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Central Washington University President James Gaudino and his cabinet hosted the quarterly Fireside Chat Monday night and one topic ruled the discussion - the budget.

About 15 students attended the forum, sponsored by 88.1 the 'Burg, in the Student Union and Recreation Center Pit, which gives members of the campus community the opportunity to ask questions of the president and his cabinet.

The widely discussed state funding cut of $4.9 million won’t be as bad as originally thought, Gaudino said. Cuts in compensation benefits are part of the plan, he said, but the state is providing funding to offset the cost.

“Local law enforcement authorities on and off campus have seen an unusual increase in car prowls so far this year,” Koch said. According to Lt. Jason Koch of Central Washington University Campus Police, 32 car prowls have been reported on campus since the beginning of January. Thirteen of the prowls occurred in Brooklane, nine of which were committed in a single night on Feb. 25.

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The results weren’t very positive, Gaudino said. “The decisions really haven’t been made,” he said. “My mind, the jury is still very out.”

It was a Thursday morning when Laurie Porter walked out of her Brooklane apartment to find the parking lot swarmed with police officers. As she made her way to her car, an officer informed her that she and several others had become victims of vehicle prowls. Porter had left her car door unlocked overnight, allowing the thief to rummage through her vehicle.

“I didn’t even realize it. I didn’t even hear or see anything, luckily I had nothing in there worth stealing,” Porter said. “I guess we should learn to lock our doors.”

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GAUDINO FEELS THE HEAT

Jack Barry, ASCWU-BOD vice president of political affairs, questions President Gaudino and his cabinet at the quarterly Fireside Chat, sponsored by 88.1 the ‘Burg on Monday, April 26.

Chief Planning Officer Libby Street said the decisions the legislature makes regarding capital projects are often political. Science programs are popular, Street said, so those projects often receive funding first.

Central was the only state university to retain capital funding in the 2010 supplemental budget, Gaudino said.

Planning for capital projects often stretches for 10 years or more. The next project will be a new science building, slated for funding in the 2011-13 biennium, Gaudino said.

The final subject of the night was the Inclusiveness Initiative. Gaudino said he has heard from people in favor of a Greek system, but campus-wide surveys are needed.

“It’s not a decision we can make here and now, but the administration has to decide whether we want to move in that direction,” Quirk said. 

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We’re going to find out what it is and take some steps to correct that,” Koch said.

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**Election kickoff:**
Candidates prepare for campaign trail

**BY BONNIE DAVIDSON | Staff Reporter**

Candidates for the Board of Directors election are officially on the campaign trail this week.

Candidates had their first forum in the SURC pit last night. Students will get the opportunity to hear out the candidates again on May 5. Two forums will take place at 5 p.m. in Black Hall 151 for the Club Senate and 7 p.m. in the Science Building 147 for Residence Hall Association.

One only position will have a primary election, the vice president of student life and facilities. Online voting for the primary election will begin May 6 at midnight and stay open through the day until 7 p.m.

Polling sites, located at the west and east ends of the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC), Shaw Smyser and Nicholson Pavilion, will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If students would like to participate, the BORD is looking for volunteers to run the West SURC patio and the Shaw Smyser polling sites. The final forum will take place on May 11 for the general candidates and an election debate will be held and taped on May 18. The general election will take place on May 20 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the same polling sites. Results from the elections will be posted at midnight.

**Upcoming events**

- **May 5** - Candidate Forum 7 p.m. Science Building 147
- **May 6** - Primary Election 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- **May 11** - General Election Candidate Forum 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. SURC Pit
- **May 12** - General Election Candidate Forum 5 p.m. Black Hall 151
- **May 18** - Election Debate 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. SURC Pit
- **May 20** - General Election 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- **May 27** - Official Election Commission ruling 5 p.m.

**Summer classes offer opportunities to get ahead, branch out**

**BY NAOMI NEWELL | Staff Reporter**

Central Washington University students who want to get a class or two ahead of their peers, or simply want to graduate on time, may consider taking classes this summer instead of playing video games all day. Open registration for the six and 10 week session begins May 10. Classes begin June 21 and tuition is due on June 23.

Those who are not currently students at Central can sign up for classes by submitting the summer session non-matriculated student application. After being processed by the registrar's office, the prospective student will be sent a letter with their student ID, PIN and how to access and use their Safari account.

"I took Math 130 and Humanities 102 last summer quarter," said Aurora Blanco-June 21 and tuition is due on June 23.

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According to Nogai-Styron, a good economy does not have very many cases of severe crime. According to Hansberry the number of vehicle break-ins 1n my neighborhood. The prime suspect in the rape of a 9-year-old Ellensburg girl, Richard Duane Bunch, 51, was extradited to Washington after being convicted of rape in Nevada. According to the Central Washington University Police Department, the Ellensburg girl was repeatedly playing with two friends near the Japanese Garden on July 19, 2008, when a man befriended them and lured the girl back to his truck where he as­ saulted her.

Bunch was located in Watschow County, Nev. in October 2008, where he was being held for 10 years to life for the rape of a 13-year-old developmentally dis­ abled girl.

Bunch was also convicted of raping a 20-year-old student on a trail near St. Martin’s campus in Lacey in April of 2008. Bunch pleaded not guilty Monday in Thurston County Su­ perior Court, where he is being charged with first-degree rape, first-degree robbery while armed with a deadly weapon and first-degree kidnapping while armed with a deadly weapon.

