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Roslyn bash sends nine to hospital, shocks campus and makes news around the world
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Demonstration symbolizes LGBT-related youth suicides

BY KELLY REQUA
News Editor

Bodies were spread across the Student Union and Recreation Center east patio Monday morning, outlined with chalk as students slowly passed on their way to class. Their silent tribute was a demonstration for the loss of several Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender youth (LGBT) over the last few weeks.

The event was called “1 in 3” in recognition of the statistic that one in three youth suicides are LGBT-related. Nicholas Saine, junior family and consumer science education major, hosted the event and felt he was obligated to bring attention to the high rate of LGBT suicides that have occurred due to bullying.

“Sometimes it doesn’t matter if your gay or straight or black or white, we’re all being picked on the same way,” Saine said. “That the sign was torn down and no one stopped it … someone needs to say something, come out and say you’re not going to put up with it,” Saine said.

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Mathew Ballantyne, senior public relations major, participated as a dead body in the demonstration and considers himself an ally of the LGBT community.

“It’s a good statement to make for people that might not usually be affected by this. It really puts it into perspective,” Ballantyne said.

To add strain to an already tense matter, it was reported that on Friday night the LGBT history month board displayed in the SURC was defaced. Saine said the vandalizing was unsettling because it had to have taken place in the SURC where passing students could have witnessed it.

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George Senekhamphone, junior business major and president of EQaAl, said it bothers him that it happened, but they will continue to celebrate LGBT history month.

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A confirmed list of 49 people—26 male and 23 female—attended a party in Roslyn on Friday night. Nine partygoers were loaded into ambulances while 27 others were bussed back to campus, either too drunk to drive or had no way home. Most were freshmen who lived on campus, said CWU Police Chief Steve Ritterer.

THE PARTY

Taylor Fish fielded a call from his friend saying she needed a ride home from a house party in Roslyn. He arrived around 11 p.m.

Fish found four or five unconscious girls lying on the grass. Another girl’s face was covered in blood.

He told the other partygoers to call 911. Fish said most of the partygoers were downstairs in the basement, where many people were passed out.

“My friend got stuck inside. He said they said had but the cops hadn’t shown up yet. It was over half an hour before he saw the police. He later found out that a passed-out girl at the Safeway a mile away prompted the police to investigate.

Fish said most of the partygoers were unconscious in the backyard while many people were passed out.

“It just looked like a trauma center. It was gruesome,” Fish said.

Fish was in the front yard attending to the sick partygoers because “they weren’t letting anyone else inside the house.”

Ritterer said there were seen to 12 people in the basement “just all lumping.”

“His girl was just throwing up in my lap for a good 20 minutes until paramedics came,” Fish said. “Some girls just looked like they were dead. It was that bad; eyes in the back of their head.

At about midnight, help did arrive; he heard someone in that state before.”

THE RESPONSE

Nine people were sent to Kittitas Valley Community Hospital from the party. Two males and one female stayed overnight at KVC; later one male was sent to Yakima Regional Medical Center, where he was also kept overnight.

Central’s first response was “some form of transportation for the students,” Ritterer said. Cle Elum-Roslyn police “said they had a group of students that had no way to get back to campus.

Both males were released Saturday morning; the female was released Saturday afternoon.

Ritterer said one other male received medical attention on the scene for a broken nose. That incident is currently under investigation through the Cle Elum-Roslyn Police Department.

According to Linda Schaefer, CWU director of public affairs, detectives working out of the University Police station on D Street have been meeting with students. Police are asking students if they felt attacked in any way and what they saw the night of the party.

“Once they talk to the police, the information will be passed to Central, where the student-conduct officers will decide what the sanction will be,” Ritterer said.

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“The student’s reaction of this is now, ‘The world is going to stereotype Central as a party school,’” Schaefer said.

About 1,000 students in residence halls received information regarding where they could go to talk if they needed, Schaefer said. Fish said resident assistants basically just read from the press release that was online. They also gave a hotline number to report information and talked about basics of alcohol safety.

“We’ve told students they can talk to the press but they don’t have’t,” Schaefer said.

According to numerous news reports, red-colored cups at the party were meant for girls and blue for boys. Fish said he didn’t hear about different-colored cups.

Fish said he has heard students talk about the party and even a professor joked about it in class—which offended Fish.

“People didn’t see the whites of their eyes, they were just limp bodies,” he said. “It was just terrible.”

Scene of the crime

This weekend house, owned by the parents of the party host, is now being treated as a crime scene. A four-hour search revealed no drugs at the house.

THE INVESTIGATION

The Cle Elum-Roslyn police, University Police, the Kittitas County Sheriff’s Office and the federal Drug Enforcement Agency are cooperating in the investigation.

There are currently no known suspects and the investigators have not focused on anyone in particular at the party.

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Voice of the Student

BY KELLY REQUA
News Editor

A lot of people already knew about the precautions, so it’s nothing shocking. They should have it coming.

Jordan Cileg
freshman undeclared

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

KOMO TV's Lindsay Cohen prepares for a live evening broadcast outside Barge Hall.

By Kelly Requa
News Editor

Tracks with satellite dishes and journalists with cameras became a common sight at Central Washington University this week.

Reporters from around the country flanked to Ellensburg to learn more about the party in Roslyn that sent nine students to the hospital Friday night.

