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VETERANS ON CAMPUS

STUDENT VETERANS RETURN
CWU veterans share their struggles acclimatizing to student life after Iraq.

NOTES FROM AFGHANISTAN
A day in the life of CWU alum 1st Lt. Christopher Franco, First Stryker Brigade.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS
CWU's Veteran's office re-opens today.

INAUGURATION
Gaudino officially takes office.

STORIES FOR SUDAN
Students write to benefit 120,000 Sudanese.

FOOTBALL NO. 1
Wildcats take Division II's top spot.

HONORING MAJOR GLASS
Students remember Asst. Professor of Military Science and Executive Officer Major George Glass.
Veteran’s Affairs moves to new location

Office available to assist vets; only one of two centers in WA state

by Katie Reese
Staff reporter

The Veteran’s Affairs Office (VAO) has been moved from Mitchell Hall to the Psychology Building and renamed the Veteran’s Services Office (VSO) in order to better serve the veteran students of Central Washington University. In addition to helping veterans with their GI Bill and other benefits, the new center will help veterans adjust to college life and serve as a support system for them and their families. It’s designed to be a resource center where they can receive help with any issues they may have. “It’s an opportunity for them to have a place to call home,” said Susie Beador, Veterans Services manager.

“They’re willing to serve and invest time and energy to vets,” said Keith James, ASCWU-BOD president and National Guard member. “We’re willing to serve and invest their time and energy to vets,” said James. “They’ve carved out a piece of their institution to assist them.”

James said he hopes the center will help them adjust back to college life more easily. “It’s designed to be a resource center where they can receive help with any issue they may have. “It’s an opportunity for them to have a place to call home,” said Susie Beador, Veterans Services manager.

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The Veteran’s Affairs Office, which was located in Mitchell Hall, helped to deal with compliance for the GI Bill and other benefits. “When people think of Veterans, they think of the GI Bill portion,” James said. “They’ve carved out a place of their institution to assist them.”

The VSO is located in the Psychology Building in room 463. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held today in the Psychology Building, room 463.

Approximately a year and a half ago, Registrar Tracy Terrell requested a grant to fund the VSO but was turned down. In the end, Terrell decided to move her self-support money around to be able to fund the new center.

The grand opening of the VSO will be held today in the Psychology Building, room 463. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. and the open house will continue for most of the afternoon.

“This is still the business aspect, but it’s also more of an outreach.”

Pete Los/OBSERVER

Veteran Services manager Susie Beador assists specialist Justin Howard in preparing to begin classes for winter quarter. Howard served 12 months in Djibouti Province, Iraq, with the 1st 25th S.B.C.T. (Stryker Brigade Combat Team).

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“After returning from his field combat period, a combat brigade that went all over Iraq. For the final portion of his tour he worked at a field combat hospital. James believes that the university helped him transition after he returned from deployment.

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This way. By creating a solid veteran’s affairs office, James said it shows the school cares about its veterans. “They’re willing to serve and invest their time and energy to vets,” James said. “They’ve carved out a piece of their institution to assist them.”

James said he hopes the center will help them adjust back to college life more easily. “I hope [veterans] get the assistance they need to have a fulfilling college life,” James said. “You want to do for them what you want for any college student and that is for them to feel appreciated.”

The VSO is located in the Psychology Building in room 463 and is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on the VSO call 509-93-3028.
Mixed results at the polls
Domestic and elderly partners gain similar rights to married couples

by Luna Treiber
Staff reporter

Last Friday, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance-Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Straight Alliance (GALA-GLBTSA) of Central Washington University held a candlelight vigil in honor of the approval of Referendum 71 and to recognize the efforts made to make it happen.

"It appears that Washington has become the first state in the country to affirm near equal rights for its lesbian and gay citizens," said Jen Ham, Central graduate and phone bank worker for the referendum. "And so I think it is appropriate that we breathe a sigh of relief, both because we won and because we won in spite of the odds against us."

Referendum 71 was an effort initiated by the Washington Values Alliance to overturn Senate Bill 5688, which was signed in 2007 by Gov. Christine Gregoire. While this bill does not grant marriage itself, it does grant state registered domestic partners and couples with one person over the age of 62 the same rights granted to married couples. Included are visitation rights in a health care facility, employee health care benefits and power of attorney.

"I actually cried, the stress fell off me," said Tiff Caravelli, president of GALA-GLBTSA upon finding out the results. "It was a huge, huge victory. I feel like my civil rights are being seen as equal to everyone else's."

Despite the approval of Referendum 71, there is still a lot of opposition.

"As a Republican, I was disappointed by the vote, but respect the people of Washington state," said Kayla Carbon, president of the College Republicans through an email. "We will continue to endorse the traditional family values and the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman. People have the right to live as they choose, but do not have a right to define marriage for all of us."

Caravelli and Ham credit their straight allies for their support.

"We are so fortunate to have such folks on our side, who were willing to dedicate their time to safeguard our rights when they did not have to," Ham said. "They understood that inaction would lead to certain defeat, and so committed to the principles of liberty and justice, they worked on our behalf to secure our freedoms."

Even though there is still a lot of work to be done, just the fact that the referendum was approved is a step in the right direction to Caravelli.

"People are starting to wake up and understand that equality is about a person and not anything else," Caravelli said.

Approval of Referendum 71 mainly stopped at the Cascades. Kittitas county was among the many counties to reject it with 56 percent voting no and 44 percent voting yes.

Initiative to limit government spending and reduce property taxes fails

by Luna Treiber
Staff reporter

Initiative 1033 was defeated at the polls last week due to concerns by opponents that it could reduce public service at all governmental levels.

"Because of the economic situation, people see the government as more useful to them [and realize we can't afford less government spending]," said Todd Schaefer, associate professor of political science.

This initiative would have limited the annual growth of fund revenue from state, county and city sources to the rate of inflation and population growth.

Any revenues that exceed the limit would go to reduce property tax levies. "Initiative 1033 was an attempt to rein in the over expansion of government," said Kayla Carbon, head of the College Republicans, which had lobbied for the initiative. "During these tough economic times the expansion of government is an irresponsible attempt to cure the economy.

Schaefer said he is relieved that the initiative did not pass.

He credits the opponents who got information out to the public just before ballots were due.

Opponent's arguments center around the effects the cap on revenue could have on education, health services and police services. Supporters viewed it as a possible solution to current state budget woes.

There were mixed results on both sides of the mountains. Kittitas County was almost even in the number of votes, 49.7 percent for and 50.3 percent against.
New president speaks of financial challenges, his new role

James Gaudino had been up late reading policy books. He was in his sweatshirt and running shoes on Central’s north end when he saw a light flicker on in one of the residence halls. The experience, he recalled, helped release the anxiousness he felt about his new position as President of Central.

“I realized that my responsibility is to the student who turned on that light,” Gaudino said. “I am responsible for their education... their safety and well-being... my job is simply to enable them to do their job.”

Gaudino made these remarks at his inauguration last Friday, when he was instated as Central Washington University’s 14th president. The ceremony in McConnell Auditorium also honored three former university presidents, including Gaudino’s predecessor, Jerelyn McIntyre.

Before the ceremony, there was a luncheon for those who paid $10 followed by a procession down Chestnut Mall to the ceremony. During the walk, Gaudino chatted with students, faculty, and staff. Approximately 300 attended the ceremony, which costs roughly $12,000, according to inaugural committee chair Judy Miller.

During his presidency, Gaudino plans to focus on student success and retention rates, stronger communication with the Ellensburg community and maintaining a clear vision for the university.

“Students gain a first impression of Central from its facilities,” Gaudino said. “But the reason they coalesce around the university is because of the experience.”

His inaugural address outlined the work being done at Central in addition to the financial challenges it faces.

“I believe we are working our way through this budget, but we are not out of the woods yet,” he said. “...no one could predict the sinking ship.”

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Board of Trustee Chairman Sid Morrison, who instated the new president, joked how “...no one could predict the sinking ship.”

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Board of Trustee Chairman Sid Morrison, who instated the new president, joked how the search process he was tempted to ask Gaudino to “please bring money.”

