis, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. "Where we live, they're just gone."

Tullis' daughter Shannon Fulton, son-in-law Taylor Fulton and grand-daughter Elan Fulton, barely escaped the city. Her husband stayed behind to survey the damage."I just met up with his mother. Her husband stayed behind to survey the damage. He just met up with his wife and daughter in the storm," said Taylor Fulton.

So Campbell hastily packed up and left New Orleans in the nick of time. Right before the beloved French Quarter was spared from the worst damage, in Campbell's eyes, what made New Orleans special, the people, got hit the hardest.

"It left people thinking that we can survive this," said Shannon Fulton.

The South is no stranger to natural and man-made disaster, but homes that had survived the Civil War and other hurricanes were devastated when Katri­na hit.

"You could ride down Highway 90 [and] see the most beautiful Southern antebellum homes...now they're gone," said Shannon Fulton.

"Even though I don't have any family there, during my visits to New Orleans I've gotten to know so many wonderful, powerful people and I can't help but wonder what happened to them," said Kelly Champagne, associate vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, used to call the city home and still has many friends and family in the area.

"With this storm I stayed up all night watching it and went to bed thinking that New Orleans had dodged another one," Champagne said. "Then I woke up and saw that three levees had broken...the London Street Canal, the Industrial Canal and the biggled one...the 17th Street Canal.

Champagne knew almost instantly what areas were getting hit and how bad things were going to get.

"I knew the first place the flood would be was the lower 9th Ward," Champagne said. "Whenever the 17th Street canal breaks you know there's going to be some flooding in the lower 9th Ward."

Champagne explained that this had been an old, historically African-American community since the days of slavery and that the upper 9th Ward was in a state of transition to residences for artists, musicians and educators. It was slowly beginning to grow in confidence and prosperity.

"Anyone who's ever known everything about New Orleans knew that the levees should have been reinforced," Champagne said. "They knew that anything above a Category 3 would flood the city, but people in New Orleans or visiting New Orleans thought that they had missed a hurricane so many times, there was nothing to worry about.

Champagne has seen the poorest part of a city he knew and loved struck down in the worst way imaginable. Like many Americans, he has his own beliefs as to why so many suffered in a catastrophe that in some aspects might have been preventable.

"I don't think people stood back and subconsciously or consciously said that 'we're going to ignore these people because they're poor, black people.' Champagne said. "I think city, state and federal officials ignored this population first because they are poor. When looking at a group's socio-economic class you can't separate a race from that."

Of the people interviewed for this article, ten things were always empha­sized. No matter what pictures are shown or words written, the media can not truly depict the level of damage suf­fered from this disaster.

The second point is a message of hope. No matter how battered and bruised the South is, they say the strength and resolve of its people will allow it to rebuild - stronger and more prepared for the destructive potential that lies off of coast.

To read the story of one family's journey from Louisiana to Alaska, check out Rachel Thomson's article online at http://www.cwu.edu/~observer.

Katrina relief efforts underway

Central's Civic Engagement Center (CEC) has three major projects underway, with more plans in development:

1) A donation drive operated by D&M Coffee and Pilot Freight is gathering supplies to take to hurricane-affected areas. A Pilot Freight semi-trailer located at D&M Coffee on 3rd and Pine streets is the collection center for unused first aid items, pet food, school supplies and other important items.

Donations can be made Friday through Sunday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The donation drive will last through Sunday, possibly longer, at which point the trailer will depart for the Gulf Coast.

2) Students wanting to collect supplies may want to volunteer for the CEC's campus-wide supply campaign, also running through Sunday.

Groups of five to six students are being organized to go supply collecting.

3) The CEC is working with the ASCWU-BOD to collect donations at various school functions between Oct 8 and Dec 17. Representatives from Central will sell bottled water at home games and other school events, with the funds going to help hurricane victims.

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Native American perspectives on the Lewis and Clark expedition

by Charlene L. Kreutz
Staff reporter

Tony Aronica, President of the Associated Students of Central Washington University-Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD), calls the Lewis and Clark Expedition "A massive saga of diplomacy between the U.S. Government and American Indians." Central students will have a chance to learn more about Lewis and Clark's expedition at the presentation on Thursday night's program. The speakers at the presentation will be Dr. Castle McLaughlin and Pat Courtney Gold. McLaughlin is the author of "Arts of Diplomacy: Lewis and Clark's Indian Collection," according to Central's Website. Gold is a "founding member of the Northwest Native American Basketry Association" and "a nationally renowned Wasco fiber artist." She and seven other members of the organization will be presenting the basket weaving demonstration tomorrow. These members, according to Webb, are from the Yakima Nation, the Nez Perce Tribe of Latawa, Idaho, and the Colville Confederated Tribes.

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Injured professor gets back on his feet
by Jonathan Mentor
Staff reporter

Walking, breathing, and living are three things many people take for granted - things that have never felt better to Dr. Andrew Jenkins as he slowly makes his way to his office in the F.E. building with the aid of his wife, Gretchen.

On April 16, 2005, he was putting finishing touches of insulation to his barn at home on the outskirts of Ellensburg when an accident occurred. Standing on a ladder, Jenkins was holding a beam for support. Much to his dismay, the beam broke and he fell 25 feet, amputating his skull in four parts and breaking six ribs.

Patience is a virtue for Jenkins ever since his accident. He is steady and calm as people come up and shake his hand and ask about his health and well-being. He smiles and says what he can; his speech isn't what it used to be, but his heart is still as big as it ever was.

Doctors at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle predicted Jenkins would spend most of his remaining life confined to a wheelchair. They were wrong.

Jenkins spent the next eight weeks in a coma. He was sedated longer than expected because he came down with acute respiratory distress syndrome, which affects the lungs and can become deadly if not treated properly.

He had a craniotomy surgery, removing a 4-by-6 inch piece of his skull to allow swelling of his brain. Doctors cryogenically froze the piece of skull to later put it back in its original form.

"You can see where they took it out," said Jenkins while tracing his scar with his index finger that spans the middle of his head. Jenkins is making a steady recovery with no hurryies. As the numbness lessens, he is wearing a shirt on his right side (the dominant side); he walks and functions fine.

The only major function that is holding him back from a complete recovery is his speech. He remembers everything prior to the accident and remembers everything after he was removed from his coma. He remembers names of people, places, and things, but can't say them like he used to.

"I know I would remember everything, I just couldn't say what I wanted," Jenkins said.

