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National headlines read:

"Sportsmanship beyond comparison"

Mallory Holtman's and Liz Wallace's assistance of injured Western Oregon player garnering national attention

by Joseph Siemandel
Asst. Sports editor

Last week, an article ran in The Observer about Central Washington University softball first baseman Mallory Holtman and the kind of player she is on the field as well as off the field.

The article talks about her love of softball, her love for her family and her outstanding character. This week not only did Holtman live up to what was written last week, but she and her teammate, junior shortstop Liz Wallace, displayed those attributes for the nation.

With the score 0-0 in the top of the second inning, Western Oregon senior outfielder Sara Tucholsky came up to the plate with two runners on base and blasted a home run over the center field wall.

As Wolves' coach Pam Knox high-fived the other two base runners as they came around third base to score, she looked up to see Sara lying next to first base.

Tucholsky, who is only 5'2", had never hit a home run before in her collegiate career. She was so excited after the three-run home run that she missed first base and, as she turned around to touch the base, her right knee gave out.

Tucholsky laid in pain, near first base, as her teammates crossed home plate.

With no one from her own team able to help her, Holtman did the only thing she could think of; she turned to the umpires and asked if she could lift Tucholsky to her feet to help her finish her home run walk around the bases.

"She was laying there crying and I know if it was me I would hope that she would have helped too," Holtman said.

After a few minutes of discussion between the umpires, they agreed that it was allowed.

So, along with the help of Wallace, the two Wildcats hoisted Tucholsky and helped her around the bases.

"She hit a home run and she deserved it," said Holtman. The holder of numerous Central softball records, including home runs. "You can't take that away from her."

As the three made their way around the bases, the crowd began to change their tone from the heckling that had occurred during Tucholsky's at-bat to standing up and applauding loudly.

After the three made it back to home plate, and Tucholsky touched home plate after her first collegiate home run, she was returned back to the dugout for medical attention as the game continued.

"I've coached for 40 years in all different sports, and by far, nothing can outdo this," Gary Frederick, CWU softball head coach.

As Holtman and Wallace carried her around the bases, lowering her at every base so that she could touch it with her left foot, they began to laugh.

Even Tucholsky cracked a smile underneath the team.

"I don't know what it looked like to the observers, but it was kind of funny because Liz and I were carrying her on both sides and we would get to the base and she would gently tap her foot on the base and we all of a sudden would start to giggle," Frederick said.
Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is currently looking for CWU students to fill a position at their Renewable Energy Center on the grounds of the Wild Horse Wind Facility. The position is a corporate communications internship. Students are expected to meet and greet visitors, walk them through the exhibits, give presentations to groups and work on various projects. The internship is ideal for any undergraduate seeking a Bachelor of Science or arts degree in education, natural resources or communication. The internship will last anywhere from three months to one year. Pay is $10 per hour, weekday and weekend positions ranging from 10 to 40 hours are available. PSE is a regulated utility that provides supplies more than 1 million electric customers and 700,000 natural gas customers living in the Seattle Metropolitan area. They are Washington state's largest and oldest energy company. PSE is headquartered in Bellevue, Wash. Their Ellensburg office is located at 207 N. Pearl St. Those interested should send a resume to David Bowen, regional municipal liaison manager at PSE. You can contact him at 509-899-3444 or write to him at david.bowen@pse.com.

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The Observer is a class in which students are constantly learning how to interview, report and produce a newspaper.
Pro-life activists make pit stop at Central

by Curtis Crabtree
Sports editor

University police broke up a protest against abortion just after 5 p.m. on Thursday after receiving telephone complaints about the displays.

The protest, affiliated with Show the Truth Washington, stood in the median of the vehicle turnaround outside of Sue Lombard and Kamola Halls on University Way.

The group displayed signs showing aborted fetuses and wore buttons saying, "Abortion stops a beating heart."

"It's the most effective means because a picture is worth a thousand words," Joseph Degoede, Show the Truth Washington member, said in regard to displaying the graphic signs.

Cars driving past honked their horns at the group several times during the protest as the group was handing out a "Stop the Madness" informational booklet, wallet sized cards with information on the development of a fetus and scale rubber fetuses to demonstrate what a developing baby looks like towards the end of the first trimester.

Show the Truth Washington stopped at Central Washington University as part of a tour around the state that began last Monday.

"We go to universities to show the truth [about abortion] and offer shelter for pregnant teens," said Ed Sauley, director of Show the Truth Washington. "We offer alternatives to what we consider the killing of a human being."

However, Sauley, who has a BA degree in biological sciences, said he believes life begins at conception.

"At conception, that baby has everything it will ever need," Sauley said regarding the genes and chromosomes passed on to a fetus by its parents.

According to Sgt. Eric Twaites of the University Police Department, campus police received a complaint about the protest and he was dispatched to check out the situation.

Twaites said that the group didn’t file for approval from the university and they also needed to contact the scheduling department to set up a protest such as the one conducted Thursday.

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Central’s Nutrition Bowl team awarded first place

by Mimi Oh
Staff reporter

On April 19, Central took first place at the sixth annual College Nutrition Bowl (CNB); held at California Polytechnic State University Northridge (CSUN).

"I thought we would do really well, but to win was really exciting. It was nice to come from little Ellensburg and actually take the title," junior nutrition major Chelsea Murphy said.

Murphy said that they would have "nothing but" enthusiasm about winning the overall first place in the competition.

Due to the competition, Murphy said that they focused on answering questions that were "on the spot," and that it was a "hard-earned" win.

"Winning is good," Rust said. "We really want to help the local community and this can drive does just that, because it’s the goal of instilling team spirit for the collaborative nature of the event, and the collaborative nature of the event, and they’re really smooth and I think it’s because of all the people who helped us plan."

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Canned food drive for E-burg

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Clockwise from top: David Firestone, junior aviation maintenance management major, rides bareback in the College Rodeo. Firestone placed seventh in bareback riding with 80 points. Senior law and justice major Candee Cox participates in breakaway. Randall Escher, freshman undeclared, takes a chance in the bull riding event, placing 15th with 59 points. Bull fighter Jarred Bronkima runs to the bunker for safety from the loose bull. Senior O'Neil Nouwens lassos a calf during the breakaway competition. Jocelyn Sloan, freshman undeclared, rounds a barrel during the barrel racing event.

