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Student expelled as he faces murder charges

by Kathryn Lake
Editor-in-Chief

On Wednesday, Bryce Dawson Fortier was charged with second-degree murder in Everett District Court, in relation to the shooting death of Christopher Chandler, a Kirkland man on Oct. 27.

Fortier, a former Central Washington University student, was expelled Tuesday afternoon while in Snohomish County Jail. Fortier is being held on $500,000 bail after his arrest Sunday.

"If they [Snohomish County Prosecutors] have enough to charge him, we have enough to expel him," said Jack Baker, assistant to the vice president for student affairs and enrollment management.

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Washoe passes away Tuesday night

The Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute's (CHCI) matrarch chimpanzee, Washoe Pan satyrus, was the first non-human animal to acquire a human language and teach it to her adopted son Loulis.

Washoe was extensively trained in American Sign Language vocabulary. According to the CHCI Web site, she passed away from a brief illness 8 p.m. Tuesday night.

A memorial is set for Nov. 12, more details about the memorial will be on the Friends of Washoe Web site www.friendsofwashoe.org.

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"I want to teach adults," Erdman said. "It's not the classroom [that's the problem], it's the lack of pay, the lack of respect as being considered a part-time temp."

Despite the 19 years Erdman has put into Central as a non-tenured track faculty member, she is still considered part time, or in a temporary position. Everyone on a quarter contract is addressed. According to Erdman, Central's program is better than some.

"There are universities where non-tenured track don't even get offices, whereas here I get a nice office," Erdman said. "We are, in a sense, ahead of the nation."

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Walk it out: high school students protest Iraq War

by Maggie Schmidt
Photo editor

Late Friday morning, on the corner of 3rd and Main Street, 19 student voices chanted "Bush lied, thousands died." They were informed that it was National School Walkout Day to protest against the war in Iraq.

These students chose to walk out of class at 9:11 a.m. from Ellensburg High School and Excel Alternative High School.

"Teenagers don’t really have a voice, so it’s important for us to do it in protest," Ashley Copin, EHS sophomore, said.

Signs were held high for passing traffic to see "make love, not war" and "honk for peace."

"The alternative school [students] made the signs in the classroom because the teacher was in support of the cause," said Kellie Carns, Excel sophomore.

Some passing vehicles honked in support of the students’ cause. One vehicle found it necessary to scare the protesters by cutting the corner so far the vehicle almost hit two protesters.

"People have flipped us off, screamed, but not to run us over," Angelique McCough, EHS sophomore, said. "That’s pretty extreme."

"me and my brother got a lot of people to come," Justin Becker, EHS freshman, said.

Even though the students exercised freedom of speech, the students are still receiving penalties. Students who left their classes early are possibly facing an unexcused absence.

Students with unexcused absences face consequences such as after-school detention or Saturday school.

According to Rob Moffat, assistant principal of Ellensburg High School, it is wrong to say those who attended the protest were punished. It's up to the parents to excuse the students.

Soltz sees Bloomsburg University presidency

Central Washington University Provost David Soltz is one of three finalists trying to become the president at Bloomsburg University, Pennsylvania.

This is the third time being a finalist. He was a finalist at Southern Utah University and Colorado State University-Pueblo as well. Soltz has been nominated every time.

Soltz views himself as prepared for the job, proclaiming himself an "internal president" of the university, sharing similar responsibilities.

"I really like what I'm doing at Central and would love to stay here longer," Soltz said.

Despite his wishes, Soltz said that it would be the best career move. He is currently seeking schools that are similar to Central, like Bloomsburg.

According to Soltz, Bloomsburg and Central share similar campus sizes, missions, distribution of academic programs and are located in rural areas. The Bloomsburg University system is made up of 14 universities that Soltz would be in charge of, if he were to get the job.

As a finalist, he spent two and a half days on the campus during the second week of September, and will be revisiting early this month.

If Soltz gets the position, an interim provost replacement would have to be found in January.

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I ask for your vote Nov. 6th
Approximately 180 faculty join together to vote for next move

by Chelsea Krotzer

News editor

The hands of approximately 180 faculty members filled the air in a unanimous vote for "heck no" at the faculty rally last Thursday. The vote means faculty will, under no circumstances, accept the administration’s offer at the bargaining table.

“We are backed up by the faculty knowing that the faculty is going to back us through this process,” said Bob Hickey, United Faculty of Central (UFC) president.

The administration was not informed nor aware of the faculty’s scheduled rally.

“We view the fact that they pulled that many faculty together in one place as a good thing,” said Wayne Quirk, associate vice president of the office of graduate studies and research.

