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Central Washington University has joined the ranks of other universities worldwide by offering its very first all-online degree. The Information Technology and Administrative Management Department (ITAM) now offers a Bachelor of Applied Science degree (BAS) in Administrative Management. The degree can be completed in two years without even stepping foot on the university campus.

"This dynamic program is designed for individuals who want to become professionals prepared to pursue careers that apply a blend of their technical expertise with administrative, management, leadership, information technology, and communication skills," the BAS ITAM Web site states.

The major came about through the success it has had for students who can attend on campus in Ellensburg. However, this does not work for all students. The traditional way "does not reach those who are place-bound and who need the four-year degree to remain competitive in the job market," said Robert Lupton, department chair of ITAM. "Thus, we now offer the high demand BAS ITAM program as an online-only major."

Lori Braunstein, program coordinator, said the university started getting phone calls from community colleges that wanted a new program last year. Braunstein said after receiving a degree in Information Technology, students would come to the Ellensburg campus or one of its centers to take courses in several different fields to not only earn a bachelor’s degree, but to make them more successful in the marketplace. "We decided to make this new specialization an online program only, to provide an option for place and time-bound students to complete several different fields to not only earn a bachelor’s degree, but to make them more successful in the marketplace. "So we developed a second specialization in Administrative Management for students with any technical degree," Braunstein said.

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Making the most of his time

Budget cuts and administration consume Gaudino

by Kevin Opsahl
Asst. news editor

When the new president of Central Washington University arrived in Ellensburg in January, students had not yet returned from their winter break, making the campus noticeably quiet.

Soon after students began unpacking for winter quarter, James Gaudino recalls hearing the sounds of video games from above his Kamola Hall Suite.

But Gaudino has not had much time for fun and games. The day Gaudino started his tenure as president, the state legislative session began. The state was facing a large deficit and higher education would be cut dramatically.

This is not exactly what you would call a honeymoon period on a new job," said Charlotte Tullors, vice-president for student affairs and enrollment management, "He lasted about two hours."

With Central's future up for debate in Olympia, Gaudino hit the road. He logged approximately 1,500 miles traveling from Ellensburg to Olympia eight times, according to his secretary, Kim Dawson. That set the tone for the first six months of his administration.

The Analysis

From Jan. 5 to June 30, the president spent more than one-quarter, or 27 percent of his time, tackling Central's budget matters, according to a broad analysis of his schedule. Gaudino also spent 26 percent of his time on CVU internal business matters, 18 percent on public relations and 11 percent on external business.

Gaudino estimated 60 percent of his time on office work, while fundraising and personal matters came in last. Fourteen percent of his time was spent in meetings with the Presidential Advisory Committee (PAC), Budget Advisory Committee, and the Cabinet or the Board of Trustees. Budget meetings took up 12 percent of his time.

The analysis also found that the president spent 48 percent of his time on-campus, compared to 32 percent of it off-campus.

The data analysis comes from a public records request of Central's official schedule. The data is imperfect because the appointments could have been classified multiple ways.

Gaudino admits that his schedule is not reflective of his long-term goals.

"A great deal of my time [now is devoted to learning] about Central and its situation, he said. "As I become more familiar with the university and the state of Washington, then how I choose to allocate my time will change ... I will become more efficient."

Aside from the budget, Gaudino has spent time getting to know faculty, staff and students. He has spoken to donors and supporters, Central Washington-area community colleges and traveled to CWU's affiliate campus.

Gaudino said in the future, he wants to spend more time on public relations and fundraising.

Much of the president's schedule is set. He has annual events on campus, quarterly meetings with faculty and administration, and standing meetings with university officials at least once a month, and occasional PAC meetings.

Gaudino usually comes into his office in Barge 412 at around 8 a.m. and gets at least an hour for desk work. Then he may meet with a member of his staff or a faculty member before dealing with bigger events for the day.

"The only way I could have done better is if I was in my third year," Gaudino said. "I did as good a job as I knew how to do."

These legislative sessions usually took all day, including the three-hour trip each way from Ellensburg to Olympia. Gaudino made remarks to various committees and met with state officials to save the school as much money as possible.

"It's a lot of time to spend for a little bit of true interaction," said Libby Street, chief planning officer. Gaudino would then come back to brief the cabinet on their options.

"A lot of it is strategy stuff," said Bill Vertrees, interim vice president for business and financial affairs, who sometimes went to Olympia with Gaudino. "He would come back ... and say, 'How does the university want to address it? We do a lot of what ifs.'"

As time went on, the cuts became worse, and the cabinet was never sure how this would shake out.

"A legislative session is so much communications, up and down ... right up until the very end. It's a roller-coaster ride," Vertrees said.

Time to Unwind

Gaudino tries to keep most evenings light and spend time with his wife, Katie. On weekends, the president can occasionally be seen at a CWU athletics game or concert.

"Being with students is really why I'm on campus," Gaudino said. "Whether it's on the athletic field or on the stage, it really is fun to watch you do your thing."

