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University goes green in two building projects

Renovation of Hogue and Dean halls utilizes technology, preserves to keep costs low

BY ALEX PYNSKY
Senior Reporter

University officials, under direction from the legislature, have begun remodeling buildings to green standards rather than replacing them.

"We are going green in the renovation of the parade route," said Bill Yarwood, Central Washington University's director of facilities planning and construction, regarding recent renovations to both Hogue and Dean halls.

Dean Hall was in need of a face lift after being vacant for almost a decade; it had been used as storage for extra furniture.

Since Dean Hall was the old chemistry and science building, the classrooms used a lot of chemicals and other hazardous substances in their curriculum, said one facilities management official.

"So when we went in to essentially flush out the entire system, we found out that it would take more time to remove those toxins than to build new and start over."

Dean Hall was still in acceptable condition for facilities management, so they decided to tear it down, and to continue renovation.

For the new Dean Hall project, one of the main goals was to make the building more energy efficient and environmentally friendlier.

The old format for the fume hoods had them defining the amount of air that circulated through the building, which ran 24 hours a day. The new fume hoods have a variable volume layout, which is both energy efficient and cost effective because, unlike before, the air circulation for each fume hood is individually regulated.

"In the long run, projects like Dean Hall and the Hogue hall will conserve a pretty substantial amount of money because the natural resources the building uses can be reused during the renovation, as well as after construction is complete," Yarwood said.

The Hogue Hall project Yarwood is referring to has been in the works since 2005. According to Bill Vertrees, vice president of Business and Financial Affairs, a theft of the million dollars needed for the addition.

The state told Central that they would receive the funds needed for the Hogue Hall renovation at a later date due to the budget crisis.

Thanks to lower construction costs, facilities management officials realized they were going to have about $7 million left over after the addition was completed.

They thought that the money we have left over after completion of the addition will be enough to complete the renovation of the old building," Yarwood said, "which means we will save money by not having to ask the state for the second installment we thought we originally needed for the entire project."

After all the construction is finished

Gaudino re organizes Academic, Student Affairs division heads

BY ALEX PYNSKY
Senior Reporter

Central Washington University President James Gaudino had a vision when he was selected to begin the university, Academic and Student Affairs personnel working closely together to focus more attention on the students.

To achieve this goal, Gaudino combined Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, a merger that included several reassignments.

"As all you students know, budgets are going down and tuition is going up, so anytime we can increase efficiency it's a good thing," Gaudino said. "But that was not the motivation, that was really the bi-product of it to save money."

How much money this decision will have the university is still unknown. Gaudino said even though it will take some time to figure out how much money will be saved, the university is still happy.

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"In the long run, things work together will greatly advance student retention and maintain record enrollment."

One of these projects includes developing a new student success center. The Wildcat Academy, which students will help students retain and maintain.

"A lot of students are not prepared in math and writing when they come to this university," Tullos said. "The goal of the Wildcat Academy will be to prepare these students for the regular school year and possibly eliminate the lower level math and English classes."

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Quirk said the "worthy and capable professionals" that now report to him are able to keep him updated on sections of Student Affairs that he has not been responsible for in the past.

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Quirk referred to Quirk as his new "right-hand man" who has been brought on to take over his responsibilities.

"I had a man assault me and I defended myself as best I could," Manweller said.

The conflict began at the Ellensburg Rodeo parade where Manweller, chair of the Ellensburg Rodeo, also a Central employee. A week later Manweller told the emergency room he caught the end of the broadcast and decided to call in.

Fred Huber, Linda Huber's husband, heard the broadcast and decided to call in.

"He publicized the fight, so the judge dismissed both requests," Huber told the newspaper. "I should not have put Linda in the line of fire over this."

The former Kittitas mayor and elected official and I thought that made him enraged enough to hit," Huber told the newspaper.

Fred Huber over comments Manweller made for a laceration to the ear and a broken jaw.

"I don't think we can ever get back the time that we lost," Manweller said. "It's a good thing," Gaudino said. "But that was not the motivation, that was really the bi-product of it to save money."

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Student drunk driving carries consequences and discussions

You're usually confident that you'll get there safely," she said. "So if you've been drinking or whatever, you're usually confident that you'll get there safely."

However, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that 69 percent of all accidents occur within a 10-mile radius of a driver's home and approximately 52 percent occur within a five-mile radius.