The rally was called in order to find out what the faculty, as a whole, wanted the next move to be at the bargaining table.

“We’re here to find out how hard you want us to fight,” Hickey said at the opening of the rally.

Participants in the rally were welcomed by a PowerPoint screen stating, "Faculty rally to support your bargaining team: compensate the faculty for what we’re worth."

Hickey went through the slide show highlighting major points about the faculty bargaining agreement and where the faculty currently stands.

"It’s halftime and we’re in the locker room trying to figure out what to do in the second half," Hickey said to the crowd.

The main concern of the bargaining team was in regard to state accumulated dollars. The state provided 5.2 percent over the next biennium in cost of living adjustments intended for the faculty.

According to Hickey, the administration wants to divide the COLA over compensation, performance awards and chair stipends.

Most faculty members receive less than the 5.2 percent allocated, which doesn’t even keep up with the inflation rate, Hickey said. Last year raises were double what the state allocated. Now the university does not meet up to peer institutions, making only the 40th percentile.

What the bargaining team is seeking now is a COLA that reflects inflation rates and the administration’s goal of parity with peer institutions.

They also wish to ensure that a state allocated COLA is distributed as such, which receives a round of applause by the audience.

Questions fielded by rally participants regarded how they were going to get the administration’s attention.

"It’s outrageous that they are paying themselves over $100,000 and faculty is getting short changed," Dieter Romboy, associate professor of German, said at the meeting. "That $100,000 is for less than stellar service."

A date has yet to be set to return to negotiations, but the faculty continues to fight for what they believe is right.

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CHANDLER CASE SETTLED

William Chandler filed a lawsuit against Central Washington University one year ago. The case was settled last Thursday at a required mediation meeting in Thornton County.

The final papers have yet to be drafted. The Observer will know the terms of the agreement by early next week and will include an update in an upcoming issue.

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People here doing so many cool things, it's the department also have the opportunity to easily work with organisms that people can't see and types of fungus. Only trees, Joseph said. "It's hard to attract them to come to Ellensburg because people can make a lot more money if they stay in Seattle and run their business, or whatever expertise is in, rather than coming and teaching."

Until then, according to Swain, Central is managing their enrollment in order to keep a balance between the available faculty and classroom space, and the number of students accepted each year.

"Part of our general policy, that's our enrollment management goal," Swain said. "We are on target in that area." As the year progresses, professors from the communications department are helping to cover public relations classes. The public relations department continues to reassure students that these issues will be solved by next fall and that getting over this hurdle is a small price to pay for a stronger, better program next year as new blood sparks rejuvenation. Students are encouraged to be patient and to work closely with their advisors and professors. If problems do arise, solutions can usually be found through communication and perseverance.

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ROY SAVOIAN, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

PR program faces professor shortage

"I took an intro to [public relations] class this quarter and I feel like I haven't learned anything from it."

JULIE LAMBO, SOPHOMORE

Program seeks out top accreditation and recognition

by Karen Shellhase Senior reporter

Central Washington University Business majors will soon have the ability to enhance their resumes. The business department is putting forth the effort to finally become accredited.

After more than five years of planning and researching, the Business Department, which consists of accounting, economics, management and finance and operations supply chain will begin the extensive process next year to become accredited.

"The success of our program is real-likely impacted by our alumni," said Roy Savoian, dean of the College of Business. "We want to continue with the tradition of graduating people who are able to be prepared for the Business world in which they enter and develop their careers."

The business department chose to seek out accreditation through the "Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)."

According to the AACSB Web site, the company is a not-for-profit corporation of education that stands up to the mission of representing the highest standard of achievement and has been recognized by the National Association of Schools of Business.

"There are other business accreditation groups we could have easily got," said Jim Bailey, department of accounting chair. "We wanted to go after the most prestigious [accrediting] program.

Being accredited by a prestigious program requires a lot of time, work and money. The department is required to submit a several hundred page document consisting of the programs, mission statements and goals plus information on each faculty member. Savoian said it will take the department the entire year to prepare for review and to finish the process.

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"There are two important missions. One is our set of objectives looking at value, opportunity and quality," Savoian said. "The second part is with teaching excellence that is strength-ened by research and professional service. You have to be good in the classroom, in research, in the field that you teach in and be involved in that discipline."

Central can arguably be noted for its top-notch business program and the department has no worries of receiving the accreditation.

"I have been told that Central is historically noted for their teaching," said James Avey, assistant professor of management. "I think their teaching comes from research. The values are shifting from just teaching or just researching and teaching and research."