He compares his speech process with learning a foreign language, feeling and sounding words out like he has never said them before. He takes things slowly and carefully while learning again with his two children.

"Right now, I'm just a kid," Jenkins said with a giant grin that lit up his small office, which is sprinkled with pictures of him on top of mountains and climbing walls. There are even more pictures of his children and his wife, Gretchen, who helped him with this interview.

Without his physical fitness, Jenkins wouldn't have made it to see him in this state; he is a devoted outdoorsman who has nearly done it all.

"This is more like him," Gretchen Jenkins said, pointing to a picture of Jenkins posing in a body building competition. "This is not a disability, this is just an injury that he has sustained and has to get over it and he has to move on.

This isn't suggesting that Jenkins wasn't ever in critical condition; he just had the will to live. When he was in the coma, he said he knew he had his children and knew he had to hold on because of them. It's because of them's he's alive today.

On the day of the accident, his son, Danny, found his father and dialed 911. Jenkins taught Danny much of the search and rescue techniques that he and his father had done over the years. Danny did what he could to help his father live.

While in the coma, Jenkins' daughter, Maddie, decorated his room with paper cranes she made to keep busy. Jenkins' hospital room wasn't blank and white, but loud and colorful.

Jenkins has received more than enough support, not only from Central and Ellensburg, but from Yakima and Seattle.

"It's been incredible," Gretchen said. "I don't know how we could have made it without all their help.

When Jenkins was in a coma and Gretchen was commuting every day to Seattle to see him, their neighbor, whom they have never met prior to the accident, cut their acre lawn.

Jenkins said there was no doubt in his mind that he would come back to teach at Central, where he has been since 1992. He is planning to return to teaching in the fall quarter of 2006.

When asked what his favorite part of the day was, he answered, "Seeing the kids on campus again and going places.

To bring these two events to Central. The Equity and Service Council (ESC) put up $400 to pay for both events.

The Lewis and Clark expedition, in a way, is part of Central's history. Aronica said the Yakima Nation ceded 10,838,800 acres of land to the federal government in 1855. Central sits on part of that land.

Both the Lewis and Clark presentation and the basket weaving demonstration are free and open to the public.

For more information, visit Central's Website and click on the Lewis and Clark link under News at Central or call Dr. Tracy Andrews at 509-963-3220.

Parking prices up
For the last several years parking permits have been steadily increasing by $10 per calendar year and academic year.

University way traffic
New signs on University Way helps combat increasing traffic.

New Sue Lombard
Sue Lombard Hall is now housing Central Washington University students after being closed for over a year.

Smart Class room
More than 80 percent of Central’s classroom have full multimedia ability.

Yakima River Cleanup
Students found shoes, pants, a sweatshirt, a hat, shotgun shells and rope while cleaning up the yakima river.

Fire in summer
An apartment fire this summer cost several students everything.

News Briefs

Bush appointee to speak at CWU

Director of the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor, Shinae Chiu, is to discuss "How to Prepare for Tomorrow's Job" tonight at 4 p.m. in the Samuelsion Union Building. Chiu is also the author of "From the Mountains of Masan to the Land of Lincoln" and "Korean Culture - A Passage Through the Hermit Kingdom.

New PR director

Becky Watson, E.D.D, will serve Central as the new director of public relations and marketing at Central, effective Nov. 1. Watson is a CWU graduate where she received her bachelors and masters degree in graphic design.

ITS open house

The ITS Helpdesk welcomes students to the Open House on Friday, October 7 at 7 p.m. in Boutlou 112. For more information, contact the ITS department.

Online Exclusive

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College of Arts/Humanities welcomes dean into fold

by Analynn Bermudez
Staff reporter

The college of Arts and Humanities has a new leader at the helm. Marji Morgan, with a doctorate in British history, accepted the position of dean for the college last spring.

Morgan's experience includes 17 years of teaching at Southern Illinois–Carbondale University. Her administrative roles were director of undergraduate studies in history, university-wide administrative intern and chair of the college of liberal arts. She was recently chair of the history department at SCU until accepting her new position as dean at Central.

Morgan said her primary goal is "to get to know as many faculty, students and staff as possible, and the excellent work they are doing." Morgan hopes to bring the college closer together by means of social and academic gatherings. At one such gathering, Charles Pinzon, communications professor, had the chance to meet Morgan.

"I found her to be very straight-forward and receptive to new ideas," Pinzon said.

Along with getting to know her surroundings better, the new dean has other goals for the year. One goal is to form a Dean's Council of Students, so students can have the opportunity to exchange thoughts with the college and benefit from creative ideas.

Morgan also looks forward to enhancing connections between the college and local region in several different ways. Some of the ideas include internships, service learning projects, the arts and the college's speaker series. She also desires to build support for the interdisciplinary programs, for example:

Asia-Pacific Studies, Latin-American Studies and new programs such as the writing specialization within the English department and a film-video studies program within the communications department.

Along with her passion for learning, the new dean enjoys entertaining, mixing good food, wine and company.

"I'm thrilled to live in a state that has over 300 wineries," Morgan said.

She enjoys cycling and rode the Manastash Metric ride this last Saturday. She also takes pleasure in arts and attends art events of all kinds. "There is an amazing amount of creative work going on in the College of Arts and Humanities, as our concert, lectures, workshops, plays, videos and exhibitions reveal," Morgan said.

Two losses to Central community

Former administrator dies

Dr. Gregory Trujillo died Sept. 25 in Seattle.

Trujillo spent 30 years at Central, holding positions as the vice president of student affairs and the provost's office.

Trujillo was born in New Mexico and received three degrees from the University of New Mexico. His bachelor's was in business administration and both his masters and Ph.D were in guidance counseling.

While his most recent posts included serving as president of the Board of Directors for the Central Retirement Association, among others. Trujillo was serving as president of the Board of Directors for the Central Retirement Association, among others.

The 23-year-old was on track to graduate this spring. He had aspirations for his future, including going to medical school. His mother, Mary, told the Daily Record, this is the third accident on that portion of Look Road within a year.

According to police, Bonson rolled his Acura at 2:30 a.m. and the vehicle came to a stop upside-down.

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I stood in the middle of a noisy, packed crowd, hunger evident on faces, the smell of grease and burnt meat hanging in the air. I glanced at my watch, knowing it was the wrong time for this. It was noon, and what seemed to be half the population of the student body was crammed into the SUR, all trying to get something to eat.