2007-2008 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Northwest Region Standings
Men's Team sixth place: 451.75 points
Women's Team fifth place: 1,419.50 points
Women's All Around second place: Jaclyn Ferguson, 1,266.5 points
Goat Tying first place: Jaclyn Ferguson, 862 points.
Breakaway roping second place: Jaclyn Ferguson, 391.5 points
Vaccinations available to students at low cost

by Aliya Mathis
Staff reporter

This year, The Central Health and Counseling Center has made it a priority that all students get properly vaccinated.

Offering free flu shots and other discounted vaccinations cheaper than at a traditional doctor's office, it is now easier than ever for students to remain healthy and be protected from viruses.

"These diseases could spread to others whose immune systems are weaker than yours and could potentially kill them," Nimnicht said.

Among the many vaccines offered at the Health Center, a few recommended for students to get are hepatitis B, hepatitis A, meningitis, human papilloma virus (HPV) and flu shots.

The flu shots, which are usually offered until March, are free in the fall.

"I got a flu shot last fall," said Bryce Widowski, sophomore flight technology major. "It was the first winter in a long time that I didn't get sick."

By being vaccinated at the Health Center, students can not only protect themselves from illness, but also save money.

The Guardasil vaccine, which prevents HPV, is offered at $155 dollars each, compared to the usual price at a doctor's office of approximately $300. The shot is given over time as a set of three.

Due to the rising costs of immunizations, there is a new nationwide program through the Merck pharmaceutical company that can help female students get the Guardasil vaccinations for free without having health insurance.

School health centers across the country hope this will help uninsured students get the vaccinations and protection they need to stay healthy.

"Shots are rarely painful, and there is just a slight bee-sting feeling ... we want students to understand that and not be afraid," said Johnson.

The Health Center is asking that students give copies of their complete official immunization records to put into the system, in case there were to be a viral outbreak on campus.

Having this information would help the health center serve the campus better, and faster. Students can get more information about vaccinations offered at the health center by visiting the Web site at www.cwu.edu/-hcws or they can make an appointment to speak with a registered nurse or doctor.

SHRM RECEIVES AWARD

Central's chapter of Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) competed and placed first, second, and fourth at the regional conference held in Portland, Ore.

On April 11, Central sent 12 students to compete in a Jeopardy-style battle of human resource trivia.

Students were quizzed on knowledge of human resources (HR) information, such as safety standards and training regulations.

"These games are set up for the purpose of helping them learn the material so that they can pass [the HR Certification exam] in a fun way," James Nimnicht, professor of human resource management and SHRM advisor, said.

Five schools from Washington, Oregon and Alaska sent a total of 14 teams to compete by placing first, second, and fourth at the regional conference held in Portland, Ore.

The four teams from Central were driven to the conference held in Portland, Ore.

"It was a big goal of ours to do extremely well this year," Mallorie Stubbs, senior human resources major, said.

The four teams from Central were driven to success by Central's reputation of being the best in the region for producing knowledgeable graduates.

"Central has always been known as an HR powerhouse," Bjorn Bonholzer, senior HR major said. "Last year UW won so we wanted to regain our notoriety.

Bonholzer, originally pursuing a degree in finance, became interested in human resources after several requests by Nimnicht to take an HR class and says he's never looked back.

"Nobody comes to the university to go into HR, they don't know what it is," Nimnicht said.

He describes human resources as a problem-solving field for people who are technical and people-oriented.

ASCWU-BOD Elections

Voting for the Associated Student Body of Central Washington University Board of Directors is now open.

Voting will be open today until 7 p.m. both online and at polls on campus. There are five polling sites available throughout campus:

SURC East from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
SURC West from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Brooks Library from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Nicholson Pavilion from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Science Building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students will be voting to fill the seven positions on the student government.

Only two of the positions are contested: executive vice president and vice president of equity and community service.

Students will also vote on the athletic fee increase of $15 to help fund athletic scholarships and provide updated equipment for student athletes.

Retirement Reception

The 15th annual Retiree Reception will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, in Barge Hall room 412 to honor all of the staff and faculty who retired during the 2007-2008 school year.

President Jerilyn S. McIntyre is hosting and invites all students, faculty, staff and administrators to attend.

Retiree's include the following: C. Wayne Barnett, Nancy Howard, Toni Menig, Cynthia Murray, Karen Raymon and Carolyn Wells for exempt employees; Bonnie Clement, Charlene Coder, Marcia Eckert, Allen Edler, John Greer, Carole Griffin, Barbara Maloney, Victoria Potts, Colleen Rose, Kathleen Sala, Pete Siller, Marlene Wilber and Gloria Wilson for classified staff; and John Alwin, Peter Burkholder, Minerva Caples, Gary Gunn, Kelton Knight, David Lygre, Richard Moore Mack, Dennis Martin and Warren Street for faculty.

For more information, call Teri Olin at 509-963-1416 or e-mail her at dmit@cwu.edu.
Wild Horse Wind Facility opens

by Kevin Copland
Staff reporter

The Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Corporation has opened a Renewable Energy Center (REC) at their Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility near Ellensburg. Central students and Ellensburg businesses helped create interpretive displays at the Welcome Center, outlining the history of the area and the technology involved in producing wind and solar power.

The panels also discuss climate change and the natural history of the Kittitas area.

The new Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility took 18 months to design, spanning approximately 5,000 square feet. Exhibits include a formation of natural landscapes in the area and tribal gathering habits.

The center sits at 3,500 feet on a ridge above the Kittitas Valley and the Columbia Basin. From this vantage point, the entire Wild Horse Wind Facility, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams, Mt. Hood and the Columbia River basin can be seen.

The center is a small rounded structure spanning approximately 5,000 square feet. The design and construction took approximately 18 months.

"The building is amazing," Kathy Turner, assistant project coordinator said. "It's fashioned after early Pennsylvania barns ... it's pretty much a 360 degree view [of the wind facility] from the visitors center.

There are 11 exhibits on display at the welcome center that are meant to mimic the turbine blades. One panel is a colorful depiction describing the evolution of the Cascade Mountain range and how it plays a role in creating the winds that blow across the wind facility. Another describes the history of the Missoula flood and the landforms that it created, which are visible from the REC.

