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Religious clubs on their own

Groups do not get funding from ASCWU-BOD despite same recognition process

by Katie Reese
Staff reporter

Each year, the Associated Students of Central Washington University - Board of Directors (ASCWU-BOD) recognizes between 12 and 15 religious clubs. This year only eight religious clubs have applied, three of which have yet to complete the process including the Pagan Student Association (PSA).

The PSA is a group where anyone can learn about the broad range of Pagan beliefs. "It’s a club where people that are Pagan can feel safe, but we welcome any beliefs," said AmyLyn Tucker, PSA Senator. "It’s more of a place and are associated with non-religious locations. Speakers who are not affiliated with religious organizations and discuss non-religious topics, may be approved to speak in a non-religious setting. Hotel rooms will be funded if they are in a non-religious place and are associated with a non-religious activity or conference. Funding may not be given for educational supplies or advertising.

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Gay and Christian: Students find a way to balance their faith and sexual orientation

by Israel Espinoza
Staff reporter
& Shannon O'Hara
News editor

For many people, being religious and gay is very normal, but to others, it is a sin in God’s eyes.

Brian Johnson, sophomore theater major, used to go to church. But he does not go to church anymore, as he hasn't "found one that doesn't gay bash."

Conservative Christians are the main group that Johnson has felt judged by. Some have told him that God doesn't love you if you are gay.

"I usually ask them to support their thesis," Johnson said. "Why can't I be gay and Christian?"

A story from Genesis is often used in response to why being gay is wrong. However, Johnson said this interpretation comes from a quick read of the story, when in fact there is more to it.

Johnson said this story is not about how it is wrong to be gay, but instead is about how it is wrong to constantly indulge in the pleasure of the flesh or rape others.

Elsewhere in the Bible, he says, "the only true support word for word is 'no sin is greater than another in the eyes of God.' Being gay is no different than stealing a candy bar in his eyes."

Jessica Lindquist, a junior, is a lesbian who believes "God loves you no matter what." It perturbs her that some Christians judge homosexuals without knowing them.

"There is a Bible verse that says whoever is not a sinner throw the first stone," Lindquist said. "Some people think that drinking and swearing is not so bad a sin, but they are willing to say that it's a big sin being gay."

Jessica McDaniel, a sophomore, struggles with being gay and Catholic.

"Since I am Catholic, it is not ok for me to be gay because in the Catholic religion, this is not ok," McDaniel said. "However, I believe in God, and my Catholic faith is still strong."

She said it's hard when other Catholics don't accept her.

"This wasn't a choice," she said. "And for them to judge me they have no right."

In 2001, the First United Methodist Church of Ellensburg became the center of national news when Karen Dammann, a Methodist lesbian minister, requested a position as church pastor after taking a family leave. In a letter she stated she was in a homosexual relationship.

Following this letter, Pacific Northwest Bishop Elias Galvan, whom the letter was addressed to, took the situation to the church's national Judicial Council.

After the several months of trial, Dammann was acquitted.

Reverend Jane Newall is a lesbian pastor at the Rainbow Cathedral Metropolitan church in Yakima.

For Rev. Newall, being gay isn't a problem because she says God's love is for everyone no matter what.

Although this church has been getting negative messages and has people rejecting them, it is home for many people who are turned away from other churches, she said. This church not only accepts gay people, but also there are straight people who go there.

"I think that what's challenging here is that people get rejected at other churches, and therefore they also are encouraged to give up on religion," Newall said. "Some straight people that come to our church understand and embrace the idea that God is one and they don't want to use him and religion to be prejudiced against the church and the gay community."
Political, Religious Demonstrations
Free speech on campus meets restrictions inside buildings

by Anthony James
Staff reporter

Protesters and religious groups have been a long-standing presence on college campuses, but few laws in Central Washington University policies restrict their right to free speech.

Since the beginning of the quarter, numerous groups have been spotted on campus passing out religious literature or holding up political signs.

CWU Police Lt. Tim Stowe said that few instances would necessitate police intervention.

Stowe said groups are not allowed to block thoroughfares or cause a disruption in the academic system or safety.

Those who do will be asked to move to the side of the walkway.

CWU Police haven’t had any recent instances in recent history where someone was asked to leave campus.

Security inside buildings or areas such as the tennis courts and at Tomlinson Field is prohibited.

Inside the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC), the regulations differ. Faculty, school, department and student groups recognized by the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors may use the tables that line the main floor walkway for free, while off-campus and unrecognized student groups are generally charged $25 a day, said Robbi Tormey, a fiscal specialist who is in charge of the solicitation policy for the SURC scheduling office.

The fee is reduced to $15 when only information is being disseminated, such as earlier this year when government emergency management officials gave out information on flooding, Tormey said.

Tabling is the only form of solicitation allowed inside the SURC. The policy specifically bans handing out literature at other locations in the building. Loud speaking and preaching are not allowed either. People looking for an exception need to apply to the SURC operating board for permission.

Regulations also restrict posters on campus.

According to the Campus and Student Union Advertisement Posting Policy, posters or advertisements posted by any group other than recognized student organizations, departments, approved guests and contracted organizations, "is not permitted at any time on university property and will be removed upon discovery.

One church, which also is a student club, hasn’t had any issues with the policies in place.

Stacia Sealey, an assistant at Chestnut Street Baptist Church, said the church will occasionally hang posters in the SURC with prior approval, but doesn’t hand out anything on campus.

Sealey said she doesn’t have any issues with the policies in place.

"I don’t want to be handing random stuff that hasn’t been approved," she said.

Students agreed with the policies in place.

"I think people should be able to hand out flyers just walking around," said Stephanie Black, senior public health major. "I think the idea on a table in the SURC is a good idea to make people feel more comfortable."

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Last spring evangelist Robert Ephrata condemned Central students to hell outside of the SURC.
Central to honor President James Gaudino
Two-day celebration will officially induct the 14th president

by Kevin Opsahl
Asst. news editor

Central Washington University will inaugurate President James Gaudino on Friday.

The celebration comes ten months after he took office, succeeding Jerilyn McIntyre. Since then, Gaudino has had no shortage of things to think about: enacting enrollment figures, a budget shortfall, staff layoffs — not to mention getting acquainted with Central's campus and Ellensburg.

"I'm going to touch on the campus and... university commitment for being there and entrusting me with this responsibility," Gaudino said.

Gaudino said his inaugural committee should discuss all that the university has to its students and the community; and commitment is always important, but it's important to be committed to the university's mission during financial challenges," Gaudino said.

Chair of the inaugural committee and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Judy Miller said that Gaudino's schedule was part of the reason why festivities were held off.

"He was so busy learning the ropes," Miller said. "It was too difficult to manage something like this in this issue-laden [legislative] session."

All of the inauguration celebrations cost approximately $12,000, according to Miller. It is funded from two-thirds state money and the other one-third comes from donations from the CWU Foundation.

That also includes the new white CWU banners that are flanked around campus. They are there to signify an important event, Miller said.

"We wanted to get an elegant look on a modest budget," Miller said. "Because we're trying to trim corners where we can and honor this new president."

The festivities kicked off today with a free pre-inaugural concert performed by the CWU Department of Music at the Concert Hall.

Then a symposium examining the regional history of Native Americans, Ellensburg and the university starts Friday's activities in the Student Union and Recreation Center.

There will be a luncheon costing $10 a plate for reserved patrons, followed by a march across the campus to McConnell Auditorium for the ceremony.

"Jim wants the inauguration to showcase Central's past accomplishments, its impact on students, and its bright future," Miller said. "Jim just doesn't want us to lose sight of the larger picture."

Gaudino will also be presented with a mace — a ceremonial piece used at every inauguration. He will also have a medallion hung around his neck.

It is not uncommon for presidents to wait a while for their inaugurations. Ivory Nelson started his term in March 1992 and the ceremony was held in October. Professor emeritus Jerilyn McIntyre's ceremony was held in October 2000, but she started in July.

Nelson, McIntyre and James Brooks are three former CWU presidents being honored at the ceremony, along with James Pappas, who served as interim president.

Special guests include Nancy Lillquist, Mayor of Ellensburg; Jesus Hernandez, Chair of the Higher Education Coordinating Board, Ron Sims, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Timothy L. Chandler, Associate Provost at Kent State University.