Media outlets including CNN, MSNBC, ABC, The Washington Post and even London’s The Daily Mail picked up the story.

The parking lot across the street from Barge Hall became the command center for trucks from KIRO 7 and KOMO 4 news while reporters and broadcasters mingled in the parking lot.

Linday Cohen from KOMO 4 news prepared on the corner of University Way and D Street for a live evening broadcast. Linda Schaefer, CWU director of public affairs, made her way through the parking lot, unstopped by the news crews. By then, everyone had already interviewed her.

An NBC crew, from Portland and Burbank, Calif., gathered in the parking lot; correspondent Kristin Wilker paced back and forth as she spoke into her phone. The crew was scheduled for a 4 a.m. live broadcast for NBC’s “Today Show,” 7 a.m. in New York.

The last time Central received national media attention was for the sportsmanship of the softball team in 2006. Players received an ESPY Award for the team’s fair play during an injured opponent around the bases.

National media comes to CWU, story covered worldwide

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See Tina Sparkle’s column on P.11 for tips on how to party safely.
Greenhouse provides living lab for biology department

BY HAYDEN RAPP
Staff Reporter

There is a place on campus where students are able to explore a lush tropical environment, surrounded by flowering banana trees, ferns, cacti, and a variety of other colorful plant life. Central Washington University’s greenhouse is a hub of biological activity, where students can explore plants that they might not be able to find in a town like Ellensburg. The university’s greenhouse is not only open to biology students, but every Thursday it is open to the general public and any students who are interested.

“The greenhouse provides a great venue for beating the winter blues,” said Jonathan Betz, instructional and classroom support technician for the biological sciences department. “In the middle of Ellensburg guests can step into a warm, tropical rainforest environment even when there is snow outside.”

Betz helps run the campus greenhouse and is familiar with the operations of the house.

“Every Thursday, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the facility is open to anyone with an interest in what the greenhouse has to offer. Those who can’t visit can even schedule a private tour by contacting the biology department. In addition, the biology department has a virtual tour of the different rooms to allow students to learn more about some of the various plants that grow in each room.”

The greenhouse, which is part of the biological sciences department, is located off of D Street and was established in 1981. The building is facilitated by Dr. Mary Posdon of the biology department and serves the university multiple purposes; not only does it allow biology students to study a variety of tropical and desert plant life, but it also provides research material for certain classes.

“The greenhouse facility houses plants found all over the world, from Asian jungles to the dry deserts of Africa,” Betz said. “The greenhouse also provides student employment opportunities; there are two part-time positions available to students. Preston Foster, junior geography major, has worked in the greenhouse since Fall 2009.”

“The greenhouse is an important part of the biology department for many reasons. It allows biology students to receive hands-on experience working in a controlled climate, provides research material for biology classes, and allows students to explore plant life that can’t be found in this region. The Biology Department invites students to visit Thursdays between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to check out the campus greenhouse off of D Street.”

Charity fair educates on donation

BY ALEX PYNSKY
Senior Reporter

Central Washington University kicked off its annual Combined Fund Drive last Wednesday, Oct. 6 with a charity fair held in the Student Union and Recreation Center main hallway.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the charity fair participants were given the chance to talk with local charities and other non-profit organizations to find out about ways they can donate. Those who decided to donate qualified themselves to receive a variety of prizes. These prizes ranged from sweatshirts provided by the Wildcat Shop to Chimposium tickets, and even gift certificates to local restaurants.

The theme of this year’s campaign fund is “Make a World of Difference—Locally.”

“Part of what we are doing is trying to establish a spirit of giving,” said Karla Shugart, chairman of the 2010 Combined Fund Drive campaign planning committee. “I think giving locally helps establish that spirit because people can see the impact of their charitable contribution.”

According to Shugart, the last charity fair held by the campaign fund was in 2007. She says that the 2010 fair was much more successful in terms of visibility and dollars raised. At the end of the day, the charity fair raised $767.90, combining what was gathered in the fair’s penny jar with what three donors donated via payroll deduction in 2011.

Although they did not keep track of how many participants came to the fair, Shugart estimated they saw about 115 people come and talk to local charities. The annual campaign is ongoing through Nov. 19 and while the theme this year is locally driven the campaign gives contributors the chance to donate locally, regionally, nationally and even internationally.
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Students receive a better discount by choosing the large or athletic plan because they are allowed to add money throughout the quarter without any extra overage fees. "We take 65 percent out of each meal plan to pay for the labor cost of cooks, chefs, preparers and all the other positions," said Bill Vertrees, vice president of business and financial affairs.

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The university invited four finalists to campus, however, one of the candidate withdrew due to personal reasons. Vertrees said the university received like the obvious choice for the position, seeing that he is a current employee of Central, but this advantage can also be a disadvantage when looking at the situation from all the different angles.

"It hurts because I am held accountable for whatever the university is currently in," Vertrees said. "We have gone from being this state-funded, tuition-assisted university to a tuition-funded, state-assisted university — and that whole flip is meant that our business practices were designed for one business model and now they have become a second business model, which we were not ready for."

Gaudino said that all three candidates have an equal opportunity for the job. He wants whoever receives the job to have a clean slate to work from. While Vertrees knows the system and how the current business plan is developing, this could also be a negative. Gaudino said that this could be a negative because an incumbent may not have as many new ideas to bring to the table.