Another exhibit discusses how the Kittitas, Yakama, Wanapum and the Colville tribes gathered their food. On display are a wooden pounding bowl, a digging stick and several root gathering bags that once belonged to Tila Nason, an Native American elder.

Also included is an exhibit that talks about the events at Wild Horse on July 12, 2006, when Gov. Christine Gregoire participated in inaugural ceremonies for the Wild Horse Facility. Gregoire and PSE Chairman and CEO Steve Reynolds both signed their names on one of the turbine blades.

Another exhibit will be added on archaeology in the near future, according to Turner.

"It's a very difficult building to put an exhibit in," Wood said. "We had to build the panels ourselves with almost no walls [to help place them]."

Other interesting features at the welcome center include a model of the Wild Horse Wind Facility placed in the middle of the building. Some flat screen televisions on display discuss solar energy and show how the wind turbines were transported and constructed. Another video features Morris Liebelacker, associate professor of geography at CWU on site at the facility.

The Wild Horse Wind Power Facility is located in the eastern part of Kittitas County, approximately 16 miles east of Ellensburg on Whiskey Dick Mountain. The site consists of approximately 8,600 acres of open range land.

Excluding major holidays and weather permitting, the REC will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. seven days a week from April through November.

To reach the center, call PSE at 509-964-7815.

Location

Wild Horse is located at 25803 Vantage Highway. Contact Andy Wappler at 1-888-831-7250 or Bill Wood at 509-963-3299 for more information on this project.

Local bicyclist hit by school bus

An Ellensburg man was struck by a school bus early Wednesday morning in front of Boullion Hall. Details regarding the man were unknown at press time. Police had yet to file a report on the incident.

City

News from throughout the Kittitas County and community

Ellensburg weather


Friday: High: 65°F Low: 42°F 20% chance of precipitation Cloudy.


Monday: High: 71°F Low: 42°F 20% chance of precipitation Partly cloudy.
Moving to a four-day work-week would reduce traffic congestion by 20 percent, reduce gas consumption by 65 million barrels per day and provide everyone with a much-needed third day-off.

I spent the majority of my time writing this article trying to figure out a clever way to say that, but I just couldn't. The stats speak for themselves. Seattle's King 5 News released a story Monday about a sheet metal contractor and his staff's effort to, whenever possible, work four-day weeks, with 10-hour shifts, as a way to cut costs and reduce pollution and congestion.

According to the recent national census, 106 million single-car commuters drive an average of 32 miles to and from work each day, totaling 3.4 billion miles covered. As the average fuel efficiency of most vehicles is 21 miles per gallon, that equates to 162 million gallons of gas consumed daily. On average, one barrel of crude oil, aside from additional products such as asphalt and kerosene, generates 20 gallons of gasoline. In the end, that totals 8.1 million barrels of crude used each day.

On an average week, Americans consume approximately 20 million barrels of oil per day between Monday and Friday. So, the amount saved just by dividing eight hours of one day among the other four is just over 40 percent of our total usage.

Another advantage we'd have here -- and let's be practical -- is a third day off! Who can say no to that?

Spend more time with friends and family, get out a bit, or just stay home and relax. Here's some food for thought: the notion as to why we should stick to the normal work schedule is based on an idea established by the federal government nearly 70 years ago. A 40-hour work week was seen as an upgrade in the lives of many, with eight hours representing one-third of the day.

In theory, it leaves eight hours for sleep and eight hours for other activities. However, each time I ask some­one, "Which do you prefer: four 10-hour days or five eight-hour days?" The answer always favors the latter two options.

The reasoning: most people take their work home anyway, so what's another two hours? Overtime isn't a factor since people could still come in on that fifth day should they need to or choose to stay after.

The only disadvantage I see, however, is government employees possibly needing to keep to a five-day week in order to stick with national guidelines, though it could be resolved on a state-by-state basis.

Workers for Florida's Marion County have currently shifted to a four-day week:

"NEW" CAR: A PLEASING WORK IN PROGRESS

I was way excit­ed to buy my first Bimmer, little did I know I'd end up with a bummer. Okay, so it's really not that bad, and the bargain price tag put a smile on my face. However, I have learned that the prospect of owning a project car and the cold, hard reality of actually owning one are two very different things.

About six weeks ago I was cruising Craigslist for some cheap transportation, preferably up $500 and, as I'm sure you can assume, that doesn't go too far. The heaps I found were appalling, both mechanically and aesthetically.

Then, out of the blue, I stumbled upon a new listing: a 1997 BMW 328i. I called the guy, he told me that it was mechanical­ly sound, which I all needed to hear. One hour later, I was riding shotgun in my friend's Jeep to pick it up.

Within a few hours I was standing in a random field in Graham next to a hippie­looking guy in a red shirtටI'm selling my BMW! It was a sad sight, truth be told. I'm just an old BMW.
The Hawk's Nest: taking in NFL Draft Day

"The Seattle Seahawks are now on the clock..."

It's the phrase every Seahawks fan wants to hear come the last weekend in April each year. The NFL Draft allows for the bad to become good, the good to become great and anyone to ruin their franchise for the next decade by drafting the next big bust (see: Ryan Leaf, Kajaun Carter, Rick Mirer, etc.). For the first time in a hopefully long sports journalism career, (personal bust status still on hold) I was able to see the draft process unfold in person.

Curtis Bell, one of two Associated Press sports writers for the Seattle area, allowed me to join him to see how the draft takes place from a media standpoint. Gregg and I had the chance to interview Jackson for the first time as a Seahawk.

The day started them in the face. I offered to have watched every round of the draft whether I was in Kirkland, back home in North Bond, here in Ellensburg or anywhere else with a working cable connection. I pulled into the parking lot at around 12:30 p.m. on Saturday just after the Raiders had taken Darren McFadden with the fourth pick. The Seahawks didn't pick until the last first round and so I had more than two hours to wait. When it finally got to the 25th pick, we eagerly awaited the announcement of the pick — only to see Seattle trade back and hold our suspense longer. Three picks later, with the 28th pick overall, Seattle selected Lawrence Jackson from USC. Fifteen minutes later we all gathered around a giant TV screen in the front of the room and had the chance to interview Jackson for the first time as a Seahawk.