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Issue of adjuncts reaches national level

by Jennifer Weggel
Staff reporter

Adjunct professors, visiting professors and lecturers are three different titles which all mean the same thing. There is a growing trend in the nation: one which has possibly far reaching consequences. This trend is the hiring of more and more full time non-tenured track professors in the place of tenure track professors.

A tenure track position is one which, according to jstentonhill.edu, is a permanent professorship after a six or seven-year probationary period. A professor's eligibility for the position is based on their teaching abilities, publication record, research and additional things such as student advising. Tenure track positions bring prestige, research and personal time and investment of knowledge and skills of tenure track professors. Additionally non-tenured professors don't have the same academic freedom that tenure professors do. This means they renew their contracts every year don't share the same freedom to express their opinions without fear of consequences. This problem is reflected in visiting assistant professor Craig Revels feelings.

"My investment in the university has been diminished, there is no real reason for me to commit to being here," Revels said.

Revels has been at Central Washington University for three years, calling it "a place of tenure track professors.

The administration on the other hand has a different view of the importance of non-tenured faculty.

"We value the work that "the non-tenured track faculty do," Schnelle said. "We're very committed to them and the hard work they do for us."

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Debate to debunk war on drugs comes to Central

by Matthew Hartmann
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Wellness Center is hosting "Heads vs. Feds: The Great Debate" on Nov. 6 in the Student Union Ballroom at 7 p.m., between Steve Hager, Editor-in-chief of "High Times" magazine and Robert M. Stutman, a 25-year veteran of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

The two debaters travel the country together so that people can hear both sides of the issue of marijuana legalization.

According to Colin Lamb, Drug and Alcohol reduction staff member of the Wellness Center, the debate that Stutman and Hager held at Central four years ago had a turnout of more than 1,000 people. "We had a great turn-out and we're hoping for another big turn-out," Lamb, junior anthropology major, said. Hager has been the editor of High Times Magazine since 1980. The magazine advocates the legalization of marijuana for recreational and medicinal use.

Stutman founded the Stutman Group in 1996 to teach the public the realities of the war on drugs from the standpoint of law enforcement.

Stutman stated in his experience he has never found a law that many Americans fail to understand. He believed that, law enforcement will never be able to completely stop the drug flow in the United States, that most citizens don't know enough facts about drugs and that drugs are devastating to communities.

Proponents of legalization hold that the most of the issues with marijuana are of an economic nature. The organization Students for a Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) is opposed to what it sees as the failed war on drugs.

The organization believes that the current prohibitionist drug policies are causing more harm than good by fueling serious economic, social, and political problems. According to SSDP, people are overcrowded with minor drug offenders that are otherwise respectable citizens. The organization also contends that law enforcement too much focuses on drug trafficking when it should be focusing on more violent criminals.

Not all students are in favor of the legalization of marijuana. "It can mess up people's lives by leading them into the use of other drugs and it is therefore wrong because students will stop caring about their academics and responsibilities in life," Tami Gilbert, senior exercise science major, said. 

Tips to keep bikes on the racks

by Jessica May
Staff reporter

Smoking is the leading cause of premature death in the United States, according to the Center for Disease Control.

While there has been a decline over recent years, more than one out of five Americans continues to smoke.

The state funding levels for tobacco prevention and control are not adequate to support effective efforts. The CDC claims that the estimated costs of smoking-related medical expenses and loss of productivity exceeded $167 billion annually.

Central Washington University's Student Health and Wellness Center recognizes the severity of the issue and have a couple options open to students to help them break the habit.

A self-help quit smoking booklet is available for download from the health center's Web site. The health center also offers counseling and encouragement.

Many people believe smoking allows students to figure out their best course of action to quit. Options can include the patch, nicotine gum or a pill to help reduce the need for cigarettes. "It's important that the option is there if you want to quit, and that's good," Gilbert offers. 

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More information on "Butt Out" and other programs can be found at www.takesactioncwu.com.

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Bringing protesting back

by Joshua Runsdale
Staff reporter

War campaigns on the front lines of Vietnam, death and destruction surrounds all and the results are felt thousands of miles away. Real life testimonies of these events will be on stage this evening as the Central Washington University Theatre Ensemble presents "Vietnam 101: The War on Campus."

Audiences are given a chance to take a step back in time in "Vietnam 101" to a period of the nation's history marked by change. Even though the show is titled after the Vietnam War, the show presents all of the issues that were raging during the era of the 1960s and 1970s.

"There was so much going on during that time with the Civil Rights movement and the women's movement," said Cole Cook, senior theater performance major who plays Bill.

