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CWU celebrates the women’s suffrage centennial, 1910-2010.
Students will have to wait a little longer before the H1N1 swine flu nasal spray comes to Central Washington University. The university will begin to receive limited quantities of the vaccination beginning the week of Nov. 9, said Randy Robinet-
ette, interim senior direc-
tor of health and counsel-
sing services.

Robinet said that there is a chance the vaccin-
cations could come late this
month.

"No one really knows," Robinette said. "But we want to start vaccinating students as soon as pos-
sible.

Pregnant women healthcare workers and those with pre-existing conditions are among those to be given the dose first. Students are behind that group.

 Kittitas County and Central are on the same	 timeline for receiving vac-
cinations, according to Robinet.

The school had ordered 8,000 of the nasal sprays, but there is no guarantee that the full amount will arrive.

Robinet said that there will likely be a mass-
ive flu shot clinic at the Student Union and Rec-
reation Center, but a date could not be confirmed.

The Observer will post developments on swine flu vaccines as it happens.

by Kevin Opsahl
Asst. news editor

The Central Washington University police depart-
ment released its annual fire and safety report and crime statistics last week.

"For students, faculty and staf who want the informa-
tion it should be readily and easily available to them," said Lt. Mike Luvera, captain of the Department of Public Safety and Police Services.

The report is released be-
cause of a federal law, the Clery Act (formerly the Camp-

Pence and Security Act), which requires all colleges and universities that partici-

pate in federal aid programs to disclose to students each year's crime statistics as well as safety and fire policies.

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The crime statistics are collected from a variety of different sources and posted on the public safety and po-
lice services Web site on Oct.

1 of each year. Sources of in-
formation include the cam-
pus police, security staff and those responsible for moni-
toring campus property, as well as offices or individuals chosen by responsibility for student and campus activi-
ties are also included.

These university officials include resident hall advisers and managers, faculty advis-
ers and team coaches.

Knowledge of campus crime rates can help students to make better decisions when it come to their own safety and to the security of their belongings, Luvera said.

Students said they thought the report was important.

"What you don't know, you can't prevent," said Mi-

celipes Gipson, junior ele-

mentary education major. 

"If there are things on campus that would impact my safety I would like to know.

To view the report, visit www.cwu.edu/-police/
Hogue Hall addition estimated for April 2011

by Daysi Calavia-Lopez
Staff reporter

Having a classroom on the roof is not something that happens every day. But come April of 2011, the roof of the Hogue Hall addition will be a playground for Industrial Engineering Technology students.

"Normally a roof is not considered a working surface because people can poke holes in the roof membrane or hurt themselves," said Pat Nahan, mechanical engineer working on the project.

The roof will have a reinforced membrane and a guardrail for safety measures. It will also be water and leak proof.

"You can think of it as a classroom or laboratory on the roof," Nahan said.

The roof will be equipped with structural mounting columns where students can add and remove hot water, electrical or wind generators as well as solar collectors in the same mounting site. "Essentially this is a location where students can mount their engineering projects and put the performance of these to the test," Nahan said.

The building will include four floors and will mainly be equipped with laboratories.

The first floor will have a large interdisciplinary lab, two construction labs and a woodshop. The second floor will have two IET labs, a tech lab, a research lab, a thermal fluids lab, a student study area and faculty offices.

The third floor is planned out similarly to the second floor. The fourth floor, which is the roof, is going to be a working roof, an area where students can carry out different projects related to their majors and conduct other work in the curriculum. A handicap-accessible elevator will be available as well as two staircases.

This feature was developed at the request of the IET department.

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Yarwood said. "Right now, we're in phase one the addition. Phase two, the renovation portion to the existing building, is dependent on funding that has not yet been approved by the state."

Bids for the construction of the Hogue Hall addition are scheduled to take place in late October and a ground-breaking ceremony is in the works for mid-November.

Administration sticks to national search for deans

by Kevin Opsahl
Asst. news editor

As state and local economic uncertainties loom over Central Washington University, the James Gaudino administration is retaining a number of interim academic deans until a national search process can fill the positions.

A new library dean, a dean for the College of Education and a dean for the yet to be established College of Applied Science and Technology are positions under consideration.

As part of the turnover process from the Jerilyn McIntyre administration, several interim academic deans were appointed without searches.

Different time lines for the searches were established recently after consultation with faculty, the respective department chairs, the Provost's Council and Human Resources. Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Wayne Quirk said in an e-mail to faculty on Oct. 1, that the university is committed to national searches.

"Leadership at the deans level is absolutely critical. Wayne Quirk provided these searches spread out over several years."

Kirk Johnson, dean of the College of Sciences, is chairing the library search and working with the semi-finalists. Johnson said the applicant pool was strong and telephone conferences have been set up. On-campus interviews will be held Oct. 26 - 31 and Nov. 2 - 6. Johnson said he would comment after the interviews were conducted.

Connie Lambert will remain as interim Dean of the College of Education. Lambert has successfully led an effort to resolve the college issues with accreditation. She is also leading the potential division of the college.

Ethan Bergman, who will likely begin the task as interim dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology on Dec. 7 pending the Board of Trustee's approval, did not commit to the idea of submitting himself to the search. The formal division of the education college is likely to require an investment of $30,000 to $40,000, which far outweighs the costs of lost student full-time enrollment in the college and at the university. The additional costs of the dean and other administrative salaries have already been absorbed, Quirk said.

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Faculty lobbied for tuition, tax hikes

by Anthony James
Staff reporter

Last April leaders from the United Faculty of Washington State lobbied Gov. Christine Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature to consider hikes in tuition and taxes to keep funding at 2008-09 levels.

The letter, dated April 7, was signed by United Faculty of Washington State presidents at Central Washington, Western Washington and Eastern Washington universities as well as The Evergreen State College. It outlines a four-part proposal to avert cuts in bills by both houses.

Eastern Washington University

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According to the letter, House and Senate proposals to direct $71.8 million and $64.2 million, respectively, toward four-year universities would "throw salt in this wound" by cutting funding back to 2006 levels.

Central Washington University's union President Bob Hickey said the legislature hasn't made higher education a priority.

"If the state supported higher ed, I'd support lower tuition," Hickey said. "Unfortunately, they don't."