Dr. James Gaudino shakes hands with a student at commencement ceremonies on June 13. Photo by Richard Villacres/Contributed

Gaudino praised as consensus builder

Since becoming president, James Gaudino has often been compared to his predecessor, Jerilyn McIntyre. They both have advanced degrees in communication, but people who have worked with both say there are differences.

Libby Street, who also worked as chief planning officer for McIntyre, said that the professor emeritus and Gaudino look at issues in different ways. McIntyre was very meticulous in taking on one issue at a time, while the new president tends to look at the big picture, she said.

"He quickly understood the nature of the crisis and was ... speedy in understanding how the university budget process works," Street said.

"He looked not just at what we could add or cut, but what our overall spending plan would be," Gaudino negotiated a salary of $290,000, $60,000 more than McIntyre.

Students praised Gaudino for his visibility on campus and leadership style.

Former Associated Students of Central Washington University president Pedro Navarrete, who sat in PAC meetings with Gaudino, said that Gaudino is someone who "all about production."

—Kevin Opsahl
New residence hall remains unfinished

by Shannon O'Hara
News editor

For the first time in years, the Central Washington University campus has a new place for students to call home. The Wendell Hill Hall opened its doors just in time for students to move in.

The new residence hall features single and double rooms, wireless internet and the knowledge that each student is the first to leave his or her marks on the hall.

Although construction began in June 2008, the residence hall is not completely finished. According to Joanne Hillemann, CWU's project manager of the hall, the work left is small quick items.

"Miscellaneous punch-list and warranty items remain inside the buildings, as well as the completion of the retail space and the remainder of the permanent signage," Hillemann said in an e-mail. "Some blinds were damaged during shipping and temporary blinds were installed. The contractor is currently finishing exterior painting and landscaping."

It's easy to tell that the landscaping is incomplete. Going by the new building, it's not hard to miss all the piles of dirt on the ground.

Hillemann said a reason the landscaping is not done is because there would be a higher survival rate for the new plants and trees if they waited until fall to be planted. Patrick McCord, Graham Construction's project manager, said there are some concrete surfaces awaiting completion, along with installing additional bike racks. Still, McCord said he's happy with the progress made by the time students moved in.

"We are all very pleased we got the cooperation we got from everyone, including university officials and personnel, to get it done in the time allotted," he said.

McCord said they did have a date the building was supposed to be finished, but due to changes in the plans, the completion date changed. "In this case...we've got a million dollars in changes, over a million five. So that...adds more time."

Hillemann said the project bid came in 20 percent under budget, so they were able to add more amenities. For students like sophomore Quinn Eddy, Observer, the Wendell Hill Hall residence halls have its ups and downs. "I like it," she said. "They're really nice, I just wish they had a little bit more space in the kitchen area."

Although she appreciates the size of the rooms, she is having a hard time finding where to put things. "Last year we had more shelves in our room," she said. "This year we don't have any shelves to put anything on."

The incompleteness of the residence hall is a big complaint for Kimberly Weatherford, the new hall has its ups and downs. "I like it," she said. "They're really nice, I just wish they had a little bit more space in the kitchen area."

While the building continues to be completed, Hillemann said students should be impacted very little. The current plan is to have everything completed by November.

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Central welcomes new student trustee

by Kevin Opsahl
Asst. news editor

Brent Weisel is kind of a big deal: he crunches numbers, plays ultimate frisbee, and he wants to be in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Now, he is the next student trustee on the Central Washington University Board of Trustees.

The post-baccalaureate student was appointed by Gov. Christine Gregoire in August. Recently, Weisel served on the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) as executive vice president.

Weisel said he is looking forward to starting when the board convenes for their first meeting in October.

"I really think that the student trustee position is the best position a student can have," Weisel said. "When I got the phone call, I was ecstatic."

Weisel succeeds 2009 graduate Daniel Sweeney, who was also a student trustee. According to a press release, the position was created after the state legislature approved one student to serve at each of the six universities. Student trustees are given full-voting rights on the board.

Since the 14 percent tuition increase that was authorized by the board in May, Weisel said the budget cuts will be foremost on his mind.

"Washington is a state that needs to value higher education and until it does, I think we will continue to see budget cuts," Weisel said. His proudest moment on the ASCWU-BOD was joining students in protest of the tuition increase.

Professors that know him say Weisel was always at the top of his game, since his number one ambition was to become an accountant.

"He knew what he was getting into, which was good," said Gary Heesacker, professor of accounting. "Most students don't. They go into accounting because they took high school accounting. In college, it isn't anything like that."

Heesacker added that Weisel was "more practical" than most business students because he is involved in so many activities. Weisel's "strong people skills and public speaking" abilities were a big help to other students in Heesacker's intermediate accounting class. Upon entering his post-baccalaureate degree, Weisel had already done an internship at Moss Adams Capital in Seattle.

Weisel's interest in student government and leadership sparked during his freshmen year, when he was the vice president of Davis Hall. He also served on the Services and Activities Fee Committee.

Weisel wants to get into politics because the "nation's current political arena needs a remodel."

In June 2007, he began interning for Margaret Smith, Central's certified internal auditor, whose job is to provide independent appraisals of the operations of the university. While working for Smith, Weisel assisted in the audit testing and reporting of various university entities.

