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By Santor Herrera

Central Washington University hit record numbers with the newest wave of freshmen. A total of 1,400 students make this not only the biggest class, but the most diverse in history.

“The freshman class is more diverse than ever,” Linda Swiny, associate vice president for enrollment management, attributes the numbers to how much Central has to offer, with online courses being one of the major draws.

“The number of students that enroll in online courses has grown by 20 percent every year,” Swiny said. “And one out of every four students is from the Ellensburg campus.”

Swiny also noted that Central’s online courses are becoming more competitive with other institutions, as well as more beneficial to students. For example, if a student has two classes with time conflicts, he or she can attend one class and take the other online. So students don’t miss out on classes they want to take, but can still complete their degree.

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Therefore, the Inclusiveness Initiative survey took off. The survey allowed Gaudino and his team to see what was important in the eyes of students.

According to the results, about 80 percent of participants enjoyed a diverse campus at CWU, as well as felt welcomed. Another 90 percent of participants agreed that interacting with diverse individuals is a good thing. Thus, the question became: How can we more effectively reach out to students and let them know about all that Central has to offer?

The answer came in the form of Central’s Prospect, Outreach and Retention Technology. CPORIT connects by connecting to students specifically. When a student takes the SAT or fills out an information request form, the information he or she writes down, such as age and ethnicity, is entered in the program.

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Virginia Letson, 53, who goes by Gini, expected to celebrate her 10-year wedding anniversary with her husband in the safety of her home. The call to evacuate that came at about 5 p.m. on Aug. 15 would change her entire life. Her husband, Terry Letson, 50, had lived in their home for 27 years, and in less than a day would never see it again. The Letsons packed up some belongings, but later found that they could not have brought enough.

“It’s funny the things you pack, because you think you’re coming back,” Gini Letson said. The family was staying at the Qual- ity Inn in Ellensburg when they received a dreadful phone call around 2 a.m. the following morning that their home had burned down. They burst into tears and embraced each other. With no homeowners insurance, the couple is left with land but no home.

Letson spoke of the small things like a measuring cup or a pair of socks that you might think you have and then realize you don’t anymore.

She took time off from work, but is now back at Central working as a custodian in the newly rebuilt Barto Hall. She attributes her ability to remain happy despite what happened to those around her, along with the firefighters who risked their lives. “Coming to work and being around the students is really healing, because you want that normalcy,” Letson said.

Some Central students were shocked to hear about the fire and desperately wanted to do something. Many gathered at the Holiday Inn Express to collect donations.

It was heart wrenching to know that there was nothing I could do to help them,” said Alexis Thomas, senior public relations major.

Thomas was one of many people in the community who wanted to help out. She and some friends volunteered at the clothing drive for a few hours, where she said 30 to 40 people showed up to donate what they could.

“These are heroes who can’t save their house, but you can do something,” Thomas said.

The community and families have banded together to make the healing process easier. Coworkers, friends, family and even concerned community members were all very instrumental in helping victims cope with the loss.

Central Student Cyndi Monroe was working when the fire broke out but still did what she could to help support the firefighters and those affected by the fire. Monroe said her first reaction wasn’t fear but sadness for those who lost their homes.

“When I heard about it I brought a case of water to the fire station,” Monroe said.

Despite Letson and her family’s situation, she tries to remain positive. She has not lost her love for life nor her kindness to others.

“At first you want to be angry, but then you can’t imagine how these responsible feel,” Letson said.

Eyes damp with tears, Letson spoke of people she didn’t even know who were so willing to help out, and how much it means to her.

“I just can’t thank everybody enough,” Letson said. “I mean, we are on the way to recovery.”
New Barto an early success

BY SANTO S HERRERA
News Editor

Central’s newly rebuilt residence hall, Barto, gives freshmen and Douglas Honors College students a state-of-the-art home.

Barto offers the latest technology to help students practice a green lifestyle. For example, every bathroom has motion-activated toilets and sinks, as well as light sensors that automatically turn off when the bathroom is not in use in order to save on water and electricity.

“One of the things that we were intentional about is that we want students to learn from their living environments,” Richard DeShields, associate dean of student living, said.

“The building itself is going to have monitors that students can watch physically, to see how energy use is being used in their wing and how much water their wing is using so that they can start being better stewards of our earth,” DeShields said.

In addition to environmentally friendly technology, residents also have an enormous amount of space to study privately in groups, or to simply lounge with friends without disturbing others.

