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T-Grace’s Lakyn Bury belts out a tune during last Saturday’s show at Raw Space.
Grocery Outlet in the bag

BY DANNY SCHMIDT

News Editor

What seems to have been a free student parking lot on University Way for the last year will soon become a Grocery Outlet.

The Catholic Diocese of Yakima is selling the 25,000 square foot property, which used to be Albertsons, for $1.65 million to Read Investments, a company based in Berkeley, Calif.

More than a year ago, Albertsons closed, but Read Investments believes that their partner, Grocery Outlet, will be a great fit for students and Ellensburg residents.

“Grocery Outlet does well in smaller towns,” Grocery Outlet Vice President Marketing Melissa Porter said. “We already have a really good brand recognition in Ellensburg. People come there from other places so there’s already a good awareness of what Grocery Outlet is.”

Grocery Outlet is a supermarket that offers lower prices on food. There will be 140 branches in the country by the end of this week.

The Catholic Diocese of Yakima had been in talks with potential buyers, including a grocery investor who owns several Albertsons.

“The original there were more than 10 people who were interested, businesses or individuals,” Diocese of Yakima Chancellor Robert Siler said. “It really came down to only three or four who had the necessary resources. We negotiated with CWU but we weren’t able to reach an agreement on the property.”

Originally, the Catholic Diocese of Yakima didn’t know the property would be turned into a Grocery Outlet, but once they found out, they were happy with Read Investment’s decision.

“I don’t remember at what point they let us know,” Siler said. “When we heard the news that it was Grocery Outlet, we felt that it would be a good fit for Ellensburg.”

Siler said the majority of the money from the sale will go toward the diocese’s Priest Retirement fund.

“We spend well over $400,000 a year taking care of our priests,” Siler said. “If we can get that up to $8 million some day, that’d be great.”

The deal should be finalized this week. Read does not know when the work on the new grocery store will begin.

Porter said that, ideally, the store will open in the summer, but that is far from a guarantee.

“I think we would like to be able to open this summer,” Porter said. “But one thing I’ve learned over time, until you get to where you’re a month out, dates can change dramatically.”

Having Fred Meyer, Safeway and Super 1 Foods helped Ellensburg’s Albertsons become extinct, but Grocery Outlet hopes to stay competitive.

“Whenever there’s competition, we have to be sharp on our prices; we have to be sharp on the freshness on our products,” Porter said. “We tend to consist with conventional supermarkets. Certainly we know it’s a challenge and we’ll have to bring our best efforts.”

The lower prices of food Grocery Outlet offers will most likely attract college students, but the store also appeals to people from all walks of life.

“We tend to appeal to a broad range of customers,” Porter said. “Since I’ve been at Grocery Outlet I’ve been really surprised. Some people who are wealthy are wealthy because they never pay retail for anything.”

All but three Grocery Outlet branches around the country are family-operated. Husband and wife teams who generally have their children help out run many of the stores. Porter said that they will look to continue the trend for the Ellensburg outlet. She doesn’t think finding owners will be difficult, since Ellensburg is so family-oriented.

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Chattin' with governor-hopeful Rob McKenna

BY DANNY SCHMIDT  News Editor

The Kittitas County Republican Party hosted Rob McKenna on Central’s campus Saturday. Since being elected in 2004, McKenna has been the Washington Attorney General and is running for Governor in the upcoming election. You may have already known that, but you probably did not know that he loves to sing Queen’s “We Will Rock You.”

What brought you to Ellensburg?

“I’m here for the Kittitas County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner, which is their big fundraiser. I met with the Central Washington University chapter of Generation Washington, which is an organization that put together across the state of college students or people recently in college. And I’m speaking at tonight’s dinner so it’s a great opportunity to come over and see my supporters, add new supporters, etc.

What is the biggest issue facing college graduates?

Jobs. We continue to have a fairly high rate of unemployment in this state. If you look at the rate of unemployment that includes people who aren’t collecting benefits, but don’t have full time work, it’s 17 percent in our state. The unemployment rate for college graduates is a lot lower, and that’s the segment that is struggling to find that first job. So there’s no more important issue in the state today than stimulating job creation, and that’s very much tied to having a good education.

How did you get to this point in your life?