Asst. news editor

Four Central students with the goal of opening religious discussion across all borders, have formed a new group on campus.

The Society for Inter-Religious Dialogue and Education (SIDE) was started earlier this quarter by President Sasha Giese, senior history and religious studies major.

The group also includes Vice President Sonika Vashist, senior law and justice and religious studies major; Secretary Katie Jacobson, senior religious studies major; and Jennifer Arledge, sophomore English teaching and religious studies major.

Giese said the four officers have had classes together and were encouraged by Religious Studies Professor Heidi Szpek to form a club to facilitate both discussion and understanding of other religions. Szpek and Jeffrey Dippmann, religious studies and philosophy professor, are the club's advisers.

"We want people to start learning about other religions other than the big five" of Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism and Islam, Giese said.

Education about other religions can strengthen one's personal beliefs, Jacobson said.

"It's a ground where we can test the immortality of our own souls," Jacobson said.

Giese said SIDE will focus on aspects outside of worship, including beliefs and practices. Jacobson said SIDE will also discuss differences in music, art and practices as well.

Jacobson said the main focus will be on studying religion, not practicing. SIDE will spend the rest of November debunking myths and stereotypes about different religions.

Gaudino said learning about religion can broaden one's mind.

"The testing of ourselves and testing of our world broadens our selves," Jacobson said.

SIDE meeting will begin with a reading of the creed, which states that SIDE doesn't allow the use of derogatory or offensive language or proselytizing in club meetings.

The first event for the year will be an event where participants will guess the religion of contestants based on appearance and questions alone. Giese said this exercise is designed to show how appearance alone doesn't tell one's religion. "Generalizations don't account for the person," Jacobson said.

Later in the year, SIDE will sponsor a Holocaust memorial.

SIDE meets every Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in Black Hall 150.

For more information, e-mail SIDE at cwuside@gmail.com.

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by Quinn Eddy

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by Daysi Galavio-Lopez
Staff reporter

Jobs and internships for students
Career fairs are a breeding ground for hopeful employees

Open job positions are an endangered species. True? Just take a stroll through the Fall Job and Internship Fair and you’ll be proven otherwise.

If Jaqualyn Johnson, director of Career Services can do anything to improve the students’ situation, career fairs at Central Washington University won’t just consist of irrelevant companies at staffing booths that hand students pamphlets.

“All you have to do is turn on the news and you’ll know that we’re in a definite economic downfall,” Johnson said. “We want to provide students with help finding their place in life and help them to be proactive.”

“We’ve really tried hard to keep on what is current and updating the latest university and employer networks so that the information we provide can be valuable to the students,” said Teresa Youngren, employer recruiter and coordinator for CWU’s career fairs, as well as Wildcat Crew Network, an online database of available jobs and internships.

Among the 28 employers exhibiting what their companies have to offer students is Natural Gas and Electric Utility.

Stephanie O’Farrell, a CWU Alum is now one of the company’s recruiters.

The reason we’re coming to the fair is to let students know about all the available positions that we have from paid internships to actual jobs. We’re actually hiring right now, which is unique compared to a lot of other companies,” O’Farrell said.

“We can place a wide range of students stemming from different majors into positions, from engineering to the safety and purchasing department, to supervising and management positions as well, so we’re very excited to come to Central,” O’Farrell said.

Yet, Johnson believes that students should prepare themselves before picking up application. She encourages them to take risks, follow their heart, and try new things, but not without the proper education first.

“We want students to be well-equipped when they go out there in the world,” Johnson said. “Use our services! They are free and that’s what they are here for.”

This quarter Career Services has scheduled many workshops that are designed to help students in varying aspects of getting a job. Some workshops are focused on how to land an internship, while others are based on how to write the perfect resume or cover letter. Another set of workshops teach students how to prepare for an interview properly, choose a major and even how to successfully work a career fair. Two of the most relevant workshops offered are called “How to Get a Job in a Tough Economy” and “Wildcat Career Network.”

“We want students to take full advantage of these workshops and to collect as much information that they might find helpful, about themselves and about what is out there for them,” Johnson said. “Green jobs are emerging. Student entrepreneurs can see a niche. These fairs can open student’s minds to start thinking about what is the niche out there and how they can fill it.”

To find out more information about career services and upcoming events visit: http://www.cwu.edu/~career/cms/

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CWU accreditation results: Budget recommendations, civic recommendations

by Lara Treiber
Staff reporter

Central Washington University received four civic recommendations and three recommendations from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, which wrapped up its accreditation review on Oct. 21.

“The goal is to do an honest and accurate analysis of the university so that we understand the areas that we are doing well in,” said Phil Backlund, coordinator of communications and executive director of the Accreditation Steering Committee. “We also had a pretty clear idea of the areas that we need to improve and I think that goal is pretty well met.”

Central will not have the final wording of the recommendations or a final team report until after the Commission on Colleges and Universities meeting Jan. 11 through 13, 2010. The commission will review the evaluation team’s report and then make their determination on whether or not CWU should be reaffirmed for accreditation.

According to Backlund, the committee had already predicted where they would receive recommendations from the NWCCU. The recommendations were to strengthen the relationship between planning, budgets, and assessment, to enhance institutional research and data integrity so that the results would be more transparent and to do a better job of showing how the university used its assessments results.

The areas where Central received recommendations were for civic engagement of students, faculty and staff, for commitment to alternative energy initiatives and sustainability, for the quality of the facilities on all seven campuses, and for the university’s commitment to all students on those campuses.

Every ten years the university and its programs are reviewed by the NWCCU, a non-governmental group made up of peer evaluators who come from other universities around the Northwest. The report must address the NWCCU’s nine standards, which measure the effectiveness of the university’s mission and evaluates its educational standards.

Planning for the accreditation review is a two-year-long process, which results in the university doing a self-study and producing a report that documents the college’s programs and services.

“The important goals to me are that we honestly review ourselves,” said Elizabeth Scott, vice president for university relations. “That

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by Rachel Guillermo
Culinary columnist

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we don’t try to gloss over anything and look close and say where our good points are and where our strengths and challenges are. It’s also critical to us because if we’re not accredited we cannot receive federal funds.”

The accreditation team said that Central had an outstanding faculty and programs, but found problems with data management despite its investment in software, and problems with planning between organizational levels.

“Accreditation helps confirm that for not only students, but also those who work here, that the education that you are getting is high quality,” said Richard DeShields, senior director of University Housing and New Student Programs and chair for the standard three committee on students.

According to the NWCCU, the process is the single most comprehensive way to analyze how well it’s doing and the whole idea is to use that information to evoke professional judgment as to the quality of the institution or program offered and to encourage continual improve- ment.

“The whole idea is to improve the university so we do a better job for students,” Backlund said. “The accreditation process is the single most comprehensive way to analyze how well it’s doing and the whole idea is to use that information to evoke a better university which means a better education for students.”

To view the self study report visit and accreditation Web site at www.cwu.edu/~nwccu/.

Ingredients:

Chicken and Stock:
3 to 3 1/2 lb. chicken thighs
2 bay leaves
6 sprigs thyme
4 to 5 black peppercorns
1 head garlic, split through the equator

Buttermilk-Chive Dumplings:
2 C. flour
1 T. baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1/4 C. chopped chives
1 C. buttermilk

Sauce:
2 T. Butter
2 T. oil
2 carrots, diced
2 stalks celery, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 bay leaves
1/4 C. flour
6 C. chicken stock
1 C. frozen peas
1 C. frozen pearl onions
1/4 C. heavy cream

Dinner for two

I took a cue from one of my readers this week and came up with this hearty recipe for chicken and dumplings. If you think you’re not ready to tackle making chicken stock from scratch, then just take a short cut and use the stuff in a carton (tip: heat up the broth before adding the dumpling mix and buy pre-cooked chicken). And one of the really good things about making soups is you can freeze half the batch for another cold day. Enjoy!

Instructions:

For the stock:
- Place the chicken and all stock ingredients in a large pot and cover with water. Set over medium-high heat and bring to a boil.
- Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until the chicken is tender, about 40 minutes. Skim the surface fat and discard all bones.
- When done, remove the chicken to a cutting board. Strain the stock and shred the meat into big pieces—the stock will be used for the sauce and the chicken will be folded into it.

