The candidates for Central’s next president are visiting campus early November 2008, according to Presidential Search Committee Chair Dr. Wendy Bohrson. Central’s budget remains a focal point in a time of inflating education costs and shrinking state budgets. The next president should be able to equitably restructure Central’s budget, according to ASCWU Board of Directors Vice President for Political Affairs Derrick Peacock.

“We'd like to have as much feedback from students,” Peacock said. “There will more than likely be a lot of staff and faculty feedback.”

Peacock added that budget restructuring or cuts are immediate issue for the next president of Central. An example illustrating the immediacy of the budget issue is Central’s athletic department. It is operating in the red. Some community members worry that the athletic department's budget hurts the athletes and facilities. Another example is the hiring freeze on Central employees. “CWU has put a hiring freeze on all new hires,” Peacock said. He also explained that in economic downturns, higher education often suffers - budget cuts.

Bohrson related the committee’s desire to finish phone and airport interviews of candidates by mid-October. Airport interviews involve the candidates flying into Sea Tac Airport for face-to-face interaction. Interviewers evaluate the candidates for traits including communication efficacy, ability to work with diverse people and possession of experience relevant to host the university’s unique environment. Experience interacting in a unionized environment is likely to be appreciated at Central, for example. Creative fundraising skills become more important in the economic downturn.

“Economic challenges create opportunity to create a diverse funding base, and I think one of the important abilities of an exceptional president will be to expand and diversify the type of funding that is brought to Central,” Bohrson said.

Bohrson added that funding is a team effort, with the president acting as the most visible person of the team. Bohrson and Peacock emphasized the importance of the next president’s ability to work collaboratively, to represent many constituencies fairly and to be

Candidates visit Central in November

by Mimi Oh
Asst. News Editor

Washington state football has not exactly been what everyone has been expecting so far this season. The Seahawks and the Cougars are both off to slow starts and the Huskies have yet to win a game this season.

However, there is one team in Washington that is playing great football and that’s the ninth ranked, 4-1 Central Wildcats, led by their captain and starting quarterback Mike Reilly.

“Completion percentage and efficiency are the two biggest items I am focusing on this year,” Reilly said.

Reilly isn’t the only Wildcat who is having a great season. Junior wide receiver Johnny Spevak is another player who is part of the amazing season the Wildcats are experiencing. Spevak is averaging nine catches, almost two touchdowns and 139 receiving yards per game, and has already been named Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) offensive player of the week for his performance against Mesa State.

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Reilly has been an amazing sea- son with a 69 percent completion rating, 1,560 passing yards and 13 touchdowns. Averaging 320 yards passing and almost three touchdowns a game including the last game, against Humboldt State, Reilly passed the 10,000 passing yard mark, putting him solely in second place behind John Kit- tna. Reilly has also been named offen­ sive player of the week for his efforts against Mesa State.

Another weapon Central has in its...
Candidates:
Budget plays large role in interview process

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available to students, faculty, staff and
the community at large.

Director of business services and
contracts
Bruce Porter
said that the
cost of con­
tracting with
an executive
headhunting
firm typically
comprises
one-third of
the salary of
the current
president.

"There are
rising costs to
delivering an
education,
and so in any
state where
public institu­
tions rely on
public fund­ing in times of
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troubles, it's
just going to
get difficult," Bohannon
said.

Outgoing
Central Presi­
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Mcintyre
says that after she
retires, she
will spend a
year on leave
preparing her
presidential
papers for
archiving in
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and research­
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"We rec­
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depend on the state
for support
and sources
of revenue,"
Mcintyre
said, "so we
focused on
building part­
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When
Mcintyre
went through
Central's
interview
process for a
new presi­
dent, she
approved of
how the fac­
culty's ques­
tions put a
focus on the
president as
an academic.

Mcintyre
met students
at the old
SIB and met
community members at the Clymer
Museum.

Faculties concerns typically center
on university stability, whereas stu­
dents look for a close relationship
with the president.
Central gets a face lift over summer

by Rachel Guillermo
News Editor
Over the summer two of Central Washington University's former residence halls were scheduled for demolition. A general contractor brought down Courson Hall on June 14 and Muzzall Hall on June 21.

According to Bill Yarwood, director of Facilities Planning and Construction, the demolition of the buildings was necessary due to the cost involved in the upkeep that would be needed for them.

The buildings were not in the university's long range housing plan and no longer meet students' residential hall needs.

"It's a nine-story building [but] it's only a five-story elevator," Yarwood said. So it would stop in the middle and then you would have to walk up those stairs. So if you were in a wheelchair, you couldn't even get up above the middle level, so access was a big thing."

After the demolition, the contractors were instructed to clear all rubble to get the area ready for the construction of a public park, but in the wake of the project, two 12-foot structures had survived the destruction.