By having two candidates from other universities come to campus, he believes that they could bring in some outside information that Central has not seen before.

Gaudino will meet with the other two candidates this week before he prepares to make his final decision on who is chosen for the position. As the search for a new VP of Business and financial affairs ends, it will ultimately be Gaudino’s decision to hire a permanent Provost and VP of Academic Affairs as Quarri’s term as an interim in the position has come to an end.
Roslyn party shocks CWU

Although tragic, the university community needs to use the event as a learning process.

I would like to thank Lindsey Wheeldon for her article regarding the boulting of the Athletics Department ("It was time to either invest and commit to athletics...or cut programs," Issue 2, Oct. 7-13). It reminds me of the federal government hauling away ALG. Here, though, it is local and it is hurting university employees, while giving money to a program that obviously isn’t capable of working within its annual allocation. Last spring, a student interviewed for The Observer recommended eliminating sports until a program that obviously isn’t capable of working within its annual allocation. Last spring, a student interviewed for The Observer recommended eliminating sports until a program...
The creek of the door at Ellensburg WineWorks opens to the sound of wine bottles being popped open and glasses clinking together. The sweet sound of the electric guitar fills the room as Matt Wollen, WineWorks’ general manager, tells the history of each beer being poured into glasses in celebration of the 200-year tradition of Oktoberfest.

Groups gather around the small counter where the five featured beers are being poured, each with its own taste, style and origin.

Wollen explains to the tasting patrons what they should experience in their beer-drinking endeavors, as well as the histories of their drinks.

For Wollen, German by blood, Oktoberfest and the fall months are his favorite because “people think beer this time of year.”

This is the fourth year Oktoberfest has been held at Ellensburg WineWorks since Wollen and his wife, Susan, arrived and started this annual event.

The Spaten UR-Marzen and Paulaner Oktoberfest Marzen beers poured at WineWorks are both authentic German beers that have been featured in Munich’s Oktoberfest since the annual event’s inception.

WineWorks also offers three other beers for Oktoberfest that Wollen feels represents the fall season: Ayinger Oktoberfest-Marzen, Snoqualmie Harvest Moon Fest Beer and Sierra Nevada Tumbler.

“We enjoy the change of taste throughout the season,” Wollen said.

**Authentic German-style beers enjoyed in celebration**

**SPATEN UR-MARZEN**

According to spatenusa.com, “Spaten Oktoberfest Beer is amber in color. This medium bodied beer has achieved its impeccable taste by balancing the roasted malt flavor with the perfect amount of hops. Having a rich textured palate with an underlying sweetness true to tradition.”

**PAULANER OKTOBERFEST MARZEN**

According to briansbelly.com, this beer is “very soft and smooth with a decidedly nutty light roast edge on the malt. There’s just the barest hint of hop flavor as the beer crosses my tongue, although there’s a definite dryness to the finish with a bit of light pepperiness to the hops.”

**AYINGER OKTOBERFEST MARZEN**

According to merchantthuvin.com, the Aying beer is described as “rich, golden color. Slightly sweet, malty nose. Medium to big body and alcohol. Soft dryness from long maturation.”

**SNOQUALMIE HARVEST MOON**

According to seattlealehouses.com, “this Oktoberfest beer is reddish orange in color, medium bodied in character with a mellow malt aroma and flavor. An excellent German style Festbier.”

**SIERRA NEVADA TUMBLER**

According to sierranevada.com, “use malt within days of roasting at the peak of its flavor to give Tumbler a gracefully smooth malt character.”
**Hip hop rocked this town**

Omkron raps Raw Space, invigilates raucous crowd

*BY SOPHIA WORGAN Staff Reporter*

Omkron stands alone on the stage, head down, bobbing along. Pulling the mic up to his mouth and spinning his rap, he lets his hand roll along emphasizing each word he ut-tered last Friday at Raw Space.

The crowd’s jumping with the beat as the waves of bodies crashing with the rhythm playing out over the heads of those in the Mary Gruee fan group near the stage, crowding against one another.

Omkron credits a wide range of musicians and rappers for inspiration, including Trent Reznor from Nine Inch Nails (NIN). He hopes that, like NIN, his raps, which are not about the usual topics of partying and money, garner emotional responses from his fans.

“I always respected how [Reznor] expressed his pain and emotion in his music, and I aim to be able to touch people and share my story as well as he does,” Omkron said. “Music today, especially hip-hop, is filled with mindless fluff, really, and it’s unfor-tunate.”

While some of the raps he showed were more serious, he also showed a fun, party-style kind of rap that got the crowd bouncing around. As Omkron shouted “Hip,” the audience screamed “Hoor!”

“It was fun they had high energy. It was an interesting change from the usual Raw Space music,” said Kase-leigh Day, senior environmental science major.

Omkron used music as an escape from his troubled childhood in New Jersey. His raps created an avenue through which he could express himself. Omkron hopes that bringing diverse musicians to perform in Ellensburg will help expose kids around town to music other than rock and country.

“Ellensburg has such a small country-town mentality,” Omkron said. “There definitely is a good de-vice that can touch that.”

As the youth rolled with the punches on the dance floor, the people drinking next door in Berton’s were even feeling the vibes of it.