Central Washington University Campus Police officers admit they don't give out as many DUIs as they could. That's because they practice what they call Community Oriented Policing, or C.O.P.

"Usually, if we suspect someone of drunk driving but they're talking to us about a problem that they feel we should handle, we'll let them go," said Lt. Tim Stowe. "Our main goal is to get them home safely."

However, a couple of years ago, a campus police officer pulled over a drunk driver in the parking lot of the Grot-Short apartments on University Way, where he lived.

"He had clearly been drinking, but he parked his car and we talked with him for a little bit and then we let him go inside because he was home," Lieutenant Stowe said. "We didn't think he'd leave – he said he wouldn't go anywhere – so we let him go.

A couple of hours later, University Police got a call from the county. The same drunk driver who promised he'd stay home had gotten in a crash on University Way, where he lived.

Despite instances like this, University Police say they continue to practice C.O.P. in order to "get everyone home safe."

"We have officers on foot patrol," Lt. Stowe said. "They're out in the community, they walk through the residence halls, they're on bicycles – our main goal is to keep the students and the community safe."

The Ellensburg Police Department (EPD), however, takes a tougher mentality on drunk drivers.

"You're either a DUI or you're not," said Cpt. Dan Hansberry.

The EDP issued 76 citations for drunk driving last year; Campus Police issued seven.

Problems with the current system

A safe ride home can be hard to come by in Ellensburg. Central Transit stops at midnight, and with just two taxis in town, the chances of catching a ride at 2 a.m. are slim. So students resort to one of two options: 1) drive home after drinking or 2) walk home in the dark and embark upon the "path of destruction." According to Lynne Harrison, both options create problems for local law enforcement, businesses and residents, as well as for the person making the choice.

Last spring, a sociology class at CWU did a survey of 180 students at random in the Student Union Recreation Center (SURC) and found that 20.6 percent said they drive home after drinking at the bars, 33.9 percent choose to walk, while the rest called a friend or a taxi. Of the students polled, 71.67 percent said they would use a shuttle bus to get home if one was provided and 20.6 percent, would pay for it.

Jack Baker, chief conduct officer at CWU, admits that students driving home drunk is a real problem at Central.

"It’s bad," he said. "It’s the violation that I’m most concerned with because the student can hurt themselves, and they can hurt others in the community."

"We want them to find a solution to this problem," Baker said.

Baker said alcohol's ability to inhibit decision-making plays a role in the problem.

"These are young drinkers, they’re not experienced drinkers," he said. "They are just learning how to drink."

"And a lot of the time, they just end up making the wrong decision."

Central, Ellensburg community

facts and figures

- 0.8% is the federal Blood Alcohol Content limit
- 69 percent of all accidents occur within a ten-mile radius of a driver’s home
- 52 percent occur within a five-mile radius
- 76 citations issued by the EPO for drunk driving last year
- 7 citations were issued by Campus Police during the last year
- 370 citations were written in Ellensburg from 2007 to last week
- 64.86 percent of the 370 citations were written after midnight
- 28 percent were Central students
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BY MCKENZIE GARDNER

Staff Reporter

There doesn’t seem to be an argument about whether Central students drinking and driving is a problem; the issue lies in the struggle to find a solution. For nearly three years now, students, faculty and community members have gone back and forth with proposals, rebuttals and questions. So what can be done?

Brent Weisel, senior finance and accounting major, has been fighting for a solution to student DUIs since June 2008, when he first proposed a transportation system that could pick students up at the bars after midnight. The goal is to keep students from drinking and driving and to provide a safe and efficient means for transporting them back to their residences.

The plan is to adjust Central Transit’s hours to provide a night transportation that the current system does not offer. However, almost three years later, discussions are still underway.

“I went to the administration and they said, ‘You need a plan,’” Weisel said. “Three or four proposals later, nothing’s changed.”

On May 6 of this year, a group of students, administration, campus police officers and ASCWU-BOD members met in the SURC to discuss the issue. The consensus was that there is a lack of transportation for students after midnight, however the group could not come to an agreement on a solution.

Obie O’Brien, Ellensburg City Councilman and Supervisor of Distance Education at Central, stands firm in his decisions about late-night transportation.