"He had a willingness to listen and an inquisitive mind," Smith said. "He was willing to use his foundation of education to bring things together."

Weisel's expertise in Microsoft Excel helped different departments implement reporting requirements for certain areas that were being audited, Smith said. Weisel said all of his experiences at Central are what prepared him to be a board member—even being captain of the ultimate frisbee team.

"As a board member, you need balance, you need focus, and you need an outlet, and frisbee is my outlet," he said.

Quinn Eddy/Observer

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H1N1 virus hits campus

by Kevin Opsahl
Asst. news editor

Freshman Business major Dan Claussen hopes that he does not get the flu this year — his friend at Washington State University already has it. As fall quarter at Central Washington University is springing into action, Claussen said he has reason to believe there will be an outbreak.

"It's just with this many people living in such close proximity, it's just a good way to spread," he said. Now, there are two confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu virus at Central's Ellensburg campus. The cases were confirmed on Sept. 24, according to Becky Watson, director of public relations and marketing.

Now that there are cases, they will no longer be testing for every case of H1N1. "Hopefully, we won't get the large outbreak...we've been very proactive." said Watson.

Becky Watson director of public relations and marketing

Charlotte Tullos said in a campus-wide e-mail that a limited amount of first hand sanitizer was handed out for students and faculty in the Student Union and Recreational Center on the first day of classes. The rest of the supply that did not come due to high demand arrived this week.

In a letter to the campus community, Gaudino said officials are receiving up-to-date information from local, state, and federal health officials, and they will take action. Similar plans are in place at Central's six outreach centers, which are located at the host community colleges. Gaudino said he is in communication with those community college presidents.

Many professors have added a sick policy to their course syllabus and talked about it in class. "It's good to have that information. I feel that as long as we do our part, it's no big deal. It's not a big problem," said Jack Horsley, senior lecturer in Central's Department of Education. "I want my students to be able to recover. It's not a good idea to have them in class and make everyone else sick."

Ben Grogan, senior Mechanical Engineering Technology major, has heard about H1N1 hitting campus but he is not worried.

"The university has done a good job of providing resources to students," he said. "I feel that as long as we take precautions, that's all we can do."

Andrew Brannan, senior physical education major, said he uses hand sanitizer "about 40 times a day.

Students who come down with influenza are told to resume classes when they are fever-free without medication for 24 hours. Anyone who comes down with H1N1 is expected to recover in four to five days. "The peak [of the virus] is not more severe than the one in May," said Jack Horsley, director of medical services at the student Health Center. "This time, it's less severe than I thought it would be."

Horsley said that 8,000 of the swine flu vaccines have been ordered for Central, but that could change given how successful the manufacturers are in producing it. Regular vaccinations do not prevent swine flu. Horsley said he anticipates another seasonal flu.

Lt. Michael Luvera, Emergency Management Coordinator, said that regardless of the recent developments, attitudes have changed since six months ago, when it was widely believed that the H1N1 could be extremely deadly.

Luvera also said that the university has not started an "infinite command structure" as they would in the case of a pandemic or large outbreak. Luvera has been giving regular updates to Gaudino.

"I'd like to tell you I'm relieved, but I'm not," Luvera said. "We're not going to rest, we're going to continue right through the spring."
I wonder what her parents in our lifetime. When he died we would take note). I wonder if rock and roll had become about as dangerous and exciting as it used to be when my parents cranked up their turntable and conversed about the state of college media is much the same.

Let’s face it. More students know who lives in a pineapple under the sea (Sponge Bob) than who lives at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue (Book it up).

This week’s cover image features Che Guevara, Argentine Marxist revolutionay turned pop culture icon, wearing a flu protection mask. To those of you who know who he is, or at least recognize his image as t-shirt fodder, brave. To those of you who don’t, we’ve got some work to do (professors, take note).

After his death, Che’s image became a ubiquitous symbol of counterculture, revolution, and resistance. It’s bold, striking, and symbolic of a basic political and cultural awareness – which is around drinking Busch Light and watching “The Hills” reruns when they’re not snoozing their way through class. We can read, we can grow, and we can be better than that. We are better than that.

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Deep Thoughts by Quinn Eddy

My dog’s shampoo is more expensive than my own. I want to try it out. I refuse to believe that our generation is nothing more than a bunch of Twittering, apathetic narcissists who sit around drinking Busch Light and watching “The Hills” reruns when they’re not snoozing their way through class. We can read, we can grow, and we can be better than that. We are better than that.

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Central is the only school I know of where people pre-funk for annual events at Fred Meyer. I heard this weekend a girl got run over by a car in a neighborhood by Reece Creek. Supposedly she had passed out in a driveway. I wonder what her parents said after that phone call.

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Movie buffs looking to catch the next "Little Miss Sunshine" or "Jesus Camp" will vie for the best seats at area venues this weekend as the 5th annual Ellensburg Film Festival brings to town a wide selection of award-winning films from around the world.

The festival, which runs from Friday through Sunday, will provide community members an opportunity to view some of the most talked about "indie" films of the year, which are generally only seen by hardcore Netflix fans.