It was May in Ellensburg and it's finally starting to get warm! Besides playing Ultimate Frisbee and sunbathing at People's Pond, the weather is to barbecue. Here's a twist on a classic recipe. The southwestern chicken pasta salad will be complete without a good salad. In my opinion, there is nothing better that compliments a nice juicy burger — well, maybe a beer or two.

The Culinary Corner: Putting a zesty twist on a staple barbecue dish

by Rachel Guillermo

Curried chicken pasta salad

- 1 lb. Rotelle or Penne pasta
- 1 package of chicken, cubed
- 2 C. snow or sugar peas
- 1 C. of mayonnaise
- 2 T. curry powder
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. black pepper

Cook the pasta and set aside to cool. In a separate bowl, mix the mayo and curry powder together. Add the chicken, peas, water chestnuts, curry, mayo, salt and pepper to pasta. Mix well.

Let the pasta rest in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes before serving.

Dear Observer,

Although I appreciate your effort to highlight the reality that some people may not feel warm and fuzzy about the rodeo, I am disappointed to hear that the entry fees were all wrong, leaving me with the impression that the rodeo promoter was a rogue individual on the outskirts of society.

First, the student was not apprehended, as the article states, rather they were contacted via telephone the next day, and when asked if they could meet with my student on the CMU campus, the student answered that in fact they did. Hardly the "cautious and apprehensive implied by the article.

Additionally, the student was not kicked out of the animal rights club, but rather sent an e-mail voluntarily removing themselves from the club.

Finally, there is no disciplinary action that will be taken. This was a peaceful protest and it is unfortunate that some tactics such as those listed in the article are used to discourage other students from voicing their opinions.

The great majority of Ellensburg enjoys the rodeo, however, such tactics in other places would be run out of town.

The actions of this person were not from some crazy few ever banished from society, but rather from an individual who had the courage to express the thoughts and feeling of many.

Gret Stadler

EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
POST-BACALOUREATE

Dear Observer,

I recently read a copy of the most recent issue of the Observer and was disappointed at the small article concerning the anti-rodeo remarks. Not only were there two, not one, students involved in the actions, but they were not kicked out of the animal rights club. As an active member of the animal rights club I am certain that the two individuals chose to withdraw from the club for reasons unrelated to the rodeo.

Although I understand that receiving confidential information, such as that relating to the rodeo incidents is difficult, but I am very disappointed that you presented such false information to the students.

Riley Baker

FREEMAN, UNDECLARED

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‘Tis the season
for love

by Kayla Schroader
Staff reporter

It was a snowy New Year’s Eve when Tara Tornquist, senior family and consumer science major, had her father drive her from Redmond to Spokane, allowing her to bring in the New Year with boyfriend Tony Thorsvik, senior math and economics major.

After a romantic dinner, Thorsvik proposed and Tornquist accepted, and the two began their happiest ever after and the long process of wedding planning.

With their Aug. 2 wedding date quickly approaching, the soon-to-be Mr. and Mrs. Thorsvik are in full participation of this year’s wedding season. While they have opted to save money by handling the catering, location and floral arrangements on their own, Ellensburg business owners, such as florist Dottie Rogers, understand the demands that come with planning the big day.

According to Rogers, the owner of Ellensburg Floral and Gifts, the traditional wedding season spans from May to September. This year, however, she noted that local weddings actually began in February and she already has requests for her décor services clear into October.

“Fall is so beautiful [in Ellensburg],” Rogers said. “At Ellensburg Floral and Gifts, the flower selection is global, including shipments from South America, the Netherlands and Canada. Due to the variety, Rogers recommends such services be considered approximately six months in advance.

She assists by providing floral consultations and décor, as well as offering delivery, arches and other rental pieces. Whether real or artificial, floral arrangements contribute color and elegance to the big day.

“I help direct and understand the brides’ vision,” Rogers said. “It’s her wedding. I make sure that [vision] is what I’m delivering.”

Rogers has been in the floral business for nearly 20 years and has established business relationships with other wedding contacts around town, such as photographer reference Rob Fraser.

“Winter weddings are more so for those who don’t want to wait until summer,” Fraser said.

Fraser’s photography expertise spans 35 years, including 26 years of work in New York City and photographing Whitney Houston’s wedding in 1992.

While repairing vehicles at University Auto during the day, he currently shoots about eight weddings a year. Through past experience, he has learned that regardless of the request, he must refrain from looking more than one wedding a day, because according to Fraser, weddings change and tend to have plans of their own.

“In my opinion, the photographer, the florist and the caterers are the most important components,” Tornquist said. “I’ve heard you won’t remember as well unless you have unique photos to look back on 10 years later.”

Tornquist, amidst her final quarter of school, is planning her summer wedding to Thorsvik. According to the bride-to-be, she couldn’t imagine dealing with difficult classes while planning her wedding, but thankfully this quarter has been lighter, allowing her to focus and balance her responsibilities.

In the couple’s four-month engagement, they have completed a majority of the planning, including purchasing the dress, securing the location, catering, décor and engagement photos, most of which Tornquist has prepared on her own and with the help of family and friends due to a tight budget.

Tornquist advises couples to know what they want before going to the necessary businesses and to be firm with their decisions, to help avoid being persuaded out of them further down the line.

“It’s what the bride wants,” Shawne Melvin, Vinman’s Bakery owner and wedding cake vendor, said. “We always want to deliver the products she’s asking for.”

Melvin spends approximately 70 hours per week producing baked goods and recalls creating nearly one wedding cake each week during wedding season. Her traditional style incorporates Italian cream, chocolate, carrot and poppy seed cakes topped in a cream cheese frosting, thus creating a more edible cake with natural sugars.

“As a small community you can make or break [your wedding] with the cake,” Liz Sullivan, Vinman’s Bakery employee, said. “A cake can look really good, but that is more so art. Shawne does a good job on both parts, making them beautiful and delicious.”

Bridal Web site theknot.com suggests that planning begin at least 12 months prior to the wedding date, providing a helpful timeline to ensure that all the necessary elements are taken care of. Other ideas and planning tools, such as wedding budgets, are also available online.

“By the best part of wedding planning is just thinking about the future,” Tornquist said. “I’m graduating, and then I’m getting married. I’m actually growing up.”

