Last year's Wellington's Wildfire was such a success, the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors decided to carry on the tradition. It's happening tonight at 6 in North Field, with a parade through campus at 5.

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Wayans to be cheapest act in recent years

by Megan Hansen
Staff reporter

Big names don’t pass through Ellensburg very often, so when someone like comedian Damon Wayans comes for the homecoming show, it’s a big event. Many people might not think of the large amount of money that goes into bringing big names to campus money that the students provide.

Campus Life is responsible for bringing Central students activities throughout the year, primarily the homecoming show. According to Scott Drummond, director of Campus Activities, Campus Life gets a homecoming budget of $35,000 each year from student activity fees.

“Having a fee is a good way to bring activities to our campus and keep student involvement high,” said Heather Whitty, junior social services major and RHA vice president.

The cost to put on an event such as Wayans is far more than the budget allows. Wayans alone is charging $75,000, not including the average $20,000 production fee (promotion, security, set up, IGA, etc.).

The rest of the expenses are covered by ticket costs, Drummond said.

“I had no idea we were spending that much money on him,” Ethan Swenson, senior molecular biology major said. “It seems like a waste of money for a couple hours.”

Since 2002 Central has brought a comedian to perform at Homecoming each year after the $35,000 budget was initiated and approved by the ASCWU-BOD as well as the Student Activities Committee. Otherwise students could be paying as much as $175 per ticket. Drummond said, “If we had to go strictly on ticket sales students would be paying more.”

Drummond explained that the number of tickets sold in the previous year determines how much can be spent the following year. Central was able to bring Jay Leno in 2003 for $110,000 after David Spade, who was paid just $80,000 plus $5,000 for travel, sold out and left Campus Life with money.

“If we made money on the show, it would go back into the homecoming budget for next year,” Drummond said.

Some students believe that the fee is unacceptable and are upset that their money is going toward the homecoming shows.

“It’s a big waste of money and that money can be put to better use, such as parking,” Deanna Stinson, senior family studies major said. “If people want to get involved, it shouldn’t cost tens of thousands of dollars. It’s not worth it to have two-bit comedians who not everyone likes or supports come to campus.”

Many students, however, are fine with the fee and don’t seem to mind their money is going toward the show.

“It’s a pretty negligible fee and benefits a large amount of students,” Alexander Dujek, sophomore undeclared major said.
Program to train student advisers in sexual assault

by Tieh-Pai Chen
Asst. news editor

It isn’t uncommon for Nicole Dunn, health educator at the Wildcat Wellness Center at Central Washington University, to get phone calls from faculty members and students, saying “I know this person was sexually assaulted but I’m not sure what to do.”

According to a U.S. Department of Justice report specifically emphasizing acquaintance rape of college students, fewer than 5 percent of college women who are victims of rape or attempted rape report it to police. However, about two-thirds of them tell someone, usually friends.

Developed last winter quarter, the Wildcat Wellness Center formed the SAVA (sexual assault victim adviser) training program to educate students how to respond to sexual assault victims. The program will be at 5 p.m. tonight in the Samuelsom Union Building, room 206/207. The training is free to the public and Dr. Megan Schmidt from Central’s counseling center and Sara Bell from ASPEN (Abuse Suppor and Prevention Education Now), will lead the training session.

“The more people are trained, maybe the more students will feel comfortable to report,” Dunn said. “Most of the cases are underreported and we see more victims here than the police report.”

Gail Farmer, the director of Wellness Center and Central’s sexual assault response coordinator, said a total number of 19 forced rapes—10 of the incidents were officially reported to the police and the other nine were a third party report—had taken place at Central between 2002 and 2004, and she has no doubt that the number is underestimated.

“We’ve seen students dropped out of school as a result of their experience,” Farmer said. “That’s why we want to train people how to respond.”