"We were pretty surprised," Yarwood said. "When we took the building down, we saw [these] structures had survived. So we decided to connect them to a trail. That's what happens with projects. Sometimes you get these nice surprises."

The structures are made of red iron and were used in the original construction of the buildings as a support system for the frame of the buildings.

Removal of rubble and debris, backfilling and grading of the site has been completed.

Stabilization of the site, which included hydroseeding and a temporary irrigation system, has also been completed.

There will be a fence around the site until work on the park can continue next spring.

Other construction site updates:

Dean Hall: The contractor is in the finishing phase of the project and completing the exterior work on the hall. Students can expect the renovated building to be ready for use for winter quarter this January Joanne Hillermann project manager said.

The remodeled Dean Hall will house the department of anthropology and museum studies, geography and land studies, the interdisciplinary Resource Management program and the office of the Dean of the College of Science.

The departments housed within the building have first priority in the classroom scheduling, while the remaining slots in the general use classrooms are scheduled through registrar services.

Dean Hall's exterior is not the only thing getting a face lift through this project.

The hall's interior will have three-tiered classrooms for general use. One 100-seat classroom, an 80-seat room, a 60-seat room and five 45-seat regular classrooms.

The rooms will be housed with full AV/multi-media capabilities.

"[They will be] more like Black and Science classrooms, rather than Bolioon or Randall," Hillermann said.

William Dickson Company of Tacoma was the general contractor that won the bid to bring down Courson and Muzzall Hall. Courson was brought down on June 14 and Muzzall was brought down on June 21. Removal of rubble and debris, backfilling and grading of the site has been completed. Stabilization of the site has been completed. The site will be fenced until the work on the new park commences next spring.


**Music Education takes time, patience and passion to succeed**

by Chloe' N. Robbins

**Copy Desk Chief**

For students hoping to get in and out of Central quickly, the music education major is not at the top of the list. However, those with a passion for music may find the length of time with other dedicated students and professors well worth it. "It does take people longer than a regular degree," Mindy Andersen, senior music education major, said. "Even if you get all really good grades, it usually takes four and a half years." For some perspective, the music education major requires 90 to 92 credits of music classes - depending on the specialization - and about 50 credits of professional education credits. That is on top of the 50 general education credits every student needs to take. "That doesn't include what most students really take," Peter Gries, music department chair, said. Gries said that most music education majors who come from Central are expected to field a jazz program, so they take jazz classes. These students may also wish to join a jazz band. Singers might also want to join a men's or women's choir for that experience. There are also specific classes for instruments such as tuba choir and brass choir. All of these will help create a deeper understanding of music, but there are no required classes. "There's just more that we need to know that they can't teach us," Andersen said. Also, within the 90-92 credits are 12 applied music lessons. "Nobody just takes 12 credits of applied music lessons," Gries said. "It deepens the understanding of the literature." Gries also said Central has the most active music education clubs. Many students take 16 to 18 credits per quarter, up to 20 credits, but still try to find time for the various music clubs, such as the International Association of Jazz Educators. "It has a lot to do with the passion of the professors," Gries said. As long as it takes a student on average to graduate from the major, it does not deter the driven musicians who join. "It can be frustrating," Chris Ward, senior music education major, said. "I feel like I should be graduating. But the more time around great faculty ... the better." Those who don't get the benefit of the teaching seem to be those who question it most. "Sometimes parents are frustrated because they have to pay more," Gries said. However, for those who love music and can get over the financial hump, a music education major can be very rewarding in the end, according to Mark Lane, associate director of bands and music education. Lane taught high school band for 27 years and now teaches Central students to do the same. "It wasn't a job," when I was a music teacher, it was more of a lifestyle," Lane said. "It's a lot better than working for a living." "Grandpa's paying the bill and he wants them [students] to go into business administration. Way too often it's finances." TONI MENIG RETIRED

**ACADEMIC ADVISER**

When choosing majors: true love versus the need for more money

by Chloe' Robbins

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Choosing a major is a huge source of stress for many students. It may determine one's classes for the next three to four years, friends and career. There is a multitude of factors that come into play while making this choice, from finances to passion. At Central, the most common major for students graduating between fall 2007 and summer of 2008 was business administration, with 332 graduates. Toni Menig, retired academic advisor, says this is usually for financial reasons. "Grandpa's paying the bill and he wants them to go into business administration," Menig said. "Way too often it's finances." Some others follow their hearts regardless of the money, resulting in up to five years of school. Because of the credits involved and classes required every quarter, the music education major takes an average of five and a half years. This includes, in most cases, 18 to 20 credits each quarter and at least one summer quarter. "The time goes by really quickly," Andrea Paine, senior music education major, said. "It's amazing how much you learn." Although the general education classes are supposed to help students choose a major, many are still lost at the end of those classes. "It always amazes me," Menig said. "I've known since I was born what I would be doing." Menig said that Academic Advising has many resources for those unsure of their major. For example, she will ask a student where he pictures himself 10 years from now: in the city or rural setting, what sort of climate, what standard of living, whether or not he wants a family. From there, they will find out what they need to do to get that. "It always amazes me," Menig said. "Come and talk about it," Menig recommends. For example, she will ask a student "What Can I Do with a Major In... " Advisors can help students with both resources. Menig mostly recommended exploring. "Come and talk about it," Menig said. "Go to any major, talk to people, use the internet." **Campus Community**

This is the year to request Service and Activities Fee Dollars in support of your student services or programs. This is the first year of the new four-year process. Funding requests that are approved this year will be funded for the next four years, 2010-2013.

