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Both sides favor legalization, divided on method

BY JAYNA SMITH Assistant News Editor

Round three of “the great Initiative 502 debate” took place in the SURC Tuesday night with six men, each qualified to argue their side of the issue. They disagreed on most of the proposed law but they all agreed on one thing: Current regulations regarding marijuana are not serving their purpose.

“We all have an agreement on reform of marijuana laws,” said moderator Nelson Ricardus, sociology professor. I-502 proposes regulating, licensing and taxing marijuana. If passed it would remove state, criminal and civil laws barring the production, distribution and possession for anyone over 21.

Those in support of I-502 were Mark Cook, Roger Roffman and Alex Newhouse. On the opposing side were Douglas Hiatt, Arthur West and Steve Sarich.

The sides differed because of how the initiative is crafted. The teams did not agree on the most basic tenet of the initiative. Those in favor of the initiative contend it would make marijuana legal, distribution and use of marijuana legal. But those against it say it won’t.

“Contrary to what Mr. Cook says, 502 is not legalization,” Hiatt said.

He is in favor of legalizing all drugs, arguing that there aren’t many people more adamant about it than him. He simply doesn’t agree with the terms of I-502.

“Legalization is on the ballot? I wish to hell it was, but it’s not,” Sarich said. “If you want to legalize something you must remove all the laws that made it illegal in the first place. This obviously doesn’t do that.”

Alex Newhouse said his decision to support the legalization of marijuana developed over time. He rests some of his decision to support I-502 on having children. He said he is concerned with marijuana being easily accessible to youth. He believes that I-502 provides protections and security regarding underage drug use.

“Nothing changes your perspective on this initiative more than having your own children,” Newhouse said.

A marijuana activist since the late 1970s, Roger Roffman also contended that the initiative will protect public safety, and will funnel the illegal funds now spent on marijuana back into the community by way of taxes.

He listed four main prongs that the initiative would focus on if passed: education, prevention, treatment and monitoring the new law for effectiveness. He believes that passing I-502 would set the framework for higher levels of government to follow suit.

“It won’t be very long before the federal government will follow the lead of Washington state,” Roffman said.

The most intense disagreement started once the issue of how DUIs would be determined arose. Minors would have a “zero tolerance” level. That means that minors must test at 0.00 percent for marijuana or they can be given a DUI. The current legal limit for alcohol and minors is 0.2 percent.

“You’re going to be able to have an ounce, just better not have it in your system,” Sarich said.

Those against I-502 believe the initiative is lining up for a case they won’t be able to defend.

“If you think these provisions are going to fall harder on kids of color, then you’re right,” Hiatt said.

The Washington State Patrol requested $2 million more to the budget, Sarich said, to train officers on how to handle drug-impaired drivers.

“I don’t think that this initiative is for the people,” Arthur West said.

He said that the issue with setting a legal limit on marijuana blood levels is that, unlike alcohol, drugs affect each person differently.

Some people have a high tolerance for weed and are capable of driving a car under the influence, West said, while others are easily impaired.

The legal limit for drivers over the age of 21 would be equal to or less than five milligrams per milliliter of active blood THC.

“The only way out of this mess is science -- and vigorous science,” Hiatt said.

Both sides ended with their beliefs asserted, but there were some in attendance left with questions. “Please just read the initiative for yourself,” Mark Cook said.

Grocery Outlet opens blocks from campus

BY JAYNA SMITH Assistant News Editor

Grocery Outlet has moved into town, replacing an Albertsons which went out of business about a year ago.

The owners, Mark and April Mikota, are hoping to have more success in Ellensburg than Albertsons did.

Mark Mikota has been in the grocery business for about 15 years. He previously owned another Grocery Outlet in Hartford, Calif. Once the possibility of an opening in Washington state came up, he was glad to make the switch.

“When they started looking into Ellensburg we jumped at the idea,” Mikota said.

There are specific criteria a city must meet for the company to allow clearance for entry, but Mikota was unsure of all of the details.

Population density did play a key role in the decision to open in Ellensburg, Mikota said.

The store opened on June 28 just after Central’s spring quarter ended. This gave the owners a chance to see how the business would do during summer break.

“I’m glad we did that,” Mikota said.

“We didn’t have to dread it all year and then wait to see how it turned out.”

With grand opening signs still in front of the store, Grocery Outlet is waiting for more people to realize it’s now there.

“I’m happy so far,” Aaron Johnson, senior electrical engineering major, said.

“My roommates love it; my friends who’ve been here love it.”

Mark Mikota said the Grocery Outlet isn’t looking to become direct competition for stores such as Safeway; the shopping experience is seen more as a supplement to other stores.

“They don’t always have everything you’re looking for, so it’s definitely a good first stop,” Johnson said.

Mark Mikota said he knows they won’t always have everything.

“Our main thing that we preach is just come here first,” Mikota said. “I think that we both just fit into our own niche.”

After shopping at Grocery Outlet about six or seven times, Caleb Loughran, biology grad student, found that the location is convenient and the products are less expensive than other stores.

“They usually have good prices,” Loughran said.

The owners want people to know they also have drug store items and some housewares. The chain has moved away from where the company was when it got started in the 1930s, when items such as denim cans were the norm and they were located mostly on military bases.

Over the last 10 years the company has progressed into a new market, Mikota said. Shoppers may not be able to find everything they need, but the Grocery Outlet boasts of its lower prices and wide array of items.

“A lot of people refer to it as a treasure hunt,” Mikota said. “They never know what they are going to find.”

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UP IN SMOKE Arthur West (left) and Steve Sarich, both opposed to the passage of I-520, argue their case in Tuesday night’s debate in the SURC Ballroom.

I-502 Opponent
Four centers turn into two in SURC

BY ZACH SMITH
Staff Reporter

In previous years the second floor of the SURC was occupied by four program centers.

Students and staff at each of these centers worked feverishly to bring people together to make the world a better place.

The four centers have now merged into two as a result of a proposal approved last February by the Services and Activities (S&A) Committee.

While the name above their office door may change, the work they do has not.

The Civic Engagement Center and the Center for Excellence in Leadership have combined to create the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement. While the Diversity Education Center and the Center for Student Empowerment have joined forces to create the Center for Diversity and Social Justice.

