CWU Army ROTC wins Challenge

Wins eight out of last 12 Ranger Challenges In NW, may compete internationally

BY CAMBREE BENETUA
Staff Reporter

The Central Washington University Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) boosted their competition this past weekend in the annual ranger challenge at Camp Adair near Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Ore.

CWU sent a gold team, as well as silver team, to compete against rivals such as the University of Washington and University of Oregon.

The ranger challenge is a timed course over ten kilometers in length, in which a team of 11, nine competitors and two alternates, compete in tasks such as land navigation, rope bridge, grenade assault courses and first aid.

"The teams are also required to have each member carry over 45 pounds of gear and maneuver over tough terrain at least a kilometer long between each task," Rodgers said. "In total, the competition incorporates about 15 kilometers of land movement over the course of four hours.

"It's a combination of both physical and mental demanding tasks that you have to complete," said senior battalion commander and captain of the gold team Nathan Schoeller. "It's pretty grueling and intense.

Central Army ROTC has won first place 8 of the last 12 years even though they are a smaller school compared to the rest of the competitors.

"We start preparing for the challenge at the beginning of the school year with tryouts that include road marches, push ups and land navigation tests," said senior silver team captain Bennett Mayo.

"There are 11 people per team and every week we prepare for the specific tasks for the challenge, we also incorporate push ups, sit ups and running to keep our cardio up," Mayo said.

"We've just undergone a different set of operating procedures between now and then," Flanagan said. "So we'll have a lot of time to train and prepare looking at the standard operating procedures between now and then."

CWU endowments low, economy deters donations

Alumni Investments that go towards scholarships decline, CWU lower than comparable schools

BY NICOLE SWAPP
Staff Reporter

Forrest Rodgers, executive director of University Development, is new to the team, but brings over 20 years of experience. "I see an opportunity in the future for raising money," Rodgers said.

Rodgers will be working with the foundation team to increase the current amount Central has in endowments, ultimately working to raise more money to support scholarships.

"Our fundraising program got off the ground in the mid 90's, we had inconsistent fundraising opportunities at the time, so we’re very young in our fundraising efforts."

The foundation gave out $740,338 in scholarships in the fiscal year of 2010 (July 1 to June 30), a loss of more than $13,000 from the previous year. Less was given in 2010 because the endowments weren’t earning money in 2009. Gray said the amount given out for scholarships is based off of the previous year, so presumably 2011 will earn more money for scholarships.

"We’ve just undergone a different recession than we’ve seen; same for the market for scholarships," Gray said.

Western Oregon University has around 5,000 students – a comparable school with over 13,000 students, has $42 million in endowments.

The foundation is working to raise the endowment for current and future students.

"We’re just so new, we’ve only really had five years with a strong emphasis on major gifts," Gray said.

The foundation is currently working on segmented campaigns, which would help inspire alumni to donate. The campaign idea is to have each department make a brochure about their department that can be given out to future and current donors.

"I think it’s an opportunity for each of the colleges and some of the key places on campus to describe what their specific role at Central is to help students," Rodgers said.

Gray said the planned roll out date is July 2011.

Central gained $1.5 million in earnings for the 2010 fiscal year, a major gain from the previous loss of $2 million in 2008.

"It’s critical that earnings go up – the university budget has done a flip flop, where the state used to provide X percent of our operating budget," Gray said. "Now the students are paying more."

The investment and finance committee oversee the percent of earnings. Gray said Central needs to focus on being an enrollment based budget. Gray described it as a circle – meaning all parts of the college need to work together in order to keep the endowments high.

"We found that some people who gave annual scholarships before wanted to hold off to see how the economy goes," Gray said. "Central found that donor confidence levels are down which doesn’t help the school."
Then and now: CWU, E-Burg over the past 100 years

Campus and community grow together, maintaining 'a very deep, rich history'

BY JOHN BARAN
Staff Reporter

With the announcement from Central Washington University that Barto Hall will be demolished later this year and then rebuilt, the campus is going through another change, affecting how the campus will appear. But just over 100 years ago, Central was a far different place.

The campus was founded in 1891, and was originally called the Washington State Normal School. The school originally only trained elementary and junior high teachers.

“Edison Elementary kids used to be brought up to the campus to teach them [students] how to interact with kids,” Vertrees said.