“I can feel the beat through the walls, even though I’m not there to catch the stage presence of the youth,” said Jenni Cooley, senior graphic design major. “It sounds pretty light.”

As Omkron ended his set and the crowd took a breath from the mounting swells of the music, he bowed his head, taking in the buzz ing energy.

“My favorite thing about performing is the energy,” Omkron said. “There is no drug that can touch that.”

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**The Fun Police put out an arresting sound**

**Punk indie-rock saved Monk’s soul**

*BY REDA LEE Staff Reporter*

The cold Ellensburg wind has never stopped the Central Washington University Astronomy Club members from stargazing atop Lind Hall. They will stand out there any night they have the opportunity and a telescope at hand. According to their advisor and professor of physics and science education, Bruce Palmquist, a recent example was last Saturday when roughly 30 people showed up at 3 a.m. for an observation.

“We set up telescopes and a NASA TV feed to watch the LCROSS satellite and rocket crash into the moon so NASA could study the dust and rocks that were ejected,” Palmquist said. “It wasn’t cold but it was sure early.”

Although they are not as well-known as other clubs on campus, the club strives to help the community and edu cate others about the night sky. They also hope to launch a public outreach program.

President and senior physics major Amanda Lock Swarr, assistant professor of mathematics, and student Tanya Lam makes the club members able to register to aggregate college community service hours after hosting informational sessions and observations open to the community.

“The club has their informational talks about the night sky, and explores interesting things happening in outer space while in Lind Hall 215. Then they take the steep winding stairs to the roof to use the many telescopes the department has.

“We have access to five main telescopes: a telescope with a 30 cm mirror in the observatory on the roof of Lind Hall and four portable ones ranging in size from 10 to 20 cm,” Palmquist said.

Although always dependent on clear skies, the astronomy club typically holds observations on Mondays when they have multiple telescopes available for use. They are open to anyone.

“There’s questions people have out there that don’t really get answered. That’s why we’re here,” Fredsti said.

“If you’re interested in astronomy, no matter what your knowledge of the sky is, come to the public nights to get a better understanding and knowledge of the night sky,” said Vice President Colby Neal, junior physics major.
Indian dancers inspire, soothe Central students

Jayanthi Raman’s “Shrishti: Creation” draws full house

BY KELSEE DODSON-CARTER

Staff Reporter

The room went dark as a soothing Indian voice filled the room, introducing the first scene of the dance, “Shivam: Space and Time.” The curtains opened to reveal three alligators, behind them a smooth backdrop lit with a cool and calming blue light. McMunn Auditorium was packed last Thursday night when Jayanthi Raman Dance Company performed “Shrishti: Creation,” a musical ballet of India.

“It’s really hypnotic, like it’s putting me in a trance,” said Lynne McGowan, Central alumna. “It’ll probably sleep really well tonight.”

A collaboration of six dancers made up this performance, along with a drummer, vocalist and flute player. Their facial expressions brought emotion to the stage without the performers saying a word. The dance is “pretty fantastic, the band motions are beautiful,” said audience member Marie Smith.

All of this combined made the energy in the room just that more powerful. “Very subtle things throughout their dance [had] a big impact,” Smith said.

“The rhythm and the beat of the music are elements that boldly stood out, creating an intensity about the performance. At one point, two of the dancers were even drumming harmoniously. The orange and white costumes complemented the calm orange backdrop. It was like the two were dancing to wherever the beat was taking them.”

“Shridhrit Creation” allowed the audience to capture an accurate portrayal of the story line through the dancing, lighting, costumes, music and experience of an authentic piece of Indian culture.

Jayanthi Raman choreographed the performance with a historian’s inspiration from India.

According to Raman, she was trained in classical Indian dance as a child. She said that she has no memory of not dancing because to her it was like walking and breathing. She found dance to be a regular part of her life.

“I don’t think it’s separated from anything, it’s just there, it’s just there like gravity,” Raman said.

Raman explained that there are four concepts of dance: telling the story, the way the dancers use their bodies to tell the story, the costumes and the lyrics of the music.

Raman wants the audience to be happy and to leave with some love. “I do love it, because the beat has a story and the rhythm has a story.”

LYNNE MCCOWIN

Central Alumna

“No song, no dance, no act of madness is complete without a tricky punch on the dance floor, the people are filled with a lot of energy,” O’Meara said.

The music alternated between light and heavy, creating a musical experience that left the audience with a full appreciation of Indian dance and culture.

Performing has gotten McFarlin through difficult times, including deaths in his family, he said.

“It’s a very addicting feeling to be up there, bathed in laughter and light,” McFarlin said. “My happiest times are on stage.”

McFarlin has been awarded several titles within his profession: “The Funniest Man in Texas,” “Campus Performer of the Year” and “Comedian of the Year” twice.

McFarlin has performed at over 900 college campuses and universities and 23 countries around the world. He has even performed for troops overseas, bringing them “a little piece of home.”

“I appreciate what they are doing,” McFarlin said. He finds performances for deployed troops to be some of the most rewarding, because of the “relief they get at being able to laugh again,” McFarlin said.

“These guys are making these sacrifices daily,” McFarlin said. “I don’t always support the war but I always support the troops.

Switching between the campus and club scene, McFarlin travels 40 weeks a year.