“It’s been a seamless merger,” said Lorinda Anderson, interim director at Leadership and Community Engagement.

“They both complement each other in a very important way.”

Sarah Swager, dean of student success, said she does not see the merger producing any negative results for the two centers.

“They’re very compatible programs and it makes sense for them to work together,” Swager said.

“In my view, the benefit is going to be a lot of entities working together.”

Anderson echoed this statement, saying the merger will increase the efficiency of the centers’ work and expose students to new opportunities.

An example she gave was the Experience Leadership Project, a leadership retreat to the Cascade Mountains. By combining the Center for Excellence in Leadership with the Civic Engagement Center, Anderson said students who would attend ELP will be more likely to become involved with civic engagement.

“There’s so many benefits from the merger,” Anderson said. “I look forward to a bright future with the center.”

Merging the centers will save thousands of dollars.

While presenting the merger last February to the S&A committee, former Dean of Academic Success Ethan Bergman said the proposal would save approximately $40,000 each year from the S&A fund for the remainder of the current funding cycle, which ends in 2013.

In the presentation, Bergman said “deducting” three jobs and then “refunding” three jobs saved the money.

The position of director at the three centers was eliminated, but the same position was subsequently created at the new centers.

The third job created from the proposal was the position of “Student Conduct Case Manager.”

The new case manager’s salary will be less than the salary of the position that was cut, Bergman said, which is how this new format saves money.
Latino welcome back a success

BY ANDREW EVANS
Staff Reporter

Bilingual chiller filled the Mary Grupe Center during the Welcome Back Latino Reception on Thursday evening.

Miriam Bocchetti, director of CWU’s College Assistance Migrant Program, delivered the opening remarks.

CAMP is a federally funded program designed to help students who come from families of migrant status or who rely on CAMP provided her with the opportunity to meet students from other universities at conferences and events, and provided financial and academic aid.

Students of Hispanic origin make up 40 percent of Central’s incoming freshmen. This is a significant jump from 9 percent last year and 7 percent in 2010. The Welcome Back event was conceived to help students network with various groups around Ellensburg that aim to increase and sustain their retention through graduation.

“We have a lot of things in common,” Rodriguez said.

According to Jessie Nelson, associate dean of student achievement, 70-80 percent of Latinos graduate, compared to Central’s 75 percent of students graduating overall.

These numbers are in line with President Guadino’s statement that, “We are striving, at this university, to be the most inclusive place on the face of the earth.”

After the opening speakers concluded, music and the aroma of Mexican cuisine filled the hall, and the party started.

Once everyone had been served, the music and conversation paused and Manuel Rodriguez took the floor. The CAMP recruiter told the story of his upbringing, which was similar to that of many others in the audience.

“We have a lot of things in common,” Rodriguez said.

He described his return to the United States at 9 years old, when he knew only one English word, “cold.

Thomas Garza, co-president of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlán was among the last of the guest speakers.

MECHA was founded at the University of California, Santa Barbara, as a civil rights group in the midst of the Chicano/a movement of 1969. The organization played an important role in the establishment of the first Chicano/a studies program and continues to support others like it. Such efforts are especially significant in light of Arizona’s ban on ethnic studies in the K-12 education system.

Garza and MECHA extend a warm welcome to Latina/o students and anyone else who wants to learn more about their culture. They meet Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the Cesar Chavez room of the SURC.
I’d hit that.

I’ll cut to the chase: Last July I was rear-ended outside the Science Building into the driver who had been behind me for a couple turns, and I could sense she was impatient. I made sure to slow down gradually while approaching the upcoming stop sign. Still, she ended up smashing my bump- per at full mph once I came to a stop. I turned my head to look back at the girl, then put on my turn signal for the nearest al- ley. I stopped for 30 seconds to make sure I was going to pull in. I slowly started to turn. She didn’t, and instead continued driving. I quickly pulled a 180 out of the alley to follow her. She sped up to 40 mph in the 20 mph zone beside Shaw-Smoyer to try to get away. She barred through the four-way stop (green), then got scared after realizing I was still in her lane. She pulled over near Safeway and timidly got out of her car, saying she “was going to turn.”

After stepping out of the car and looking at my bumper, I concluded there was no damage except for a minor scratch. This person still managed to be rude, blandly asking “So, are we good? Can I go?”

No apology, either for hitting me or for choosing to just drive off afterward. I recorded her information then let her go.”

I purchased my groceries then went home to contemplate what to do with her information. Needless to say, I was still feeling furious, but didn’t want to act rashly. She looked to be 20 years old and was probably driving her mother’s car.

I debated the option of filing a police report and raising her (mom’s) insur- ance rates, despite the fact I wouldn’t get a dime.

I thought back to a time when I was in junior college; I didn’t get enough sleep one night and ended up rear-ending an old man the next day (who turned out to be a cop). Thank goodness I managed to drive his truck. I spent the next three months praying he wouldn’t file and raise my insurance rates, as I was relying on a full-time job at Pizza Hut to pay my bills.

People make mistakes, especially young people. The difference is, I pulled over immediately and apologized profusely.

Pop Keeny Stadium. wasn’t it too stoned to come up with actual pants. It’s obvious that there is a lack of education about the topic due to its illegality.

The number of marijuana-related deaths each year is far less than deaths in- volving alcohol or cigerettes. And by far the number of people who’ve got caught carrying marijuana. I also think it’s a problem that there is a lack of education about the topic due to its illegality.

By the way, guys, you can probably thank marijuana for yoga pants. It’s obvi- ously whoever invented pants that are basi- cally skin, but a different color, was just too smart to come up with actual pants.

To the ladies who rock the yogas: You think we should legalize marijuana because of the venues the Wildcats see throughout the season? I don’t think so, especially since Pop Keeny Stadium is about as beauti- ful as venues come in the Northwest. Pop Keeny Stadium was the idea? I don’t think so. It’s a problem that there is a lack of education about the topic due to its illegality.

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Street musicians, puppets, food and wine tastings brought waves of Ellensburg residents downtown for the second annual Buskers in the Burg.

A busker, derived from a British term, is a street performer who performs for donations.

More than 25 different acts performed on the streets downtown, ranging from brass instruments to a simple harmonica.