For the past few years our university has been growing, and growing rapidly. This year marks the highest enrollment of freshmen to date, and total enrollment was capped at 9,000. The high enrollment means a lot of things: more money for the university, more student athletes and a more active student body.

These are wonderful, but not so wonderful for students who came to Central seeking an alternative to large schools, like the University of Washington and Washington State University. For those students who wanted a small community campus, the enrollment doesn’t just affect us students, it hardens our faculty, SAFARI and even our facilities.

The new class of students wouldn’t normally be a problem, but this year it is exceptionally larger, and this means there will be bigger class sizes. Bigger class sizes impact students’ ability to learn properly and we all begin to feel like we are just a number and not a person.

Also, the increased class sizes happen because there aren’t enough sections of classes being taught, and the university doesn’t have enough faculty members to teach extra sections even if they were offered.

Professors are already straining because they are not adequately compensated (which is a whole other issue: Collective Bargaining anyone?). So why is the administration pushing them further? Do they want to alienate the professors as well as the students.

While we’re pushing them further, I have to mention SAFARI. It’s at the top of everyone’s list, right? This program, no matter what is wrong with it this time, constantly bears a tremendous burden and we’re putting more pressure on it with more student usage.

Why? Do we want to see it fail?

Do we want more students to hate it? By the time the eight years to de-bug it are over the system will be obsolete, so why are we pushing it so hard? It’s only going to be further abused in the future...

Funny I mention abuse, since that’s exactly what we’re doing to our facilities. Our current buildings do not have the capacity to adequately serve all of our students. Central is not ready to be home to them, and it won’t be ready until April.

Yes, I am talking about the new SUR/EC. When the new SUB/EC is officially open the campus will be able to handle the increase of traffic of the new students. Until then we’ll just have to struggle through it. Students like me who came to Central for a small community campus, are not going to be happy about being here anymore. Little touches like getting lunch at noon, and not getting lost in a crowd have gone by the wayside.

Students like me are going to pie and yearn to our friends about not even being able to move in the SUB and we’re going to be angry that our professors are overworked and underpaid. It’s all because there are too many students and it happened too soon.

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Central enrollment soars

bryant phillips
Staff reporter

Central Washington University enrolled a slew of freshmen, transfer and returning students—the highest number in the university’s history. According to Mike Riley, head of admissions, about 8,400 students enrolled at the Ellensburg campus by Sept. 21. The total is likely to be closer to 9,000 after admissions freezes on Oct. 10.

"Last spring was the highest enrollment at Central as well until this quarter," Riley said. "CWU has stepped up by admitting more students, and otherwise the class size gets a little touchy about the class size, and it’s not always there to answer questions."

"My computer science professor gets a little touchy about the class size," Macmillan said. "But it’s understandable with the number of students, and otherwise the class size isn’t much different than high school, so it’s not a big problem for students."
Sometimes Florida isn't so awesome

One Central student feels the far-reaching impacts of Hurricane Katrina - this is her story

The hurricanes

Last summer I saw aftermath of Hurricane Charley in Florida firsthand. I realized what you see on the news is nothing compared to seeing it personal­ly. Living around those who have lost everything and watching people try to reclaim their lives by rebuilding.

Last hurricane season and even the beginning of this season was trying on Floridians, even on my parents who moved down there. By the end of this summer I was sick of the weather, humidity, thunderstorms and constantly watching the weather forecast to find out what was wrong with out area. I was glad when Katrina hit Florida, it was barely a Category 1 and was down south by Miami by the time I flew back to Ellen­burg the next day. I did not watch the news any more, just waited until I heard from a friend that Katrina was a category 5 and headed toward New Orleans. I dropped everything and called my mom; I was born in Louisiana and her whole side of the family lives down there.

That night I could not sleep because I woke up on the news and tears filled my eyes. I had never seen anything like what I did after Charley. And I had nothing to do with Katrina. It was days, with little sleep, before we heard anything about our family. A police officer called my mom in the middle of the night to tell her that a few of our family members were okay. More days passed, cell phone service was spotty and we would randomly get more news, both good and bad. As a family we felt a few hours, a few cars and evacuated to Mississippi and Texas. Some have still not been able to reach their homes due to blocked down trees. We were very lucky that we did not have any deaths or serious injuries and for that we are very thankful.

Scott Leadings
Senior
Political Science

I am disappointed in our government.

With much of the news coverage focused on New Orleans, I feel smaller, less important and more people affected by Katrina's remnants (counties) have been over­looked. Given, New Orleans was devastated and thousands of people were stranded in the Super Dome, the Convention Center and everywhere in between. But does this mean it is acceptable that it took two weeks to have the National Guard come to a small town in St. Tammany Parish, only to go back to Lafayette without helping anyone because they could not find the Red Cross and lacked a plan of their own? I wish I could exaggerate this statement, but I'm not. I started reading online newspapers from Louisiana because my grandmoth­er is from Lafayette and I knew that was happen­ ing, or rather what was not happening, in the parishes where our family lives.

Now, in no way am I deflating what has happened to the people of New Orleans, we have family and friends there as well as. As of Sept. 27, there were still bodies in a family friend's neigh­bor's house in St. Bernard Parish; we're talking a month after the hurricane hit. I have a problem with the time it took to respond and bring help to other cities and towns.

The United States is treated as one of the richest and best countries in the world to live in, but it seems to me that we take better care of victims of disasters from other countries than our own people. Jefferson Parish's president said a few days after the storm that he wanted to change the way he did things; because the people would get help faster if they were another country.

How fast did we, as a country, jump to helping others from the ruins of the hurricane last year? Why did it take so long to help our own people?

I think the right decision behind all this mayhem is our country's cockiness. No one thought a disaster like this could happen here, and when it started to unfold no one knew what to do about it. As much as I support our troops (they are doing their job and all), I think it's possible the president has put too much emphasis on the War on Terr­or/Israel and not enough on the citizens here. I love this country, but we are not invincible. We obviously do not have a plan for everything and I think the president just figured that it would be okay.

I could name hundreds of things that went wrong besides Katrina but I think the most important part now is continuing to learn from these mistakes. The government did better with Rita evacuations and the president has promised to work with Congress on disaster relief plans, which is good — I'm glad. I just that it took hun­dreds of people dying, hundreds of thousands becoming refugees and most of the Gulf Coast residents having their lives turned upside down and destroyed to want the President and government up.