Hickey said the faculty union doesn't support increases in tuition, but finds them necessary to maintain services.

"We really tried to make sure these citizens were protected," Tom said.

He said the state need grant was increased and between 7 and 20 percent of the tuition increases went to financial aid. He added that this was on top of financial aid increases approved by President Obama.

When the economy improves and, in turn, state revenues increase, Tom said it's "highly unlikely" the tuition hikes will be removed as Washington state still has lower tuition rates than peer institutions.

"The future doesn't look too bright either."

During the 2010 legislative session, which begins in January, lawmakers will have 60 days to trim what Tom said could be up to an additional $1.5 billion from the state budget.

House Bill 2344 authorizes the board of trustees at each of Washington's six public universities to increase tuition by a total of 14 percent in 2009 and 2010. Tom said all six universities elected to raise tuition by the maximum amount.

Faculty presidents argued in their April letter that during a milder budget crisis in 2003, the legislature allowed a hike of up to 16 percent.

"There is no reason not to allow the state's universities to raise tuition by at least 14 percent," the letter states.

Tom said the legislature chose the 14 percent number because it was feasible to put Washington more in line with peer institutions.

As for the cuts made at the school level by the board of trustees, Hickey said too little has been made public to grade their performance.

"I would give them an 'I,'" Hickey said. "We don't know enough to actually evaluate their work."

Part-time education faculty
criticized Connolly, who has two children attending Central, said she didn't like to see tuition increase but said saving staff and services is more important.

"We all have to take a share of the burden," Connolly said.

She said her two classes have more students than in prior years and all faculty members have taken on more work.

"It's not the university's fault at all," Connolly said. "I'm not so sure the state understands the importance of higher education."

Students were mixed in their opinions on the tuition hike.

"School is already so expensive," said junior Jessica Miclous. "Central is less than other schools in this state."

McAdams said she'd like to see at least 7 percent of the increases wiped out.

Freshman Bello Ibrahim said he didn't like the increase in tuition and had to think twice before coming back to school.

Despite the financial pain increased costs may put on students, freshman Brittany Ward said they are necessary.

"We need money for scholarships," Ward said. "They're not increasing it just because."

The next legislative session begins in January. Lawmakers will have to fill a budget gap, possibly raising tuition again.

Police to have citizens academy

by Shannon O'Hara
News editor

Beginning Oct. 20 the Ellensburg Police Department will be offering it's fifth annual Citizen's Police Academy. The course will take place on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The course will meet every Tuesday until Nov. 17. There will also be a special Saturday in which participants will have the opportunity to drive a patrol car on a course, and shoot guns at the range.

Participants will learn about current crime trends and new technologies in the department. Issues such as staffing, history, and investigations will be discussed. Tours of the department and jail will also take place.

"The primary goal is to educate citizens so they can go out and spread the message to their friends," said Scott Willis, patrol sergeant.

Those interested in participating, applications are available at the police department and are due Oct. 16, by noon.
In 1983, New Zealand did something wild and crazy—they let women vote. Once they allowed the so-called “fairest sex” to cast a ballot, they went down in history as the first country in the world to do so (making them famous for more than just rugby and sheep). Fast forward almost 30 years later—the United States follows suit. (Apparently, we had to really think over it.)

I don’t mean to cruelly joke about the disenfranchisement of my own gender, but it’s frightening to think that at one time in this country women couldn’t own property, vote for president, go to college, or press charges against their attackers after being raped. Even 50 years ago, I most likely wouldn’t be the Editor-in-Chief of this paper—simply because I’m female.

Yet today, the bulk of the Observer’s regular columnists are women. Though their topics may appear as serious as his phone, like cooking, clothes, or rain in hunting, and talking sex—keep in mind that in some parts of the world women can’t talk about men in public, and that the food and fashion industries are male-dominated. Even when women succeed in these fields, the sad reality is that, according to the National Organization for Women, they make only 75 cents for every dollar that their male counterparts earn.

Still, gender equality is more advanced in America than in much of the world. In Lebanon, Brunei, Bhutan, and the United Arab Emirates, women don’t have voting rights. If women in Saudi Arabia want to vote, they can forget it. There, they aren’t even allowed to drive. Yet the greatest inequalities are in poor education. The CIA World Factbook says two-thirds of the world’s illiterate are women, and the United Nations identifies illiteracy as a leading cause of poverty worldwide. "The fairest sex" is still being treated so unfairly at a global level, and what we should be doing about it.

CWU celebrates suffrage

See page 7 for more.
Drain the oil into a pan. Reposition the pan as needed to make sure you catch all the oil. Wipe off the oil plug and then replace it, hand at first and then tighten with your wrench. Make sure and leave the pan in place until you are finished to prevent spillage of any kind.

Pop your hood and find the oil cap on top of your engine. Remove it.

Place a funnel in the opening and pour in the new oil. Typically, you will only use four to five quarts of oil (again consult your owner’s manual for the exact oil capacity). Remember that overfilling is just as bad as underfilling, so mind how much you put in.

After you replace the cap, run your engine for about on minute and then check your dipstick and add oil as needed until you are in the “running zone”.

After the oil cools in the pan, pour it into a plastic container and dispose of it at your local recycling center or auto repair shop. They will dispose of the oil for you properly.

This entire process takes about 30 minutes. So take a break from studying, do this simple task, and save yourself some cash. The $100 you save could be used for gas, groceries or even pay for some of those pricey textbooks.

Culinary Corner: Lip Smackin’ Chili

My goodness, it’s cold — and it’s only the middle of October! Yet fall is my second favorite time of year (the first being Christmas). I love it for so many reasons: the changing colors of trees, the smell of smoke coming from chimneys, but mostly, because it’s football season!

I’ll admit I don’t get into the game as much as some of my friends do, but I still like to host the games at my house, just so I can cook for everyone. Here’s a recipe for something that will keep you football fans well fed through the rest of the season!