Hosted by the Ellensburg Downtown Association, the festival offered more than just street musicians. More than 450 children showed up for activities such as face and pumpkin painting, a straw maze, and, most notably, the parade of giant puppets.

The parade featured Central Washington University graduate Brian Kooser's puppets. Kooser, who studied puppetry and design at Central, is now based out of Seattle. According to his website, it takes Kooser several weeks alongside several volunteers to create a puppet.

He also hosted a workshop at the festival, letting attendees get a hands-on sneak peek into his process.

Children and adults alike couldn't help but smile as the puppets they helped work on paraded through the Kittitas County Farmer's Market.

The puppets may have kicked off the whole shindig, but the real stars were the diverse buskers lining the streets. Attendees could listen while enjoying food and wine samples from various wineries and wine shops. Listeners would then vote for their favorite busker.

Carolyn Honeycutt, Director of the Ellensburg Downtown Association, said they only received around 350 votes, however “It’s a new technology, and we hope to have more people use it next year,” said Honeycutt.

Honeycutt also explained that very few Central students attended the event. “We put posters up around the school, but not very many showed,” Honeycutt said. “Maybe it didn’t really appeal to the students, but we thought having Star Anna perform would draw some in.”

Star Anna and the Laughing Dogs hail from Ellensburg, and have become local celebrities. Their performance followed the first, second and third place buskers as voted by the attendees; Revolutionary Moments, The Green Eyed Girls, and Mark Paschen, respectively. Star Anna also performed at the Taylor Bridge Fire Benefit Show in Roslyn on Sep. 26.

Aside from the puppets and buskers, other performances included a magic show by Seattle’s Louie Foxx, and a pre-screening of a film from the Ellensburg Film Festival, which takes place this coming weekend.

Children’s activities consisted of pinwheels, making their own bandanas, sidewalk drawing with chalk, pony rides, a busker scavenger hunt and a huge bouncey house and giant slide on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Pearl Street.

The Kittitas County Farmers Market runs every Friday and Saturday through the end of the month, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fourth Avenue downtown.

The event brought in anywhere from 600 to 800 people. Honeycutt said the Downtown Association will definitely put on the event again next year, the last Saturday in September.
The local bookstore known as Bailey’s Bibliomania has moved from its location on Main Street to a new location on Pine Street. When asked why the store made the move to a location so close to the original one of the owners, John Varner, gave quite a few answers.

The first was the simplest: The lease on the old building was up. At the end of the five-year lease, Varner said they considered converting to an online store because the recession had caused them to lose about 75 percent of their business. Instead, they moved to a new location and persevered with their store.

“The advantage of a physical store is so much more than money,” Varner said, “it keeps us going.”

The ending of the lease wasn’t the only reason they moved. When the lease was up, Varner decided there were things about the previous location that neither owner liked anymore. Unfortunately, the old location on Main Street did not have any parking, and with the recession, fewer people were coming into the heart of town wanting to walk around and look into all the little shops.

“There is a different crowd here, it was about 70 percent travelers (at the old location),” Varner said.

He likes that the new location brings in more neighborhood people and students since it’s closer to the end of town where they live.

“We have more usable space here,” Varner said. The new location has all one floor, and has no big staircases taking up space. Because of this, it’s also more wheelchair and stroller-friendly, which is a definite plus in any business.”

“The advantage [of a physical store] is so much more than just a book store to people. They have always offered free soda and tea to patrons, and there are always chairs and tables to sit at and read or study for an upcoming test. With the new location, they are hoping that once they get the business stable again they’ll be able to be a part of next year’s Jazz in the Valley festival and want to start having music nights featuring live music.”

“It’s a much better location... it’s a much easier set up for everyone,” said Mary Varner, co-owner of the store.

The owners both want the store to become more than just a book store to people.

“You can visit the store at the new location on North Pine, across the street from The Dollar Store, view their website at baileysbibliomania.com, or look them up on Facebook (Facebook.com/baileysbibliomania). Bailey’s accept book trade-ins for store credit and have over 100,000 books in the store, making it the largest bookstore in Ellensburg.
Looper: Sci-fi thriller or flop?

BY JEFFREY ALAN COTÉ
Contributing Writer

There are reasons why Hollywood doesn’t make many sci-fi pictures: they’re divisive, often filled with complex mythologies, and riddling vocabulary. More importantly, the major studios, they rarely break the bank at the box office.

One can find a recent example of this in director Ridley Scott’s “Prometheus.” Though it found general acclaim from both critics and audiences, the film struggled to match its cost in the domestic box office.

These general rules also apply to horror, adventure, action and western films, all of which are considered “genre” pictures. Yet, this makes the feeling all the sweeter when a compelling genre picture hits the big screen. With near-universal acclaim coming from the critics, yet a second-place opening weekend behind an animated Adam Sandler film, “Looper” certainly seems to be playing the part of a misunderstood sci-fi classic.

This futuristic flick stars Joseph Gordon-Levitt as Joe, a unique kind of time-traveling assassin working contract to contract in poverty-afflicted Kansas City. Life is as dreary and dreadful as one could expect, until he is given a mission to kill someone who’s a bit too close for comfort.

What ensues is a gritty, frenetic film fueled by equal doses of action-inspired violence and problematic faux-philosophical messages.

Writer-director Rian Johnson has undeniably made a unique film. Putting in the time and effort for a science fiction film these days, let alone one with R-rated violence and a time-traveling element, is quite a noble feat. Johnson does a worthy job. If nothing else, he has provided one of the most original concepts to be funded by a major studio in some time. This alone is worth commendation.

Despite these commendable features, the film still suffers from a plodding story and a convenient ending. Though compelling endings have certainly made all the difference to memorable films in the past, Johnson relies upon one to hide the fact that the rest of his feature provides little except a comfortably traditional storyline. Adding compelling visuals and an interesting premise just doesn’t cut it.

Although Johnson and his team certainly get points for their novel brand of creativity, as well as their courage in taking on what must have been a very challenging film to market, their attempts at ingenuity end up feeling a tad more traditional than one would hope.

Grade: B—
Dean Hall exhibit informs students

BY JOE CONCUCCIO Staff Reporter

The recently renovated Dean Hall was packed with students, faculty members and local artists as the Particles on the Wall exhibit opened last Wednesday.

