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# National increase in food prices

## More students resort to cheaper, lower quality food due to the rise in costs

BY JEANETTE GENSON  
Staff Reporter

For some students, eating healthy hasn't always been a top priority. Now more than ever, high food prices are forcing students to pass by healthier choices for cheaper alternatives at the grocery store.

In January, The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) reported that food prices have reached the highest level recorded since the FAO started to monitor these prices in 1990.

Some students on campus have been directly affected by the change.

"I got on food stamps because I could not afford food anymore," said Ashley Sonneman, senior education major.

According to Sonneman, because she is an independent college student, she has been forced to eat much less than she did when living with her parents.

"I eat a lot of chicken and rice because you can get it in bulk packages and they last forever,"

Sonneman said. She has cut back on healthier choices due to the inflation of fresh produce prices. "Because organic and natural food is so expensive, it's forcing people to eat fast food and processed foods because they're more affordable."

The FAO also stated that not only has bad weather been an issue, rising gas prices and recent increases in ethanol usage are making it more expensive to transport food around the world. This is partially because corn is used to produce ethanol, and according to an online article in Bloomberg Businessweek, 20 percent of all corn is going to the production

of ethanol, making it much more expensive. This causes food prices to escalate because of higher prices for cattle provisions and other staples.

On campus, students are concerned with more than just the essentials going up in price.

"Milk and juice prices are a lot higher and so is fruit," said Kristina Stuht, junior elementary and early childhood education major. "It's less expensive to eat high fat and fast foods than it is to eat fruits and vegetables, so it's hard to eat healthy as a college student."

Stuht said she has cut back completely on food that is just there to satisfy her sweet tooth, including cookies, ice cream and things that contain no nutritional value.

These statements beg the question, what can students do to maintain a healthy diet and not break the bank?

"I find little simple things to do. Of course fruit and vegetables are important, but there are other things like protein. So if I have top ramen I put an egg in it," said Kaleigh Krantz, junior nutrition major with a dietetics specialization.

"Krantz started noticing higher food costs at the beginning of this school year when she had her own job and was trying to pay for everything by herself. "I definitely had to cut back on a lot of stuff." Krantz said that she uses

simpler things such as oatmeal and top ramen rather than bell peppers and broccoli because they are cheaper and still contain important nutrients.

"I sit down with my roommate and plan meals for the week and split the price of groceries. It costs less, and less is wast-

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-KRISTINA STUHT  
Junior Elementary Ed.

# Gaudino speaks on tuition increases

## CWU live webcast gives viewers the chance to get answers to their concerns

BY NINA KANARSKAYA  
Staff Reporter

To address student submitted questions about budget cuts and tuition increases, President James Gaudino held a live web broadcast last Thursday. Names were omitted. The half-hour broadcast dealt mostly with fears about rising prices, as much as 14 percent, and the capital budget versus the operational budget.

Gaudino tried to appease viewers by mentioning the positive activities that are occurring in Ellensburg; mainly, the improvement in accessibility to health care services. He stressed the importance of community since Ellensburg is not just a college town, the city is not the same without it: They are interdependent.

"The reality is, absolutely wonderful things are happening at Central Washington," Gaudino said. "As Ellensburg grows, so does Central Washington University."

He went on to answer questions about future enrollment.

"Our enrollment trends look strong for next year," Gaudino said. "The bad news is they will probably not continue."

In the state of Washington, the number of high school graduates is declining and as a result, Central will likely see fewer enrollments in the coming years. Roughly 95 percent of the university consists of in-state enrollment. To help the issue of fewer students attending Central, Gaudino suggested bringing some of the university's programs to the students.

When asked about students who will not finish their degrees or not apply to



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-James Gaudino  
CWU President



ILLUSTRATION BY KATHARINE LOTZE

ed," said Sarah Opdahl, junior nutrition program with a dietetics specialization, said when she spoke of how she cuts costs.

Opdahl is the treasurer of Central's Nutrition Science Club, and she is a great source of many helpful ways to eat healthier without overspending. Some of Opdahl's tips included buying in bulk, eating chunky spaghetti sauce, making stir fry with frozen vegetables and sneaking vegetables into fruit smoothies.

In these hard economic times, students at Central are faced with many

college due to the high cost of education, Gaudino encouraged students to find alternative ways to earn their degrees.

"Don't give up. Do not give up," Gaudino said. "There are many funding opportunities available."

According to Gaudino, many students are not using all the resources available to them, such as the FAFSA. He said that people with a degree have a better quality of life, live longer and are less likely to be incarcerated.

"The investment in high education is still worth it," Gaudino said. "It's only going to become more so."

While Gaudino said it's unlikely that the university will run its operating costs on 100 percent tuition in his lifetime, it will be about 70 percent this year. Eventually, he said he thinks public pressure on the legislature will force them to provide more funding as tuition increases and government funding decreases.

The university is allotted two budgets; a capital for building projects and an operational budget which Gaudino insists are not interchangeable.

"We still have to maintain the quality of our buildings," Gaudino said. "We have to keep our facilities up and meet the demands of our students."

more hurdles than earning their degree. Tuition costs have recently gone up, a pattern that will likely continue. Students will need to plan ahead, budget and make compromises in the quest to save money while living healthy.

"We are at a crucial time where we are developing habits for our whole life. So if you are in college and not eating healthy, you are going to carry that on for the rest of your life," Opdahl said.

Students submitted proposals for cutting down on budget costs, one of which was shutting down the university during the weeks that there are no classes.

"That would be a form of sick leave," Gaudino said. "That doesn't look like it would be an option for us this year." In addition, Gaudino said families who live paycheck to paycheck would be affected by a closure of the campus.

Another solution students came up with was eliminating the block credit charge or charging different majors different prices depending on their use of labs and other resources.

"Right now the university doesn't have the flexibility," Gaudino said.

Another issue mentioned in the broadcast was athletics. Gaudino said that sports were important, not only to athletes, but to non-players as well. He brought up research done by marketing students that showed many students chose Central for the sports. He also stated that many of the athletes receive partial or no scholarship funding. However, even with the interest in sports, Central will not be moving into Division I.

"No, there's really no plan to accelerate our sports to D1," Gaudino said. "The cost of everything would go up rather dramatically."

When asked about how he felt about the rise in tuition, Gaudino was not pleased and encouraged the community to pressure the legislature.

"How I feel? Horrible," Gaudino said about the proposed tuition increases. "I also see the personal sacrifices."



# Quick rise in gas prices keep students in town

BY KELSEY HOPKINS  
Staff Reporter

Many students won't be going home this weekend, or any weekend in the foreseeable future.

With the turmoil in the Middle East, gas prices have spiked in recent weeks, forcing students to ditch their cars and visit home less frequently.

"I'm not going home this weekend because I don't want to pay for gas," said Julia Luna, freshman musical theater major. "You can't even get half a tank for \$20."

According to the New York Times, gasoline prices have risen by nearly a third in the past year. According to Dr. David Hedrick, professor of economics at Central, this is inconvenient, but nothing to panic about.

"Gas prices are always quite volatile in the sense that they go up and down rather quickly," Hedrick said.

"Demand is not very responsive to price. People need gas in the short run no matter what the price."

Natural disasters or accidents, such as the Gulf oil spill, can cause the price of oil to increase, as well as war.

"Look at Libya. Libya exports a large amount of oil, but it isn't exporting any more because of its crisis," Hedrick said.

The revolution and unrest in the African country has hindered its oil production. That creates the opportunity for other countries to increase their prices, which

trickle down to the pump.

Gas prices may also be increasing because of the way oil is traded.

"In the long term, the U.S. dollar has weakened and oil is traded in dollars," Hedrick said. "When the dollar value goes down, oil producers require higher prices in dollars." This creates higher prices for consumers. According to Hedrick, as the price goes up, people will use less.

"It has definitely affected how I drive," said Francis Woods, freshman musical theater major, who said he has noticed a slow increase in prices.

Unfortunately, prices will most likely continue to increase. "A couple things suggest oil prices will go up over time. Poor countries like China and India have grown, along with their demand for gasoline," Hedrick said. "The demand is tremendous."

While higher gas prices are always a thorn in the side of consumers—especially money-conscious college students—the upward trend in petroleum prices may benefit our society in the long run.

American "consumers have never recognized the international implications our consumption has created," Hedrick said. With the higher demand for oil worldwide, America is being forced to scrimp and save.

The old adage "necessity is the mother of invention" can be proven by car companies, who are producing more fuel-efficient vehicles, and by thrifty consumers



JEFF BAYLEY

**MONEY GUZZLER** Anne Hice, senior anthropology and biology double major pumps gas at the local Texaco on University Way and Main Street.

who are finding ways to spend less on gas.

"You see people making a greater emphasis on car-pooling, riding their bikes, walking to school," Hedrick said. "There

are always other activities."

The earth will thank you for riding your bike, and as of now, your wallet will too.

# Washington Secretary of State visits Eburg

## Sam Reed makes a quiet visit to campus for college civics week

BY WESTON MORROW  
Assistant News Editor

There was no motorcade. There were no announcements. There were no lavish introductions when Washington's Secretary of State Sam Reed arrived on campus. Standing among the few students gathered around the refreshment table, Reed appeared no more out of place than President James Gaudino at his side.

The scene appeared to the average observer completely ordinary, except for one small issue: Why was such a high profile visitor in the smallest building on campus, and why did no one know of his expected arrival?

The Observer heard of the secretary's visit minutes beforehand, rushing a reporter to the Mary Grupe Center.

"We've had a variety of different venues for Sam Reed in the past, but we wanted a more intimate venue this time," said Lorinda Anderson, director of the Civic Engagement Center (CEC).

That intimate venue was the small circular hut placed indiscriminately between Black and Bullion halls.

Only a select handful of students were in attendance. A few were invited to present their volunteer work for Reed and Gaudino. Nearly all others in attendance worked for or closely with the CEC. Mike Merz, legislative liaison and newly appointed vice president of clubs and organizations for the ASCWU-BOD, was in attendance.

Merz said he was at the event to hear Reed's thoughts on civic engagement and how it relates to politics.

A lot of students look for a quick return on the community service they perform, Merz said. "We don't get that instant gratification in our politics. That's not how it works."