“I really enjoy travel … and the cultural experience,” McFarlin said.

He admits to being a little “road weary” though, having been home only five days out of the last 70.

“If I go a week or two not being on stage, I definitely start climbing the walls,” McFarlin said.

McFarlin said the key to being a good comic is consistency and the ability to appeal to varying demographics. He is influenced by small off-beat acts and his favorite comedian, Bill Hicks.

“All the world is a play … I think it’s a comedy,” McFarlin said. “Funny’s funny across the board.”
The 2004 comedy “Rounding Third” was performed Oct. 8 at Central Washington University. Written by Richard Dresser, this sparkling comedy is a look at our culture’s obsession with winning — both on the field and at work — the permutations of the modern family and the true meaning of relationships.

This extraordinary production was a treat for audiences and my only regret was that it wasn’t run longer.

Nevertheless, every two or three years the theatre faculty at Central performs to the delight of audiences lucky enough to see them.

Normally seen acting in national and regional productions, Michael J. Smith and Keith Edie amused and enraptured with their turns as Coach Don and Coach Michael, respectively. As polar opposites, Don and Michael struggle to lead and teach their little leaguers as well as their own children.

Performed in a thrust stage, each scene intimately captures their skirmishes, which ultimately culminate in their mutually earned respect.

In a classic role reversal, Don and Michael meet in the park after Don has quit being coach and handed the reins to Michael.

Both Smith and Edie play the moment-to-moment changes in the relationship as Don begins to see the importance of life beyond the game and Michael tastes the intoxication of victory on the playing field.

Directed by Elise Forier Edie, the play’s rhythm glides and swirls with each quick-witted barb tossed by Don and Michael, as scenes effortlessly segue and build one upon the other.

The scenery, consisting of fences, benches and a painted baseball diamond, evoked any ballpark in America. The lighting at the start of the show, with its green luminescent, circular design, evoked a pitching mound.

All the elements were consistent with the themes of “Rounding Third,” beginning with the drive to succeed and what that definition is.

When Michael begs for God’s assistance as a fly ball nears his son’s area in the championship game, it shows the heart and soul of the piece, an intertwining of winning, family and the helplessness one feels at the randomness of our culturally defined victory.

The title of the play is taken from that moment when the greatest expectation of victory is upon them; as one players rounding third, on his way to scoring the winning run, he trips on the shoelaces that he has been reminded to tie throughout the play but will now presumably haunt him because they’ve cost them the title.

Rather than dwell on this dark moment, Coach Mike fights through his tears and is there to remind him and the rest of the team that they did their best and that’s what matters most.

Viewers see the rules of the game changing from “winning is fun” to “play within yourself” in a deep, meaningful way.

Ironically, Mike and Don’s friendship is forged in spite of baseball, which serves as a reminder of how people receive blessings from unexpected places.

Sadly, this production has now passed into memory but hopefully the reader will make the short trip to their campus theatre and watch excellent and profound staging throughout the academic year.
Five Minutes With...  
Katrina Whitney  
Director, Center for Student Empowerment

Katrina Whitney has been the senior director for the Center for Student Empowerment for 13 years. She is dedicated to creating educational opportunities outside the classroom regarding gender, non-traditional student and student families, as well as student veteran issues. She has helped organize the Gender Symposium events taking place today.

Q. How is the partnership between academics and gender policies honored at Central Washington University?
A. Women’s Studies and the Center for Student Empowerment support inclusivity and provide students with multi-dimensional options.

Q. What is the keynote speaker for Student Empowerment conference on Thursday?
A. This year the direct link to Women’s Studies has been successful. Professors have been spreading the word and tying in some extra credit for students that attend.

Q. What do you hope students take away from this experience?
A. An advanced knowledge of various subject matters related to women and the ability to think about women’s issues in a global perspective.

The Scoop

Thursday 14  
Cody Beebe  
& the Crooks  
noon & 7 p.m.  
SURC Pit  
FREE

Friday 15  
Handful of Lovin’/Black Market Revue  
8 p.m.  
SURC Ballroom  
FREE

Sunday 17  
Orchestra Concert  
4 to 6 p.m.  
Music Building Recital Hall  
55 students  
$10 gen adm.

Monday 18  
Lion Rock  
Visiting Writer Series: Jess Walter  
7:30 p.m.  
Music Building Recital Hall  
FREE

Tuesday 19  
Mr. & Ms. Central Talent Contest  
7 p.m.  
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Ask Tina Sparkle!
The advice column where students write in and this drag queen tells it like it is

Dear Concerned Partier,
Yes, it is a sad day in the Wildcat Core when we hear about things like this happening to our own friends and fellow students, and while I want to say “HELLOOOO! Duh it’s a scary world out there!” there are a few things I can point out to help you party safely and keep you healthy.

1.) Going to a friend of a friend of a friend’s party isn’t the best idea. The people there might not know you, and therefore could not care less about your personal safety. In general, this is when I see the majority of bad things happening to innocent girls and boys.
2.) NEVER, and when I have said NEVER I mean NEVER, leave your drink unattended. This has to be the one thing that I’m constantly telling people: The minute you sit your drink down and look to see if you know anyone, someone could have dropped some kind of date rape drug in your drink, and there you go. You’ll be blacked out face down on the floor, and you’re going to wake up saying, “What happened?” You didn’t listen to Tina is what happened.
3.) The Buddy System: a clever thing that some girls decide to name their groups. Like. But hey, it works and it keeps us out of trouble and gets us home. Always let the buddies in your group know where you are going, if they don’t come with you. If they come with you, all the better. (Just don’t leave your drinks at the table, take them with you **see number 2**.)