"Vietnam 101" is a unique show, titled a "theatrical documentary" by writer Rich Orloff. Orloff collected firsthand accounts of actual college students from Oberlin College in Ohio who lived through the eventful times of the Vietnam War. The play spans from 1964 when U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson promised not to expand the war, to Kent State University and the protests on May 4, 1970, that led to the Ohio National Guard opening fire on student protesters.

"The message in the show really hits a lot closer to home," said John Mayer, junior theater performance major who plays Tom. "It's not on the television, it's right in front of them, the stories are from real people and we want it to be in the audience's face."

Collected over a four-year period, the personal accounts show how a person's opinion and belief in the country can shift over time with the changing situation of the world.

"The draft stripped people of their freedom and individuality and made them into a number, like one of those numbered balls in a bingo hopper," said Lisa Clarke, a senior performance art major who plays Yvonne. "I would be terrified."

The show portrays a wide array of characters of different ages and beliefs. The testimonies used in the construction of the show were pulled from every political belief represented during the era including the conservative, the undecided, the radical left and right and the militant.

"That's what's great about the show," Clarke said. "Everyone is represented - it's something you don't always see in such shows. It really provides audiences a great illustration of the time period."

Earlier in the week, a mock protest was held in the Student Union and Recreation Building last Tuesday. The protest featured theater department students dressed in 1970s attire waving signs that decried the Vietnam War, and helped raise awareness about the play.

Audiences might draw parallels between the events that occurred during the Vietnam War and the current war in Iraq. "Vietnam War 101" is a relatively new show, being produced in 2004. The theater department expects some controversy around the show because of people's opinions of the current war and the connections they make between now and then.

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Aaron Social plays Jeffrey, a college radical leader for SDS (Student for Democratic Society) in "Vietnam 101: The War on Campus."

Maggie Schnaidt/Observer
Concert treats audience with Halloween tricks

by Brooke Mortensen
Staff reporter

The Music Building's lobby filled with students, community members and staff as they waited in anticipation outside of the concert hall doors. As the doors opened, the crowd swarmed in to get seats, with some having to stand along the aisles or in the back just to witness the concert.

"March of the 'Goblins'" flowed through the air as the Central Washington University Orchestra burst through the auditorium doors. Costume after costume finally came together on one stage to perform the Orchestra and Choir Halloween Concert.

Unusual traditional classical music performances, the concert Tuesday night featured elaborate and often humorous costumes.

In addition, there were Halloween-themed classic hits, arias and skits produced by the performers, and narrators about each piece written and read by Peter Gries, chair of the music department.

This is one of the most popular concerts of the year and almost always sells out," said Nikolas Caoile, director of orchestral activities and a conductor at the concert.

The range of costumes ranged from coordinating outfits, like that of the clarinet section dressed as Smurfs, to various costumes such as a barrel of monkeys, a hairy caveman and a jailbird.

The conductors' outfits were continually changing throughout the night. Concert conductors Caoile and Kim Ray began the show as Mr. Incredible and a cowboy, and ended as Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia, while conductor Gary Weidemaar put on the suit of Darth Vader.

"The costumes create an atmosphere unlike any other concert and shows that classical music can be regarded as a fun thing, not just serious stuff," Gries said.

To match the Halloween theme of the concert, songs such as "March of the Goblins," "Night on Bald Mountain," and "Ghostbusters" were played by the orchestra. The choir chose pieces that included a "Spider Pig" chant from "The Simpsons Movie," as well as an orchestra and choir collaboration piece, "Duel of the Fates," from "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace."

During the musical pieces, the performers in the orchestra and choir kept very animated as they lifted from their seats and raised their arms to emphasize specific parts of a song.

"It's all a lot of fun, not only for the audience, but also for us," said Dakota Gerner, junior music major and choir performer.

Skits and humorous stunts were performed throughout the night as characters like Darth Vader popped on and off the stage, while the "Spider Pig" got carried onto the stage by a monk, and Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader dueled for the ending performance.

The concert came to an end as the farewell narrative was given and the orchestra played the theme "Ghostbusters" with the choir dancing off of the stage and through the aisles to a standing ovation from the audience.

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70's film reveals Vietnamese side of war

by John Reddier
Staff reporter

From forgotten classics to award-winning modern foreign and documentary titles, the Student Union and Recreation Center theater provides filmgoers with the opportunity to see movies not always shown in theaters.

The Sunday Film Series will be presenting "Hearts and Minds" at 7 p.m. on Nov. 4 on the SURC's silver screen.

"Hearts and Minds" recounts the events of the Vietnam War, a war that changed the lives of thousands of Americans.

"It's stoked to go check out the movie and see if the film's interpretation is similar to mine because I visited Vietnam two years ago," Alex Kim, freshman mechanical engineering major, said.