According to a U.S. Department of Justice report, an average of one in four college women have been sexually assaulted between 2002 and 2004, ranging from grappling to penetration. Without appropriate training, people might fall into the victim-blaming myth formed by public opinion and therefore making the sexually assaulted persons feel re-victimized.

Up-coming sexual-assault-related events will include Alan Berkowitz’s four public presentations entitled “Sexual Assault Prevention Dilemma” at 1 p.m. on Oct. 26, in Mary Grape Center, and “Is What I Want What You Want?” at 6:30 p.m. in Hertz Hall, and at 10 and 11 a.m. on Oct. 27 in Hertz Hall.

The Wildcat Wellness Center hopes the student adviser will serve as a source to provide help to sexual assault victims.

by Kelly Hines
Staff reporter

This past summer four undergraduate Central Washington University students and four professors embarked on a journey to China. Students who are accepted spend two weeks in Ellensburg to learn about China and then spend four weeks in China doing their research on the water scarcity issues in Northwestern China.

“That kind of experience is hard to get as an undergrad,” Mikelle Charlebois, senior history and anthropology major who went on the trip this past summer said.

When they get back, they have two weeks to write a 50-page paper as a group on their research. According to an introductory brochure about the trip, they spend the two weeks in housing on campus and regularly meet with their mentors to prepare the final research paper. Students even have an opportunity to travel to Seattle to use the University of Washington’s East Asia Library. On Nov. 8 the students are giving their papers to the university.

“Central Washington University and the National Science Foundation organize a research experience for the undergraduate program,” said James Cook, Associate professor of History. “I who was part of this journey and the organizer of the trip, “It’s been running now for about four years.”

The other professors on the trip were Richard Mack from the economics department, Hong Xia from the sociology department and Roberta Soltz from the biology department. All the professors have been on this trip three other times and work with students on their research. Only

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Visiting professor discusses kids, violence

by Elia Bowman
Staff reporter

"It's perfectly healthy to have aggression, but that it gets dangerous when it moves outside the boundaries that keep it from developing into violence," said Dr. James Garbarino in a presentation last Thursday.

Dr. Garbarino, the Maude C. Clarke Professor of Humanistic Psychology at Loyola University in Chicago, visited Herz Auditorium to present "Contemporary Environments of Children and Aggression: School and Family Solutions," a seminar that offered strategies on how to eliminate violent delinquents among youths.

Garbarino's presentation was of high interest and brought in an audience of about 200 people, comprised of students, faculty, local residents and parents of all ages.

The renowned psychologist, who also has credits as an author and professor, addressed the influences of childhood aggression, explained common misconceptions about hostility among genders and offered child-rearing techniques, all with a touch of humor.

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"He has all this knowledge and experience, yet he is a humble man who speaks in plain language. It's like he's having a conversation with you, but he's doing the talking," said Laurelace Alhman, assistant professor of Education and Field Experiences, who has attended four of Garbarino's speeches since their first encounter in the early 1980s.

"He knows how to say the things we want to say about children and families in peril. He refocuses me and all I have to do is listen.

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Wildcat Water fundraiser goes under

by Jon Mentzer
Staff reporter

In the past week, people in the Kittitas county area have been buzzing about the new discovery of water underneath the new SUBREC building and the possibility of selling it as Wildcat Water across the valley.

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15 undergraduates out of about 150 applicants from around the country were accepted. The introductory brochure about the trip says students can apply for the trip if they are in their junior or senior year, have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and U.S. citizens or are permanent U.S. residents. The group of 15 students is then divided up into small groups of three or four and one professor is with each group.

The selection process includes an oral interview. This trip doesn’t cost any money for the students since the trip is funded by the National Science Foundation and Central. Two-thirds of the funding is by the NSF and the remainder is funded by Central specifically by the office of the Provost and Graduate Studies research.

Challenges with a trip like this are the coordination and communication between the United States and China. Central also had to get permission from the Chinese government to do research. Although there were challenges there were many rewards.