Reed spoke after the presentations. "Civic engagement leads to political engagement," Reed said. "They weren't talking theory up there."

Reed praised the students who presented their work.

He went on to outline some of the biggest obstacles in getting college age citizens to vote and the state government's efforts to alleviate these issues.

Despite the lack of publicity for the

secretary's visit, the event had been in the works for a long time.

I was "working about two months to get it coordinated," said Ashley Mastin, senior art major.

The event takes place every year as a chance to showcase student involvement for both Central's administration and the state's government.

With such a high profile panel in attendance, it appeared that the presenters wanted more time to convey the importance of their missions.

The students clearly cared deeply about the causes they presented, but the event was already behind schedule, so students were constantly being signalled to speed up or finish.

Reed's visit was part of a much larger tour for college civics week. He planned to visit 28 colleges and universities in all.

While he was at Central for under an hour, the secretary took plenty of time to greet everyone.

"Central's been one of just a few schools that, not only have done it every year, but each year they do something a little unique," Reed said.



JOEY LEBEAU

**SURPRISE APPEARANCE** Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed listens to Central student presentations on civic engagement in the Mary Grupe Center last Wednesday.

# CENTRAL EARTH DAY EVENTS

### TODAY

**WHAT:** 30 Hour Fast

**WHERE:** Sign up in the SURC from 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

**WHEN:** Fasting at NOON and ends FRIDAY at 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY

**WHAT:** Informational booths in the SURC 9 -11:15 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

**WHAT:** Q&A on Sustainable Farming 10 -11 a.m. in the SURC Pit

**WHAT:** Dean Hall Certification Ceremony 11:45 a.m. at Dean Hall

### FRIDAY

**WHAT:** Keynote Environmental Speaker Robert Martin 12 - 1 p.m. in Dean 104

**WHAT:** Musical Performer Dana Lyons 1- 2 p.m. in the SURC Pit

**WHAT:** Native American storytelling by Crit Callebs 2 - 3 p.m. in the SURC Pit



# Experts peg NW quake risk at 15 percent

BY QUINN EDDY  
Staff Reporter

Earthquakes occur on the Cascadia fault on average every 500 years. There is a 15 percent chance a quake from this fault will happen during our lifetime, according to earthquake experts at Central.

"The next Cascadia earthquake has the potential to be the biggest quake ever seen," said Tim Melbourne, professor of geophysics.

The last Cascadia earthquake took place on January 26, 1700.

"We could be facing a 9.0 quake," said Nick Zentner, professor of geology at Central. "It's happened many times in the past."

Sixty miles off Washington's coast lies an oceanic trench. At its core rests the Cascadia fault. At this fault, oceanic crust from the Juan de Fuca plate is diving beneath the continental crust, pulling continental crust down with it. When the continental crust fails due to this continual downward pulling, an earthquake will take place.

This is what happened in Japan. "It's similar to breaking a pencil. When you bend it, it flexes, then suddenly breaks," said

When the earthquake hits, there would be a sudden movement of the ocean floor creating a massive tsunami that would hammer the west coast from Vancouver Island to northern California.

"All the coastal cities are going to get smashed," Melbourne said.

Coastal residents will have 20 minutes after the quake to reach high ground.

"We've done approximations on the height of the tsunami that Washington faced in 1700, and we visualize a 30 foot wave based on the deposits we have," Zentner said.

Even though we are nowhere near the coast, Ellensburg is expected to experience a lot of shaking. This shaking would test buildings on campus.

"Overall from a building standpoint, we are in pretty good shape," said Bill Vertrees, assistant vice president of facilities. "Trouble buildings such as Kamola have been specifically singled out and dealt with during major renovation projects to help them withstand earthquakes."

Most buildings on campus are steel and concrete structures that hold together better during an earthquake. It also helps that Central's buildings tend to be short, with no more than three floors, and have wide bases.

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-Tim Melbourne  
Geophysics professor

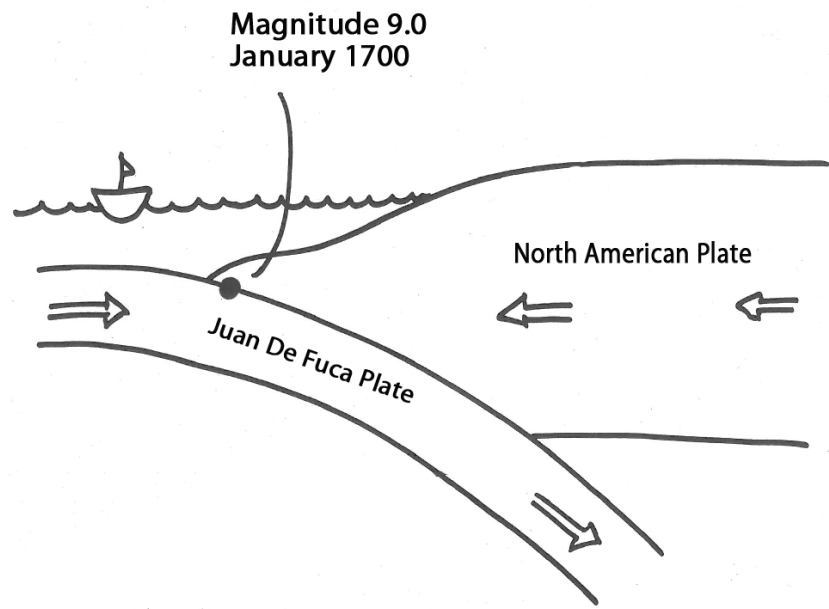


ILLUSTRATION BY QUINN EDDY

When the big quake hits University Police will be prepared for the worst. The first step following an earthquake is to open an emergency operations center.

"The first thing we'd do is pull together a core team of people from the emergency management committee," said Mike Luvera, captain of University Police and emergency management coordinator. "From there we will assess if we have people we need to rescue and prevent people from entering dangerous areas."

The Red Cross would send people from across the nation to assist if a disas-

ter were to strike. Along with sending aid, the organization would set up computers for people to contact loved ones by registering with their system.

"From a student standpoint, they should have emergency plans such as a communications plan with family members, along with having both a first aid kit and basic food supplies," Luvera said.

It is also important to listen to radio announcements before jumping in the car and heading home.

"There might be certain areas of the state that are unreachable," Luvera said.

## CWU-owned home razed; fate unknown

BY MADDY SHORTT  
Staff Reporter

Central has recently demolished the old white house across from the Starbucks on East University Way.

The university had purchased the house in September 2008 for \$330,000--\$30,000 more than the property had sold for 14 months earlier, according to the Kittitas County tax assessor's website.

Bill Yarwood, director of facilities management, said the structure on the lot was a small apartment building called the Langford Apartments.

It started as a single-family home and was added onto over the years into a four-unit apartment building.

In 1891, the State Normal School had Barge Hall constructed, the first building on campus. The Langford Apartment-house was

suspected to have also been built in 1891. "The property became available and the university became interested...any property close to the university is of high value to the university," Yarwood said.

Although the property was of value, "the house didn't meet any of the university's needs."

The university did attempt to save the structure. "We advertised to have [the building] moved. It was useable and was a neat old building," Yarwood said, but no one was interested enough to move the

entire structure.

There is a short-term plan in place for the use of the vacant space. According to Yarwood, the university is going to clean the area and add new trees, grass and numerous picnic benches.

"It's not quite a park...but I think students will use it a lot," Yarwood said.

Bradly Yasuda, senior business and sports management major agrees.

"They might as well put it to good use," Yasuda said.

Lauren Minckler, senior tourism major, said having an area like this would be nice. "They might as well use the land and make it look presentable and useful to students," Minckler said.

So what is the long term plan?

The university's Master Plan, a package of documents regarding possible construction on campus, is being updated for 2011.

This set of documents is remodeled every two years. Projects in the plan are voted on and "depending on what gets funded, then we will know which projects to proceed with," Yarwood said.

The Master Plan will be available online in a few weeks, Yarwood said. There is even a way for people to add their thoughts and comments on the Master Plan and can do so through the Provost's website.

"We want to hear from students," Yarwood said.



Courtesy of Kittitas County Assessor

## CWU approved for \$2.5 million in bonds

Funds could be used to buy Albertsons building

BY PETER O'CAIN  
Senior News Reporter  
ANTHONY JAMES  
Editor-in-Chief

Central is continuing to investigate purchasing the Albertsons building.

According to Assistant Vice President of Facilities Bill Vertrees, Central has approval from bills in the House and Senate to borrow up to \$2.5 million to purchase the Albertsons building.

"In an urban environment, having property available is very rare," Vertrees said.

However, Central may have to pull out of the running if one of the dozen or so competitors offered more than the approved \$2.5 million.

"Every dollar it gets more expensive the harder it gets for the university to purchase," Vertrees said. "There is an upper limit. I don't know what it is."

The \$2.5 million in bonds would be paid off through Central's general operating fund and would be paid off over a long period of time. Vertrees likened the process to purchasing a house with a mortgage.

One advantage to the property, Vertrees said, is location. It's located on an adjacent city block and within a short walk from campus. It also has a large parking lot, which Vertrees said would be optimal for "high contact, high access" services such as the cashier's office or financial aid.

In the university's master plan, which is currently being drafted, officials said they want to keep walks between halls at 10 minutes or less.

Using this model, Vertrees said it's difficult for a student to make it across campus, from the music building to Shaw-Smyser Hall, for example, in 10 minutes or less.

Vertrees said that one positive of the purchase is that it would help Central move closer to downtown Ellensburg. In the past, Central has always moved north toward 18th Avenue, away from downtown, Vertrees said. Ellensburg City Manager Ted Barkley said he would welcome a Central shift toward downtown.

"In general, the more the university and the community integrate themselves, the higher quality of life it's going to create for everybody," Barkley said.

Many believe that if Central took over the Albertsons building, Ellensburg would lose money because Central doesn't pay property or sales tax.

"The absence of property tax isn't that bad because they provide their own services that property tax goes to," Barkley said. "In lieu of taxes, they either pay for their services or they provide them."

Barkley also said that the closure of Albertsons hasn't hit the Ellensburg economy too hard because most people just go to different grocery stores within Ellensburg.