There is an issue that needs to be addressed, but I do not believe that Central Transit is the right avenue to address the issue,” O’Brien said.

Jack Baker blames lack of funding and the reality that no one wants to stay up until 4 a.m. driving around, sick and obnoxious drunk.

Lynne Harrison, coordinator of the Campus-Community Coalition, has another plan to evade the problem. She believes the key is to insert education and training.

“Research shows that when you have a designated driver program in place, people tend to consume more alcohol,” she said. “The number of DUIs might go down, and the number of car accidents will go down, but other high-risk driving problems go up.”

In a seemingly catch-22 situation, he decides which problem is the lesser of two evils.

“We work on reducing high-risk drinking through a variety of ways here on campus,” Harrison said. “So to address the drinking issue, we’re pushing for some sort of late-night transportation for students.”

Indeed, CWU does work to educate students about the risks involved with drinking, Joey Bryant, coordinator of student conduct and responsible citizenship, believes in addressing the cause of the problem, not the action itself. For example, incoming freshmen are required to take part in Wildcat Welcomes Weekend which includes various courses on safe driving habits.

“We try to make it an educational process to help students learn to take responsibility for their actions,” he said. “The last thing we want is to see a student walking in here with a DUI.”

According to Baker, a large part of the problem is that...
Student drunk driving carries consequences and discussions. Central, Ellensburg community struggle to find solutions in preventing DUIs.

According to Ellensburg Police Department Captain Dan Hansberry, if a person is pulled over for suspicion of drunk driving, the first step is to conduct a field sobriety test. Granted a failed test, said person is handcuffed and searched on the spot and then taken to jail. Once at the jail, a breathalyzer test is typically given and it is then at the discretion of the officer whether to book the person in jail or release them with a DUI citation. This decision is based on level of intoxication and an available sober person to bring them home.

If the level of intoxication is high, the person will be booked in jail with an estimated bail of $500, which could be just the beginning. Typically, the car of someone arrested under the suspicion of drunk driving is impounded and can only be retrieved for a fee of almost $200. From there, the case is taken over by the prosecutor's office and the Kittitas County court system and dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

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no one has sole power over the issue.

“It’s complicated,” he said. “It has to work on the collegiate side and the community side and there just hasn’t been an agreement.”

Steve Rittereiser, chief of police at Central, agrees with O’Brien and confirms that Central Transit’s hours will not extend to provide late-night rides for students.

“By the end of the last school year, it was pretty clear that combining Central Transit with a late-night transportation program was not a good idea,” he said.

According to Rittereiser, when Central Transit operated past midnight to bring students home from the bars, the majority of those funding the program couldn’t use it because they weren’t of legal drinking age.

“It just didn’t make much sense to have a bunch of 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds paying for a program they couldn’t even use,” Rittereiser said. “What did make sense was to provide transit-based transportation for students and the community to get to school and the store.”

Both O’Brien and Rittereiser agree that it would be a positive change to have such a program at Central and they offer suggestions to achieve that.

“It has been talked about that students acquire several small buses or vans and then lease them to the local taxi company,” O’Brien said. “It would be more effective for the students to have that relationship with the taxi company, rather than with HopeSource and Central Transit.”

Rittereiser thinks students should submit a Request for Proposal to a transportation program to find out how much it might cost. Once a price is established, he said, the students can see if it’s plausible and go from there.

The simple solution seems to be to extend Central Transit’s hours until 2 a.m. a few nights a week. However, Campus Police have confirmed that they will not extend the hours.

“When Safe Ride used to run until 3 a.m., people called it the ‘Drunk Bus,’” Lt. Stowe said. “It looked really bad in the media.”

Weisel wonders, however, if it would look worse in the media to run a “Drunk Bus” that gets students home safely or to let intoxicated students fend for themselves and drive home drunk.

“Until the university’s administration believes in, and is willing to work on a late-night transit system in Ellensburg, something the students have wanted for years, nothing will change,” Weisel said. “I just hope they make changes before something terrible happens to a CWU student.”

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Best of both worlds

The revolution of the news business has carried over into The Observer, both in print and a revamped website.

BY ANTHONY JAMES

My name is Anthony James and I'm the Editor-in-Chief of The Observer. And this is my first column. So here it goes.