She would go on the trip again if she were graduating this year. It was very exhausting and everything got packed into a short amount of time. She did like that she had an interesting experience in the academic sense and that she had a lot of fun with the group.

Greg Pyle, senior economics major, another student who went on the trip said the trip was an amazing experience and that he saw different cultures from another perspective, like urban and rural. He went on the trip to get first-hand experience in a research project and said it was “totally worth it.”

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New degree serves to keep students up-to-date

by Charlene Krentz
Staff reporter

Central is responding to computer education needs with a new degree in Information Technology. According to Dr. Lori Beath, Chair of the Information Technology and Administrative Management Department, students who came to Central after obtaining a degree in another technological field at a community college will have to start their training over again because their degrees don’t transfer to a four-year institution.

According to a recent press release from Central, beginning from this winter quarter, a new degree program will be offered the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in Information Technology and Administrative Management.

“The BAS allows students with a technical degree to transfer and complete a baccalaureate degree program,” Dr. Linda Booth, Central’s Associate-Vice President for Undergraduate Studies said in the press release. “It’s an opportunity that just isn’t available in any other program now.”

A report published by the National Workforce for Emerging Technologies states that eight out of 10 of the fastest growing jobs in Washington State are computer related. Also, the number of jobs requiring applicants to have a bachelor’s degree is expected to grow 21.6 percent.

In the BAS program, students will continue to develop their technical expertise and learn important communication and management skills.

“Employers are becoming more selective,” Booth said. “They don’t just want good programmers, they want people who also have strong management and communication skills.”

According to the press release, students wanting to be admitted into the program will have to earn “an associate’s degree in an information-technology field and complete at least one year of full-time work.”

The BAS program will be offered at CWU-Des Moines and CWU-Lynnwood once funding becomes available. For more information, contact Dr.
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In recent years, many have lamented that left-wing fringe groups have hijacked the Democratic Party and consequently led to its repeated defeats. The argument is occasionally made that to regain the majority the Democrats must return to the platform of Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John F. Kennedy. Whether this could actually be done is beside the point; what's far more important is that creating a new party in the spirit of New Deal and Great Society Democrats would be redundant. Such a party already exists: the GOP.

The Republicans have fallen in love with Big Government. The one-time party of fiscal discipline has a new mantra, neatly summed up by President Bush in 2001: "We have a responsibility that when somebody hurts, government has got to move." It is now clear that "compassionate conservatism" represented a real change in the Republican Party and was not, as campaign rhetoric would have it, Bush's wimping in response to 9/11. Under Bush's watch, federal spending has increased at the fastest rate since Lyndon Johnson, even if increases in defense spending are excluded. Never before in its history has government grown by more, with fewer gains for the average American.

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Mr. & Mrs. Central kicked off Homecoming Week on Monday in Club Central. Ms. Central — Ms. Muzzall: Rena Oki played Japanese guitar and sang a Japanese song. She is an AUAP who loves Muzzall and her RA's. Mr. Central — Mr. Alford Montgomery: Thomas Hamilton juggled and yo yied to his original flute piece, "A practice demonstration of physic."

Join in the Homecoming hullabaloo

Central students will dance the night away by Lacey Stanton Staff reporter

"Red! Black! Attack!.. Red! Black! Attack!" the phrase can immediately be related to Central Washington University football games and this year's homecoming week theme, "Red and Black Attack!" This weekend red and black are also connected to something else: Central's homecoming dance.

Red and Black Masquerade Ball is the theme for tomorrow's homecoming dance.

"We wanted to help support school spirit and the homecoming theme," said Richard DeShields, associate director of University Housing and New Student Program.

The dance is sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, Campus Life and the Wellness Center and will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight, Friday Oct. 21, in the Samuelson Union Building (SUB) Theater, located on the second floor.

Tickets are being sold for $10 at the SUB recreation counter or can be purchased for $12 at the door. The dance is semi-formal so come with your significant other, or leave them at home and come with a group of friends. Pictures will also be available, but the cost has not been finalized.