For the time being, Central is concentrating on having its administration properly positioned to buy the Albertsons building.

"If it becomes available, they'll be ready to buy it," Vertrees said.

If the property is purchased, Vertrees said it would be at least a year before Central would occupy the building.



## The First Amendment, The Observer and you

Thanks to protections afforded by the Constitution, we are protected from incidents like those at private schools

Every now and then, a scandal involving a student newspaper will arise and the paper finds a creative solution. That's exactly what



By Anthony James  
Editor-in-Chief

happened at La Salle University.

The Collegian had a story on a professor holding an off-campus symposium apparently involving exotic dancers. Thirty students attended and paid \$150 each.

Since La Salle is a private Catholic university, administrators have a say on what runs in the paper. Using this power, administrators blocked publication while other news outlets reported the story.

Eventually, the administration let the story run, but only if it ran "below the fold," or on the bottom half of the front page.

Here's where the story kicks in: The editors of The Collegian ran a blank page above the fold with the words "See below the fold" in small type. There, the remaining half of the page with the stripper story.

So, 144 words into this column, and I haven't made a point yet. But sadly, I could see something like this possibly happening at Central.

As part of President Gaudino's ongoing reorganization plan, proposals have The Observer reporting to a new Associate Dean of Student Life.

The first time I heard about the proposal was on the Central website, where a flow chart explained the proposed layout.

Fortunately, The Observer has never had to deal with outside interference, but members of the Communication Department have expressed their concerns about this move.

Another concern is possibly adding more exempt positions. Many people, including a letter to the editor in this paper, have noted that the number of highly-paid exempt positions, such as associate vice presidents, has been on the rise at Central over the past decade. During this budget crisis of a lifetime, is this the time to think about adding positions?

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Last summer, I toured the newsroom of The Minnesota Daily, the student newspaper at the University of Minnesota. The paper is considered fully independent, but this meant having ad revenues of more than \$2 million a year before the recession and still being housed in a building owned by the university.

For The Observer to be fully independent is merely a pipe dream. The costs are too high, Ellensburg lacks the advertising base we'd need to do so and politics would surely become involved.

What we can do though is remain as independent as possible from administrative oversight of any sort. Otherwise, I might have to run that story below the fold.

## Hope for the future of the M's? With a yet another rebuilding season underway, the Mariners could be playoff contenders soon

The 2011 Seattle Mariners season has gotten off to a less than perfect start. After a 101-loss season in 2010, many fans were hoping that with a new season, a new manager and some roster changes, a playoff appearance may not be too far off.



By Ben Tole  
Staff Reporter

This season, after a 5-11 start, a playoff berth seems like it may never come. However, there are many reasons to be optimistic about the future of this organization. Mariner's General Manager, Jack Zduriencik, has spent his first few seasons in Seattle developing a winning baseball team from the ground up.

This season may not look good in the win column or on the stat sheet, but it is important to notice what the team is accomplishing.

We have a few young players on the team right now such as Michael Saunders and Justin Smoak, who have tremendous upside both offensively and defensively. Rookie pitcher Michael Pineda has so far been arguably the team's best pitcher, even out dealing the Cy Young Award winning ace Felix Hernandez.

The Mariners also have big time talent developing in the minor leagues. Second Baseman Dustin Ackley, who was drafted second overall by the Mariners in the 2009 draft, could be one of the best overall hitters the team has seen in a while. He continues to develop in

This season may not look good in the win column or on the stat sheet, but it is important to notice what the team is accomplishing.

Triple-A for the Tacoma Rainiers, but he could be in a Mariners uniform as early as June. As a team the Tacoma Rainiers won the Pacific Coast League Championship in 2010, proving that the talent the team has been developing is strong.

With time, effort and a few more solid draft picks, the Seattle Mariners could be ready to contend as early as 2012, but more likely in 2013. The glory days will return to Seattle baseball, but fans need to be patient.

## Letters to the Editor

Out of general curiosity, I am wondering how many people happened to read the back page of the April 18th issue of the University Bulletin. In the right-hand column there is a listing for Exempt New Hires. I know I don't see all of the position postings that occur on campus, but I really don't remember seeing or even hearing about the Events External Relations Specialist job until this mention in the Bulletin.

The reason I am wondering about it is the budget crisis CWU is in. Students have felt the budget bite with increased tuition and the challenge of trying to get into the classes they need with all of the sections full. Departments have felt the bite in not being able to replace faculty and staff and receiving insufficient operating monies. At President Gaudino's state of the university address, he said that there will be budget cuts this coming biennium which will affect civil service staff, but not exempt staff. President Gaudino already approved an additional \$250,000 for Athletics. I guess the \$230,000 earlier in the year that was given to Athletics wasn't enough. Reminds me of the CEOs of the major companies that needed the federal government to bail them out. The gov-

ernment gave money to administrators who couldn't manage or balance their budgets. That sounds like being rewarded for being unable to do their jobs.

Now Central has a brand new exempt hire. The position was once held by a civil service employee until administration didn't feel it was needed any more. I guess maybe instead of not being needed any more, it simply needed to be filled by an exempt staff member at much higher salary and benefits than the civil service employee received. If you were not aware, Laurie Clark, the new exempt hire, is the wife of our new VP for Business and Financial Affairs.

Earlier this year I tried to give one of my student help a 67 cent-per-hour raise in appreciation of her good work and continued employment. That request was turned down because of the employment freeze. She works an average of 27 hours each pay period, which would probably result in an increase to my budget of about \$12 per payroll, or about \$225 for the year.

I guess it is a very selective hiring freeze. What do you think?

Noella Wyatt  
Sociology secretary

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## Editor's Note

Saturday's duplex fire in Ellensburg killed a mother and two young boys, leaving a father to grieve. Amanda Umberger, a former Observer staffer and recent CWU graduate, has started a fund to support the family in this time of grieving. To make a donation, visit any Sterling Savings Bank branch, including the location at 5th and Main in Ellensburg. The fund is called "For the benefit of Noel Wesley Crowe."

#### Dear Readers,

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## Artwork on display draws Central students to come and view

BY JOE SAVIDGE  
Staff Reporter

The walls of the Sarah Spurgeon Art Gallery (SSAG) proudly displays artwork created by Central students for the eighth annual Juried Student Art Show. Eight pedestals around the gallery hold an array of 3-D work.

"Some people think cats are aliens. She took off on that idea," an art gallery visitor commented on Kat Crayton's "Alfred," an acrylic painting of a space-suit wearing cat, hovering above the moon.

On one pedestal sits a ceramic creation by Central student Daniel Donovan, titled "Hiding an Anxiety Toward Inevitability." A skull sits in a box. Rooted in the skull is a birch tree that rises out of the box. A bird sits atop the tree.

"Technically, this is very difficult to do, to mimic the wood and birch and conceptually too," the visitor said.

The wide range of selected artwork includes oils, photography, ceramics, charcoal, watercolor, graphic design,

jewelry and more, such as Ryan Brislawn's "Office Set," which is a desk and chair finely crafted from African Paduak, white oak and black walnut.

The selection committee consisted of one woman, Rie Palkovic. A painter and art teacher at Big Bend Community College (BBCC), Palkovic spent time one evening in the SSAG with about 126 art entries. With a keen eye and post-it notes for pieces to remember, Palkovic selected 51 entries.

"For me, I was looking for the person's commitment to the material," Palkovic said. "There was a lot of hard work. I was very proud to

be a part of this process. It's a good mix of 2-D and 3-D work."

The Art Club selected Palkovic as juror after a review of her credentials.

Palkovic earned a Master of Fine Arts, with honors, from New Mexico State University in 1995 with a major in painting and a minor in drawing. In 2006, Palkovic was awarded the Faculty Excellence Award at BBCC. She has also juried art shows before.

"The art juror did a good job picking out the pieces and making a nice, cohesive show," said Katrina White, art show employee.

Chad Carignan almost joined the

Army a couple years ago, but instead he's in Central's art department. He has two teapots and a flask in the show.

"They work," Carignan said of his flasks. He has 18 flasks in the making. Most hold three to four ounces.

"I try to get more and more volume," Carignan said.

Carignan's curious flasks have an organic form with a structural base.

"Art has to talk," Carignan said.

Or it has to bark and lick your face, like Tanya Pierson's large ceramic dog head titled One Track Mind.

Whatever art does, the array of student work is sure to impress all. The art show runs through next Thursday when they will hold the awards ceremony from 6-8 p.m. Students will receive prizes from alumni, community members and art organizations.

*Lindsay Trott contributed to this article.*



PHOTOS BY COREY SMITH

**ART SHOW** The Entrance to the 8th Annual Juried Student Art Show in Randall Hall where students can view artwork created by Central students.

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**-RIE PALKOVIC**  
Selection committee

**Chad Carignan’s has his ceramic flasks and tea pots on display at the show.**



**Chad Carignan (left), junior art major and Lonnie Ruffcorn (right), Central alum, looking at different pieces through the gallery.**



**“Alfred,” by Kat Crayton, is an acrylic painting of a cat hovering over the moon.**





# Deworm to Learn rocks at Raw Space for charities



PHOTOS BY LEAH SHEPHERD

**DEWORM TO LEARN** (ABOVE AND BOTTOM RIGHT) The Rookies are alternative/indie/rap artists who are featured from Seattle that came to support the Deworm to Learn cause. The Wolfman, Calvi, Zeek and Sergio Max. (BOTTOM LEFT) Skylar Mehal, Jazmarae Beebe, Tom Noble, Markus Hoyer, Janss Woldseth from the local band Red Means Go.

BY JEANETTE GENSON  
Staff Reporter

Many charities have found ways to get the public involved with fashionable shirts, water bottles and clever bumper stickers; all of these items come at a small fortune for a big burst of good karma. The worry for some students, who do not have overflowing bank accounts, is that their money is not being properly donated through the charities.

For the local Ellensburg community and surrounding areas, this was not a worry when attending the second annual Deworm to Learn benefit concert last Friday. Masha Brown, senior cultural anthropology major, wants to spread the word that just 50 cents cures a child from parasitic worms for a whole year. She shared that Nicholas Kristof, who was on campus in 2009, was her inspiration to start the program.