Bunch was extradited from Thurston County, Bunch could face an ad­ ditional sentence of 16 years to life in prison.
The Habitat for Humanity ReStore facility has been open for two weeks at its location on 212 S. Railroad Street in Ellensburg, selling housing surplus. The funds generated by the sales of material donated to the Ellensburg ReStore primarily go toward building homes for Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity partner families.

"With supplies offered at a lower price, the ReStore facility is an excellent option for college students looking to improve a space on a low budget. Occasionally landlords will allow students to make their own improvements and the ReStore facility offers students these materials at a low cost," said Karlina Ohlde, Habitat for Humanity volunteer. "It’s all about helping other people out.

Items sold at the ReStore facility might be housing supplies, but volunteers have seen them used for different creative purposes including window panes as painting surfaces, antique lamps as lawn art, and tile for a outdoor kitchen counter-top. "It’s funny because we get odd things," Johnson said. "We got church pews and they went immediately;' said Mary Johnson, ReStore facility supervisor, as she lowered the price on unopened boxes of hummingbird feeders.

-Stoves, cabinets, mirrors, paint, hardwood flooring, carpet, toilets and light fixtures are among the supplies offered at a lower cost from the facility.

"This is wonderful for everyone, the profits go to other people that want to build a home in the area," said Carol Ohlde, Habitat for Humanity volunteer. "It’s all about helping other people out.

The ReStore facility makes an impact on the lives of Habitat for Humanity families as well the environment itself. Rather than being disposed of, the supplies at the ReStore facility are put back into the circulation of the community.

"You can get a tax exemption instead of a dump fee," Johnson said. "It helps keep things out of the landfill so it’s basically a recycling business that keeps things greener."

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The Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity is currently working on a home in Ellensburg that is expected to be completed sometime this month. Habitat for Humanity families apply for a no interest loan. When chosen they learn how to become a home owner and are required to put in 500 hours of work time in the construction of other houses.

"It has changed peoples lives. If you take someone without a home and put them in a home, everything improves," Johnson said.

According to Sherri Ott, Habitat for Humanity affiliate coordinator, the organization is accepting student volunteers from every specialization. "Habitat for Humanity has a lot of resources that could benefit marketing students - if they have a passion we’ll figure out something for them to do," Ott said. "There are so many skills that students have that could benefit us."

Habitat for Humanity is also offering students the chance to help out members of the community by way of donation, sales and volunteering. The ReStore hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and can be contacted at (509) 925-REST. "It brings a community together, you see many people at a job site," Ott said. "It’s something tangible you can see progress as you learn new trades and work along with the family."

Central Washington University has over 300 registered student veterans receiving GI benefits. Currently, a variety of departments and committees are working together to provide career services to Central student veterans.

Work-source representatives from Yakima are available from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday in SURC 201 as part of the Veterans Outreach Services program. "It’s about reaching out to veterans and giving them the opportunity to have services come to them," said Michelle Cyrus, assistant director of non-traditional student programs and services.

Together Bill Kirby and Jon Ison prepare veterans for employment and then assist them in locating job opportunities. Kirby, a disabled veterans outreach specialist, focuses on assisting veterans who face barriers to employment. He offers resume development, interviewing skills and other necessary knowledge for getting hired, Cyrus said.

Once job-ready, Ison, an employment representative, helps veterans find jobs through working with employers who are specifically looking to hire veterans. According to Ison, both he and Kirby are retired veterans who have experienced post-service difficulties.

"We know what not to do," Ison said. "We’re going to make sure that today’s veterans get what we didn’t."

The outreach began approximately a month ago and so far there have been 12 or 13 people who have taken interest in the program. According to Cyrus, it is expected that as promotional efforts continue on campus the program will experience higher interest.

The Veterans Outreach Services held each week are just the beginning of a growing variety of on-campus resources available to veterans. Other resources include the Veterans Information Summit that was held April 26 in the SURC. This event will be held annually and offers an opportunity for veterans to discover the benefits available to them all in one location.

The summit featured numerous organizations that offer services to veterans. Guest included Operation Military Family, Transition Coach and the VA Medical Clinic.

Veterans were offered an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the event as well as complete a survey to help determine which other resources need to be brought to campus. Cyrus said.

"Whatever we can do to help these veterans is what we need to be doing," Cyrus said.

Kevin McFadden, sophomore physical education and school and public health major, believes that these services are necessary and help to provide veterans with opportunities to stay involved.

"The opportunities are definitely there for resources, jobs, everything," McFadden said. "It’s just getting [veterans] involved and getting information out there."
Family Resource Center hosts life seminars

BY LINDSY WHEADON | Staff Reporter

There are times when life can be strenuous; times in which it may be difficult to continue the repetitious daily tasks that present themselves. Yet an outside source of advice and education could be the solution. The Central Washington University Family Resource Center (FRC) dedicates its efforts in helping educate and serve Central students and the community of Ellensburg.

There are a variety of upcoming events hosted by the FRC. According to FRC academic director Amber Paulk, the event line-up was created after last fall’s “Needs Assessment" test, to meet the specific needs of students and community members.

"[The FRC] puts on programming that people tell us they want and need," Paulk said. "The workshops and seminars evolve naturally depending on what people tell us their needs are."

May 11 - The FRC will host its free seminar, "Parenting with a Purpose," from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Michauden Hall room 221. Guest speaker Carole Miller Rhodes will explore parent-guided goal setting and ways of defining core family values and expectations.

Every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. the FRC holds themed seminars ranging in topics from health education to relationships in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) room 135.

May 4 - "Health on the Go" educating fast and easy ways to exercise and promote better health.

May 11 - "Where Has the Time Gone?" with tips and tricks to better manage time.