“Very hard work. My parents were both very hard workers. I worked extremely hard in college to earn two bachelor degrees, serve as student body president, which is essentially a full time job. I graduated with really good grades and was able to get into a top law school. That’s just been my formula. And it was a professor in college who really underscored for me the importance of hard work. This is a guy who went on to win the Nobel Prize in economics, Professor Doug North from University of Washington department of economics. He’s been a leader of a couple of Nobel winners in his time and he’s seen student leaders. And I was, at the time, student body vice president. He often wondered why more of the student leaders who were good students didn’t amount to that much. He thought that they didn’t go on to do great things. And I think that’s because that they didn’t work hard enough. This is a guy who at the time was in his late 60s and still, to this day, very engaged on economic papers. He’s probably 90 now. He’s at a different university. But he said it’s all about your willingness to work hard and excel in what you do, and I really took that to heart. That’s a good lesson for anybody. If you want to be successful, you got to be willing to put the time in and aim for excellence.

What’s your favorite college memory?

Going to the Orange Bowl in 1985 to watch the Huskies play Oklahoma and beat them. That was awesome. That was the game where Oklahoma’s quarterback, this fellow, that wagons out on the field prematurely. They got penalized. It was just an amazing experience. No one ever heard of Washington State down there in Florida or Oklahoma.

The Kittitas County Republican Party, the Kittitas County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner, and the Kittitas County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner. The Kittitas County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner. The Kittitas County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner.

What would surprise people to know about you?

I’m pretty good at karaoke. I learned it in Japan. When I was a young lawyer, I spent a year in Japan, and I really enjoy Japanese music, which is more popular here because I think it’s a blast.

Favorite karaoke songs to sing?

In Japan I used to sing “California Dreamin” by the Mamas & the Papas, because I have a limited range. But most of the time I’ve been singing Queen. “We Will Rock You.” It’s a good group participation song.

Hall explores Roslyn history

BY BONNIE DAVIDSON  News Reporter

Every town has a piece of dark history. Ellensburg locals and students had an opportunity to hear about a piece of that history this week.

Kittitas County is littered with all kinds of interesting stories, rich in railroad and coal mining productions from the past. With so many secrets, we haven’t always talked about or expressed. Some locals and students may not know Roslyn was full of culture and immigration from all over the world more than a century ago.

Raymond Hall, assistant professor for African and black studies, has presented to the community a piece of the heavy history of African Americans immigrating to Roslyn to work at the mines. Many were believed to be imported to the area for the sole purpose ofstrikebreaking.

“Flyers went out to Illinois advertising good wages and good places for raising their children,” Hall said. “Corporations really took advantage of the African Americans.”

Hall’s presentation: “Kings, Knights, and Pawns: African Americans Forging Group Identities through Adversity,” takes place on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at Raw Space. The event is part of a series called Central on Stage. Central on Stage gives faculty and students a chance to present to the community the knowledge and research they are working on.

Hall recently received a $5,000 grant for further research on the African American migration to Roslyn. It was one of four projects selected to serve as a national model. The African Americans who migrated to the area were brought into conflict, often used when the labor unions went on strike for better wages or asked for better and safer working conditions.

Hall is one of only 11 previous presentations given to the community. All events have been presented at Raw Space for no charge. In many ways, this is a bridge into the past. The events are a way for students, professors and locals to see what individual faculty and staff are researching and what they have a passion for. It’s really important to make this step into the community because so often what happens here is viewed as a mystery to the community,” said Debra Schirber-Barkey, Faculty Relations Coordinator of Human Resources.

The owner of Raw Space, Dean Delvecchio, offered free space for those at the university to present their work and knowledge to the community. The first Central on Stage at Raw Space took place on Oct. 4, 2011. Since then the audience has varied in age from five to 80. It’s also varied from locals to professors to student attenders.

Central on Stage is at Raw Space every first and third Tuesday of the month during the school year.

“It’s always interesting to see what my colleagues are up to and what they’re doing; it’s amazing to look at the world through someone else’s eyes,” said Dr. James Huckabay, professor and chair in the geography department.

Huckabay has an upcoming presentation later this month about why it’s so windy in Ellensburg. Nothing locals and students might be interested in learning about. Huckabay has also attended many of the presentations with his wife. Topics have ranged from the zoo, the changing in the back of the throat, to the Green Dot program at the university.

“It’s a great, free resource, and the great thing is the community is open to access to the knowledge from people who are into certain, various subjects,” said Todd Schafer, assistant professor and chair of the political science department.

Schafer had also presented in January about the primaries and how they worked and were run. He was surprised by the interest that appeared each time he presented.