"Our mission is to show films and educate community members on what the mainstream doesn't provide," said Tami Sawyer, director of public relations and marketing for the festival. "We want to provide a cultural experience and expose people to something they may not be familiar with and something that they might enjoy."

This year's festival features 38 selections, with films coming from as far away as Ireland, Poland and Mexico. Films will touch on issues such as marine environmental conservation ("Pirate for the Sea"), live-action role playing ("Monster Camp") and back-to-the-land hippies ("Back to the Garden").

The selection process started in the spring with a call for entries and film festival board members viewing and voting on each film. After the final picks were selected, the board began deciding the awards for the festival, which will be announced Friday evening.

Many filmmakers will be on hand to answer questions regarding their projects. Director Ronald Colby, whose film "Pirate for the Sea" has gained critical acclaim and won awards at international film festivals around the world, is particularly excited about the prospect of gaining new audiences. His film is a candid look at the life of Paul Watson, a former Greenpeace board member turned eco-warrior concerned with halting the illegal killing of whales, seals and dolphins.

"I'm happy to have my film out there. The more people that understand the problems out there in the oceans, the better the message will get out there," said Colby. "To me, I look to people in all different areas - someone in your town - to divert their energy to these problems."

Festival organizers have also introduced new additions to this year's agenda in hopes of appealing to a larger audience. Gallery One will be hosting live music on Friday and Saturday night as part of the Bar Noir fundraiser. Local all-country group Star Anna and the Laughing Dogs, and Yakima rockers Argus will round out Friday's 21 and over show starting at 9 p.m. On Saturday, Portland musician John Davidson will perform, followed by DJ sets from DJ Ness and DJ Caution.

Also new this year is Indie Fest, an interactive online voting experience that allows festival audiences to watch four different shorts and then vote for their favorites. Entries include a short from Central Film and Video Studies student Jacob Chase. The winning selection will then be screened on Sunday.

"People are impressed with our community and quality of films for our small festival," said Shannon Bright, a member of the festival's board of directors. "People are pleasantly surprised at what a robust arts community we have and how warm and friendly our people are."

Timothy Bishop, director of the Ellensburg Downtown Association, has traditionally seen a significant jump in revenue for local restaurants, hotels and retail outlets.

"Because there are multiple venues, people get a chance to experience the architecture and ambiance Ellensburg has to offer," Bishop said.

He also touched on the long-term significance of the success of events like the Ellensburg Film Festival.

"We are starting to see private investment into the arts and venues for the arts," Bishop said. "This not only showcases the rich artistic tapestry we have here, but it also acts as a catalyst to creating much more of a cultural tourism amenities base here."

Organizers too have seen their festival grow since its inception and hope to encourage and nurture an independent movie culture in Ellensburg.

"People are starting to recognize we have this outlet," said Sawyer. "We're only in the 5th year and have a long way to go but we are definitely making strides in where we want to go."

Tickets are $6 for individual shows, or $3 for students. See www.ellensburgfilmfestival.com for more information.
Welcome to the Exceptional Brew. My name's David, and here I will guide you through the vast assortment of beers out there, hopefully directing you towards a firm favorite amongst your new favorites. Life is too short to drink Bush Light all the time. Have fun with beer, while you're still in college and excessive drinking is expected of you.

I'm going to begin my inaugural column with a big, bad, awe-kicking beer: Stone Smoked Porter by Stone Brewing Company of Escondido, Ca. They're the company that makes the big bottle with gargoyles on them. You may have seen some of their other concoctions, like Arrogant Bastard or Ruination IPA. They're fans of complex, dangerous beer.

Why'd I pick this? I really like beer that holds my taste buds at gunpoint. I love beer that dumbfounds them, forces them to figure out exactly what it is they are tasting; beer that makes my brain come up with interesting ways of describing the experience.

Admittedly, I'm not a beer snob and I don't know all the jargon and whatnot - but I'm sure you'll get the idea. So let me describe what my brain tends to conjure up when I drink this week's Exceptional Brew.

Imagine a chocolate bar - a cute chocolate bar with arms and legs, running around in a circle. He's got big eyes and a goofy grin.

Now imagine Satan (in whichever image and likeness you prefer) taking a blowtorch to the prancing chocolate bar, incinerating him into a small pile of brownish-black ash. The heat from the blowtorch was so intense that the poor fellow didn't even get a chance to melt.

Satan, who, by the way, owns an espresso machine, takes the burnt pile of cute chocolate and loads it into that cup-lookin' thing with the handle that holds the espresso. He blends in a bit of his favorite coffee and creates a serious evil ugly sinful blend of coffee and chugs it.

Some time later, Satan has come around to the remaining chocolate bar. The resulting product is this beer. Somehow, the brewery got a hold of Satan's urine, I don't know how; my brain hasn't worked out those details yet.

Despite my unsavory description, this smoked porter is definitely a delicious kind of evil. I'm talking about that wonderful giddy feeling you get when your favorite socio-pathic villain in a movie does something terrible.