"This is a neat time for students to get dressed up to the nines," said DeShields.

Wayans appears at CWU In Living Color by Caitlin Kuhlmann Staff reporter

Damon Wayans, the featured entertainer for the Central Washington University Homecoming week, will be performing at 8 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 22 in the Nicholson Pavillion.

Wayans has been in the business of making people laugh since the early 1980s when he got his start touring the comedy club circuit. His success with stand-up comedy later led to a role as a featured performer on Saturday Night Live, which is known for its hilarious sketches, impersonations and improvisation acts.

"I think he's funny and he's quick-witted," Stefanie Heintz, junior elementary education major, said.

Wayans is also known for his work on the Emmy award winning show "In Living Color," for which he wrote and co-starred for three seasons. He personally received two Emmy award nominations for his work.

Wildcats get fired up with Wellington by Jennifer Kingshott Staff reporter

Grab your sweaters and bring your school spirit! The second annual Wellington's Wildfire is about to heat things up today at 5:30 p.m. in the grassy area east of the tennis courts, south of Student Village. This should be a fun-filled night under a big top tent with a free BBQ, s'mores and live entertainment by your fellow Central Washington University students. This is the ultimate Central gathering this fall.

The Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors sponsors the wildfire, which is a pep rally on campus. It recognizes the many sports teams at Central such as volleyball, soccer and cross-country. There will be a campus-wide parade to grab your attention and pump students up for the huge bonfire. The parade will start in the Nicholson Pavillion's parking lot lead by Central's police, followed by "The General" (Alumni Fire Truck), Central cheerleaders and Central's Drum Cadence. The pep rally will be introduced by the BOD, with Rob Lowery as the voice of the Wildcats, starting the party with the lighting of the bonfire. To all the freshman out there, if you are looking for a good way to make some new friends and want to get involved in school activities, this is a great place to start.
Green RV guides students down the road of life

by Rebecca Thornton
Staff reporter

You're in college and you still don't know what you want to do with the rest of your life. If you're like a lot of students these days, this is probably a familiar feeling. Whether you're just beginning your college career or miraculously near the end you have likely felt pressure to make a decision about the rest of your life and the path you'll take. Despite this constant pressure, more and more students are deciding to forge their own paths and venturing out into the world to find out how those who've come before have found their passions.

In 2001, a few recent college graduates who had no idea what they wanted to do with the rest of their lives decided to go on a road trip in a big green RV.

They interviewed all sorts of professionals who had defined their own path and found their passion. They documented this road trip and consequently Road Trip Nation was born.

RTN is now allowing students from across the country the opportunity to travel and interview professionals about their career paths and how they forged their own careers.

RTN offers road trip grants for students who want to plan their own trip, as well as the behind-the-wheel program for students who want to travel in one of RTN's famous green RVs.

As one of RTN's 100 charter schools, Central became affiliated with the program and its founder, Brian McAllister, last year.

"I was a student right now, this would be the greatest opportunity to travel the country and interview successful people about their career and career paths, and then apply it to my life," said Jakayln Johnson, director of Central's Career Services.

"Road Trip Nation proves if you have the desire and passion, you can follow your heart and create your own path."

It is RTN's second visit to Ellensburg. Last spring four interns visited classrooms as well as talking to students at the RV about their experiences and the value of an opportunity like RTN.

The RV will be parked from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday Oct 24 in front of the amphitheater outside the Samuelson Union Building offering tours andgiveaways.

The first 50 people to tour the RV will receive a stamp for a free BBQ put on by dining services outside the SUB.

"In traditional academic settings, we are success-and finance-oriented, focusing on what we can do, not on passion," said Sarah Drummond, sophomore, a student programmer for the Center for Excellence in Leadership. "This program helps students know that they can find their passion and make a living at it."