“One of the things that he really

touched on was ‘pick a passion and do something for it,’ even if it’s just one little thing,” Brown said.

She was shocked because Kristof was pointing out so many ways that young students can help.

“Right away I saw that [students] could really go far, just even giving up a latte a week, that’s four bucks, that’s eight children that you could help deworm and so that’s when I did the first deworm to learn benefit,” Brown said. “We always

talk about privileges, especially in the American society. We are so privileged to have fresh water, food to drink, shelter, medicine and education...those are not privileges, those are human rights.”

Brown had help with the benefit concert and she gives credit to the Civic Engagement Center and Director Lorinda Anderson.

“I really appreciate Masha’s verve, her passion for her area of interest [parasitic worms]. I am also appreciative that she is a colleague that will go outside of her comfort zone to accomplish interesting things,” Anderson said. “I just like working with someone that wants to unravel some of the challenges that we’re faced with in our global context.”

Last year the event raised \$2000 for charity, making a huge difference in many children’s lives.

“This year my goal is \$5000 and I don’t think that anybody out there can tell me I can’t do it except myself,” Brown said. “The higher you set the goal the more possibility you have of achieving it.”

Last Sunday, Brown was unsure of the exact total but had a rough estimate of \$2,700. She did not make her goal for this year, but there is no doubt that thousands of children will have more energy to go about their lives with the medicine that she has enabled them to have.

The band Red Means Go played for the event last year and were happy to be a part of the second concert.

“I’m just trying to get as many people out there and raise as much money as we can,” said Skylar Mehal, senior art major and lead guitarist for the local band. “It’s a really good cause. It’s cool because I get to do what I love to do and support ‘Deworm to Learn.’”

Brown would like students and the Ellensburg community to know that they can still make donations at the Civic Engagement Center.



## Panda Bear’s “Tomboy” vibes in the 90s grunge scene

BY CHANELLE FOURNIER  
Staff Reporter

When describing the music of Panda Bear, aka Noah Lennox, the long list of characteristics generally do not include the thrashing guitars and screech-until-your-throat-bleeds sounds of 90s grunge rock.

However, the inspiration for the Animal Collective front man’s April 12 release, “Tomboy,” came from the raw sound of Nirvana, according to Rolling Stone.

Lennox “wanted to do something really basic, to take the songs out of the soup, and like, crush them down,” he told Rolling Stone. “I saw footage of Nirvana and said, ‘I want to do my own version

of that.’ The whole concept was about force.”

The 90s grunge energy does translate to “Tomboy,” however, it is performed in a much zanier way than you will find on “Nevermind.”

Borrowing Nirvana’s energy, but keeping the quirky integration of different sounds found on Lennox’s earlier albums, prevented this album from moving into self-indulgence and artificiality.

“I could have just plugged in and riffed,” Lennox told Rolling Stone. “But that wouldn’t have felt like me.”

Not only would he have lost his sense of self, but he would have likely lost a great portion of his fan base. Nobody listens to Panda Bear for hard rock; audiences tune into his music to be pulled into

their own imagination, which is where the real strength of this album lies.

Pulling sounds from many aspects of life, each song on the album begs for stories and similes that are likely to change with each listener.

Key tracks include “You Can Count on Me,” in which the clapping beat gives the impression of an army of children playing paddy-cake in the background. Completing the sound are Lennox’s vocals with lyrics well suited for a lullaby. “Wanna put a bubble around you,” he sings. “Like a force field switch, keep you secure just a little bit.”

The addictive “Slow Motion,” sounds like a morning stroll that is periodically interrupted by martians throwing some sort of alien grenades. “Scheherazade” brings to mind a somber Catholic church service from the 16th century.

Leading in with the mellow sound waves, “Surfer’s Hymn,” does nothing to refute the Brian Wilson comparisons that Lennox has garnered. However, the song stands on its own with Lennox’s multi-

layered vocals, jittery beat, pop-music melody and lyrics full of self questioning and doubt.

“How do I know it’s time? Even if I got mine, is it wise to know what wisdom is? If I could err on every good side every time?” he sings. “Out on the water, a rider can ready. Though waves come crashing, a good board can steady.”

Because the album is more instrumentally based than previous Panda Bear albums, it could be opened for a larger audience, though not by much. The listeners that “Tomboy” brings in will more than likely be confined to those who are long overdue for an Animal Collective phase, or those who are already fond of the genre, but have not been exposed to Lennox’s solo work.

Those who are already fans are not likely to be disappointed. “Tomboy” offers enough unusual sounds, addictive melodies, introspective lyrics and imagination-stirring songs to create a listening experience that fans can curl up with and love the way that Kurt loved Courtney.



# Walking the extra miles

## Grad tells why she is participating in 3-Day Walk

BY ASHTON CERMAK  
Staff Reporter

Central graduate student Stefanie Buxel-Florenzen does a lot of walking. In the near future, she'll be walking 18 miles a day. Buxel-Florenzen is preparing to walk 60 miles in the Susan G. Komen 3-day walk for the cure in Seattle this fall.

"Ultimately I like this walk because it is a challenge and I feel like I'm going to get something out of it," Buxel-Florenzen said.

For her, part of doing this walk is the chance to celebrate the women who have survived and to honor the ones who haven't. Though no one in her family has had breast cancer, she wants to be a part of generating funds that will hopefully end this one day.

"Just because breast cancer isn't in my family doesn't mean it couldn't be in my family," Buxel-Florenzen said.

"I don't want it there, I want to do what I can to make sure it doesn't go there."

She is walking on a two-person team with her older sister Brandy Bricks; together they make the High Beam Hunny's walking team.

"We're gonna get T-shirts that we'll be selling at our fundraiser events," Florenzen, along with her sister and their friends, are putting on a yard sale toward the end of next month to raise money for the cure, sell their team T-shirts and accept cash donations.

"Each walker is required to raise \$2,300," Florenzen said. "Right now I'm at \$215."

Charity walking is nothing new to Florenzen, having done walks for multiple sclerosis and Great Strides for cystic fibrosis.

"I like to do community service that feels good," Florenzen said. "When I worked at Old Navy, they put me as their volunteer coordinator for their community service."

Between teaching Biology 101 and 183 labs in the biology department and raising money for the walk, Florenzen has to find time to complete her intense training schedule which ramps up to 18 miles of walking a day at some points.

"They want you to walk at a 3 mph pace, which is six hours of walking," Florenzen said. "I'm going to have to figure that one out since I'm a grad student doing research and I have to fit in my walking."

The walk itself will be September 16-18 in Seattle.

"They don't close the streets when we walk, so they don't want relatives to go drive around looking for their friends or families," Florenzen said. "I've always been one to be involved," she said. "It's really great I get to do this with my sister."

**To donate to the cause go to [the3day.org](http://the3day.org) and search for High Beam Hunny's or find them on Facebook.**



PHOTOS BY JESSICA MASSART



**SUSAN G. KOMEN WALK** In preparation for the Susan G. Komen "3 day for the cure," Stefanie Buxel-Florenzen, graduate student and biology major, practices walking around Central's campus to get in shape for the upcoming event.

# Locks of Love prompts students to cut off their hair

BY MAECY ENGER  
Staff Reporter

Central students and staff came to donate their hair for Locks of Love, an organization that accepts hair donations from six to 10 inches, which can make a full wig. The wigs are then donated to help children who suffer from medical hair loss diagnoses.

Students from the National Residents Hall Honorary put this event on for the fifth time and try to make each year more successful than the last.

Meghan Jones, junior nutrition major, who helped plan the event this year, along with Shaylene Waterer, senior sociology and law and justice major, said that she was excited to donate for the second time.

"It's fun, and it goes for a good cause," Jones said.

Helping out for a good cause was a common consensus of all the individuals who donated hair to this Locks of Love event.

Lindsay Myers, sophomore psychology major, said that she had never had her hair as short as it was after she donated, but had wanted to participate in the event



ALLISON HOWARD

**GOODBYE HAIR** Lindsay Myers anxiously awaits her new hair cut. The sophomore donated ten inches of her hair to Locks of Love for the first time.

for a while and knew friends who had also done it before.

David Marshall, sophomore music major, donated his hair for the first time.

Last year it wasn't long enough, it was for a good cause and he needed to find a job, so he decided to participate.

Katy Rutland, junior English educa-

tion major, donated once before giving 14 inches, this time giving eight inches. She was glad to have shorter hair for the spring season.

"Just doing something different and doing it for a good cause," Rutland said.

Amy Alder, marketing and scheduling supervisor for student union relations, came to drop off 14 inches of hair she recently cut off.

Janine Graves, tutor coordinator for the academic achievement program, heard about the organization a long time ago and believes it's a great cause.

After their hair was chopped off, they were given one last chance to say goodbye and were given a coupon to the Bluestone Academy, a cosmetology school in Ellensburg.

Jaimey Jones, a student of Bluestone Academy, came to help at this event for the first time to cut people's hair.

This event is held every year and Meghan wants to plan it again next year.

"It's not a common experience that people get to see or participate in," Meghan said.

More than 20 people participated in this event and 237 inches were collected.

# Open mic night at D&M

## Raising awareness for local and global causes

BY ASHTON CERMAK  
Staff Reporter

D&M Coffee has partnered with the Civic Engagement Center (CEC) to bring you a night of entertainment and coffee that was grown and farmed on fair terms.

"We're paying the workers who farm the coffee beans equal pay," said Megan Ferguson, CEC coordinator. "Instead of going over to wherever the coffee is grown and paying them a dollar an hour, we are actually paying them a fair

amount of money."

Ferguson is one of two coordinators for a program called "unheard voices" that puts on benefit concerts, any music for cause programs and open mic nights to raise awareness for causes both local and global.

"D&M partners with us three times a year" Ferguson said. "We each have one open mic night per quarter and they wanted to serve fair trade coffee and talk about it."

Since 2009 Ferguson, with the help of Ashley Mastin, also from the CEC, has

helped raise awareness for causes ranging from human trafficking to domestic violence through another program called "Art for a Cause."