The film gives voice to the Vietnamese people, both in the way the Vietnamese War affected them and their reasons for fighting alongside and against the United States and other western powers.

Davis also addresses both the U.S. and Vietnamese sides of the conflict.

Amid all the mayhem, the film also conveys many of the truths behind America's involvement.

"Since today's students may be a generation removed from the Vietnam War, this film may provide a new perspective on that conflict and some similarities to today's conflicts," said Lola Gallaghers, assistant director of Campus Life.

The films begin at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Theatre. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. "Hearts and Minds" will be free to students. General pricing is $3 single admission or $12 bargain pass for five admissions.

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"We were fighting a war that no one thought was just; in its reasoning or the way it occurred," Mayer said. "The same thing is happening now with the war in Iraq. We are almost exactly right where we were back then."

Actual veterans who fought in the Vietnam War were asked to come in and speak to the members of the cast about their experiences, but none agreed.

"It hurt them too much to dig up those memories, so much happened to them and they were just cast aside," Clarke said. "The scars of what happened to them are still just as bad as they were when they first happened."

One guest who will appear on Nov. 1 is the playwright, Orloff. He will share his experience in theater and writing with audience members following the opening night production.

Orloff will also speak in two lectures on Nov. 2 titled "The Art of the Short Play" and "Theater Biz Realities 101.

The workshops will be at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in McConnell Hall room 117.

The cast and crew hopes that audiences are moved by the experience, and that they draw their own conclusions about the play and current events.

"As cliché as this sounds, doing this show has been a life-changing experience, it has really affected me," Clarke said. "The truths behind the words are amazing. I feel emotionally drained at the end but it’s totally worth it."

"Vietnam 101: The War on Campus" begins Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Milo Smith Tower Theatre. The play continues on Nov. 2 and 3 and Nov. 8 and 10 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 general admission, $7 for seniors, and $4 for Central students.

Audra Nabinger as "Katharine" with co-star John Mayer as "Tom," playing students in a scene from "Vietnam 101: The War on Campus."
Writer tells hard facts in Lion Rock

by Amy Sitzler
Staff reporter

Central Washington University students have the opportunity to hear fiction and creative writers speak directly to campus to serve as inspiration for their work and engage participants with their writing experiences at the Lion Rock Visiting Writers Series.

"We felt it was important to bring working writers to campus to serve as models and to discuss their work with our students," said Judith Kleck, an assistant professor in the English department. "The series provides our students with a link to the larger world of serious writing."

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SILVIA SHURAVLOFF
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The Lion Rock Visiting Writers Series features special guests sponsored by the English department. This is the second year Central has been able to provide a series that allows people to read and discuss their work.

"Before I had gone to any of the readings, I didn't have any expectations about them," said Sylvia Shuravloff, a student intern in the English department.

"Aside from making the process of professional writing more real for me, I've been entertained, educated and inspired. So now when I go to the readings, that's what I expect."

Shuravloff said the readings are like a one-person theater show.

"They are intimate and sometimes, surprising food for the mind." Shuravloff said.

Lisa Norris, a fiction writer and English professor at Central, will share her work at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7 in the Mary Grupe Center.

Norris has written fiction since she was a child and formalized her education with a M.A. in Creative Writing from American University in 1982.

She taught at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Virginia Tech for 15 years, with a year of teaching at Minnesota State University before receiving the position as an assistant professor at Central.

"As a new faculty member, I'm glad for the opportunity to introduce myself and my work to my new community," Norris said. "I am delighted to be back in the West, having lived in Idaho and Oregon for 10 years before I went east to my education."

Her book of stories, "Toy Guns," won the 1999 Willa Cather Fiction Prize and was published by Helicon Nine Press.

In this book, Norris describes the impact of violence on women in our culture. It took her 12 years to write her collection of short stories.

Though examining the characters' lives in this book, the issues of danger from both physical and emotional violence are addressed.

Norris has published poetry, fiction and nonfiction in other journals such as Fourth Genre, the Notre Dame Review and an anthology published by Random House called "Kiss Tomorrow Hello."

"Her protagonists are generally women experiencing some crisis in their lives or who are the victims of violence," English professor Joseph Powell said. "Often we don't get the motives for the violence, so it seems even more gratifying and maladaptive. These stories leave a chilling residue."

The series gives students the opportunity to learn from writers who have past experience in the field.

"This series creates an opportunity for writing students... to meet and ask questions of working authors, to pick their brains a little and come away with some valuable information," Shuravloff said.

"If you are interested in the impact of violence on women in our culture, this is the case with Central Washington University students," said Kleck.