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E-Burg PD, not out to ticket students

by Michael Johnson
Special to the Observer

Most students assume that police officers are lurking near the university, and at their daily hang-out spots, itching to pass out speeding tickets. Well, the truth is, the Ellensburg Police Department (EPD) isn’t out to get students.

"We don’t have time," said Officer Tim Weed.

According to data received from the EPD, it gave out 217 speeding tickets in 2007. That means, on average, there were about four drivers ticketed per week.

"Sometimes I would go weeks without giving out tickets," said Officer Cameron Clasen.

Officers said that because of business, pedestrians, and congestion in downtown Ellensburg, people are rarely caught speeding. Police officers respond to area complaints, and University Way is a main street for businesses and pedestrians and is also a route to 90-90. For that reason, University Way is a heavy traffic area. Out of the 217 drivers ticketed in 2007, 76 speeding infractions took place on University Way. North Water Street came in second with 27 infractions.

"Pedestrians and 16,000 cars cross [University Way] every day," Sgt. Scott Willis said. "We have to look at where accidents happen."

Senior Kalle Harris, senior exercise science major, was pulled over on University Way recently and was surprised when she heard that 217 speeding tickets were given out last year.

"That’s it?" said Harris. "Wow, I thought it would be more like a thousand."

Harris echoed several who were asked how many speeding tickets they assumed were given out last year. All of them expected higher totals, with most guessing around 800.

"It helped add a little shock value," said Austin Bennett, senior construction management major. Even Officer Cameron Clayton from the Ellensburg Police Department was surprised.

"I thought there were more than that," Clayton said.

The data statistically debunks the notion of police officers prowling the streets. Officers say they actually share a bond with students.

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OFFICER TIM WEED

University Way doesn’t seem to fit the conventional stereotype of a "speed trap." But with the speed limit at 20, officers are not as lenient to speeding drivers who go 10-15 MPH over. When Weed does pull over a speeding driver, he said, "I’m about correcting the action and getting people to follow rules."

Sometimes correcting this action comes through a warning, and those who show little regard to authority get a ticket.

Speeding tickets are broken into two categories, under 40 and over 40. Tickets in the 40 MPH or less zone start at $124 and can rise to over $400, with tickets changing in four-mile-an-hour increments beginning with cars going 6-10 MPH. The increments are the same for cars going over 40 MPH, but fees start off at $113 and rise to over $400.

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Many may think that police officers look to cash in when they pull over speeding drivers, but that’s not the case. Ellensburg does not have a municipal court, so the money does not go to the city; instead, it goes to the state and county, officers said.

"I think we’re pretty reasonable," Officer Cameron Clasen said. "The money doesn’t come to us any way."

Clasen said in 2007 he probably had around 410 traffic stops, with some officers making it into the thousands. He said 450 for last year was "kind of an average."

Traffic stops include a number of things, such as missing headlights and running lights and stop signs. But even with traffic stops including multiple violations, Clasen believes that numerous drivers are pulled over for different reasons, with all of them not warranting tickets.

"There are a lot of drivers riding through Ellensburg from out of town, so a lot of them are not familiar with the speed limit," Clasen said.

Every officer has his own way of determining whether to ticket a driver, but one thing Clasen said he takes into account is the driver’s attitude and prior speeding history. Fred Willis, who issued the most speeding tickets in 2007 at 39, said he has a distinct plan when pulling over drivers.

"I try to have my mind made up," Willis said. "I look at safety issues; the seriousness, where it takes place, and [whether] there are pedestrians."

Willis issued 25 speeding tickets in the month of July, which eventually became the highest month for 2007 with 43 speeding tickets. Together, June, July and August totaled 99 speeding tickets, months when students are pretty much non-existent on campus.

People can take this data and interpret it in numerous ways; some could say that the officers are not giving speeding tickets because they receive no money for these infractions. Some could also look at the data and determine that police officers are being too lenient on drivers. And some could say that the Ellensburg Police Department needs more officers to catch speeding drivers.

Things could change in the near future with more officers coming on the force next year, and several coming along well in the academy. But even with the influx of youth, the expectations of a new traffic unit may still be a ways off.