Central Washington University seniors Tara Tornquist and Tony Thorsvik added wedding planning to their school schedules after Thorsvik proposed on New Year’s Eve. The two set their summer wedding for Aug. 2, 2008.

There are many options for ordering wedding cakes through Ellensburg bakeries and local grocery stores, such as this one from Safeway’s bakery.
CWU to host Washington winemakers

by Darcy Wykso
Staff reporter

According to the Washington Wine Commission, tasting wine is like a sport: the more you practice, the better you become.

From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday May 16, the CWU World Wine Program and the Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce will present the 3rd Annual Wonderful Washington Wine and Cuisine tasting in the Student Union and Recreation Center Ballroom. The event will host to more than 30 top wineries from all nine major American Viticultural Areas (AVA) across Washington state, and will feature catering from Ellensburg eateries including: D & M Coffee, the Dakota Café, Winmark's Bakery, and the Yellow Church Café. Live music will be provided by jazz saxophonist Lenny Price, who has toured extensively with Grammy winner Earl Klugh over the past decade. Award-winning wine instructor Amy Mumma, the CWU World Wine Program's coordinator, will be speaking at the event.

Mumma holds the Advanced Certificate of Wine and Spirits from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust in London, and a Diploma of Tasting from the Université de Bourgogne in Dijon, France. After spending years living and studying in France, Mumma began the World Wine Program at CWU that began last fall. The classes typically draw between 50-70 people per class, with all levels of experience, from neophytes to winemakers represented. After the successes of last year's event, which drew more than 250 people, Mumma has decided to continue the event with the goal of helping winemakers to prosper while bringing exposure to CWU's wine program.

"The CWU World Wine Program has experienced huge growth, and this is a way to bring in the industry to make connections," Mumma said. "We hope to support our winemakers in Washington, while bringing together faculty, staff, and community.

Aside from year-long consumer classes, CWU's wine program offers a wine tourism minor, and a four-year degree in the Student Union and Recreation Center Ballroom. The event is open only to persons 21 years of age or older. Picture ID will be required to attend.

For tickets, contact the World Wine Program at 509-925-1504, or the Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce at 509-925-2002.

For more information regarding the CWU World Wine Program, visit www.worldwineprogram.org.

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Ben Folds, Ben Lee rock the Ballroom

On Tuesday, April 29, Ben Folds, accompanied by Ben Lee, travelled to Central's campus for a long-awaited performance. With a cost of $15 general admission and $38 for reserved seats, the low price tag and local venue made the show an ideal activity for the average college student looking for a night of excitement. Campus Activities sponsored the event.

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People approached for the success of “Street Kings” is ultimately measured for him as Reeves controls the majority of the career as the lead of Fox extensive Hollywood film career as the lead of Fox Searchlight Pictures’ “Street Kings.” Reeves is an understated actor and one of the few people approached for the role of the character Neo who seemed to understand what “The Matrix” really was. The success of “Street Kings” is ultimately measured by the amount of love the theater audience has for him as Reeves controls the majority of the story.

“Street Kings” is director David Ayer’s gritty look into the corrupt and racialized world of Los Angeles, hidden beneath the carnage on the streets where police officers are a menace to not only themselves but society as well.

We are introduced to Tom Ludlow (Forest Whitaker), a veteran Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) vice detective who belongs to a group of crooked cops headed by police Captain. Jack Wander (Forest Whitaker), attempting to run the streets of Los Angeles. When remorseless cop-killers murder his former partner right in front of him, Ludlow begins a vengeful mission alongside Robbery Homicide Detective Paul Diskant (Chris Evans) to deliver his own variation of justice.

As the investigation unfolds, Ludlow and Diskant discover that the corruption of the police department extends further than they imagined. Each new clue brings more confusion and speculation as the rabbit hole goes deeper. This may be the story we have all heard before. But “Street Kings” is in no way a predictable piece of cinema. The film forces the audience to uncover the truth alongside Reeves character, allowing for suspense and twists in the plot. In some instances, the story makes a complete 180-degree turn. Friends become enemies and enemies turn into allies as Ludlow is awakened to the reality of his questionable tactics. After the opening titles, the audience is immediately thrown into the violent world of Ludlow. In the span of 10 minutes, we see him guzzle several single-serving bottles of vodka and massacre Korean hoods before altering the scene to make them appear to have shot one another. Hugh Laurie (“House”) appears as internal affairs Capt. Biggs, one of the few law-abiding members of the department keeping track of Ludlow’s and Wander’s shady actions.

Movie fans of the crime and gangster genre will feel right at home and even catch slight references to similar movies like “Lethal Weapon” and “L.A. Confidential.” As with any film of this kind, there are more expended cartridges and shotgun bursts than seen by the A-Team, topped with a healthy dose of brutal beatings and garnished with multiple expletives. It’s just a good, gory, pea-pickin’ good time at the movies.

Reeves’ performance is noteworthy in spite of his almost monotone line delivery found in all of his previous roles. The edge he brings to the character of Ludlow evokes sympathy for his internal struggle to sustain his dark alter ego.

“Street Kings” is not competing for an Oscar, but offers an opportunity for moviemakers to escape to a world of fantastic action and drama. Even if you are simply curious, put your faith in Keanu Reeves and enjoy the two hours.

SOURCE event showcases research and art

by Stephanie Olson
Staff reporter

Scholarly research is the focus of SOURCE. SOURCE is an interdisciplinary forum, including all six CNU campuses, showcasing scholarly work by students, faculty and staff. The SOURCE event is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC). The event will include presentations, performances and exhibitions of participants’ posters and art. "It's really, if you will, a standout event of this campus in terms of its resources and creative activities," said Roger Fouts, director of University Relations.

SOURCE began 13 years ago with only 23 participants and has grown over the years to include over 275. "SOURCE is soar, it’s taking off," said Fouts.

Each of the colleges are represented with either research projects or creative activities. Projects include scientific, historical, literary and educational research, creative writing, musical and theatrical performances and art composition. "It's like a celebration of what we do at Central," Clay Arango, research associate, said.