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Wildcats top Augustana on Homecoming

by Curtis Crabtree
Asst. Sports editor

The homecoming football crowd left Tomanlin Stadium on Saturday with exactly what they had hoped for: a win.

The Central Washington University Wildcats (6-1, 4-1 NCC) defense got the team jump started early in the first quarter. Sophomore defensive tackle Mitch Reffett sacked the Augustana College Vikings' (3-7, 1-6 NCC) quarterback Daniel Millius and forced a fumble. The ball was recovered by senior linebacker Bret Stray and returned 23 yards for the first touchdown of the game. The touchdown was the first of Stray's collegiate career.

"The fumble was pretty big," Reffett said. "They're a tough team and it was good to get the momentum in our face."

A 24-yard field goal by kicker Ryan Grossman got the Vikings on the board late in the first quarter.

Wildcat defensive back Jerome Williams, a sophomore, forced running back Jeremy Huber to fumble on Augustana's first possession of the second quarter.

Both offenses had trouble moving the ball in the second quarter as the defenses stole the show. Each side had five consecutive possessions without scoring.

The Wildcats were able to pin the Vikings inside their own five-yard line with five minutes to play in the half. Central didn't give up a yard and forced Augustana to punt from deep in their own territory.

After the punt, the Wildcats started their next drive on the Augustana 32-yard line. Two completions, one to sophomore tight end Jason Murphy and the other to senior fullback Durrell Moss, got the Wildcats down to the one-yard line.

Senior running back Johnny Lopez continued to wear down the defense, Moss for the offense and Williams for special teams.

"It was fun to be offensive player of the game," Moss said. "Especially since the fullback position is such a thankless position to begin with."

Sophomore linebacker Buddy Wood earned NCC defensive player of the week honors with a career-high 16 tackles.

Senior linebacker Bret Stray (4) returns a fumble for a touchdown with Augustana running back Jeremy Huber (40) holding on. It was Stray's first collegiate touchdown and part of a 27-10 victory to move the Wildcats up to 14th in the NCAA Division II national rankings.

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Men’s soccer edges Washington State, falls to Eastern

by Frank Stanley
Copy Desk Chief

Wildcat fans can only dream of a football game between Central Washington University and the Cougars of Washington State University. Even more so, fans can only see a Central football victory in their fantasies.

All of this, of course, is hoping for a win in American football.

In the realm of European football, the Wildcats’ men’s soccer team defeated the Cougars 1-0 last Saturday, Oct. 27, to advance to the final round of the inaugural Northwest Collegiate Club Soccer Conference (NCCSC) tournament.

Then, on Sunday, Oct. 28, the Wildcats played a thriller against the Eastern Washington University Eagles, but lost in overtime 2-3.

If victorious, the Wildcats would have played for the national title at the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) Collegiate Soccer Club Soccer Sport Championships at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Fla.

Saturday’s game was an offensive struggle for both teams as possession constantly bounced back and forth on the Community Fields. Both defenses held strong to keep the game scoreless into the first half with key blocks from Central goalkeeper Ajay lselin.

“It was a really scrappy game,” said senior forward and club President Andrew O’Brien. “Both teams had opportunities to score, but we both made a lot of mistakes.”

The lone goal of the game came late in the second half, near the 71st minute. Sophomore forward Ryan Lang took off on a fast break from midfield and pinned the ball on the left corner of the goal, behind Washington State’s keeper.

“All I could think about was ‘we’re going to Florida,’” Lang said. “I made the kick and started thinking ‘please, please make it in’ before it got to the net.”

The final game was a heart-stopping match between Central’s balanced group and the quick-strike offense of Eastern. The Wildcats quickly found themselves in a 0-2 hole in the first half from two immediate goals from the Eagles’ high-powered group of forwards, one just edging by lselin on a corner kick and the other on a last break from midfield.

“Our defense played a good game,” O’Brien said. “Both of their goals were small mistakes on us.”

The game’s second half began with the Wildcats’ foundation rattled, but they continued to fight hard. Late in the half, much like the Eagles’ two scores, the Wildcats managed to capitalize on two key mistakes.

Around the 60th minute, the Eastern goalkeeper recovered the ball on a shot attempt, but his hand slipped and he made his throw to come up very short. Central junior forward David Moore took the opportunity to charge the goal and lob the ball over the keeper’s head, closing the gap 2-1.

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Shortly after Moore’s goal, the Wildcats were back on the offensive. The play of the game came at the 73-minute mark, when an Eastern defender received a hand ball penalty in the goal box, prompting a penalty kick. O’Brien took the kick and hit the right corner of the goal, just out of the keeper’s reach.