Although the campus was founded in 1891, the first building wasn’t erected until 1893, Barge Hall. Vertrees said it had a large effect on the development of Ellensburg.

“It was a tiny, tiny place,” said Karen Blair, professor of history and department chair. “They used the gym at the high school for sporting events.”

Vertrees claims that the original highway was Chestnut Street, which is directly linked to the campus.

“They built the highway to Barge Hall,” Vertrees said. “It started the neighborhood.”

The inside of Barge Hall was also vastly different.

“It was everything: offices, classroom, the library,” Blair said. “They used the basement for dances and the gym.”

Also affecting how the campus looks today was the Milwaukee Road, a railroad which ran directly behind Barge Hall.

“The reason the science parking lot is at an angle is because that is where the railroad ran,” Vertrees said. “You used to be able to ride the train and get off right at Barge.”

The railroad passed through campus because it was one of the only ways to get to Western and he still hasn’t gotten his financial aid yet and he is getting frustrated. He was amazed at how fast the campus was the newly rebuilt downtown, which had been burned to the ground in 1899, before Barge Hall was constructed. Blair added that because of the fire, most of the town was rebuilt from brick.

“Barge Hall brought civilization,” Vertrees said. “The campus has a very deep, rich history.”

OLD SCHOOL

This view of Ellensburg and Barge Hall from Craig’s Hill shows the dramatic changes since May 1900.

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Veterans Center

Central’s year-old center provides services for those who serve

BY PRESTON PRENDERGAST
Staff Reporter

The life of a soldier is anything but easy, yet one thing that is being made more accessible is getting GI Bill money and classes set up right at Barge.

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“When I went to the veteran’s center they were very friendly, they pointed me in the right direction and I have never left there not knowing what to do,” said Donny Galatis, sophomore psychology major. “My friend goes to Western and he still hasn’t gotten his financial aid yet and he is getting frustrated. He was amazed at how fast I got mine.”

“The GI Bill is not the only thing the center handles to assist veterans. It also provides a wide array of information that is beneficial to veteran’s on campus that ranges from events on campus to outreach programs put on by the community. Booklets on federal benefits, military reading and a variety of pamphlets on local support are readily available to anyone who comes to the center. If you don’t feel like walking to the fourth floor of the Psychology Building, all information is provided online.”

“They can answer your questions for you and if they don’t know they will find it out.”

An ongoing event, veteran’s outreach services, is being hosted from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Recreation Center room 271 on each Wednesday by the Yakima Worksource. The event is meant to help veterans find internship and employment opportunities in Central Washington.

“Veterans can go there for any questions they might have on the GI Bill or anything else they would need,” said Alicia Orme, junior Japanese major. “It has a common room where veterans can hang out and it’s a very friendly and welcome environment.”

“If you are a veteran attending Central Washington University and you are having trouble with your GI Bill paperwork, want some friendly people to hang out with or just need some general information, look no further than the Psychology Building in room 463.

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The students pounded against the resistance of the male mannequin’s pectorals in a Professional Rescuer CPR class Nov. 5 in Michelson Hall, many of them needing certification for various medical-related internships or jobs.

Many nutrition, exercise, pre-nursing, and hospital internships require that you be certified by the American Heart Association, American Red Cross or others. Central Washington University uses the Red Cross since they’re in town and it’s easier to connect with them.

The class started with everybody giving their name and major and instructor Jim Pierce introduced himself. He has been a paramedic since 2004 and came to teach at Central. He is the faculty advisor to the EMS club, which puts on the CPR class once a quarter.

“I don’t mean to brag, but most of the [CPR] research comes from Seattle and King County,” Pierce said. “We have the highest resuscitation rate. More CPR started within 8 minutes.”

According to Pierce, the time in which CPR is begun has a high effect on whether or not the victim will pull through.

The first step to CPR is to call for help and check the victim for unresponsiveness or inadequate breathing. Next, begin thirty chest compressions at a depth of two inches each, and give two rescue breaths. Continue to do this at a rate of one hundred chest compressions per minute.

“Push hard, push fast,” Pierce said. “You’re a vital component to this system.”

The students even learned how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) to help jump-start the victim’s heart. He also gave a demonstration of the Heimlich Maneuver.