For inspiration, I went to my prede- ces sor Darcy Wytock's first column from this time. She wrote about Che Guevara and revolution. Che is still with us, but revolution is alive and well.

My generation of 20-somethings holds a vast amount of  power and influence in today's society. Our parents fought wars half a world away by holding sit-ins and picketing on campuses.

Today, we send Facebook group invi- tes and tweet our opinions, but the rev- olution is the same – our voices are heard and changed results.

What does this have to do with a col- lege newspaper? Well, a lot. This is a part of the lives of people since the beginning of time. The word draws pictures of revolution from two competing political ideologies, but the term has been thrown around in the news business since the advent of the Internet and free online news.

Introducing: the few, the proud, the pricks

As with anything that rises in popularity, there will be those that will defend it to the death and others that would rather see it die.

Such is the case of the Twilight craze. I'll be honest, I've seen them and I still can't understand why some people do. Stephanie Meyer didn't write Twilight for me. I'm not interested in relationship issues about kids in high school, whether they are vampires or not. I don't envy my vampires to glitter, I want them to burn for not adhering to the conditions of their curse.

I heard about three main problems with Twilight: the setting, the plot and the vampires themselves. The setting was the one that I was most interested in.

The award-winning print edition isn't going anywhere either. And with all of the revolution happening in news delivery, neither will our coverage.

Sure, we have work to do. I'm the first to admit that. But the dozens of students whom make this publication possible strive to make the Observer the best it can be.

So, welcome to all of the new stu- dents on campus and welcome back to those returning to Central. All of us at the Observer would love to see you write for us and hear your opinions or tips.

BY DAVID OUELLE

Hello, reader. Are you feeling down? Do you feel like your life isn’t going anywhere? Well, let me at- tempt to lift your spirits with a sim- ple, easily-proven fact:

That will shape our future. Why shouldn’t we be complete pricks?

Complete pricks are always looking for that new- est, better job — either because they want to be more successful, or because they think the next one will be going anywhere? Since by nature, pricks are supposed to care about nothing but themselves. A lot of their relation- ships turn sour fairly quickly, since by nature, pricks are supposed to care about nothing but themselves. A lot of their relation- ships turn sour fairly quickly, since by nature, pricks are supposed to care about nothing but themselves. A lot of their relation- ships turn sour fairly quickly, since by nature, pricks are supposed to care about nothing but themselves. A lot of their relation- ships turn sour fairly quickly, since by nature, pricks are supposed to care about nothing but themselves. A lot of their relation- ships turn sour fairly quickly, since by nature, pricks are supposed to care about nothing but themselves. A lot of their relation- ships turn sour fairly quickly, since by nature, pricks are supposed to care about nothing but themselves. A lot of their relation- ships turn sour fairly quickly, since by nature, pricks are supposed to care about nothing but themselves. A lot of their relation- ships turn sour fairly quickly, since by nature, pricks are supposed to care about nothing but themselves. A lot of their relation- ships turn sour fairly quickly, since by nature, pricks are supposed to care about nothing but themselves. A lot of their relation- ships turn sour fairly quickly, since by nature, pricks are supposed to care about nothing but themselves. A lot of their relation- ships turn sour fairly quickly, since by nature, pricks are supposed to care about nothing but themselves. A lot of their relation- ships turn sour fairly quickly. Some women tend to be attracted to complete pricks because (no surprise!) guys with a lot of bravado and confidence appear more attractive. A lot of complete pricks are rich, too, which also helps.

I could demonstrate in detail how prickiness can be applied to any aspect of your life, but if you’re a good candidate for being a prick, you should have enough confidence in yourself and your abilities to fig- ure it all out for yourself.

The problem with being a complete prick is that your suc- cesses tend to be short-lived. Complete pricks are like bright flames that shine hu- minously before burning out quickly. This could explain why they’re constantly in a state of discontent.

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Share your secrets tonight with Frank Warren, PostSecret-style

BY REDA LEE
Staff Reporter

If you had a secret burning to be shared, Frank Warren would be the guy to tell. Warren is the creator of the PostSecret Project, now a national phenomenon, through which participants mail in anonymous secrets on homemade postcards. The secrets are supposed to be real and honest and have never been told.