Like the name suggests, smokiness abounds from the first sip. Dark-roasted coffee and chocolate make their way around the palette. Did I mention my tongue actually clapped?

The beer has a 5.9% ABV, which is in line with other porters on the market. The alcohol content is just enough to provide an ever-so-slight bite and a bit of warmth on its way down.

This beer is for fans of dark beer that looks like coffee when poured into a glass. I'm talking to you, Big Butte Porter and Irish Death fans. For the less initiated: if you've tried Guiness and didn't spit it out, try this one. It's way tastier and more sinful.

Try it with sinful food - the beer complements rich desserts or red meat. It also goes great with a PB&J sandwich, according to the label on the bottle. I have actually tried this, with blackberry jam and crunchy peanut butter, and it truly is something to experience. I mean it.

I have to hand it to a company that manages to create a beer that combines chocolate-cofiness-over-a-mesquite-fire AND puts the fear of God into you. It's brilliant.
Bike tour rides through region

by David Guzman
Asst. scene editor

Central Washington University students and the community are invited to get their bike on this Saturday.

Oct. 3 marks the 14th annual Ellensburg Manastash Metric Bicycle Tour, sponsored by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Kittitas County (RSVP).

The tour will take riders through the Ellensburg, Manastash, Thorp and Cle Elum regions, with four rest stops.

Riders have the option of two separate paths: the 50 km half metric century, or the 100 km metric century. The tour is stressed as a ride, not a race.

Riders are encouraged to set their own pace.

The tour is referred to as the “Drier Ride,” on its Web site and brochures. Throughout the ride’s history, it has never rained once — nor is it expected.

“That’s why we’re the ‘drier ride,’” said Carol Findley, RSVP director. “It’s very likely we’ll have good weather during the ride.”

Findley says the object of Saturday’s ride is to not only carry on a 14-year tradition, but to promote a healthy lifestyle, she says which is important for younger people as well as seniors.

“We believe that fitness is important to everyone,” she said.

Interested riders must register, and can show up from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday at Wing Central’s Roadhouse Grill. The entry fee is $50 for single riders and $60 for tandem riders. The fee covers all supplies, as well as snacks and a souvenir T-shirt. The tour begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning at the Roadhouse Grill parking lot. Course maps and cue sheets will be provided.

Findley said the ride is open to all ages and experience levels.

“Everyone supports each other and helps each other out,” Findley said. “The people are awesome.”

So far, 85 riders have registered. Riders from a wide range of age and location are expected to show up, from as far as Oregon and Idaho, and as young as 10 years old.

“I’m sure we’ll break 100,” Findley said. “We’ve generated a lot of interest.”

This year is the RSVP’s first time sponsoring the event. The group, which provides volunteer efforts for retirees and seniors in the county, hosted last year’s Cycle Washington Memorial Bike Ride in Redmond. The RSVP also saw the possibility of utilizing volunteers on campus to ensure a successful ride. Findley is working with the Don and Verna Duncan Civic Engagement Center, as well as Central’s Cycling Club, and hopes to generate student interest.

Several Central faculty members have signed up to either ride or volunteer during the event.

“It’s a good, fun event,” said Wayne Quirk, provost and senior vice president of academic affairs. “We have a group of faculty and staff here who ride together throughout the year, and we’ve been training for it. It’s good for folks that want to get out, exercise and have fun.”

The Don and Verna Duncan Civic Engagement Center is volunteering its time and resources to the event, with several members running rest stops throughout the ride. Snacks, fruit and beverages are provided at each of the ride’s four rest stops.

Several businesses and organizations in Ellensburg also have donated money or supplies for the ride. Tree Top and Clif Bars donated snacks, while Shirtworks designed this year’s souvenir T-shirt each rider will receive.

The ReCycle Bike Shop in downtown Ellensburg is not only donating repair items for bikes during the ride, but also its time.

“We can help repair bikes that have a problem along the way,” said owner Fred Johnston. “We provide ride support for [the riders]. We try to take care of them.”

Findley is excited to see the turnout.

“We do whatever we can to make sure this is a really fun, well-supported, safe ride,” Findley said. “We hope to see a lot of people on Saturday, and even if you aren’t riding, come cheer us on.”

For more information, contact Carol Findley at 509-962-4311 or visit www.drier-ride.org.
Last Comic Standing star to headline comedy show

by Rachel Guillermo
Culinary columnist

Marcus Hardy, runner-up from 2008’s "Last Comic Standing", will be coming to Central Washington University tomorrow night as the headline act of The Best of the Northwest Comedy Show.

The event, presented by Campus Activities, will also be showcasing up-and-coming comedic stars Dax Jordon from Portland, Ore. and Drew Barth from Seattle, both of which have had successful performances here at Central.

"Marcus, we especially wanted to catch him because he is a rising star and the other two guys are doing very well too," Campus Life Director Scott Drummond said. "So it’s kind of a neat package of some folks that are doing very well. [It’ll be] good clean fun comedy and it’s [convenient] that they were all available on the same night. It all came together that way."

Last year Campus Life brought in Stephen Lynch as Central’s “Welcome Back” act and was a hit with students and the Ellensburg community.