But here’s another trick to the Buddy System that most people don’t use, and it is vital to the existence of the Buddy System. Let someone who isn’t going out know where you are going to be, and what time you estimate to be leaving to the party/bar and coming back from the party/bar. And text or call them each time. A true buddy would be more than willing to answer the phone to know you made it there and back OK, than to get a call from your parents asking if they have seen you.

I really hope that everyone on campus has learned something from this tragic party. It wasn’t the partygoers’ fault, there was someone who spiked the alcohol. But nonetheless, they were partying underage, going to a friend of a friend of a friend’s house and they left their alcohol unattended.

Please party safe, drink smart, and ALWAYS know what is going on around you. I couldn’t stand to lose any of my lovely readers due to someone else’s heinous act.

Much love and care,  
Tina Sparkle

Send Tina Sparkle your questions!  
asktinasparkle@yahoo.com
Are you ready for a battle?

Central prepares for second ‘Battle in Seattle’ against Western Oregon University

BY JON CLEVELAND

This Saturday the Wildcat football team will travel to Qwest Field to play Western Oregon in the 8th annual Battle in Seattle. Central leads the series against Western Oregon 27-16 so far this season.

The Wildcats are now 4-3 overall this season and 3-1 in GNAC, losing 5-1 to the visiting Falcons from Seattle Western Washington.

Previously they had won three straight games and were looking to continue to give up poor goals,“ said Jack Bishop, director of athletics. “We hope that we have done enough with the exposure this year.”

And while attendance was down in 2009 from previous years, only roughly 5,000 tickets need be sold for both schools to break even.

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BATTLE IN SEATTLE CONTINUED ON P.13

Sloppy play sinks CWU soccer

Central drops to fifth in GNAC standings

BY ANDREW HOGARTH

On a cold and rainy Saturday, the play on the field for the home team closely resembled the conditions of the field: sloppy.

The Central Washington Wildcats 3-7-1 overall and 3-4-0 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC), Central sat in second place in the GNAC tied with Western Oregon, who are also 3-1 and have an overall record of 4-2.

Players to watch on Saturday for CWU are freshman running back Levi Taylor, who led the team in all-purpose yards on Saturday while filling in for an injured Bryson Kelly.

Another player to watch for is sophomore quarterback Ryan Robertson, who has improved steadily, throwing for eight touchdowns and 1,326 passing yards. On the defensive side of the ball for the Wildcats, look for freshman defensive back Stan Langlow to have a big game.

Langlow has had four interceptions so far this season.

Last year’s Battle was a real nail biter. Central was down by 21 points going into the third quarter, thanks to a 45-yard pass to sophomore wide receiver Justin Heilwege and a 100-yard interception for a touchdown by senior defensive back Jerome Williams to keep the Wildcats in the game.

With 32 seconds left in regulation, senior kicker Garrett Rolsma kicked a 44-yard field goal to win the game for the Wildcats with a final score of 23-21.

Despite the quality of play, it’s no secret that the Battle in Seattle brought in more fans when Central played Western Washington.

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BATTLE IN SEATTLE CONTINUED ON P.13

RAINY DAYS Junior forward Amy Pate controls a pass from a Central teammate. The Lady Wildcats were outscored by a count of 1-8 combined in back-to-back games last week.
**SPORTS**

**Volleyball cools down, drops both matches in Alaska**

**Lady Wildcats five-game win streak ended**

By Jake Abbott
Staff Reporter

The Lady Wildcats’ five-game winning streak ended this weekend as they dropped both games in Alaska. Last Thursday, Central lost to Alaska Anchorage in four sets and again to Alaska Fairbanks on Saturday.

Coming into the game last Thursday, the Wildcats won 15 straight sets. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, they were only able to win a single set during their trip to Alaska.


With their backs against the wall after losing the first two sets, Central was able to fight back and win the third set. With three set changes, the Wildcats won the set 25-12.

Senior outside hitter Kady Try had 22 kills with a .190 hitting percentage. Try is leading the Wildcats in kills and points this season, averaging over five kills per set against Anchorage.

“We were lacking ball control on offense,” Try said. “We are in a day at a time with great ball control. We were just taken out of our element.”

This season, Try has a commanding presence on the court and is a leader by example.

“It’s my senior year, I know the program and the coaches,” Try said. “I just want to carry on the tradition and lead by example.”

Saturday, the team fell to Alaska Fairbanks in three sets. Central seemed out of their element as the Nanooks outscored the Wildcats 25-19, 25-22 and 25-20.

Junior outside hitter Meg Ryan has been having very good performances on the court lately. Ryan ended the game with 11 kills and 12 digs for the Wildcats.

“We had things happen that don’t usually happen,” Ryan said. “It was uncharacteristic for our team.”

Fairbanks was able to hold the Wildcats to a .053 hitting percentage and forced them to 25 total hitting errors.