May 18 - "Relationships: Why Can’t We Just Get Along?" will provide advice on dealing with difficult relationships with guest speaker Dr. Duane Dowd.

Five Minutes With... Nan Doolittle - Director of the Family Resource Center

BY LINDSY WHEADON | Staff Reporter

Family Resource Center (FRC) Program Director Nan Doolittle makes a positive advocate for the department in numerous ways. After being raised by grandparents in her early childhood years and being a single mom in college, she celebrates and supports all healthy and growing family configurations.

Q: After reading your short biography on the Family Resource Center website, your personal experiences really stood out to me. Did those experiences affect your decision to work in this department?
A: Absolutely. I believe that everything that happens to us provides the foundation for the rest of our lives and our experiences create our passions.

Q: I feel that you make a great advocate for all different family configurations, is that true?
A: It is true. I believe that in all types of family configurations, whether it is two women together or a family of eight, all families have similar needs in most aspects. It would take me hours to describe my perception of family.

Q: How do your past experiences help you relate to others that you work with in the FRC?
A: Past experiences in my life have been paramount in helping me relate and listen openly to others.

Q: Did you have a program like the FRC to get information and support from?
A: When I was a single parent in nursing school, with a toddler and preschooler, there was little support for non-traditional students. I was the only single parent in my class in the 1970s. Fortunately, I was involved in a "parent preschool" cooperative outside of school and worked there one day a week. I would have loved to have been assisted and involved in a center like Central’s FRC.

Q: What is the most beneficial thing that you have experienced as a result from working in the FRC?
A: I am grateful for witnessing the academic and professional growth of FRC student interns and employees and being apart of the bridge that the FRC has with family service providers on campus and throughout Kittitas County. I am also "wowed" by the perseverance and strength that student parents have demonstrated by juggling family, school and work.
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OPINION

Editor's NOTE: Adopt a pet!

BY DARYC WYTKO | Editor-in-Chief

My best friend is obese and has one eye. She's hairy and orange, and has a mean penchant for treats. Her name is Lucy, and she's my little pincushion.

I adopted Lucy almost two years ago - but it wasn't her idea. My mom dropped her off at my house before leaving on vacation, claiming she needed to get rid of her. Though Lucy was kind enough to drop off her doorstop of a veterinarian and the animal hospital staff, I had to take her back to health to remove an injured left eye. No one knew where she came from or what had happened to her, only that someone had abandoned her.

I knew what mom was up to. I've developed a nasty habit of living in other countries and she was determined to keep me in the United States. So she went right for the jugular – but that didn't mean I couldn't take a break for a week. When the week was over, she was in love. Lucy's toes had taken over my apartment, and Mom was victorious.

Most people turn away when they hear the word indie. I don't even like it. It makes me think of kids who go out of their way to be different just to be noticed. They wear clothes that are out of fashion, drink Pabst Blue Ribbon and abandon bands as soon as they rise in popularity.

While there are 'indie kids' like that out there, I am here to tell you that some of us really do like the music and don't do it for the attention. In the past year or so, I've personally lost sight of what it means to me. If it's not original and different, it is one thing I am willing to sacrifice. My mom and the animal hospital staff, I had told her repeatedly that I could not have pets. What if I woke up in the middle of the night and decided to move to Greece? Or join the Peace Corps? I couldn't take a cat with me. I couldn't take a dog. I refused to be tied down by anything.

But then I saw Lucy's little paw stick out of the pet carrier. Her little leg was covered in orange tiger stripes, and she had white tips on her toes. I was moved to tears. Though I didn't personally go to an animal shelter to adopt, I highly encourage all CWU students who are interested to do so. If you're looking for a furry best friend, try one who's been rescued.

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I consider myself indie - but that doesn't mean I wear flannel shirts, skinny jeans or crusty old vans. Many would argue that this is just another means of conforming to our culture. This may be true, but I realize most people need to feel they fit in somewhere and fashion is the easiest method. Every group has their own ridiculous style and they all use it to set themselves apart.

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Deep Thoughts

BY QUINN EDDY | Thinker

My friends,

I was watching "Armageddon" and thinking of you. Send that last sentence as a text to a friend and see what happens.

That guy at Grant's who boomed me before I read my deep thoughts aloud can guggle my balls. I'm super bummed because I really thought last week I served up a solid word snack. I thought it was funny, yet, I think I know why people get so offended, even have the "dose" friends, who you can't stand. If you haven't, do so now. If you do have nothing nice to say, come sit down with your roommate, and talk to them about this?

Dear Tina,

If you don't have anything nice to say, come sit next to me and we can talk about it. Because sometimes by actually talking about something you don't like you will learn how to work with or around certain situations.

I know of people right now probably haven't read past the first sentence. If they have, then sweet. They might be learning a little bit themselves.

You have sat down with your roommate, and talked to them about this? If you haven't, do so now (AFTER you've read what I have to say). I urged readers to research for themselves the ins and outs of the bill. I wish I could have gotten that line stuck in my head and typed it in. I apologize for this discrepancy. I have NEVER copy-and-pasted anything not directly attributed in any piece of work I have done. Again, I sincerely apologize to my readers because I think about. The weather today looks slightly cloudy with a chance of Quinn.

I also might have a driving replica of a Warthog from Halo built. If you're not sure whether you're pretty cool, ask yourself this: How would you feel if you were talking to a friend about what happens.