"We have a lot of new guys so we can’t be proactive as we can," Clasen said.

The plan is in place for the Ellensburg Police Department to expand, so expect more speeding ticket and maybe this time people will have something to complain about.

Ellensburg weather

Today:
High: 74°F Low: 43°F
30% chance of precipitation
Thunderstorms

Tomorrow:
High: 64°F Low: 42°F
50% chance of precipitation
Mostly Cloudy

Saturday:
High: 64°F Low: 38°F
30% chance of shower
Mostly Cloudy

Sunday:
High: 60°F Low: 37°F
Chance of precipitation
Partly Cloudy

Monday:
High: 68°F Low: 38°F
Slight chance of rain at night
Partly cloudy
Observance: Know the issues

Debates are an opportunity to be informed

It's time to wake up and make an educated decision. It just amazes me how many people choose whom they vote for based on outward appearances. I kid you not, my dad's lifelong friend literally announced he would vote for Palin because she was hot.

Last Friday was the first round of the 2008 presidential debates, a chance for Americans to get an idea of what each candidate really stands for. Viewers got to choose whom they vote for.

I came to this conclusion after chatting with friends and asking if they watched or listened to the debates. I was shocked by their answer of "no," as most preferred to go out drinking and partying.

People! The debates are an opportunity for concerned citizens to be informed of key issues. These issues being debated represent many changes that will likely be made by the next president. This does affect Central students!

Did you know that McCain wants to lower business taxes? He thinks this will create new jobs and keep businesses in the United States. His example to clarify this idea is Ireland, where government taxes business owners 11 percent versus the United States' business tax of 35 percent. On paper, that sounds like a great idea, however, going through the various clothes tags in the local clothing stores, I found no items from Ireland, but a whole bunch of tags from Mexico, Taiwan and China.

Obama is debating on how he wants to free the United States from oil supplies from the Middle East. His plan is to explore alternative energy sources. His example to clarify this idea is the Wall Street Journal, which he purchases every day. He wants to invest in education to keep children up-to-date in math and science, and make college more affordable.

For those returning to Central this academic year, did you know that tuition went up again? Yep, in the 2007-08 school year, students paid $17,268. For the 2008-09 year, students are paying $17,814 — that is approximately a three percent increase.

People think that this year's election does not apply to them, and that makes me want to throw them into a dental chair and duct tape their eyes open to watch all the news stations that are running election coverage. This election is so important as it affects everybody, both young and old. Our country is holding together by a bare thread. We have banks needing to be bought out so people's accounts will still be active.

This past Monday Wallstreet dropped 780 points. This is the biggest one-day point drop ever to happen. Our country's economy is very unstable at best, and the choice of who will lead us out of this financial crisis cannot be made by the flip of a coin.

Our college years here at Central should be fun, but they shouldn't be spent ignorant and blind. There is still time to educate yourself about the issues at hand.

Tonight, vice presidential candidates Sen. Joe Biden and Gov. Sarah Palin will answer questions and debate issues and the changes they want to see made if they become vice president. On Oct. 7 and 15, presidential candidates McCain and Obama will meet for another debate.

I hope most students wouldn't buy a book strictly based on its cover, and I definitely hope the people here at Central won't vote for their next president without knowing what that candidate stands for.

Alex Zerbe and Matt Baker perform intense juggling for Central's Nontraditional Student Organization Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008.
Ellensburg Film Festival explores different genres
documentaries, anime, shorts and feature films are just a preview of what the 2008 Ellensburg Film Festival (EFF) is offering moviegoers.

From Thursday, Oct. 2, through Sunday, Oct. 5, the festival showcases films that have been released within the past year and screened internationally at film festivals. The EFF staff chooses films that are not readily available in video stores.

"You can't just pick these off the shelves," Justin Beckman, EFF vice president, said. "(That is) really important to us."

The festival staff is working with the Ellensburg community and Central Washington University to bring films to multiple theater locations. Films will be shown in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) Theatre, Grand Meridian Cinema, Gallery One and the Hal Holmes Community Center.

"Our goal is to hook people up with films," Pedro Bicchieri, EFF president said.

The festival kicks off at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2, in the SURC Theatre with "Pickin' and Trimmin'" followed by "Creative Nature."

The "Vertical Hold" opening reception is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3, at Gallery One. The monthly "Vertical Hold" exhibition is also free. Following the reception, the Opening Night Gala at 8 p.m. introduces some of the festival's film directors. Awards will be announced at 9 p.m. and admission is free. The films at Gallery One work to challenge narrative and film structure," Beckman said.

The "Vertical Hold" exhibition features more experimental works and is in connection with the First Friday Art Walk. The featured film "Man on Wire" premieres on Friday, Oct. 3, at 7:08 p.m. in the SURC Theatre. The film is a documentary about the young Frenchman Philippe Petit, who stepped out on a wire illegally connected between the World Trade Center towers. After an hour of dancing on the wire he was arrested and taken in for psychological evaluation.