This week, the stage was focused on how African Americans lived and worked in Roslyn. It was about the work and research Hall has put into finding out how a cultural anomaly occurred in Washington and what that means to all of us living next to it. He’s volunteered at the Roslyn Museum, spending time trying to know the locals and hearing their stories. He’s worked at uncovering the secrets and the lives of the miners that lived here a century before us.

“It’s a great way to learn different things that you wouldn’t think of in your entire life,” Schafer said. “If you can’t change the classes, you can gain the experience.”
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Plan the day
Relax. Be ready to spend a good amount of time at the fair. They aren't that often, so make the most of them. Avoid the long lines. The first hour is typically the slowest.

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Women’s studies department adds ‘gender’ to title
Program hopes to broaden horizons with name change, class offerings

BY AUBREY ABBOTT
Staff Reporter

The Women’s Studies program has changed their name and added courses to the program.

Many of the traditional classes that are currently offered in the Women’s Studies Program allow students to succeed in their field. Recently, this program has developed changes in order to improve the overall focus of the program. In the past, this program in the College of Arts and Humanities reads as: “Women’s Studies Program” and now the program reads as: “Women’s and Gender Studies.”

“The Women’s and Gender Studies Program reflects the fact that we offer a broad umbrella of topics, including queer studies and masculinity studies, to students,” said Cynthia Coe, the director of the Women and Gender Studies Program.

This program allows students to expand their knowledge in various areas within the program. Courses have been added to the program that focus on gender across cultures, as well as queer studies.

This allows students to recognize the new courses in queer studies and experience other courses in gender other than prominently feminine courses.

Coe provides insight on the positive changes to the program.

“This program offers a reality of where we are as well as a broad range of issues,” Coe said. “This program allows students who are interested in any kind of gender to be able to join the program.”

Sociology Professor Judith Hennessy feels that the change to the program name is positive.

“The focus on Women’s Studies is certainly important,” Hennessy said. “By changing the name and including Gender Studies, we are able to broaden the curriculum of the program. For example, including more courses on gender studies and masculinity.”

This intriguing program has provided substantial knowledge to many students. The Women’s Study Advisory Committee makes the decisions towards changes in the program.

Christine Sutphin, English professor, shares her thoughts about the changes.

Sutphin said that a few years ago, the suggested change to the program was brought up. However, the committee voted against the change because it would only be “Gender Studies.” (The new change allows the program to incorporate Women and Gender Studies, as opposed to only women or gender.)

“We can talk about gender and open a broader range rather than just masculine and feminine,” Sutphin said.

The Women’s and Gender Studies program has added new requirements in order to receive a minor. Many courses within women’s studies as well as gender studies will be offered more than before.

The program allows students to rise above their social norms and learn new areas of all types of gender.

“I am very excited for this program and I hope in the future to continue building minors and offer a broad array of programs for students to figure out their own identities and norms,” Coe said.
A woman reported having continuous diarrhea and is confused and very weak.

A speed limit sign was taken from Fifth Avenue. The post was laying next to the fence near the sidewalk.

A man was reportedly sitting, eating raw meat and making people uncomfortable.

A man reported that three shirtless males were hitting golf balls at his home and drinking beer.

A woman driving a white Audi reportedly almost struck a pedestrian. She then yelled out the window, “Next time you will get run over!”

An inflatable keg was hanging on the wiring across the road on Yellowstone.

Underage drinkers climbed out of a Wendell Hill Hall window and ran.

A person called to report a possible party due to loud voices and banging.

Two males walked into a hotel and asked for the rate and a tour. After they received the tour, they said they would go down the road and check other hotels. They then went outside and sat in a small dark colored two-door car.

A science major was pulled over for running a stop sign. His excuse was that he had a time restricted experiment.

Three dogs were reportedly chasing and killing chickens.

A dark red calf was laying deceased on the side of the roadway.

A person reported that two men came to a tenant’s dorm room and asked about an older tenant who does not live in the area. One man had a holstered weapon.

A man reported that his son had turned off his cell phone and deleted his Facebook account. The man had received phone calls from his son’s friends stating that he had broken up with his girlfriend and had been carving her initials in his arm.

A woman requested assistance in retrieving her stolen iPhone that had been tracked to an apartment building.

A person reported that they were trying to take their daughter home and the daughter was trying to jump out of the car.

A person reported that they heard a loud boom sound.