"Basically students donate art such as paintings, photography, sculptures, anything you can think of, and auction it off, all the money goes to a certain organization in town or a certain cause," Ferguson said.

Fair trade open mic night is April 22 at 7 p.m. at D&M Coffee on 301 North Pine Street

Ingrid Lutz, wholesale manager of D&M Coffee, sees this as an opportunity for students to present information in a nice environment.

"We have fair trade coffees and we really value the opportunity to present those," Lutz said. She sees the program as a win-win. "It's a great opportunity to work alongside Central, we think the relationship is a very positive one for Ellensburg," Lutz said.

This is not the first open mic night of its kind. Every quarter, the CEC has put on at least two open mic nights for various causes. Ferguson's main goal is for this to continue to grow.

"I think this is a very positive program," Ferguson said. "We are all students here, we are all studying, but we also have talents and some of us don't even get to share those, so it's a way for students to show their talents for a good cause."



# Not just for hippies

## Earth day encourages all people to go green

BY IRIS DIMMICK  
Assistant Online Editor

What started as a non-violent environmental protest, or “teach-in,” has become a week-long national celebration of the ground beneath our feet. Earth Day began strong with 20 million Americans gathered together on April 22, 1970 to call attention to the ground beneath our feet, the air we breathe and the ecosystems we live in.

Earth Day is not just for tree-huggers anymore. Once considered a fringe concern in the 70s, environmental issues have earned a large portion of worldwide social and political spotlights due in large part to technological research advancements.

These advancements have also shifted what threat policy and protests target; the effects of carbon emissions, global climate change and petroleum geologists’ warnings of an imminent exhaustion of fossil fuels, are now the highlights of the environmental movement. It’s now much more than dirty water and a hole in the ozone.

Anne Johansen, associate professor of environmental and analytical chemistry, hopes the events on Central’s campus will increase awareness about the importance of seeking sustainability in every-day life and encourage the community to think about simple things they can do to con-

serve.

“When something breaks, you don’t throw it away, you try to fix it,” Johansen said.

During a recent trip to Munich, Germany, Johansen said she saw the stark contrast of living practices in the United States. Residential solar panels are everywhere, mass transit is cheap and effective, and it’s common to have seven different piles of sorted recyclables, compared to the standard three (aluminum, glass and plastic) in the United States.

Raychel Parks, Environmental Resource Management Association (ERMA) president and resource management graduate student, is assisting the organization of Friday’s on-campus events, which include several student clubs and off-campus groups.

Parks was surprised to see very little going on during Earth Day last year at Central and was determined to make this year have a bigger impact with more events and planning.

Her main goal for Earth Day: “To make connections between students and the community,” Parks said. “Let people know what [projects are] out there out there, what they are doing and get people involved.”

This year, more than 1 billion people worldwide are estimated to participate in Earth Day, or Earth Week – though spe-

### 5 things to reduce your carbon footprint

- Bring reusable grocery bags when shopping. The U.S. goes through 100 billion single-use plastic bags a year, which can take 20 to 1,000 years to degrade (BBC). Some stores give you a 10 cent discount per bag.
- Bring Your Own Cup (BYOC) According to Sustainability Engineer Pablo Paster, the environmental impacts (carbon, electricity and material use) of a reusable cup/bottle breaks even with the use of a paper cup after about 24 uses. Home water filtration is one tenth the cost of bottled water.
- Phantom load. Many appliances and electronic devices use power even when they’re switched off: computers, modems, microwaves, cell phone chargers. You can reduce your electricity bill by up to 10 percent by simply unplugging them.
- Wash with cold: the heated cycles on washing machines are energy intensive and usually optional – cold water cleans, too!
- Recycle: All dorms on campus have recycling bins and curb-side recycling is free from Waste Management if you already receive their trash service. The less trash in landfills, the less we have to smell and the less we have to pay to maintain them.

cific days may vary. Activities range from attending concerts, rallies or informational lectures to pledging conservation efforts, to – the classic – plant a tree. Many

of these activities extend beyond a week, but there is a popular saying among the environmentalist community: technically, every day is Earth Day.

## Open mic night allows performers to entertain students in the pit

BY MONIQUE PARKER  
Staff Reporter

Open mic night gives students a place to showcase their talents as the SURC Pit transforms into a place to tell a few jokes, play the piano, sing and watch people perform.

Open mic night is held once or twice a quarter and is a time when students can go and perform their onstage crafts.

“It’s a time for students to be creative and express themselves,” said Liz Rich, Campus Activities.

Performers are not just limited to singing; there are a number of comedians, poets and bands. Although there are other similar events on campus, open mic night has a different vibe.

“No one is there to win, only to show their talent, which makes it more laid back and real,” said Monisha Watkins, sophomore public health major.

Students can choose to perform original pieces or covers of famous songs. Open mic night is said to have a coffee house feel and is not as eccentric as programs such as Showtime at the McConnell or Mr. and Miss Central.

“People don’t necessarily get on stage to wow the crowd, they just wanna have fun, enjoy themselves and share their art

with everyone else,” Watkins said.

Spectators get a chance to see some of their fellow classmates perform as well as meet some new faces on campus.

“You get something different every time,” Rich said. “We’ve had everything from majorette music to string quartets.”

Students who frequent open mic night performances often have favorite performers that they come back to see and may even sing along.

“It’s always enjoyable to see performers that actually enjoy performing just because,” said Josh McDonald, junior political science major. “It takes a lot to get up and sing in front of classmates, especially when there’s no incentive behind it, everyone is great.”

Open mic night is also a way to connect with others because of the set up at the SURC Pit.

“Open mic night is one of the smaller events on campus,” McDonald said. “You come twice and you already know everyone there.”

Performers are generally given 15 minutes on stage depending on the amount of performers. Pianos and sound equipment are provided.

**Open mic night is tonight at 7 p.m. in the SURC Pit. Sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.**

## Evening of recognition

### Inspiring and dedicated people awarded

BY KELSEE DODSON-CARTER  
Senior Reporter

We all have that one person in our life that has inspired us to become the best version of ourselves that we can be. This person dedicates their life to making a positive impact on the people around them. These people deserve to be recognized and awarded for everything they do.

The Center of Excellence in Leadership (CEL) is sponsoring the 14th annual Evening of Recognition, where these inspiring and dedicated people can be recognized.

“Students, staff and faculty deserve to be recognized,” said Alyssa Caudill, CEL event coordinator. “They are the ones that inspire us and keep us here at Central.”

The area of recognition are broken into four categories: serving with integrity student award, most inspirational student award, most inspirational staff award and most inspirational faculty award.

“People deserve to be recognized and have some light shed on them,” Caudill said.

CEL is currently putting together a committee to vote on who will receive the award.

CEL helps host and sponsor this event to help highlight and recognize those who

inspire and go above and beyond their call of duty.

There are so many wonderful things that students, staff and faculty do,” said Jesse Nelson, director of CEL. “It is important to celebrate that.”

Nelson believes that it is important to celebrate the great things happening on campus.

This semi-formal event will be held in the SURC Ballroom on May 25 at 6 p.m. There is a reception for recipients, presenters and guests from 5:30-6 p.m. The general public is welcome to sit in on the award ceremony starting at 6 p.m.

During the event, the president welcomes the guests, recipients and presenters. Each presenter makes a small speech about their nominee.

According to Nelson over the past few years there has been an increase in nominations. For each award there have been dozens of nominations.

While all of the nominees will not be awarded, they will be recognized. A poster is made with pictures of each nominee and displayed at the event and in the SURC for a couple of days.

“It is important to recognize all of the students, staff and faculty for all of the hard work that they do,” said Sacha Haia, student programmer for CEL.

## THE SCOOP

APRIL 21  
OPEN MIC NIGHT  
SURC PIT  
7 P.M.  
FREE

APRIL 21  
STAND-UP WITH BRIAN  
MOOTE AND SPENCER  
KING  
SURC BALLROOM  
9 P.M.  
\$3 STUDENTS | \$5

APRIL 22  
NORTHWEST COLLEGIATE  
RODEO FAIRGROUNDS  
FRI: 12-5 P.M.  
SAT: 10:30 - 3 P.M.  
SUN: 10 - 2 P.M.  
FREE

APRIL 25  
3RD ANNUAL ROCK  
AGAINST RAPE  
SURC BALL ROOM  
5 P.M.  
FREE

APRIL 25  
MONDAY MOVIE  
MADNESS  
“THE KING’S SPEECH”  
SURC THEATRE  
7 & 9:30 P.M.  
STUDENTS FREE | \$3



# Two stand-up acts come to make Central laugh

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**SPENCER KING**

**BY ALYSSA HOARD**  
Staff Reporter

Are you a cat person or like pagans? Maybe still embarrassed by those elementary school pictures or team sports? Well even if not, you'll be able to laugh about them when two sharp comedians hit the stage tonight. The show, featuring Brian Moote and Spencer King, will not be one to miss.

Moote, who calls Seattle home, decided his career path from a family influence. According to his website, "Moote's mother said to him in her usual Irish sarcasm, 'Well, if you think you are so funny, why don't you become a comedian then mister?'"

Moote has since appeared on TV sitcom pilots such as "The Good Guys" and a finalist in Comedy Central's "Open Mic Fight" in 2007. Moote's most current achievement is a "recently recorded full-length comedy album entitled "Payin' for Grad School a sadly true title," featured on his biography and for sale online. His video act from the Great American Comedy

Festival found on Moote's website is packed with energy, impressions of little league baseball players and animated faces.

King, a laid back performer, has a clever Arabic accent and a humble charm that brings a smile to your face. His previous demo video routines found on his website consisted of zoos, therapy and the struggles braces created for him as a middle aged man. Confessions of having depression, starring cats and army surplus body bags, could also be in store for you.

"I'm really excited for both of these comedians because we haven't had a traditional stand-up show for a while. The latest groups have been improv and we need more stand-up," said Jacob Bliss, event programmer for campus activities. "Both comedians are funny without being offensive, their acts will appeal to a large demographic from what I've found online, perfect for our campus."