"It's really a great opening film," said Sarah Haven, filmmaker for the EFF.

Showing at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, in the SURC Theatre is Tia Lessin and Carl |DeCou's "Trouble the Water." The documentary featuring home footage shot during Hurricane Katrina. The film captures the fear and grief of two residents of New Orleans Lower Ninth Ward.

"It just looks to be the best of the hurricane documentaries out there," Haven said.

Saturday events and screenings are free, as is the Bar Nix Grindhouse Party at 8 p.m. at Gallery One with dancing, light snacks and a no-host bar. Directors from some of the films, including "Good Food" - Mark Dworkin and Melissa Young - and "A Wink and a Smile" - Deirdre Allen Timmons - will be at the gala and the screening of their films. Following each film's screening the directors will stay and answer questions from the audience.

Bicchieri and his team started working on this year's festival last January. The festival kicks off at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Hal Holmes Community Center and runs for 4 days.

The festival's film director, Kayla Schroader, said, "I'm so excited. I've always wanted to play in a church basement in Ellensburg.

Campus Activities programer Mindy Holloway worked over the summer to bring Lynch to welcome students back for fall quarter.

"I think the goal for this event was just to kick off fall quarter with a bang," Holloway said. "With everyone trying to get back into the groove of school work, it's great to start with a great comedian."

Lynch carried the show with 11 original pieces and a few audience requests like Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird" and Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven."

"I do impressions, pop, it's a good watermelon," Lynch told the audience.

"I'm not a one-trick pony."

The night also included a vaudeville show with pal Rod Cone, from "The Rod Cone Situation."

"Lynch is a musical genius," Dar- ron Jones, junior graphic design major, said. "I like how he performs. He always does it like he's telling a story. It's not a joke but actually like an episode from his life."

Lynch says he hopes to put out a new album for "students to illegally download in a few months."
Lilly’s loves music

by Charles Wanger
Staff Reporter

It’s not easy to find live music in Ellensburg, but not because this town is lacking musicians.

Lilly’s Cantina, located on North Pine Street, is aiding the local music scene by allotting Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. to live music.

“We got into it to utilize our venue,” said Tony Contarino, one of the owners of Lilly’s. “We wanted something more controlled than an open mic [night], but still free-formed.”

For such a small town, there is a growing number of hungry musicians, ready to jump on stage if only given the place and time.

“The heart of rock and roll is in Ellensburg,” said Timothy Blocher, guitarist for the band Movin’ Mountains, who played last week. “Thursday nights are about keeping the roots alive.”

From the look of the dance floor and full booths, the locals are catching on. The room seemed to light up with excitement.

“Ellensburg has the potential to have a great music scene,” said Jeff Dermond, bass player for Open Country Joy, which performed at Lilly’s after Movin’ Mountains. “This is the first club [in Ellensburg] trying to do something about getting live music going on.”

The floor exploded with moving bodies as Open Country Joy presented an electric version of “I Know You Rider.” No one could keep still. It was a lively scene.

“If there are enough fresh musicians, it will start blowing up,” Brandon Brooks, Open Country Joy guitarist, said.

Lilly’s is counting on its live music night to catch on. Aside from Grant’s Pizza offering open mic night on Wednesdays, this is one of the only other venues for musicians to play live in the Ellensburg area.

“We’re trying to get this thing going and keep it going,” said Cordell Covert, a local musician and organizer of the Thursday scene at Lilly’s. Cordell and his bandmates have been playing music for over 40 years.

“We rarely get together to rehearse,” Covert said. “We just know the tune.”

Lilly’s is looking for other bands who also know their tunes.

“This is not intended for anyone who can play guitar, but a place for musicians who can hold it down on stage,” Covert said.

This should not intimidate other musicians into backing down.

“Thursdays are going to be a full spectrum of music,” Blocher said. “It’s about people coming together.”

Lilly’s is promoting this for the music, so there is no cover charge to enjoy the local bands.

“It’s all about the interest of the people,” Contarino said. “As long as it is bringing people in, we’ll keep going and I would like to keep it going without a cover charge.”

Bands who are interested in performing should contact Cordell Covert by picking up his information at Lilly’s. Contarino advises all interested bands to bring down contact information and a demo CD or Web site information containing music samples to the Thursday night show.

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Local efforts rescue river

36th annual Yakima River Clean-up

by Stephanie Olson
Asst. Scene Editor

Thousands of pounds of trash are dumped by the Yakima River each year. The Don and Verna Duncan Civic Engagement Center (CEC) is giving back to the community through the Yakima River Clean-Up. Volunteers will assemble at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4 on the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) East Patio for check-in.

"It is great for the environment but it is also a really fun way for Central students to meet each other and get to know the area," said Kayla Carney, senior history education major and CEC fellow.