"All of the presentations will be in the student union and then if accepted, the participants will be assigned into a group. Sessions consist of four to five presentations based on similar topics. This allows for participants to also be judged by their peers. The oral presentations will be in various rooms in the SURC. Judges are composed of professionals and CNU faculty and staff. Each presentation will be judged by two judges for each presentation group. Those who choose to not give an oral presentation, it rather create a poster. Those who choose to not give an oral presentation will stand by the poster and answer audience questions. The poster presentations will be in the SURC Ballroom. The presentations and performances will be judged on various criteria, which according to Arango, is fundamental for participants.

"It’s also good for getting new ideas," Arango said.

Presentations also allow students to receive feedback and viewpoints from people other than their mentor. "It is part of the creative process, just talking to people," said Arango. There is over $1000 in prizes this year. Each winner will receive a $25 gift certificate to the Wildcat Shop. All of the presentations and exhibits are open for audience members.

"This is Central’s chance to show off," said Fouts.

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Charlie Dachne
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Some participants did individual projects and others were in a class-room setting focused on a specific topic and then broken down into groups to cover different aspects of the subject. Working with a mentor, participants received one-on-one instruction and guidance, which according to Fouts, is the most effective way of teaching.

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Summer Classes in Latino/Latin American Studies

Earn History and Spanish credits this summer and apply them to a minor in Latino and Latin American Studies.

Registration for Prof. Michael Ervin’s Modern Latin American History (HIST 328) and Prof. Stella Moreno’s Hispanic Cinema (SPAN 446) opens this Monday, May 5th.

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Modern Latin America (HIST 328), M-F: 2:10-3:45pm
Hispanic Cinema (SPAN 446), T-Th: 2:10-5:00pm

Spread the word:
Latino and Latin American Studies is Central!
There is a need to raise awareness of our own responsibilities worldwide and stressed the importance of respecting human rights around the world. "For us to be able to enjoy peace it's important for us to recognize the importance of managing this environment," Maathai said. "It's very difficult to have peace in this world if we do not respect human rights. Without respect to human rights, you cannot have peace."

Maathai, the initiative hopes to stress environmental conservation and develop civic awareness and empowerment programs globally. "One of the ways we can make a difference is by ensuring that we plant one billion trees. According to Maathai, the initiative hopes to stress environmental conservation and development while teaching empowerment women. The environmental education for women is meant to combat deforestation. She also said the Green Belt Movement is being entirely ridiculous, this genre of music resembles something of a more serious genre, such as another absurd music genre, such as folk rock. This sounds like another absurd music genre, such as folk rock. Folk rock, this genre of music that replicates the music of the early sixties.

In the sixties the movement began a campaign to plant one billion trees. According to Maathai, the initiative hopes to stress environmental conservation and raise awareness of the effects of deforestation and desertification. Maathai's speech did not go without offering advice to Central students. She said they can learn from her professors because of "their sense of commitment to service" and she also encouraged them to serve their local community. Maathai also gave praise to two American peace prize recipients, former president Jimmy Carter, who in 1978, and former vice president Al Gore, who was awarded in 2007 for his activism in the climate change crisis. "The [Norwegian Nobel] committee again recognized the importance of what is happening to our planet and how our own activities are undermining our own efforts to live in harmony with nature," Maathai said.

Maathai received a standing ovation for her speech, but some students left before the question and answer period. Topics of discussion included the United States avoidance in the Kyoto Protocol, and international trade policy. Some students who had never heard of Maathai before were impressed by her work. "I think it was really interesting," Angela Brookbank, sophomore public health major, said, "It was a lot better than I expected. It is amazing how one single person can help make such a huge change in our environment."
Wildcats labor through eventful week

Seven games in seven days give Wildcats fits as postseason chances continue to waver

by Casey Donovan
Senior reporter

Over the last week, the Central baseball team didn't have their toughest stretch go according to plan. Central ended up 4-3 after playing Saint Martin's five games and College of Idaho twice.

Now, the Wildcats record is in limbo at 16-8 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) play, riding the fence on their chance of making postseason play. As in weeks previous, Central has no other realistic option than to win out their last eight games.

"If we lose two more games we are still going to have a good record but not get in," head coach Desi Storey said. "If we get into the playoffs, our chances are as good as anybody's."

The NCAA voting committee will have their hands full with deciding who is in and who is left waiting until next season. The West Region has criteria that they must consider including winning percentage against teams above a .500 record, winning percentage against teams in consideration for the playoffs and overall D-II record.

Currently, Central is in the eighth spot in the West Region poll, with Mesa State, Western Oregon, Chico State, and Cal State Stanislaus ahead of them, but within Central's grasp. However, the split with College of Idaho on Tuesday more than likely will not help their cause in moving up in the polls.

"The whole approach was offensive," head coach Desi Storey said. "It was just a lack of approach offensively (against College of Idaho). This should have been a great day for these guys on Senior Day. We should have boat raced those guys."

Even Central's victory over Idaho was tainted by bad play. Central committed six errors, but still came out on top 5-4 with a ninth inning rally sparked by seniors Dane Riner and Jamie Nilsen.

"What did we have, six, seven errors that first game?" Storey said. "We got lucky in that game. It was pure luck that two guys came up big at the right time. We refused to change against lefties and sit back and go the other way and it cost us."

The long week before saw senior right-handed ace Tyler Levin throw close to 300 pitches in three games and three other starters were in no better shape. That forced the Wildcats to go with sophomore right-hander Kevin Walkenbauer and senior right-hander Travis Bertholf in Tuesday's games.

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Sweep by Western Oregon ends postseason hopes

by Dusty Kindred
Staff reporter

A sweep of Saint Martin's put the Wildcats on the driver's seat for a potential playoff berth. Getting swept by Western Oregon took them completely out of the race.

The first game of the doubleheader against Saint Martin's took only 53 minutes, and Central won 8-0 in five innings.

The offense started out hot with four runs in the first inning. Junior catcher Holly Rossman started the scoring with a two-run shot over the left field fence. An error and a two-run single by sophomore outfielder Ashley Fix added two more.

In the second inning, the Wildcats added two more with a sacrifice fly by senior first baseman Mallory Holman, and a RBI single by Rossman giving central a 4-0 lead.

It took Central until the fifth inning to score again. A walk by Rossman, followed by a single by senior third baseman Logan Mohr put Central in scoring position. A pitching change couldn't stop Central from scoring. With back-to-back singles by sophomore infielder Cami Halstead and Fix gave the Wildcats an 8-0 victory in five innings.