Try produced 10 kills in the match and junior setter Carlee Marble had 30 assists. Senior libero Brandie Vea also had an impressive 15 digs on the night.

After a disappointing week in Alaska, the Wildcats head back to the drawing board.

“This week we are going back to the basics. We have been toning up the things we are good at,” Try said. “We have been toning up the things we are good at.”

Central will be facing Montana State Billings for their last home game of the month. The game is tonight at 7 p.m. in the Dean Nicholson Pavilion.

The Wildcats will also play Saturday at 2 p.m. against Seattle Pacific University. Previously this year, Central faced SPU and lost in four sets.

“SPU is a good team,” Try said. “They have a very good offense, lots of options and good combinations.”

Central is now 7-7 overall and 3-4 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. They are currently ranked fifth, trailing close behind Western Oregon University (6-3 in GNAC) and Alaska Anchorage (6-3 in GNAC).

**PUT ON CBC**

After winning five straight matches, Central drops back-to-back games in their trip to Alaska last weekend. The Wildcats are now 7-7 overall, and 5-4 in GNAC play.

**VICTORY!**
The Central Washington football team holds up the trophy after claiming victory over Western Oregon in last year’s Battle in Seattle. It was the first game at Qwest Field against WOU, after Western Washington shut down its football program in 2009. This will be the second time Central Washington plays Western Oregon at the annual game in Seattle.

**BATTLE IN SEATTLE**

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Not only did the Battle in Seattle against Western Washington bring in more fans, it also brought in more revenue for the school. The Western Washington Battle in Seattle brought in nearly $45,000 more dollars than last year’s Battle.

“You would be netting around $70,000” against Western Washington, Bishop said.

Despite the decreased attendance it is still a thrill for players.

“Just knowing that some NFL players play there is what any college football player looks forward to,” said Marcus Ford, senior public relations major and former Wildcat football player. “We all have that dream of playing in the NFL so once you step on the turf that NFL players step on, it’s like a step closer.”

Though Western Oregon has stepped up for the time being, it is not clear how much longer the Wildcats will have their current Battle opponent.

“We are evaluating right now who we will play in the future,” Bishop said. “We would like to play someone outside of our conference schedule, so we don’t have to give up a home game.”

Those without a ride to the West side have the opportunity to purchase a round-trip ticket to the game for $17.

“It’s a great opportunity to see the Wildcats play in a different setting,” Wenger said. “It’s a fun atmosphere and a chance to go over to Seattle and make a weekend of it. It’s a fun event for anyone to do.”
Wildcats dominate on both sides of the football

Central shuts the door on Southern Oregon 27-0

BY BRYCE HJALSETH
Staff Reporter

Wildcat sophomore quarterback Ryan Robertson displayed career-high stats in a home victory, while the defense did their job shutting out the Southern Oregon Raiders.

The Central Washington University Wildcats improved their overall record to 4-3 with a win over the Raiders; both teams were coming off prior losses. Robertson ended the day throwing 29-38 for a career high 322 yards and three touchdowns. Robertson’s previous career high was 256 yards. Robertson ended the day throwing 29-38 for a career high 322 yards and three touchdowns. Robertson’s previous career high was 256 yards.

“Now that the Cats are back home, we can turn our focus on the next game, the Wildcats, who are coming off a 10-0 victory last week against the Raiders,” said John Bennett, head coach.

A lot of credit has to go to the defense, Robertson said. “Our defense is off balance. They all pressed up and I knew I was going to be open. When it was coming, I was just thinking, please don’t drop it. I knew nobody was around.”

The Wildcats were unable to get any more points until the end of the fourth quarter. With 3:58 left on the game clock, Robertson found senior wide receiver Jamal Weems in the end zone for a touchdown. Robertson's previous career high was 256 yards.

It was nice to see my guys making a lot of catches that maybe shouldn’t have been caught,” Robertson said. “It seemed like they caught everything I threw their way today, so I don’t think that’s necessarily on me, but a lot on our receivers, and our O-Line did a good job of picking up blitzes.”

Senior defensive lineman Eugene Germany sacks Southern Oregon’s quarterback for a loss. Germany finished with 3 tackles and 1 sack, helping lead Central to shut out Southern Oregon 27-0 last Saturday at Tomlinson Stadium. Guice finished with 7 catches for 82 yards and 1 touchdown on the day for the Wildcats.

“Everyone was playing together and doing their job,” said senior linebacker Adam Bighill, who ended the day with five tackles, two for lost yards. “Even if you have 11 guys doing their job, there still can be a play that is made. If you have 11 people doing their job, they aren’t going to go anywhere, kind of like today.”

Sophomore kicker Sean Davis kicked a 46-yard field goal on their first offensive drive of the game. After forcing the Wildcats to punt, the Raiders went nine plays for 44 yards, ending in an 8-yard touchdown completion to junior tight end Demetrius Guice, who also had a career day, catching seven receptions for 82 yards receiving. The Raiders were forced to punt on 10 out of 11 drives.

“You just can’t beat an opponent like today,” Bennett said. “We really need to make that change and eliminate penalties … It’s things you can’t have at game seven.”

Robertson ended the day throwing 29-38 for a career high 322 yards and three touchdowns. Robertson’s previous career high was 256 yards.