Not everyone can say they have the opportunity to compete for the Miss America pageant. But for Connie Morgan, sophomore public relations and economics, her chance at the title of Miss America has been made one step closer with her recent win at the Miss East Cascades pageant.

Morgan was crowned Miss East Cascades 2012 last March, qualifying her to run for the Miss Washington pageant this coming July. Winning the title of Miss Washington would allow her to run for the Miss America pageant.

The Miss East Cascades pageant is comprised of five judged categories that go toward each contestant’s overall score. These categories include an interview, swim suit, talent, evening wear and answering two on-stage questions. Morgan chose to sing “Desperado” as her talent, and in the end, her overall performance in all of the categories won her the title against nine other contestants.

Morgan represents Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas and Okanogan counties. For her pageant platform, Morgan chose to promote the Wounded Warrior Project, a program dedicated to helping soldiers who have been wounded in service. Morgan explained that the reason she chose the Wounded Warrior Project as her platform was because many members of her family have served in the military. Along with the Civic Engagement Center, one way Morgan plans to promote her platform is by holding a benefit concert at Raw Space on April 14 including two Seattle bands.

Morgan explained how running for the Miss East Cascades pageant also served as a great way to learn what she described as “business woman” skills. This is because it allowed for her to learn and practice communication skills through interviewing and answering the on-stage questions.

“It’s a great opportunity for scholarships,” said Morgan, who also received $3,000 for winning the pageant.
Ronney, Paul, Santorum, Gingrich, Obama.

They’re all men. All men are in putting their possibly jaw-dropping two cents about women’s reproductive rights. 

Why are men allowed to make decisions when it comes to women’s rights? Y eah! It is exactly, are all the men who’ve had sexual relations with or impregnated these ‘slutty’ women? 

I want to help the cause of the library because I want to thank her for her e-mail and support the comment. 

Well, we are also dealing with the women’s views on the matter of women’s rights is the female body will be pretty large should they reduce wom-

The best times are the ones where we can have a right to decide what any woman to say about what they can and can’t do about out about what they want the law books to say about them. Why are they all of women’s rights are women themselves. It’s not the churches, not the corporations, not the politicians and especially not the men. It’s not ours.

I was convinced that they were capable of predicting the future. 

Though I am known by friends and family as being a gullible person that will undoubtedly fall for the dumbest supersti-

I wrote earlier that they don’t exist. No law should ever make it feel like being a woman makes you less of a person. 

I also do not have high-tech security arrangements, etc. Again, I really hate to be unprepared for anything, but even if I did believe in the whole concept of the world abruptly ending I clearly would be way behind in my preparedness as demonstrated by those featured on the show. 

For one thing, I do not have an entire garage filled wall-to-ceiling with food, let alone an entire ga-

Again, I also do not have high-tech security arrangements, etc. Again, I really hate to be unprepared for anything, but even if I did believe in the whole concept of the world abruptly ending I clearly would be way behind in my preparedness as demonstrated by those featured on the show. 

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Local band Tyrannosaurus Grace had Ellensburg rocking out at Raw Space on March 31.

The band headlined the event after two opening acts. Body Box, a three-man band based out of Tacoma, opened the concert and got the crowd swaying and rocking on their feet. Body Box got the crowd prepared for the rest of the high energy night of great music.

Tyrannosaurus Grace consists of five band members: Tim Held, co-lead singer and keyboard; Lakyn Bury, co-lead singer, guitarist and keyboard player; Jeffrey Gerrer, bass guitar; Justin Foss, lead guitar and keyboard; and David Hoffman, drummer.

“They [Body Box] were great,” Foss said.”They really had nice progression.”

The second band, Lil Beirut, was the final act before Tyrannosaurus Grace performed. Lil Beirut’s performance had the crowd coming closer to the stage and dancing along with the music, enthralled with Lil Beirut’s performance. The crowd interacted with the band, made jokes and kept the performance fun and entertaining.

“We try to be engaging on stage,” Bury said. “So they want to see us again, or check us out online.”

The band came together as a whole about a year and a half ago. Held and Foss had been writing songs together, while Held was living in Michigan and Justin was living in Portland. They began recording parts of songs and sent them to each other over the Internet, adding vocals and vocals to it and sending them back.

Held said he gave up on graduate school because he didn’t finish his thesis and moved back to Ellensburg to work on the band.

Held and Foss are natives to Cle Elum. Shortly after they both moved to Ellensburg, they approached Hoffman to play the drums for the band.