The evening’s events included speeches from Rex Buck, the spiritual leader of the Wanapum tribe, members of Central Washington University’s Native American Student Association, and other contributing artists and curators.

“Particles on the Wall (POTW),” is an exhibit which discusses the elements of the nuclear age. The exhibit uses a combination of art, history and science to address how radiation contamination and nuclear technology have an impact on Washington state.

The exhibit’s first showing was in 2010 at the Allegro Espresso Bar in Seattle’s University District. Much has changed since the inaugural showing, as its stop in Ellensburg marked the seventh viewing. POTW has been all over Washington, with showings from Spokane to the University of Washington, but never before had the exhibit been in such a venue.

The Museum of Culture and Environment [located in the Lobby of Dean Hall], is plastered with poems and other artwork depicting the effects of the Hanford site.

“It’s great to see [the exhibit] in this setting,” said Dianne Dickeman, visual art curator and co-founder of POTW. “The museum staff did a great job.”

Putting on a show like this did not happen overnight. Bringing the exhibit to CWU has been in the works since last spring, with the Museum of Culture and Environment being locked down as a location during the summer. POTW was created by a team of co-founders, faculty, and student interns. Local artists from the area contributed to the exhibit.

“Many of the artists have a strong Eastern Washington, Hanford connection,” said Nancy Dickeman, literary art curator and co-founder of POTW. “It creates a sense of residency.”

Among the contributing artists was CWU alum Lyndal Rockwood. Rockwood’s piece, “Vitrification Kit: A Little Alchemy, Humor and Truth,” was made with lead, stainless steel, glass, hydrostone and wood. The piece is a member of the five part “Atomic West Series,” which took five years to complete.

“I have a connection with the region,” Rockwood said. “My mother was born in Kachess and my uncle actually worked at Hanford.”

The art had an impact on everyone who attended.

“The box [Rockwood’s piece], and the necklace made out of vitrified glass were definitely my two favorites,” said Justin Ellis, a CWU grad student. “It is cool to see how they are able to turn something so toxic [into something] beautiful.”

Some professors wisely advised their classes to attend the exhibit, and many of the students left Dean Hall with a greater understanding of the nuclear age.

“I really liked the exhibit, it was very well done,” Ellis said. “I liked how they formed the art along with the historical aspect, so it gave you a background for why this is so important.”

IHOPs into town

BY BEN NEWBY Staff Reporter

Whether students are up late studying or heading home after a night out, Ellensburg’s new International House of Pancakes offers the community a new family-friendly eatery.

IHOP, which opened just over a week ago, is located at the West Interstate 90 interchange. According to owner Jay Jordan, IHOP is more than just a late-night destination for the community.

“We want to be Central Washington University’s place for breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night,” Jordan said.

Jordan, a native of Eastern Washington, owns four other IHOPs in the Eastern Washington and Idaho area.

“We will exceed your needs,” Jordan said, in regards to his staff and food quality.

Whitney Higgins, senior communications studies major, recently visited the new IHOP and experienced firsthand what Jordan is trying to convey in his restaurant.

“The staff was great and very friendly,” Higgins said. “The pancakes were obviously amazing.”

Jordan said that Central Washington University students are IHOP’s “most critical asset.”

CWU students receive a 20 percent discount with their student IDs. IHOP also offers free WiFi.

Since its recent opening, IHOP has only been open until 1 a.m. However, tonight, Oct. 4, the restaurant will transition to 24-hour dining.

The community seems to be responding well to the new IHOP. “Weekend business is really good,” Jordan said, “Once our highway sign goes up, business should improve.”

Sadly, the recent fires are putting a slight dent in not only Jordan’s business, but also the Ellensburg community as a whole. People have been less inclined to stop, and sporting events such as CWU football have been moved to different locations, which hurts weekend business.

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Ellensburg Film Festival this Friday

BY JOE SULLIVAN  Staff Reporter

The annual Film Festival returns to Ellensburg for the eighth year in a row the weekend of Oct. 5-8. The festival will occur at four different venues around the city, including the SURC. The other three locations are the newly opened Prosody on Fourth and Pine, the Hal Holmes Community Center on Ruby Street, and the Grand Meridian Cinema near the freeway on East Moutainview Avenue.

Each year the Laughing Horse Arts Foundation board members put on the festival. Laughing Horse also hosts Jazz in the Valley and Spirit of the West.

“The board is really enthusiastic about film and bringing film to communities,” said Jennifer Ellis, board member.

It is Ellis’s third year being involved with the festival. Board members volunteer their time to bring independent films to Ellensburg.

The festival also relies heavily on the help of volunteers to take tickets, and to help with fund raising, staging and other various tasks. Any costs for the festival are covered by prior fund raising events and ticket sales.

The Ellensburg Film Festival will be showing 31 different films this year, including nine features, eight documentaries and 14 shorts. The films hail from all over the world, from countries such as the Czech Republic, France, Norway, Uganda, South Africa and India. There is also a wide variety of American and Canadian films.

Two of the films being shown were shot in the Pacific Northwest. The first, “Fat Kid Rules the World,” was filmed in the Capitol Hill neighborhood in Seattle, and is based on the popular book by K.L. Going. The film tells the story of a suicidal, overweight teen and his guitar legend father. Throughout the process of starting a band together, they learn about self-acceptance and confidence.

“Fat Kid Rules the World” will be screened Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at Prosody.

The second, “Your Sister’s Sister,” also takes place in Washington. Starring Emily Blunt, “Your Sister’s Sister” is a story about sibling rivalry and romance. The film received the film festival’s “Best of the Northwest” award, and was screened at several other large film festivals such as Sundance, Toronto, and the Seattle Film Festival.

The film will be shown at 2 p.m. Sunday in the SURC alongside the short “Coffee and Pie.”

Other popular screenings include Martin Scorsese’s “Hugo”, which is playing for free at the Hal Holmes venue at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and “Stagecoach,” which is a film from the 1930s starring John Wayne. It is also playing for free at Spurs Bar and Grill at 10 p.m. on Saturday.