All in all, several students said Barto has become a desirable place to live and has exceeded the expectations they had about college living.

Freshmen residents Kirsten Selzler, Tori Massey, Brooke Reeves, and Alexa Williams all came to campus with the preconceived notion that college living would involve tiny rooms and old furniture. They were all surprised and grateful that Barto is anything but that.

Since some of the rooms in the hall come equipped with a personal bathroom, there is a greater chance of residents not getting to meet each other in the hallway, so there is an open door policy instated to allow more interaction with other residents.

This means residents keep their doors open so they can see and meet others walking by.

“We’ve only been here a short amount of time and we already feel like we are close friends,” Williams said. “We are like one big happy family.”

The biggest complaint that the residents had was getting used to having quiet hours, which proves to be a challenge for students all over campus.

For others, such as Kyle Mollenberg, the move to college was more of a concern when thinking about living with a roommate whom he’d never met before.

Fortunately, it all worked out for him. “I got to know him really fast,” Mollenberg said. “He’s pretty cool.”

With the ability to house up to 360 students, the opening of Barto has allowed for Central to close Carmody and Green Hall for updating.

DeShields said Carmody Hall and Green are not under renovation but preservation.

“We’re just doing normal stuff. For example, we upgrade bathrooms because in Carmody they just have shower curtains and no walls,” he said.

The re-opening of Carmody and Green will be based on the school’s need. For now, they will be used to house conferences.

In the meantime, Barto has quickly become a favorite hang out for both on- and off-campus students. For some, such as Selzler, Massey, Reeves, and Williams, Barto has become a home away from home.

THUMBS UP

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The Ellensburg community gathered Sept. 22 at the new Friendship Park to honor the memory of Washoe, the chimpanzee who lived at Central Washington University and was the first non-human to use sign language.

A life-size statue of Washoe signing the word “friend” now stands in the middle of Friendship Park after its unveiling.

“Public art can enrich us individually and as a community,” sculptor Georgia Gerber said. “I hope this sculpture can be embraced not only as public art, but as a beloved landmark and a meeting place and a reminder of the people and chimps that have come before.”

The memorial started with African music played by Acoustic Echoes, Kittitas Valley Children’s Choir and the Ellensburg Women’s Chorus.

According to Jean Putnam, initiator of the Founders Club, the music was fitting for the memorial because Washoe was born in West Africa in 1965.

Washoe was legally transferred to the United States and was the focus of a cross-fostering research project exploring the interaction of genetics and environment.

Washoe learned how to use spoons and bowls, wear clothes, paint, use the bathroom and perform sign language.

Washoe came to Central with her adoptive son, Loulis, in 1980, where they were joined by Moja, Tatu and Dar.

Washoe’s death in 2007 was reported in newspapers by every continent except Antarctica, showing the impact she made on people around the globe.

“Washoe was one of those things, a great teacher and an enlightened soul,” said Mary Lee Jensvold, director of the Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute at Central.

“That’s why we’re here today.”

Not only was Washoe a great teacher about the animal kingdom, she also helped establish a relationship between humans and non-humans, Jensvold said.

“When I met Washoe, she quickly taught me my place in nature, particularly in her household,” Jensvold said.

“Over time I quickly earned her friendship. I already miss her greetings.”

Washoe will always be remembered for her kindness, because it lasted until her death. She will be remembered by many for her friendship according to Jensvold.

“All of the people I know here today shared a connection with Washoe,” Jensvold said.

To new friends, Washoe would ask to see their shoes and make the sign with two fists hitting each other. To closer friends, she would sign “hug.”

“To be Washoe’s friend required humility and a good dose of servility. To be Washoe’s friend was a lesson on how to treat everyone,” Jensvold said.

The idea for the park and statue was created by the Washoe Tribute Group. The planning started soon after her death in 2007, and ended with a total of about $95,000.

“I say enjoy this park and pass on the story of Washoe,” Putnam said while signing “Thank you, Washoe, friend.”

YOU’VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME

The new Washoe statue signs “friend” in the middle of the new Friendship Park in downtown Ellensburg on Fifth Avenue.
There is a certain human mentality that has me really perplexed lately: Why do so many people constantly try to find their way through an already open door—whether, by mistake or for whatever reason, they cannot be bothered with opening another one on their own? This type of behavior can typically be witnessed while entering or exiting just about any building on campus. Most campus buildings have a couple of door entrances, yet all too often I encounter people trying to shove their way through a single doorway while making no effort to simply open the other door for themselves.