As he handed Gaudino the medallion, he asked the new president to carry it with him into the next legislative session.

Keith James, president of the Associated Students of Central Washington University-Board of Directors said Gaudino had inherited “great faculty and staff as your support system.”

Speakers at the ceremony included Nancy Lillquist, mayor of Ellensburg; Jesus Hernandez, chair of the Higher Education Coordinating Board; Ron Sims Central alumni and deputy secretary of the Interior; Keith James, president of the College of Continuing Education and Urban Development; and Timothy L. Chandler, associate provost at Kent State University.

Chandler knew Gaudino when he was the dean of the College of Communication and Information at Kent State. He said Gaudino was a good leader and family man.

As Gaudino came into office, he traveled heavily back and forth to Olympia during the legislative session and then held forums on the matter that were open to the campus and the community.

Eventually, CWU was handed a $36.9 million cut, though the university is not actually absorbing that much, according to inaugural committee chair Judy Miller.

“I think most of Gaudino’s job is off-campus dealing with legislators, donors,” said Bob Hickey, president of the Faculty Union. “...how we’re doing on the budget I don’t know ... I think the data’s there but he’s having trouble getting it.”

Gaudino will use his new presidency to tackle the upcoming supplemental budget session in Olympia. He attended a legislative forum with representatives from Washington’s 13th district on Tuesday.

President looks at visioning exercise report

by Kevin Opsahl
Asst. news editor

Central Washington University President James Gaudino wants to hear from faculty, staff and students about their vision for the university.

Gaudino met with the committee that is heading the project a few weeks ago to see their initial report. There is no official word on when the final report will be available, he said.

“It was a good report,” Gaudino said. “A few things surprised me, but the results overall, have been consistent with my vision for the university.”

People are asked to write a paragraph that describes Central’s vision and another that describes the core values of Central.

The visioning project, which began in the summer, is a companion to the president’s inaugural address last week, where he outlined his vision and accomplishments. Gaudino said it is not uncommon for presidents to start with a visioning exercise during the planning process.

Central Washington University is engaged in an exercise to envision its future, an exercise that will form the basis for planning for the next several years,” Gaudino said in an earlier statement to the campus community.

“This is not the first time we’ve done this work, and it’s unlikely to be the last … I am interested in hearing how you personally visualize CWU’s future individually and in the larger context of higher education in the state and nation.”

Gaudino said he has noticed people going to check the questions posted on the page.

Horn said she encourages students to participate because it is a survey that “actually matters” and whose responses will actually be looked at by the president himself.

“We are making this page grow by having these questions posted on the page,” Horn said. “Would be nice if people want to check the questions there so they can write their responses.”

The exercise will continue into winter quarter.

To get started on the exercise, visit http://www.cwu.edu/president/visioning/individualPara­graph.html or visit www.facebook.com and search for CWU President’s Visioning Exercise.
Protecting our country
A glimpse into America’s five unique military branches

by Anthony James
Staff reporter

The United States boasts one of the largest armed forces in the world, and with five branches performing different tasks, it is also one of the most varied.

The U.S. armed forces are made up of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. All but the Coast Guard are overseen by the Department of Defense. The Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security. Nearly 1.46 million active duty men and women serve in the five branches, the largest of which is the Army.

ARMY

With more than a third of the total active duty personnel in the armed forces, the Army provides support both on the ground and in the air. Responsibilities range from humanitarian relief and drug enforcement measures, to strategic attacks and large-scale combat. More than 549,000 men and women make up the active duty soldiers in the Army.

New recruits attend nine weeks of basic training, plus several more weeks of advanced training in a particular field, such as infantry, quartermaster and transportation.

NAVY

The Navy, with 331,612 troops, is responsible for sea operations and transporting troops and material overseas. Within the Navy are four branches: the surface fleet, the submarine fleet, the air wing and shore support.

The surface fleet entails ships that carry troops and supplies as well as aircraft. The submarine fleet, also known as the silent fleet, is designed to stealthily bring down enemy targets on the seas. The air wing supports both the surface and submarine fleets, but also troops on the ground in bombing missions. Shore support sustains the rest of the navy with supplies.

After joining the Navy, recruits attend eight weeks of boot camp, followed by several more weeks of “A” school, where advanced training is given.

MARINES

The Marines are often viewed as the elite group of men and women in uniform. With a force of 203,557, the Marines are the smallest branch of the armed forces, but possibly the best trained.

A recruit will go through 12 weeks of basic training – the longest in the military.

The Marine Corps ground teams are often the first into combat and the last out. The Marine aviation and logistics wings support the ground missions.

AIR FORCE

The 333,423 men and women of the Air Force primarily fly aircraft to transport troops and supplies, but the Air Force is also involved with construction and technical support on the ground.

The Air Force flies aircraft of all sizes, from unmanned surveillance aircraft to large planes handling hundreds of men, women and equipment.

COAST GUARD

The role of the Coast Guard has changed significantly since the Sept. 11 attacks. As part of the Department of Homeland Security during peacetime and the Defense Department during wartime, the Coast Guard’s duties can vary greatly.

The Coast Guard is tasked with protecting U.S. ports and coastline, preventing drug transport and aiding navigation. The Coast Guard has 41,938 men and women.

RECRUITING

Recruiters throughout the nation sign up citizens to serve in the armed forces. Each branch has different requirements, but in general, potential recruits must be between the ages of 17 and 27 (varies with each branch), a U.S. citizen, and a high school graduate with a clean criminal record.

Ryan Dykes has served in the Army since 2005, when he was a sophomore at Central and an Army recruiter came to campus during a career fair. Dykes said his recruiter worked with him to find an Army career that fit best.

“I pretty much joined out of boredom,” Dykes said, adding he was uninterested in college and wanted to experience something new. “It’s probably the best thing that ever happened to me. I love it.”

After enlisting to become a combat medic, Dykes went to basic training in August 2005 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. For the first three weeks, Dykes said, were the hardest. Recruits had no rights and were subject to strenuous physical training in the humid Missouri summer heat. Rights were earned as the weeks went on.

Dykes then attended 16 weeks of advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. After serving an eight-month tour in Iraq in 2006, Dykes transferred to Fort Carson, Colo., where he learned about the Green to Gold Scholarship. The scholarship pays for soldiers to return to school and complete an ROTC program. Dykes, an Oklahoma native, chose Central because of the personal attention given by commanders on campus.

Dykes will graduate in December and become a second lieutenant. He will serve at least another eight years in the Army.
House passes health care bill

The $1.2 trillion bill to cover 96 percent of U.S.

by Anthony James
Staff reporter

After months of debate, Congress is moving closer to passing a massive bill to reform the American health care system, the effects of which students may feel for years.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, the House of Representatives narrowly passed H.R. 3962, the Affordable Health care for America Act, by a vote of 220-215. The 1,990-page bill is estimated to cost $1.2 trillion over 10 years and cover an estimated 96 percent of Americans.

If approved by the Senate and signed by President Obama, the bill would mark one of the largest expansions in government since Medicare was created in 1965. Numerous amendments were proposed Saturday, including one by House Minority Leader John Boehner, which would have amended most of the sections of the bill dealing with insurance. The Boehner measure failed to pass.

Representatives did pass an amendment banning publicly funded abortions except in the cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother’s life. Provisions of the bill include a public option becoming available in 2013; semifines for individuals who remain uninsured and businesses with payrolls more than $500,000 who do not provide insurance; expanding Medicaid coverage for the poor, eliminating denial of coverage due to pre-existing conditions and banning higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions and gender.

To pay for the bill, Medicare spending was cut by more than $400 billion over 10 years and there will be an income tax surcharge to individuals earning more than $500,000 a year and families earning more than $1 million a year. The surcharge is expected to raise $460 billion over 10 years. Additional taxes will be levied on medical device makers and contributions will be limited to flexible spending accounts to pay for the costs.

Washington’s House delegation had a nearly split vote. Voting yes, were Democrat Reps. Jay Inslee, Norm Dicks, Rick Larsen, Adam Smith and Jim McDermott. Voting no, were Republican Reps. Doc Hastings, Cathy McMorris-Rodgers, Dave Reichert and Democrat Rep. Brian Baird.