Gerrer and Hoffman had played in various jazz bands and metal bands together in the past. Gerrer had played a show for the band and afterwards they decided to add him to the group.

“I had no idea for a long time,” Gerrer said. “I thought I was just going to step in for one show.”

Hoffman had suggested Bury as their other lead singer. The band had her sing vocals on a track called “Chemistry,” and after she performed it by dancing and cheering to the song.

“Y ou don’t really hear many bands like that,” said Andrew Burr, sophomore undeclared.

Tyrannosaurus Grace’s set included their own original songs and some covers. By the end of their performance, the band thanked the crowd and the concert crew for the great show.

“The crowd was really good tonight,” Bury said.”But the lights almost gave me a seizure.”

Gerrer said it’s been a while since they performed in Ellensburg, but it’s always nice to play in front of their home crowd.

Stay tuned for more updates on Tyrannosaurus Grace, including their upcoming album release party April 6 at The Brick in Roslyn.

Keep an eye out for Foss and Held’s up and coming independent record label called Fake Label. They are releasing a compilation album with 12 other Northwest artists which will be released at the album release party April 6 at The Brick in Roslyn.
Imagine entering your name into a raffle but instead of being chosen for a prize you are being chosen to fight for your life. "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins is a book unlike any other. It's not the usual weekend read. When a reader picks up this book they won't want to put it down. With every turn of the page, the words draw the reader in, the plot thickens and the readers' heartstrings are pulled by what the characters have to face.

The setting for this book is Panem, a country broken up into 12 districts and ruled by the Capitol, where the wealthy and privileged live. District 12 is the mining district where the poor and famished reside. Each year in Panem, The Hunger Games are celebrated. This is where two tributes are selected, a boy and a girl from each district, to fight it out in the arena. While the tributes are fighting in the arena, the Capitol is watching, sponsoring and betting on who they want to survive.

The story follows a young girl from District 12, Katniss Everdeen. She stepped up as the leader of the household for her mother and little sister, Prim Everdeen, when her father died in the mines. Readers are able to see how brave, courageous and strong Katniss is within the first chapters of the book. Katniss spends her time hunting in the forest in the outskirts of District 12, even though the forest is forbidden. Here, she hunts with Gale Hawthorne. She spends a lot of her time with him and considers him her best friend. Katniss doesn't consider him anymore than that, but the way she talks about him and second-guesses her feelings, it's easy to infer there is a connection between the two beyond friendship.

The reaping approaches, a day dedicated to gathering the young people together to stand and wait, hoping that their name will not be called, and wondering whom they will never see again. When a child turns 12, their name is entered for the reaping. It just so happens that it's Prim's first year in the reaping and her name is first to be called as a tribute. The plot thickens and the readers' heartstrings are pulled yet again.

Katniss volunteers as a tribute, taking her sister's spot and shocking District 12 like never before. From here on, the book gets better and better. What readers expect to happen doesn't; it's something better. When readers think nothing else could go wrong, it does. Peeta Mellark, also a tribute from District 12, becomes more than just another player in the game. He becomes a life line for Katniss and her only hope to win. Forced to seem like star-crossed lovers, these two not only add a twist to the games but the story as well.

Haymitch is a victor from District 12 — someone who has previously won the games. When Haymitch isn't drowning himself in alcohol, he acts as a mentor to Katniss and Peeta. He is their only insight into the games and what they need to be prepared for.

Cinna is Katniss' stylist. He gives her entire body a makeover. Cinna makes Katniss presentable for the Capitol. The way he dresses her determines how the Capitol will see her and how, or if, they will support her in the games. Without Cinna's help, Katniss never would have been known as "the girl on fire."

Effie Trinket is an escort for the District 12 tributes. She is the one who calls their names for the reaping and encourages them to look forward to their upcoming battles. Effie is the one that gets Katniss and Peeta to the Capitol. She keeps them on time and ready for each and every task until the games have started.

We follow Katniss into the games where her courage and strength are tested, where every move could be her last, and where her judgement means everything.

"The Hunger Games" is part of a trilogy. Pick up "Catching Fire" and "Mockingjay" when you have time to read them. You won't want to put them down and may the odds be ever in your favor.

"You don't forget the face of the person who was your last hope."