Ingredients
- 6 slices thick-cut bacon, cut in 1/2-inch pieces
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 medium onions, finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 green bell peppers, chopped
- 3 T. chili powder
- 1 T. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 T. smoked paprika
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 lb. ground pork
- 1 can of beer (any kind you want!)
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (15-ounce) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (24-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 1 (24-ounce) can diced tomatoes, with juice
- 1/2 tsp. liquid smoke

Directions
- In a large, heavy-bottomed pot, cook the bacon over medium heat until lightly crisp, stirring occasionally. Once the bacon is browned, add the garlic, onions, bell peppers, chili powder, cumin, oregano, and smoked paprika. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.
- Cook until the vegetables are tender and the seasonings are aromatic.
- Add the beef and pork, break it up with a wooden spoon, and cook until there is no pink left (roughly four minutes).
- Stir in the beer and beans. Toss together. Add the crushed and diced tomatoes.
- Turn the heat down to low and simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Taste for seasoning.
- Add salt and pepper, if necessary.
- Add liquid smoke to chili.
- Transfer the chili to serving bowls and garnish with sour cream, shredded cheese, and sliced green onions. Enjoy!

Get a recipe you’d like to share? Comments? Email me at Culinarycorner@gmail.com.

The Fall Fashion Style Guide

Wear Ugg’s if you must, but here’s a guide to what’s really stylish this fall!

How can a college student look their best and still look fashionable when the temperatures are so low? Girls don’t want to look frumpy in their puffy coats, and guys don’t want to give up their favorite pair of basketball shorts they’ve been wearing since summer! Yet there are plenty of ways to bundle yourself in the winter weather without having to sacrifice your personal style. Here are a few key (and personal favorite) items to keep guys and gals warm all winter:

Women’s Fall Essentials:
1. Vests are a great transition accessory from summer to fall.
2. Shawl-collar cardigans are chic and comfortable. They look best with a more fitted look on the bottom (either jeans or a pencil skirt, for instance) and oversized jewelry.
3. Hats! Flirt in downtown Ellensburg has tons of great choices.
4. Last but not least: the scarf. Fringe is in this season, and you’re bound to find some of the chicest and most unique scarves at thrift stores. Goodwill in Yakima and Buffalo Exchange in Seattle are some of my favorites.

Men’s Fall Essentials:
1. Anything goes — from vintage Chuck Taylor’s to motorcycle boots. Don’t be afraid to let your footwear do the talking. Shoes play a major role in defining style.
2. The chunky scarf is more casual than the typical skinny, layered one. Conversely, you can go college-casual and wear it right over a slim-knit sweater in a contrasting color. Whatever your ultimate choice, you should choose a scarf that highlights your existing outfits, rather than dominates them.

At the end of the day, your confidence is what makes or breaks your look. That’s why I think you should wear whatever makes you happy (and in this season, warm!). It’s the clothes you feel best in that make your confidence shine through.
Central celebrates 100 years of women voting

by Kelly Requa
Staff reporter

One hundred years ago, women across Washington state celebrated their freedom as Washington became the fifth state to allow women to vote. This year, the state of Washington and Central Washington University are celebrating 100 years of women voting; Cynthia Coe, director of the women’s studies program, and Karen Blair, history department chair, are co-chairing the Suffrage Centennial Celebration on campus.

"Modern people forget how hard early women worked to get civil rights,” Blair said. “It took them decades.” The national women’s suffrage movement began in 1848 at Seneca Falls, N.Y., with the creation of the “Declaration of Sentiments,” calling for greater political, social and economic rights for women. Sixty-two years later in 1910, after countless petitions, parades and newsletters, Washington state became the fifth state to grant women the right to vote.

"Washington state was 10 years ahead of the rest of the country,” Blair said. “It’s kind of special that Washington gave women full rights early.” Coe explains that it wasn’t so much about voting, but about equality. “It was really a matter of ‘Are we seen as equal to men?’” Coe said.

The celebration will last all year, with many exciting events taking place this fall. Events sponsored by the Women’s Suffrage Centennial Celebration include a 5K fun run, the play “Stop Kiss,” and a variety of guest speakers.

“There’s stuff downtown too,” Blair said. “The campus and town are sharing the celebration.”

The Homecoming 5K Run/Walk is on Oct. 24 with registration at 10 a.m. The run begins at 11 a.m. Participation in the run costs $15 with registration before Oct. 21 and $20 with late registration. According to, the Recreation Center, $5 of each fee goes towards the fight against breast cancer in Kittitas County.

Blair also suggests students should attend the play “Stop Kiss,” presented by the theatre department. The play premieres at 7 p.m. on Nov. 5 in the Milo Smith Tower Theatre. Attendance is $5 for students with CWU ID and $8 for general admission.

“It’s a play about women and friendship,” Blair said.

The Women’s Suffrage Centennial Celebration is also hosting guest speaker Rhoda Howard-Hassmann, a Canadian professor and researcher, to present “Universal Women’s Rights: Debates and Progress.” The event will take place at 4 p.m. on Nov. 12 in Black Hall room 150.

Coe and Blair still encourage students unable to attend the events to take a moment to acknowledge and appreciate the accomplishments of women in history.

"Women have been making a difference to shape our society for a long time,” Blair said. “You have to appreciate women who have pressed for full rights.”

Coe challenges students to ask themselves to “trust [women’s] decision-making power,” and to ask the tough questions.

“Even now, do we fully see women as free beings?” Coe said.

Blair adds that even while walking on campus, students can appreciate women who have made a difference. Sixteen buildings on campus are named after women who have dedicated their time and talents towards making Central a better place, including Dean, Kennedy, Farrell and Heebler halls.

Kiley Baker, junior sociology major, sees the events as a reminder that equality isn’t always earned overnight.

“Students should care because it’s a historical event, especially for women to understand these rights haven’t always existed,” Baker said.

Students should keep an eye out as more events are planned for the remainder of the year.

"The whole state is celebrating from fall 2009 through 2010,” Coe said.

Blair notes that the celebration isn’t just a history lesson, but an accomplishment to be truly happy about.

“It’s wonderful to celebrate that it’s been 100 years,” Blair said.

A full list of events can be found online at http://www.cwu.edu/~suffrage/.