The weekend before last, I visited the lovely Emory University in Atlanta. I was there because Central's Swim Club had qualified for the American Swimming Association University League National championships. As an officer of the club, I had a very stressful time to say the least. Before I even left SeaTac, I had to pay nine bucks to mail a knife back to me that I had forgotten in my carry on. We had 18 swimmers and only two drivers able to rent cars in Atlanta. The Captain, Baden Sprinkle, and I were those drivers. We had to take two trips with full cars back and forth from the airport, the hotel, the pool, and for food. We got lost for an hour and a half in downtown ATL the first night. I was following Sprinkle at that point, so I just rolled down the windows in my 2010 Chevy Impala and bumped the bass-kicking cap from the radio. After we had found the airport again, I got a parking ticket at the terminal, then had to move to hourly parking, which I used for literally six minutes. Five hours after we landed, we finally got everyone to the hotel - which was only 16 miles away. To shave seconds, all the men on the team shaved their legs, arms, and chest before the meet. To shave seconds, all the men on the team shaved their legs, arms, and chest before the meet.

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It’s what’s on the inside...  
Inner Beauty Pageant looks past appearances

BY ILA DICKENSON  |  Staff Reporter

The Center for Student Empowerment will be hosting this year’s Inner Beauty Pageant, encouraging students to look beyond appearances and examine their inner self.

Student programmer Stephanie Sype said the program is important because students have been inundated by the media to focus on what people look like, instead of who they are.

The pageant participants will write a speech entitled “Why I Love Myself” to represent themselves behind a curtain, with nothing more to identify themselves than their voice and a random participant number.

Sype said that as soon as we hear someone’s voice, we start picturing what he or she looks like. Often times, the person looks nothing like how we pictured. The idea of the pageant is that students get to pick a person they think has the most attractive personality, instead of appearance.

“Put in support of the idea of the inner beauty and the discussion of it,” said Vincent Ruiz, senior law and justice major.

Ruiz is attending the Inner Beauty Pageant for the second year in a row.

“Society has created this idea of what people should look like and how we should live our lives,” Ruiz said. “So when we have the discussion of inner beauty, I love to see what people’s responses are.”

Sype has dealt with the issue of being addressed during Inner Beauty week. She has gone through phases of under-eating and phases of eating too much.

It is important to Sype that people take away from this week that everyone is beautiful in their own way.

“There’s a line of ‘you need to be healthy,’ but at the same time, being healthy for every person doesn’t look the same,” Sype said.

The Diversity Education Center is encouraging students to attend Inner Beauty Week events, including the panel discussion on inner beauty issues.

Leah Shelton, assistant director of the Diversity Education Center, is challenging students to look beyond the images presented to them by the media and look at what really makes someone beautiful.

“There’s so much emphasis on the way that we look that everything else tends to get left out,” Shelton said.

The audience will judge the pageant contestants. Each audience member will be given a TurningPoint clicker, and will be asked to click for the contestant who has the best speech and answers to questions asked by the host.

The idea is that both the contestants and the judges are anonymous. The pageant will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5 in the SURC Theater. The event is free and the community is encouraged to attend.

The Inner Beauty Pageant is part of Inner Beauty week, a series of events promoting students’ true beauty. The week will include a screening of a movie, “Disfigured,” a movie about self-image, as well as the second annual Natural Day, where students are encouraged to go to campus without makeup or hair products to demonstrate their inner beauty.

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Monday, May 3  
“Beauty in the Media”  
Inner Beauty Panel  
12 - 1 p.m.  
SURC Pit

Tuesday, May 4  
“Disfigured”  
Movie Showing  
6:30 p.m.  
SURC Theatre

Wednesday, May 5  
2nd Annual Inner Beauty Pageant  
6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 7  
Natural Day  
Dress down to celebrate natural beauty
“Walk for Walker”
Ellensburg community fundraises for child cancer victim

BY CHRISTINE JAHNS | Senior Reporter

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WALKER WHITEHURST 1-year-old Walker and his mom, Maddy Whitehurst.

Walker Whitehurst took his first steps in his room at Children’s hospital. He is now 19 months old and has already gone through six rounds of chemotherapy and surgery to remove an egg-sized tumor. He will soon endure another intensive round of radiation, chemotherapy and other treatments.

When Walker was one, his parents, Ben and Maddy, noticed dark circles under his eyes. By November, the darkness under his eyes was so severe that his parents took him to a local pediatrician. The pediatrician didn’t recognize Walker’s symptoms and recommended they take him to Children’s Hospital in Seattle.

While at Children’s, a CAT scan revealed small tumors around Walker’s eye sockets. After further testing, Walker was diagnosed with stage four Neuroblastoma, a cancer that only affects children under the age of 10 and, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS), accounts for only 7 percent of cancers in children.

“When you first find out about it, it’s like ‘oh my gosh’ you can’t believe that is happening to someone that young and that small to have that serious of a problem,” said Becky McDowell, Walker’s grandmother. “But you adapt pretty quickly because the children don’t feel sorry for themselves and they don’t moan around. They’re happy. It’s pretty amazing.”

By stage four, the cancer has spread from the area it originated, putting Walker in a high-risk group with only a 20 to 40 percent five-year survival rate. In Walker’s case, the cancer originated above his diaphragm and spread to his bone marrow and other parts of his body.

Although the family has insurance, many cancer treatments are not covered, which is why Roylene Crawford, Chamber of Commerce visitor center information manager and friend of Whitehurst’s grandparents, began organizing fundraising events soon after his diagnosis.

At 8 a.m. on May 1, runners, walkers, bicyclists and horseback riders will participate in “Walk for Walker,” a 7.5 mile event starting at the John Wayne Trailhead at the fairgrounds and ending at the depot in Kittitas.

“It’s really nice to know that the community will step up when someone is in need,” Crawford said. “They do it all the time. This is not an isolated case.”