Millions of Americans struggle to pay for health care and according to the U.S. Census Bureau, an estimated 47 million Americans lack health insurance. At Central, students taking more than six credits may enroll in a school-sponsored insurance plan, but yearly individual premiums cost at least $1,094.

Students have mixed opinions on the time spent debating health care reform, but agree reform is needed. “We do need to reform, but since we are a republic, we need to lengthen the debate,” said John Koffman, sophomore information technology major.

Koffman said he has concerns about the cost of reform. “I do think Canada’s way of health care will work in the U.S.,” said Danyelle Mokros, freshman journalism major. “It’s too good to be true.”

The House bill now moves to the Senate, where Democrats hold a 58-40 advantage, but many senators, including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, has said the bill may not come to a vote before the end of the year. One of the two Senate independents, Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, has said he will vote against a bill with a public option. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said the bill is “dead on arrival.”

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Monday, Nov. 16

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Tuesday, Nov. 17

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Wednesday, Nov. 18

Snow and Rain

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**ROTC offers students the skills for success and leadership**

by Daysi Calavia-Lopez

By Thursday they wear uniforms and walk around school ready to let all the other students on campus know who they are. Where are they going?

They're at the Central Washington University's Reserve Officer Training Corps. Also known as the ROTC cadets.

"It's a blessing for cadets to be able to wear the uniform on campus," said First Lieutenant John Landon, Army ROTC Assistant Professor of military sciences.

"Other schools like Seattle University, have strong opposition to the military and military programs, in those schools it's not as accepted to wear a uniform.

Landon said, that while some might believe students are recruited into the program, that is often not the case.

"We don't talk anymore into joining," Landon said. "If a student is hesitant or undecided that doesn't change. We want to make sure to speak with the prospective cadet and ask them why they would like to wear a uniform and become an Army officer.

Landon reminds students to consider the options between the different branches of the armed forces.

CWU also offers Air Force, or AT-ROTC.

"My dad was an Army officer so I want to be one too," Landon said. "That doesn't make the grade around here. We are looking for a student to make the best personal choice possible.

Interested students should make an appointment with a military sciences professor, or speak to a ROTC cadet on campus and provide contact information.

Freshmen and sophomores entering the program dedicate three days a week to taking introductory military history courses and a lab. The lab day includes field exercises on campus, land navigation, map reading and evacuating casualties drills. Juniors and seniors experience more intense leadership training and dedicate four days a week to the program, aside from the lab. The summer before their senior year of college, cadets go through a Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC) at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Army ROTC cadets are met there for a 30-day program where their abilities in different dimensions will be measured.

Some of the areas in which cadets are judged include: leadership ability, problem solving, logical ability and squad leadership.

"Some of the highest scoring cadets in the country in the last four years have come from Central Washington University," Landon said.

Brandon Duncan, a contracted Army ROTC cadet at the junior industrial engineering technology major, will go to LDAC at Ft. Lewis this summer and said he is looking forward to it.

This year is very important for me and my performance at LDAC will determine how I'm placed on a merit-list, it will determine if I'm chosen to be active and receiving casualties,

"So I'm thinking about the Army," Duncan said. "I'm thinking about becoming a contracted Army cadet.

"I want to join the military in some regard," he said. "So, if I'm going to go, I might as well do so as an officer, if I become a contracted cadet by the time I graduate I'll be a commissioned officer and bypass Officer Candidate School.

"Officer Candidate School is a 12-week program for enlisted cadets who have college degrees but have not currently receiving an ROTC scholarship.

"I get the choice of picking between getting my tuition paid for or my housing paid for," I get a stipend of $450 a month as well as $400 a quarter for books," he said. For every year that a cadet receives ROTC scholarship money, they must commit two years of active duty in the Army and one year of inactive duty. Inactive duty means that the Army reserves the right to call upon the individual and request that he or she go back on active duty, at any given moment.

"The good thing is the ROTC program really gives students interested in being in the Army a heads-up," Landon said.

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"Speaking to Be Heard" class begins today

by Israel Espinoza  
Staff reporter and  
Megan Peters  
Online editor

"Speaking to Be Heard" is a two-part Central Washington University class for faculty and staff that teaches the basics of effective and nonviolent communication.

Today, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the class will focus on speaking strategies, this is a 6 hour class, presented in three parts. The class is open, at no charge, to all staff and faculty. It will only be a series of two classes due to limited classroom availability.

A second session, to be held at the same time on Thursday, Nov. 19, will discuss how to listen effectively.

"The training consists of learning some communication skills that helps us say what we want to say in a way that true and will not be mean for others," said Donna Kramer, the university's ombudsperson.

Robert Lowery, director of University Relations, believes this class has been very helpful because he has gotten a lot out of it in the past. He said he has learned to be a better communicator on many different levels.

Skills taught in the workshop are designed to help students translate their words from a language of criticism into a language of human needs.

Lindsey Borgens, sophomore accounting major, won the training for her work on Central's campus.

"I think that the nonviolent communication session was interesting and informative," Borgens said. "I've already thought about using those techniques in a couple different situations."

Class topics include receiving critical and hostile messages without taking them personally, giving in or losing self-esteem.

These skills taught are said to be applicable to life situations with family, friends, students, subordinates, supervisors, co-workers and clients, as well as with your own internal dialogues.

For more information visit http://www.cwu.edu/~training/registration/149.html or contact Donna Kramer at 509-963-1466, or onbuds@cwu.edu.

Remembering Major Glass

Assistant Professor of Military Science and Executive Officer of the ROTC Army Wildcat Battalion.

Glass was born in St. Paul Minn. on July 5, 1967. After high school, Glass enlisted in the United States Army and served in the elite 82nd Airborne division in Fort Bragg, N.C. He was a master parachutist. During his career in the Army, he completed Ranger school age 38 and traveled to Germany and Bosnia, as well as being deployed to Kuwait and Iraq. His final deployment was to Iraq in 2007, and Glass was working in a military transition team; meaning that those in his team worked and trained alongside the local Iraqi soldiers to prepare for the withdrawal of U.S. forces. He was an avid hiker and known for his workout system: CrossFit, which is an elite strength and conditioning program designed specifically for police forces, tactical teams and professional athletes.

"Glass was known as the health nut," said Major Paul T. Sellers, assistant professor of military science. "He was passionate about CrossFit and health in general."

Colleagues said Glass was an excellent recruiter. He would drop whatever he was doing to help anyone who needed him.

"He always came to work with a smile on his face and a bounce in his step," said Lt. Col. Gregory P. Solem, professor of military science.

"Major Glass was truly an officer and a gentleman," said Houston Hamilton M53 cadet and political science major. "He saw potential in everyone, and he encouraged us to reach that potential."

Hamilton said Glass inspired him to become a field artillery officer.

Lorraine Loy, senior safety and health management major, describes Glass as an excellent recruiter.

"He was always energetic," Loy said. "He always pushed us to go further than what we thought we could handle."

Glass challenged Loy because he was fit for an officer his age. If a cadet was slipping with physical training (PT), he was always right there for them.

"The guys will catch up," Glass used to encourage her.

Second Lt. Aaron R. Blanchard, Gold Bar recruiter, said Major Glass will always be remembered as an admirable officer, friend and mentor.

At the service, Chaplain Don Brewer said, "It is amazing we don't recognize the blessings of what we have until they are gone."
HATE THE WAR, LOVE THE SOLDIERS

Darcy Wytko
Editor-in-chief

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, I was about to catch a plane back to New York. I'd been living in Manhattan for two years, and I'd just graduated from theater school. Before I took the flight home, my mom and I spent a last summer with my mom here in Washington. The night before my flight home to New York a year later, several friends and I took a train to Washington D.C. to protest the invasion of Iraq on the steps of the Capitol. We loved our city, and we loved those who seemed to have nothing to do with what had happened. No matter what I think about the politics of war, I hope I never lose to see the people buried beneath the politics, or the faces behind the numbers.