Warren will be speaking at 6 p.m. tonight in the SURC Ballroom. Central had its very own version of the PostSecret Project on campus last spring. It was an idea that originated through a few students involved in the Migrant Student Organization (MSO), the Civic Engagement Center and the Wellness Center in an effort to support Mental Health Awareness Week. The anonymously submitted secrets could be seen on large, standing displays in the SURC so that those walking by could read the secrets of their fellow students. Some secrets were sad, some were angry and others were controversial. No matter the secret, someone was likely able to relate to it, which created a stronger sense of community.

“I saw it as a survey to find out about the unsafe sexual behaviors students were engaged in. It was a great tool for the Wellness Center,” said Dayana Diaz, member of MSO. “It also built an anonymous community. Somebody has the same secret.”

Central Secrets turned into a bigger project than anyone could have imagined.

“It opened people’s eyes to what was going on around campus,” said Beth Shrosbree, member of MSO. “It was a learning experience that was positive and negative. We saw that people were inspired to write down their own secrets.”

At first, many of the students involved with Central Secrets feared no one would be willing to share their deepest secrets. They ended up receiving over five hundred postcards.

“It was kind of like an anonymous Facebook. Students received confirmation and affirmation that they’re not alone,” said Scott Drummond, director of Campus Activities. “It’s brave and enlightening. It’s a risk taking adventure that students took part of.”

Warren created a social movement that anyone could relate to. College campuses all over the state have joined in on the movement. Central was just one of many.

51st Annual Bite of the ‘Burg attracts biggest crowd

Approximately 2,500 students attended the Bite of the ‘Burg this year to check out the more than 65 businesses and vendors.

The purpose of the event is to “welcome back students, new or returning, and introduce them to what Ellensburg retailers and organizations have to offer,” said Leslie Berry, Bite of the ‘Burg event coordinator for the Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce.

This year’s event was the “biggest ever,” Berry said. More students attended this year than ever before; some of the restaurants actually ran out of food early, she said.

Berry attributes the increased attendance to the day before classes start, in downtown Ellensburg.

“This was the annual event’s 51st anniversary and the vendors are already planning for an even bigger turnout next year,” Berry said. The Bite of the ‘Burg takes place every fall, the day before classes start, in downtown Ellensburg.

Q: How did your residents benefit from the event?
A: It gave residents the opportunity to explore the downtown. It’s a cool way for residents to not only get to know the downtown, but also each other.

Q: What do you enjoy most about being a CP?
A: I love my job. I get to work with freshmen and at the end of the day I feel good about myself because I’m helping people.

Q: What is your ultimate goal as a CP?
A: I hope to inspire students to make connections to each other, to the university and to Ellensburg.
The chunky solo beating out of the bass guitar could be felt in the chests of those in the bouncing crowd. People were jumping and dancing, limbs flailing and hair flying, as they watched Open Country Joy perform last Saturday at Raw Space.

Once overly-enthusiastic dancer was given a wide berth as he jumped, spun and kept every limb in constant motion. Another guy even whipped out his stankie leg.

Brandon Brooks, guitar, Seth Garrido, guitar, and Jeff Dermond, bass, were bouncing and nodding their heads to their rising and falling rhythm while Matthews Reiger kept the beat on drums.

A few songs in, Garrido took a seat, replacing his guitar with a hand drum, which he beat with incredible enthusiasm. His hands were fast like a flip book and his entire body shook in time with his staccato beat. The band members’ energy was evident as the smell of sweat poured off the stage.

At times their sound was psychedelic. At other times it was country. Open Country Joy managed to blend together several musical genres in a way that made sense. The crowd loved it, and together several musical genres in a way that made sense. The crowd loved it, and together several musical genres in a way that made sense. The crowd loved it.

Open Country Joy performs last Saturday at Raw Space. For more information about Open Country Joy, visit www.myspace.com/opencountryjoy

“Comedy Night with Anthony Calderon” tonight

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Anthony Calderon, co-owner of Raw Space, picked Calderon not only because of his talent, but also because of his eye for it. “He’s hilarious, he brings quality comedians in here so we’ve kind of just continued to book shows with him because he’s really good at bringing in good comedians,” Gunderson said.

In addition to bringing friends from the Westside, Calderon is giving a few minutes of the show to Central students Chad Blevins and Ben Floyd. “I’m bringing not only comedians because of his talent, but also because of his eye for it. “He’s hilarious, he brings quality comedians in here so we’ve kind of just continued to book shows with him because he’s really good at bringing in good comedians,” Gunderson said.