This will be the fourth Walker fundraiser. The first was a pizza and ice cream feed, with which the local “This-N-That” 4-H Club helped. They’ll also help with “Walk for Walker” by managing checkpoints and water stations.

According to Diana Tasker, co-leader of the 4-H club, a unanimous club vote resulted in their participation.

“This is a reality that hit close to home,” Tasker said. “The kids in our club really believe in giving back to the community.”

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Crawford’s initial goal was to raise $9,000. So far, approximately $12,500 has been raised.

“We live in an amazing community because every bit of this has been generated right here in town,” Crawford said.

The money raised has gone toward the $25 a night room at the Ronald McDonald house for Ben and Maddy, the nasal gastro feeding tube that Walker has in 24 hours a day to give him the food he needs, stem cell surgery and a new treatment that has shown promising results in other patients.

Because there will be a variety of transportation methods, the starting times will be staggered. Runners will start at 8 a.m., bicyclists at 8:30 a.m., walkers at 9 a.m., and horseback riders at 11 a.m. Participants pay a $20 registration fee. The first 100 will get a T-shirt and water bottle. Those who want to participate can register before 11 a.m. at the event.

Those who are unable to participate but still want to help can make a donation to the Walker Orion Whitehurst (WOW) Benefit account at Sterling Savings Bank.

McDowell was so overwhelmed and touched by the outpouring of support that she and Crawford have decided to make this account into a foundation to help those in town who are in need.

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Volunteers are needed to help with traffic coordination, setting up and tear down. Those interested in helping should fill out the volunteer form on the Kittitas County Cascade Land Conservancy website at www.kittitasee.net.

The lectures will be held at Helen McCabe Park. A reptile booth and a river bugs and fish booth will be located at the Umtanum Recreation Area.

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Helen McCabe State Park is located on Canyon Road and Thrill Hill Road in Ellensburg.

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“Get Intimate with the Shrub-Steppe”
Kittitas County residents explore the valley’s ecosystem

BY ELIZABETH DEVOS | Staff Reporter

Kittitas county residents will soon have a chance to get up close and personal with the native plants of their valley during the 11th annual “Get Intimate with the Shrub-Steppe” event.

According to Diedra Petrina, Kittitas County project associate for Cascade Land Conservancy, the event will raise awareness about the valley’s ecosystem.

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“What a lot of people don’t realize is that our local ecosystem is an extremely diverse ecosystem,” Petrina said. “We actually have a lot more than what’s over on the west side.”

The event will include hour-long guided hikes, during which participants will learn about snakes, beavers, river exploration and geology while taking in the scenery.

“Our ecosystem is surprisingly beautiful,” Petrina said. “You can’t just drive by and see all of its beauty. Most of its beauty is kind of hidden.”

Local agencies and organizations will be at the event with environmentally educational exhibits. Experts will be available to answer questions.

During lectures, participants will hear from professors at Central Washington University, employees of the Department of Natural Resources and other professionals.

Lecture topics will include Ellensburg’s windy weather and big horn sheep, among others.

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This event is held annually on the first Saturday of May. It was started 11 years ago by KEEN and the Cascade Land Conservancy and averages about 300 participants a year. Event coordinators hope this year will bring even more participants.

“Nobody knew about [the shrub-steppe],” said Jill Arango, conservation director for Kittitas County Cascade Land Conservancy. “We thought we would devise an event that families could learn about and enjoy the shrub-steppe and the habitat.”

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Kevin "KC" Camarillo
Central’s executive chef gets creative

BY AMY THOMPSON | Special to the Observer

Kevin Camarillo (KC) has spent time cooking in a restaurant since he was 12 years old. He was born to cook and that passion has led him to be the executive chef of Central Washington University’s Dining Services.

"I've always had a good relationship with food," KC says. "I've always loved it." He has been a professional for the past 19 years, and has been at Central since 2005. He started as a sous chef, then was an interim executive chef for a year and a half and is now the executive chef.

KC spends his days as a manager planning campus menus ensuring everything runs smoothly. He is also in charge of managing the staff.

"I think he's wonderful," says Mike DeLourier, cook one for dining services. "I've been around a lot of chefs, tasted a lot of food. All of the knowledge he has towards cooking is really amazing. I'd do anything for this guy."

The kitchen behind the Central Market Place in the Student Union and Recreation Center smells of different meats as KC preps some alligator to deep fry. The seasonings on the table put off a faint spicy scent. Large silver bowls contain flour and batter to dip the meat in. KC executes each step with grace, rolling the meat back and forth in the flour and batter to later take to the fryers.

He hasn’t cooked alligator meat before, so he’s testing a few pieces to make sure it turns out all right before he makes everything.

"I have a sense of how much you put in something," he says. When the meat is done, KC plops it down on a paper towel and the taste-testing begins. All of the employees on duty circle around to try the deep-fried alligator meat. The inside is tender and juicy and the outside is crunchy and flavorful.

KC was cooking the alligator meat for an "extreme" beer class that evening. He was also preparing to cook ostrich and frog legs for the event.

KC always knew that he wanted to pursue a career in cooking, but the road there wasn’t the easiest. He didn’t get his culinary degree until ten years into his cooking career.

He was born and raised in east Los Angeles, where he lived for the first 20 years of his life. He worked in all kinds of restaurant jobs, gaining all the experience he could. Just after his 21st birthday, he moved to Denver as a corporate trainer.

He remembers when he and a 21-year-old man applied for the same job in Denver for a position on ESPN Zone. KC had a lot of experience, but no degree. The young man, who had a degree but no experience, got the job.