(Above) Julie Prather’s "Melissa”, reflects off of her more recent work “Fragmentation". (Bottom Right) Prather’s mediums of expression include glasswork, photography, and dance. (Top Right) Central Washington University’s own Art History, Printmaking and Papermaking professor Joan Cavley-Crane’s Untitled (Underwear) is suspended along side BigDress #1 and BigDress #2.
History Month celebrates GLBT icons

by David Guzman
Asst. scene editor

This October, the Diversity Center encourages Central students to honor and remember icons in GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender) history. Each day of the month is dedicated to a different icon, with a picture and short biography of the featured icon on display in the SURC, across from the scheduling office. Each icon is featured for his or her contributions to the GLBT community, through advocacy or standing up for civil rights. The icons span all careers and backgrounds, including athletes, artists, politicians, musicians, authors, and others. Here are five of this month’s 31 featured GLBT icons.

To see a complete list of featured October GLBT icons, check out the complete calendar, located in the Student Union and Recreation Center. Visit the official GLBT History Month Web site at www.GLBTHistoryMonth.com.

Zora Neale Hurston

Zora Neale Hurston was an American anthropologist and author. She was a key figure during the Harlem Renaissance, an emergence of African American art, philosophy and culture during the 1920s and 30s. Her homosexuality was not widely known during her life, but subtexts can be found in her work, which championed the rights of women.

Cherry Jones

Cherry Jones is an Emmy and Tony award-winning actress, most famous for her role as Dr. Allison Taylor on the TV series 24. She is also known for her extensive stage work, playing lead roles in The Heiress, Doubt, as well as performances in other plays. She is considered one of the most prominent theatre actresses in the United States.

John Cage

John Cage was an American musician, avant-garde composer, visual artist and writer. His most famous work, 4’33”, is a performance piece in which the single note played. Cage was part of a circle of young gay artists who challenged much of the macho-male dominated expressive art of the 1950s. His partner, Merce Cunningham, who collaborated with Cage throughout their 54-year relationship until Cage’s death in 1992.

Robert Rauschenberg

Robert Rauschenberg was an American artist, most famous for pioneering and popularizing Pop Art, which consists of unrelated foreign objects, arranged to create art. Openly gay, his work referenced his homosexuality in an era where homosexuality was literally considered a mental disorder. Rauschenberg fundraised for AIDS-related causes throughout his life.

k.d. lang

k.d. lang is a Juno and Grammy award-winning Canadian pop and country singer-songwriter. Her most popular song, Constant Craving, won her a Grammy in 1993. Lang came out as a lesbian in 1992 in GLBT news magazine The Advocate. She is a supporter of gay rights, and has championed for many causes, including HIV/AIDS research.

Homecoming week fills week with spirit

by Lindsey Sires
Staff reporter

For Central students, Homecoming is the kickoff to a week of exciting entertainment, welcoming back upperclassmen and showing freshmen a good time at Central. But some students may be a little unclear as to what is exactly planned for the week. I’ve seen fliers,” said Erin Haag, freshman Central student.

“I know it’s around the 23rd,” said Matt Bullatt, freshman.

Just Homecoming; I’ve heard the word ‘Homecoming’, that’s it,” said Jamie Terriile, freshman.

Returning upperclassmen aren’t really aware of what’s happening.

“I actually don’t know a lot about homecoming,” said Brett Johnston, sophomore.

The Mr. and Mrs. Central competition is an annual event that is kicking off Homecoming week on Tuesday, Oct 20. Representatives from each residence hall compete in a talent competition to win the title of Mr. or Mrs. Central.

During this week all of the residence halls will put on their own talent competitions to see who will go on to participate in the Mr. or Mrs. Central competition, which is sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

The Step Show is a new event scheduled for Homecoming week that is sponsored by Central’s Black Student Union. It’s a step dance contest in which fraternities from universities such as University of Washington, Washington State University and Eastern Washington University display a combination of stomp and hip-hop dancing.

Each team has 8 to 10 minutes and the winner will get a trophy and $500 to the charity of their choosing.

Not only is the Step Show entertaining and for a good cause, the BSU also aims to inspire a new life at Central among students.

“Ultimately we want to have Greek life on campus,” said Anthony Peterson, Ph.D., BSU Board of Trustees Chair. Peterson is looking forward to Central’s Greek system when he transitioned from Eastern Washington University.

“It’s showing the diversity that is out there, showing what college can offer,” Peterson said.

The Step Show will take place at 6 p.m. on Oct 21 in the SURC Ballroom.

One of the biggest events for students is the Homecoming Dance that will take place that same night. This year’s theme is “Dancing Through the Decades.” Students can pick their favorite decades and dress to fit the era. Typically, the dance isn’t a formal affair; it’s casual and just for fun.

“For freshmen, it’s their first huge event,” said senior Rachel Simonson, Special Events Student Programmer for Campus Activities.

According to Simonson, the Homecoming dance is one of the most anticipated activities that takes place during Homecoming week.

“The dance and Cosby will be the biggest events,” Simonson said.

There will be a DJ playing at the event to honor the theme, and free refreshments will be served.

“It’s an all-campus event and we want everyone to come and this year we’re inviting back alumni,” Simonson said.

The dance takes place in the SURC Ballroom at 9 p.m. to midnight and costs $5 per person.

On Saturday, Oct 25, the Women’s Suffrage Centennial Celebration will be sponsoring the annual 5K fun run.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. the day of the race with a $5 registration to charity and participants will receive a long sleeve T-shirt.

“Since we are attracting a larger female audience we decided to donate money to Breast Cancer Treatment in Kittitas County,” said coordinator Eric Scott from Intra­mural Sports.

The 5K run is a popular event that has been taking place for over a decade now at Central for both students and community members.

“Last year we had quite a few alumni come and participate,” Scott said.

The race will start at 11 a.m. and participants will be running throughout campus.

Homecoming is always concluded with a popular headlining comedian. For 2009, Central will host “An Evening with Bill Cosby.” Past events such as “An Evening with Kathy Griffin” in 2006 and “An Evening with Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood” in 2008 were very popular on campus, and Bill Cosby is expected to be just as entertaining. Premium reserved tickets are $45, general admission is $35 and $25 for Central students.

Look in next week’s issue for a feature on the Cosby performance.