Central finished with 11 hits, including two each from Rossman, Mohr, Halstead, and Fix. It only took 63 pitches for junior right-hander Limie Vlahovich to throw a complete five-inning, shut out against Saint Martin's.

The second contest was quite similar to the first game of the day. Starting off with Central putting a four spot on the board in the bottom of the first.

Holman started the scoring spree with a two run home run, the tenth on the year and 35th of her career. Then with two walks, Fix stepped to the plate and delivered her first triple for the Wildcats, off the glove of a diving Saints outfielder. That scored two and gave Central 4-0 lead right out of the gates.

In the second inning, the Wildcats had a two-out rally. Rossman started things off with an RBI single and Mohr following that up with a two-run double. This was against Alicia Fuchs, who had entered the game ranking second in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) in earned-run average.

The Wildcats tacked on another run in the third with a two out double by Liz Wallace.

Junior right-hander Derek Shoemaker strides during his windup in a game against Saint Martin's last Saturday. Shoemaker pitched a complete game, allowing only two runs on five hits and striking out seven. The Wildcats won the game 9-2 over the Saints.

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Fly-fishing and guided trips in Kittitas County

Liz Wallace
Shortstop

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Days of our NBA Playoffs?

Michael Johnson
Senior Reporter

The NBA playoffs are where you see the competitiveness and fight of a team. But since when did basketball become a full operetta, full of verbal jabs between players?

This year, the Washington Wizards and Cleveland Cavaliers have taken things to another level. There have been altercations on the court and players have been charged with personal fouls.

Players even challenging others to UFC fights in the Octagon, ala Kate Bryant. But this year's playoffs between the Wizards and Cavs escalated over Wizards guard Deshawn Stevenson's calling Cavs superstar LeBron James "overrated."

James responded to Stevenson's comments, claiming that according to his statements would be like Jay-Z responding to Soulja Boy.

Guided fly fishing tours on Yakima River

by Jay Renwick
Staff Reporter

Fishing guide Keith Wersland, right helps out a client on the Yakima river with his hook. Wersland is one of ten guides that offer fly-fishing classes. Senior Fishing guide Keith Wersland, right helps out a client on the Yakima River.

The river is also catch-and-release only. Grasshopper is great to use in June, July and take a trip to the Yakima River.

Central offers a fly-fishing class. Senior students are a 10 percent discount for fishing trips at the Evening Hatch shop on Canyon Road and the hatchery.

If you're looking to take a guided trip on the Yakima River, look no further than the Evening Hatch. You can get 15-minute casting classes before leaving for the water to help beginning fishermen understand how to cast properly.

According to Jason Boitano, Central students can expect to receive a small discount for fishing trips at the Evening Hatch. "I graduated from CWU and I teach the fly fishing class, so we give all Central students a 10 percent discount for guided fishing trips."

If a guided trip isn't what you're looking for, the Yakima River has two easy access spots that don't require a boat. The Ringer Loop area is located about two miles south of the Evening Hatch shop on Canyon Road and the Umtanum area is located about ten miles south of the shop down Canyon Road.

It doesn't matter if you have never gone fly fishing or if you go every weekend, the Yakima River area can offer any challenge you're looking for when it comes to fly fishing.

Central out hit the Wolves 10-9, but left 12 women on base, including baserunners loaded in the third and sixth innings, proving to be the reason of this disappointing loss. Assistant coach Kevin Holtman had three hits a piece in their final doubleheader at home.

With the two losses, Central came away with an overall record of 17-23 and a league record of 12-8.

Central's next contest was a double header against Seattle Universi­ity on Sunday April 27, at Logan Field.

Looking to bounce back from the series against Western Oregon last weekend, the Wildcats were hoping to sweep the Hawks to try and save their season.

The first contest of the day was all about players fighting for respect. These teams also had a soap opera on the basketball court.

Center Stevenson held up a sign, "Any one of our players would have helped Soulja around."

Central did put together a little comeback of their own with two in the bottom of the second.

Mohl started the bottom of the second off with a single down the right field line. The next batter, Ward, doubled to right center, moving Mohr to third. She scored later on a wild pitch. Fix was up next and reached first on a fielder's choice and scored Mohr in the process.

The second was the only inning Central scored against the twinbill as they ended up losing 4-2 in seven innings.

The problem is that these teams actually like each other. The great balances in basketball want to win, and did whatever it took to win. These teams also had a soap opera on the basketball court.

The Washington Wizards did plenty of talking during the two weeks, but after the comments made by Jones, Stevenson said the Washing­ton Wizards are not going to boycott the love they supposedly had for each other.

That's how it should be. Now maybe we can go back to seeing real basketball, and watching the trash talk play out on the court.

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SPORTS:

Wildcats lose twinbill against Western Oregon after sweep of Saint Martin's

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"You can't put that many runners on base and expect to win ballgames."

GARY FREDERICK, CWU HEAD COACH

Central batters showed some kind of life in the sixth when Kasey Druffle hit a bullet to left field for a double and then scored on a single up the middle by Jennifer Frederick. That was the only run of the game for the Wildcats.

The next five batters hit up the Wildcat pitchers with 10 hits, six walks and eight runs. All six walks ended up being hittable to score six out of the eight runs in a disappoint­ing 8-1 loss in the first game of a doubleheader.

"You can't put that many runners on base and expect to win ballgames," Frederick said.

In the seventh inning, Central was 1-15 in the contest of the day didn't get any better for Central.

The action didn't start until the top of the second when Western Oregon scored three runs off of starting pitcher Katrina Reine. The three runs came from Sara Tuchol­sky, her first home run of her career, but there was more to it then another home run.

When Tucholsky was rounding first she forgot to touch the base in excitement and on her return she twisted her knee and fell to the ground.

Because her teammates have already rounded the bases they couldn't go out and help her because she would have been called out. So Central senior Mal­mond to score her homerun.

The first contest of the day was a disappointment, losing 8-0 in a four-hit, five-innings, shut out.

The second game was a little better for the Wildcats but not much, losing 2-0 in seven innings.

The Wolves hit a three pointer, drilling the Wildcats overall record to 17-25, and their league record to 12-10 and eliminated Central from the past season.