For the dumplings:
- Sift the dry ingredients together in a large bowl. In a small bowl, using a whisk, lightly beat the eggs, and buttermilk together. Pour the liquid ingredients into the dry ingredients and gently fold. Mix until just the dough comes together; the batter should be thick and cake-like.

To prepare sauce:
- Heat a 1/4 cup of medium heat, add the butter and oil. Add the carrot, celery, garlic, and bay leaves and sauté until the vegetables are soft, about 5 minutes.
- Stir in the flour to make a roux. Continue to stir and cook for 2 minutes. Slowly pour in the chicken stock. 1 C at a time, stirring well after each addition.
- Add frozen pea and pearl onions.
- Let sauce simmer until it is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon, about 15 minutes. Stir in heavy cream.
- Fold the reserved shredded chicken into the sauce and bring up to a simmer.

- Using 2 spoons, carefully drop heaping tablespoons of the dumpling batter into the hot sauce. The dumplings should cover the top of the sauce, but should not be touching or crowded. Let the dumplings poach for 10 to 15 minutes until they are firm and puffy.
- Remove and discard the bay leaves. Serve and enjoy.

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Religion, Scientology and monkeys

Brian liyama
Photo editor

I had a brush with athe­
ism when I was a pub. I was
raised as a Christian, but its
influence suddenly van­
ished one foggy Sunday: I
walked out of a sermon in
between the Christian be­
lief system and the natural
world is too great of a leap
for me to accept.

That was it. I couldn't
vocalize it at the time, but
I attribute the shift to an
enigmatic epiphany: the rift
between the Christian be­
lief system and the natural
world is too great of a leap
for me to accept.

And I never felt bad
about masturbating ever
again.

I went through a long
period where I was ven­
omously opposed to any form
of organized religion.

All I saw was hate. I saw
hate in the practitioners
who were searching for sal­
vation beyond their sinful
selves.

I saw hate in worldly af­
fairs, in the many conflicts
waged over religion and re­
ligion alone.

The Sunni and Shia have
been fighting over Mu­
hammad's succession since
about 632 AD.

The Darfur genocide tar­
gets black Christians, while
Christians are conversely
guilty for the near extinc­
tion of Native Americans,
citing Andrew Jackson's
Manifest Destiny. Adolph
Hitler believed the Arya­
race was supposed to over­
run the world.

Scientology stole Tom
Cruise and Beck.

Several years later,
though, I had to give my
beliefs another slight shift.
I learned that my mother
never believed in a god ei­
ther; she just took me to
church so I would have a
somewhat sane idea
about what faith was all
about without becoming a
Moonie.

I was surprised because
my mother and I never
agreed on anything. So we
discussed the topic over
coffee black as oil and a
pack of Camel cigarettes.

"How could someone
believe in something they
can't see," I argued with a
superior air.

Then, being the prag­
matic woman she is, said,
"Well Brian, it's just as ab­
solute to say there isn't a
god as to say there is one."

I knew she was right, but
I was still a teenager at the
time, so I refused to admit
it.

I also refused to admit
that I was just as confron­
tational as the zealots I dis­
dained so much. I know it
now, though.

I suppose I still hold on
to some of the ideals I had
as an atheist. In my eyes,
organized religion is util­
ized by governments to control its subjects.

I believe we are a con­
stantly changing species at­
tempering to come to grips
with our vicious nature,
and assigning absolute
characteristics to our race is
impossible since we experi­
en the gamut of emotions
and reactions. Love versus
hate, laughter versus tears.
(Quote: When I say race, I
mean Homo sapiens. A
chimp looking at a Nigerian
man, an Irish woman and a
Chinese hermaphrodite
probably can't tell the dif­
fERENCE between the three.
I don't know because we're
not monkeys anymore.)

I do not believe that reli­
gion is universally destruc­
tive anymore. Take what
Mao said to the Dali Lama
in 1960:

"Religion is poison."

That view has lead to
what may soon become the
first successful modern
genocide; the opposition
of faith takes an equally dis­
ective stance.

I now know that a lot of
people draw a lot of beauty
from their religion.

It helps them get up to
face a difficult day, to suf­
f er through unimaginable
trials and remain steadfast.

I have to admire those
peaceful practitioners. I've
met wonderful Christians,
Muslims, Buddhists, Jews,
Mormons... I've even met a
Satanic who had some in­
teresting (and very intense)
views on enjoyment and in­
dulgence.

It's easy to get along with
people who are will­
ing to look past their own
beliefs and appreciate an­
other viewpoint.

To all you out there, I
raise my glass.
I read the article about Central’s drug problem, and it struck me how apathetic it sounded. The article discussed many important facts about drug use. I was especially glad to see the quote from Dr. Sweeney about how ADD medications work for people with the condition versus people without it. There is one point I would have liked to see though.

I am choosing to give the benefit of the doubt when I say the following: Even though people who are using prescription medications for attention deficit disorder (ADD) do not realize that they are causing a serious problem for people who legitimately need those medications to function. This is especially true for people with ADD.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for those who need medications to get them because of their popular abuse. Many doctors are, understandably, reluctant to write prescriptions for ADD medications to new patients. They frequently won’t write a new prescription if the one they prescribed earlier is lost or if the pills themselves go missing. There usually aren’t any refills on the prescription either so it’s not as simple as going back to the pharmacist. Furthermore, if the doctor immediately isn’t an option because they can’t get to their doctor easily or they can’t get an appointment that soon. Many insurance companies won’t pay for a new prescription until the old prescription says it’s supposed to be out. Finally, if such a medication turns up missing (e.g., it was stolen or lost) and the police find it, the person whose name is on the bottle will face legal consequences even if they didn’t do anything illegal because it is almost impossible to prove that person isn’t really guilty.

All of these problems exist because prescription medications for ADD are being abused. It’s a huge pain in the neck to have to call the police and report your medication is gone just because you can’t find it and someone somewhere else might (inadvertently) get it.

Michelle Miller
Senior

I find it funny when people write in criticism to the Observer, blasting the staff for typographical errors, voicing their displeasure over an article, or expressing concerns that the quality of the Observer may somehow inhibit them from landing a job. The hilarity and irony only increases when the people critical of the Observer and its writers identify themselves. Instead of letters to the editor, the Observer staff should just make a Pot Calling the Kettle Black editorial. It’s been four years of being a loyal Observer reader, it’s time to give some credit where it is due.

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Unfortunately, I was absent from the religious that was initiated by the “fanboy” pack fundamentalist that took place recently here on campus. Judging from his attire one can quite safely assume that he is a fundamentalist Christian. In other words, he is a delusional, unintelligent, arrogant man who has failed to see his birth of his time into the biased entries of the Bible.

However, I would sincerely like to thank him from the bottom of my heart. As an anti-theist, I don’t believe in God, but I am actively opposed to the idea and has affirmed just some of the illogical views of the Christian mythology. What better way to promote anti-theism than to recite passages of the Bible? In Exodus, what does God say should be done with both with the Sabbath Day? What does God say should be done with those who don’t believe in him? In Leviticus, what does God say does say should be done to homosexuals? While I hate to spoil this international better, he orders that they are not be murdered. This is far from will, rather the definition of ‘un-freedom’.

Today, though, many Christians consider the title ‘Son of a Biscuit’ mostly to be ironic; however, they interpret other parts of it to be quite literal and true. The inconsistencies are grotesquely obvious and this book is one with which I want to say it. Regardless, though, this man is part of a population that yields with the literal proclamations of The Bible and I wanted to extend a warm “thank you” to him for giving others just a piece of how ridiculous this huge cult and its book are.

Mark Seidell
Senior, Music Major

This letter is in response to the leading letter to the editor in the Oct. 29 issue. First of all, Mr. Coffey clearly does not fully understand the point of “Deep Thoughts by Quinn Eddy.” He claims that he understands that the article is “intended to be funny” but I have doubts when it comes to Mr. Coffey’s ability to differentiate humor from serious hard-hitting news.

Let us make one thing clear: The Opinion section of the paper is for opinions and thoughts. It is not hard news, what force of nature comes down and determines otherwise? Ah, exactly, there was none.

This being the case, Quinn Eddy is entitled to say just about whatever he wants in his section of the paper. The reason these opinions in the opinion section is because they have put in their time and have proven to be competent as journalists.