Events Calendar

20 - Mr and Mrs Central competition, 7 p.m., SURC Ballroom

21 - Step Show, sponsored by BSU, 6 p.m., SURC Ballroom

23 - Homecoming dance: “Dancing Through the Decades,” 9 p.m. to midnight, SURC Ballroom

24 - Homecoming 5K, starts 11 a.m. at Tomlinson Stadium

24 - An Evening with Bill Cosby, 8 p.m. at Nicholson Pavilion
Pumpkin beer is a-okay

David Guzman
Beer wrangler

Last week, I talked about a spectacular beer for the hot summer months. This week, though, let’s talk about a beer that you’ll find at your favorite beer purveyor during the chilly days of fall. This particular beer is concocted by the same company that makes Blue Moon. You know Blue Moon - the wildly popular wheat beer that, with the obligatory orange slice, tastes absolutely wonderful if you’re not part of this whole “wanting to taste beer” business.

Oh, I’m glad to see I’ve gotten the attention of the ladies perusing this column. Nice of you to join us.

Let me introduce you to another of the Blue Moon Brewing Company’s creations, made specifically for fall: Harvest Moon.


What else? Being the unstable individual I am, I thought I’d try this creation. I like a good beer challenge - especially a challenge from the same company responsible for Coors Light. For being heavily marketed as a “pumpkin ale,” I don’t taste a whole lot of it. I taste some heavy malts (that burnt corn taste), and a lot of cloves. Do you like cloves? You will be in giddy love upon the first couple of sips. Unfortunately, the market for clove beer isn’t very big these days, I hear.

After the cloves ease up, the brew hangs around in your mouth for a while. Beer snobs call it a “sticky mouthfeel,” but I’m going to refrain from calling it such. I don’t much care for that phrase.

At this moment, I reach toward the bottle in order to - PUMPKIN! I taste pumpkin. There it is. The taste of Halloween - trick-or-treating, scary movies, pumpkin in¬nard fights. I like this.

The pumpkin essence finds a place on your taste buds, which, at this point, are still wondering what to do with that clove and cinnamon.

The more you drink this beer, the more the pumpkin¬kin will reveal itself and create a much more well-rounded drinking experience. The alcoholic bite isn’t very prominent, but the beer’s awesomeness-by-volume (ABV) is at 5.6 percent - slightly higher than Blue Moon and other beers of this type.

This is your Thanksgiving dinner beer. Drink it with your turkey and green bean casserole. The slightly sweet, clovey-pumpkin flavor of the beer doesn’t take over the yumminess of your dinner, and even, dare I say, comple¬ments it. The same company that is responsible for Coors Light has created a beer that tastes like something. I have yet to try Harvest Moon with pumpkin pie, but I heard it makes total sense.

Harvest Moon pours a sexy pumpkin orange when poured into a glass. Unfortunately, the head (or bubbly stuff) doesn’t seem to want to stick around for some reason. In fact, it dis¬appears just as quickly as it appeared.

While the pumpkin is cer¬tainly noticeable, I wish there was more. But I am unstable.
Lilly’s Cantina makes a big comeback

by Lindsey Wheeldon
Staff reporter

For all who thought Lilly’s Cantina was out of the race against the competing bars downtown, the new management wants you to reconsider. According to owner Chris Wilhite, Lilly’s closed its doors in early spring, to re-open them months later.

Closing “was a business decision that had to be made,” Wilhite said. “It was to reorganize, because our management system collapsed.”

Wilhite hired new managers and staff over the summer, focusing on re-establishing Lilly’s as a top nightlife spot in Ellensburg.

Jennifer Herdmann, Lilly’s manager, said that many of the kinks have been worked out, and that the business’s hours are more stable than in the past. New hours are 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

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“We have a brand new, top-of-the-line sound system with Mackie high definition speakers,” said Kerry Wilhite, Lilly’s director of operations. “We also have new lighting and we’ve installed special effects lighting in the bar, which adds a nice layer to the experience.”

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Wednesday will be “Wings Day” and free “Poker Night.”

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Organic Art off to a promising start

by Amy Thompson
Staff reporter

Whether people are drawn to the artistic side of life, keeping it green, or keeping it fashionable, the newly opened store, Organic Art, offers a little something for everyone.

Co-owner, Brandon Foote, was first inspired when he was taking fashion merchandising and social sciences classes at Central Washington University last year and wanted to combine the two elements. “I’ve always had an appreciation for art, the green movement and fashion,” Foote said. “Our ideas encompass so much, but it’s realistic.”

The owners, Brandon Foote, Aaron Foote and Casey Crookston, wanted to take their ideas and make them a reality, with the store space being a sure step in that direction. Organic Art is set up gallery-style with all of the apparel being artist-based and made from organic materials, such as cotton or hemp. In addition to supporting the local art and fashion culture, Organic Art strives to help the community and its nonprofit organizations. They do this by making donations and hosting events where Organic Art works can be displayed while increasing people’s consciousness of charitable causes.

“It’s artistic, we want to promote it,” Brandon Foote Co-owner of Organic Art

When asked what he thought of the store, Grant Miller, sophomore undeclared, said, “I like the style, they’ve got some really cool clothes. I like that I went in there the first day they opened and they invited me to hang out, not just buy stuff.”

According to Brandon Foote, the products available in the store are not aimed at bringing in just one group of people, but a wide range of individuals. “If it’s artistic, we want to promote it,” Foote said. “I don’t care if you’re 15 or 150. We’re all about promoting individuality; we want anybody who loves art to come in.”

In time, the owners want to expand and include other products such as artist-designed snowboarding products.

Organic Art has been around for almost three years, but it was based solely online. This is the first time there has been store space and it has been well-received so far, Brandon Foote said. “It was more about the art than it was about the clothing,” said Storm Woodyard, freshman percussion performance major. “It was cool and it supports local artists.”

One concept the owners are hoping to spread the word about is that people should wear organic clothing whenever possible. As the owners put it, everyone wears clothes so why not work for something good while you do.

Outside of the business, Brandon Foote is a volunteer coordinator at the Red Cross and spends time with his one-year-old daughter, Rylee. He is also taking online courses through Central. Aaron Foote works full-time as a restaurant employee and Casey Crookston focuses on new artistic ideas for the store and enjoys skateboarding. The future goal for Organic Art is to eventually become a nonprofit organization where more of the proceeds can go towards helping people, Brandon Foote stated.

Organic Art is located at 413 N. Main St. in Suite E, and is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, visit www.organicart.org.