The Wildcats have two more games left in the season, going on the road to play Montana State and State­billings, for a game at 2 p.m. Satur­day May 3rd in Billings, Mont.
HOLTMAN: CWU players' actions not only affect teams, but national audience

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She feels that any player anywhere would have done what she did.

Fans that were there claimed to have seen an act of sportsmanship that seems to no longer exist in sports today. It seems that all people hear about now are scandals, cheating, athletes complaining about contracts and getting arrested. What happened at this game was not only a rarity but a reminder of when sports were about the competition and love of the game.

I have coached different sports in my 40 years and nothing can outdo this in my mind," Central Head Coach Gary Frederick said. “The sportsmanship that was displayed will always be remembered.”

Western Oregon head coach Pam Knox agreed with Frederick's remarks.

"It will always be my number one memory," Knox said. "We worry so much about wins, losses an recruiting that we forget about the little things and this put everything in perspective."

Knox admitted to being teary eyed afterwards and did not say much for the next three innings until the mystery was solved.

Holtman's reaction to what happened is possibly the reason why it is so important; she just felt that it was the right thing to do.

"It's just human nature," Holtman said. "If I wasn't right there; any girl on the team would have done it. It is just the way we are coached.

BASEBALL: Seniors fall in last home game to the College of Idaho on Tuesday.

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Stamina was the main concern with the two since both combined for only 3 7 innings before Tuesday. Walkenhauer withstood six errors and scattered 11 hits in a no decision in game one. Bertholf struggled with his control throughout the game and came to question why Central did not pull him sooner than the middle of the sixth inning, giving up seven runs on eight hits and walking three.

"Travis [Bertholf] is always a concern whether or not he is going to consistently throw strikes and that hurt him today," Storey said. "We probably should have got Bertholf out earlier, but you are in a game and trying to stay with him cause its Senior Day."

One of the lone bright spots on the day was Nilsen, who went 3-3 in game two capped by a three-run home run that was hit the 30mph jet-stream out past the right field fence.

"That was my most memorable moment hitting a three-run home run my last at-bat at home my senior year," Nilsen said.
Baseball prepares for rest of season

With eight games left in the season, Central looks to stay strong

by Casey Donovan
Senior reporter

Just eight games remain for Central Washington University's baseball team and all will of which he on the road where they are a dismal 4-14 this season.

This weekend, Central will travel to Montana State-Billings in a four-game series in Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) play.

Central is 4-0 against Billings this season and are coming off a disappointing split against mediocre College of Idaho.

"Realistically, we are at 26 wins and we will probably win seven of the next eight. Thirty-three wins is where we need to be," Deni Storey, Head Coach.

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Central has struggled to win in key moments all season. Basically, it is all or nothing for the Wildcats and their playoff chances.

Still, Storey is absolutely confident that Central's starting pitching can face off against even the brawniest of teams.

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Senior outfielder A.J. Gorrney said that being inside all winter due to terrible weather added to their horrific start, and if they would have been outside it would be a completely different story.

Weekend meets gets Track ready for conference championships

by Brooke Saul
Staff reporter

Last weekend Central's track and field team watched sophomore thrower Tyler Fis­cher finish fifth in the discus with provisional national qualifying marks.

Fischer, who considers this year to be a frustrating one, said that it is starting to pick up. He explained that he did not have a throwing coach, to critique his performance but Central has recently gained a throwing coach. Fischer who been added to the list of national qualifying marks.

In the women's 400 meter hurdles, Adkisson also added that he was happy to build on.

"It was perfectly ran from a technical standpoint," Adkisson said about Clarke's recent mark.

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Texas A&M defensive tackle Red Bryant fights through a block in a game against Army in September 2006. Bryant is the future son-in-law of former Seahawks great Jacob Green and is getting married in February.

Fifth round selection Owen Schmitt from West Virginia fullback Owen Schmitt was selected USC defensive end Lawrence Jackson at number 28 overall. Part two of Ruskell's "dream scenario" was the ability to grab Notre Dame's John Carlson in round two, the highest rated tight end prospect on the team's draft board.

"We thought maybe Lawrence was going to go bottom of the first, top of the second if left to its own devices," Ruskell said. "So we definitely told everybody that we were willing to go down and that wasn't a smoke signal; that was for real." Jackson, a four-year starter at USC, also moved inside to defensive tackle in passing situations and could be used the same way in Seattle. The New York Giants used a similar tactic last season with Michael Strahan, Osi Umeniyora and Justin Tuck, putting three skilled pass rushers on the field at the same time.

"For the first eight games or so of this past season on third downs, I would bump inside to get our four best [defensive] linemen on the field," Jackson said.

Carlson is the best all-around tight end in this year's class. There were faster prospects and bigger backs, but no athlete combines the talents as well as Carlson.

"He's really a good football player who can play inside at the tight end position," head coach Mike Holmgren said. "He's a big man-six-foot-four, 250 pounds—very good hands, good route runner." A parasite attacked Carlson just a week before the Senior Bowl, causing him to lose 17 pounds in four days and he couldn't eat normal foods for two weeks. The loss in size and strength caused him to run a lopsided 4.89 seconds in the 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine in February.

Once he regained his strength, he was able to run between a 4.68 and a 4.71 at his pro day work-out back in South Bend, Ind. Carlson chose to run at the Combine despite his illness due to his competitive nature. "I wanted to go there and compete," Carlson said. "I knew that every NFL team was going to be there and it was a chance to perform in front of them."

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Owen Schmitt is a bruiser that will back up Leonard Weaver and contribute on special teams. The sixth round yielded San Diego State long snapper Tyler Schmitt.

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This day in sports history

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1883 - Baseball returns to Philadelphia, 1st NL game since 1876.

1983 - NY Athletic Club hires Bob Rogers as 1st American pro sports trainer.

1996 - Phillie's John Lush doubles Brooklyn Dodgers, 6-0.

1920 - Brooklyn Dodgers and Boston Braves end a tie game 1-1 in the 26th inning; six years later on May 1st, the two teams tie at 1-1 in 26 innings again.

1940 - The 1940 Olympics are cancelled.

1969 - Leonard Toe buys the Philadelphia Eagles for $14,155,000.

1973 - Frank Beede, NFL center for the Seattle Seahawks was born.

1992 - LA Dodgers postpone three games due to racial riots due to Rodney King.

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