“It was nice to get a little rhythm going,” Robertson said. “Our offense really clicks when we get in that rhythm. All of a sudden, the defense is off balance. They don’t know if we are running it or passing it. It makes it a lot easier.”

With 1:11 left on the game clock, Davis made a 27-yard field goal to make it a final score of 27-0.

“My guys making a lot of catches that maybe shouldn’t have been caught. It seemed like they caught everything I threw their way today.”

BY BRYCE HJALSETH
Staff Reporter

The Central Washington University Wildcats opened the 2010 GNAC season with a 27-0 win over the Southern Oregon Raiders.

The Wildcats travel to Seattle next week to face Western Oregon at the Battle in Seattle. The game starts at 6 p.m. at Qwest Field.

DEFENSIVE DOMINANCE
Senior defensive lineman Eugene Germany sacks Southern Oregon’s quarterback for a loss. Germany finished with 3 tackles and 1 sack, helping lead Central to shut out Southern Oregon 27-0 last Saturday.

JOEY LEBEAU
KATHARINE LOTZE

TRICK PLAY
Senior defensive back Loa Madon throws a pass after faking a punt on fourth down against SOU.

GNAC Football Standings

School Conference Overall W L T

Humboldt State 3 0 0
Western Oregon 3 1 4
Central Washington 3 1 4
Dixie State 1 4 5
Simon Fraser 0 4 1
From there, the Wildcats controlled the ball well and out shot the Falcons for the rest of the half. The Falcons made the most of their opportunities, adding another goal before halftime. That goal came in the 34th minute on a long strike by sophomore forward Megan Lindsay about 30 yards out, giving the visiting squad a 3-1 lead heading into halftime.

“I thought we played good in the first half,” said sophomore defender Allie Washburn. “We just messed up some of the little things [which led to the goals], but overall we played pretty good.”

In the second half, the Wildcats began to fall apart. They struggled to control the ball and failed to register a shot on goal at all in the final period.

“We were connecting a lot in the middle third [of the field] and it was just the final third where we didn’t have someone in there,” Pate said.

That same Pate Pate referred to may be the most valuable midfielder on the team. Mendoza leads the team in shots and shots on goal, but missed Saturday’s game with a back injury and according to Farrand, will be out indefinitely while she recovers.

“Carson is a great girl for us and I think between the trio of Carson, Pate and [junior] Scaman Tomaos, we have three of the better forwards,” Farrand said. “When we don’t have her, it’s a little bit different.”

The Falcons, however, continued their attack. They were 24-0-0 in their 3-2-0 season. Their defensive play in the second half, getting four shots on goal, two of which found their way into the net. Both of those goals came from freshman forward Keli Zakrzewski, which ran her goal total for the year to five with her strong performance.

The Wildcats will look to turn things around next week when they travel to Montana to take on Montana State Billings Oct. 14. They will then return home, where they will face-off against Northwest Nazarene on Senior Day, Oct. 16.

5 minutes with...

**Lindsey Woodkey**
Senior Exercise & Nutrition Major

**BY LINDSY WHABDON**

Lindsey Woodkey is a senior exercise science and nutrition major at Central Washington University. Her education has played a major contribution in her current employment as a personal trainer at Anytime Fitness in Ellensburg, along with her participation in local and national fitness and swim meet competitions. In her latest national qualifier and most esteemed victory at the Northwest Fitness Championship in Lakewood, Wash., Woodkey won her class and took first overall.

Q: What helps you stay motivated?
A: I would say [to] keep in mind that something is more beneficial than nothing, even if it’s only a small amount of time in your day.

Q: What can students do to stay healthy during their busy college schedules?
A: I like the sense of accomplishment – win or lose, it’s the sense of everything that I’ve worked hard to accomplish coming together. Also, the rush that I feel while I’m on stage.

Q: As a personal trainer, what do you strive to accomplish with your trainees?
A: I want people to understand all of the benefits of exercising – physically, emotionally and spiritually.

### GNAC Soccer Standings

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**Athlete of the Week**

#7 Ryan Robertson

**Position:** Quarterback

**Height:** 6’3”

**Class:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Sammamish

**High School:** Eastlake

**Passing Yards - 322 yards**

**Touchdowns - 3**

**Completions - 29**

**Attempts - 38**

**-Throws for career high 322 yards and 76.3 completion percentage against SOU**

**Rainy Weekend continued from P.12**

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Asst. Sports Editor

BY MATTHEW CARSTENS

### Cross Country cracks top 50 in San Fran and PLU Invitational

**MOVIN’ ON UP**

The Central Washington University cross country team split up last week, sending seven athletes to compete in the San Francisco State Invitational, while three others raced at the Pacific Lutheran University Invitational.

Down by the Golden Gate Bridge, junior Manuel Santos finished 19th in the eight men’s race with a time of 26 minutes and 19 seconds, leading the Wildcat men for the fourth straight week. Behind Santos was senior Ryan Eidsmoe in 32nd, older brother Tyler Eidsmoe in 38th, sophomore Jon Swanson behind him in 39th and sophomore Tyler Eidsmoe in 38th, sophomore

The two women representing Central were sophomores Sarah Platebo and Adriana Zanula, who finished 41st and 42nd in the 6K with times of 27:53 and 28:03.

The next race on the schedule is the Western Washington University Invitational on Oct. 23.
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