Although Pierce was very serious about saving lives, he was also good at lightening the mood. Pierce seemed to notice some of the students looking squeamish about performing such maneuvers and said, “You have to touch each other. That’s okay? If not, you’re in the wrong discipline. You’re gonna touch people in medicine!” The class laughed.

He also had many stories from the field, real experiences to better educate the students, and they seemed to respond well. After about an hour of stories and explaining CPR methods and techniques, Pierce decided it was time for the students to put what they had learned into action and practice on the CPR mannequins.

“I mostly like to sit back and let the students take care of it. They’re the ones who need to be practicing,” Pierce said.

Three juniors in the EMS club and pre-paramedic students, Emily Blakley, Spencer Dewey, and Mike Wooldridge took over the job of helping those in the CPR class.

The seven students broke into three groups and the pre-paramedic students brought out the mannequins. They looked like the rubber torso of a grown man. A look inside the armhole reveals a complex system of tubes, rubber pumps, metal coils and bolts. The chest rises and falls realistically with each rescue breath. This isn’t your average dummy.

The students didn’t seem to think so either, as most treated it like a real person. Shaking the mannequins’ shoulders and asking, “are you okay?” it was pretty easy to see they took it seriously.

After an hour of practice and asking questions, it was time to put away the AEDs and mannequins. Jim Pierce thought it was successful. He was also very proud of the juniors helping run the class.

“I want them to learn to stand on their own,” Pierce said. “The EMS club is a good club, good group of kids. I’m always very impressed.”

Many of the club members go on to be nurses, doctors, paramedics, and firefighters.

When all is said and done and the blue mats are off the floor and the students leave to complete their internships and majors, hopefully never forget the things they’ve learned. Participants will be able to act confidently and precisely never forget how important it is to start CPR quickly.

“Don’t waste time,” Pierce said. “Time is muscle—heart muscle.”

ORGANIZATION

American Red Cross prepares students to save lives

EMS Club holds classes to familiarizes students with defibrillators, Heimlich maneuver and CPR

BY KELSEY HOPKINS
Staff Reporter

DON’T BE A DUMMY
Program Director Jim Pierce shows the class how to use the defibrillator with the assistance of junior EMT major Spencer Dewey.

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American fashion model and designer Isis King was the first transgender woman to compete on America’s Next Top Model, and became one of the most visible trans people on television. She will be discussing anti-trans hate crimes as well as her own experiences in the trans community.
Dear Editor,

In response to Judie Dahl's letter to the editor in last week's issue, I'd like to stick up for David Guzman's cartoon.

The presence of information and offering classes is simply not enough. Mandatory education regarding drug and alcohol use is not enforced unless a person is arrested for an alcohol related offense (or the defendant can choose jail time) don't you think that youth should be required to be educated on these issues before it gets to this point? Before you even go to college?

The fact is a majority of students and our younger high school aged counterparts practice unsafe drinking habits on a regular basis, weather they do so or not.

Thank you for your informative article on sexually transmitted infections rate in Kittitas County. We wanted to follow up with some helpful information regarding services for CWU students that are provided by the Student Medical and Counseling Clinic. Students pay a health and counseling fee to the clinic with their tuition, so why not take advantage of the reduced or no cost services that are available?

The Student Medical and Counseling Clinic provides comprehensive care for sexually transmitted infections and counsels students on practicing safe sex. We provide testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea for as little as $5. So far this year the clinic has diagnosed more cases of chlamydia than anyone else in our county. In the past several years we have averaged about 700 tests per year.

On behalf of the staff of the Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho's Ellensburg Health Center, I want to let students know we can be a resource. This is an exciting time of year, and there's much to remember. As you settle in and adjust to your lives at college, don't forget to take care of yourself. Just like the 'Burg.

A radio station located in Seattle, 99.9 KISW hosts Metal Shop, a specialty show that features the music of the old school classics to the most extreme death metal bands. If you have a show specifically for a genre of music that gets little to no play on the radio, consider it. We have averaged about 700 tests per year.

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Kristen Karns ARNP
CWU Student Medical and Counseling Clinic

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Adventures abroad

Central students have the opportunity to travel abroad and study around the world. One student and staff reporter for The Observer traveled to Thailand.