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New venue replaces Raw Space

Owners add lights, new menu items

BY CHANET STEVENSON
Scene Editor

Prosody, formerly known as Raw Space, kicked off its opening weekend by hosting the Back to School Bash, where students enjoyed a night of music and dancing.

Hosted by Jacoby Sampson, junior broadcast journalism, the Back to School Bash featured music provided by James Freelove who deejayed the event. Sampson explained how the idea of the Back to school Bash was to provide students a place to have fun in a safe and controlled environment.

Throughout the course of the night, students in attendance danced and caught up with friends, while multi-colored light effects splashed across the room. When they weren’t moving in the music and dancing, attendees were able to watch the festivities from the café side via television screens that streamed live footage of the deejay.

Julia Callahan, junior law and justice, explained how she had heard about the event at Fred Meyer Night when people were passing out flyers promoting the Back to School Bash. Callahan also described how she was having fun interacting with peers while attending the event.

“I’m just looking to have some fun,” said Terry Areta, freshman aviation. Areta explained how the Back to School Bash was the second event he had attended at Prosody and that he would definitely come to another one.

Kurt and Tracy Oberlohs, owners of Prosody, took over Raw Space just this September, and immediately went to work renovating the space. A new feature that has been added that Raw Space did not have are light effects that will be used during concerts and other events that take place at Prosody. The lights can also sync with the music playing and create effects in time with the rhythm.

Another new feature is the television screens that can be found along the walls throughout the café side of Prosody. These are used to stream live feed into the café of everything taking place in the main hall. Music videos can also be played on the televisions.

When searching for new name ideas online, Tracy came across the idea of naming it Prosody because it is a theatrical term meaning the marriage of music and words.

For the Oberlohs, the name Prosody was perfect because they plan to feature different musical genres throughout the week. For example, Kurt explained how they hope to host an open mic night that will be open to all ages to perform and any talent they choose. They also plan to feature different bands to play at Prosody that will appeal to customers of all ages and musical preferences.

Along with the music and lights, Prosody offers a new menu that is unlike any other in Ellensburg. Though they will also offer soups, salads and sandwiches, the Oberlohs chose to serve dinner crépes as main entrées. They also plan to feature a new drink every month as well as carry regional beers.

Kurt explained how he hopes to work with Central Washington University and the community in planning events at Prosody. Tracy, who formerly worked in the registration office at Central, has helped plan Central’s graduations over the years, and has much experience in planning the event.

For the Oberlohs, their overall hope is to give back to students and the community by working with them. They also hope to eventually bring in student interns that are interested in helping plan and prepare future events at Prosody.
Making the switch
Students adapt to changes brought on by new school year

BY JEANETTE GENSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Books, student charges, parking, SURC fees, clacks and professors are all important parts of the first week of fall quarter at Central, but the most important part remains the student body, and what each and every individual student makes out of their first week is as personal as their student ID.

Some can experience anxiety due to classes or living arrangements, others don’t worry about the workload and greet the new school year with a warm welcome.

As a senior, Kelly Hamilton is well versed in what to do during her first week back. Hamilton is studying nutrition and said she feels more comfortable this year as opposed to past years.

“I wasn’t totally sure if I could pay for college this quarter,” Smith said. “My student loans didn’t come through right away, so that was stressful.”

For some, the first day of school can include taking others to school as well. Amy Lynn McCoy, junior geography, drives her children to school in the morning shortly before she must arrive on campus, making traffic and pedestrians a hassle for McCoy.

“The good overcompensates the bad,” McCoy said, adding she was extremely impressed by everything the school did for transfer students in the first week.

For KC Andrews, exercise science, sophomore year was off to a good start with no real issues. Andrews said she is financially stable.

“I am 21 now, so I can drive without having to worry about legal consequences,” Smith said.

For other students, jobs and children offer much larger worries when trying to tackle the first week of school.

Chezla Cadwell, junior elementary education, is not only going to school, but is working three jobs in order to pay for tuition and remain financially stable.

“The first week was hectic, but I know the campus really well so that helps,” Cadwell said.

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These students have all had some experience in college, whether it is experience in time management with homework, or just the grading scale. But when it comes to the first week of college, especially for freshmen, there is almost no warning for what to expect.

“The first week really gave me a different perspective,” Smith said. “I appreciate my parents a lot more,” said Charlie Smith, freshman psychology.