Evensburg’s Juice Joint

New spot offers healthy alternatives, quiet retreat

by Amanda Miller
Staff reporter

The giant sign across the street from Fred Meyer, featuring a blue man squeezing the juice of a lemon slice into his mouth, beckons customers into one of the newest businesses in town. The sign for the Juice Joint, which first opened on Sept. 4, 2009, encourages by-passers to “try it...you’ll like it!” and advertises smoothies, teas, espresso drinks, snacks and other forms of “organic energy.”

The Juice Joint is independently owned and, in combination with Magic Square Gardens, which also sells books and specialty plants. Using an apple/carrot/ginger juice, a shot of wheatgrass to boost your immune system, or a plate of leafy greens in one shot, Qi and await the gentle warming of the resident doves.

Julie Johnson, a new Juice Joint customer, said it was “highly recommended” and that she “hope[s] it takes off because we need healthy alternatives.” It’s great,” she said.

By creating their drinks from fresh fruits and vegetables, the Juice Joint certainly offers a healthy alternative. “Everything is real,” said Rebecca Holestine, manager. “The majority of our food is organic.”

Owner DyrDra Messenger agreed. “We try to be as organic as we possibly can, it’s a real juice joint,” she said.

“A lot of the products offered are good for you,” Messenger said. “Because they boost your immune system and do not use any syrups or powders.”

The Juice Joint even grows its own wheat grass, which provides the equivalent of “two and a half pounds of leafy greens in one shot,” Holestine said.

Come winter, they will have “hot, healthy drinks,” said Messenger, as well as soups and sandwiches. They will also be bringing in a heater for the solarium, so that its beauty can be enjoyed comfortably despite the outside cold.

The Juice Joint is very eco-friendly, with a huge compost pile out back and using it has “really cut back on [their] im­print,” Holestine said.

Juice Joint employees use the compost to feed their multitude of plants, which include aloe vera, various herbs and several drought-resistant succulents. Right now they are mostly stocked with outdoor plants, but they are planning on getting more indoor plants soon.

The bookshelves lining the Juice Joint’s interior are stocked with biography, history and fiction books, as well as many others.

In addition to selling healthy drinks, snacks, books and plants, Messenger also rents out Magic Square Cottage. This cottage was originally three separate housing units, “which were operated by the regional railroad, [and] were utilized as housing for transient and service workers,” according to the Magic Square Cottage pamphlet.

The housing units were in “complete disarray,” said Messenger, who first bought the property in May of 1982. She started building her business in 1989 and began laying the foundation for Juice Joint.

Now, 20 years later, her idea has come to fruition and she is the owner of one of Ellensburg’s newest businesses.

The Juice Joint experience can be had Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. They are located at 108 S. Water St.
Sports Trivia
Who is the only man to play a Major League Baseball game and an NFL game in the same day as well as the only man to play in both a Super Bowl and World Series?

CENTRAL PREPARES FOR BATTLE

No. 28 Jerome Morris celebrates his touchdown in the 2008 season Battle in Seattle. This Battle was the sixth against Western Washington University and is the last.

by Laura Mittleider
Staff reporter

For six years the Central Washington Wildcats have been playing an annual football game at Qwest Field in Seattle.

In the past, the game has been against archival Western Washington University (WWU), but in 2008 the WWU Vikings football team played its last league game as a collegiate sports team.

Central had to quickly fill the spot of the Battle in Seattle opponent because it is one of the biggest money-makers for the program and because, of course, it has been a tradition for over half a century.

Central Washington needed to fill the hole that was left in the schedule with someone that could afford it and potentially put up a big game.

To fill in the spots, Central loaded up with more games against teams in the league and replaced the Vikings as their Battle in Seattle rival with the Western Oregon University (WOU) Wolves.

The Battle in Seattle is the only game for both WOU and CWU that will be played on neutral ground.

“We felt that WOU was the toughest team in the conference,” said Head Coach Blaine Bennett.

Since 2002 Central has won every face-off with the Wolves and owns a 25-16 overall record against WOU.

There are 20 seniors on the Central roster and this is not the first time they will play in a big stadium.

“We have a very mature team, they have had a chance to play at great venues,” Bennett said.

According to the press release sent out July 2, the record attendance to the Battle in Seattle is 16,392 in 2003 and an average of 12,392 in the past six games.

Tickets have been on sale since July 6 and will continue to be on sale at the front gate.

“Sales are behind 30 percent from what they have been in the past,” said Athletic Director Jack Bishop. “Both [schools] are pushing really hard, we hope people come to support.”

According to Bishop, there is still no way to see how sales are doing from Ticketmaster, or at the Western Oregon campus.

The Battle in Seattle is a huge part of the athletic departments revenue.

In the past, the Battle brought in $75,000 in revenue but so far this year it does not seem plausible with a 30 percent drop in sales on the Central side alone.

There is no solid revenue from Western Oregon but according to Bishop, WOU may not be making the amount of money that Western Washington brought in.

“This is a big game, especially now with the economy,” Bishop said.

In order to break even for this event, 5,000 tickets need to be purchased and anything over 8,000 will be a big benefit to the athletic department.

Tickets range in price from $15 to $35, and Central fans will sit on the west side of the stadium, for the first time in the last six years. The majority of ticket sales are sold at Qwest as walk-up sales.

“We need students to come out in large numbers, tailgate and come with attitude,” Bennett said.

Kickoff is at 6 p.m. on Oct. 17 at Qwest Field.
Central volleyball does it in five sets

by Kevin Proctor
Staff reporter

It took the Wildcats five match points in the fifth set, but in the end the Wildcats were finally able to put it on the victory over the Western Oregon University (WOU) Wolves, in what was the most exciting game of the entire volleyball season thus far.

Bri Gregory, junior middle blocker, and Kady Try, junior outside hitter, were able to block WOU’s last shot to seal the victory, taking the final set 19-17.

In the first set, the Wolves had a quick lead of 10-4, but the Wildcats came back and scored on the very next possession. “I was proud of the girls for not dwelling on that critical point of the match,” Andaya said.

After that, the Wildcats came together and fed off the energy of the crowd. They finished the set strong, 25-18. Carrying on into the fourth set, the Wildcats battled hard in the final set, matching WOU point for point with the lead changing back and forth. On the fifth match point, the Wildcats were able to shut the door, winning the set 19-17 and the series 3-2.