This opened KC’s eyes to the realization that he would need a degree to get the job he wanted. So he attended Scottsdale Culinary School in Arizona.

"I've never been one to sit still," KC says. "I've always pushed myself to the next level."

While there, KC had the opportunity to work with some cooking celebrities, such as Wolfgang Puck.

"That was my big highlight," he says. In order to graduate culinary school, KC needed an externship. While visiting some high school friends on a Halloween weekend in Seattle, he found one at Elliott’s Oyster House in Seattle.

Around this time, KC became reacquainted with his old high school friend, Jojo. They were later married and he moved to Ellensburg to be with her. That’s when he found his job at Central.

KC has had the opportunity to leave Central and work elsewhere, but he likes what he’s found in Ellensburg.

"There’s a lot KC likes about working at Central. I won’t lie, it’s the hours," he says. "At restaurants, I used to get out at 2 a.m. I like working with students. Students are a little more honest, I like this kind of feedback."

He also likes being able to be as creative as he chooses, he says.

In 2007, he began filming a cooking show, "KC in the Kitchen," that still airs on Central’s local television station (KCWU-TV), Channel 15. On the show he makes simple but tasty dishes that would be easy for busy students to follow, such as eggs and pizza.

Like a lot of chefs, KC has a specialty dish. Although he’s not a fan of salmon, he has been working to perfect his red salmon chili for eight years. He first got the idea for this dish from a cooking show that paired salmon and chili.

KC likes to make this dish because of the "wow factor." One of the ingredients is chocolate.

When it comes other types of cooking, KC leans toward the Southwest. He makes dishes "kind of spicy with a lot of flair," he says.

Somewhere down the road, KC would like to own his own restaurant and pub. He’d also like to attend a division one school and be an executive chef there, but for now is content with the home he’s found in Ellensburg.
**Iron Horse Trail Show**

**ABATE promotes motorcycle safety and fair legislation**

**BY JOE SAVIDGE | Staff Reporter**

Burgers, babes, bands, brews and bikes! The Second Annual Iron Horse Trail Show is taking over the Red Horse Diner this Saturday and Sunday.

The event was organized by the Kittitas County chapter of American Bikers Aimed Towards Education (ABATE); a non-profit organization that aims to educate people about motorcycle safety and laws, as well as to promote fair motorcycle legislation.

Motorcycle viewings will begin at noon on Sunday. An hour later, the Seattle Cossacks, a motorcycle stunt group, will perform their acrobatic act on Harley Davidson motorcycles. The group has been shocking crowds with gut-twisting antics since 1938.

At 3 p.m. on Sunday the award trophys will be presented by the Grant's Girls of Grant's Pizza Place. Kathy Grant, co-owner of Grant's Pizza Place, is looking forward to the publicity this event will provide. "I hope it will be a turning point for the girls," Grant said.

The Grant's Girls will be performing choreographed dances, selling raffle tickets and handing out fliers for ABATE's Labor Day party on Sunday. Local businesses have donated prizes for the raffle.

**MOTORCYCLE LINEUP** The first annual Iron Horse Trail Motorcycle Show took place on May 3, 2009, and drew a crowd of 800 motorcycles and 3,000 people.

New to this year's show is a day full of fun on Saturday. There will be a bike run from 9:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Participants will ride all over Kittitas County, but will begin and end at the Red Horse Diner. Free, live music by Mr. E. will follow the bike run at the Red Horse Diner.

ABATE will donate a portion of the event's proceeds to the Kittitas County Red Cross. Last year's proceeds were donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and sent a local two-year-old and her family to Disneyland.

For Joe Hill, local ABATE Deputy Coordinator and 2010 Bike Show Committee Chairman, giving back to the community isn't something new. He is a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, organizations that are committed to helping the local community.

Statewide, the month of May is recognized as Motorcycle Awareness Month. According to Hill, the local chapter of ABATE pushed for Kittitas County to recognize it as such.

A study that found that the drivers of cars, trucks and other motor vehicles are responsible for approximately two-thirds of accidents between motorcycles and motor vehicles.

"It's important to get the public to know we're there," Hill said.

Last year's show attracted 800 motorcycles and 3,000 people. Contestants came from as far away as Idaho.

Luckily for the hungry travelers, the Red Horse Diner offers burgers, salads and sandwiches, as well as desserts, beer and wine.

"I think we'll have a bigger turnout this year," Hill said.

Competition registration is from 10 a.m. until noon and costs $10. General admission is free.

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5 Minutes With... Cortney Howisey
30-Hour Fast participant

BY AMANDA MILLER | Asst. Scene Editor

Q. Why did you decide to participate in the 30-Hour Fast?
A. I participated in the 30-hour fast because I feel it is an eye-opening experience where I can gain knowledge of what other people go through.

Q. What did you learn from this experience?
A. I have learned what it feels like to go to bed hungry, which has taught me not to take food for granted. In our society food is very accessible. We can walk into the Marketplace, swipe our [connection] card and have food in two minutes, whereas in other countries it is not that simple. I think it is important for people to experience world hunger and understand what other people go through on a day-to-day basis.

Q. Why is that important?
A. In order to better other countries. We must be able to understand to educate. Education is the most important tool to bettering a country or society.

Q. Where did you break your fast and what did you eat?
A. I broke my fast at Kiku-Chan with lots and lots of sushi.

Cortney Howisey is a junior social services and non-profit organizations major who participated in the 30-Hour Fast last Thursday. After graduation, she wants to get her master's in the Peace Corps and volunteer her time abroad.