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It is a little-known fact that coffee is the second most traded commodity on earth. Coffee can be blended, steamed, ground, brewed and iced in order to create the ideal pick-me-up. The ways in which it can be ordered are infinite, making it a popular choice among college students. The Starbucks chain has three locations in town. Here is a look at the locally owned shops:

The Pit Stop

Much like how study guides help students prepare for tests, having a guide to local coffee shops can be a useful tool in a quest to finding the perfect cup of Joe. The Pit Stop is a NASCAR themed local coffee shop where one can relax and refuel. Co-owner Jim Baxter described his shop as a relaxing place for students to work on homework and take advantage of the free WiFi. Customers can watch racing events on the big screen projector while enjoying a beverage made with Dillanos coffee, a roast which originated in Sumner, Wash. They also offer free delivery, with a two-drink minimum, within the town of Ellensburg. Favorites among customers are the Red Bull Italian sodas and smoothies.

The Valley Cafe

Offering eclectic cuisine, 1930’s decor and Starbucks brand coffee, this café was the first place to offer espresso in Ellensburg in 1979. Owner Greg Beach emphasized how the Valley Café is more than just a place to dine, but customers are welcome to sit at the coffee counter and simply enjoy a cup of coffee. The Valley Café has been serving Starbucks brand espresso dating back to when Starbucks was simply a coffee roaster and distributor. The Valley Café also has one of the longest lasting accounts with Starbucks in the state of Washington.

D&M Coffee Company

A locally owned and operated coffee shop that houses all the amenities fit for a busy college student. Free WiFi is available at all three locations, as well as freshly baked treats, soups and sandwiches. The house specialty is a coffee blend called Hi-Octane, a handcrafted recipe created by owner Mark Holloway. D&M also makes their own caramel sauce for their drinks.

“Two For Tuesdays” is a great offer for students on a tight budget. Every Tuesday from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. students may receive two drinks for the price of one when they show their student ID. A local favorite is a Claussen, an Americano with cream and homemade caramel sauce.

Winegars Homemade Ice Cream and Coffee

Students looking for a hometown vibe and a delicious cup of coffee should head toward one of Winegars’ locations. They not only serve espresso and smoothies, but a vast assortment of homemade ice cream. Winegars was founded in, and remains exclusive to Ellensburg.

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Students and community volunteers with The Center for Leadership and Community Engagement are gearing up for annual CWU in the Canyon on Oct. 6.

Formerly known as the Yakima River Cleanup, CWU in the Canyon is an annual project that is organized to help clean up and restore the Yakima River Canyon.

“It’s much more than just picking up trash,” said Sam Fukuyama, senior accounting and supply chain management, who explained that the CWU in the Canyon project focuses on more than simply cleaning up trash, but also helping to restore campsites by cleaning fire pits and painting picnic tables.

This year there are fifteen teams, each consisting of 6 to 8 volunteers that have been organized to help accomplish the project by being assigned to different areas throughout the canyon.

Volunteers helping out include both students and members of the community as well. “It’s a true campus and community collaboration,” said Lorinda Anderson, interim for the CLCE.

Braden DenHerder, sophomore public relations, also added that without the platform of community help, CWU in the Canyon would not be possible. Other annual projects similar to CWU in the Canyon are CWU on the farm, as well as CWU in the City.

While working in small teams, volunteers also participate in team building exercises, such as a scavenger hunt, to help break the ice so that everyone can become acquainted with one another. DenHerder explained that having volunteers participate in the scavenger hunt is important because it is one thing to simply separate people into teams and make them work together, but when volunteers are able to get to know each while participating in the activities, they are better able to come together and work as a team.

Another important reason for forming the teams is to help train student volunteers how to lead small groups and apply their leadership skills.

Volunteers begin the day with the “breakfast of champions,” which is also hosted by the CLCE. One person that has become a familiar face at the “breakfast of champions” is Helen Wise, co-founder of the Yakima River Cleanup.

Helen attends the event every year to help pass out breakfast to volunteers. After breakfast, volunteers are shuttled to their assigned areas via campus vans that are driven by other student leaders. Lunch is provided and at the end of the day, the groups return in time to attend the Central Washington University football game.

Hillary Pelley, senior anthropology, explained how she is excited to be volunteering for the CWU in the Canyon project for the first time ever this year.

Pelley emphasized how she is impressed with the group and feels that volunteering for the project is a good opportunity for students to get involved with the community.