-Katniss Everdeen

Played by: Jennifer Lawrence
Our film culture is currently driven by franchises, so much so that 10 out of the last 11 years have seen a franchise film at the top of the year’s domestic box office chart. With the Harry Potter series just recently coming to a close and Twilight’s final offering coming to theaters this fall, now is the opportune time for a new series to come into the spotlight.

With a staggering, record-breaking $152 million haul made in its first weekend, Director Gary Ross’ “The Hunger Games,” based on Suzanne Collins’ young adult novel of the same name, has certainly been successful in striking a similar chord with American audiences.

The film stars the immensely talented Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen, a sixteen-year-old hunter living in a dystopian future world called Panem. The poverty and hunger-stricken society is controlled by a classist and elitist government, which every year holds a Romanesque tournament to the death between 24 of the nation’s children in order to commemorate a tumultuous civil war. At a selection ceremony for the games, Katniss volunteers herself for the tournament in order to save her young sister from having to go.

Lawrence, who proved her acting chops a few years back in “Winter’s Bone,” displays a similar grittiness and strength as she did in that film. “The Hunger Games” is refreshing in that it features a female lead who is capable of taking care of herself largely outside the help of male figures. Lawrence strengthens the character further with her rough demeanor and insurmountable likability. With this performance, she has easily become one of Hollywood’s most promising young actors.

Though there are minor problems with dialogue and editing, the only major problem is the screenplay’s own indecisiveness. “The Hunger Games” features one of the most original and intriguing stories to hit the screen in a number of years, yet the film shuffles between its intriguing theme of government control and more approachable material, such as a love triangle and Katniss’ friendship with a young contestant. Though these elements were clearly meant to flow together, more revision was needed in order to make this possible.

Prior to its release, many film critics and web nerds theorized “The Hunger Games” to be ‘the new Twilight.’ Any such comparison is incredibly unfair. Where “Twilight” offers nothing more than pretty people and an amateur love story, “The Hunger Games” has purpose and potential for a greater meaning. While this first installment is a bit uneven in taking proper advantage of its themes, Ross’ film is still more than entertaining and well-made enough to warrant a viewing. If this is the direction Hollywood film-making is going, bring it on.

Happy Hunger Games and may the odds be ever in your favor.

- Effie Trinket
Played by: Elizabeth Banks
Let’s talk about sex
Series of events broaden understanding

BY KATIE LARSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

In honor of Women’s History Month, there will be events throughout spring quarter focusing on sex education and media literacy.

To kick off the activities, a display in SURC 137 named “History of Sex Education” offers students the opportunity to learn about the subject through visuals, short video clips, posted quizzes and literature regarding reproductive health. Viewing is available until Friday, April 6.

Some information displayed was gathered and assembled by Elsa Larson, English language arts education specialization. Larson is a post-baccalaureate women’s studies intern who volunteered her time for the exhibit. She was responsible for obtaining the movie, “The Education of Shelby Knox” and exhibiting different forms of birth control in a glass case.

“I was really surprised to see the answers I found,” Larson said. “Comprehensive sex education has been proven to be the most effective in teaching.”

Larson researched information from the Guttmacher Institute about different state laws regarding sex education.

“Some information displayed was be talks about sex education in regards to women. According to Whitney, there will be giving a speech titled “Why are we so afraid of sex?” This event will be free to the public.

“She’s dynamic; she’s wonderful to listen to,” Whitney said. “I think people will enjoy it. She is going to spark discussion.

The events are not just targeted at women. According to Whitney, there will be events throughout spring quarter focusing on sex education and media literacy.

The theme of the celebration stemmed from Katrina Whitney, senior director of the Center for Diversity and Social Justice, and Cindy Coe, director of Women’s and Gender Studies.

“What’s so wonderful about this display is there is an opportunity to really showcase generationally … what’s really occurred over the years in regards to sex education,” Whitney said.

Lisa Fields, senior public health, helped organize the information for the display. Fields works at the Center for Diversity and Social Justice and interned there for her major.

“Sex in general is still pretty taboo in our culture,” she said. “I think it is really interesting to see how things have changed, how it was portrayed back then and now.”

The biggest impact was learning so much I didn’t know,” Yolo said. Yolo has five kids and three grand kids.

“I think it will be a fun exhibit to look at—it’s not just a lot of facts,” Yolo said. She is an English major with a specialization in literature about legislation regarding reproductive health. Yolo is an English major with a specialization in literature about legislation regarding reproductive health.

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DIFFERENT VIEWS
Displays presented in SURC 137 cover all perspectives of sex education.