COMEDY: Wayans, a well rounded and experienced entertainer, performs

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his successful sketches from the show which includes “The Wayans,” “The Other Wayans,” “Roadies,” "Dance Center," "Wayans Bros," and "Way’s World." Wayans has most recently been seen on the television series "Jerrol's Book of Love" which humorously portrays the college life of a dad trying to raise his kids and be a good husband.

Wayans is not only a comedian, but also an actor, author and producer. He has been involved with a number of comedy productions, including HBO specials, independent films, television videos and movies.

Wayans is best known on the big screen for his parts in "Major Payne," "Mo' Money" and most recently, Spike Lee's "Bamboozled."

Wayans tickets. Come grab a snack and enjoy the music while you can.

DANCE: Red and Black Ball

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and come see their peers," DeShields said.

If good friends, good music, a great theme and pictures don't convince you, maybe free food and drinks will. Chocolate-covered strawberries (red and black - way to go with the theme) and cheese and crackers are just some of the delightful treats that will be provided. The Wellness Center will be offering "mocktails," to quench your thirst.

"I went last year as an R.A. and had a lot of fun," said Ashley Smith, junior elementary education major. "I got to go and hang out with all my residents."

FIRE: Wildcat spirit to heat up with s'mores, music, and games.

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"You're here for four years; this is a chance to get involved," BOD Vice President Chris Casey said. "There are many chances to get a well-rounded education. It's free you can't beat this!"

Last year's Wellington Wildfire was very busy and had a favorable number of attendees. "Within fifteen to twenty minutes the food was gone, but the fire was still burning with entertainment that lasted through a good part of the night," Casey said.

"If you're not hungry, come for the support of our sports teams and musical entertainment. To me it's better than having someone coming in," Casey said. "I want these students to be honored for their ability."

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There are now four chimps living in the institute: Loulis, Dar, Tatu and the eldest of the group, Washoe.

“Forty years ago a young chimp jumped into our arms and changed the course of our lives,” Fouts said. “Washoe chose us.”

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"I think of art as formless," Goeltzenleuchter said. "It's an idea or a feeling. The sole purpose of the medium is to give the idea form. It's like the body's relationship to the soul."

One piece was titled "Indigo Aphrodite" by Tina Haggart of Issaquah. This picture of a woman was so simple, yet intense and elegant at the same time. Haggart used paper from Bali which was handmade from local grasses to create an irresistible image that fits perfectly on the brilliant surface.

"The delicate paper has great strength and gives off a warm, grassy scent redolent of its origins," Haggart said in her artist statement.

Around the corner another set of drawings caught my attention. They were titled "Radiant Flux I, II, III," by Cheryl Hahn of Allyn, Wash. I wanted to take these pictures home because they made me feel free and energized. It's funny how art can unleash your imagination. When I looked at the three drawings my interpretation of them was the earth and its many phases: blossoming, breaking and circular motions of unity.

"My work combines abstraction and symbolism through highly colorful oil on wood collage and other mixed media pieces that embody elements of nature science and spirit," Hahn said in her artist statement.

"Strange Attractor" by Ellen Ziegler of Seattle was a piece made by burning random holes in a large sheet of paper to create a strange, but intriguing picture.

"You might find inspiration or a connection with what you are studying specifically," Horn said.

I know that I found inspiration and a greater appreciation for my imagination, I need to use it more; that's what it is there for. So if you can, stop by Randall Hall to visit Works on Paper in the gallery, maybe you too will be inspired.

The exhibit runs through Nov. 5 and admission is free. The gallery is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday and noon-3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. If you're feeling the urge to express yourself, there will be a 24-hour drawing marathon at the exhibit starting at noon Nov. 4. Remember to bring your art supplies and creativity. Prizes will be awarded.

CHIMPS: Students, volunteers and faculty work with chimpanzees in Central, and helped with research on animals with no opposable thumb; she had the chance to help other student with research on frogs and salamanders.

"It was nice to have a broad spectrum of experience, I've never dealt with salamanders and frogs before," Fernandez said.