Transportation is provided and will depart at 9 a.m. from the SURC. Volunteers will be cleaning the Yakima River from 10 a.m. to noon and then return to Central for lunch.

Partnered with the CEC, Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals (OPR) will be providing three rafts and three raft guides to take a maximum of 30 volunteers along the river pulling up litter.

"When I first came here four years ago I was curious about the clean up," said Ryan Hopkins, OPR coordinator. "I noticed that no one was floating (the river)."

This is the fourth year OPR has provided rafts for the clean-up.

Carney said in the river, Hopkins said they mostly find rafting materials, including deflated rafts and air mattresses.

"One year we found an abandoned camp," Hopkins said.

Carney also approached the Central Washington University Board of Directors (BOD) for volunteers. "Being school representatives I could really use their passion and leadership," Carney said. "The BOD has been great to work with.

BOD officers will serve as bus or raft leaders during the clean-up.

"I'm extremely excited to use my garbage collecting skills as well as my leadership skills to take my trusty group of rafters to the areas along the Yakima River which need cleaning the most," said Brent Weisel, BOD executive vice president and raft leader.

In two hours 195 volunteers collected 3.75 tons of litter off the banks and waters of the Yakima River. For more information volunteering visit www.takeactioncwu.com or visit the CEC in SURC room 246B.

Last year, 195 Volunteers collected 4.73 tons of trash off the banks and in the waters of the Yakima River. For more information volunteering visit www.takeactioncwu.com or visit the CEC in SURC room 246B.

The Colonies rock the Pit

by Kayla Schroeder
Scene Editor

The Colonies represents French, New Zealander, English and South African musical talent. The indie-rock band is scheduled to play for Central Washington University students at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2.

"The four musicians are currently based out of the Seattle-Tacoma area but are rooted from all over the world. The group spotlights South African guitarist and singer Dylan Kemlo. Other members include New Zealander Matt Eyon on bass, backing vocals and clarinet; French native Delphine Lopes; trumpet; and London drummer Tim Dumas. The band's sound may be categorized as indie rock, but their songs include waltzes, rock jams and Latin numbers."

The Colonies will perform live in the Student Union Building Pit, free of charge.

"Music is a constantly evolving art form," Chandra Ramphersad, senior music education major said. "It is important to encourage artists to push music into new bounds."

Sara Grant, Campus Activities programer, said she booked the event after a recommendation made by trusted friend Stein Hansen.

"At Campus Activities we try to provide a variety of music, comedy, movies, etc., to students for little or no cost," Grant said. "Students need to understand that they're already paying fees that fund these events and they should take advantage of these opportunities while they can."

The Colonies' debut album, "The Colonies: A Ship Full of Chandeliers," was released at the London club, Heavenly Social, on Jan. 30. The collection includes 13 selections. They are currently working on a more defined sound for their next album.

"It is great for the environment but it was my first time live. Their instrumental and dynamics were really interesting."
Men’s soccer prepares for Saturday’s match

New strategies shake up season

by Tristan Gorringe
Staff reporter

Another season is beginning for Central’s men’s club soccer team as five returning seniors take to the pitch to join 13 others who wish to make the team this fall.

Andrew O’Brien, president of the team, has led the team for the past three years now. O’Brien, or as friends like to call him, “Obi,” has numerous responsibilities to the team.

Not only is he the team leader and a talented soccer player, but he also takes part in organizing all the season matches and raising funds for the team.

The team’s unofficial season started Sept. 7 when players from last year’s team had a scrimmage against Walla Walla University at Central.

The scrimmage was a time for hopeful returnees to get a good touch on the ball and some practice before school started and actual club tryouts began.

Tryouts for this season’s team began Sept. 25. The tryouts have been split into two parts with the new players practicing separately from the previous players. The strategy with this approach comes with hopes of acquiring a select few new players to join the returning players for a final two-day tryout.

“Based off of this year’s tryouts alone, we will by far have, on an individual level, the most skilled team in the league,” O’Brien said.

The team has always played well together but struggled with certain aspects of the game.

This season they hope to change that by keeping it a lower scoring game and focusing on a more defensive-based strategy, as opposed to the offensive one they have used in the past.

The team’s first official season game was against rival Eastern Washington University at Eastern in which Central won 5-1. Central lost to the Eagles last season 3-2 in overtime during a tournament which decided who would go to nationals.

Shortly after Saturday’s game the team had very little time to rest up before they played Gonzaga University at noon. In a close but upsetting loss, the score board read 2-1 though Central had possession the majority of the game.

“We have six regular season games in which we hope to earn shutouts in all six,” O’Brien said prior to this weekend’s games.

After the regular season games play out, the team again plays in a tournament at Eastern Washington University; if Central’s men’s team takes first place, they earn themselves a place and $1,000 toward nationals this year in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Central’s team works hard to earn the respect of its opponents.