Perhaps if you look over some of Mr. Eddy’s news work you would understand. The fact is that Quinn Eddy’s article is intended to be funny, and is funny. If you don’t understand then I feel sorry for you for not having the brain power to look at his comments from a perspective other than the tunnel vision that you are locked in.

If you want some deeply thought to go to MTI and talk to some student seeking his or her doctorate in quantum physics, it might be a little bit more like the vanilla flavor you so enjoy. Realize that we are all preoccupied with worrying about exams, our future careers, our financial well being, and everything else life brings. And that maybe, just maybe, a couple of minutes spent reading Mr. Eddy’s Deep Thoughts relieves a bit of our tension and lets us do what we all need to do ... laugh.

Shay Mailloux
Senior, Broadcast Journalism Major

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DEAR EDITOR, (continued from p. 9)

Secondly, the Observer is the only class that, to my knowledge, requires students to display their home­work weekly for everyone to read. I understand many majors have presentations in some form or another, but the work is generally kept within the walls of their own department. I have yet to see test scores of math majors posted up on campus bulletin boards as majors marching down the halls of campus buildings every week.

Finally, I know some of you are concerned that the quality of the Observer may somehow jeopardize your chances of employment. Are any of you honestly sure that a potential employer may judge you based on a publication you are not affiliated with rather than your own professionalism? Rest assured a typo in the Observer will not be a factor in your future employment possibilities.

Employers will, however, notice errors in your resume and portfolio. I suggest being more concerned about the quality of your own work rather than the work of others. For those of you who still worried, then sign up for the Observer. The only prerequisite is you have to have thick skin and be willing to produce a weekly miracle. Of course, actually producing the paper requires a lot of work, but if you really believe your future lies in the make-believe hands of a 20-page paper then I encour­age you to sign up. So instead of adding insult to injury, because trust me, the staff beats itself up enough, recog­nizing that somebody is in charge of this! Having this expectation of anyone or anything is unrealistic.

Kat Kenney
Senior, Communications Studies Major

Editor's Note: The Observer welcomes brief letters (300 words or less) from readers on current issues. Please include the author's full name and university affiliation: year and major, degree and year graduated, or staff position and department.
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SALT (Christian Missionary Alliance)
SALT is another group with more than 200 members that allows anyone to participate. The primary goal of SALT is outreach," said Eric Knueger, leadership team member. "Our overarching goal is to show Christian love. It's about making friends and showing your love to others."

The SALT group aims to make others feel comfortable and welcome.

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by Amy Thompson
Staff reporter

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Latter-day Saints Student Association (LDSSEA)
The Latter-day Saint Student Association (LDSSEA) at Central has between 60 and 75 members. The LDSSEA differs from the nondenominational Christian groups in that their denomination has noted differences in theology.

The association has events, classes, activities, forums, a place to hang out and more.

"We want to essentially provide for the social and spiritual needs for students," said Krista Greear, junior inter-disciplinary studies major and LDSSEA president. "I think we provide some young attitudes about traditional morals. We're friendly people, we like talking with everyone. We treat everyone with respect."

Campus Catholic Ministry
The Catholic Campus Ministry is a group with a more specific denomination that all students are invited to join. Christian Catholicist followers believe in mass, confessions to a priest, and other differences that may not traditionally be part of other Protestant groups.

"Our goals are to support students in any way possible, regardless of denomination," said Sarah Robinson, senior business administration major and president of the Catholic Campus Ministry. "Anyone can come in, but we're focused on the campus."

The Ministry hosts events as well as mass.

For info on contacting these clubs, view the article online at www.cwu.edu/observer.
Central's Muslims hold same beliefs, different practices

by Amanda Miller

Practicing Muslim, Central student Shuruq Alhamrani, freshman undeclared, urges fellow students to look beyond stereotypes and make their own conclusions about residents by religion.

"Judge me not by my appearance," said Alhamrani. "Judge me by my personality and what I think."

Alhamrani left Saudi Arabia when she was 20 to come to the United States. Her father postponed his work to come with her. He stayed for seven months, and then her brother and sister came. Alhamrani will return to Saudi Arabia once she finishes school.

"It's a culture shock for me," Alhamrani said. "I miss my life in Saudi Arabia where I'd tell my driver to go to the store. I'd say 'this is what I want.' I was treated like a queen.

Alhamrani has heard many misconceptions about what it means to be Muslim. She has heard people say that Muslims are terrorists, that they are uneducated and that they are not nice to people. Alhamrani appreciates it when people take the time to ask her about her religion.

"It can also refer to people taking the time to ask her about her religion."

Alhamrani has had some positive experiences with the students at Central.

"Sometimes I'm really surprised by people because they smile at me and tell me I'm beautiful. They try to be nice," Alhamrani said.

Other times, Alhamrani feels that people look at her like they are wondering why she is wearing hijab.

Hijab is a traditional head covering worn by Muslim women. It can also refer to modest Muslim styles of dress.

"When people see us wearing different clothes, they think we're from a different world," Alhamrani said. "I have to wear specific clothes to cover my beauty from men who are not my relatives."

Although many people think that the more a woman covers herself, the less freedom she has. Alhamrani feels that the less a woman wears, the more she opens herself up to male criticism.

"When I'm wearing hijab, I feel modest, covered up and more self-respected," Alhamrani said.

Alhamrani feels that Islam treats women with respect.

"Islam never stops us from doing anything," Alhamrani said.

There are no specific locations for Muslims to pray on campus. Alhamrani feels that Central should provide a place.

"I have to go home to pray," Alhamrani said. "Sometimes I go to the library where there is a private room and pray there."

Mohamed Musse, senior information technology major, believes that a room set aside for prayer would be welcomed.

"The Muslim population on campus is growing," Musse said.

Because Musse must pray five times throughout the day (morning, noon, evening, sunset and again after sunset), it can be difficult to get the classes he needs, but he makes it work.

"It's very easy to pray," Musse said. "You can pray anywhere on campus and arrange class schedules so as not to interfere.

Rabia Khalid, junior psychology major, left her home in Pakistan when she was nine to live in the United States.

"Everything stops at prayer time in Pakistan," Khalid said.

Khalid thinks of Islam as a forgiving religion.

"I love what my religion stands for," Khalid said. "It stands for peace, being honest, being true to yourself and God."

According to Khalid, the main difference between Christianity and Islam is that Muslims believe Jesus was a prophet, not God's son. The two religions also differ in how they practice their faiths.

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Islam developed from the belief that God felt he had not properly conveyed his message to those of Jewish and Christian faiths. Muslims believe that the angel Gabriel was sent by God to deliver his message to Muhammad, Islam's prophet.

"It's not that we believe because someone is Jewish or Christian that they'll go to hell," Khalid said. "Khalid personally believes that each person will be individually judged by God. She refuses to judge others.

A big part of being Muslim is participating in Ramadan, which lasts for one month of every year. During Ramadan, Khalid wakes up in time to eat before sunrise and does not eat again until after sundown.

"During that month, we're supposed to be very charitable and give as much as we can to the needy," Khalid said.

At the end of Ramadan comes Eid, the celebration in honor of Ramadan ending. Families and distant relatives get together to share food. Muslims often wear new clothes and children are given money by their elders.

"We have a small community of people who are Muslim and from Pakistan with whom I celebrate Eid," Khalid said. "Khalid sometimes feels a little uncomfortable because she is unsure of the perceptions others have of Muslims, especially after 9/11.

"You have to think twice about how you act and what you wear," Khalid said.

"I'm really grateful to be in America and practice my religion and not be harassed," Khalid said. "It makes me appreciate diversity a lot more."

Musse has not received any negative reactions from students when they learn that he is Muslim, but he feels that most people lack true knowledge about what it means to be Muslim. He feels that Central should offer an Arabic or Muslim class.

"They only know what's on the media. They don't know the religion," Musse said.

According to Musse, most major universities have Muslim groups. He is currently working on organizing a group called "Muslim Student Association at Central," which he plans to have up and running by Winter 2010.

Mohamed Musse, senior IT major, is a practicing Muslim who attends Central. He manages to pray five times throughout the day, despite the difficulty presented by class schedules.

Photo courtesy of Thomas Walker Arnold and Adolf Grohmann

From the Quran:

"O mankind we have created you from a male and female, and made you into nation and tribes, so that you may know one another. Verily, the most honorable of you with Allah is that (believer) who has Al-Taqwa. Verily, Allah is all knowing, All Aware."