"I think it’s a good thing.Keith James, Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors President said. "I think it’s great for the students. It brings people to Ellensburg, especially because of its location ... I think it’s an opportunity that most colleges participate in and I’m just glad we are able to fall into one of these things."

By bringing in an act similar to last year’s, Drummond and Campus Life hope to give something special to students and the community.

"A lot of schools do this," Drummond said. "Where they’ll do something that’s not attached to a 'Big Theme' month, or attached to Homecoming, and it’s about ‘Welcome Back.’ Even after just a week, you’re probably ready for an outlet ... and give them that outlet after a week. And quite honestly it establishes a tone for the year."

The three comedians will take center stage tomorrow night at 8 p.m., Friday Oct. 2 in the Student Union and Recreation Building Ballroom. Tickets are available online at www.cwu.edu/wildcattickets. The cost is $10 for reserved seating, $8 for general admission and $5 for Central students. Doors are at 7 p.m. and the event is open to the public.

Samples of Marcus’ comedy show can be seen at www.myspace.com/marcuscomedy.

What - Best of the Northwest Comedy Show
When - Friday Oct 2 at 8 p.m.
Where - Student Union and Recreation Building Ballroom
Tickets are $8 for general admission and $10 for reserved.

Photo courtesy of CWU Campus Life
"Last Comic Standing" runner-up Marcus Hardy will bring his act of comedy to the SURC Ballroom on Friday Oct. 2.

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Central starts off strong

Central is on the path of another perfect season with a 5-0 start

running back, Randall Elderidge (9) looks to block for Quarterback Ryan Robertson (7), as he looks for an open man during the Azusa Pacific game on Sep. 12.

by Laura Mitteler
Sports editor

The Central Washington University football team is off to a 5-0 start for the 2009 season.

Central just finished non-league play and is now focusing on what comes next in league play.

"We are trying to defend the league title," said head coach Blaine Bennett.

On Aug. 29 Central opened the season on the road against the Mesa State Mavericks. The Wildcats defense shut out Mesa State and the offense produced just enough to win the game 10-0.

Central's lone touchdown came when freshman quarterback Ryan Robertson connected with senior Johnny Spevak on a 68-yard pass.

The Wildcat defense held back the Maverick attack with help from senior linebacker Buddy Wood who finished the game with 10 tackles, a fumble recovery, and an interception.

In the fourth quarter Central took the ball 65 yards in 11 plays, ending the drive with a 30-yard field goal by senior kicker Garrett Rolsma.

Robertson played the entire game going 14 for 30 with 205 yards and a touchdown. Spevak also had a big game. The All-American tied the school record for receiving touchdowns currently held by Kenny Russell at 43.

"I didn't even know about some of them," said Spevak. "I only knew when my parents or a reporter told me after the game."

On Sept. 3 the Wildcats traveled to Minnesota to take on defending Division II champion and second ranked Minnesota Duluth. Central came out victorious and upset Duluth by a score of 13-10.

Central jumped on the board first with a 36-yard field goal by Rolsma early in the first quarter. The Bulldogs answered back with an 80-yard drive resulting in a touchdown, and the game quickly turned over to the Bulldogs making it 7-3. Duluth then added to the scoreboard with a 20-yard field goal late in the second quarter.

Robertson and Spevak teamed up again in the third quarter on a six-yard touchdown to tie the game at 10-10.

This touchdown put Spevak alone at the top of Central's all time receiving touchdown list with 44 career touchdowns.

A field goal by Rolsma in the fourth quarter put Central on top with a 13-10 lead. With time running out in the fourth quarter, Duluth lined up for a 46-yard field goal. Senior Ryan Dyer blocked the Bulldog's kick attempt to keep the lead and to take hold of the win.

After the big win Central moved on to face West Texas A&M on Sept. 12. Central hosted the grudge match against the team that ended its Division II playoff run last season.

Central dominated the Buffalos, taking the win 34-10. Of their six opening half possessions, the Wildcats ended five of them by putting points on the board. At halftime the Wildcat's were already up 31-3, and Robertson had 227 passing yards and four touchdowns.

Each receiving touchdown was completed to a different receiver. Jamal Weems and Justin Helwege scored the first two touchdowns to create a 14-0 lead.

Seniors Johnny Spevak and Reggie Westmoreland scored the next two touchdowns giving the Wildcats an overpowering 28-3 lead. To end the half, Rolsma added three more points with a last minute field goal.

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Junior middle blocker Kristel Thursday night in Nicholson went on to win the match 3-2.

Staff reporter

Try led the Wildcats with 18 kills and 21 digs. Redshirt freshman setter Devin Larson started her first career game and had 47 assists and 19 digs. Junior middle blocker Kristel Baeckel tied her career-high of 10 kills, and set a career best with 11 digs.

"We had a lot of energy coming out, and staying out throughout the match," Try said. "It was constant throughout the match."

Senior right side hitter Erin Norris had six of Central's 10 service aces while the Nano­oks only had four.

"After game three we came out strong in the fourth set to at least take it to five," Norris said.