Playing against Eastern, private schools like Gonzaga, and even PAC 10 schools such as Washington State University, the team has even more reason to play their best.

“Though the men’s team has little support from the school, financially, facility wise and [no] coach, they are still a great team and have a good chance to get to nationals this year,” Chelsea Lovin, starting senior for the women’s soccer team at Central, said.

Central’s next home game will be played on the girl’s soccer field on the north side of campus at 1 p.m. Oct. 4 against WSU.

Spectators are encouraged to show up and support the team as they hope for a shutout.

Photos by Brianan Stanley/Observer
Wildcats ready for 1-5 Dixie State Rebels this Saturday at Tomlinson Stadium

"We have started out really well, this is exactly where we would like to be so far in the season."

BLAINE BENNETT
HEAD COACH

Central Washington University's Kyokushin-kai Karate Club will hold its fourth regional tournament at Morgan Middle School on Saturday, Oct. 4. The club members hope to gain more attention from both spectators and contestants.

"It's a good opportunity for us to show what we are about," said Sensei Ian Quitadamo, fourth grade holder in Kyokushin-kai Karate and biology professor at Central.

According to Quitadamo, there are two divisions in the tournament: general division and K-1 style division. General division is a Kyokushin's traditional full-contact karate style, entails no punching to the face and the use of any throws.

"In both divisions, contestants will fight with gloves, shin-pads and head gear, so no one can get hurt," Quitadamo said.

Contestants, who have already registered in the tournament, are coming from various districts in Washington state.

"They are from Dojo of Kyokushin style Karate. In Tri-Cities, Pullman, Renton and Bellevue," Quitadamo said.

The Grizzlies responded with a 7-0 remaining in the game when Reilly and the Wildcats started mounting their comeback.

It started with a little special teams skullduggery.

Central was facing a fourth and sixth and lined up to punt. When the ball was snapped, punter Ryan Spevak lined up as the up back, took the snap and gained the six yards needed for the first down.

Two plays later Reilly hooked up with Spevak for a 44-yard touchdown and, after converting the two-point conversion, the score was 17-15 with 3:45 remaining.

The Wildcats then went for the onside pick and recovered it.

After two completions for 25 yards, junior Garrett Roloma came in and kicked a 44-yard field goal to tie the game 35-35.

With that field goal, Roloma has the new Central school record of 26 career field goals made.

The Grizzlies trekked down the field to Central's 38 and on fourth down after a 15-yard gain for the first down play, Montana had two plays for a loss, which set up a 44-yard field goal.

With five seconds remaining, UM split the uppers to make it a 38-35 Montana win.

"I think we are getting better as the season goes and hopefully we can continue that this weekend," Spevak said.

"Some fighters from Oregon Dojo are participating in the tournament as well." The club welcomes any participants who are eager to fight in the tournament.

"It's an open tournament, so anyone can participate," said Aninka Nieber, Karate Club president.

"All styles of martial arts are welcome to the tournament.

According to Nieber, the contestants don't even need any martial arts experience to fight at the tournament. With this she implies something exciting could happen in the ring.

"I fought at last year's tournament when I was a blue belt," Nieber said. "I had to fight a black belt, but I won the fight after all. It was pleasant.

Nieber's win was quite the upset considering the belt rank structure. Blue belt and black belt in Kyokushin are a lot different.

The belt color shows one's rank, and it goes from white to blue, yellow, green, brown and finally black. While blue belt is the second lowest rank, from the bottom, you need years of training to get to the black belt.

A blue belt is the black belt — it seems that could never happen — but it can at the tournament, showing that martial arts experience is not always a big deal.

"You will definitely feel good when it happens," Nieber said.

Central's Karate Club stresses that the participants, contestants acquire from the tournament will be priceless.

"I am looking forward to this weekend," Chey Parker, senior physics major said. Parker believes that the tournament can give contestants many benefits. He says contestants can learn things about themselves that they had never known.

"I realized that I got a big confident boost," said Parker. "I pushed myself harder and went forward during the fights. After all the fights, I felt like everything you do is pushing against mental states."

According to Parker, the tournament is not only a physical challenge but also a mental one.

"It's one of the most important things when you fight at the tournaments," Quitadamo said. "I also expect fighters to conduct integrity and honor. And just fight hard and have fun.

Registration starts at 8 p.m. at Morgan Middle School on Saturday, Oct. 4, and the tournament starts at 10 a.m.
Water polo ready to kick off its season Saturday

by Laura Mitteider
Staff reporter

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. there is a small group of students making waves in Central's University pool.

Water polo, known by very few around campus, is more than it's cracked up to be.

It is a physically demanding sport in which players tread water and pass a polo ball to try to score a goal.

The players cannot touch the ball with both hands at one time, nor can they touch the bottom, all while being defended and keeping themselves above water. There are referees making sure that these rules are followed and can call fouls if need be.