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The Non-Traditional Student and Veteran Carnival offered snacks and entertainment last Saturday

ABOVE Carnival attendees look on as Mario Lorenz, an entertainer from Tacoma, balances a stroller on his chin -- quite the feat after accidently spilling a bottle of water just moments before.

LEFT Starting with just one purple scarf, Mario Lorenz, an entertainer from Tacoma, wowed the audience by ending his act by tossing multiple scarves of different colors in the air.

LEFT Diane Fischel-Hall, retention communication specialist, was an artist for the day as she used henna to draw on hands and arms at the carnival.

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**People on the Street:**

Upperclassmen

**BY LINDSY WHEADON**

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Wildcats’ rushing attack powers offense over SFU

CWU running backs Kelly, Stinson combine for 400 rushing yards in 44-30 win over Simon Fraser

By Matthew Carstens

Whoever said you had to schedule fluff to get to the big game?

Central definitely did not do that in 2010, as they went up against number four in the nation and 2008 NCAA Division II National Champion, Minnesota Duluth. Central would lose the game 35-32 at the beginning of your college football season. With a short preseason, the Wildcats faced off against the Crusaders, 11 of them came in the first two sets. Senior Kady Try spikes the ball over the net to the Northwest Nazarene University Crusaders. Try, along with senior Kristel Baeckel, had 26 combined kills that helped the Wildcats earn their third consecutive win.

The first mistake was on Central quarterback Ryan Robertson’s first pass of the game that was intercepted and run in for a touchdown. Obviously that was the difference [in the game],” Robertson said. “I feel really bad about that, but my teammates played their butts off, and unfortunately my mistakes ended up costing us in the end.”

Robertson might want to take that one back, but he can be satisfied with his performance the rest of the game. Robertson completed 63 percent of his passes, going 29 for 46—career highs for completions and attempts—and throwing for 251 total yards, five shy of his career high of 256.

Down 6-7 early in the contest, Central kicker Sean Davis hit a 50-yard field goal to make it 9-7. It was the first 50 plus yard field goal in Central history since 1992.

One Eastern Eagle that the Wildcats had trouble containing running back Taiwan Jones, who rushed for 91 yards and two touchdowns.

“They have a very good running back,” Bennett said. “I thought we contained him well, except for that screen pass that he took the distance. He’s a special talent.”

His other touchdown was a 2-yard run that put Eastern up 11-9.

Seven plays into Eastern’s next offensive drive, Central kicker Sean Davis hit a 50-yard field goal to make it 16-14.

“I was blitzing on that play and I knew they were coming off the edge,” Bighill said. “I came off a bit late but I could see him getting ready to get a step pass, and I just tried to track where his eyes were looking and he threw it and I nailed it.”

From there both teams went back and forth until Eastern took control and went up 28-16.

Clean Sweep - Volleyball wins third straight

By Jackie Abbott

In the past three matches, the seeminglyflawless Wildcats at volleyball team has not lost a single set. Last Saturday, the Wildcats faced off against the Crusaders of Northwest Nazarene University, defeating them by a score of 3-0 (25-16, 25-21, 25-23).

The team chemistry of the Central Washington University volleyball team has been evident on and off the court this season. With a short preseason, the Wildcats have been able to produce wins with a team of experienced athletes.

Senior middle blocker Kristel Baekkel had an outstanding performance Saturday with 12 total kills in just 19 attempts and zero hitting errors.

Quick to praise her teammates, Baekkel said, “We all played really well Saturday evening.”

Averaging a .531 hitting percentage this year, Baekkel generated a career best .632 percentage on Saturday evening. Baekkel also had five assisted blocks.

“Kristel has been playing very well,” Head Coach Mario Andaya said. “She adds firepower and is an offensive threat in the middle.”

Senior outside hitter Kady Try currently leads the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) in kills, averaging 4.89 per set. Having her best year so far, she is ranked in the top three in the country. Try had 14 kills against the Crusaders, 11 of them came in the first two sets. Along with Baekkel, Try was credited for five assisted blocks.

“Our goal this year is to get better every game,” Baekkel said. “We were down in the third set then came back and won. We proved that we were there to win.”