Try, who had a game high of 19 kills, looks to build on this win and use it as motivation for the Wildcats’ upcoming road trip.

“We need to keep the focus on us, and do what we know how to do,” Try said.

Brandie Vea led all players with 22, and looked well on their way to a fine performance. With Eldridge capping off the set at 11, the Wildcats seemed to lose all momentum.

“Volleyball is such a game of momentum, and in game three we kind of got away from ourselves,” said sophomore setter Carlee Marble.

After a disappointing effort in the first set, it looked as though Central had packed it in for the night, down 21-12 heading into the fourth frame. But it was the Wildcats who came out strong in the opening minutes of match number two, taking an early 4-0 lead. The Wolves wouldn’t be held down for long though, as they quickly came back to tie it up. Each team went on a 13-3 run to tie it at 17 apiece. After that, it was all WOU, as the Wildcats seemed to lose all momentum.

The defense would then step up again for the Wildcats, as Central came back to keep their perfect season alive.

All-American Johnny Spevak, who has set records and been nearly unstoppable the entire season, was held to a modest five catches for 45 yards in this contest, but Huskies were able to contain the Wildcats’ primary weapon.

Humboldt State got off to a fast start, throwing a 52-yard touchdown pass on the opening drive that was finished by the Lumberjacks’ primary weapon. With the score now even at 7-7, the game continued to be the defensive battle that everyone was hoping to see.

Despite being down 10-7 at halftime, Central found themselves in a precarious situation. Leading by a touchdown, the Lumberjacks came out in the second half to keep their perfect season intact.

Freshman quarterback Ryan Robertson was replaced in favor of senior Cole Morgan to begin the third quarter. Morgan methodically led the Wildcats to a 12-play, 59-yard scoring drive that was finished by Eldridge for his second TD of the game. Knotted at 20-20 going into the fourth, the defense began to take over the game.

After two incompletions, Humboldt State was again forced to punt and this time it was blocked by Adam Bighill, junior linebacker, who returned it 28-yards for the go-ahead touchdown, giving Central its first lead of the game. It would prove to be the difference, as the momentum had clearly switched in favor of the Wildcats.

“In the second half, our defense really stepped it up and made some big plays for us,” said Eldridge. “When special teams blocked the punt, that really gave us the momentum.”

Later in the quarter, the Cats went on a 13-play, 44-yard drive that was finished by Eldridge for his second TD of the game. Knotted at 20-20 going into the fourth, the defense began to take over the game.

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With the Wildcats leading by one at 18-17, WOU hit a shot that appeared to go out of bounds. Instead of increasing their lead to 19-17, the referee consulted with the line judge and deemed a replay necessary as neither official saw where the ball landed. What could have been a big momentum swing for Western Oregon, proved to be the pivotal point of the game for the Wildcats, as Central came back and scored on the very next possession.

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(Over the years) Carlee Marble, setter, walks back to teammate Kristel Baeckel to celebrate a kill. (Bottom right) Carlee Marble, setter, walks back to teammate Kristel Baeckel to celebrate a kill.

Wildcats come back to keep perfect season alive

by Kevin Proctor
Staff reporter

After dominating much of the day by the end of a 6-0 record, the Wildcats’ football team was in danger of dropping its first game of the year to the tune of a 6-0 record.

Despite being down 20-13 late in the set.

With the perfect season stays in tact, as the fourth-ranked Central Washington football team improved to 7-0 on the season.

Eldridge carried the load on offense in this contest, totaling 162 all-purpose yards.

On defense, it was Prince Hall that set the tone, making 13 tackles, two of which were for losses, as well as Adam Bighill, who had the game-changing blocked punt in the third quarter.

Despite a rough start, the Wolves came away with another win, and are now preparing for the 7th annual Battle next week against the University of Western Oregon Wolves.

Photos by Brian Stanely/Observer
Every NFL season has its surprises, and this season is no different. I took some time to analyze what I thought to be the top-5 most surprising things about this season. I really wanted to put a 41-0 shutout by the Seahawks on all 16 of their games against the best game of his young career against the Washington Redskins, leading his team to a 19-14 win, their first win in 20 games. First-year Head Coach Jim Schwartz has actually made this team competitive to the point that they almost beat the defending Super Bowl champs. With the game against the St. Louis Rams and Cleveland Browns left, it is possible for the Lions to win three games this year.

4. Mark Sanchez and the Jets.
I had to apologize to many of my friends because I called Mark Sanchez some terrible names during the past NFL draft. I did not want to see this guy in a Seahawks uniform. However, he has looked like a half-decent quarterback through the first five games, and his team is sitting on top of the AFC East. Lots of credit needs to be given to their defense that has chased down more NFL quarterbacks than Jessica Simpson. After losing Brett Favre I imagined that this team would struggle offensively, which they have, but Sanchez seems to move the Jets down the field when they really need it.

Sanchez’s situation kind of reminds me of Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco’s rookie season with Baltimore last year where he finished with an 11-5 record and came with a game away from going to the Super Bowl. Only time will tell.

3. The Cardinals Cats.
If it weren’t for a fluke touchdown scored by the Denver Broncos, the Cincinnati Bengals would be undefeated. The Bengals have already matched their 2009 season win total with a 4-1 record so far this season.

They lost T.J. Houshmandzadeh to free agency and their top draft pick, offensive tackle Andre Smith, got hurt in practice. This team has had a very difficult schedule as well, besides the Cleveland Browns. Their wins haven’t been pretty, but they have been dramatic, winning against both Pittsburgh and Baltimore in the final seconds of the game. And their only loss was thanks to an 87-yard tipped pass caught by Broncos receiver Brandon Stokley with less than 30 seconds on the clock.

They still have a tough road ahead against some good teams, and 10 wins are going to be needed to win the AFC West. Coach Marvin Lewis was right, if his players stay out of prison they have a chance at doing well in this league.

2. The Winless Tennessee Titans.
This is the same Tennessee Titans franchise that went 13-3 last year and had the best record in the NFL, right? I don’t think anyone would have guessed that five games into the season this team would be winless. And it looks very probable that they travel to New England to play a tough, but overrated Patriots team.