At the end of regulation, the referees called for two 15-minute “golden goal” periods, where the next goal would win.

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Norris leads volleyball to weekend sweep

by Joseph Siemandel
Staff reporter

Senior middle blocker Erin Norris attacks the net against the Yellowjackets last Thursday.

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Women's soccer winding down

Western Washington comes to Central to close 2007 season.

by Christen Newton
Staff reporter

Senior leadership, recruiting and an outstanding freshman core are three key elements that have brought a season of progress and great aspirations for the future to the Central Washington University women’s soccer team.

Freshman defender Donisha Calhoun is a walk-on this year under head coach Michael Farand, who personally scouted Calhoun at an Emerald Ridge Community College game a year ago.

"Adjusting to the division II level isn’t easy but we’ve been hard-pressed in a good way. We’re bigger, Calhoun said. “It’s more aggressive and time consuming when it comes to balancing school, but the seniors are nice, and go out of their way to help us understand college life.”

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the Wildcats travelled to Western Oregon University for their final away game of the season. Central lead 1-0 the entire game until surrendering a penalty shot to the Wolves with six minutes of play left in the second half. After two overtime periods, the final score was a 1-1 tie.

On Monday, Oct. 29, the Wildcats women were at home facing Saint Martin’s University. The visiting Saints proved to be too much for the Wildcats.

FRESHMAN FORWARD

"With a great assist from Hilary [Davidson], I was able to flash around the defender for a score," Kelsey Penn, freshman forward, said.

Central held a 1-0 lead well into the second period as well as tallying up 14 attempted shots to a low three from the Saints.

In the second half, the Wildcat women came out with the same pumped enthusiasm. Freshman forward Kelsey Penn scored her eighth goal of the season on the 69-minute mark off of a pass from senior forward Hilary Davidson.

"I just made a good run at the goal with a great assist from Hilary, I was able to flash around the defender for a score," Penn said.

At the 74-minute mark, with these last few minutes of the game left, the Wildcats entered freshman goalkeeper CJ Balstad in relief of starter Amber Etheredge. Seven minutes later, Saint’s senior responded with their only goal of the game from freshman midfielder Kayce Donatelli.

The final score was 2-1 in favor of the Wildcat women handled Fare. Central’s 58th win at a match at Central.

"On a personal level, I really like Coach Fare," Calhoun said. "He uses motivation and positive feedback to get his play- ers attention."

The Wildcats wrap up their season this Saturday hosting Western Washington University with kickoff scheduled for noon.

"For our seniors, it’s their last game and you know emotions are going to be running high because it’s a rival game," freshman forward Kaycie Hutchins said. "The Vikings earlier this season at their place was a huge confidence boost for us and we would really like to finish out the season with a victory."

Steve Haser
Editor-in-Chief
Herald Times Magazine

Five day trips worth the walk

by Dan Carmann
Special to The Observer

Autumn is upon us; it’s time to bundle up and enjoy the great scenery of Kittitas County. The weather is still holding up and remains at a manageable temperature during daylight hours. A great way to fully appreciate the vibrant colors and all that fall goes is to get out and go for a hike on one of the numerous trails that Washington has to offer.

Hiking this time of your has specific challenges that should be addressed before heading into the woods. Trails with higher elevation may even have a mild blanket of snow covering the trees. Wearing proper attire to keep warm is a vital necessity. Dressing in layers of clothes is the best way to stay off the brick sidewalks and cool temperatures of the fall. Also, be mindful that hunting season is also in full swing. A bright orange vest is recommended by the Kittitas County Parks and Recreation Department while trekking through hunting areas.

Another concern of hikers like Nick Schmitt, an Eagle Scout, is the lack of help if something happens in the woods. Just as he has been taught, the advice he would give all hikers is “be prepared.” Carry extra clothes and emergency supplies on a just-in-case basis. Being stuck outside for a few days is a real possibility. Even with the heightened element of danger, Schmitt almost predicts this time of year to hike.

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Out of all the hikes around the area, there are five trails great for day hiking to consider before winter takes grasp and the snow cover becomes too much to traverse. All five trails originate from the Haney Meadows Campground, outside Cle Elum, only to embark on a journey into the landscape that is a distinctly unique adventure for each trail.

Kirkman Meadows Trail: The elevation difference of 875 feet is spread along 5.8 miles of wilderness. Numerous incredible views of the changing leaves show the beauty this time of year offers. Blazing oranges and vibrant yellows mix with deep reds to form an extraordinary scene.