"Saturday's match against Alaska--Anchorage was a close game that Central ended up losing in a five-set match 2-3."

"It was a dog fight through-out each set," Head Coach Mario Andaya said. "Good game overall. We just have to keep our emotions under control."

Central's volleyball team has some powerful players on their roster. Among them are junior libero Brenda Vea, who is on a pace to set a school record in the most digs per set, and is currently ranked second in the nation for Division II with 6.24 digs per set.

Sophomore setter Carlee Marble is ranked near the top and had 10.07 assists per set.

In the Sept. 19, game against Northwest Nazarene, Norris had a career high of 21 kills. Other highlights from the game included Meg Ryan finishing with 10 kills and 16 digs for the night.

The Wildcats have been successful so far this season during tournament play.

During Western Washing­ton University's Viking In­vitational, Vea made 34 digs making it her fourth 30 dig plus match so far.

Central held a tourna­ment Sept. 3 through Sept. 4 where Marble was named Co­Most Valuable Player along with opposing setter Lindsay Brown of Sonoma State Uni­versity. Marble's teammate Try also made the all tourna­ment team.

Central defeated Walla Walla, Brigham Young- Ha­waii, Academy of Art, and Ev­ergreen State College during the tournament.

Central played in the Sea­Wolf Spike at Sonoma State winning a five-set match over San Francisco State and a four­set match over Humboldt State on day one.

On day two of the tourna­ment Central won a three set match over Cal State Stanis­laus, but lost to Sonoma State.

Volleyball sets new records this season

Introducing the armchair athlete

Sammy Henderson
Asst. sports editor

In the middle of my pity parties the past two Sunday evenings, I have had to re­mind myself that this sea­son's Seattle Seahawks team is not the same "05-'06 team that went to the Super Bowl.

It has been four years since our team had a Super Bowl appearance, and that is considered an eternity in football years. Walter Jones and Matt Ha­sebeck both are aged and broken down, half of the line should be bagging groceries some­where, and our running game is hardly adequate.

I hate to say it, but the 2009 Seattle Seahawks are looking very similar to the '08 team that finished the season with the fourth worst record in the National Football League at 4-12. I don't even want to think about it, but the pieces are falling together.

The Seahawks have been without pro bowlers Matt Has­sebeck, Walter Jones, Lofa Tat­upu and Marcus Trufant, along with 3 others starters. The play calling, both defensively and offensively, has been shoddy at best and Seneca Wallace still looks like he is participating in an episode of Pros vs. Joes.

I want to blame it on the hecho­nly lime green jerseys they wore last week against the Chicago Bears, but jer­seys don't miss field goals, throw needless passes to the opposing team and let a con­verted defensive back touchdown late in games.

I know everybody makes mistakes and everybody has those days, but the coaching staff has to do a better job calling plays that give the Seahawks a chance to win.

The defense was in the prevent defense during the Bear's winning drive even though getting in the face of Jay Cutler had been working all game long.

Everyone knows that the prevent defense shouldn't be used when your team's up by just one score. Chi­cago knew that-that is why they jumped down Seneca Wallace's throat on every­thing during the Seahawk's last drive of the game that re­sulted in him throwing a ball at John Carlson's calf and a turnover on downs.

Also, what was the deal with running the ball in our two-minute offense against the Bears? It worked a couple of times, but it just chewed up much-needed clock. And who runs a reverse on third and one? I wouldn't even try that in Madden.

Even our special teams have been faulty. I can find a place in my heart to for­give a kicker for missing a forty-plus-yard field goal, but anything fewer than 35 yards is unacceptable. A kicker's only job is to kick. I have never been a kicker, but if I got paid six figures to do so, it would be a shame to miss two easy field goals in one game.

Since all kickers do dur­ing the week is practice kick­ing. Seahawks management should give kicker Olindo Ma­re a boot of their own sometime soon.

It is obvious that the Sea­hawks team that has taken the field the past two weeks isn't a team that can consistently win and make a playoff run. They need to get healthy and do so quickly if they want any shot at doing some post-season damage.
Cross Country proves strong

by Kaeli Petterson
Staff reporter

Manuel Santos, Stephanie Cooke, Kelsey Kreft and Matt Nodine. These are all names that you might not be familiar with until now. These are all names of students who are part of the powerhouse that is the 2009-10 Central Washington University Cross Country team. These individuals and many others have literally been running their butts off trying to represent CWU in the best way that they can.

The cross country team has been running in meets around the area since before many of us even thought about coming back to school.

The first meet was a duel and was held in Fairbanks, Alaska on Aug. 27 and 29. Manuel Santos, a sophomore transfer student, has been leading the team the entire season, placing first in both of the Fairbanks meets, which were five kilometers and three kilometers respectively.

Two days later on Aug. 31st he was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference's Male Runner of the Week.

As far as the CWU men's runners with Manuel Santos, a sophomore Kelsey Kreft and Matt Nodine, an Ellensburg local, as well as Tom Johnson, Jon Swanson, Tyler Edsmore and Tyler Roland.