*See them tonight at 9 p.m. in the SURC Ballroom. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 general.*

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**BRIAN MOOTE**

# Nintendo 3DS released

Last month, Nintendo released the Nintendo 3DS, a handheld gaming device that renders electronic images of games into 3-D image without the use of glasses. Even more amazing is this is just a modification of decade old technology. Remember those 3-D cards from the 90s? Yeah, it's like that. On top of that, the 3DS is a heavier system than the DS and much sturdier from what this reporter can gather. In addition, the new charging cradle included is much better than the plug and play chargers that the DS line used.



**BY BRYAN EATON**  
Staff Reporter

By far, it is one of the most fun games I've ever played. In "Face Raiders," you take a photo of someone near you or an image of a person, Nixon seems to be a very popular choice and they become the enemies for the next round you play. In addition, the game is augmented reality based. Players will find themselves stuck for a while in this game. It's addicting, but fun.

The 3DS, in a forthcoming update, will also have internet browser access and a recent update included a 3-D Jpop music video, implying that the system may have 3-D video recording features at some point. It does feel like the hardware is holding back, so don't think that this is the end of Nintendo's bag of tricks. The recently announced "Project Café" home console system has already been stated as having a touch screen controller and partial portability. It would not be a stretch to assume that the 3DS and this new system will have some compatibility.

Currently, the 3DS's game library is very limited, likely to give the DS it's last moments in the limelight with "Pokémon Black and White," but will get better with the summer release schedule. The release of "Ocarina of Time" will come in mid-June as will "Kid Icarus Uprising," "Star Fox 64-3D" and several other games that are all due this year.

For now, the 3DS is more a bragging right than a true game system. It's \$250 and there aren't many games for it. You

can trade in your old DS for a discount on a 3DS at Gamestop if you absolutely need one, but you can probably wait a few months when the price drops and save money that way. It's a good system and I can't wait to see where it goes.



The 3DS includes a 3-D camera that can take pictures that are transferable to your computer via SD card. This takes the console beyond the realm of gaming system and into the realm of a PDA or cell phone. You can also do some modification to these images and use them in other on-board applications. The 3DS also comes with "AR Games," an augmented reality game where the game environment is provided by several included cards. This ranges from fighting dragons to fishing and puzzle games. AR Games also comes with several cards featuring Nintendo game stars like Mario, Samus and Link. These cards take static poses, but you can use them to appear on screen for pictures with friends.

The only true game the system comes with is called "Face Raiders."

# Quick headlines

## Karaoke night

Songbirds of Central will soon have an opportunity to showcase their voices and entertain fellow students. Campus Activities will be hosting karaoke night April 28 at 7 p.m. in the SURC Pit. A live DJ will be providing the music and lyrics for the performances. Admission is free.

## Ellensburg's new hookah lounge

Students can now enjoy smoking hookah at Ellensburg's new hookah lounge, "The Lounge," which is located across the street from Fred Meyer. The Lounge is open Tues. - Sun. from 7 p.m.-2 a.m. It's \$10 for a lifetime membership which also includes your first bowl.

## The Snow Queen

The Snow Queen will be performed at the Milo Smith Tower Theatre April 22 and 23, at 7:30 p.m and April 23 and 24 at 2 p.m. The Snow Queen is based on the fairytale by Hans Christian Anderson and tells the story of best friends Kai and Gerda whose friendship is tested as Kai falls under a spell by an evil wizard and becomes the Snow Queen's slave. Gerda must then go on a quest to find and save her best friend. The Snow Queen is described as "both a thrilling adventure and a fable about the healing power of love." Tickets are \$5 CWU students with ID and \$7 all seats.

## Northwest Collegiate Rodeo

CWU Rodeo Club is hosting the Northwest Collegiate Rodeo this Friday through Sunday. It will be at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. The rodeo club will be competing against schools all across the Northwest such as, University of Idaho, Walla Walla Community College and Blue Mountain Community College. There will also be a special rodeo performance called "Tough Enough to wear Pink" Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. to raise money for the Ohana Mammography Center in Yakima. Admission is free.



# Hittin' Hauptert fuels Wildcats playoff hopes

BY GIANCARLO GONZALEZ  
Senior Sports Reporter

It's the final game in a four game set for Central's softball team against Northwest Nazarene. The cheers from the Central dugout continue as long as there's someone up to bat for the Wildcats.

"OH YEAH!" "OH YEAH!" third baseman Kelsey Hauptert leads the growl-like, full throated cheers and her teammates respond in kind. It's a fabric of the game, part encouragement, part intimidation, all fun.

The infield chatter continues when Central takes the field to play defense. Hauptert shouts encouragement to her teammates while reminding everyone how many outs have been recorded.

The eight-run mercy rule goes into effect and Central completes the sweep of the Crusaders as the Wildcats celebrate. Hauptert has a hand in the victory, going 4-for-4, scoring two and driving in one.

Her proud parents, Dave and Diane, are waiting for Hauptert afterwards and are accompanied by one of her cousins. The Haupterts are from Tumwater and have been to practically all of her games, even the ones when she was playing at Purdue University. Sports are a family affair in the Hauptert household and they all support one another. Her two younger twin brothers also played sports and never feel any sibling rivalry with their older sister, only admiration and love.

For Hauptert, playing softball has been a major part of her life. Her brother Mike, an undeclared sophomore at Central, says he remembers seeing his older sister playing for the "Mighty Molars" youth softball team when they were kids.

"Kelsey's always been a vocal leader, always positive," Mike said. "Whether she was playing softball or basketball, her nickname has always been 'Mom.'"

Hauptert describes herself as passionate, a mother type and "an old soul." Mature and wise beyond her years, she loves the simple pleasures in life.

"I take a lot of pride in my living space," Hauptert said. "I don't like when people come over if it's not clean."

"I like everything organized, like right angles--pretty stereotypical!" Hauptert laughs at her observation and enjoys the honesty of her statement. Reading a good



JEFF BAYLEY

**GOLD GLOVE** Wildcat third baseman Kelsey Hauptert, fields a ball and prepares to throw to first base. Hauptert has a .917 fielding percentage on the season.

book daily, particularly romance novels, is among her favorite activities.

"Right now, I'm in the middle of a series called 'Something Borrowed' by Emily Giffin," Hauptert said.

Her love of entertainment extends to movies and television shows.

"I have the entire 10 seasons of 'Friends' on DVD and I watch episodes everyday,"

Hauptert said.

"I Love Lucy", "24", "Modern Family" and "Glee" are also among her favorite shows. Her favorite film actress is Doris Day with "Pillow Talk" being one of her favorite films. Classic jazz singers like Sinatra and early country music like Elvis and Patsy Cline are artists she enjoys.

Hauptert's family life is important to her.

Her strong morals and values play into her choices in life. As a Catholic, she's been baptized, confirmed and received her early education at St. Michael's in Olympia. Her tight-knit family life is something she's proud of and if she had a choice between a vacation at Disneyland or Las Vegas, she'd pick Disney.

Her competitive 18-and-under Gold Team softball coach Paula Grande, is a role model and friend.

"When I first met Kelsey, you could see that she was crushing the ball," Grande said. Her observations on Hauptert deepened as they worked together and became friends.

"Kelsey cares about others and puts other people first. She knows who she is and is proud of who she is and won't hesitate to stand up for others," Grande said.

Hauptert confided in Grande that when softball ends in a month, "there are going to be lots of tears."

Coaching softball is something on her horizon. "I would love to coach with" Grande, Hauptert said.

Her coach at Central, Mallory Holtman, describes Hauptert as "a lot of energy, a lot of glitter, a gamer and a hitter."

Hauptert has all the tools of an excellent softball player, but it's the intangibles that set her apart.

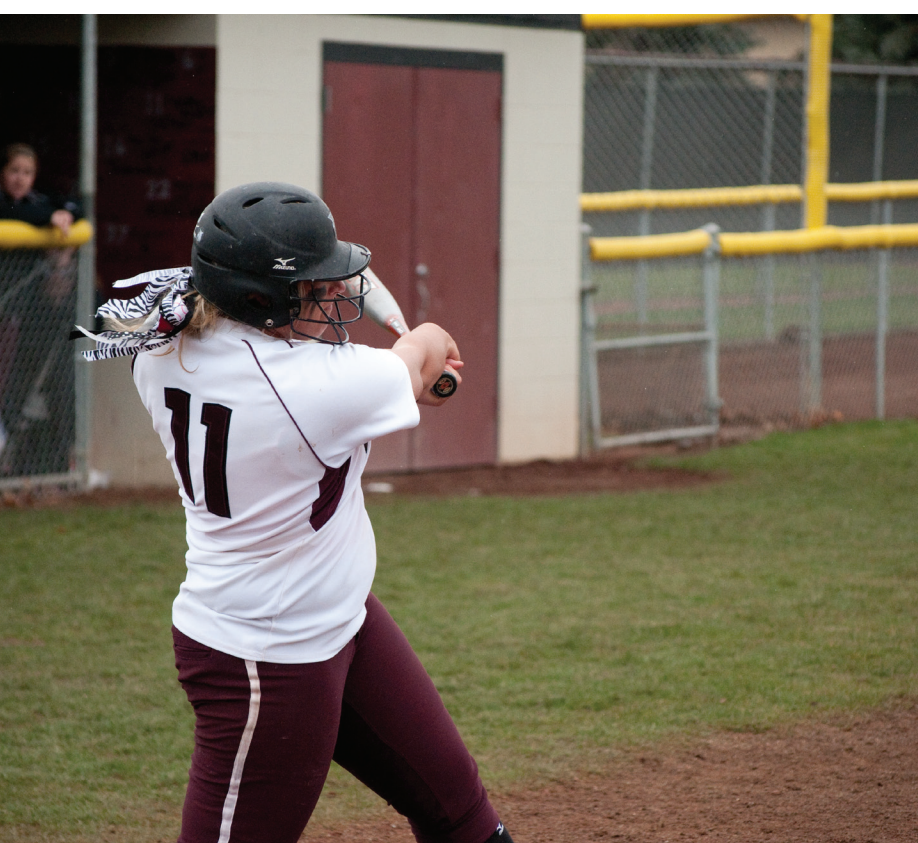
"All the glitter, and the big hair and the bows, [along] with her energy on the field and how loud she is in the dugout, how into it she is, she's a great person to have on the team, she's going to be missed," Holtman said.