Central's polo team is not just for males or females. They play together in one practice and one game. President and Captain Darrel Kangiser hopes to have enough for a male team and a female team. As of now there are approximately 14 people attending practice and joining in on the competitions.

"Co-ed would be different," Mary Mariam, senior biology major, said. "Different competition and different people. If I like it I would play." senior biology Mary Mariam said.

The practice starts at 8 p.m. with dry line practice until 8:45 p.m. Dry line is out-of-water conditioning until the pool closes to everyone else on campus.

Practices are open to those who are interested in playing. Staff alumni are always welcome, but cannot participate in the season tournaments.

"It's a cool sport, I enjoyed watching it in the Olympics," said freshman Max Nelson.

"It is a cool sport, I enjoyed watching it at the Olympics," said freshman Max Nelson. The team itself has a very relaxed, laid back yet competitive attitude. "We're badass," said teammate Phillip Downes.

With bright and crazy suits and personalities, this team is full of competitive athletes. Teams in general develop chemistry in order to play together on a day-to-day basis. "We're not concerned about skill level. Everyone's welcome," water polo vice president Jordon Brouillet said.

With eight years of water polo under his belt and five and half under Phillip Downes philosophy major. The team will kick off its season with just give it a shot," Kangiser said.

"Games are the most enjoyable part," Downes said. "We're not concerned about skill level. Everyone's welcome," water polo vice president Jordon Brouillet said.

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"It's a fun sport, we welcome all and just give it a shot," Kangiser said.

Practices are every Tuesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. bring a suit and towel.

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Hunters keep thermometers in their crosshairs

Onset of early cold weather could prove favorable to hunters

by Eric Haugland
Sports Editor

As the days fall shorter and the air grows brisk, hunters get ready for what is promising to be a better than average season for elk and deer. With the opening days of rifle season quickly approaching — Oct. 11 for deer and Oct. 25 for elk — the onset of early winter weather is a long-awaited breath of fresh, cold air.

According to wildlife biologist Wayne Hunt from the L.T. Murray/Menas Wildlife Area, cold weather is the natural time for a herd to begin migrating, as animals move from summer range areas of higher elevation to low areas closer to feeding stations, such as low watt canyon.

Naturally, the earlier the colder weather arrives the sooner migration begins. Once animals being to migrate they go out in the open more and create ideal hunting conditions.

"The kind of weather that the hunters would like to have would be below freezing at night or at least in the 30s and crisp in the daytime," Hunt said. "If it is too warm, the elk and the deer will not be moving around."

While many students sadly say goodbye to summer and enjoy the bittersweet changing of the colors for which Ellensburg is so famous, a select few can’t help but grow ecstatic as the fresh, cold air.

"There will be more elk moving and running around than there would be if the snow doesn’t hit," said Blayne Patterson junior construction management major. "Hunting season last year sucked because it wasn’t as cold.""The outlook is good," said Department of Fish and Wildlife (WSDFW) Enforcement Officer Sgt. Mike Sprecher. "If it is too warm, the elk and the deer will not be moving around."

On top of a season that many expect to be colder than normal, or at least colder earlier, the actual amount of game in the area looks promising for hunters as well.

"The outlook is good," said Department of Fish and Wildlife (WSDFW) Enforcement Officer Sgt. Mike Sprecher. "We have a good population of elk and an OK population of deer, and I think we will have good hunting this year."

However, it isn’t just the volume of animals and weather that play in getting the large game out and moving. Hunters themselves, nabbing through brush, firing their weapons and setting up camp get animals moving around.

"That makes the competition harder, obviously, and the animals harder to get from my estimation," Hunt said.

Hunting itself is more than just gauging the weather and shooting at animals. There is, in fact, a lot of science behind it.

The WSDFW follows the movement of herds, their population and their general health during the winter. They also gain a lot of knowledge through the sale of tags, which hunters must purchase to harvest — or kill — an animal over the season.

"[The WSDFW] track licenses and tags that are sold and there is a reporting program now which requires hunters to report the harvest," Hunt said.

Data collected through tracking tags helps determine how many animals were harvested from any given herd and gives biologists an idea of herd size.

"They have a herd objective, they want a certain bull to cow ratio, and the closer we are to that the closer we are to using special permits," Sprecher said.

"They survey population on winter range, and see how close they are to herd objectives."

The special permits are tags that allow hunters to harvest a doe — female deer — or cow — female elk. These tags, which are normally off limits to regular hunters, are available as an option in a lottery style system only.

The greater Kittitas area and eastern Washington also offers great hunting for more game than just deer and elk. Bird hunting such as geese, grouse and duck are also popular this time of year.

For more information on permits, hunting seasons and regulations, handbooks are available. Call the Washington Fish and Game offices or visit the web site: http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/.
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