I want to help

I may not able to give a huge donation to help those in need, but I have decided I am more than willing to give up my Christmas vacation trip to try to help someone else during the holidays. The ASCII-BOD has teamed up with the Red Cross and is taking student volun­teers to help with relief efforts between Dec. 11 and Jan. 1. It has the potential to be the most rewarding and give them the opportunity to see what it's like to be a family with relief efforts.

I instantly felt like the right thing to do. I weighed my options. I had for vacation; I thought about going to Florida where I would see my parents, my grandmother and her husband, my cousins and could drink a margarita on the beach! I hate hurricanes, so many of the people affected by Katrina do not have a home to stay in for the holidays! I called my parents, told them what I want to do because I felt that I needed to do it. They said we will miss me but they were proud of me. This is what I am doing for relief, what are you doing?
The two schoolboy friends from "Machuca." This movie is the internationally-acclaimed story of their lives and the dramatic political upheaval that shapes and transforms their friendship.
Club forms to promote affordable travel
by Alison Paine
Staff reporter

A trip to Whistler Blackcomb would be a dream come true to any skier, snowboarder or snow bunny. What if it were possible to do it at a cost of less than $2,500 for transportation, accommodations and lift tickets? This is one of the opportunities CWU Travel: The World Scene, Central Washington University’s new travel club, hopes you will take advantage of.

“That would be totally awesome!” said Tyler Dewey, junior Recreation Management major.

Travel Club’s President Kyle Goldie, junior business administration major, has grown the organization for its first year. From his travels through 16 countries, Goldie found it possible to do a $4,000 trip for less than $1,500 without sacrificing fun. “It’s the greatest passion that I have,” Goldie said.

He wants to teach other Central students some of the secrets that he learned through his year of traveling so they can take advantage of the great travel deals out there. “You can travel cheap enough, you can make time,” Goldie said.

In addition to Goldie’s knowledge of underground information, the other deciding forces are the members themselves. The weekly meetings are driven by member questions and participation. Each student’s questions will be answered and plans for trips will be made during the meetings. He hopes to coordinate trips for winter, spring and summer breaks this year. Even if you do not want to be involved with the travel club, the information presented at the meetings can help you plan your own trip with your family or friends on a budget.

For more information you can e-mail Kyle Goldie at goldiek@cwu.edu or call him at 425-343-8189.

5 minutes with... Joey Fleck
by Lacey Stanton
Staff reporter

As a college freshman, it is always difficult to leave home, move to a new town and start life all over again. However, 18-year-old law and Justice major Joey Fleck seems to be doing alright.

As a graduate of Payzley High School, Fleck chose to come to Ellensburg for his law and justice program, “and because some of my friends are here,” Fleck said. By majoring in Law and Justice Fleck hopes to eventually fulfill his dream of becoming a homicide detective in New York.

I do regret to inform all that Fleck is taken but maybe knowing he prefers green bowties to any kind of briefs is enough for you. Let’s continue by finding out a little more about Joey.

Q: What’s your favorite thing about Ellensburg?
A: Cool people! My friends Keena, Griffin and K.Y.

Q: What’s your favorite drink?
A: Alcohol

Q: What’s your favorite drink?
A: Lemonade

Fall Quarter Series Events
Groove for Thought - Oct. 14, 7 p.m., Music Building Concert Hall
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Refund check line was not so ‘Extreme’
by Melissa Alsoszatai-Petheo
Staff reporter

Each quarter about 1,000 students wait in line to receive their financial aid checks. The line usually forms at 10:30 a.m. in Barge Hall, even though checks are not available until 1 p.m. People waiting in line usually talk on their phones, stand quietly by themselves or talk to people around them. This quarter, an event called “Extreme Line Waiting” gave students the opportunity to do more than just wait.

Jeff Delauney and Josh Jones, both senior Information Technology/Administration Management majors, coordinated the event. Delauney said they planned “Extreme Line Waiting” as part of their internship with the Civic Engagement Center (CEC).

“It’s really exciting to get the whole student body together at the same time for an event and get the community involved,” Delauney said.

Career Services, Army ROTC, AUAP Campus Friend Program, the American Red Cross & Junior American Red Cross Aides and Tiki Tattoo both had booths where students could get information.

The CEC had a booth where students could donate for Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts. Free henna tattoos and $10 off coupons were also available from the Tiki Tattoo booth.

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A student gets served an "extreme" hot dog while waiting for her refund check last Friday.
Classic Film Series brings exciting genres to Central

by Meghan Hanley
Staff reporter

The Classic Film Series, sponsored by Campus Life, brings uncommon, classic and documentary films to Central Washington University students.

"It's rare in Ellensburg and this region to see these films on an actual screen," said Scott Drummond, associate director of campus life. "It's a way to get the film experience, as opposed to renting the DVD or watching it on TV."

The Classic Film Series has been showing at Central for almost 30 years. Every year brings new films to the series, and this year features some exciting titles.

"I'm pretty tickled we're showing the original "War of the Worlds,"" Drummond said. "We're showing it right before Halloween, and with the Tom Cruise version being so recent, it will be interesting to compare the two."

Other films being shown fall quarter include "Tokyo Godfathers," "Moolaadé," "Mad Hot Ballroom," "Trudell," "The Motorcycle Diaries" and "Casablanca."

"Unless you go to a film festival, you're not going to see "Casablanca" on a real movie screen," Drummond said. "Here we have it in its original format."

The American Film Institute (AFI) names "Casablanca" its number two American movie of all time. The AFI also names the film its number one greatest love story of all time.

The task of choosing films for the series falls on former Central professor Pat Brown, senior director of campus life John Drinkwater and Drummond.

"We keep an eye out for the things that are really popping out, but aren't quite mainstream," Drummond said. "We really want to expose people to the different styles and genres."

Tom Ptak, senior human geography major, attended the Classic Film Series last year.

"I saw 'Touching the Void' and it was mesmerizing," Ptak said. "It made me excited to attend the event again."

Drummond suggests students sample the Classic Film Series as if sampling sporting events or club meetings to see how they like it.

"We hope students can get a lot of enjoyment out of this," Drummond said. "Give one film a try, and if you like it, come back and see another."

The Classic Film Series is an event anyone on campus can enjoy, regardless of major.

"I would definitely recommend the Classic Film Series to other students," Ptak said.