Students who are interested in volunteering for one of the projects are able to by visiting the CLCE office.
Many fine films were released over the past few months, so let me give you a rundown of what I found to be the most worthwhile.

“Beasts of the Southern Wild”
When I’m not reviewing current releases, I am generally methodical in the films I choose to see on my own time. I chose to see “Beasts of the Southern Wild” because it seemed like a truly original piece of work. Not only did this turn out to be true, but “Beasts” was so imaginative, so sincere and so inspiring that it easily won the right to be the first film I have ever seen in theaters twice. This little indie film, which features a dynamic performance from young debut actorQuvenzhané Wallis, explores the lives of the residents of a small bayou community after the events of a strong hurricane. What unfolds is a reflection upon natural life on Earth and what it means to be a purposeful human being. “Beasts of the Southern Wild” is a marvelous motion picture and likely to be considered one of the best films of the year.

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Call me crazy for including a documentary in a summer movie list, but this is one film that you just can’t pass up. Ai Weiwei is a Chinese artist whose notable art and conscious brand of social activism has made him both famous and infamous worldwide. His incredible journey in life reminds us of the importance of artistic thought and the necessity of free speech, and it also encourages us to reflect upon the worth of our own cultural and societal values. Whether you approach director Alison Klayman’s “Never Sorry” from an intellectual, cinematic or artistic point of view, this is without doubt a truly important piece of work.

“Moonrise Kingdom”
Any fans of the quirky, fresh humor of director Wes Anderson should have no trouble appreciating “Moonrise Kingdom,” Anderson’s seventh and latest film. Set on a calm and picturesque island in New England, the story primarily focuses on the romantic exploits of a young boy and his escape from summer camp to meet up with the girl he is infatuated with. This seemingly adorable plot serves as the catalyst for the exploration of themes such as the innocence of youth and the romanticism of nostalgia. With beautiful set design, a well-written script and exquisite camera work, this is a film that is noteworthy in many different ways.

“The Avengers”
This comic book adaptation from director Joss Whedon features a fan, action-packed story with a great cast including Robert Downey Jr., Mark Ruffalo, Scarlett Johansson and Jeremy Renner. I am generally not one for comic book movies, but “The Avengers” is so entertaining and well-made I couldn’t help but love it when I saw it in theaters. With explosive special effects, funny dialogue and an expertly paced, easy-to-understand plot structure, “The Avengers” is the perfect summer blockbuster.
Pandemonium at the Pavilion

Volleyball upsets 13th-ranked Western Washington

BY EVAN THOMPSON
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Of the thousands-plus fans that filled the stands of Nicholson Pavilion to watch Saturday night’s match between the Wildcats and 13th ranked arch rival Western Washington University, only the faint were powerless in seeing it through to the very end.

Time seemed to freeze as redshirt freshman Katlin Quirk stepped into her approach and tossed the ball high into the air. If the next point went to the Wildcats, the match would be won in four sets and the upset complete. As Quirk’s hand slapped the ball, the two teams broke into formation in unison and anticipated the return.

The student section roared from behind the Vikings players to disrupt their defense as best they could, but it was up to the six Wildcats on the opposite side of the court to finish what they had started. The ball landed in the ready hands of a Viking defender who dug underneath it to pass to another teammate. A volley ensued shortly after.

In a pivotal moment, redshirt freshman Catie Fry brough in the ball and set to junior Erin Smith, who was already leaping up in the air to receive the pass. Smith hammered down the ball straight toward a pack of Vikings who were helpless in defending it.

The ball bounced off the Vikings’ hands and dropped down to the hardwood – the match was won, 25-18. The Wildcats on the court collapsed to the ground and hugged one another, with emotions that could only be interpreted as joy written all over their faces.

The celebrating Wildcats were met by teammates pouring from the bench, followed by a swarm of rejoicing fans. It was Ellensburg-sized pandemonium at its finest.

CWU’s latest upset over Western Washington in four sets marks the third time this season that the Wildcats have beaten a ranked opponent. CWU’s wins against State and UC San Diego (13th and 25th at the time, respectively) were the only ones to go to prove that they’ve done it before and they’ll do it again.

“It’s a huge win. We’re really early on in conference and to know that we can play at this level [is good],” said senior outside hitter Emmy Dolan, who led the Wildcats with 16 kills. “Western’s a great team, they’re ranked, we always have good competition. To see what we could actually do together, finally putting it all together was really awesome because that’s just only exciting for the next couple games.”