Central, now tied for fourth place in the GNAC, improves to a 3-2 record, 5-5 overall.

Many of Central’s players contributed to the win last weekend, including junior setter Carlee Marble, who produced 33 assists for the Wildcats. Marble “is doing a great job running our offense,” Andaya said.

Defensively, Central was able to hold the Crusaders to a .098 hitting percentage. Junior Meg Ryan and senior Brandie Vea came up big for the Wildcats as they were credited with a combined total of 24 digs on the night.

Northwest Nazarene had three players pick up four blocks each. The Crusaders’ Carly Drazinis had 10 kills on the night.

The Wildcats ended the night with a .195 hitting percentage as a team, with eight team blocks and 46 digs.

This week the Wildcats are supporting Breast Cancer Awareness by collecting money and donations Thursday, September 30 at 7 p.m. before and during the game. The Wildcats will be facing Western Oregon University.

“Western Oregon is a physical team with a big front line that can hit the ball well. We need to come out offensively and set the tone,” Andaya said. “We will have to beat them with speed.”

On Saturday, before the Lady Wildcats battle St. Martin’s University, the team will be continuing their Breast Cancer Awareness support by handing out prizes for the fans wearing pink. The game starts at 7 p.m. in the Nicholson Pavilion.

Two-headed Monster

Freshman running back Ishmael Stinson (left) ran for 154 yards, while senior Bryson Kelly (right) totaled 246 yards and four touchdowns against Simon Fraser. Both rushing totals were career highs for Stinson and Kelly.

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Tomaso’s hat trick propels CWU past St. Martin’s

BY JON CLEVELAND

Central’s women’s soccer team started their season off on the wrong foot, losing their first two games against Chico State and San Francisco State. However, in recent days CWU has picked up some momentum.

The Lady Wildcats played the number 22 ranked team in the country, Mesa State, in their third match-up of the season. Central scored in the 1st minute when junior forward Brittany Franks gave herself up with better play. It came down to good ball movement and a solid defensive performance to decide who was going to win this game.

“I knew that we have scored first in previous games, and also have lost those games,” Tomaso said. “We knew we had to come out playing hard and get a few more goals to put them away.”

Central kept their chances alive when Tomaso received yet another goal in the 45th minute. The Wildcats would hold on to this lead until St. Martin’s Megan Briley scored, tying the score back up at 2-2. The match would not remain tied for very long when sophomore midfielder Adriana Mendoza scored her first goal of the season, and from that moment on the Wildcats controlled the game.

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It’s an event deemed perfect for red, black and white-themed attire and any accentuating additions that express school spirit. Although it wasn’t the first Central home football game or tailgates, last Saturday’s tailgate was a memorable back to school opener.

Scheduled the weekend before the start of classes, the tailgate was packed with new and returning Central students, now back on campus.

“It’s the students’ first time back, and this tailgate sets the tone for the season," said Erica Spalti, 88.1 The ‘Burg marketing and promotion director.

The commencement of a new school year results in a large number of students who are unfamiliar to other students and disconnected from the university.

According to Spalti, the greatest focus for the opening tailgate was on Central newcomers.

“It’s everyone’s first time back, but we really want to get the freshmen involved," Spalti said. “We’re doing our best to become more involved with the campus."

While there are many opportunities to get involved, the football tailgate provides a social interaction, as well as fan support for athletics.

“It’s a great way to meet new people and show support for your school,” said Josh McCartney, athletic department marketing graduate assistant.

For some students, the tailgate left them with new acquaintances. But for others, it was a time to reconnect with old friends.

“We get to ‘bro out”, said Paul Beckel, senior physical education major. “It’s a good opportunity for guy time.”

According to McCartney, tailgating prior to home football games started with the ‘Burg two years ago and has gained in popularity since.

“After the football team’s success last year, tailgates continue to get bigger and grow in support,” McCartney said.

Alongside the Cat Pack and Central’s Wellness Center, The ‘Burg plays a large role in the involvement and success of the tailgates.

“We’re here at every tailgate trying to get the school pumped up,” Spalti said. “We’re playing better and newer music because students want what they want and we’ll give it to them.”

Students have the chance to receive free prizes, such as Cat Pack t-shirts, Holiday Inn Express drawstring backpacks, Dominos pizza and U-Topia frozen yogurt.

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