The event takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday evenings in McConnell Auditorium. The price is $3 for a single admission, or $12 for a bargain pass for 5 admissions. Tickets are available at the SUB ticket counter, Jerrold's Book and Supply Co. and at the door.

For more information visit www.cwu.edu/campuslife/classclin or call campus life at 963-1691. For film and rating information visit www.imdb.com.

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**Ginkgo Tree serves new menu**

If you haven't been to the Ginkgo Tree lately, you're missing out. It might have a familiar name, but it's under new management and it's fabulous! Located just walking distance from campus on University Way, The Ginkgo Tree is the perfect place for a casual lunch with friends or a quick break from your studies. The place has been pretty crazy since the grand opening, so be patient... it's worth it.

“In about a week we will be more organized,” said Lana Bulanova, senior tourism management major, who is a waitress at the Tree. “It’s been kind of crowded. College kids have been filling this place up.”

I made a visit last week for lunch and my taste buds have been having withdrawals since. The selections looked so tasty I didn’t know what to choose. Just looking at the menu made my mouth water. I finally decided on the General Chicken and I was not disappointed. Other popular dishes include: Chicken Gyoza, Spicy Chicken and Chicken Teriyaki.

Sitting at the table next to me were two seniors enjoying a quick lunch. I asked them if they had eaten here before. “Yes, I’ve eaten here like 10 times,” said Tommy Sieritis, an Information Technology and Business Administration Major. “Prices are reasonable and it always fills me up.”

Reasonable prices are always a plus in the life of college students. Nan Shin, the owner of Ginkgo Tree keeps her prices low so students don’t have to break the budget trying to eat a filling meal. “I want to help them,” she replied. Helping students save their money is not all Nan Shin does. She also likes to help them make money while trying to study. She is currently looking for a new place to open another restaurant. “I hire mostly college students,” Shin said. Awesome! More jobs for college students is a plus in my book.

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Paul Coleman
Staff reporter

All Doggie, a senior biology major, liked the activities. “It’s pretty cool because waiting in line sucks. It helps keep morale high,” she said.

“Student reaction has been overwhelmingly positive. A lot of people were really excited about it,” said Amy Lynn Taylor, Central alumna and advertising lead/graphic designer.

“Extremeline Waiting” was put together by the CEC, with support from: 88.1 The Burg, Body - Tan, Campus U-Tote-Em, Dairy Queen, Hans Gym, Imports de Latierra, Jerrol’s Book and Supply, Pacific Industrial Supply, The Hang Out, McDonald’s, Miles Darrington & Son, Papa John’s, Pen & Ink Studios, Robber’s Roost, Safe-way, Shaw’s Furniture, Starbucks, Tiki Tattoo, University Housing, University Recreation and Wine- gar’s Dairy.

Right: A student plays around during “Extremeline Waiting.” Marty Mailey/Observer

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Napoleon ruined the world

weeks before ‘Napoleon Dyna- mine’ came out in the theaters, MTV heavily promoted it with the movie’s character Napoleon saying quotes like “it’s the best movie of the year.” The promo used very few actual clips from the film, leaving a viewer confused, but also quite intrigued. That’s how it left me anyway, so I then saw it twice in the first week it was out. I thought it was hilarious, smart humor, with a very original feel to it. Not many folk had seen it at this point, so if I was at the store and I heard some guy speaking like Napoleon, I’d give him a grin and say “that’s a good movie, man.”

A couple months passed and the whole world caught on, saw the movie and then promptly memorized it start to finish. No matter where I was there was someone quoting Napoleon Dynamite, or trying to sound like one of the characters. I couldn’t visit my grandmother with out her telling me my mom went to college. I went to a Catholic church one day, heard into the confessional and started talking to the priest. I had to leave after a few minutes because the guy kept saying “go on!” after every thing I’d tell him. Alright, so maybe not Catholic priests, but everyone else, yeah, they were quoting it.

The worst thing is, people that are already humorous don’t need to quote movies, but they do occasionally for fun. After Napoleon, men and women who had never told a joke in their lives heard others quoting the movie, saw peo-

peal laugh in response, and thought “hey, this is my chance to finally be funny.” I’ve never been able to be funny!” Not everyone was created to tell jokes, it just doesn’t work like that. The system doesn’t work if there’s no one in the group laughing. There has to be a good portion of a group to laugh in order for the funny people to feel encouraged to tell more jokes.

What was happening was there would be a group of six people hanging out in a circle taking turns saying a quote, chuckling and then saying another quote. It was more like a cult, or a zombie poneworthy, quite actual joke telling. “chatted with hot babes on the internet once hehe I’m training to fight in cages hehe I build calms, or something hehe.” For a good four month period, the entire world was in naias, no one knew if they were suppose to breath or tell someone to feed a llama named Tina. I was left feeling ashamed to ever have seen the film. When “Kip and Pedro” came to Central on Sept 24, I was worried that the movie quoting would gain its popularity back. Fortunately the two actors said enough quotes themselves to the crowd to fit in, and therefore no riots broke out later that night. No matter, because of Napoleon, my life and love for comedy have been tainted and may never live the same again. End of discussion.
Ready to rumble in Seattle

by Teddy Feinberg
Asst. sports editor

Central versus Western. When these two teams play, bets go out the window. This is the 95th football game between both schools, a storied history that dates back to 1922. Central has a decisive advantage in the series winning 57 of those meetings. Western has taken 33 and there have been four ties. The stats don't matter. These teams could meet on a patch of grass outside Black Hall, and it would be a war. There is hatred. There is emotion. There is the fear of losing. Nobody wants to admit this game means more then any other. Don’t listen to them. It does.

When looking at the surface, it appears that the 2005 version of The Battle in Seattle is primed to be a shootout. Redshirt freshman Mike Reilly has been putting up big numbers for the Wildcats.QB James McCormack is a big, strong, accurate passer with weapons at his disposal. Presussen all-American wide receiver Andy Olson was off to a hot start before going down with a knee injury. This week, he’s back in the lineup. Sophomore Brett Upchurch is a big play threat as the opposite receiver and should be all the more dangerous with the return of Olson. Sophomore tight end Nick Yorkey has a nose for the ball as well. Central cornerbacks Adam Jackson and Brandon Kennedy will have to find a way to at least contain both receivers in the passing game.