The Wildcats improved their record to 8-4 overall and 3-1 in GNAC play.

Seven of Dolan’s 16 kills came during the first set, which the Wildcats won 25-22, allowing them to begin the match on the terms.

Sophomore libero Kaely Kight prepares to serve.

Kaelly Kight had 18 digs. Smith, who had the match-winning kill, added eight kills and six assisted blocks. Redshirt freshman Rachel Hanses and Quirk matched statistics, contributing six kills and six blocks apiece.

Statistically speaking, the Wildcats were about as dominant as a team can be: Central’s effort led to an outstanding .318 hitting percentage, the most accurate hitting WWU has faced all year. On the opposite end of the spectrum, Central helped Western to their worst shooting performance this season, who connected on only .136 percent of their attempted kills. Central also managed to control the trenches, out gaining the Vikings 12-6 in blocks.

“We really didn’t let them go on any runs,” Dolan said. “They would get a couple points but then we’d just answer back, and that’s what I think won us the game. We played as a team, that was my favorite part.”

After Dolan and the Wildcats jumped to an early lead after the first set, it was during the second set when the Vikings would regain a short-lived hold on the match, winning by the same score of 25-22.

In the third set, Central’s offense settled back into a rhythm and won by a margin of six points. But it was during the fourth set when Western fought its hardest, matching Central point for point. With the score tied at 13, the Wildcats capitalized on several key offensive kills by Hjellum, who was able to consecutively knock two or three kills into the hardwood. The Wildcats were then able to maintain their lead until the final kill by Smith.

Madly contested scramble plays by, Kight, Hjellum, Hanses, and redshirt freshman Zoe Ida helped turn the tide in favor of the Wildcats several times when it appeared that the Vikings would get the point.

“I feel like those points are really important just because it rattles the team up,” Kight said, “It gets our energy way, way up and we get super excited; it just gets us that much more momentum.”

Strategic timeouts by Head Coach Mario Andaya led to a chain of Wildcat points.

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Wildcat blowout
Central coasts past Azusa Pacific

BY CONNOR VANDERWEYST
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On the other side of Snoqualmie Pass, over 100 miles west of Ellensburg, the Central Washington University football team had their “home opener” at Pop Keeney Stadium in Bothell. The game was relocated due to the poor air quality in the Kittitas Valley caused by the surrounding wildfires.

“Certainly, our thoughts and prayers go out to all the victims of the fire, but we still need to try a football game and move on and I thought our players and staff did a nice job of it,” Head Coach Blaine Bennett said.

Even though it wasn’t the type of home crowd the team was used to, the diehard fans’ presence was still appreciated.

“I wish [the game] could have been in Ellensburg, but it felt good to have our fans here who are wearing the red,” senior running back Demetrius Sumler said.

The eclectic mix of Wildcat fans included CWU alumni, current students, and members of the Bothell community. The crowd at Pop Keeney was treated to a show as Central ran through the Azusa Pacific defense.

Senior quarterback Ryan Robertson connected with Fogerson for a 34-yard touchdown, and freshman running back Jordan Todd added the final points with a five-yard run.

“The Wildcats hope to have their Ellensburg opener this weekend against new rival Humboldt State. The Lumberjacks are 3-0 overall and are ranked 10th in the nation.

Humboldt State is “the defending champion and the rest of us are trying to take a shot at them,” Bennett said. “It’s going to be quite a game.”

Central will need to have a more diverse game plan that includes pushing the football downhill if they hope to stun the Lumberjacks. The game is scheduled for a 6 p.m. kickoff on Sept. 29 at Pop Keeney Stadium in Bothell.

“We want to go in and we want to try and be 4-0,” Johnson said. “That’s the game plan.”

For up to date information on how the surrounding wildfires are affecting Central’s athletic schedule visit www.wildcatsports.com
McKole leads ‘Cats to tie with Falcons

BY SCOTT HERMAN
Staff Reporter

Defense proved to be clutch over 20 minutes of extra time, as the Central Washington University women’s soccer team tied in-state rival Seattle Pacific University. The game ended 1-1 on Saturday night at Interbay Stadium in Seattle. The draw puts CWU’s record at 3-3-2 overall and even with SPU at 2-1-1 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

Central’s season thus far has been marred by injuries. Two players have had ACL injuries and a third has been out with a broken collarbone. Head Coach Michael Farrand noted the team benefited from having a full squad for the first time this season.