Phetchaburi is a small city of the southern railway known for its historical park; Local men from the island of Koh Samui put on fire dancing shows on the beach for tourists. The Abbot and the youngest monk from one of the younger ones. When I tried to take a picture she spotted me and gave a wai, the traditional greeting.

When I returned it, she waved me over and gestured for me to sit with her and some of the other women. Before I knew what was happening I was being served a pink gelatin dessert, followed by rice porridge and eggs.

While I ate, the young monks finished eating and stopped to peer at me. They were every bit as curious about me as I was about them. They ranged from about 6 to 18 years old and there were 12 of them. I was even offered a portion of some black sticky rice candy from one of the younger ones.

They were travelling with their abbot, an older monk, from a jungle temple in the Chiang Rai region to attend the blessing of a restored temple. When I had finished they packed me a bag of goodies, seeing how they had finished their one meal of the day. Then they posed for pictures and took mine in exchange. They wanted nothing in return for their hospitality and invited me to visit them in the future.

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When faced with a traumatizing and life-altering situation a person has the choice to do what is right or to do what is easy.

When the words “fag” and “u r gay” were sprayed with bright red spray paint on Erin Davies’ Volkswagen Beetle she made the decision to do what was right.

“Fagbug,” a documentary about Davies and her journey around the country with her vandalized Volkswagen bug, was presented last Thursday in the SURC Theatre.

Davies decided to leave the anti-gay writings on her car. Instead of scraping them off, she embraced them.

Her bold decision made everyone aware of the problem instead of it being overlooked. Davies decided to take her vandalized Volkswagen Beetle on a cross-country road trip.

She held fundraisers and tried to sell “Fagbug” stickers to raise money for the trip, but she was not very successful, only selling 1,000 of them.

“She was inspired by Lena Dunham in the show ‘Girls’,” said Andrea Preciado, senior public health major. “It gives us hope.”

“I expected to change the world, but I didn’t expect to deal with all of the changes in my life.”

“Her perseverance was admirable,” said John Wolfe, social worker.

There were many people who did not approve of what Davies was doing. Some even accused her of making the whole thing up, saying that she was pocketing the money raised to support herself for a summer vacation.

Despite all of the negativity, Davies marched on.

“People could see me and think I’m courageous or resent me because they can’t do it themselves,” Davies said.

From Arkansas to California to Washington, she traveled alone, raising awareness and changing not only her life, but the lives of others.

It was “very inspiring for her to stand up and do something like that,” said Andrea Preciado, senior public health major. “It gives us hope.”

Everything that Davies thought was stable and secure had changed. Most of her friends had turned against her, including her girlfriend, who refused to meet up with her during the road trip and even moved out of their apartment before she could return home.

“I expected to change the world, but I didn’t expect to deal with all of the changes in my life,” Davies said.

While driving 55,000 miles through 41 states, Davies interviewed 200 people, including truck drivers, gays, straights, mechanics and even people who have experienced vandalism like Davies had. Many of these people were shocked to see the words in bright red spray paint and agreed that it was ignorant.

They appreciated what Davies was doing and supported her cause. Many believed that hate crimes should not result in silence.

According to Davies, many of the people who act out are struggling with insecurities of their own. Davies said that “Fagbug” is dedicated to whoever vandalized her car. So far, no one has come forward and admitted to this.

What could have been just a case of car vandalism turned into so much more than that.

It turned into a case of Davies taking a stand and continuing to fight when everyone else expected her to give up and stop fighting for her cause.

Her story is a case of courage, true strength, admiration and inspiration for many across the country.
Local artist captures sights from all over the state

BY REDA LEE
Staff Reporter

Last Friday the Clymer Museum hosted a one-man show exhibiting local artist John Clement, a photographer who captures scenic views all over Washington state. His photographs have become a portrait of nature and have brought him success in his career. Clement’s work can be found throughout the nation and can be enjoyed by anyone who loves nature.

Clement’s passion for photography started in the mid-1970s. His education in photography has been beneficial to his profession. He has earned two associate degrees from the Professional Photographers of Washington and Oregon, as well as Master’s degree in Photography from Middle Eastern and Celtic music. He is paired with various sets of pedals for different sounds. Castle’s electric violin performance is done on the spot. He plays and slowly adds more sounds he has recorded to pre-recorded tracks; each performance is the result of being at the Geoffrey Castle walking around stage getting the audience into the music.