The above quote is a section of the Qur'an written in Arabic and translated by Muslim Central student Shuruq Alhamrani.
Atheism, agnosticisim alive on campus

by David Guzman
Asst. Scene editor

Not all students at Central Washington University believe in a higher power. Cornelius Gomez, senior sociology major and Sociolo­gy Club vice president, began doubting the existence of God when he was a sophomore in high school.

"I had an astronomy class, which had a scientific explanation for the creation of the solar system," Gomez said. "Theology failed to prove otherwise, or provide any significant proof that God is real."

Luke Strong, junior psychology major, was raised in a fundamental Christian household and became an atheist two years ago.

"I just always accepted [Christianity] as truth, because that was the way I was raised," Strong said. "I tried to come up with a reason why I believed what I did, and I couldn't."

Atheism, by definition, is the doctrine or belief that there is no God.

Agnostics, specifically, do not deny the existence of God, but claim no one truly knows or understands the nature of things.

"I don't really believe, but I don't disbelieve," said Adam Peterson, freshman undeclared, who is agnostic. Peterson was raised in what he called a "sort-of Christian" household, and was given the option to pursue Christianity on his own.

"I was always able to go [to church] if I wanted to, but I didn't," Peterson said. "I'm not really waiting for anything. [God] is something I'd have to be able to see; I'm not able to just take somebody's word for it."

Despite the number of Central students who consider themselves atheists or agnostics, there are currently no officially recognized secular clubs or organizations on campus. But according to the Secular Student Alliance (SSA), this very well could change soon.

The SSA, a nonprofit organization based in Columbus, Ohio, aims to educate college students around the country about "the value of scientific reason and the intellectual basis of secularism," according to the organization's Web site.

The SSA helps college campuses organize clubs and events that promote atheism. Last September, the organization reported a record 159 affiliate groups on college campuses across the country. This is an increase from the reported 100 groups in 2008, and 80 groups in 2007.

"I just think that religion can limit what you can do. Live life how you want to."

Luke Strong
junior psychology major

According to results from 2008's nationwide American Religious Identification Survey, the secular demographic is the only group to have grown in every state in America.

Strong believes this reflects a trend throughout the world. "People are more individualist today," Strong said. "You're not punished at all for not believing in God — other than maybe some religious people looking down at you."

Strong said that Sweden is among the most atheist countries in the world, with 85 percent of residents considering themselves atheist by definition. Other atheist and agnostic-friendly countries include Denmark, Norway and Japan.

There are several reasons why students may be hesitant to start a secular club at Central, according to Gomez. "The atheist culture might lend itself to more of a loner mentality," Gomez said.

Strong believes that people are free to practice whatever religion they want, so he sees no reason to persuade others to believe what he believes. "I meet people based on common interests," Strong said. "If they're open to discuss religion, I will. I want people to believe what they want, not be told how they should live. A lot of people turn atheism into a religion in and of itself."

Strong cites British biolo­gist Richard Dawkins as one individual who encourages atheists to educate others about their beliefs. Dawkins wrote the best-selling book "The God Delusion."

Three SSA-affiliated clubs brought Dawkins to speak at their campuses.

Strong is hesitant to join a secular club on campus.

"If there was more of a productive goal for an atheist club, I'd join," Strong said. Strong is a member of the Liberty Club, an organization of free thinkers who promote the "spread of liberty and freedom." About half of his club consists of students who consider themselves atheist.

Some students believe that the reason for the apparent lack of interest in secular student clubs is because many agnostics simply aren't passionate enough about their own beliefs.

"I'm not looking for an answer," said David Peters, freshman paramedic major who is agnostic. "It's not a priority for me. I wasn't pushed to believe, or pushed to not believe."

Strong agrees that his views are more personal than anything else. "I'm an individualist," Strong said. "I say, be yourself. Be who you are. I just think that [religion] can limit what you can do. Live life how you want to."

Students willing to learn more about how to start an SSA-affiliated secular club at Central can visit the SSA's Web site at www.secularstudents.org.

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Christian ambassador spreads God's word

by Kelly Requa
Staff reporter

Leaning forward with a cup of coffee in hand and a bag of homemade pumpkin cookies at his side, Matt Lundquist raises a question for the "cave-goers" circled around him. "Does what we believe bow to the nature of the world, or does it alter it?" Lundquist asked.

With one sentence, the couches outside Holmes Dining become more than just a place to eat lunch. It becomes "the cave," a place where students can ask questions about religion, philosophy or whatever topic they feel passionate about. The conversation quickly spirals out of control as ideas get sidetracked and Lundquist loses the battle of moderating the discussion. But that's okay, because to Lundquist, just having a conversation at all is a step in the right direction.

Lundquist is a Baptist minister who, for the past 19 years, has worked for Campus Ambassadors to be available to students when they have questions about faith. Lundquist can be found in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) on a daily basis, discussing and meeting with students on a personal level. "I challenge students to examine both the beliefs they may have been raised with or beliefs they're now confronted with in or out of the classroom," said Lundquist.

"A lot of times people don't think about spiritual things or their religious life," Lundquist said. "They're too busy, and something comes up, a crisis, problems in relationships or problems in the family - they start to ask the deeper questions."

Lundquist doesn't have a clock to punch or a quota to meet, and his work is not measured in dollars or hours spent on the job. His task is to meet and talk with students as an ambassador to the Christian faith.

Lundquist works at Central, but is not employed by the university. As a member of Campus Ambassadors, he is funded by a mission society called Mission Door. "A part of my personal mission statement is explaining and defending a Christian world view in an academic environment and training others to do the same," Lundquist said. "Contrary to popular belief, choosing your religion is not like deciding what kind of flavor ice cream you like best."

Lundquist has been described as a non-intrusive campus minister because of his subtle and respectful approach towards education and other topics about the Christian faith. "I've had enough people over the years who have thanked me for not trying to shove it down their throats," Lundquist said. "There must be someone out there who is trying to shove it down their throats, and most people don't like that method."

Lundquist doesn't stand on a soapbox or pass out pamphlets because he believes it's not very effective in an academic environment. "[Some evangelists] do a lot of things for shock value... It wouldn't be my chosen method but I'll give them credit that they manage to get people passionate, or angry," Lundquist said.

What he does is much more personal and casual. Students with an established faith can go to him for discussion, and he can bring along friends that have questions as well.

Lundquist hosts a discussion, called "the Cave," on Friday afternoons on the couches outside of Holmes Dining, where various students drop by to listen or raise questions. "It's hard to manufacture," Lundquist said. "You're invited or walk in, or you eavesdrop and join in."

"Cave-goers" talk about religion, philosophy or even random topics, such as the re- ality of chairs. "It's really fun to talk about these things," said Patrick O'Brien, senior history education major. "It's something of a lot of people don't do any more."

Mike Beck, intern for Campus Ambassadors and CWU Alumni, met Lundquist when he was a student. "I had all these big burning questions," Beck said. "I met Matt at the Tuesday book table and then was invited to the Cave. It was an interesting group because it was made of philosophy and religious studies people, the conversations were amazing."

With a sense of relaxed ease, Lundquist spends as much time listening as he does participating at Cave discussions, and occasionally he even finds himself as the lone minority on certain topics. "I like to invite people to ask as many questions and raise as many objections as they want to, and I try to deal with those in a friendly and rational way to help people better understand what the message is, so that at least if they reject the message, they reject an accurate presentation and not some stereotype or preconceived notions," Lundquist said.

For Lundquist, reaching out to college students is natural because college was a great time of influence in his own life. "It was my college years that I was most growing and involved," Lundquist said. "I enjoy working with college students because the idea of a university is a place where discussion happens and people are considering thoughts and opinions of others and evaluating those thoughts and opinions without being too judgmental, and without getting hostile or angry."

One common obstacle for Lundquist when reaching out to students is apathy. "I think the typical student probably cares more about partying and their social life than academics or spiritual development," Lundquist said. "The challenge is to get people at this age to start thinking long range or long term."

The success of Lundquist's work is not always tangible, but that doesn't stop him from making the walk to campus each morning and putting in the effort. "My definition of success has definitely changed over the years," Lundquist said. "I think when I was right out of seminary and real zealous I was out to change people's minds and to make converts. And I realized that that part of the job is really up to God to change people's hearts or minds, and that my job is just to be faithful as a witness - and that means having conversations."