For CWU women's team goes, senior Stephanie Cooke has led the team in four of the first five match-ups. Closely behind was sophomore Kelsey Kreft, who has taken second out of the CU four in four out of five meets and finished ahead of Cooke in the Bob Firman Invitational.

Other power players on the team include; Mary Bakeman who has been a close third to Cooke and Kreft in all of the meets, as well as Adriana Mendoza and Alex Burunda.

The CWU Cross Country team has their next meet at the Western Washington University Invitational in Bellingham on Oct. 10 at 10a.m.

The offense was put on pause for the second half, but the defense held the Buffalos to just one touchdown. With a fumble recovery by Buddy Wood, who also had ten tackles, along with Prince Hall, who also had 10 tackles. Robertson finished the game with 256 yards after completing 21 of 34 passes.

Central took its 3-0 record a step further and dominated Azusa Pacific to go 4-0 for the season.

The Wildcats took a 42-10 win. Wood had 11 tackles and stole the ball out of the hands of an Azusa Pacific ball carrier for a 33-yard fumble return for a touchdown while Spevak caught 3 passes for 84 yards and two scores.

On Sept. 26 Central moved on to Idaho in Idaho Falls on the Bengals. Central came out strong against Idaho and scored 26 points in the first half en route to a 33-22 victory.

The defense got the ball rolling as it forced a safety by Idaho quarterback Kyle Blum. To add to the scoreboard Robertson completed a 5-yard pass with Spevak to bring the score to 9-0.

Prince Hall forced a fumble and Buddy Wood scooped it up for a touchdown giving the Wildcats the lead at 16-0. Central held the Bengals to the lowest rushing yards against Central since Oct. 8 1988 with -33 yards. The current record was held at -53 rushing yards.

"It is an exciting brand of football. Come out and watch the game and get excited to watch the number five time in the country," Benett said.

Wood is quickly moving up on the list for all-time tackles for loss, with the Idaho game moving him into eighth place. Central will face off with Dixie State on Oct. 3 at home at Tomlinson Stadium at 1 p.m.
Wildcat soccer was projected to finish third in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) this season, but the Wildcats have not lived up to expectations after starting the season 3-6-1 (0-2-1 GNAC). The Wildcats opened its season against California State Los Angeles on Aug. 27. Senior goalkeeper Amber Easterbrook’s seven saves weren’t enough as the Golden Eagles outshot the Wildcats 17-8 en route to a 4-0 defeat of Central.

“It has been a little bit disappointing,” Junior Gwenna Carie said. “We haven’t got the results we wanted but we are doing better each game.”

Aug. 29 Central faced off with 18th-ranked University of California-San Diego (UCSD). The Wildcats forced double overtime, but UCSD scored a goal early in the second overtime resulting in a 2-1 Wildcat loss.

Kaycie Hutchins scored the only goal of the game for CWU in the 73rd minute of the match.

Central continued on its three-game Southern California road trip and moved on to California Poly Pomona. The Wildcats gave up an early goal in the first half which proved to be the winning goal. Central fell to a 0-3 record.

“We are doing pretty well, we just had a few minutes every game where we messed up,” said sophomore Amy Pate.

Central rallied against North-west University, scoring eight goals while shutting out the Eagles to win the match 8-0 and secure the Wildcats’ first win of the season.

Monique Cornier scored the first two goals of the game while Sophomore Serena Tomas scored two goals of her own.

The Wildcats fell again to California State Stanislaus on Sept. 5. Central outshot Stanislaus 12-8 but lost in double overtime 0-1, falling to a 1-4-0 overall record. Freshman Kelsy Villegas had four shots on goal and sophomores Kaycie Hutchins and Britany Franks both had two goal attempts.

Sept. 7 the Wildcats defeated University of Mary by a score of 3-2. Junior Ellie Eckroth scored an early second half goal and Sophomore Serena Tomas followed with a goal of her own, providing Central with enough power to overcome the Marauders.

Central had its home opener on Sept. 13 beating their opponent, Simon Fraser, by a score of 2-1. Central took the lead in the first half when the opposing goal keeper mishandled the ball kicked by Cornier, which was ruled a goal.

The second goal came in the second half by Junior Gwenna Carrie, another mishandled ball by the goal keeper. Central took the 2-1 win and finished its non-conference schedule with a 2-4-0 record.

“We have mentally prepared and the team chemistry has started to come together,” said Carie.

Central then moved into conference play on Sept. 17, and started with a 1-3 loss to Montana State Billings. Central held the lead for the majority of the game but fell apart in the end as the Yellow Jackets had three goals in the last 20 minutes of the game.

On Sep. 19 Central tied arch rival Western Washington 0-0. Easterbrook recorded her 17th career shutout on 20 Viking Shots, four of which were on goal. Central was outshot with only seven shot attempts during the game.

Central followed the tie with a loss to top ranked Seattle Pacific University on Sept. 26. Junior Ellie Eckroth had two shot attempts during the game but proved to be not enough in the end as the Wildcats lost 0-2.

“We will be going out hard, we have something to work for,” said Pate.

Central will hit the road and take on Montana State Billings on Saturday Oct-3 at 1 p.m.
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