I called my school. They said the city was devastated, and there wouldn't be any work for a while. A friend packed my belongings and mailed them back to me. After I moved back to New York a year later, several friends and I turned the Fort Hood, our hearts to you, wherever you're going home, and neither were us.

Three years later, he did his first tour of duty in Iraq. To say he's back, is an understatement. He's become a veteran, and I have no problem with veterans getting the benefits that they earned. In 1996, Congress passed the Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act, which makes all veterans eligible for the benefits because they are either a veteran, or a family member or survivor of a veteran. The services and benefits that are offered to them, from education to health care.

I have never put any thought into what veterans get for putting their life on the line. It seems that they are fairly well taken care of after being in the military. I have no problem with veterans getting the benefits that they earned. In 1956, Congress passed the Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act, which makes all veterans eligible for the Medical Benefits Package Plan. The plan offers a range of insurance and out-patient services.

I have experienced his ups and downs and have been able to help him through the tough times. He still suffers every day from images that he had seen while being deployed. He currently attends therapy every week and I couldn't imagine what he would be like if he wasn't offered this service from the Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital.

The nature of how much money a veteran would have to put into the military is money just thrown away. That is where most people get into trouble - trying to pay for the cheaper things in life? No! You're not. Budget your money. Make sure each dime has a place.

First, make a list of all the bills you pay and everything you spend your money on. For example: Rent, electricity, Internet and cable, groceries, gas and fun! Next, list your total income. Every penny can make needs to be thought of. Add it up and then disburse it according to the list you have already made. Also, you should never have any “flouting” money. By doing this, you mean money that doesn't have anywhere to go that is just sitting in your bank account at your disposal. That is where most people get into trouble - they spend too much and acquire overdraft fees (which is money just thrown away.

Just remember - whether your money gets put in savings or goes to groceries, every penny has its place.

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DEAR EDITOR,

In her article, "Cosby for $115,000? Not funny," Darcy Wytko bemoans the fees CWU paid to bring Bill Cosby to campus for homecoming. While her sentimentality in response to fiscal responsibility are understandable, particularly during a recession, I could not help but notice a flaw in one of her examples. Ms. Wytko frets over cuts in funding for our Diversity Education program. Isn't Bill Cosby, a black man who rose to success during the very height of mid-century racial tensions, a tremendous example of the triumph, tolerance, and unity, and—dare I say—diversity in United States?

Sure, he's entertaining. He's not a formal educator. But he teaches. And his message, told in stand up routines and through countless TV's across the country, has helped America to embrace all aspects of our melting pot. He is winsome and likeable and, in my mind, worth every penny of his fee.

Sincerely,
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Junior, Science Major, Biochemistry Specialization

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For our soldiers yet to return...

The MIA - POW Ceremony is held annually on Central's campus, beginning the night before Veteran's Day at 6 p.m. and continuing for 24 hours. It is held to honor and remember those who have been prisoners of war, or are missing in action.

- Photo essay by Brian Iyama, Observer photo editor

(Above) A table is set on the lawn outside of Barge Hall. Each element is laden with symbolism, honoring servicemen who have not made it back home. The white table cloth symbolizes the purity of intentions to respond to our country's call to arms. The lone candle symbolizes the frailty of a lone prisoner opposing his oppressors, while the slice of lemon represents a bitter fate. The wine glass is inverted, since those missing cannot toast with us tonight.

(Top) Cadet Captain Andrew Wilkinson, a graphic design major in his senior year, stands stoic before the POW - MIA Table. Air Force ROTC cadets cycled shifts every 15 minutes for 24 hours beginning at 6 p.m. on Tues. Nov. 10.

(Right) Cadet Rohan Naldrett-Jays, a senior majoring in aviation management, honors his imprisoned and missing brothers by guarding the POW - MIA Table.

(Above) Silver Wings, an unrecognized club on campus, supplements the ceremony with tables honoring 18 randomly selected soldiers who have been either a prisoner of war or are missing in action.
A firecracker going off unexpectedly would startle anyone. However, for Sgt. David Holland it would have a much more intense reaction. "I might think I'm being shot at," said Holland, junior law and justice major.

Holland has been to Iraq twice. He spent two 12 month tours overseas between 2004 and 2007. Holland has been able to gradually transition back into the lifestyle he was accustomed to before joining the military. However, he sometimes struggles with mild Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). "This is like that in-a-hospital setting in Al Taqaynior political science and he sometimes struggles with flashbacks.

"It changes you," Holland said. "Your environment determines how you behave and how you act."

It has been two years since Holland returned from his last tour and he still finds it difficult to work with people who have not had his military values, such as integrity and respect, instilled in them. When interacting with others, he does not receive the respect he feels he deserves.

Harden also said that veterans with PTSD often prefer to sit in the back of the classroom because they are uncomfortable with being unable to see what people behind them are doing. They cannot forget that fear of the enemy coming at them from behind. "They're just [surrounded by] students, but it's hard to eliminate that emotion," Harden said. "You're dealing with guerilla warfare. You have to be hyper-vigilant because you don't know who the enemy is."

Goehner also has a hard time connecting with other veterans with PTSD and even though he feels people sometimes react as though they feel backed into a corner.

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Sgt. David Holland junior law and justice major

According to Michelle Cyrus, assistant director for Non-Traditional Student Programs, many veterans come back from war with invisible wounds, which include depression, anxiety, PTSD and mild traumatic brain injury (TBI), which is caused by head injuries. "We really try to create programming to address those issues so people can understand these invisible injuries," Cyrus said. An individual will leave for war as one individual and return as another, Cyrus said. "You may be happy-go-lucky when you leave, but war affects everyone," Cyrus said.

Holland has had to learn to transition from a military leadership role to that of a student. Because of his military training, Holland is very direct when interacting with others, and he feels people sometimes react as though they feel backed into a corner.

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It has been two years since Holland returned from his last tour and he still finds it difficult to work with people who have not had his military values, such as integrity and respect, instilled in them. When interacting with others, he does not receive the respect he feels he deserves, it's a trigger for stress," Holland said.

Goehner also has a hard time connecting with other students. One of the difficulties he has had to deal with is that the fact that everyone is really excited to turn 21 For his 21st birthday, Goehner was in Iraq. "I didn't get a party," Goehner said. "I didn't get to go and get wasted. I didn't get to drink for several months."

Goehner has been home for three years and he still constantly feels that no-one understands what he has been through.

"My family doesn't know what I deal with," Goehner said. "They don't understand how deployment changed me."

Goehner's ex-wife left him because she didn't understand what he'd been through and had difficulty dealing with his PTSD. He is now remarried.

"My current wife is doing her best to understand," Goehner said. "She doesn't understand, but the biggest thing she does is that's helpful is she admits that she doesn't understand."

Goehner sees this as a sign of disrespect and believes there's always more work to be done.

"That's the biggest slap in the face," Goehner said. "Even though I came back with PTSD and even though I still have nightmares about it, I want to go back. My job is not done. The real heroes are the guys who died over there. My job's not done because I'm still alive and others are still dying."

I'm 25 and my greatest achievement is going over there and saving lives," Goehner said. "I'm 25 and my greatest achievement is going over there and saving lives."
Note from Afghanistan
Central alum tells it from the ground

The wounded arrive and they also bring the body bags that represent the severity of their wounds. Two men are carried in on stretchers dripping with blood. Both have broken legs and collapsed lungs.

The casualties come in two waves, the second bringing a young boy shrapnel embedded from head to toe. When the boy’s father finds us, we take him to his son. He is尽 forlorn, as he realizes that his other son did not fare as well.

The medics have 15 minutes to stabilize the patients before the helicopters arrive to airlift the victims to a Forward Operating Base (FOB) for a greater level of care. Soldiers grab smoke grenades, radios and the wounded, bringing them out to the Helicopter Landing Zone (HLZ) to await the two Blackhawks.

“Dust-off this Charlie 5, popping red smoke, acknowledgel ed.” “CS this is Dust-off, rogue, red smoke. North of highway coming in with two birds.”