Dr. Bret Smith, assistant professor of music education, took the stage to discuss the importance of preserving music in education and “using how strung instruments for a venue” of showing music in Ellensburg. Castle, Robert and Watkins started their set as the lights dimmed; a light show of colors began sprouting up the wooden walls of the concert hall. The music comes to a cadence and then crescendos as Castle jumps to and from the platforms where the other musicians played. A phume of smoke rises from between the Roberts and Watkins to show green lasers shooting into the crowd. The performance left students pleasantly surprised.

“I thought I was in for a classical concert,” said Max Brown, a senior undecided student. “I liked how [Castle] had songs that had the traditional violin and others that sounded nothing like the violin.”

As the set continued and the energy built, even Castle remarked how amp he felt when he and his band got into harmony. Playing with Robert and Watkins was like being in a race car with a “huge engine behind ‘em, that’s how I feel with these guys behind me,” Castle said.

The Clymer Museum was full of wandering community members who were fans of Clement’s work. His photographs display moments that may never be seen again. This aspect of Clement’s work is what attracts his viewers.

“I think the fact that they let you look at something you may have not seen yourself is great,” said Connie, a member of the local community. Clement’s work precisely shows how beautiful Washington state is and what it has to offer all of us.

Every one of Clement’s photographs displayed in the Clymer Museum can be purchased, with prices ranging from $50 to more than $300. Clement has also put together a calendar of his work that can be purchased at a more affordable price. He has also co-published two books with his photography as the illustrations.

“He’s a fabulous photographer and shoots somewhat like a stringed instrument all the time,” said Torry Wahl, senior psychology major. “I will go home and look him up on iTunes,” Sharai said.

As soon as Belle began to sing, the crowd began to grow. His voice filled the SURC from the Pit all the way to the dining hall.

“I was headed toward lunch and heard pretty music,” said Lauren Noton, freshman undecided major.

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“The way he put his lyrics and sound together are very heartwarming and beautiful,” said Rony Garza, sophomore anthropology major. Before the performance was even over, many students were looking up Belle on their phones and laptops to learn more about him and his music. Many added him to their iTunes playlists and future download lists.

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“This is an excellent performer who draws a crowd in SURC,” said Beverley Kajikawa, a sophomore.

Performing at Eastern Washington at the stadium. His work may also be seen and purchased in wineries throughout the Red Mountain area in Washington.

Andrew Belle draws crowd in SURC

Meaningful lyrics, soothing sounds hook new listeners

BY MARC TEARER
Staff Reporter

A voice that is comparable to the likes of John Mayer, Jack Johnson and Dave Matthews is a true honor.

Those characteristics were used by students to compare the voice of Andrew Belle during his performance in the SURC pit at noon last Monday.

Belle sat on his stool with his guitar in his lap, closing his eyes and feeling the music as he sang.

It was evident that Belle felt every word of his music and had a meaning behind it.

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Tamim Ansary intrigued the audience at the SURC Theatre with a talk focusing on Afghanistan and its future.

At the same time, it was a promotional speech for his latest book, “Destiny Disrupted: A History of the World through Islamic Eyes.”

Audience members probed Ansary in the Q&A session on U.S. foreign policy in the region, specifically on the U.S. troop withdrawal scheduled for next year.

Citing his own inability to correctly interpret and provide solutions to the war in Afghanistan since its beginning in 2001, Ansary instead focused on differentiating between Islam and the Afghan people.

He claimed that the Taliban no longer existed, “only as an idea,” and informed audience members that, once the U.S. left, the Afghan people would readily return to their tribal feuds, their pre-existing strife between country and city folk and their religious fighting.

He also stated that as long as the U.S. and NATO military continues to accidentally kill civilians, the U.S. and its allies should expect to find a new generation of enemies willing to fight them to the death.

The Afghan people had never been defeated by a foreign power, he said. Neither Alexander the Great’s Macedonian army, nor the British, nor the Soviets and certainly not the Americans, would find a surrendering army waiting for them in the Hindu Kush Mountains, he said.

Since the U.S. plans on beginning troop withdrawal in 2011, he said it’s best for the U.S. public to understand what is most likely to occur after departure. He cited Pakistan, India, China, Russia and Iran as major players in the region who would have a hand in making sure the fighting would continue with or without the U.S. and NATO’s involvement.