A part of Lundquist's job is finding the funding to maintain his position. Lundquist gets support by finding individuals and churches that are willing to continually commit funding to Campus Ambassadors. Without donations, Lundquist wouldn't be able to continue his work.

"You know there's some-one that doesn't even know you who cares enough that you hear about Jesus or that you hear about the Bible and that message," Lundquist said. "That person basically contributes to my salary so that I can be here and spend my time with you. That's kind of unusual in the world." Alumni who have kept in touch with Lundquist over the years are also a large source of support for Lundquist and his mission.

"That's an emotional thing for me," Lundquist said. "They don't have any illusions about what I'm doing or not doing. They've been here and they've spent time with me and they believe in what I'm doing, and that's priceless. That gets me out of bed in the morning."
When they are seen kissing, while living in New York City. 

"The one reason that I did try out for Ms. Central was to make the difference, to show people we're here to educate," said Sparkle, sophomore theatre major. "We're here to make a difference and have us known."

Sparkle has been involved with drag since she performed in an amateur show at Central last spring and was invited to perform in the professional show later that evening.

"Stop Kiss" is about two young Lesbian lovers, brazen bigots, and an unexpected love story — these are some of the themes that make up this year's first major theatrical production of the CWU Theatre Department, "Stop Kiss."

"It's a beautiful story about accepting social change," said Anna Newbury, senior performing arts major, who plays Callie. "It's about the importance of being true to oneself."

For the actors, the plot goes back and forth between one end of the emotional spectrum to the other. "As an actress, I have to jump from extreme sadness to happy excited drunkenness," Newbury said.

Hubbard believes the story will have a positive impact on the audience. "I think the audience is going to find it a compelling and touching story," Hubbard said.

According to Emily Usher, senior performing arts major, who plays Sara, the play is controversial, but she thinks that the surprise of controversy won't impact the audience as much as the love story. "It's not just a fad show," Usher said. "I want people to come out with hope." Hubbard stresses that this subject should be presented to Central.

"This is an important play for campus and our community," Hubbard said. "I've never done anything like it."

According to Hubbard, "Stop Kiss" is the CWU theatre department's contribution to this year's Women's Suffrage Centennial Celebration. The play was selected in order to signify female empowerment, and because of its predominately female cast. "So often things are done to women and not about women," Hubbard said. "They become the object instead of the subject."

The music used in the production also relates to the plot subject, said Jimmy Dean Candella, junior soundboard operator for the production. "It's composed by musicians who have influenced the lesbian community," Candella said. "Despite the controversial nature of the play, Candella believes it will have a specific effect on its audience. "Acceptance," Candella said. "Accepting social changes but also accepting one's own desires."

"Stop Kiss" premieres on Friday at the Milo Smith Tower Theatre, and will continue through Saturday and Sunday, as well as next weekend.

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Iron Horse intros latest creation: Mocha Death

David Guzman
Duke, Duke, Duke, Duke of Ale

This week’s Exceptional Brew: Mocha Death by Ellensburg’s Iron Horse Brewery. Even though I’m expected
to give my opinion about beer each week, I often feel the
need to be objective and try to play the Devil’s Advocate
when I’m reviewing beer. It must be my journalistly side
or something.

But this week, I’m going to
dispens of my usual preten­sion and just tell you outright: I LOVE this beer.

I actually find myself craving
it. I hope this just means
I’m in love with this particular brew and that I’m not nec­
essarily a raging alcoholic.

The whole alcoholic lifestyle
seems a bit inconvenient.

The recipe for Mocha
Death is quite simple. Take
Quilter’s Irish Death (a light,
sweet, dark porter that the
Iron Horse Brewery lovingly
describes as “beer candy”)
and add liberal amounts of
espresso beans and pure co­
coa.

What you get is a chocolate
coffee bean in beer form.

I have to add a small dis­
claimer though: if you’re not
an espresso freak like I am,
you may not appreciate the
taste of this brew the same
way I do. If you enjoy coffee,
you’re going to be thrilled.
Espresso is the predominant
taste – it obliterates any sem­
biance of hops (the ingredient
that contributes to the “bitter­ness” of beer), and it tames
the maltiness of the original
Irish Death. The coffee after­
taste will not go away. Maybe
after you brush your teeth
three or four times.

Mocha Death doesn’t de­
serve to be chugged out of the
bottle. It needs to be poured
into a pint glass, so you can
not only see its sultry dark
complexion and head that
never goes away, but also so
you can smell the coffee. This
could be the strongest smell­
ing beer I’ve ever had.

This isn’t necessarily a beer
to be paired with food – it
should be enjoyed on its own.
However, the brewery insists
you pour Mocha Death over a
spoon of vanilla ice cream – an
idea that would make Satan
blush.

With a hefty awesomeness­
by-volume (ABV) at 7 per­
cent, I don’t think you have
to worry about a, uh, caffeine
buzz.

My only issue with the
beer: It is only available in a
22 oz. bottle in stores, and this
beer is practically a dessert. I
actually had trouble finishing
the bottle – a first for me. Usu­
ally I can finish beer I love.

Another issue: Don’t get
too hung up on it. Mocha
Death is a Beer Shoppe Anni­
versary Ale, a brew made spe­
cifically for the Beer Shoppe,
a popular vendor in Yakima.
In other words, it’s a Limited
Edition. As far as when the
beer will leave the shelves,
I’m not completely sure. But
in my own experience, as
soon as I profess my love for a
product, it disappears. I think
people follow me.

As soon as you finish read­
ing my column, go out and
buy eight bottles of this stuff,
if you like coffee, chocolate
and beer (all at the same time,
preferably). Maybe if Iron
Horse realizes how popular
it is, it will become an Unlim­
ited Edition beer.

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cha Death.

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Raw Space opens doors to Ellensburg tunes

by Lindsy Wheaddon
Staff reporter

A new performing arts venue has made its home in Ellensburg.

Raw Space is the newest music venue in town, offering quality performances to students and the community.

"There will be top-notch performances by locals and by people who play all over the world," said Don Hines, Raw Space owner. "We're hoping it becomes a regular spot in the community as well as for people who travel nationally east and west."

Raw Space offers a new local spot for students, as well as a designated place for musicians to perform their talents.

"Performing is everything," said Travis Yost, booking and consulting representative and drummer from the bands Star Anna and the Laughing Dogs. "It's where most of any artists can express themselves and it's an important part of Raw Space that will help the local scene flourish."

Raw Space's arrival comes at an opportune time.

"The music scene in Ellensburg has fluctuated over the years and has recently been real dry," Yost said. "This place has been a blessing, both locally and regionally."

Hines also agrees that it has been a while since a venue like this has been available to the community.

"I've been hanging around for a long time and I was surprised that there wasn't a music venue here," Hines said.

According to Hines, the plan to create a new music venue dates back to roughly three years ago. This project was loosely based on Seattle music venue, the Vera Project, which brings "something for everybody," Hines said.

The venue is a designated space for the arts and the community, with an array of different events that Hines says will develop in time.

"We hope that it's a meeting space for lots of different things and it's viewed as a commons for the community," Hines said. "We've got this space where people can connect on a level playing field and we've got the facilities - a large space, food, a stage and the Internet."

Yost said that the construction and growth of Raw Space is unique, with a policy to simply "let it evolve."

While there are no distinct plans in the direction of it, that's how Hines intended.

"The whole project is an organic process. There is no master plan to be carried out," Hines said.

Soon after the opening of Raw Space will be Bertine's Café, also owned by Hines and co-owner of Raw Space, Dean DeCrease.

According to DeCrease, Bertine's is an integration of the culinary arts and will economically benefit Ellensburg.

"We're interested in supporting the local businesses and keeping the money in or around Ellensburg," DeCrease said.

Bertine's will be a basic element café that serves coffee, loose leaf tea, beer and wine. Artisan meats and cheeses will be incorporated into the menu, which will be based from organic ingredients and handmade food products.

One anticipated favorite in progress will be Bertine's authentic pizza, which has "something a little different [than normal pizzas]," DeCrease said.

While Raw Space and Bertine's Café are two separate businesses, both collaborate in bringing something fresh downtown.