The two Blackhawks come in slowly, kicking up a dust cloud that blankets the bazaar and blast site. The medic on the Blackhawks assesses the casualties before we load them on the helicopters. The father pleads to join his son. We let the father help load his son into the helicopter and then help him in. The Blackhawks disappear over the mountains, the dust subsides and the COP becomes silent. The medics clean the floors while the soldiers gather stretchers and their thoughts. One more successful MEDIVAC – six more lives saved.

The afternoon is spent cleaning the COP and talking with the Afghan soldiers, who are thankful for our help. After dinner, the leadership receives information on the IED blast and plans a mission to target those responsible for taking one life and wounding six others. The men clean their weapons, then bed down at 10 p.m. after making final preparations for the mission.

Then comes a radio call to the command post from a pair of AH-64 Apaches hovering over the highway a few miles down the road. They’re spotter three enemy personnel, placing IEDs near the road. Upon hearing the helicopters, the men run into a large ditch and crawl to an orchard. The pilots don’t have permission to engage the enemy, so request help from our Stryker company. The race against the clock begins. The selected platoon is woken up and told to prepare their Strykers and get their equipment on for the mission. The men attach their Night Optical Devices (NODs) to their helmets and don their combat equipment and body armor. Finally, everyone is ready – it’s “go time.”

We race down the highway, knowing that the Apaches only have another 35 minutes before they’ll have to refuel. Finally, we arrive, dismount in total darkness, and turn on our NODs. The Apaches hovering overhead guide us to our targets with an infrared laser. We crested a small hill and see the laser shining into an orchard on their side of the river. The enemy is more than 50 pounds on my back. My feet find packed dirt and not two feet of water, or fall 20 feet into a bunch of vegetation and about a foot of water. The lack of time compounds the situation. A number of soldiers choose option one, then a soldier involuntarily chooses option two. The patrol stops. Miraculously, we find the way we wait for a response. He is okay, but unable to climb back up. Having just endured an IED attack on the highway, we weren’t going to give up that easy. The platoon sergeant, medic and a few others stay with the soldier and get him back to the Strykers while we continue.

Next, we ride on our butts down to the riverbed. We find an area suitable to cross and wade through a foot of water. We get to the other side to find we have one last obstacle before the orchard – a 5-foot gap. We search for something better with no luck. I take a chance and leap five feet with 50 pounds on my back. My feet find packed dirt and not two feet of water. The rest of the soldiers follow, but shed their weapons before leaping. At last, we are all in the orchard. We move silently, talking.

We spread out to reduce the risk of booby traps or an ambush. We now see the enemy just 200 meters away when the Apaches tell us they must retre. Everything goes silent and heartbeats speed as they move towards the last known location of the enemy, anxiously awaiting the drop of the Apaches to provide eyes.

We arrive at the location given to us and search the area. As the dust settles, a group of soldiers from the Apache COP scans the area to see the enemy, our last ears glued to the radio. The pilot calls back to tell us that the enemy has stopped refusing to hide from the Apache’s prying eyes. The pilot recommends we head back to our COP. Utter disbelief and disappointment engulf us. We start at another question: reasoning whether or not what we heard was real. We call back and verify: The enemy has in fact escaped.

We spread the news and make our way back to the vehicles. The walk back is the ultimate walk of shame. We were so close to eliminating a threat – to both Coalition forces and the local populace – only to get turned back. The ride back to the COP is as silent as the movement through the orchards. We return home at 4:30 a.m. I take off my helmet and body armor and set my weapon down, then remove my muddy boots from my water-soaked feet. I prepare my sleeping bag and cot , throw some powder on my feet and finally bed down. My thoughts race the day’s work before I drift into sleep. So ends the business of the day.
Helping Hands
Local VFW helps veterans and their families get on their feet

by Kelly Requa
Staff reporter

Wounded by two improvised explosive devices while on deployment in Iraq, Brandon Taylor lost both his legs and spent months in the hospital recovering from his wounds.

Cheryl Taylor, his mother, traveled to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C., to stay with Brandon while he recovered, leaving her remaining children at home while her husband continued working to support their family.

She stayed with Brandon the whole time he was at the hospital - two months,” Taylor said. “It was such an emotional time - he was only 18. He saw a lot of action the short time he was there.”

While she was in Washington D.C. to support Brandon, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post in Ellensburg was already working to help Brandon and his family in their time of need.

Gene Ketzenberg, the commander of VFW Post 683, helped numerous young returning veterans and their families. He installed wheelchair ramps, helped veterans get back pay and even called U.S. senators to help students get back into school.

“Anytime that I needed help and support she received, he is quick to remind others who we are all truly indebted to. “I’m not a hero,” Ketzenberg said. “Heroes are people that lost their lives in combat.”

Ketzenberg talked to a few student veterans that Christmas eve. “We really made those kids’ Christmas just spectacular,” Ketzenberg said.

For Ketzenberg and the members of the VFW, helping others is just an everyday part of their mission. He says it’s about people that need help.

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Don't ask, do tell
Central student uses personal experience to raise awareness

by Christine Jahns  Staff reporter

Terrell Stephens, a Navy veteran who is gay, says his experience in the military has led him to believe that if the current "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in place were to be repealed, it would have no lasting consequences.

"The policy prohibits anyone from engaging in "homosexual acts" while in the military under the assumption it "would create an unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline and unit cohesion that are the essence of military capability," Stephens said.

Stephens is an active member of GALA-GLBTSA (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance), and is setting up multiple events to educate the public on the policy and why he believes it is outdated.

"I think that because of that, we have learned to adapt and people have realized that we are the same people we were before and nothing is going to change," Stephens said.

When Stephens joined the Navy in 2000, he had a girlfriend and was on the path to marriage. "I think that because of that, we have learned to adapt and people have realized that we are the same people we were before and nothing is going to change," Stephens said.

In the tall of 2004 his command was stationed at the Naval hospital in Bremerton, Wash. Then he met a fellow gay soldier who helped him to accept who he was.

"He was kind of my 'sensei' to being comfortable with myself and realize that it's okay to be who you are," Stephens said. "I kind of admitted to myself and before God that this is who I am." Although Stephens could not openly admit he was gay, he was able to confide in other gay members of the military, or his "secret circle of friends," who ultimately had a positive influence on him.

Stephens said he felt more comfortable with himself and because of that, he was able to rise higher in the ranks and perform better.

Many of his superiors and colleagues may have suspected Stephens was gay, but if they did, they didn't let it affect how they treated him.

"If your works prove you to be a good military member - gay, straight or not - it doesn't matter," Stephens said.

Terrell Stephens, sophomore music education major, is an active member of GALA-GLBTSA and trying to bring awareness about the issue of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" to the Central student body.

"If your works prove you to be a good military member - gay, straight or not - it doesn't matter," Stephens said. Stephens' outstanding performance in the Navy earned him a medal and several other honors, but when the time came to renew his enlistment, he decided he had other passions to pursue.

Stephens originally did not even want to join the military, but coming from a military family, he gave into family pressures and enlisted.

Now that he has been honorably discharged, he has come to Central to study music education.

Stephens has also become active in educating the student body about what it means to be gay in the military.

Last year, along with two other gay veterans, Stephens participated in a panel discussion called "Don't Ask, Do Tell," regarding the current policy used in the military. It brought in a large crowd.

This year, Stephens is planning on three days of activities from Feb. 3-5.

"It's more prominent than what people may think," Stephens said.

Some of the activities will include another "Don't Ask, Do Tell" panel discussion; guest speakers from the national Voices of Honor tour, which highlights the problems with the current policy; and a film screening of "Ask Not," a documentary about the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and the work being done to repeal it.

"I'm definitely trying to bring awareness to the people here - especially because we have the Air Force and Army ROTC," Stephens said.

"[I want] to let them know that if you are this way, you might not be able to say anything about it right now, but it is okay, and that there is a network of people out there to help you.

The argument against openly gay military members has been steadily losing steam over the years.

According to a 2006 report by Zogby International, only 37 percent of active duty military members in the combat zone would have a problem with openly gay members serving in the military.

Along with Stephens, many of his fellow gay veterans, and even those still on active duty, have mostly had a very positive experience in the military.

"I've only heard one negative story from anybody that I personally know," Stephens said.