Howisey has been working with "Water in Africa through Everyday Responsiveness" for five years and is also involved in "Esperanza," in Tijuana, Mexico. She feels that participating in the fast will help her relate to what she does in other countries.

A smattering of Central Secrets

Since April 19, students have had the opportunity to post their thoughts and feelings anonymously in the SURC Pit. "Central Secrets" will be on display until 5 p.m. tomorrow.
Rich and A-Yes to party at Lilly’s

BY JOE SAVIDGE · Staff Reporter

Central Washington University’s own Rich Banks and Anthony Stewart, better known as musical duo Rich and A-Yes, will be hosting a sneak party at 10 p.m. this Saturday night at Lilly’s Cantina in downtown Ellensburg.

According to A-Yes, the sneak party is an ode to youthful days. Remember sneaking out of the house, under the cover of the night? While most Central students don’t have to worry about getting mom and dad’s permission to go out, many are still burdened with that boyfriend, girlfriend or best friend who wants to sit on the couch and watch movies. Rich and A-Yes, who have been friends for 16 years, have been performing for the last four years. While growing up in Seattle, they had a tight-knit group of friends and family called Section Eight, or the B-Block. The duo says it wasn’t a gang, but a group of people dedicated to helping each other stay positive.

“You could grow up in the worst position, but it’s all in your mind. Make the best with what you got,” A-Yes said. “And they’re not just rappers, they’re musicians. “Music is music. We like rap and hip-hop and rock beats, too,” A-Yes said.

Rich, a sophomore music major, used the computer program ProTools to lay down beats, and also plays the piano. A-Yes is a junior, majoring in public relations. While Rich and A-Yes will be performing Saturday night, they are mostly looking forward to partying with the people and making sure everyone is having their own mini-vacation. If your boyfriend, girlfriend or best friend wants you to stay home this Saturday night, sneak out to Lilly’s Cantina and party hard with Rich and A-Yes.

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Kick-Ass, not for the faint of heart

BY CHRISTINE JAHNS · Senior Reporter

“Kick-Ass,” taken from the Mark Millar comic series and directed by Matthew Vaughn (Layer Cake, Stardust), explores what might happen if people with no super powers became superheroes. Dave Lizewski (Aaron Johnson) is your average high school teenager who blends in with the crowd. His love for comics prompts him to one day ask, “How come nobody’s ever tried to be a superhero?” His friends laugh it off and acknowledge that anyone who would try that would be dead in about a day. Dave chooses not to heed their warnings and, after a few set backs, Dave emerges as Kick-Ass, a national Internet sensation.

As his popularity grows, he encounters the bad-ass father/daughter duo: Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and 11-year-old Hit-Girl (Chloe Moretz), who have also teamed up to fight crime. Red Mist (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) joins the team and together they enter a world they may not come back from.

After seeing the previews for this movie, I was expecting a hilarious action-comedy, but what I got was slightly different. I think it would have been beneficial to notice that the R rating was partially due to strong brutal violence and pervasive language. Because I was initially taken off guard by the extent of the violence and the fact that much of it was carried out by the foul-mouthed Hit-Girl, I had mixed feelings about this film, but now I see this film has a lot to offer.

Although the film is titled "Kick-Ass," the title character is one of the least compelling. Johnson is not a bad actor, but Kick-Ass seems to get most of his help from his fellow super heroes and only towards the end does he finally start to take charge. The best performance came from the young Moretz. I found myself fascinated by Hit-Girl. At times I was taken aback by the violence and peeking out of her, but other times I was impressed at how she handled herself. I started to relish in her gun wielding, knife throwing ways.

COURTESY OF RICH AND A-YES

Amanda, why do you even write an advice column? Anyone can Google something and in my opinion you get pretty cheesy.

Well at least you’re reading my column, right? Obviously, you know that anyone can Google something and come up answers, that’s the beauty of our generation. Unfortunately it goes both ways. Any random person can put information up on the internet, regardless if the information is correct. So why take the chance Googling birth control or Adderall when you can get real, honest and correct source.

That’s what I try to be; a resource that students can rely on to get accurate (and yes, even funny) information on sex, drugs, alcohol and stress. And if I can’t answer a question with the knowledge I have obtained, then I do my research and talk to credible sources to make sure my answers are correct. Regarding your “cheesy” comment, I say thanks! Yeah, it’s true, my articles may or may not cross the “cheesy” line, but get over it, that’s who I am. Do you know how hard it is to write a joke down on paper? For me, it’s hard. I try to be someone students can relate to and feel comfortable writing to. Who would want to read an advice column of someone with no personality? If you’ve never talked to me in person, then you wouldn’t know that I have a very comical and blunt personality and I’m not going to apologize for it shining through in my writing.

So for all of those reading my column, thank you and keep writing in. Until next week!

-Amanda

Have a story to share or a question for Amanda? Send them to wsic@cwu.edu. It just might be a future topic!

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CINEMATIC MUSINGS

—by Joe Savidge
I was thoroughly excited to try the new KFC Double Down. For those of you who haven't heard of this hyped-up addition to the KFC family, it is a bunless chicken sandwich with heavy doses of cheese, Colonel's sauce and bacon.

However, as I opened the small grease-stained box containing the infamous sandwich, my excitement immediately faded away. This was NOT what it looked like in the commercial. After staring at the small round layers of chicken and processed cheese leaking from the sides, I assured myself that it must be better than it looks. Boy was I wrong. Each bite of this interesting creation required a handful of napkins and raised the million-dollar question, "Why am I eating this?"

Defeated, I put it down and pulled the pieces of chicken apart to expose the barely-there bits of bacon and questionable cheese. I knew there was no way I could finish this beast and I had the mother of all stomachaches in minutes.