While an aerial assault seems likely, the reverse for a ground assault will be a critical aspect of both teams' game plans. Starter Landon Hall has been Central’s leading rusher this season, but Will Bennett came in and paced the ground game last week with 95 yards. Coach John Zamberlin plans on using both, keeping his backs fresh and the Vikings guessing on defense.

Western recently switched its defensive alignment to a three-four scheme, one which is better equipped to stop the run. Regardless, with the dangerous Reilly in the back of their minds the Vikings will have their full attention on stopping the pass and could be vulnerable to some long gains on the ground from either Bennett or Hall.

Western also has a solid one-two punch at running back in Jake Carlyle and senior Duncan Sherrard. Carlyle is second in the GNAC in rushing, while Sherrard provides veteran insurance in the backfield. Similar to Western, if the Wildcats become too preoccupied with defending the pass it could come back to burn them. Both Vikings backs are more then capable of making a big play.

What are your memories of the Battle in Seattle?

"Three years ago, when we beat them in overtime on our field. The game was such a battle. I'll never forget running out on the field surrounded by my teammates and all our fans. However, that first Battle in Seattle is a close second."

Nate Brookreson
Senior wide receiver

"In 2002 - the reverse for a touchdown, and more importantly the win. I like the feeling I get before playing them. I feel like it's the biggest game of my life. I remember the Battle in Seattle in 2003 when I couldn’t play and we won. I didn’t care about being injured or anything, I was just happy we were able to get the win and take home the W." 

Brian Potucek
Junior defensive tackle

"I'm looking forward to the intensity that both teams bring to the field."

Landon Hall
Senior running back

What is your best memory of the Battle in Seattle?

"Our team gets better every week and I think that everyone is excited to go out and prove to the rest of the GNAC that they were correct when they picked CWU to win the conference. I can't wait to see our talented veteran wide receivers (Potucek and Brookreson) go out and perform like they are capable of. It won't be an easy game, but one we're confident we will win."

Mike Reilly
Freshman quarterback

"Since I have been at CWU our team was trained to hate Western. I don't have to do anything to get pumped for this game, I am already pumped thinking about it."

Chris Burch
Junior linebacker

What is your perspective on the Battle in Seattle?

"As soon as I got to Central it was to be known that we hate Western. I have played Western 4 times and every time we play them it means more, you work harder, you wear less blue, and you know that even if you lose every game this year that as long as you beat Western you had the biggest season they did." 

Kellen Becker
Junior defensive tackle

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Catch up on the nation's rivalries

Ohio State vs. Michigan
This could be the A number 1 rivalry in all of America. The series began in 1919 and quickly became a cutthroat matchup between two of the biggest colleges in America. In 1935, the annual clash was moved to the last game of the season to add further appeal and pizzazz to the rivalry. The game often pits the two best teams in the Big Ten and usually determines who will represent the conference in the Rose Bowl. Another attraction in the matchup is the venues in which they are played. The Wolverines and the Buckeyes play in The Big House and The Horseshoe respectively, two stadiums that both currently seat over 100,000 fans. With rabid onlookers, these schools constantly battle for national supremacy and for the love of simply defeating another team they can't stand.

Oklahoma vs. Texas
This is a unique rivalry for many reasons. First off, it's one of the few rivalry games left that is played on a neutral field. This contest has been played every year at Texas Stadium in the heart of Dallas. The winner also is granted ownership of the Red River for one year until the teams meet again and battle once more for the landmark. This season Texas has an excellent team, led by all-world quarterback Vince Young. Oklahoma on the other hand has fallen on hard times. The losses of Jason White and Jamal Brown, amongst others, have made the Sooners realize that life at the top is a precious commodity. Regardless, with the rivalry in mind, Oklahoma will be a handful for the Longhorns when these two meet up for the Red River Shootout.

Los Angeles Times began presenting the Jim Murray Trophy to the winner of the USC-UCLA game, named for the legendary columnist. Also, the winner of game is given yearlong possession of the Victory Bell. The 295-pound bell originally clanged from atop Southern Pacific freight locomotive.

Washington vs. Washington State
No matter your record, if your team wins this game you've had a successful season. It's more then just a game on a football field. It's east versus west, big city against small town, corporate world take on mom and pop. The apple cup trophy has been given out since 1962, but the rivalry dates back to the year 1900. Washington holds a commanding 63-27-6 edge in the 96-game series, including a 31-10 record in Apple Cup games. Over the last four seasons the Cougars have been picked to win the Apple Cup. Yet only last season did the they end a seven-year drought in the series by edging the Huskies 28-25 in Martin Stadium.

Grambling vs. Southern
The Bayou classic is entering its 31st year and never seems to get old. It's a matchup between the two historically black universities within Louisiana, Southern and Grambling State. The game, previously held in New Orleans, was almost as festive as the weekend celebrations surrounding the actualy kickoff and final whistle. Bands, cookouts and street vendors line the streets of the city. The roads between the Superdome and the French Quarter are usually closed. The halftime show features a battle of the bands between both universities that is taken almost as serious as the football in between the lines. Last season, Southern won in a wild affair, 44-41. The Bayou Classic is a battle between northern and southern Louisiana that embodies the true essence of black college football. The devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina resulted in this year's matchup being moved to Reliant Stadi-

UCLA vs. USC
It's the biggest cross-town rivalry in college football. The pride of Los Angeles is always on the line when UCLA meets Southern Cal. The Rose Bowl has been the setting for this rivalry since it first opened in 1922. Beginning in 1999, the staff reporter Damon Brown and asst. sports editor Teddy Feinberg contributed to this report.
Central volleyball gaining national attention

by Kelcye Cifton
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Wildcat volleyball team is off to a 1-2-3 (6-1 GNAC) start. They opened up the season at the Hawaiian Style Classic alternating losses and wins but went against Hawaii, Hawaii-Hilo, Brigham Young Hawaii and Chaminade. Central then traveled to Michigan to defeat the America West Invitational Fall Classic. They won all four matches, defeating Lake Superior State 3-0, Grand Valley State 3-2, Ferris State 3-0 and Hilldale 3-0. The Wildcats hit .414 against Lake Superior State and .381 against the Cen­ tral team since 2000 when they hit .430 in a win against Humboldt State.

Senior middle blocker LeAnne McGahey, senior outside hitter Crystal Arsre and junior setter Lindsay Dol­ liente were named to the All-tournament team. McGahey was selected GNAC Player of the Week and National Player of the Week on Sept. 6.