Stephens is referring to a fellow member of the military, who was on a small marine vessel and experienced discrimination in the form of verbal abuse. He was ostracized because he was suspected to be gay. He had to deny his sexual orientation in order to stay in the military and felt very alone, Stephens said.

Stephens is hoping to minimize similar situations by educating not only the public but also straight members of the military.

He wants people to know that gay military members have the same goal as everybody else: to protect America.

Stephens is hoping to reach a wide audience with his events and to spread as much information as he can over the three-day period in February. His goal is to paint a realistic picture of gays in the military and to break down the stereotypes that have been prominent in the military and the public eye for years.
Raw Space opens with big weekend

Ellensburg's Open Country Joy (above) played on Saturday's sold-out bill for the opening weekend of Raw Space, Ellensburg's newest music venue. Owner Don Hines was happy with the weekend's turnout. "The night went very well," Hines said. "I've had friends and members of the community congratulating me all day."

Central's own Red Means Go (top right) and alternative country band Star Anna and the Laughing Dogs (bottom right) were also part of Saturday's performance.

Duane Harbrick, a local art and music enthusiast, attended the opening weekend and is excited for the future of the venue. "Raw Space has a lot of potential," Harbrick said. "I'm looking forward to having a very legitimate music scene in Ellensburg."

- Quinn Eddy

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Students to write for Sudan's children

by Amy Thompson  
Staff reporter

Children revel in bright colors, valiant characters and happy endings in the stories they read. Now Central Washington University students can help children's imaginations grow by writing and illustrating books to send to kids who don't have many of them available.

The Center for Excellence in Leadership (CEL) is putting on Stories for Sudan, a program for students to create a children's book to send to Duk Payuel, Sudan, where a library is being constructed. An estimated 120,000 people will benefit from the books within the library.

"I think that it's a great way for students to give back to the education system," said Alyssa Caudill, CEL program coordinator and junior elementary education major. "It's a resource that's going to last."

Caudill was inspired to create this program when her professor, Janet Finke, came back from a reading conference in Tanzania, and saw how much a donated collection of books was appreciated. "I just think it's exciting and great that a CWU student would go out and take this on," said Finke, associate professor of literacy education.

"I think it's a fabulous way to reach out to children who are so far away. It's important so that we all understand that there are great needs around the world and that we can make a difference," said Finke, associate professor of literacy education.

The CEL is hoping that student volunteers create around 50 books.

"I'm excited to help with this project and spread the love of reading to children who don't have a huge library at their expense like we do," said Lizzie Charboneau, junior earth science education major and volunteer who plans to write her book about turtles. "I think this project will help students at CWU who participate broaden their imagination and help them to understand that a little story they write can make a difference for a child who may not have known the joy of reading."

All materials will be provided during the course of the program for students to make books targeted toward young readers.

Volunteers will write and then illustrate their stories by hand to later be laminated and bound, where the books will then make their way to Sudan.

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If the program goes well, CEL hopes to host the program again in the future. Stories for Sudan is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17 in Brooks Library, room 154. To sign up, call the CEL at 509-963-1524 to speak with Alyssa Caudill or e-mail cel@cwu.edu. If a student is unavailable at that time, stories can be submitted until Nov. 17 in the Student Union and Recreation Center, room 260. Stories must be an 8.5-inch-by-11-inch paper.

For more information on the Southern Sudan Library Project, visit www.southernsudanlibrary.org.

Fit For A Queen offers one-of-kind shopping options

by Lindsey Sires  
Staff reporter

For the students who are from the greater Seattle area, there is a cornucopia of clothing stores. Ellensburg has pretty slim pickings when it comes to plus-sized clothing. That's what mother and daughter Joyce and Laurie Frederickson thought when they moved to Ellensburg.

Last Valentine's Day the two opened up their own plus-sized clothing store, Fit For A Queen, in downtown Ellensburg.

Joyce and Laurie accumulated a lot of clothing over the years that they didn't wear or return. So when they moved to Ellensburg from the Seattle area, they had more clothes than they knew what to do with. "We've been thrift store shoppers for a long time," Laurie said.

The pair decided to have a garage sale to get rid of all of the clothes, but Joyce wanted to throw a twist on it. "I said, 'I think we should have a yard sale, but call it a plus sized clothing sale,'" Joyce said.

The outcome was greater than they could've asked for. "The women just flocked," Laurie said. "We had to have a store that sold plus-sized clothing."

Joyce and Laurie decided to continue their venture by selling their clothing out of their garage. It did well for a while, but the neighbors began to complain and the two had to put their business on hiatus until Joyce found out about a room for rent.

They decided to snatch up the space and use it to open Fit For A Queen.

Fit For A Queen offers a variety of used women's clothing and accessories for women in Ellensburg. Though catering to older citizens, the owners Joyce and Laurie Frederickson are trying to reach women at CWU who participate broaden their imagination and help them to understand that a little story they write can make a difference for a child who may not have known the joy of reading. All materials will be provided during the course of the program for students to make books targeted toward young readers.

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The store has a vast variety of used women's clothing from all over the Northwest. Joyce and Laurie also take consignments from interested supporters.

"We get clothes from all over," Laurie said. "We get a lot from Ellensburg, Wenatchee, Yakima and Montana."

The store also has jewelry, shoes and accessories for sale at what Joyce and Laurie consider to be a reasonable price. "Five dollars to $15 for a sweater isn't a bad price," Joyce said.

At this point the two are hoping to attract a younger demographic, specifically female students at Central.

"I would say about half of the college people, if they make it past the jewelry counter do a quick circle around the store and then leave," Joyce said.

Joyce and Laurie know that once more students discover Fit For A Queen, they will love what the store has to offer. "I'd really like to see them come in and actually look at the racks," Laurie said. "People who are thrift store shoppers know that you have to look around for clothes."

Though Joyce and Laurie Frederickson are new to Ellensburg, they hope students at Central will discover some different options for reasonable prices when out on Main Street.

"We feel that students that don't have much to spend can come here," Laurie said.

Fit For A Queen is at 308 N Main St. They are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.
Beer styles: A primer

A couple weeks ago, I talked to a friend about beer. He told me, “I can drink beer, but I can’t have ale. Ale is too strong for me. I’ll stick with regular beer.”

Another friend told me, “I can drink pale ales, but I can’t drink regular ales. Regular ales are too strong.”

It soon became apparent to me that a lot of people like to throw around beer styles without truly knowing what they all mean. If you have trouble confusing an IPA from a fruit lambic, or if you find yourself marveling at all the hop goodness in a hefeweizen, read on.

Let’s tackle the big two.

LAGER
• A popular beer style
• Can be either yellow and transparent or dark
• Simple, grainy taste, and lots of fizziness
• Hops and malt? What are those?

Here are a few:

• TRY! Deschutes Mirror Pond, Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, Dale’s Pale Ale
• Stay tuned next week when I tackle hefeweizens, IPAs and all things dark.

ALE
• A popular beer style
• Can be either yellow and transparent or dark
• Simple, grainy taste, and lots of fizziness
• Hops and malt? What are those?

Here are a few:

• TRY! Modelo Especial, Warsteiner, Bitburger
• Second most popular beer style
• Made with a certain type of yeast that ferments the beer more quickly – resulting in a bigger, fuller, sweeter taste
• Most feature heavier hop flavors, which adds an herby bitterness
• Different malts used to influence sweetness, sourness, heaviness, color and aroma
• Way too many different ale styles to list, but here are a few:

PALE ALE
• Uses “pale malts,” which give the beer a lighter color and consistency
• Pronounced bitter hoppy flavor, and maltiness is not quite as noticeable, but a subtle fruitiness tends to show through
• Stay away if you hate hops or are allergic to flavor
• Crisp, biting, refreshing, and complement-savory foods
• TKY! Deschutes Mirror Pond, Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, Dale’s Pale Ale

“Men Who Stare at Goats” attempts to explore a world where the military once tried to use psychic powers as a means of peaceful warfare. The story starts strong, but ultimately falls flat about two-thirds of the way into it, and by the end had me asking, “So what?”