Kelsey and her teammates care for each other.

"You can ask anybody on this team and they would tell you that Kelsey is their best friend," said junior first baseman, Natasha Wood. "She's one of the sweetest girls and she's an awesome player, but she cares about everybody."

During the Tournament of Champions, the Wildcats dropped a close game, but rather than hang their heads, Kelsey made sure they saw the lesson learned.

"She's amazing, she's so optimistic," Wood said. "It was like 'Hey, you know what? We love each other, we're having fun, let's just have fun, we know how to do this.' That's the kind of thing that helps the team."



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GIANCARLO GONZALEZ

**OH YEAH OH YEAH** (LEFT) Wildcat third baseman Kelsey Hauptert swings in a game against Northwest Nazarene University. (RIGHT) Hauptert talks with teammates prior to the double header against Northwest Nazarene University. She is currently batting .421 with 10 home runs and 30 RBIs.



# Baseball bats come alive in non-conference wins

BY DANNY SCHMIDT  
Staff Reporter

It's possible that a break from the rigors of conference play may have been just what the doctor ordered to snap Central baseball out of a season-long funk.

Central traveled to Oregon's capital to play a doubleheader on Thursday against the Corban College Warriors.

The opening act tested the Wildcats' toughness in an extra-innings thriller.

After giving up the first three runs of the game, Central knotted the game up in the top of the fifth inning. Junior outfielder Brett Bielec drove in Central's first run of the game with a double, scoring freshman outfielder Ethan Sterkel.

With two outs in the inning, in a rare pinch-hit appearance, sophomore outfielder Jimmy Ryerson tied the game with a two run single.

"I think pinch-hitting is especially difficult," Ryerson said. "A lot of times it's cold and you're stiff and not loose. In that at bat, he threw me a fastball right at the knees and I turned on it."

The Warriors and Wildcats each scored a run apiece in the seventh and eighth frames. After a scoreless ninth inning, the Wildcats looked to win it in extras.

In the top of the tenth inning sophomore catcher David Leid started things off with a single. After a sacrifice bunt from junior corner-infielder Brady Kin-cannon, junior third-baseman Glen Reser drove in Leid for the go-ahead run.

After giving up a leadoff single in the bottom half of the tenth, senior pitcher Mike Miller got the next three batters out and won the game, improving his record on the year to 1-0.

Senior pitcher Jake Millbauer turned in a great performance, despite failing to pick up the win. The Kennewick native tossed six strong innings, giving up three earned runs with two strikeouts and no walks.

The 5-4 victory showed Centrals toughness and perseverance, grinding the win out in extra innings.

"We finally got that timely hit we were looking for," said senior middleinfielder Kelly Gau. "It's always a confidence booster when you can get those one-run games at the end. You can build off that."

The second and final game of the doubleheader was a bit out of the norm for this year's team. Central had its biggest win in more than six seasons when they handed the Warriors a 22-2 beat-down.

The Wildcats were quick out of the gate, scoring two runs in the first inning. In the second, Central exploded for seven runs, including a long ball from sophomore catcher Marcus Evans.

The Warriors scored a run in each of the first two innings, but that was all the offense they could sum up.

Central's relentless offensive attack



LEAH SHEPHERD

**HEAVY HITTING** Sophomore outfielder Jimmy Ryerson rounds third base to score in a game against Montana State University Billings.

continued as they scored three runs in the third, seven in the fifth and one in the sixth.

The Wildcats finished with 25 hits and no errors. Central sent 17 different players to the plate and 16 of them came away with at least one hit. Gau finished the game a perfect 4-for-4 from the dish, with three RBIs and two runs.

Senior first-baseman Kris Henderson went 2-for-6 with four RBIs and two runs, pinch-hitting junior catcher Daniel Kathman was 2-for-3 from the plate with three RBIs and a run. Junior short-stop/pitcher Deren Jones also turned in a great game. Jones was 2-for-3 with three runs scored.

"Hits are obviously really contagious and we did a good job in that second game," Gau said. "It's a big time booster."

Senior pitcher Palmer Brown got the win, moving him to 2-2 on the season. All four Wildcat pitchers combined for five strikeouts and no walks.

"We hit the first pitcher really hard and you could tell the other team was deflated," Ryerson said. "We played to our capability; we're capable of hitting the ball like that."

After Central's first series sweep of the

season, they traveled to Bellevue to take on the Seattle University Redhawks. The Redhawks are in Division-I, which proved to be more of a challenge.

Redhawk's pitcher Brandon Kizer stifled the Central bats for seven and a third innings, giving up only three hits. Conor Spink finished the job for the

Redhawks, picking up the save, recording one and two-thirds innings. Central had a hard time getting on base, coming away with no walks and six strikeouts.

Junior starting pitcher Brandon Rohde got the start for the Wildcats and turned in a beautiful

performance against the Division-I Redhawks, despite picking up the loss. Rohde threw six innings, giving up four hits and three earned runs while collecting four strikeouts.

Rohde is now 1-5 on the season, but has a 3.00 ERA, showing that the lack of run support is the key reason behind his poor record. Rohde leads the team in innings pitched, strikeouts and opponents are hitting .255 off of the lefty. Even with the team's offensive troubles, with Rohde on the mound, don't expect the southpaw to complain.

"I'm more happy just to be out there

and just perform," Rohde said. "Just being out there is good enough for me."

The second game against the Redhawks on Saturday was more of the same.

Central was silent at the plate for the second consecutive night. The Wildcats were shut out again, finishing with five hits.

Seattle University's starting pitcher Arlo Evasick picked up his first win of the season, throwing six shutout innings, with four strikeouts and one walk. Four relief pitchers combined with Evasick to complete the shutout.

Central's only real highlight of the game came on the defensive end in the first inning when the Wildcats pulled off a rare 5-4-3 triple play.

Central was held scoreless in both games against Seattle University, but the experience competing against a Division-I school, and doing fairly well against them, can help the team's confidence.

"We actually hit the ball really well but right at people," Ryerson said. "From here on out that's the best team we're going to face this season."

The 2-2 split over the weekend improved Central's record to 10-24 overall. Central will get back to conference play as they host Saint Martins University on Friday and Saturday. Fridays game will be played at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at noon. Rohde and the rest of the Wildcats are confident after the past weekend.

"I feel like we can give them a run for their money," Rohde said.

Hits are obviously really contagious and we did a good job in that second game. It's a big time booster.

**-Kelly Gau**  
Senior middle-infielder

## Standings

### GNAC Baseball Standings

School	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Western Oregon	11	3	21	11
Saint Martin's	17	5	21	16
Northwest Nazarene	12	12	27	13
MSU Billings	7	13	16	19
<b>Central Washington</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>

## Weekly Honors

BY BRYCE HJALSETH  
Assistant Sports Editor

Two Central Washington softball players have been named Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) players of the week for their performances in last weekend's series.

Senior pitcher Samantha Petrich was awarded co-hitter of the week for the second time this season, while senior pitcher Lauren Hadenfeld was awarded pitcher of the week for her second time this season and seventh in her two year career with Central.

Petrich had two home runs and two doubles, with a total of 10 RBIs through-

out the series. Petrich leads the GNAC in hitting with a .468 average.

Hadenfeld recorded the schools fifth no-hitter in history, while recording the second of her career. Throughout the series, she allowed 12 hits with 26 strikeouts and only three earned runs in 18 1/3 innings. Hadenfeld has won her last eight pitching decisions.

Up next, the Wildcats travel to Simon Fraser University (SFU) and Western Washington (WWU) University for double headers. Central is currently riding an 11-game winning streak and is second to WWU in the GNAC standings.



# Wildcat Rugby to compete at sevens nationals

BY SKYLAR ST. YVES  
Senior Sports Reporter

For those of you who don't religiously follow the rugby chat buzzing across the Web, Central plays home to one of the top 16 collegiate teams in the country.

Central will be competing in the 2011 USA Sevens Collegiate rugby championships in June. The top sixteen teams in the nation are invited to the event. However, Central's road to the tournament was no Sunday drive.

Sevens rugby is faster paced and more intense than the traditional game. It's played with seven players a side rather than 15 and halves are only seven minutes in duration, compared to the typical 40.

Central's vice captain Ryan Hamilton believes the team has plenty of athletic ability. "Sevens is so wide open, athleticism often outweighs skill and we have tons of athleticism," Hamilton said.

When the original invitations were sent out for the tournament, only 15 universities had mail, leaving one wild card spot to be determined.

Central competed in a 28-team qualifying event in Las Vegas last February. They methodically picked apart their opposition, winning seven matches to earn the final bid into the national Sevens collegiate championships.

The last team in might just be the last team standing. Head coach Bob Ford thinks so. "There's a good chance we'll do an extremely well," Ford said.

Ford's confidence is reflected by his players. After losing a chance to win the national championship in fifteen a side this past weekend with a loss to fifth-ranked Saint Mary's, Central is no longer qualified for their league championship. According to Hamilton, players are seeking redemption in the sevens tournament.

The tenth-ranked Wildcats view the loss as motivation to prove their abilities in the recently popular sevens rugby, which was recently added as an Olympic event.

The sport will be revealed on a world-

scale at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. The USA Sevens Rugby Collegiate Championship Invitational offers fans a preview of the talent available for the U.S. Olympic team.

The tournament will be held June 4-5 in Philadelphia at PPL Park, home of Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union and will be covered by NBC Sports.

With the championships only six weeks out, Ford has his work cut out for him to narrow his team to 12. "We can only take a 12-man roster with us, so after we finish the rest of our season, we'll use training days in May to determine our squad," Ford said.

## CWU falls to St. Mary's

On Saturday afternoon, the winds were sweeping and the men's rugby team was caught sleeping.

The tenth-ranked Wildcats had a chance to make it to the elite eight of the collegiate fifteen a-side playoffs, but fell short to the fifth-ranked Gaels of St. Mary's.

Central had control until the waning minutes of the match, when a costly turnover in their attacking end led to a game-winning score for the Gaels.

The Wildcats led 18-17 in the closing minutes. However, they coughed up the ball. St. Mary's took advantage of the misstep, driving almost the length of the field and scoring in the final seconds of regulation. Central was unable to recover and the Gaels emerged victorious with a 22-18 win.