“We want to make sure we’re balanced with giving all, full perspectives, a comprehensive view of it, and it’s not just one-sided,” she said.

On April 5 at 5 p.m. in the SURC Theatre, Pepper Schwartz, a sociology professor from the University of Washington, will be giving a speech titled “Why are we so afraid of sex?” This event will be free to the public.

“She’s dynamic; she’s wonderful to listen to,” Whitney said. “I think people will enjoy it. She is going to spark discussion.

Some information displayed was gathered and assembled by Elsa Larson, English language arts education specialization. Larson is a post-baccalaureate women’s studies intern who volunteered her time for the exhibit. She was responsible for obtaining the movie, “The Education of Shelby Knox” and exhibiting different forms of birth control in a glass case.

“I was really surprised to see the answers I found,” Larson said. “Comprehensive sex education has been proven to be the most effective in teaching.”

Larson researched information from the Guttmacher Institute about different state laws regarding sex education.

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The events are not just targeted at women. According to Whitney, there will be events throughout spring quarter focusing on sex education and media literacy.

The theme of the celebration stemmed from Katrina Whitney, senior director of the Center for Diversity and Social Justice, and Cindy Coe, director of Women’s and Gender Studies.

“What’s so wonderful about this display is there is an opportunity to really showcase generationally … what’s really occurred over the years in regards to sex education,” Whitney said.

Lisa Fields, senior public health, helped organize the information for the display. Fields works at the Center for Diversity and Social Justice and interned there for her major.

“Sex in general is still pretty taboo in our culture,” she said. “I think it is really interesting to see how things have changed, how it was portrayed back then and now.”

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Girls Night Out

Social Event Allows Women a Night of Their Own

“Girls Night Out” allows women a night of their own. The event was held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the SURC.

Over the past 4 years, the “Girls Night Out” event has become one of the Organization for Civic Engagement’s main events. The event not only promotes community service and involvement but also provides women with an opportunity to network and get discounts from local stores.

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Tournament of Champions

Softball goes 3-4, wins consolation bracket

By Evan Thompson
Staff Reporter

The Wildcats rode on a bit of a confidence roller coaster at the three-day long Tournament of Champions last weekend in Turlock, California. In their opening game of the tournament, the Wildcats dominated and won by a satisfying margin 13-3, a victory which factored in Thomas for the score.

On Saturday, Central played Californi a State University-East Bay on a rainy soaked ball field, which only lasted five innings before the mercy rule was called with the score at 13-3. Next up was Cal State University-San Bernardino, which was set up as a three-day event. The tournament, the women won the consolation bracket outright, ending the tournament with a winning streak of two and a victory over arch rival Western Washington, 4-3 in the final. The Wildcats overall record is now 12-19.

“I feel like we went as well as for the fact that we built a lot of momentum,” said senior outfielder Bre Thomas. “And even though the games didn’t turn out the way we wanted it we were close at every game and we were battling hard. We finished strong and that’s what we were trying to do, so we were pretty happy about that.”

A total of 24 teams participated in the pool play and bracket play tournament, which was set up as a three-day event. The first two days were pool play or round-robin, and on the third day teams were divided on their pool play records.

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This is a Spring Break Photo contest, each entry will cost $5.00, and the winner will have their photo featured on a half page in The Observer along with their Spring Break story. Students will be able to vote for their favorite spring break photo by going to the Observer Facebook page and commenting with the tag line of the photo they wish to vote for.

Students may submit their photo entry via email to: GASKILLK@CWU.EDU

Payment will be due within 24 hours of submission, by cash and/or check only at the cam department front desk.

“I GOT LOST IN DISNEYLAND!”

-Lauren M.

“What happens in Cabo stays in Cabo…”

-Emily C.

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BY SCOTT HERMAN
Staff Reporter

The Central Washington men's lacrosse team battled on Saturday but the muddy field conditions and an undefeated Gonzaga squad got the better of them as the Wildcats lost 17-4 on Central's community fields. The loss drops the Wildcats' win-loss record to 2-6 overall and 0-2 in league play.

In front of a large and supportive crowd, Central found themselves plagued by a lack of team depth. Many players were forced to play the whole game, leaving the Wildcats at a severe disadvantage to a well-rested Gonzaga club. The rain and snow from the previous night also took its toll on the field, making the conditions sloppy and extremely difficult to play in.

Though the field may be partly to blame, the Wildcats had issues getting back on defense as they struggled with the transition game and Gonzaga's relentless attack.