Ansary went on to say that he did not feel it was a religious war between the U.S. and Islam, but that this was the recruiting mantra of the “jihadis” and that there would always be that element in Islam, much as one could find it in other religions or ideologies.

One audience member asked if the “jihadis were upset about what had happened centuries ago” during the Catholic Church-sponsored Crusades, to which Ansary replied no, that one only had to “look back at the last world war and see how Western nation-state’s actions in the Islamic world had created conditions for what the “jihadis” deemed appropriate action.”

On this subject, Michael Scheuer, noted author, former CIA intelligence officer and current adjunct professor at Georgetown University, has noted that the creation of the state of Israel at the end of World War 2 is cited by many “jihadis” as a call to holy war or jihad.

Other commentators, such as former Central Intelligence Agency field officer Gary Schroen, say that many factors, such as the U.S. Israeli alliance, the U.S.’s support for Islamic regimes deemed corrupt by their own populations and the U.S’s continued military presence on Islamic soil are all grounds for waging jihad.

Ansary tried his best to answer as many questions as possible, but as time had run out, the audience was left with more questions to sort out on their own.

Certainly, it is a relevant topic that demands more thorough investigation. At the very least, the audience was appreciative for the effort to untangle such a controversial subject.

Tamim Ansary signing a book and answering a question for a fan.
Urine for a good time: Musical satirizes Broadway

BY JANAYE BIRKLAND
Staff Reporter

The Central Theatre Ensemble kicks off the winter season with a production of the Tony Award-winning play “Urinetown.” The music was written by Mark Hollmann, the lyrics by Hollmann and Greg Kotis, and the book by Kotis. Both gentlemen shared the Tony for “Best Original Score,” and Kotis won the Tony for “Best Book of a Musical.”

This Brechtian-inspired satire parodies the Broadway musical as a genre along with specific musicals such as “Les Miserables,” “West Side Story,” “Fiddler on the Roof,” “Pippin,” “Annie,” “Little Shop of Horrors” and “The Cradle Will Rock.” The play is a whirlwind delight of biting social commentary.

Urinetown is wonderfully stage directed by George Bellah, and its musical direction is deftly handled by David Brown. In this post-apocalyptic world where one pays for the privilege of peeing, all the traditional elements of a theatrical production come together to create a unique glimpse of a harrowing future. The scenery, designed by Jerald Dougherty, conveys the hierarchal world the characters live in, as well as the crushing oppressiveness placed on them from above. The lighting, designed by Christina Barrigan, plays with the mood of the play, which stretches from serious to slapstick and from romance to satire, all with the pervasive, returning color of yellow, reminding everyone of urine.

The costumes are marvelously designed by Mary Bakeman, showing the grotesque and the wildly funny characters in all their maddening struggles to keep or grasp authority. Brian Popielarczak’s sound design blends beautifully with the live band playing in the orchestra pit, and Amelie B. Childress’ dance choreography packs a punch as it delivers in a slew of musical and dance styles.

The actors, from start to finish, are consummate triple threats, singing, dancing and acting with flourish and within the parameters of the play. Their characters’ relationships to each other are fully realized: Officer Lockstock (Dina Grebniak) and Little Sally (Nyna Nelson) share a mock surrogate father-daughter/realist-idealist connection while Bobby Strong (Paul Hutchinson) and Hope Cladwell (Natalie Colvin) enjoy the sweetness and parody of the stereotypically romantic. Caldwell B. Cladwell (Joey Saunett) and Pnape A. Penelope’s (Becca Boettcher) comic, tawdry affair leads to tragic consequences.

The wonderful thing about ensemble acting is that everyone gets a moment to make an impression on the audience, and this production’s actors proved to be no exception. Experience has shown that talent, hard work and persistence are the formula for a career in theatre, film and television.

It’s these same qualities, along with their own driving energy and strong presence that I see with this entire cast of talented actors and actresses.

It has been my honor and pleasure to have worked with many actors in diverse productions, who later went on to commercial and personal success. When and if these young actors decide to head off into the bright lights of New York or Los Angeles, the viewers of “Urinetown” can be assured of having seen an amazing and talented actors in their early years before they made it big.