The classic movie “Babe” will also be shown at Hal Holmes for free at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Another high-profile film screening during the festival is a documentary chronicling the lives of five survivors of the Sept. 11 attacks 11 years ago. The documentary, titled “Rebirth,” has been in production for the last ten years by director James Whitaker. The survivors profiled include an employee from the south tower, a firefighter, a high school student, a construction worker and a young woman. “Rebirth” will be screening at 2 p.m. Sunday at Prosody.

Kicking off the festival on Friday in the SURC will be a free screening of the shorts from the “Show Us Your Short” competition. Students have only a few days to create a short film from the ground up.

“It’s fun to see student work and the quality is really great,” Ellis said.

The shorts can be seen from 6 to 7 p.m. Ellis also added that students intern with the board and the festival each year. Students who are interested should contact her at jenniferellis7@gmail.com.

“We’d be happy to have them involved. We love Central students!”

With that love comes some perks as well. Central students receive half off the normal ticket price of $6 per film, reducing it to only $3. Most of the films are being shown in the SURC as well.

Tickets can be pre-purchased at Galley One, located on 408 N. Pearl Street downtown. Tickets may also be purchased at the venues.

A full schedule of events can be found on the festival’s official website, www.ellensburgfilmfestival.com, with the addresses of venues and the full list of films being shown.

BY DEREK SNUCK  Staff Reporter

Sometimes all that is needed is a stool, a microphone and a guitar to captivate a crowd. This was the case for Indy Folk Guitarist Tyson Motsenbocker, who played a free show to a small crowd in the SURC Pit last Wednesday.

Before Motsenbocker took the stage, opening act Michael Ryan warmed up the crowd with five cover songs. Everything from Bob Dylan to modern alternative artists like Nada Surf and Bon Iver were featured in the act.

“They are all songs I enjoy playing,” Michaels said on his variety of song choices. “The songs I enjoy are the easiest to learn.”

Motsenbocker, a Washington native currently based in San Diego, Calif., flew 1,200 miles to play at Central Washington University.

“Playing a lobby like this gives me a chance to draw people in, win people over, it’s like a challenge,” Motsenbocker said.

Perhaps embodying the California lifestyle, Motsenbocker approached the stage in a loose-fitting shirt, shorts and no socks. “I’m going to sing some short songs,” Motsenbocker said, as he proceeded to play six songs with just an acoustic guitar to the small crowd. The size of the SURC pit provided an intimate atmosphere for the lone instrument.

Motsenbocker has played at CWU in the past, including a fall tour in 2011, but this was “the most people who had ever come to watch,” he said.

With a mix of humor and humor, Motsenbocker introduced each song with a short anecdote about what inspired it. Notable examples include the story of Motsenbocker’s friend, who head-butted a police car windshield in Amsterdam, or the time Motsenbocker played a show at a barn in the Midwest and went to see a donkey perform stunts.

Occasionally, Motsenbocker’s chipper demeanor did not match up with the content of his songs.

“This song is about a whole family that died in a brutal war,” Motsenbocker said right before his fourth song, quickly changing the mood in the room.

“I like a lot of like, John Mayer stuff, so I liked this,” said Connor Jonson, sophomore Music Education major.

Jonson wasn’t alone in his positive attitude - many students opted to put away cell phones and textbooks, and instead bob their heads to Motsenbocker’s mellow jams. The crowd also offered a brief applause after every song, and occasionally added in a few whistles.

“You guys don’t seem too bored,” Mot- senbocker told the crowd near the end of his set.

After the show, Motsenbocker took the time to talk to students who attended the show, both to thank them and to tell them how to properly spell his name.

With both Michaels and Motsenbocker playing, the event lasted about an hour and a half, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Motsenbocker has a six song EP available on iTunes and is working on a full-length album.

Motsenbocker serenades the SURC
Volleyball tied for GNAC lead
Wildcats now ranked 25th nationally

BY JAYD KLINE
Staff Reporter

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Coming off Central Washington University’s upset victory over previously ranked Western Washington, the volleyball team managed to stay in the win column of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference standings. The team took two road victories over Seattle Pacific University and Montana State University-Billings.

The two wins increase the Wildcats’ record to 10-4 overall, 5-1 in GNAC play. Currently, the team is riding a five-game winning streak.

At SPU (4-8 overall and 1-2 GNAC), the Falcons got off to a strong start by winning two sets to Central’s one. But the Wildcats mounted a comeback and won the next three sets, led by senior outside hitter Marcy Hjelum.

Hjelum stole the show, recording career highs with 22 kills on 69 attempts, and adding 17 digs. Four of her kills came in the final set, including the match winner. Her previous career high came in the season opener against Western New Mexico University.

“Marcy’s our captain and she just refuses to let this team go,” Head Coach Mario Andaya said. “She’s a leader in all elements of the game, passing and defense, and she was huge offensively for us.”

The opening set featured 14 ties and nine lead changes, but Central went on to win 25-23 after Hjelum finished off the set with one of her 22 kills. The Wildcats then dropped the next two sets, each by a score of 20-25.

“SPU was playing really well. They kept us up and we kept a lot of pressure on us,” Andaya said. “We just needed to settle down and weather the storm.”

The Wildcats won the fourth set, after taking a 7-5, lead and never trailed the rest of the way. Junior middle blocker Erin Smith, who joined Hjelum as the only two players to record double figures in kills, finished the set with her kill at set point.

Central started off strong to take a 6-2 lead in the fifth set, only to see SPU rally and tie the game at 11. The Wildcats didn’t trail for the rest of the set, winning 15-13.

“Defensively we changed our scheme a little bit and kind of got us back in the match,” Andaya said. On Saturday night the Wildcats won their fifth straight match and increased their win streak against Montana State University-Billings to five games.

Central only needed three sets to defeat the Yellowjackets (6-7 overall and 3-2 in GNAC), each set being won by only a margin of two points, finishing at 26-24, 31-29, 30-28.

The first set featured 12 ties and seven lead changes, with Central’s biggest lead coming 14-10. The score would even out again at 20, but the Wildcats ended the set on back-to-back kills from Erin Smith and Rachel Hanses.

The second set saw MSUB take a late 17-15 lead, but the teams went back and forth as ties followed at every point from 17 to 29. Eventually, Central took the set with a Hjelum kill and a Yellowjacket error.

The third set had 14 ties and eight lead changes as Central led 16-11. However, the lead didn’t last long as MSUB rallied to tie the set at 22. But the Wildcats were too much for the Yellowjackets as they ended the game on another Hjelum kill and an MSUB attack error.