The story begins with Bob Wilson (Ewan McGregor), a journalist who decides to go to Iraq in search of a news worthy story after his wife leaves him for another man. He soon meets up with Lyn Cassidy (George Clooney) and discovers that he was once part of an experimental military branch that focused on using psychic abilities to interfere with enemy warfare. Wilson goes with this story and follows Cassidy into the Iraqi desert on a mission that is not made clear.

Through flashbacks we see how the branch started in the 60s and are introduced to the founder Bill Django (Jeff Bridges). He is a Vietnam soldier-turned-hippie who uses concepts of free love and mind-altering drugs to get in touch with his psychic abilities. These scenes are compelling and full of energy that engrosses the audience. The characters, including Django and Cassidy, are seen dancing and letting loose from their normal behavior.

Eventually a series of events, including Cassidy’s ability to stop the heart of a goat simply by looking at it, leads to the closure of the branch and the members are left to their own devices.

Now, in 2003, Cassidy has been pulled out of retirement and lead to Iraq. The scenes in Iraq start out with excitement and danger, but soon it becomes quite comical at first and had me laughing out loud, but soon the comedy was left in the dust and the dialogue turned simple and boring.

As the movie began to draw to a close, there were some funny scenes, but ultimately I felt that the story had almost no purpose anymore. It began to drag on and lost the momentum that had intrigued me in the beginning.

Even though I was disappointed with where the story went, that is not to say the acting was bad. On the contrary, I very much enjoyed the stylings of Clooney and Bridges. Their characters were enticing and I wanted to know more about what happened in the past, instead the story got bogged down when trying to put the characters into modern-day. McGregor did a good job portraying Wilson but I felt he was one-dimensional and was only there to keep Clooney company. I also found it distracting when his Scottish accent sometimes mingled with his fake American accent.

Overall, I felt Grant Heslov’s movie had a very good beginning, and a solid middle that allowed the audience to enter into a vastly different world, but in the end I felt the story fell short of what it could have been. Because of the humor and the great acting by Bridges and Clooney, I give this movie 6.5 goats out of 10.
Sports Trivia

Who graciously switched to number 77 so Phil Esposito's number 7 could be retired in Boston Garden?

The Wildcats celebrated their win over Western Oregon University at the Battle in Seattle, en route to the title as the Division II's No. 1 nationally ranked team.

With a 20-6 win over Western Oregon University last Saturday, and a couple of key losses by teams in the top five of the national rankings, the Central Washington Wildcats football team is the top ranked team in the country for the first time as an NCAA Division II participant.

In addition, the Wildcats secured a first round bye in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

"The guys will get to take a little bit of a break this week because of the bye this weekend," said Head Coach Blaine Bennett.

This win makes the 'Cats the only team in the Division II that is undefeated with an overall record of 11-0.

"Last year we played West Texas A&M in the first game of the playoffs and lost 49-42," Bennett said.

Central had the upper hand offensively with 293 total yards. Senior Cole Morgan wide receiver Johnny Spevak once again stole the show with his 53rd career touchdown, to set a school record for total touchdowns. Spevak had 83 yards overall and his touchdown, combined with a successful extra point attempt by Rolsma, put the 'Cats up 13-0 with 10:10 left in the third quarter.

The full NCAA playoff brackets can be found at www.ncaa.com.

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Cross country makes it south to California

by Katharine Lotze
Staff reporter

Last weekend, 13 lucky members of Central’s men’s and women’s cross country teams got to take a little vacation to warmer weather. The teams flew to San Francisco on Thursday, Nov. 5, to prepare to run the Division II regional cross country meet, which was held in California’s Eagle Island State Park. The athletes were greeted by warmer weather conditions, enabling nearly every Wildcat to run a season’s-best time.

“For the girls, three of us broke 24 minutes in the 6,000 meters,” said Adriana Mendoza, junior, math education major.

Mendoza, as well as teammates Kelsey Kreft and Alex Borunda, came in below 24 minutes, placing, respectively, 72, 73 and 76 out of 161 runners. The women’s team placed 18th out of 25 teams with 420 points. Jessica Pixler of Seattle Pacific University ran away with yet another individual title, finishing the 6,000-meter course in 20:08.9. Alaska Anchorage won the women’s team title, ending with just 35 points, with Chico State and Seattle Pacific trailing with 38 and 75 points in second and third place.

For the men, Manuel Santos, sophomore history major, placed 26 out of 131 runners. He came in 23rd with a time of 32:36 in the 10,000 meters, helping the men’s team to finish 14 of 20 teams. All five Central’s scoring runners finished in the top 100. Marko Cheseto of Alaska Anchorage won the men’s individual title with a time of 30:30, while Chico State brought home the team title, with two Greater Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) teams, Western Washington and Alaska Anchorage coming in second and third.

Although the teams came out happy with their times, the trip was not without its difficulties. “We were running late the whole weekend,” said Alex Borunda, junior business administration major.

Despite the minor setbacks, the team really enjoyed their short weekend in California. The Wildcats were able to visit San Francisco’s Pier 39 for food, and a little shopping and were able to see the Golden Gate Bridge. There wasn’t much time for sightseeing, but the team managed to get in a few hours of non-running activities.

“It was a great end to the season. The women’s side had a lot of strong performances,” said assistant coach Bryan Contreras. “It’s very positive. Not only was it good for the people coming back for both men’s and women’s teams. There are no seniors on the men’s team.”

The regional race was the last race for four of the women: Jordan Thody, Hannah Orona, Shannon Vreeeland, Mary Bakeman and Jessica Hirschhorn, who will graduate in the spring. However, many of the younger members of the women’s team will have their chance to step up next fall, although it’s not easy to say goodbye.

“It was a good last race,” said Stephanie Cooke, senior music major. “I couldn’t have done any more for that day. I feel really good, I completed four years of cross country.”
Basketball starts preseason conditioning

by Kevin Proctor
Staff reporter

Coming off an 18-7 last year, finishing second in the GNAC conference and in the WSC, the Wildcats will undoubtedly lean heavily on 6’9” forward Chris Sprinker this year, as his experience and leadership will be sorely needed. The team has added several new faces and transfers from different colleges, and the Spring Cat will welcome new faces and transfers, too. OPR wants students to feel confident with a variety of equipment and activities, and around town. In addition, Park Rangers police the wilderness much like the Ellensburg Police Dept. monitors activity in and around town.

Green-dot roads are not necessary off road trails. However, there are those that have off-road vehicles who go mudding, 4-wheeling, rock-crawling and mowing down the trees. Once out in the woods, there are many more opportunities open to outdoorsmen including: mountain biking, target shooting, dirt-biking, counting, hunting, hiking, camping and climbing. Some of these activities can be done off the side of roads near Ellensburg, but that type of experience is affected by such things as the sounds of automobiles, the city, and music.

For those willing to drive up into the hills, there is the chance to travel out into the wild, and visit places that are rarely traversed by others. Most Central students, who look for an outdoor escape, start at Outdoor Pursuit and Rentals (OPR). OPR is located on campus on the east entrance to the SURC and offers weekly sunset hikes and weekend excursions, overnight kayaking trips in the San Juans, ski trips in the winter and rafting opportunities in the spring and summer. OPR also rents a variety of equipment year-round, from six-person white water rafts to sleeping bags and tents. Recently, OPR has focused on personal trips to bolster students’ own adventures free of the scheduled activities. OPR wants students to feel confident enough to go out on their own and not be held back by a limited schedule of university sponsored events.

In addition, OPR has many resources such as topographical maps as well as trail guides for enthusiastic students. “We want students to go on more personal trips,” said Darrell Kangiser, senior enrichment coordinator and OPR shop attendant. Kangiser emphasized that students should be painfully aware of private property and trail boundaries. “We always read up on the area they are going to live by,” said Blaine Serrin, junior environmental studies major and OPR shop attendant. WDFW heeds this mantra as one of the most important rules to follow when exploring local trails either on foot or by vehicle; and it is always a much more satisfying trip if trash and camp debris are kept in check.