Hopefully the reader will take their cue and catch a glimpse of the future, both from the brightness of the past and in creating this dark musical comedy, and in the underlying seriousness of a problem no one cares about until they have to pay to piss.
The Wildcats had a lot to prove Saturday as they tried to leapfrog two spots in the regional poll in hopes of securing a playoff spot for the fourth straight year.

The game got off to a slow start with little offense from either team. Freshman running back Ishmael Stinson had a couple of big runs to get Central in field goal range.

“It’s pretty hard when there is a lot of pressure on you,” Stinson said. “After you play a few games you get used to the pressure and just play the game I have been playing since the third grade.”

Central got in scoring position early, but was unable to score after missing a 36-yard field goal. The first quarter was all defense for both teams, with each team having a fumble and Central coming up with a big interception by freshman defensive back Stan Langlow.

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“Some of those penalties were kind of iffy but we just got to focus and not lose our composure out there,” Helwege said.

Junior defensive back Dominique Gaisie nearly had an interception with 35 seconds left in the first quarter, but it just slipped through his hands.

In the early part of the second quarter, Langlow had another interception, his second of the game giving Central some momentum.

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Central finishes ninth at GNAC Cross-Country Championships

BY MATTHEW CARSTENS
Asst. Sports Editor

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Volleyball earns three straight sweeps, win for senior night
BY JAKE ABBOTT AND JON CLEVELAND
Go! and AWL Reporter

Central Washington volleyball had two dominating performances last week as they overpowered Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) to improve their Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) record to 18-6, 10-4 GNAC.

On Saturday, Central beat UAA at home in three sets: 25-20, 25-20, 25-13. Up until this win, the Wildcats had not beaten the defending conference champions in two years.

“Everybody was on their game and everyone was clicking,” said junior setter Carlie Marble. “This was my favorite win of the season.”

Senior outside hitter Kady Try Harris and junior outside hitter Ryan both had 11 kills in the upset against UAA last Saturday. With six of her kills coming in the first set, Ryan generated a .417 hitting percentage and 7 digs for the Wildcats.

With this win, the Wildcats are now just one game behind UAA, tightening the race for third place in the conference.

The Wildcats steady offense was on point Saturday evening as they produced a .256 hitting percentage, while Fairbanks hit a -.027.

“Everybody knows their role on the team and we have been sticking to the game plan,” Marble said. “We know what we have to do to win.”

Defensively, the Wildcats were on point, holding the Seawolves to an overall hitting percentage of .241. Central forced them to make 25 hitting errors. Leading the team in digs was senior libero Brandie Vea with 25 hitting errors.

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Last Thursday, the Wildcats beat Alaska Fairbanks in a three-set sweep, 25-12, 25-21, 25-17, gaining revenge from Central’s previous trip to the 49th state. Their last meeting on Oct. 9 was hosted by the Nanooks, who beat the Wildcats in three sets: 25-19, 25-22, 25-20.

It seems that the Wildcats made the correct adjustments from their previous meeting.

“Up there, [Fairbanks] served well and we were predictable,” Marble said. “We focused on passing and defense and going through more hitters.”

Offensively, the Wildcats out-hit the Nanooks 28-20. Central produced a .191 hitting percentage, while Fairbanks hit a .027.

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The Wildcats had three players all score in double digits, including Harris. The others were junior forward Jody Johnson, who had 18 points, and senior Jamar Berry, who had 13.

Another exciting note for the program is that Fox Sports Net (FSN) Northwest has announced an agreement to air several Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) games throughout the 2010-2011 season.

Television crews will be coming to Ellensburg on Feb. 9 when Central plays host to Seattle Pacific University. A week later the Wildcats can be seen by their fans as they take on Quest University Canada at 7 p.m. in Nicholson Pavilion.

Basketball perfect in preseason, prepares for home opener
BY MATTHEW CARSTENS
AWL Sports Editor

Senior forward Chris Sprinker and senior guard Drew Harris have dominated the Wildcat exhibition season this week as they look to get ready for the upcoming season opener on Friday.