Considering that the victory was Central’s third straight on the road, there’s reason to be positive moving forward.

“It was definitely a big win, especially on the road,” Hjelum said. “It gives us a lot of confidence going forward.”

Playing on the road so much has prepared the team for all the tough matches that are ahead if the team hopes to continue leading the GNAC standings.

“It gives us confidence knowing that we can win in tough environments,” Andaya said. “But we need to make sure that we’re ready to play knowing that we can’t let down and we’ve got to continue to improve.”

The Wildcats, who had been among the “others receiving votes” category in the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) rankings for the last four weeks, are now ranked 25th in the nation and hope to continue climbing.

“The national rankings don’t really mean much; the regional rankings are what we really need to be ranked at,” Andaya said. “When those rankings come out, we will get a better idea of where we’re at.”

Senior Marcy Hjelum has been named Red Lion Defensive Player of the Week.

Defensive Player of the Week. Hjellum /f_i_nished the week with 39 kills and 36 digs.

WILDCAT SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

RECENT GAME:
W 31-3 vs. Humboldt State
Senior RB Demetrius Sumler rushed for 152 yards and two touchdowns.

CONFERENCE
Western Washington 5 1 0
Humboldt State 3 1 1
Dixie State 2 2
Western Oregon 2 2
Simon Fraser 1 3
Azusa Pacific 0 4

NEXT GAME:
10/6 DSU @ Dixie State - 1 P.M.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

RECENT GAME:
L 0-1 @ Western Oregon
Soccer drops both matches against SMU and WOU.

CONFERENCE
Montana State Billings 5 1 0
Western Washington 5 1 0
Seattle Pacific 3 1 2
Saint Martin’s 3 3
Western Oregon 2 2
Central Washington 2 3 1
Northwest Nazarene 2 4 0
Simon Fraser 0 6 0

NEXT GAME:
10/4 SPU @ Home - 4 P.M.

VOLLEYBALL

RECENT GAME:
W 3-0 @ MSUB
CUW is tied for GNAC lead at 5-1

CONFERENCE
Western Washington 5 1 0
Central Washington 5 1 0
Alaska Anchorage 4 1
Western Oregon 3 1 0
Montana State Billings 3 2
Saint Martin’s 2 2
Seattle Pacific 2 3
Northwest Nazarene 2 4
Alaska Fairbanks 5 5
Simon Fraser 0 6 0

NEXT GAME:
10/2 vs. Walla Walla - 7 P.M.

CROSS COUNTRY

RECENT MEET:
M: 13th W: 13th Charles Bowles Willamette Invitational

NEXT MEET:
10/6 WWU Classic Invitational @ Bellingham.

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Wildcats chop down Lumberjacks

Central Washington University football’s new “home away from home” at Pop Keeney Stadium in Bothell has proven itself yet again. The Wildcats earned a demolishing victory over nationally ninth-ranked Humboldt State University, 31-3.

BY SARAH RUIZ
Staff Reporter

The Wildcats made the journey worth it, winning the game against the Lumberjacks 31-3. The victory means that the Wildcats take the lead in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. Previously, Central and Humboldt were tied for the lead, making this game a battle for first place and moving one step closer to a GNAC championship.

“It’s great ‘cause we were the underdog and we came out and played really good, and our team was super excited,” senior cheerleader Elizabeth Bonney said.

From the start of the game, the Wildcats worked hard to take the lead and control the tempo. Within the first six minutes, Central was able to celebrate its first touchdown.

Junior linebacker Ridge Nielson managed to catch the Wildcats first touchdown and senior kicker Sean Davis was able to convert the extra point, putting the Wildcats up by seven. Being the first to score seemed to set the stage for the rest of the game, as Central continued to run Humboldt State out of the stadium.

Davis was able to tack on a field goal at the end of the first quarter to increase Central’s lead to 10-0. During the third quarter, Humboldt broke through and kicked a field goal to cut the Wildcat lead to seven. Also in the third quarter, senior quarterback Ryan Robertson connected with sophomore wide receiver Greg Logan for his second touchdown pass. The seven-yard TD strike increased Central’s lead to 17-3.

Robertson finished solid with 186 passing yards and two touchdowns.

CWU fans leaped out of their seats to toward the end of the third quarter as De metrius Sumler ran 68 yards and scored. Sumler had another dominating performance on the ground with 152 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

At the end of an eventful third quarter, the Central led, 24-3. Following a nine-yard touchdown run from Sumler in the fourth quarter Davis capped Central’s dominant performance with an extra point. The final score was 31-3.

The stands erupted in applause as the game ended, as fans and players realized that they had just beat the ninth-ranked team in the nation for the top spot in the GNAC. After such an anticipated game, the players were relieved to have been able to come out with the win.

“We played all three phases well. We really stuck it to them on the special teams aspect and we controlled the ball,” said junior kicker Josef Kistler. “[Pop Keeney] is nice, but it’s not home. I’d like to be in Ellensburg where we can get a bigger crowd.”

While the team had to play its second home game away from Tomlinson Stadium, those who attended were thankful to have been able to watch an exciting Central victory. However, some of those at the game said they wished they could have shared the experience with the Ellensburg community.

“I wish we had our home field so we could have our own fans, but we had a great turn out,” Bonney said.

Even though the Wildcats weren’t on their home field, the atmosphere at Pop Keeney Stadium was one of sheer hometown pride. Crimson and black filled the stands and community members and students alike transformed Bothell’s stadium into a true home for the Wildcats. Bryan Yancy works with the Wildcats’ defense and was decked out in his CWU spirit gear and excited to celebrate another win.

“Wow. We really beat them good,” Yancy said. “We really wanted to win this badly; we needed this win. I’m almost speechless. Credit to the coaching and defense, it was great to see.”

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Legendary A.D. Bishop to retire

BY AMBER THORP
Staff Reporter

It’s true: Jack Bishop is retiring after this academic year.

Central Washington University announced his retirement over Labor Day Weekend, which will be finalized in June. Bishop has been the Athletic Director at Central for 13 years, but he says it’s time for a change.