"We're focusing in on these two spaces and the general enhancement of the downtown," DeCrease said.

Raw Space will open its doors for a two-day grand opening event on Friday and Saturday. A total of ten bands are scheduled to perform throughout both days. Friday's event is free of charge and $5 tickets for Saturday are available for purchase online or at the door.

Raw Space is located on 119 E. Fourth Ave. For more information about Raw Space or Bertine's Café check their Web site at http://raw-space.net.

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Raw Space opening weekend

Friday, Nov. 6 - Open to all ages, free of charge, with performances by: Better Day, Lenny Price, Skinny People Kissing, Brandon and Hannah

Saturday, Nov. 7 - $5 admittance online or at the door, first come first serve basis, with performances by: Open Country Joy, Star Anna and The Laughing Dogs, Red Means Go, Mark Pickerel, Gin Betty! and Sarlacc
Volleyball takes the win in fourth set

by Elizabeth DeVos
Staff reporter

Two of the nation’s top defensive volleyball teams played at Central’s Nicholson Pavilion on Saturday Oct. 31. Those two teams were Central Washington University and Northwest Nazarene University (NNU).

Both teams have nationally ranked liberos, Central’s own Brandie Vea, junior, is ranked number one in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) and second in the nation for digs per set. NNU’s Hayley Hevern is ranked tenth in the nation.

Central was defeated in the first set 25-18. “The [Wildcats] played with a lot of energy,” said Erin Norris, senior right side hitter. “We just had to focus on our side of the court.”

In the second set the Wildcats turned it around. After being down 10-3, Wildcat Jalisa Bullock, junior middle blocker, came into the match to score two points while serving.

“I usually don’t serve,” Bullock said. “My adrenaline was up which added to the excitement.”

The Wildcats scratched their way back to tie the score at 13-13 and eventually took a 22-21 lead. Marcy Hjellum, junior outside hitter, had the final kill for the Wildcats, which helped win the second set 25-23 and tying the match at one set apiece. The Wildcats never trailed in the third set, which they went on to win 25-15.

At the start of the fourth set it was unclear who would seal the win; the two teams went back and forth for the lead. The Crusaders had a rough run, at one point they were down 18-9 and were unable to recover. Central went on to win the set 25-16, taking the match in four sets.

Saturday’s game was a big win for the Wildcats, as they snapped a two game losing streak. “One of the biggest wins for us,” said Head Coach Mario Andaya.

The team had one focus throughout the match, teamwork. Over the past week the team had been working on playing better together. “We prepared a lot for this match and we executed what we had practiced,” said Kady Try, junior outside hitter.

The match wasn’t big on just the score board, but in the record book as well. Norris now holds the ninth place school record for kills. Teammate Try is just one of 11 players in school history to have more than 800 career kills. Vea reached 500 digs for the season, last year she had 626.

Hjellum lead the Wildcats with 18 points. Hjellum and Try tied for the match high with 16 kills each. Hjellum was just two digs behind Vea, who had 24.

Carlee Marble, sophomore setter, lead the Wildcats with three service aces.

The team was relieved to win against the Crusaders. “I’m on cloud nine right now,” Vea said. “We struggled last week. We worked a lot on team bonding during practice and we proved we’re a great team.”

Central hits the road for their final away game of the season today against Seattle Pacific University. Saturday the Wildcats start their last three matches at home.
Athletes focus on fellowship and fitness

by Kevin Proctor
Staff reporter

Since 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) has been using athletics to spread the word of Jesus Christ to thousands of athletes all over the world. Professional athletes such as Matt Hasselbeck and former Indianapolis Head Coach Tony Dungy are just a few of the big names associated with the foundation.

As the largest Christian campus ministry in the world, FCA is a nationwide organization that has stretched over 7,000 campuses, reaching more than 46,000 students athletes and coaches across the globe.

It encourages me to be the best person I can be.

Antonio Mcimore
President of FCA

At Central, FCA has been a fixture for some time now, but had lost some momentum in recent years. Two and a half years ago, FCA was in full swing again at Central, due in large part to Mary Seidler, former vice president of FCA. What started as a group of ten people, has now grown to 45 members strong.

"For me FCA is more than just a club, it’s a family," Seidler said. "It’s nice to know that there are people your age that are willing to pray for you."

Staff reporter

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Athletes dig rituals

Volleyball digs rituals

by Elizabeth DeVos
Staff reporter

Sports teams all have their own pre-game rituals other than just warming up. If you’ve ever been to a Wildcat volleyball game, you’ve heard the team start chanting, "Cats!" just moments before the match starts.

The team doesn’t just chant "Cats!" for the fun of it. Before a game starts, the girls stand in a circle near the entrance to the gym and go around the circle saying one word to help them through the game. After each girl says her chosen word the team says "Cats!" until they have gone around the circle.

Sports teams have superstitions about rituals from socks that never get worn to the team saying "Cats!" until they have gone around the circle.

Meetings are held in Michelson 126 on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., and the doors are open to all who may be interested.

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Central student cycles a 4,050-mile journey

by Elizabeth DeVos
Staff reporter

Kurt McCanes spent three months cycling across Europe, going down the West Coast and around Europe during the summer, with everything he needed attached to his bike.

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Football secures GNAC title

Adam Bighill lays out a St. Martins player for the tackle.

There were some definite tricks and treats going on this Halloween for the Wildcats. Central's football team won yet another game, this time towering over Dixie State 23-9, bringing their record to 10-0 overall and 5-0 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference play.

"There is lot's riding on this game," said Head Coach Blaine Bennett prior to the game. "If we win this game it will solidify us a spot at nationals."

With a trip to Nationals on their minds, the boys came out fighting as usual. Although the 'Cats did not score on their first possession, Buddy Wood, senior linebacker, was able to recover a fumbled punt return. Senior running back Randall Eldridge then carried the ball three consecutive times, including a 5-yard score that put Central on the board in the first quarter.

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Rugby ranked number five in nation

by Katharine Lotze
Staff reporter

Central's varsity sports, like football and volleyball, are classified as Division II competitors. However, the Wildcat's men's rugby team is not.

Central's rugby team is not a Division I team, yet they regularly play teams such as the University of Washington, Washington State, University of Oregon and Oregon State. Just last weekend, men's rugby took on the University of Oregon, beating them 53-7.

Rugby has its roots in soccer, and gets its name from the Rugby Academy, where it was created.

"It came from a bunch of guys playing soccer, who made up a bunch of ways to carry the ball and tackle people," said Kellan Gordon, senior religious studies and philosophy major.

American football originally came from rugby, and the two sports share many similarities. Rugby and football both use the term "touchdown," and both use a seven-point standard to score.

However, "touchdowns" in rugby are worth five points, and a player must literally touch the ball to the ground in the opposing team's end zone to score. The ball, unlike football, can only move backwards unless kicked forwards. Like soccer, the rugby clock never stops, and players must endure two very physically demanding 40-minute halves.

Like the athleticism of soccer and the physicality of football and stick them together," Gordon said.

Central's rugby program is technically a collegiate sport club because, "and players don't see it that way. Because they are a club, they don't turn anyone away from the team. To accommodate everyone who is interested in rugby, the Wildcats divide the team into two teams: A side and B side.

Each side has 22 players, with 15 starters and seven reserve players. Spectators are guaranteed to see action from every player: all 52 turnout get playing time in the B side game.

"The B side is for the up-and-coming players," Gordon said.

His teammate, Matt Lobe, junior exercise science major, agrees. "It's a way to build our program," he said.

For the last two years, the men's rugby team has been crowned league champions, rising above bigger Division I schools for the title. The team has high hopes of reaching at least the Sweet 16 round of nationals. Hopes that should not go unanswered.

The team is still undefeated, and just moved to being ranked fifth in the nation. There are two main sites responsible for national collegiate rugby rankings, americanrugbynews.com, which team members report as having an East Coast bias, and rugbymag.com, which is reported as being inclined to the West Coast.

"There's always a chance," said Aaron Lee, president of the Rugby Club, of the team's chances of winning nationals. "We have a really good chance of making it."

Being ranked nationally comes with a price: injuries, and lots of them. Each match, at least one member of the team is injured. It isn't in the nature of rugby to wear pads, so there have been an abundance of injuries on the team. However, a large majority of those injuries are minor. The team doesn't let injuries get in their way of their hopes for a national title. Gordon reported that the last match he tore all of the cartilage from his ribcage, but he's glad that it's not broken so he can play.