The primate behavior and ecology major is available to all students with the prerequisite of some introductory classes, and a ton of ambition. The PBE major requires a second major in anthropology, biology or psychology.

To find more information on the PBE major or to participate in an hour-long chimposium workshop, inquire within the CHC/ (located north campus, west of the Psychology Building) or visit the Web Site at www.cwu.edu/~primate/index.html

By Allison Pale
Staff reporter

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Central soccer lose close game

by Paul Boutte
Staff reporter

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Looking at some of the Central Washington University volleyball players with their hair tied back in ribbons, their makeup nicely applied, and their laid-back demeanor, you might not take them seriously. But, boy, would you be wrong.

The Central volleyball team is on a roll. They were their last five matches, and they haven't lost a home match since Oct. 31, 2003. They were ranked 10th in the National Division II poll on Oct. 11, and number six in the NCAA Pacific Regional rankings.

They make the game look easy. And they have fun doing it. After all, isn't that why they started playing the game to begin with? Winning doesn't hurt either.

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When Central hosts Western, you can expect an exciting matchup. Things were no different on Saturday, Oct. 15 when both teams played at Nicholson Pavilion. Above, Lindsey Dollente and Erika Stevens can only watch as their teammate Kristin Pasley tries to put away a point against the Western Washington Vikings.

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Central runs over Humboldt State

The Central Washington University Wildcats found a new recipe for success on Saturday afternoon. They turned their defense loose.

The Wildcats stomped the Humboldt State Lumberjacks, forcing three turnovers, notch¬ing three sacks and applying constant pressure on the Lumberjacks' backfield. When the ambushed was complete Central won 30-7, improving to 5-2 overall and 3-0 in the GNAC.

"The key was preparation," said Wildcat junior linebacker Chris Burch. "We watched a lot of film and it helped us in our pre-game reads.

In reality, the game probably shouldn't have been as close as the final score may indicate. Humboldt's quarterback position was a revolving door all afternoon. Starter Blake Moorman and backup Monty Duke were constantly spelling each other as neither was successful in jumpstarting an anemic passing attack. The Wildcats also smothered the Lumberjacks on the ground, as Humboldt couldn't develop any rhythm or consistency with the ball.

Their only touchdown came in garbage time with Moorman hitting receiver Brian Devlin. The Lumberjacks didn't have a real chance to score and couldn't have a better week of practice and I expect us to play better next week," Burch believes the defense can make positive strides as well.

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Burch had five tackles, two for a loss. He also recorded a sack on Moor¬man. Jason Gran led the charge as he recorded two safeties in one quarter when they attempted a punt from their own two-yard line late in the fourth quarter. By then the game had already been decided.

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Central controlled the ball for 23 more minutes than the Lumberjacks and outgained them by nearly 300 yards. The Wildcats front seven held a clear advantage over the Lumberjacks, holding them to a mere 12 rushing yards on 19 carries. In contrast, Central rushed the ball 45 times for 230 yards. Redshirt freshman quarterback, Mike Reilly, ran for 102 yards on the day.

Central's first touchdown came early in the opening quarter. On third down, Reilly hit John Boonstra in the back left corner of the endzone. It was a very good throw and an exceptional grab by Boonstra who hauled it in as three Lumberjack defenders converged on the receiver in an attempt to break it up. Regardless, Boonstra held on for his second touchdown of the year. It was Reilly's 21st scoring toss of the season. After a 37-yard field goal by Coby Sadler, Central took a 17-0 lead in the second quarter when, on 3rd and 2 at the Humboldt 6, Reilly faked a handoff as he recorded five tackles, forced a fumble and also broke up a pass. Mitch Boonstra picked off the Lumberjacks for Central's only interception of the game.

Aside from his rushing totals, Reilly connected on 27 of 41 passes for 281 yards. He also recorded a sack on Moor¬man. Jason Gran led the charge as he recorded two safeties in one quarter when they attempted a punt from their own two-yard line late in the fourth quarter.