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Hometown: Spokane
Goals: 2
Assists: 4
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#5 Annie Weisbeck
Position: Midfielder
Hometown: Spokane
Valley
Games Started: 18
3x GNAC All-Academic Conference Team

#12 Ellie Eckroth
Position: Midfielder
Hometown: Auburn
Goals: 6
Assists: 5
3x GNAC All-Academic Conference Team

#15 Kaycie Hutchins
Position: Forward
Goals: 16
All-Time Assists: 20
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GNAC Soccer Standings

School | Conference | W | L | T
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Seattle Pacific | | 12 | 1 | 1
Simon Fraser | | 8 | 3 | 3
MSU Billings | | 9 | 5 | 0
Western Washington | | 7 | 4 | 3
Saint Martin’s | | 7 | 7 | 0
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SPORTS

VERONICA GRUBA

SENIOR NIGHT CONTINUED FROM P.13

Try and Ryan led in the kill column, Try banged out eight kills on the night, while Ryan produced six for the Wildcats. Barcel led an all-around good game with three kills and five assisted blocks.

Marble is doing an exceptional job operating the Wildcat offense. Marble had 23 assists against the Nanooks, with seven of them coming in the third set.

Vea and Ryan stood out defensively for the Wildcats. Out of the team’s total 16 digs, Vea led with 17 and Ryan had 10.

Monday was senior night against Simon Fraser University and the lady Wildcats wasted no time taking care of the Clan 25-13, 25-18, 25-18 during their last home match.

After the game the seniors reminisced on their favorite moments in their collegiate careers. For some, this year stood out far beyond the rest.

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Their last meeting was September 12 in Ellensburg at the Nicholson Pavilion. The Wildcats did not go down easy, but ended up losing to the Vikings after five sets: 25-20, 24-26, 26-24, 21-25, 15-10.

“They are playoff bound and we would love to beat them at their home court,” Marble said.

SENIOR HITTING

Senior middle blocker Bri Gregory spikes the ball for another Central point on senior night on Monday.

TITLE ASPIRATIONS CONTINUED FROM P.12

Helwege had a big 26-yard catch to march the Wildcats down the field and put them in field goal range. Central made a 22-yard field goal to give the Wildcats a 10-0 lead. With 3:32 left in the second quarter the Wildcats put more points on the board after a touchdown run from Bryson Kelly. By the end of the first half the Wildcats were up 10-0.

In the third quarter Central’s defense came through once again with yet another interception by Paul Wright his first of the game. Central tacked on another seven points when Bryson Kelly ran a two yard touchdown pass making it 17-0.

The defense remained strong throughout the game. Langlow got his third interception of the game, the first time a Central player has had three interceptions in the same game since 1970. With that interception Central’s momentum kept going, scoring again on a 52-yard pass to wide receiver Chris Smith.

Central scored once more in the third quarter off a 22-yard pass by Sinson. Central had a 31-0 lead until SFU put up their only points of the game with a 40-yard touchdown pass.

The fourth quarter was full of penalties, costing the Wildcats quite a few yards in offense. The defense pulled another two interceptions, giving them a total of six on the day. Central’s final points of the game came off a 40-yard field goal to give them a 34-7 victory over Simon Fraser.

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GOING DEEP

Senior wide receiver Chris Smith catches a 52-yard bomb from sophomore quarterback Ryan Robertson for a touchdown against Simon Fraser last Saturday.

Robertson, Langlow named conference players of the Week

#7 Ryan Robertson

Sophomore quarterback Ryan Robertson and redshirt freshman defensive back Stan Langlow each earned Great Northwest Player of the Week awards for their play last week against Simon Fraser.

Robertson completed 12 of 16 passes for 211 yards, on route to over 3,000 passing yards this year, the first time he has accomplished the feat in his career. For his efforts, Robertson was named the GNAC Offensive Player of the Week.

On the other side of the ball, Langlow helped lead the way for a Central defense that had six interceptions and seven total takeaways against Simon Fraser. Langlow had three of those interceptions himself, becoming the first player in 40 years to intercept three passes in one game for the Wildcats. Langlow now has seven interceptions this year, a number that leads the team and GNAC conference.

With their victory over SFU last Saturday, Central guaranteed at least a tie for the GNAC championship. At 7-3 overall, and 6-1 in conference play, the Wildcats have an opportunity to clinch sole possession of the league title with a win over second-place Western Oregon this Saturday at Tomlinson Stadium. Game time starts at noon, as Central will bid farewell to its seniors before kickoff.

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