The Double Down may not be the best choice for the health-conscious consumer. With 540 calories, 1380 milligrams of sodium, and 32 grams of fat, it is considered a heart attack in a paper box. Perhaps the Double Down would be the ideal fast food choice if you are wasted, hung-over or a college-age boy. However, if you are feeling adventurous, I encourage you to try the Double Down challenge for yourself.
Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals
Annual photo contest winners

1ST PLACE: "MONTANA FURY" BY PATRICK WILLAUER

3RD PLACE: "BRIENZERSEE" BY MATT JENKINS

2ND PLACE: "PURPLE HAZE" BY DAVID BROWELEIT

4TH PLACE: "VANTAGE" BY MARA DILLINGER

Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals annual photo contest was held in the SURC pit building from April 20 - April 22, 2010. Here are this year's winners, as voted on by the campus community.

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Questionable Decisions
Players quitting, high pitch counts cause concern for CWU baseball

BY MATTHEW CARSTENS | Sports Reporter

Things have not gone well for Central Washington University baseball this year, on or off the field. The Wildcats currently hold a record of 11-31 overall and 5-19 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) play. The team is last in the conference in hitting and second to last in pitching.

Off the field, things have gotten even worse. In the past three weeks, two players have quit, while another player was dismissed for disciplinary reasons. Team morale is in the tank, and several players have voiced their displeasure with the program.

There have also been questions raised concerning pitching counts and how Head Coach Desi Storey has used his pitchers. Storey denies he has abused pitchers, saying he is always careful to ask the pitchers how their arm is feeling during games. For some of the morale issues, he blamed that on the team's situation.

On April 7, Keola Rubin, a junior second baseman transfer from Pierce Community College, was removed from the baseball program after a verbal confrontation with Storey.

"We've grown up our whole lives just trying to play baseball, trying to compete," Rubin said. "It's a joke, the program's a joke. It just wasn't fun anymore." He was considered by many players, including Bryce Hjellum, to be the team's best hitter. Against Montana State Billings, eight days later he threw 150 pitches in a game against Western Oregon University, where temperatures were near freezing.

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Professionally, it is unheard of for pitchers to go that long in a single game. Roy Halladay, starting pitcher of the Philadelphia Phillies and one of Major League Baseball's most durable pitchers, has never gone 150 pitches in a game.

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"PITCHING" CONTINUED ON P.20

OUT OF COMMISSION Junior starting pitcher Bryce Hjellum threw 150 pitches against Western Oregon University earlier this month. He was not available to pitch last weekend because of soreness in his arm. Some players are concerned Coach Desi Storey is overworking his pitchers.

PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF MATT CARMEN SANELI

Keola Rubin
Skyler Schiller

Thirteen-year-old Keola Rubin was a standout student at Central Washington University last season, leading the team with a batting average of .366 and four home runs. Rubin, who was leading the team with reoccurring theme once again.

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"PITCHING" CONTINUED ON P.20
The Wildlady's put down good marks in the pool as well in the Northwest Regional Rodeo #3. Junior Meagan Wilson placed in a total of three events and one in the top 15. Her time of 107.71 seconds in the 100-yard Backstroke placed her 8th in the meet.

Wilson also placed ninth in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:13.71 seconds and helped add to the team total. Freshman Ellora Wahle helped add to the team total by placing 10th in the 200-yard breaststroke, while Wilson placed 11th in the 200-yard individual medley.

"I feel the team did well with all the performances that happened at the meet," Sprinkle said. "We are gonna be strong for the next part of the season."
Softball reclaims first place in GNAC

BY JON CLEVELAND | Sports Reporter

The Lady Wildcats played five games this week against divisional opponent Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) Crusaders, the first of which was played on Thrusday against California Baptist University. After playing the Thundercats the Lady Wildcats went on to sweep the Crusaders.

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Baseball salvages one against SMU

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GWU took the first game of the Saturday double-header into the ninth inning with a 7-5 lead. However, junior pitcher Palmer Brown could not hold on to the lead and gave up 3 runs making it an 8-7 ballgame in favor of the visiting St. Martin's University (SMU).

The bats were hot in Saturday's game as both teams combined for over 30 hits. But as good as the bats were, the pitching and defense were equally bad. Central had 5 errors, two of which were charged to junior second baseman Kelly Gau who was replaced mid-game by junior Nate Sadler.

The first batter for the Wildcats in the ninth was senior infielder Kevin Schnieder, who hit a deep shot to right field which resulted in an in-the-park home run.

"My curve ball was working pretty good today," Walkenhauer said. "I'm not really a strike-out pitcher. I just try to throw good pitches early and they were pretty aggressive early in the count and got themselves out."

In the sixth inning the Wildcats had runners on first and third when Ricky McKinney hit a sacrifice fly to drive in the go-ahead run making it a 6-5 ballgame. Walkenhauer for the top of the seventh shut the Saints down 1-2-3, preserving the 6-5 lead and getting the win.

Sunday continued to be the same story that it has been all year for Central baseball. St. Martin's went up 3-0 in the first inning and never surrendered the lead. Central's effort was valiant, coming within 1 run in the fourth inning after their second double steal of the game, but could not quite get the lead.

In the second game of the Sunday double header the Wildcat pitching held the opposing team under 5 runs for just the seventh time this season. Unfortunately, the Wildcat hitters could not muster up more than 3 runs, losing the game 4-3.

Central is now 5-19 in conference play, with a 11-31 overall record and will look to bounce back against Western Oregon next weekend.

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