"A win is a win but we could have played better offensively," Zambriner said. "We didn't execute or play at a high level like we had been. We need to have a better week of practice and I expect us to play better next week." Burch believes the defense can make positive strides as well.

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The fall classic face-off?

Who will win the World Series?

Out of all professional sports in this country, the baseball playoffs are the most unpredictable. The fact that a wildcard team has won the past two World Series is evidence of this. This year it will be a wildcard team to win it all but an unlikely division champ, the Chicago White Sox.

Just a month ago it looked like the White Sox may not even make the postseason. After having the best win-loss record in the Major Leagues for the first half of the regular season the White Sox posted a losing record in August.

By Sept. 24 the Cleveland Indians were 1.5 games out of first. The Indians were on a four game win streak and were 9-1 in the last 10 games at the time. The stage was set for a White Sox choke-job.

Since then the White Sox have only lost three games with only one of those losses coming in the postseason. They swept Boston, averaging 8 runs a game while only giving up an average of 3.1 runs in the three in the American League Divisional Series.

The greatest accomplishment of all was against the Anaheim Angels. Four White Sox starting pitchers threw consecutive winning games en route to winning the series. In those four starts the starting pitchers had a combined ERA of 2.03. Never before had four different pitchers pitched consecutive complete games in the postseason.

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Enough with the history lesson, time to talk championship baseball. Forgive me for buying into the cliché but defense wins championships. Regardless of the sport, when it's all on the line you have to stop them before they get by.

In football it's defense and special teams, goal line drills in hockey, contesting shots and rebounding in basketball and in baseball - where the defense has the ball - it's pitching.

Of the last four World Series champs, three of these teams had a strong one, two punch in the rotation that anchored the entire team. Curt Schilling and Pedro Martinez for the Boston Red Sox last year, Josh Beckett and Dontrelle Willis for the Marlins won two years ago, and Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson for the Diamondbacks in the 2001 series.

One, two punches are good; but for hot starters are better. Four hot starters with a combined postseason ERA of 2.725.

Soxhitters take sock at curse

It is safe to say that waiting is the hardest part when it comes to a team with a 104-year history, that has not won a title in 86 years.

This year, it got to me! This is the beloved Red Sox I waited 86 years to see. This is the team I've waited 86 years to see. I was born into Red Sox Nation and have been a diehard Red Sox fan for eleven years.

I grew up with baseball and was a witness to one of the most amazing accomplishments in baseball history. The Boston Red Sox are only the second team to ever accomplish this feat. From a once cursed soul to magical October.

Until recently I had not heard about the other "beloved" Sox and their story that has not really been told. The White Sox haven't won a World Series Championship since 1917. Their last appearance in the October Classic was in 1991.

You could say the team is cursed, much like the Red Sox were with the Curse of the Bambino and the Cubs with the Curse of the Billy Goat. But White Sox fans don't like to see it that way. However, they will admit it might have something to do with the infamous "Black Sox Scandal." The 1919 World Series resulted in one of the most famous scandals in baseball history. Eight players from the Chicago White Sox (later nicknamed the Black Sox) were accused of throwing the series against the Cincinnati Reds.

Despite being acquitted of criminal charges, the players were banned from professional baseball forever. Five of these men includ- ed the great "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, pitchers Eddie Cicotte and Claude "Lefty" Williams, infielders Buck Weaver, Amiel "Chick" Gandil, Fred McMullin and Charles "Swede" Risberg, and outfielder Oscar "Happy" Felsch. No club played better in 1919 with the highest number of wins that season, but they were paid poorly. Many believe if owner Charles Comiskey had not grossly underpaid his players, they would have never thrown the Series.

The scandal has cursed the players and the team. Since then the players were thrown out of professional baseball they were never able to be honored for their achievements in the game they loved. "Shoeless" Joe Jackson would be in the Hall of Fame and the White Sox would have held a title by now.