Central returned home to open up GNAC play against Alaska-Fairbanks and Alaska-Anchorage. The Wildcats won both matches 3-0. Against Fair­ banks, Central totalled eight service aces and nine total blocks. The Wild­ cats had 14 service aces and 50 kills in their win over Anchorage.

On Sept. 17, the Wildcats traveled to Anchorage to face rival Western Washington. Central won in three games (30-24, 20-30, 30-21). Ames had a match high of 14 Kills. Senior libero Darcy Scheck contributed with 12 digs.

Once again Central took the match in three games (30-17, 30-20, 30-14). Ames led the team with 16 kills and 12 digs. Middle blockers McGahey, Christina Null, Rachel Schurman, and Morgan Zamora hit a combined .774 into the contest. Reilly led the Great Northwest Athletic Conference with 11 touchdown tosses. He added five more to that total versus the Wolves, complet­ ing 16 of 28 passes for 287 yards. The transfer from Washington State Univer­ sity also leads the GNAC in passing 16 of 26 passes for 287 yards. The transfer from Washington State Univer­ sity also leads the GNAC in passing percentage, and six digs, and Dollente

Within, at 36. Central offers around 20. Bishop says the move will put the Wildcats at a tough spot, 1st and 15 from their own 15, Reilly looked Brookreson’s way once again, firing a 70-yard touchdown strike that put the game out of reach, catapult­ ing the Wildcats to a 3-2 record. The Wildcats defense also hounded opposing quarterbacks Mark and Ryan Thorton, recording two sacks while intercepting four passes on the day.

Starting cornerback Brandon Kennedy notched two of those picks, as he returned his second 97 yards for a touchdowns, giving Central its final points on the day and putting an excla­ mation point on a big fourth quarter for the Wildcats.
CROSS COUNTRY ON THE RISE

By Brian Rowe
Staff Reporter

Central Washington University's cross country team is taking steps in the right direction. Captain Dan Ferguson, senior, believes that the recent infusion of youth is having a positive effect on the team.

"We're a young team right now with a lot of potential," Ferguson said. "We are just having fun and coming together as a group."

Ferguson admitted that while the team's atmosphere is loose and optimistic, he is taking nothing for granted heading into next week's collegiate rival game against the Western Washington University Vikings. With the infamous "Battle in Seattle" football game slated for the same weekend, bragging rights are on the line as these two rivals square off in the athletic arena WWU Invitational.

Both the men's and women's cross country teams will be heading to Bellingham early Saturday morning to prepare for the big meet at the track field stadium at Western. A win at the meet will be crucial in order to improve the all-important conference standings of the Central cross country team.

"A conference meet is always important," Ferguson said, "because it gives us a chance to move up in the conference standings."

Noticeable accomplishments so far this year include Central's sweep of Whitworth at the Apple Ridge Run Invitational in which Central senior Brandy Anderson led a group of three runners in the top five in the women's race.

The Western-Central Division II rivalry has grown in recent years as it pits friend against friend, brother against brother. The chance to come out on top will be a great conversation starter at dinner tables everywhere throughout Western and Central Washington.

Expectations of the team have grown throughout the year, as Ferguson has come to realize.

"We expect to stay strong in the conference," Ferguson said. "If we all run well as a team, we can move up. We have some talent this year. I know that the young guys can come through for us. We're running around sixty-five miles a week and working harder than ever."

It's not all work and no play, said the captain. "We had pajamas and pizza night last week. We're having fun, but at the same time we are taking this thing seriously."
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Bike ride cruised through Kittitas valley

Manastash-metric bike ride makes for a good day, good cause

by Jordan Montgomery
Staff reporter

On Saturday Oct. 1 Ellensburg proudly hosted the annual United Way of Kittitas County bike ride. This ride helps raise $15 assorted nonprofit charities and social service agencies all around Kittitas County. For nearly a quarter of a century this ride traverses the greater valley area on a 62 mile (104 K) or a 33 mile (52 K) route that starts in Ellensburg and goes as far as Cle Elum. The race was initially put on to raise money for the Ellensburg Ski Club; which in recent years has found a new nonprofit sponsor. United Way jumped at the chance.

The event has summoned people from all over the state to scenic Ellensburg Memorial Park, where the ride begins. Some are professional bicyclists and others are just looking for a weekend getaway.

Steve Burleigh of Lake Stevens has come to share a unique experience with his wife and four kids. "A few of my friends did it last year and encouraged me to try it," Burleigh said. "I'm starting to get into cycling so it kind of made sense."

Only attempting the 33 mile course, Burleigh and his family enjoyed the dry weather and beautiful scenery as they pedaled their way to Thorp and back.

"I had a great time; I wanted to get in some new scenery," Burleigh said. "People where all really nice, and were helpful to everyone; the event was well organized and the refreshments were great."

The Burleigh family started their trek at 9:00 a.m., however many bicyclists started at 7:30 a.m., when registration opened.

Riders who registered before the day paid $15 per person and $20 for tandems; on the spot registration was $20 per person and $25 for tandems. With registration the riders received a course map and instructions on course landmarks. Along the way there are pit stops that supply the riders with refreshments.

When the riders return to Ellensburg they can use the coupon for an all-you-can-eat pizza feast at Grant's pizza place as well as reduced rates for overnight stays at the Ellensburg Inn. Many sponsors came together to make this event a memorable experience. Other sponsors include The Recycle Bicycle Shop and the Thorp Mill. The refreshments were sponsored by Starbucks Coffee, Albertson's grocery stores, Safeway grocery stores and Clip bars.

According to Jim Baumgard, executive director of United Way, the event was a complete success.

"We had somewhere around 220 people show up, and we expect around 300 next year," Baumgard said. "We think that next year we will add an extra leg to the course, one that will actually go 100 miles."

With so many people returning for the annual event there is no doubt that this ride will be around for a long time.

The Manastash-metric bike ride brought bike enthusiasts from all over Washington to Ellensburg. The ride began and ended in Memorial Park.

NCC shock full of powerhouses

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get any points for playing them."

The only NAIA game the Wildcats had this year was against Montana-Western in the Rodeo Bowl on September 2. The Wildcats won 56-0.

Bishop also points out the difference in scheduling between Central and Western, and Humboldt State and Western Oregon.

"If Humboldt went 11-0 my guess is they wouldn't make the playoffs, because of the schedule they have," said Bishop.