I wish I could say that the Titans have just been unlucky but that isn’t the case. Their defense is anemic and their offense is offensive, with the exception of Chris Johnson. Apparently Albert Haynesworth did more for the Titans than just step on the faces of opposing players. I think it is about time to bench Kerry Collins and let Vince Young get some serious playing time. With the Indianapolis Colts looking as good as ever, the Titans will have to win every game left on their schedule to have a chance at the playoffs.

1. The Denver Broncos "aren’t" who we thought they were.
As a long-time Broncos fan, I am more than proud to have this team at the top of my list. And they deserve it, I along with every other person I have ever met in my life, thought this team would be one of the most terrible teams in the NFL. Everything this team did in the offseason looked like it set them back a few years.

They traded away Jay Cutler, one of the top quarterbacks in the NFL, in exchange for one of the worst quarterbacks in the league (Kyle Orton) and two first-round picks, just because Cutler tried like a 4-month old baby with a diaper rash. Brandon Marshall, who is arguably the best wideout in football, copped an attitude and Head Coach Josh McDaniels who benched him for the preseason.

Everything seemed to be falling apart and the team’s best players were not getting along with their coach. Everyone thought McDaniels was off his rocker and was in for a tough season. Apparently he is smarter than all of us. Orton has been excellent, having thrown only one interception in five games and their defense has only given up 8.6 points per game which is 20 points less than last season.

Honorarable mention
Tom Brady looking human, and the retired-unretired-retired-unretired-retired Brett Favre and the Vikings.

To the young person who lost a Rainer Beer cap and pin Friday night or early Saturday morning in the garden at First Lutheran Church you may retrieve them at the church. Bring along some tools to repair the garden!!

No questions asked!

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CWU students experience Ellensburg's wonders

by Elizabeth DeVos
Staff reporter

Avid rockclimbers and hikers get a chance to experience what they love by either sitting in the comfort of a chair or by going out in nature itself. Tonight in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) Theater OPR will be hosting "Reel Rock International Climbing Film Tour." Red Rock is a nationally-known film tour, which is put on by OPR every year. "OPR loves Reel Rock," said Lyman Howard, junior political science and paramedic major and OPR employee. "They have the best quality rock climbing you're gonna see.

The hopes of showing this film is to encourage people to try rock climbing if they aren't already climbers. Throughout the year, OPR offers climbing trips for students. "Part of the goal of showing the film is to get more people to sign up to go on the trips," said Howard. "We have a Leavenworth climbing trip coming up, a spectacular trip, it goes in along the Sol Duc river." The hike will be an intensive 19-mile loop hike through old-growth forests, meadows and lake basins.

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The hike has a 3,150 foot incline and is quite challenging. It's more of an advanced hike," said Stolpk. "There will be elevation gain and there might be a light dusting of snow."

There are a limited number of spaces, reserve your spot today! The Seven Lakes Basin backpacking trip costs $40 for students and $60 for non-students. Cost covers transportation, dinners, breakfast, camping fee and all various provided equipment. Tickets for Red Rock can be purchased for $5 for students and $7 for non-students at OPR or online at www.cwu.edu/opr. $2 surcharge will be added to tickets purchased online.

Soccer steps forward

by Kaal Peterson
Staff reporter

Men wearing dresses, ginger-bread cookie costumes and a full on chicken costume lined the side of the field for the women's soccer game on Thursday, Oct. 8. It was the Central men's soccer team, ready to heckle. They come out every home game and cheer on the girls.

This week the women's soccer team hosted two teams and looked to improve its 4-6-1 record. Their prayers were not answered on Thursday, as they fell short by two goals to Western Oregon University (WOU). Although the Wildcats outshot the Wolves 22-5, Western Oregon won the match 2-0, making it the second straight home loss for the Wildcats.

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A quick run in their shoes:

Head Coach Kevin Adkison appeared from his office in running gear and carrying a clipboard. After a short team meeting discussing departure times, weather conditions and team jackets, we all headed downstairs to get ready for our run. Luckily for me, that night was an easy run because of the invite last Saturday.

It was only 50 degrees outside, and the wind wasn’t in our favor. I ran in a group with Alex Borunda, Stephanie Cooke, Ashley Rice, and Hilery Nunn, who have been training all season, as opposed to me who ran on the treadmill. My only hope was that I could keep up so I could get back to campus. As we got started, the girls set a pace that was perhaps just a jog for them, but was just enough so that I could keep up. I decided, “This isn’t so bad.” Besides getting an experience that no one else might get to experience, I also got a great tour of a part of Ellensburg I had never seen, not to mention a new outdoor route to run. We talked during our 3.5 miles.

As we left the locker room, Hilery Nunn, a freshman runner, just couldn’t wait for tomorrow’s race. “I’m itching to go fast, like a race,” Nunn said.

As we sat down to stretch, I asked how the team felt about the upcoming Greater Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) Championships that will be held Oct. 24 at the Wildcats’ home course in Yakima.

“Just another race. Just do your best, it’s all you can expect to do,” said Robyn Swanson, a junior runner. Shannon Vreeland remembers when the course, called Apple Ridge because of its placement in an apple orchard, was new and still very uneven. The team agrees that it’s a favorite run.

It seemed like the whole team had mixed feelings about the championships.

“I feel like we’ve come a long way as a team. It will probably be my last race,” said Shannon Vreeland, senior runner.

The Wildcats are in one of the best Division II conferences for cross country.

“SPU and WWU are ranked nationally,” said Ashley Rice, freshman.

On the men’s side, Tyler Eidsmo, junior, says that he feels like the team’s past three weeks have been good. “I think we’re all ready. Times have been dropping each meet,” said Eidsmo.

Although most of the team is optimistic about the championship race in two weeks, others are more nervous.

“I’m a little nervous. I just don’t know. I’m coming off of an injury and I’m still a little apprehensive about my fitness. I feel strong team-wise. The pack of girls is getting stronger and stronger,” said Alex Borunda, junior.

Everyone feels like the team as a whole is strong and only gaining speed. Compared to schools like SPU and WWU, Central’s team is smaller, but that doesn’t mean it is weaker.

Each runner knows what they have to do to keep the team near the front.

“It should be fun to see what the team does as a pack,” said Kelsey Kreft, sophomore.

“We watched it grow up,” said Vreeland.