"They're nothing you can't play on. We're not the type to sit out a game for a broken finger or a 'turf toe,' unless you're in a cast," Lobe said.

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Once McCanles got over the first few days of being on his own he rode his bike through Germany following the Danube River, Slovakia, Hungary, then back through the two countries before hitting Austria, Czech Republic and ending in Prague where he boarded a plane to return home.

McCanles spent a little bit of time hiking the Alps while in Switzerland and Austria.

"I had a lot of stuff with me," McCanles said. "I had everything I needed from a tarp, sleeping bag, cooking equipment, enough clothes for three months, all the parts and tools I would need for my bike, water containers, journals and my 2004 Trek 1200 bike."

"I went into a repair shop and said I had a flat and the guy just kind of looked at me," McCanles said. "I didn't know in Europe a flat is an apartment and a puncture is a flat tire."

Besides biking, McCanles spent a lot of time documenting his trip in journals.

"I filled up three journals and started on my fourth one," McCanles said. "Europe's bike trails are incredibly well developed compared to here where they are less developed." McCanles said. "Drivers are more conscious about bikers; I never had any problems except for the tour busses in Slovakia."

McCanles learned more than he ever had about himself while on his tour. He also put 4,050 miles on his bike this summer making the total mileage on his bike to 16,000 miles.
Soccer defeats number six Seattle Pacific

by Jamie Marble
Staff reporter

The Wildcats came out strong in their final home game of the 2009 season, defeating sixth-ranked Seattle Pacific by a score of 3-1. Saturday Oct. 31 was Senior Day for the Wildcat women's soccer team and seniors Monique Cornier, Jessica Andrews and Amber Easterbrook were all honored prior to the start of the match. Cornier, a forward, has played the past three years for Central and scored all three of her career goals this season. Andrews, a defender, helped Central to a 0.96 goals-against average last season, which is the best the program has seen in ten years. Easterbrook, a four year starter at goalkeeper, owns four goal keeping records and is currently ranked fifth in GNAC history for career shutouts in goal. All three seniors will be named to the GNAC Academic All-Conference team this year. When Easterbrook was asked how it felt to play her final home game and beat one of the best teams that they have faced she said, "It is bittersweet, but to beat a team that we have never beat in my four years is pretty amazing." Central improved to 4-5-1 in conference play and 7-9-1 overall.

The Wildcats got on the board within the first three minutes of the first half as Amy Pate, sophomore forward, scored the first goal of the game with an assist from Cornier. It was Pate's second goal of the season. Pate scored another goal in the second half when Kaycie Hutchins, junior forward, teamed up for an assist with Cornier, giving Pate a clear shot on the Falcon's net giving Central a 2-0 lead. Pate wasn't sure if she would even be able to play. She had been sick the night before, however that didn't seem to stop her.

"Everything just worked out the way it was supposed to," Pate said.

Central added their final goal of the match in minute 75 of the second half as Serena Tomaso, sophomore forward, ripped off three shots on goal within five seconds. Her first shot hit the crossbar and bounced back to her. Tomaso's second shot was saved by Seattle Pacific University (SPU) goalie Maddie Dickinson and again the ball bounced back to Tomaso; this time she found the back of the goal to give the Wildcats a 3-0 lead.

Easterbrook's attempt at her 21st shutout came up short as SPU was able to scratch their way onto the scoreboard with a late goal in the 81st minute of the match. Central outshot SPU 19-11, with ten shots on goal. The Wildcats also played a very physical game against the defending national champs, committing 24 fouls while the Falcons had just nine.

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I saw a very disturbing highlight this weekend, and I can't get the image out of my head. During the University of Florida's blowout of the Georgia Bulldogs, Gator linebacker Brandon Spikes did one of the dirtiest, most foul things I have ever witnessed. At the end of a tackle, he reached into the face mask of Georgia's running back Washaun Ealey and tried to gouge his eyes. I understand that the game of football can be mean and dirty, but trying to stick your fingers in the eye sockets of your opponent is just plain evil. I know if I were in the middle of a pile I would probably have put my fair share of gut shots and spit in the faces of opposing players who were playing bad about it, but I could never do what Spikes did.

I think what bothered me the most about this whole situation is what the coaching staff and the Southeastern Conference (SEC) agreed upon as a fitting punishment for Spikes' actions. They suspended Spikes for the first half of next Saturday's game against Vanderbilt. Just a half! What is he going to learn from that? I understand the coaches choosing not to have their best defender out for a considerable amount of time, but I have no idea how this punishment is okay with the SEC.

Oregon running back LaGarrette Blount initially got suspended for the rest of the season for punching a Boise State player in the face after a game. I cannot comprehend how punching someone in the face is that much more punishable than what Spikes did.

Spikes issued an apology to Ealey and his coaches saying that his emotions got the best of him, but I didn’t buy any of the garbage coming out of his mouth. If he was truly sorry for what he had done, he would have apologized to Ealey after the game or even the next day. I think Spikes was sorry he got caught and felt guilty. I do not think he is genuinely apologetic for trying to physically harm Ealey.

If you can’t play a sport without getting so emotional that you lose all understanding of what is permissible, then you need to stop playing. I think there is a big difference between being overly aggressive and what Spikes did. Aaron Curry of the Seattle Seahawks is a player I would consider to be overly aggressive. Seahawks Head Coach Jim Mora said, “Curry isn’t a dirty player, he is just violent and nasty.”

Also, Ray Lewis is one of the most emotional players the NFL has ever seen and he plays the game the way it should be played. He will yell at you and tell you all the nasty things he did to your mother the night before and then hit you harder than anyone else in the league. I think the NCAA and all of its conferences need to start making examples out of players like Brandon Spikes, or they are just going to start running into the same problems in the future.

The way Packer Nation treated Brett Favre in his return to Lambeau Field was downright wrong. I’ll admit I was among the many people begging Favre to retire for the past three seasons. But when he didn’t, I wished him only the best. After all, he is one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever play the game, and a true sports fan can’t help but appreciate his raw ability as a field general.

We all know the split between Favre and the Packers was anything but a fairy tale ending. But Green Bay took it too far by welcoming Favre back with a chorus of boos, vicious signs, hateful T-shirts, and even a banner traling an airplane that read, “Retire 4 Good.”

Is this the way you welcome back a legend who led your team to two Super Bowls? Maybe Packers fans are just too way too hardcore for me, but I think they could learn a lot from Seattle’s sports fans.

When Gary Payton returned to Seattle in 2004 as a member of the Lakers, he received a standing ovation that lasted over a minute, and was cheered with each shot he made. And who could forget how the “Kid” was treated when he came back to Safeco Field with the Cincinnati Reds? Seattle fans cheered a hundred times louder for Junior than they ever had for the Mariners during the nine years he was gone.

Once the two of them came back, nobody seemed to remember how they both demanded to be traded out of Seattle.

Griffey and Payton never managed to bring a long-awaited championship back to Seattle. Griffey led the M’s to their first-ever playoff appearance in ’95, and Safeco Field is nicknamed “The House that Junior Built.” Payton guided the Supes to the NBA Finals in 1996, but couldn’t finish the deal.

These Seattle icons accomplished a lot in Seattle, but not as much as Favre did in Green Bay.

In Favre’s 16 seasons with the Packers, he won a Super Bowl, earned three MVP awards, and set all but two of the team’s all-time passing records.

Favre, “The Glove” and Griffey are all iconic figures. The contributions they brought to their respective franchises are immeasurable. Seattle fans know this. Green Bay fans don’t seem to.

I truly feel bad for Brett Favre. He never demanded a trade or said he hated Green Bay. He simply didn’t know if he was ready to give up the game he loved, and when he was ready to come back, the Packers had already filled his shoes with Aaron Rodgers. The Jets came calling, and Favre decided he wasn’t ready done yet. Now in Minnesota, it’s obvious he’s still got the talent; just look at the Vikings’ 7-1 record heading into the bye week.

If Favre plays-out the final year of his contract, he’ll make one more trip to Lambeau during the regular season next year. This may be the last chance for the Packers’ fans to redeem themselves and show Number 4 what he really meant to them.

Until then, I’d say they’re just a bunch of haters.

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