Bishop says that Humboldt State and Western Oregon can play NAIA and Division III teams in Oregon that won't play Central such as Willamette and Southern Oregon. This makes scheduling for these programs easier since they can book games requiring little travel but it also badly hurts their playoff chances. For example, Bishop points out that Humboldt State scheduled a game on November 12, the first day of the DII playoffs, indicating that they most likely did not intend on getting into the playoffs.

Inspired partly by Central and Western's move to the NCC, Humboldt State has accepted an invitation to join the California Collegiate Athletic Association starting next year.

Humboldt State Athletic Director Dan Collen says a major reason that Humboldt State was in the GNAC to begin with was that they could compete in all sports including football, which is not part of the CCAA. Central and Western's move made Humboldt State and Western Oregon's football programs independent. Since Humboldt could no longer compete for a conference championship the school's administration felt their program would be better off competing against schools from their own state.

"It will help recruiting since student athletes can play in front of their family and friends," Collen said.

The inability to attain a conference championship and the elimination of the home and home format used in the GNAC will be the two notable differences for Humboldt State's football program.

"There's really no difference in football. We're essentially changing two games," Collen said.

The deal made between Bishop and NCC Commissioner Roger Thomas is for three years and will be reevaluated after two.

"In a perfect world we would like to see to two or three schools surface in the west and we would not have to play in this league," Bishop said. "They're the same way if they could add a couple more schools back there so they didn't need us they'd like to get rid of us too."

NCC History

The NCC was formed in 1921 and currently has seven members, Augsburg (S.D.), Minnesota Duluth, Minnesota State Mankato, Nebraska-Omaha, North Dakota, Saint Cloud State (Minn.), and South Dakota.

The NCC had three schools leave for Division I in the past three years. Northern Colorado left after the 2002-03 school year while North Dakota State and South Dakota State left after 2003-04. The NCC had been trying to fill these vacancies since last May and in August they were filled by Central and Western.

The NCC is one of the oldest and most prestigious conferences in DII football. According to D2Football.com, NCC schools have participated in 11 championship games and have won eight of them since the DII national championship's inception in 1973. The most recent victory was by North Dakota in 2001, North Dakota was also the runner-up in the 2003 season.

The Wildcats have compiled a 1-3 record against the NCC over the past four years. They faced NCC teams twice this year losing at home to North Dakota in the season opener 20-44 and losing to Nebraska-Omaha 21-28 Sep­tember 9 in Omaha. As of October 4, www.d2football.com had North Dakota ranked #1 and Nebraska-Omaha #14 in the DII national rankings.

Car crash leaves Central spriniter in critical condition

Central spriniter Fabian Coutard, 22, was critically injured in a car crash early Sunday morning in Ellensburg. Riding with him was Tyler Dexter, 19. Coutard, a public relations major was taken to Harborview with severe head injuries.

Undersheriff Clay Myers told the Daily Record he believes the accident occurred when Coutard took his 2003 Audi into a corner at Hanson and Barns roads too quickly, losing control of his car. The car hit a power pole and went down a guardrail.

Coutard competes in the 200 and 66 meter dash. His best finish last school year was third in each event at the Domino's Pizza Community Open in Nampa, Idaho, Jan. 15.

"I'm mad that this happened to someone so great," said Rachel Tynan, a fellow track athlete. "He's always happy, everyone always likes him ... even when he's in a bad mood he's still making jokes."

Fabian Coutard

His professors and fellow public relations majors know Coutard for being an outgoing, energetic person.

"He always has a smile or a joke. He has the ability to brighten up every room he goes into," said Beatrice Coleman, communications pro­fessor. "Fabian is a good person who deserves our thoughts and prayers."
Close losses hurt record for women's soccer

by Paul Boutte
Staff reporter

It's been a rollercoaster of a season so far for the women's soccer squad. In the end, the Wildcats are playing better than their 5-7 record. 2 in 2 in the conference, would indicate. The Wildcats are back this year with something to prove to the Great North-west Athletic Conference. They play good physical soccer and aren't afraid - to get dirty or knock people down. Yet the team seems to lack offensive firepower, freshman, lead the team in goals and something to prove to the Great North-west Athletic Conference. They play good physical soccer and aren't afraid by power as they have been shut out four times this season. Despite 71 shots on goal, the team is struggling to find the back of the net.

Castie, midfielder, red-shirt freshman, and Katie Drollinger, sophomore, Lindsey Mitchell, midfielder, and Lynde Clarke, midfield, freshmen, are all tied with two assists. Yet the team is fairly young with only seven upperclassmen on the roster.

The Wildcats' scoring was spread between five different players. Haderly, senior, midfielder, along with fellow co-president and senior midfielder Jared Auckland and freshman goalkeeper Meghan Michaud. She earned GNAC co-player of the week honors in that stretch, allowing only one goal in three games. Michaud suffered a concussin in practice last week and was unable to play on the road trip last weekend.

Michelle Beattie, midfielder, sophomore, was held in check by the injured goal keeper. The Wildcats were unable to extend the winning streak as they fell 1-0 at rainy Western Oregon. Chelsea Beck, defender, senior, missed a penalty kick in the waning minutes of the second half that would've forced overtime. They lost another close game by one score, 2-1, at Humboldt State last week-end.

"It's a long, tough trip to make," said Coach Michael Farrand. The team will enjoy their longest home stand of the season, five straight games in Ellensburg. These next several games could prove pivotal to the rest of the season. "If we get hot it could put us back in the mix," Farrand said. The Wildcats need to get pumped up to take on second-ranked Seattle Pacific (11-0) on Wednesday Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. CWU played SPU before this story went to print.

Club keeps goal in mind

by Scott Parrish
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Men's club soccer team traveled to La Grande, Oregon last Saturday to do battle with the Eastern Oregon University Mountaineers. The Wildcats proved to be a little bit more than the Mountaineers could handle, winning 7-1.

"They were undermanned," said co-president and five-year veteran of the squad, Travis Haderly. The Wildcats' scoring was spread between five different players. Haderly, senior, midfielder, along with fellow co-president and senior midfielder Jared Auckland and freshman goalkeeper Meghan Michaud. She earned GNAC co-player of the week honors in that stretch, allowing only one goal in three games. Michaud suffered a concussion in practice last week and was unable to play on the road trip last weekend.

"We didn't play to our potential," Haderly said. "We played down to our level."
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