“Well it doesn’t seem like I’m going to get any younger,” Bishop said. “I turned 65, been doing this for 44 years as an Athletic Director and a football coach. I just felt like it was time to do something else.”

After Bishop retires, he plans to move to Utah, where his mother, three children and five grandchildren live. He plans to fish, hunt and enjoy his family.

“I’d love to spend time with my family - my grand kids, my mother and my wife,” Bishop said. “I want to watch my grand-kids play. I have two sons that coach and a son-in-law that is the assistant athletic director at BYU. I just want to kind of be involved in their lives.

Bishop’s retirement may be short-lived, as he is currently looking into some consultant positions and has talked with other schools about possible work.

Central will conduct a nationwide search for the new Athletic Director in January and will consider in-house talent, as well as candidates from other schools. When his retirement is finalized Bishop will be greatly missed by friends and colleagues.

“Jack is great to work with. He is a people person, easy to get along with. He really tries to do the best for his coaches and employees, which makes it a great environment to work in,” said Kari Gage, head athletic trainer and senior women’s administrator. “I think that what I’ll miss the most is being able to have that great communication with someone that can help you and just guide you.”

Greg Sparling, head coach of the men’s basketball team, talked about how much he and the other coaches are going to miss having him as the Athletic Director.

“From a coach’s standpoint, he’s just a very good athletic director; he’ll let you do your job, he’s given us the resources to keep building a great competitive program,” Sparling said. “He’s a friend that’s moving on and I wish him the best in his retirement.”

Bishop has not left the building yet - he still has many plans for this academic year. He said he hopes to have successful and highly competitive sports teams this year. Volleyball has started out strong and the football team is currently in first place in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

Bishop said he is also working on a few projects around the athletic department. He hopes to invest in a video board and new score boards in the basketball arena. He is also looking into remodeling the lighting in the football stadium. Bishop seems excited about the upcoming changes in his life - more time with his family and possible career changes - but he said that he’s going to miss coaching and administrating.

“The various playoffs that all the teams have gone to have all been very exciting. But, all in all, what you really hang on to and the part that I’ll miss is the relationships with the student athletes,” Bishop said. “Seeing them come and go... and to see what they become and to think that maybe you have had some small part of helping them develop in their lives.”

Jack of All Trades
Athletic Director Jack Bishop is retiring at the end of this academic year. He has spent 13 years at Central’s Athletic Director.

SARAH RUIZ/OBSERVER

He's a friend that's moving on and I wish him the best in his retirement.

- GREG SPARLING
Head men’s basketball coach

Homecoming Week

SATURDAY
Alumni Breakfast
8 a.m. • Sue Dining Room
CWU Open House
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. • SURC
Homecoming Dixie Run
$15 pre-registration fee before Oct. 13
5:00 p.m. • registration begins ($27)
10:30 a.m. • race starts • OPR Field
$10 on race day • fees go toward fighting breast cancer in Kittitas County.
Homecoming at the Museum
10 a.m. • noon • Dana Hall Lobby
Museum of Culture and Environment admission and tour fees ($10) to support CWU Alumni and veterans.
Faulsa Karate Tournament
7 a.m. - 7 p.m. • Sunniburg High School
Women’s Soccer vs. Northwest Nazarene
11 a.m. • Surc Soccer Complex
Pre-Games and Car Bash w/ 101.7 The Burr
Wildcat Street Fair & Alumni Tailgate
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Taplinon Lot & Walnut St.
Bball w/ CWU Marching Band
11:50 a.m. • SURC
Cat’s Den
Noon - 3 p.m. • Thumbimax Stadium
CWU Men’s Water Polo Tournament
10:30 & 4 p.m. • CWU Aquatic Center
CWU Football vs. Simon Fraser
1 p.m. • Thumbimax Stadium
Women’s Volleyball vs. Saint Martin’s
7 p.m. • Nicholson Pavilion
Special Entertainments: Paten Dewali
8 p.m. • ETI reserved. $30 general admission.
$5 CWU students (with ID) • SURC Ballroom
Campus Activities presents: Native American actor, comedian and writer Paten Dewali

FRIDAY
Women’s From Dress Rugby vs Whitman
4 p.m. • Nicholson Rugby Field
Barto Hall Grand Opening and Susan Rancourt Memorial
4:35 p.m. • Wellington Event Center, Barto Hall
Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner
5:30 p.m. • Sue Dining Room
Reunion Gathering
7:30 p.m. • Gallery One
Homecoming Dance
9 p.m. • SURC Ballroom

Tickets at Wildcat Shop or online
www.cwu.edu/tickets
Soccer has bumpy road trip

Wildcats fall to Saint Martin’s and Western Oregon

BY SCOTT HERMAN
Staff Reporter

The women’s soccer team saw its luck run out in two tough losses this past week, losing 3-2 at Saint Martin’s University and 4-0 at Western Oregon University.

The Wildcats came away from the road trip with a 3-3-2 record overall and are now 2-2-1 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference play. Saint Martin’s win split their 4-3-1 overall and 2-3-1 in the conference.

The game on Thursday against the Saints turned out to be a heartbreaker for the Wildcats. After a scoreless first half, the Saints’ sophomore midfielder Sasha Dini burned the Central defense for two goals in a span of two minutes, scoring the first in the 47th minute and the second shortly after.

Sophomore midfielder Savanna Moorehouse and senior forward Carson McKole led the comeback effort. Freshman midfielder Reilly Reetz assisted Moorehouse in beating SMU’s senior goalie Ashleigh Engel at the top of the box. The goal was the first of Moorehouse’s career. A few minutes later, McKole, the reigning Red Lion GNAC Offensive Player of the Week, carved her way through the Saints’ defense and made her fifth goal of the season in the 72nd minute.

Although the team has shown a tendency to rebound in the second half, Head Coach Michael Farrand says it’s less about changing strategy and more about encouraging the team to play their own brand of soccer.

“We’re not making any drastic changes, we’re just trying to stay within what we do well,” Farrand said. “Sometimes we just need to be reminded that we are that good and we can compete.”

Dini proved again to be the Wildcats’ nemesis as it was her corner kick that set up the winning goal. With only six minutes remaining in the match, Dini crossed her corner into the box where junior defender Molly Campbell headed the ball into the back of the net to give the Saints the lead. Farrand said the best way to shake off a tough loss is to look ahead to the next game.