The team is an original American League member; they played in the original AL game in Chicago on April 24, 1901. Later that year they captured the first AL pennant. The White Sox won the World Series in 1906 and 1917, before the infamous 1919 loss to the Cincinnati Reds.

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Mixed martial arts on the rise at Central

by Jordan Montgomery
Staff reporter

A new spectator sport is emerging, with a new kind of contender. This gladiator does not rely on weapons, only on their feet and fists. The combination of jujitsu, karate, boxing, wrestling, kickboxing, and many other disciplines is what makes this sport unique.

A MMA specialist has many years of fighting experience in one or more of these styles. Leagues like the UFC (Ultimate Fighting Champion) have made MMA one of the most challenging forms of hand-to-hand combat in the world.

Last Wednesday, Central had its first ever MMA club officially recognized. This club offers members a safe outlet to practice their martial arts, and a controlled environment where moves and technique can be worked on and improved.

They'll be taught by expert fighters in the sport and will have opportunities to compete. The club will have organized field trips to the specialty fitness club, taekma MMA, where owner and pro-fighter Rich Guerin will lend his expertise. With only one meeting under its belt the club already looks very popular.

“Every cup, there is no fight experience required: If you and learn something new, then you should check out,” Tommy Truex, club founder said. “Every­

To join in you must have a mouth guard and a cup, there is no fight experience required. If you have the right equipment and an eager mind you should fight right. If you wish to spar or fight you must have health insurance.

Mixed martial arts' students work against each other to better hone their skills. The MMA meets Monday through Friday in the upper level of Nicholson Pavilion from 4 to 6 p.m.

Men’s soccer club scare off Lewis & Clark, beat Eastern Oregon

by Scott Parrish
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Once again the Central Washington University men's soccer club scared off an opponent. This past weekend, the Lewis and Clark State Warriors cancelled on the Wildcats. The two teams were set to do battle on Saturday in Ellensburg.

The team's controversial senior midfielder Jared Auckland was rather upset with the no-show by the Warriors. "They'll play at home, cause they can play at home, but they won't travel," Auckland said.

The second cancellation the team has had to deal with this season and the second in the past two weekends.

Sunday's game against Eastern Oregon University actually did take place and the Wildcats scored some of their frustration on the Mounties. The team handled Eastern fairly easily, scoring five times and holding them scoreless.

This was the second shutdown in a row for the Wildcats. "We have a solid defense this year," said Jordan Auckland, senior center midfielder as well as brother to Jared Auckland. "We have a solid defense this year," said Jordan Auckland, senior center midfielder as well as brother to Jared Auckland.

The squad used a new formation for Sunday's game which proved to be successful. "We played with three players in the back as opposed to four," said Carl Lind, sophomore forward. "It worked better, put more players up front to attack." The scoring for the Wildcats was shared by three players. Junior forward Mark McKenna and senior forward Aaron Nommacher scored twice and freshman midfielder Kevin Eggen scored once.

The coming weekend looks like another challenging pair of games for Central. They will be traveling to do battle with Washington State University on Saturday and the University of Idaho on Sunday. Washington State cancelled on the Wildcats last time, so the team hasn’t had a chance to see the Cougars play, but Jared Auckland believes the team will be ready.

"WSU is a game we always step up for," Auckland said.

On Sunday the team will head down the road from Washington State to Moscow, Idaho, to play the Vandals. In the team's previous meeting, the Wild­cats were victorious over the Vandals 1-0 in a very aggressive game. Central players are expecting the same type of physical game this time around.

"It will be rough," Lind said.

If both Washington State and Idaho manage to have teams ready to play the Wildcats, the team should have their hands full. But all in all the players are ready for the challenge.

"It will be fun, I'm looking forward to it," Lind said.

Game times for the weekend have yet to be determined. The Wildcats now stand with a 4-0-2 record heading into the weekend.

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