“Saturday was the first time we’ve had a pretty complete line up in terms of the midfield and the back line,” Coach Farrand said.

SPU flew out of the gates, using an aggressive style in the first half. The Falcons took the lead in the 31st minute on an incredible diving header by senior forward Megan Lindsey. Despite the score, Central maintained their composure and gave the Falcons a tough fight in the second half.

“We started off a little slow, but then we picked it up and kept the intensity high the whole time and especially the last two overtimes,” said sophomore midfielder Savannah Moorehouse.

CWU’s persistence paid off as they broke even with the Falcons in the 63rd minute. Senior forward Carson McKole received a pass from freshman forward Lauren Duty, squared up to the goal and chipped in a 28-yarder over SPU’s goalie, Natalie Harold. It was McKole’s fourth goal of the season. The crucial shot tied up the score and forced the match to go into extra time.

Overtime tested the persistence of the CWU defense. SPU held an 8-1 advantage in shots taken during the 20 minutes of extra time.

The Falcons’ attack led to five corner kicks and several other opportunities to seize control of the game. Sophomore goalie Kayla Lipston responded to the stress by making two saves on eight total shot attempts by SPU’s attack. Lipston had nine saves during the course of the entire game. The teams finished deadlocked at 1-1.

“Both teams had some great chances, we dodged a few bullets,” Farrand said. “We managed a goal and came away with a point where a lot of teams won’t get a point off this team, but we got one.”

Poor air quality from the fires in Kittitas Valley forced Central to make several schedule changes over the past week. CWU had a home game against Simon Fraser re-scheduled for Burnaby, British Columbia last Thursday. Senior defender Allie Washburn said the constant change of plans had no affect on the team’s competitive spirit.

“We haven’t been able to work on as many things as we need, but clearly we came out and played hard, so I don’t think it affected us that much,” Washburn said. “We handled the adversity.”

On Monday Sept. 24 it was announced that senior forward Carson McKole was awarded the Red Lion GNAC Offensive Player of the Week. In the two matches this week McKole scored two goals and assisted on another. McKole has four goals and two assists this season.

Central looks forward to their next game at St. Martin’s University on Thursday Sept. 27 followed by another road trip to Western Oregon University on Saturday Sept. 29.
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Trinkle died June 30 at Dragontail Peak in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness near Leavenworth. The 19-year-old finished his first year at Central Washington University in June.

He was born Aug. 19, 1992, in Fort Benning, Ga., into an Army family. He lived all over the globe, from Germany to Hawaii, skied in the Alps, hiked the coast of Italy and walked the beaches of Normandy, his family said.

“He experienced a tremendous amount for a 19-year-old,” his mother Laura Trinkle said. “He was a sweet, sweet kid who loved everybody. He could make anybody laugh.”

He graduated from Steilacoom High School in 2010, where he played football, golf and wrestled. Wrestling wasn’t Matt’s forte, but he never let that affect his attitude.

“Even when he couldn’t win, he would give his heart and soul to the sport,” said his coach, Chris Rybacki. “He had a lot of heart and determination.”

After his first year at K-State, he knew where he wanted to be: Washington. He was an avid outdoorsman and missed the mountains out West. He visited CWU as a senior in high school and knew it was the school for him. He transferred to Central for the 2011-12 year.

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The replacements
Week four fantasy football pickups

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Running Back
Tashard Choice (BUF): At this point the Bills are getting ready to post Craigslist ads for running backs. Their starter, Fred Jackson, is expected miss another couple weeks and now their backup, C.J. Spiller, is set to miss about two weeks. Enter Tashard Choice. Choice is not your average third-string running back, having seen playing time with the Dallas Cowboys and the Washington Redskins.

Running back does not take much adjustment. The routes out of the backfield are usually simple swing passes and the back just needs to pick a hole to run through on rushing plays. Choice should be able to step in and give quality production in the absence of Jackson and Spiller.

Wide Receiver
Golden Tate (SEA): No-handed touchdowns aside, Tate projects to be a solid weapon in Seattle's evolving passing attack. As the season progresses Pete Carroll will have to give rookie quarterback Russell Wilson more freedom with the offense. Everyone saw on Monday night what Tate is capable of... with a little help. He only had three "catches" Monday, but was targeted seven times by Wilson. Tate will be Seattle's best receiving option going forward.

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