“We didn’t finish the game very well, but you’ve got to get back on the road, back on the bus, head down to Oregon and put yourself back together again,” Farrand said.

The Saturday afternoon match-up pit- ted Central against Western Oregon. The scoring was done early as WOU’s senior forward Marina Austin scored the game’s lone goal in the 7th minute. The Wolves’ junior defender Rebecca Holand took advantage of a free kick, courtesy of a CWU foul, by placing the ball within reach of Austin’s head for the decisive goal.

The Wildcats missed a chance to level the playing field when they were awarded a free kick just outside the box in the 54th minute. Junior defender Tarah Day’s attempt nicked the top of the goal before bounding away harmlessly. The Western Oregon defense held strong in the rest of the game, limiting CWU’s opportunities for a comeback by outshooting them 16-4 and winning 7 corners to Central’s 0.

The team now returns home for a six-game home stand after having to miss eight of their nine games this year on the road due to poor air quality in Ellensburg. Farrand admitted the constant travel has taken a toll on his team.

“It’s going to be good for us in the month of October to stay home and we have to go chase some points now over the next few weeks to put ourselves back in the mix,” Farrand said.

McKole agreed the upcoming string of home field advantages will give the team a better chance to get back in the league’s title hunt.

“We just focus on the next games,” McKole said. “They’re all home and basically [if we] just play as a team and keep our heads up, we’re not out of it.”

CWU will face Seattle Pacific University on Thursday at 4 p.m. before hosting Western Washington University at noon on Sunday.

Last match: Western Oregon - 1
Central Washington - 0

Next match: Thursday 4 p.m. vs. Western Washington University

Nicholson Pavilion remodel nears completion

BY KATRYN POTASKY
Staff Reporter

Nicholson Pavilion is hard to miss on Central Washington University’s campus. Built in 1959 and first opened to students in 1960, Ralph H. Burkhardt’s design featuring cable suspension has proven to be a landmark for all Wildcats, a beacon of Central athletics. Over $8 million has been spent during the course of the Pavilion’s three renovations, and a fourth is coming.

“Phase IV will be the completion of the east part of Nicholson Pavilion,” director of facility planning Bill Yardwood said.

The cost for the entire project is currently estimated at $4 million, but does not have an official completion date. Barry Caruthers, project manager, predicts the soonest start would be 2015. The project is still awaiting funding, however, with a green light being sent for the bi-annual year of 2015-2017.

“A lot of people are excited to see the project of Nicholson Pavilion to be finished, and everyone is going to be very satisfied with the final phase to be completed,” Caruthers said.

The renovations will encompass the exterior of the building, starting on the first with the weight and cardio exercise room. The second floor will see a major upgrade, including all new classrooms and offices, along with an elevator. The renovations expected in 2015 are predicted to be the Pavilion’s last, as no more updates will be needed.

The first of the renovation projects began in the summer of 2004 and wasn’t completed until the winter of the same year. Renovations consisted of improving the outdated women’s and team locker rooms and ending up costing $1.3 million.

Phase II, titled “Nicholson Pavilion IAQ, Asbestos Abatement and Renovation Project,” began in March 2006. The project lasted seven months, costing a total of $4.1 million. Though it was the longest and most expensive, the money was well used; the men’s locker room was updated, and the Wildcats’ training room was expanded. The main lobby’s ceiling lights were also replaced.

In the Pavilion’s most recent update, dubbed Phase III, renovations were made to several areas: New wood-flooring was placed in the gymnasion, along with a new seating system in the stands.

Other updates include the lobby, which received new rest rooms and upgraded offices. Jonathan Gordon, assistant athletic director for sports information and game experience, was around when the changes were being made. Caruthers is overseeing the renovations.

Gordon said most of the athletic administration’s offices were previously located in Purser Hall, but upon completion of Phase III, they were moved inside Nicholson Pavilion.

“A lot of people are excited to see the project of Nicholson Pavilion to be finished,” Caruthers said. “Everyone is going to be very satisfied with it.”

Both Yardwood and Caruthers have overseen all the renovation projects of Nicholson Pavilion and are excited for what 2015 holds.
Cross country continues improvement

BY CHACE DAVY
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, the men and women of Central Washington University’s cross country team traveled down to Salem, Ore., to compete in the 38th annual Charles Bowles Invitational.

The women’s team ran the 5k this week, but didn’t compete as well as they’d hoped. The team’s top three racers finished second, fifth, and ninth, but still finished 34 points back from the Division II leader in San Francisco State University, placing third.

Head coach Kevin Adkisson felt the reason for the stiff competition was due to the amount of runners who finished under 20 minutes.

“They were just a whole bunch of other teams with gals that were, just under 20 minutes,” Adkisson said.

San Francisco State University, had their fourth and fifth racers finish in 10th and 13th place, while Central’s fourth and fifth racers finish in 10th and 13th place, while Central’s fourth and fifth racers finished 25th and 28th.

“[Training] “is a balancing act, especially with the smoke we’ve had, and having to be inside quite a few days out of the last two weeks especially,” Adkisson said.

Both the men’s and women’s teams have been traveling to Yakima every Wednesday for the past two weeks especially, “Adkisson said.

“I've just been training well, so they’re a little tired,” Wojtech said.

Adkisson’s goal for the men’s team was to get a few runners under 26 minutes for the 8k, and both Wojtech and sophomore Ryan Thompson came close to that mark on Saturday.

“Overall we’re seeing a good trend among the guys as well,” Adkisson said.

“Guys are getting in better race shape as we get toward the middle of the season.”

Adkisson is doing everything he can to prepare both teams for the conference meets which start in three weeks.

“Overall, we’re happy with where [the men and women] teams are at,” Adkisson said.

Adkisson and the other coaches are working hard to get both teams to peak condition for conferences.

Both Kreft and Wojtech are excited for the rest of the season. Kreft sees a lot of potential for the women’s team.

“We have a pretty big team for us this year,” Kreft said. “A lot of new faces, and there’s just so much more ahead of us.”

The men’s team jumps up to 10ks this week, and Wojtech wants to get his times somewhere in the 30 to 31-minute mark.

“If we can hit [30 minutes], that would look pretty good for our team and the future for our team,” Wojtech said.

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