Although 17 goals were surrendered, the goalie, Will Houck, played well and made several gutsy saves that provided Central with several second chance opportunities.

Chris Johnson was an aggressive force on offense, leading the Wildcats' attack on its way to four goals.

Despite the lopsided score, several players on the team were encouraged by their showing against a more than formidable opponent. Austen Kartic, junior construction management, noted that the Wildcats' enthusiastic play had caught their rivals off guard.

“We played a really aggressive game and that definitely frazzled Gonzaga a little bit,” Kartic said.

Pat Mehl, junior physics and lacrosse club treasurer, chalked it up to a gap in talent and overall team depth.

“The thing it came down to was they had better sticks. They were more experienced than we were,” Mehl said. “I think we have done exceptionally well with the cards that we were dealt.”

Mehl knew his team had to overcome the absence of several important players, but was content with his team's ability to make do with what they had on hand.

“We were missing a couple key players, but we just mixed and matched and made lemonade,” Mehl said.

Kartic pointed out that Central's team is one of few truly aggressive teams in the conference this season. Not being afraid to hit and get hit is a trait they look forward to using as the season progresses.

“We're trying to be really aggressive because a lot of teams in our league really aren’t and that gives us a little bit of an edge,” Kartic said.

Despite their solid aggressive play, Mehl noted that there could be some tactical improvements made to the defense over the next week to right the course of the Wildcats' ship.

“We’re gonna work on our defensive slides, covering each other, play a little bit more of a team defense and work on our communication,” Mehl said.

Central will now look ahead to next weekend as they host both Pacific Lutheran University at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Southern Oregon University at noon on Sunday.
Poor defense, errors hurt wildcats

BY SANTOS HERRERA
Staff Reporter

Willie Mays once said, “Defense, to me, is the key to playing baseball,” a quote that held to be true when Central traveled to Montana last weekend.

The Wildcats Baseball team fell to a 10-14 overall record and broke even at 6-6 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. Central lost three games against Montana State Billings on Saturday in a four-game weekend series, despite a great offensive performance.

The weekend series began with a double header on Friday, where Central blew a 10-7 lead in the ninth inning to lose by one on a walk-off home run in game one leaving the score at 11-10.

“Defensively, no one has been able to stop us,” center fielder Jimmy Ryerson said. “Coach Scott Wilson pulled me aside to ask me what I was thinking at bat.” Ryerson also stated that after a quick talk with coach Wilson, he was able to stay calm at the plate.

At the end of game one, Ryerson walked away with seven RBIs, two home runs, and Central’s first and only win of the series with a score of 15-12. Just when things started to brighten up for the Wildcats, game two began.

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Bielec was diving for a ball when he injured his wrist, an injury that caused him to sit out the rest of the first game and half-way through the first game on Friday.

“I had struck out a lot on Friday and starting Saturday’s game with a strike out,” center fielder Jimmy Ryerson said. “Coach Scott Wilson pulled me aside to ask me what I was thinking at bat.”

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The guys battled,” Storey said. “We need to continue hitting and continue getting better on the mound.”

Despite having lost three games in Montana, Storey still believes that the team has the potential to rack up more wins and get to a title, even though league leader Western Oregon is playing very good ball.

Storey also said that if the team plays more consistent offense and defense, that there is no reason why they should not sweep several teams, especially at home.
Big Changes coming to the After-hours Help Desk in the Library

Starting Monday, March 26th the After-hours IT HelpDesk will start an transition to a hosted service solution. This transition will take approximately 8 weeks. During this transition period, the hours for the After-hours HelpDesk (located in the Library) will be: 6-9 pm on Mondays thru Thursdays and from 4-10 pm on Sundays. Even more big changes coming in late spring when the After-hour HelpDesk fully transitions to the hosted solution!

- Support hours will be 24/7 for password and Blackboard LMS support
- Request-a-Call: Blackboard will allow all customers to request a call back from a Blackboard agent at a time scheduled by the customer.
- e-Chat: In addition to phone and email assistance, Blackboard will provide support via e-Chat. This support solution includes the following:
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So big changes are coming and we will keep you posted on our progress!

IMPORTANT NOTE: The regular HelpDesk (M-F, 7AM to 5PM) will continue to operate as normal ... before, during and after this transition. The HelpDesk will continue to be staffed in Bouillon Hall Room 112 and support walk-up, email, phone and chat support requests.