"It was definitely disappointing and I think we fell a little short of our expectations," said head coach Bob Ford. "This is now two years in a row that we've lost in our conference final."

Ford is referring to the one point loss the Wildcats suffered in last year's Pacific Conference final.

The Pacific Conference is one of four premier collegiate rugby conferences in the nation. Had Central won, they would have moved on to the elite eight to face Arkansas State who is currently



JESSICA MASSART

**READY TO RECIEVE** Seniors Tim Stanfill and Kegan Powers get ready to receive the ball with support from teammates seniors Pat Farrell and Cliff York.

ranked number one in their respective conference.

CWU vice captain Ryan Hamilton felt like they let that one slip away. "It was quite the heartbreak, we had them... it's just really disappointing right now, but we'll move on and use it as motiva-

tion."

Though their shot at a national championship is gone, Central isn't done for the season. They play Friday night at UCLA and conclude their season with a home match against San Diego State on April 30.

# Soccer strikes fools gold, loses tournament

BY PETER MALATH  
Staff Reporter

The first day of the two-day soccer tournament hosted by Central at Mountain View Park started brightly with a 3-1 win over Gonzaga University.

If that moral boosting win was not enough to get things started, the Wildcats won by forfeit when Eastern Washington University did not show up for Saturday's 3:30 p.m. kick off.

With the first two rounds having gone Central's way, they met their close rivals, Washington State University (WSU).

The Wildcats started the first half dominating possession, however WSU hung in the game, thanks to their solid defense and the reflexes of their goal keeper who denied the Wildcats many times. The Wildcats were not to be denied throughout the first half as they broke the deadlock in the 35th minute when forward, Yusuke Iwata scored to take the lead going into to halftime.

At the start of the second half, the Wildcats picked up where they left off, controlling the flow of the game while being cheered on by the few fans that made it to the field.

With 20 minutes to go in regulation, WSU grew confident. The very windy



**THE BIG GREEN** Jordan Yergler (LEFT) and Ryan Edwards (RIGHT) play in the conference tournament last Saturday at Mountain View Park.

conditions canceled out Central's attempt on a goal and WSU benefited from it on the other end. The momentum of the game shifted drastically as Central's keep-



JESSICA MASSART

er was called into action on countless occasions. In the 80th minute, WSU finally found the net with the goal they had been longing for throughout the period.

With the game tied at one, the Wildcats picked it up again in search of that winning goal, but WSU hung on. With the clock ticking, Iwata stole the ball on a slip up by a WSU defender and with the goal gasping, the keeper came to the rescue again for WSU to force overtime.

The officials made a call, two ten minute halves, with the golden goal deciding the outcome. The Wildcats went straight for the kill with a blistering counter attack that ended with a corner kick nearly ending, as the WSU keeper had to come to the rescue once again to clear off the line. With a goal kick to WSU, they took exactly the same counter attack that Central applied, if not better, to win the corner on the other end.

From that resulting corner came the winning goal for WSU as the keeper tried to hold on to the ball, but couldn't.

The visitors went into jubilation running to their bench as the Wildcats remained at a standstill. None of the Wildcats could believe what had just happened after their domination in regulation.

"Everybody doesn't want to talk right now," Ryan Edwards said. "I think everybody is pissed right now." That was the feeling at the Central camp as goal scorer, Iwata was not able to say a word as he laid down flat and gutted, as did the rest of his teammates.



# Wildcats un-hittable in sweep over Nazarene

BY GIANCARLO GONZALEZ  
Senior Reporter

The Wildcat softball team continued its recent domination of teams in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC). Between the two day, four game sweep of Northwest Nazarene.

Senior pitcher Lauren Hadenfeld threw a no-hitter in the first game and the team picked up a "W" on Friday behind the strength of her pitching.

"It's really hard to get a no-hitter, it would have been better with a perfect game," Hadenfeld said.

"I love no-hitters, always an awesome feeling".

Central's offense scored eight runs in the first contest, including a two-run shot by sophomore infielder Carrina Wagner and a three-run blast by junior infielder Molly Coppinger.

The Wildcats finished with 11 hits as Coppinger hit a career-high four RBIs.

Senior center fielder Keilani Cruz crushed a 2-0 pitch for a three-run walk-off home run to win the nightcap in dramatic fashion on Friday.

The game was a bombfest, featuring a three-run homer by senior shortstop Samantha Petrich and two home runs by senior third baseman Kelsey Hauptert, her second homer was a two-run shot that made it 8-0 in the second inning.

The Crusaders climbed back into the game, eventually taking the lead 10-8 in the top half of the seventh inning. The Wildcats showed grit and determination in winning the game in the bottom of the seventh 11-10.

"It's indescribable," Cruz said. "I can't even describe the feeling."

Their "never give up" motto, emblazoned across the back of their warm up

jerseys, is befitting them as a result of their recent success.

The players were excited for their coach as well as for their own performance as a team and felt everything was clicking.

On Saturday, the Wildcats prevailed in the third game of the series against Northwest Nazarene, as they clawed to a tough 8-5 victory over the Crusaders.

Central went ahead in the second inning 2-1 and then extended their lead to 7-1 in the third behind an offense that has found its rhythm. Coppinger swatted a two-run homer to complete the scoring in the third inning in what proved to be the game winning runs.

Central had 10 hits, including two from junior infielder Liz Jusko, Coppinger and Cruz.

In the final game of the series, Central grabbed the lead and then dismantled the Crusaders, putting an exclamation point to the series.

Central tallied four homers with Wagner, sophomore catcher Elena Carter, junior outfielder Bre Thomas and Petrich getting in on the action. Thomas' had an impressive inside-the-park home run.

"It felt like a once in a lifetime kind of thing," Thomas said.

As players high-fived with Nazarene, the focus shifted to the next challenge.

"We knew we really needed these games," Hauptert said.

Central travels to Burnaby, B.C. to play Simon Fraser on Thursday and then to Bellingham to play Western Washington University on Friday.

The Wildcats currently sit a lonesome one-game back of the Vikings with 16 games left on their conference schedule. Central is 0-2 against the Vikings this year.



CAITLIN CROMPE

**UN-HITTABLE** CWU pitcher number 37, Lauren Hadenfeld throws the pitch out and waits to see the outcome.

## Softball coach becomes bride to be

BY GIANCARLO GONZALEZ  
Senior Reporter



Fans and players saw a moment at the end of the softball game that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

As the Wildcats huddled and cheered in the outfield, basking in the

afterglow of a walk-off, three-run homer victory, Ryan Fletcher walked across

the grass field towards the players and coaches and called out to head coach Mallory Holtman.

From the dugout perspective, he said a few inaudible words then got down on one knee and held a ring case with his right hand. The team erupted in cheers as Holtman accepted and became a bride to be.

He lifted her off the ground as they hugged and kissed. The cheers grew louder from players, coaches and fans as the newly betrothed smiled.

The storybook romance started years ago in White Salmon, Wash. Fletcher and Holtman knew each other since

they were kids but then he left for California.

He returned to White Salmon two and a half years ago. During the holidays, Fletcher dropped in to see his friend Matthew Carlock, who happens to be Holtman's cousin. She stopped by the house and the two started hanging out.

Two and a half years later, Holtman knew they would end up married. Fletcher, who works as a welder, moved to Ellensburg to be close to Holtman.

"We get along so well, we enjoy the same things and I just knew," said Holtman. "He's a fun guy, hard working and he supports what he does."

## Standings

### GNAC Softball Standings

School	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Western Washington	18	6	30	9
<b>Central Washington</b>	15	5	21	11
MSU Billings	17	13	22	20
Northwest Nazarene	12	14	13	25
Simon Fraser	8	11	8	15
Western Oregon	8	16	11	25
Saint Martin's	5	18	6	22

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# Track shows off at only home meet of the spring

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Despite howling winds, Central's track and field teams blew past their competition in front of a home crowd at the Spike Arlt Invitational last Saturday.

In their only home meet of the season, the Wildcats benefited from the home field advantage.

"I love throwing at home," said senior Torrie Self. "I know how my ring feels."

The throwers had a dominant performance, helping the women narrowly defeat conference rival, Seattle Pacific University by 12 1/2 points. The women captured four of the top five rankings, including a one-two finish in two field events.

In the hammer throw, Self and fellow senior thrower Jordan Stuekle finished in the top two spots.

Self took first place with a stadium record hammer throw of 181 feet, 2 inches, beating the previous stadium record by four feet. Her throw was 23 feet farther than Stuekle's, who took second place in the hammer throw event.

"Hammer went really, really well," Self said. "I got first and beat the meet record."

Self also placed second in the discus event with a toss of 138-3 1/2 inches.

The women's second field one-two finish was in the shot put. Senior Shaina Afoa took first in the event with a mark of 41-3 inches. Stuekle took a close second with a toss of 41-1 inches.

Sophomore Katharine Lotze also broke the triple jump stadium and meet records with a leap of 38-8 3/4 inches. Lotze broke the previous record by 3 3/4 inches, falling just an inch short of her career best.

The men's team had a comfortable 114-point win over Spokane Community College.

The Wildcats had three individual winners for the men's team. One first place finisher was sophomore Scott Morrison, who took first in the 400-meter dash with a mark of 49.83 seconds. Scott also took a close second place 200-meter dash with a time of 22.49.

The men's team swept the relay races, placing first in the 4X100, with a time of 43.17 seconds. Colin Alexander anchored the men's 4X400 relay, leading the Wildcats to a victory with a time of 3:29.85.

Central will participate in the WWU Twilight meet in Bellingham next week in final preparation for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) championships.

"I'm looking forward to getting better. Being one of the better throwing schools out there we've got to get our people through to the championship," said freshman Paul Oursland, who threw a personal record in the hammer throw.

The GNAC outdoor championships will be held on May 13-14 in Monmouth, Ore., leaving the Wildcats three weeks to get as many athletes into the championships as possible.



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**UP, UP AND AWAY** Brandon Roddewig, sophomore, pole vaults at Saturday's Spike Arlt Invite. Roddewig cleared 14 feet 3.25 inches and placed fourth overall.

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