Even on a college budget, OPR rentals are affordable and can be a great resource for students looking to hit the trails with friends, as it encourages riders to respect the environment, and to only travel alone if someone trusted knows where you are going and when you plan on returning.

For more information, visit log on to the Cle Elum Ranger Web site at www.fs.fed.us/r16/pancakes/cle-elm-woodcresth/maps.html, and visit the Washington State Fish and Wildlife Web site at wdfw.wa.gov.

Amanda, I want to throw a huge party for fi­nals. I don’t want the party to get busted though. What should I do?

Woo hoo, where’s this party going to be at? I must admit by finals week everyone’s at the point where they just need to look for music, so I understand why you want to throw a party.

First thing I’d do is talk about it with your roommates and neighbors and make sure it’s okay, they’re the ones who are going to get pissed if the cops come. Along with music and time of your party, give them your phone number so that if they feel the party is getting out of control they can call you. And if they do, don’t be a dumbass (like if they say the party’s too loud, then you need to do something to quiet it; or if your guests are blocking their driveway, get them to move their cars).

Another thing, keep your music in check after 10 p.m., because that’s when the po-po start giving out violations. If the cops can hear music (or any noise) from 50 ft from your party, they can cite you with a noise violation(s). They aren’t cheap either; first violation $250, second $500, and third $1,000! I’ve heard of people getting all three in one night!

Instead of throwing a rager, maybe a small group party would work better in preventing it from being busted. The bigger the party, the bigger the chances of it getting out of hand. If you don’t want your $5,000 ticket, don’t invite minors to your party. And don’t let your friends who have been drinking drive home either. Have them walk, or call a cab or a friend who hasn’t been drinking. And finally, if the cops do come to your party, answer the door dang it. You know who you are! In there? It’s probably best to have a sober, calm person talk to them.

I expect that I gave you all the most helpful tips, but if you want more info, check out the new neighborhood relation website at http://www.ewu.edu/nr/.

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Wildcat volleyball wins for seniors

by Kevin Proctor
Staff reporter

For the first time in nearly four years, the Wildcat's volleyball team was able to hold off rival Western Washington at Central, as the Vikings, 3-2, in what was one of the most intense matches all year. With the win, the Wildcats have

now won five of their last seven, and improved to 14-10 overall, 6-7 in conference play.

The team now had a winning season in six of the last seven years, and has a chance to finish the season at 17-10 with three games left on their schedule.

Western Washington University (WWU) had dominated the Wildcats over the last few years, winning the last seven matches in a row since 2005, until last Saturday. Central volleyball has now had a winning season in six of the last seven years, and has a chance to finish the season at 17-10 with three games left on their schedule.

The first set, Western came out strong, hitting hard and digging out or blocking almost every shot the Wildcats took at them. The set ended quickly, as Western was able to put the game away 25-11 in the opening match. It looked as though the Vikings were well on their way to handing Central its eighth consecutive loss against them.

“We just weren’t playing together in the first set,” said senior libero Brandie Vea, who had a team high 18 digs for the Wildcats. “We weren’t focused on our main goal, to play as a team.”

However, in the second set Central came out strong, taking an early 4-0 lead. Both teams battled back and forth late into the frame, until Central was able to rattle off five straight points to freshen up outside hitter Marcy Hjellum serving, giving the Wildcats a 23-19 advantage.

“We got our block out there a lot more,” said Hjellum of the difference in the second set. “We picked it up a notch, and changed our defense to how they were hitting and how they were playing.”

With the team now playing together, the crowd was finally able to get into the game, and the Wildcats used the energy and momentum to keep pace against the Vikings, taking the second set 25-21. Now focused and playing together, Central jumped out to an early lead in the third set and didn’t look back. Never trailing, the Wildcats were able to dominate the match 25-15 while looking poised to knock off the Vikings in three straight sets.

But Western would not go quietly, as they were able to re-group and gain their composure in set number four. The Vikings jumped out to an early lead, and maintained the lead the rest of the way, blocking seven total shots in the fourth set alone, and forcing a deciding fifth set with a 25-21 win.

Entering the fifth and final set, both teams played well and battled hard, matching each other point-for-point. Senior right side hitter Erin Norris and Try carried the Wildcats in the final set, combining for seven of the team’s eight kills, ensuring the Wildcats victory. For the game, Try and Norris had 13 kills apiece, totaling 26 out of the teams 49 kills.

Sophomore setter Carlee Marble was the other unsung hero of the game, driving for balls and leading the charge, setting up 43 of the 46 attack-tacks for Central, as well as coming up with 11 digs herself. Hjellum had an overall impressive game both on offense and defense, totaling eight kills along with 15 digs, while senior defensive specialist, Deirdre Scheidt had 11 digs herself.

The Wildcats will now look to extend their winning streak to three games, playing Montana State Billings on Nov. 12 and St. Martins University on Nov. 14, both at home to wrap up the regular season.
Another championship, paid in full

The image contains a text about the New York Yankees, discussing their championship win and the financial aspect of their success. The text highlights the Yankees' championship, the money spent on players, and the inequality in baseball. It also mentions the Yankees' championship win in the World Series and the financial implications of their success.

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Corrections

In last week's edition, there was an article published with a misquote from Deirdre Scheidt. We apologize for the way it portrayed Scheidt. It was not the intention of the paper. We hope that in the future we can still work with public with the trust of accurate news reporting Amber Easterbook was misspelled once.
Armchair athlete’s top Heisman picks

Parity is the word that is being catapulted into the college football world lately. Analysts, experts and writers are confused because there are five undefeated teams left fighting for a spot in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National Championship game. They are even more confused because they can’t figure out who the frontrunner for the Heisman trophy is.

The media’s problem is that they so desperately wanted to see last season’s trio of quarterbacks make another appearance in New York for the Heisman trophy presentation. Oklahoma’s Sam Bradford, Texas’ Colt McCoy and Florida’s Tim Tebow were supposed to battle for college football’s highest individual prize this season, and that just hasn’t happened.

Bradford was walloped in the Sooners first game against BYU and again against Texas and never recovered.

McCoy and his Longhorns still remain undefeated and are almost a lock for the national title game, but his stats are not very impressive. He has already thrown more interceptions than he did in his entire freshman season and his passer rating is the 3rd lowest of his career. Last season McCoy had 45 total touchdowns, while this season he has 18 with only five games left.

Tebow just hasn’t been the same quarterback since getting knocked unconscious against Kentucky. His passer rating is the lowest it has ever been and his passing-yards-per-game has dropped by 20 yards from last year. The last two season’s Tebow has thrown for at least 30 touchdowns. With only 11 passing touchdowns so far this season, I doubt he gets there. I think a big reason for this is that Tebow has been sacked 21 times, the most in his three years as a starter, and they still have five more games to play.

Bottom line, these guys do not deserve to be crowned Heisman winners this year, but I know that McCoy and Tebow are probably going to be finalists.

With that said, here are my top three Heisman finalists to join Tebow and McCoy in New York later this season.

3. KELLEN MOORE
Boise State quarterback Moore will not win the Heisman trophy, he won’t even be a finalist, but his numbers say he should be considered. Moore has the best quarterback rating in the nation at 169.3 and has only thrown three interceptions while connecting on 27 touchdowns.

The only obstacle Moore faces is the fact that Boise State has a very easy schedule. Outside playing Oregon in their first game, the Broncos have had a cupcake schedule.

2. C.J. SPILLER
Clemson running back Spiller is, by far, the most exciting player in football. His problem: he plays at Clemson. Clemson has had a respectable season, and all the credit goes to Spiller. Spiller does it on the ground, in the air and on special teams. He leads his team with 739 yards and five touchdowns, and is second on the team with 334 receiving yards and three scores. His most impressive stats come from his return game, where he is averaging over 30 yards a return on both kickoffs and punts with four touchdowns combined.

1. MARK INGRAM
Alabama running back All Ingram has done is scorched the best defenses in America. Ingram has amassed over 1,100 yards and eight touchdowns in his first nine games and is averaging 127.6 rushing yards-per-game, which is fifth best in the nation. Since Alabama has struggled through the air, Ingram has been facing seven and eight-man fronts, and he still finds away to run amuck.

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