Miller Peak Trail: Being four miles long, it’s a mid-length hike, but the elevation difference is a challenging 2,675 feet. Be ready for a steady climb as the path weaves up into the mountains. Devils Gulp Trail: This 4.4 mile trail climbs 675 feet, making the trail easy for hikers. The serene atmosphere of the woods makes for an incredibly enjoyable trek.

Teanaway Wilson Stock Trail: This 1.6 mile trail climbs a substantial 1,087 feet into the surrounding scenery. Terrific views make every mile an experience that can be remembered long after the adventure is over.

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Three time all-conference finisher leads Wildcat race

by Nichole Bowers
Staff reporter

Great coaching guides men’'s rugby team to success

by Nick Scott
Staff reporter

Mental strength, perseverance and the heart of a lion doesn’t come to one through genetics. Anyone can be talented and unique without following in another’s footsteps. It’s always nice to run your own race and say that you reached the finish line.

When people look at senior Sam Scotchmer, in his final year of cross-country at Central Washington University, it’s easy to recognize what it takes to put his best foot forward.

Scotchmer has claimed all-conference honors three years in a row and is one of five runners in Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) history to do so.

"The highlight of it all for me personally is the enjoyment and the simplicity of the sport; that is what gets me,” Scotchmer said.

Throughout his running career at Central, Scotchmer has lead the men to numerous victories and helped move Central’s program in a positive direction. Scotchmer will compete again at regionals. From there, he will have a chance at Nationals.

The course of Scotchmer’s running didn’t just start yesterday. Scotchmer first joined the cross country and track team back in the eighth grade at Valley View middle school in Snohomish, Wash.

"I’ve always enjoyed running,” Scotchmer said. "My dad jogged a bit and my mother ran as well. Rumor is, my mom was a fairly good runner but only ran one year in college.”

Scotchmer continued to run during high school, where he developed a strong love for the outdoors. I find that running is challenging component of cross country is the commitment.

"It takes a lot of dedication. Six days a week is a lot to do on top of school and work,” Scotchmer said.

The people that make up the team play a large role in Scotchmer’s life. Including his teammates and head coach Kevin Adkisson, Scotchmer described them as some of his “best friends.”

As most people know, academics come before athletics. Scotchmer, who is majoring in geography here at Central, takes his grades pretty seriously.

"I really enjoy the subject matter, the diversity of the material and I respect the teachers.”

The 2007-2008 academic year is Scotchmer’s senior year. Therefore, both his academic career and his wildcard athletic career are close to an end, but Scotchmer plans to stay active in running.

"I plan to compete, but not as competitive and with more flexibility. I think that it will be nice to not have as much structure and run for fun,” Scotchmer said.

Scotchmer, along with six other Wildcat men and a team of seven Wildcat women, has a couple more days of practice and preparation for the NCAA Division II West Regionals on Nov. 3 at Eagle Island State Park located in Eagle, Idaho.

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Sophomore Spevak having a career season

by Ryan Larsen
Staff reporter

This year’s Central Washington University football team has a much different look to it, a winning attitude that has been established to the team. One of the reasons the team has done so well this season is because of the production from sophomore wide receiver Johnny Spevak.

Spevak’s desire to win has helped the Wildcats go 7-1 overall and 5-1 in the North Central Conference.

“Right now I am pretty happy with the way we are playing and hopefully we can get into the playoffs,” Spevak said.

“It’s been awhile since we have been there.”

Spevak wasn’t always a wide receiver in football. In high school, he started as quarterback for Puyallup High school. When he came to Central the coaching staff converted him to the wide receiver position.

“Learning and running the routes is the hard part but catching the ball is the easy part,” Spevak said.

This season Spevak has already surpassed last season’s touchdown total with ten, and is on pace to break his season total receiving yards of 754 from last year.

Some of the other reasons he has been on target this season is due to good chemistry between him and junior quarterback Mike Reilly.

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Spevak’s statistics show the kind of success he’s seen this year. He is leading the team in receptions with 54, total receiving yards with 741, and 10 receiving touchdowns this year.

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1. Grand Valley State 8-0
2. Wisconsin-Oshkosh 8-0
3. St. Thoms 8-0
4. Valdosta State 8-0
5. Delta State 7-1
6. North Dakota State 7-1
7. Ferris State 7-2
8. Wisconsin-Stevens Point 7-2
9. Slippery Rock 7-2
10. North Alabama 7-2
11. West Chester 7-2
12. Ashland 7-2
13. Minnesota State-Mankato 7-2
14. Colgate 7-1
15. Central Washington 7-1
16. Endicott 7-0
17. Muskingum 7-0
18. Arizona State 7-0
19. Mount Union 7-0
20. St. John’s 7-0

Dropped Out:

1. Valdosta State 7-1
2. Delta State 7-1
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