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H O L O C A U S T F A C T S
• Auschwitz was a complex of about 40 camps holding 135,000 prisoners
• About 1.5 million prisoners of Auschwitz were murdered, 1 million of whom were Jewish.
• The Holocaust claimed the lives of about 6 million European Jews (as well as members of about other persecuted groups, such as Gypsies and homosexuals).

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Resilience and perseverance
Auschwitz survivor to share her Holocaust story

BY SAMANTHA MONTERREY
GUEST SPEAKER

In 1944, Edith Eger and her family were taken from their home in Kassa, Hungary, and turned prisoners of Auschwitz, the largest, most notorious concentration camps of the Holocaust.

Eger, only 16 years old at the time, spent a year and a half in Auschwitz.

“My parents were executed in the gas chambers shortly after we arrived at Auschwitz,” Eger said. “My sister Magda and I were the only survivors of my family.”

Eger, now a clinical psychologist, will share her experiences with Central students at 4 p.m. in the Jerilyn S. McIntyre Music Building Concert Hall.

This is Eger’s first visit to Central, and she hopes that students will see her as a role model.

“I would like to show students how resilience and perseverance was with me throughout my time at Auschwitz,” Eger said. “A place where I discovered traumatizing things I never thought possible.

Eger was an experienced ballerina and aspiring gymnast, prior to her imprisonment.

“I was preparing to compete in the upcoming Olympics when my family was taken to Auschwitz,” Eger said. “My dream was doing that.”

According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Dr. Josef Mengele was an infamous SS camp physician at Auschwitz and notorious for his inhumane experiments. Mengele soon found out about Eger’s dance history.

Upon her arrival to the camp, Mengele requested she entertain him with her dancing.

“I had to close my eyes and pretend I was dancing in an opera house in Hungary,” Eger said. “I could not bring myself to accept that I was dancing for the man that executed my family.”

According to Eger, it isn’t her experiences at Auschwitz that are important, but instead what they taught her.

“When you are in a situation like that, you do with it,” Eger said. “You have to accept that I was dancing for the man that killed my family.

The only thing Eger held on to while at Auschwitz was her spirit. It was the one thing she felt they couldn’t take away.

“I never allowed the Nazis to murder my spirit,” Eger said. “They could beat and torture me but never take away my spirit.”

Heidi Szpeck, philosophy and religious studies department chair and professor, believes Eger will bring a new perspective in the way she shares her story.

“Eger uses her history of survival to find a way to move forward and I think that is the uniqueness. She wants to share her story and experiences, but it doesn’t end there — she wants to help others.”

Szpeck teaches Holocaust studies as part of the philosophy and religious studies department.

According to Szpeck, in her studies of the Holocaust she has read memoirs, historical documentations and books that describe the horrors and adverse conditions the prisoners of concentration camps faced.

“You learn about...the whole process of those who come to the camps,” Szpeck said. “The routine of those who were sent to Auschwitz, if not immediately sent to the gas chambers, who were allowed to live. You learn about the lack of food, the horrific conditions, the suffering endured, the forced labor under adverse conditions.”

What occurred in Auschwitz also occurred in other concentration camps.

According to Szpeck, research indicates that there were a total of approximately 42,500 camps established by the Nazis. Auschwitz, however, has become symbolic of the Holocaust.

“In a way, when we hear Auschwitz, it evokes understanding or memory of all these camps and it should also evoke memories of individuals who suffered in different camps and different situations,” Szpeck said.

Szpeck values the opportunity to listen to the story of a survivor.

“You can take a class on the Holocaust, you can read a book, and you can read memoirs — historical ones, personal ones,” Szpeck said. “You can listen to music composed in the camps. You can read poetry composed in the camps, but that is not the same as listening to the story of someone who was there.”

As a professor, Szpeck encourages her students to attend Eger’s visit, and as chair, she also encourages her faculty and staff to attend.

“It’s been 70 years — we start marking those specific dates connected with WWII and the Holocaust, and soon there will be no survivors to tell their stories,” Szpeck said. “As years pass by and we become further removed from events, we rely on historical written works, but there are those who won’t believe, those who need to hear it from someone who’s had these experiences.”

The Center for Diversity and Social Justice is sponsoring Eger’s visit, in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month, which is celebrated in the month of May.

Michelle Gutman is a diversity officer for CDSJ. She hopes students will take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

“How many times do you actually have the opportunity to talk to someone who has experienced something of that magnitude? It’s history,” Cyrus said. “You have living, breathing history at the moment.”
BOD voter turnout down from last year's total

BY MATTHEW THOMPSON
Staff Reporter

After a month of campaigns and 672 votes later, the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors election is over and seven students emerged from the race as winners.

“I was very pleased with [the results],” Cassie DuBore, newly elected vice president for Student Life and Facilities said. “I think that some of the campaign efforts were on a level playing field through the engagement of the BOD with the student government.

Election OUTCOMES

President
Bryan Elliott........................................64.8%

Executive Vice President
Jacob Wittman.....................................100%

VP for Clubs and Organizations
Mary Orthmann..................................57.4%

VP for Academic Affairs
Kelsie Miller........................................61.7%

VP for Equity and Community Affairs
Spencer Flores.....................................56.1%

VP for Student Life and Facilities
Scott Kazmi.........................................57.2%

VP for Legislative Affairs
Cassie DuBore.....................................100%

ELECTION OUTCOMES

The BOD presidential race was decided by 196 votes with Bryan Elliot receiving nearly 63 percent of the votes over his opponent, Philip Rush.

Rush, Mary Orthmann secured her second term as the incumbent in the race for the position of executive vice president for clubs and organizations beating out opponent Kaleb Burg with a 93-vote margin.

Two candidates fresh to the BOD scene vied for the position of VP for Academic Affairs, with Kelsie Miller winning 61.7 percent over Jessica Murillo.

Spencer Flores narrowly beat out Jesse Hogstrom Oakey with only 58.1 percent. Flores was not only happy for her win but also that the race was the closest.

“We got along really well and everyone was like, ‘why are you guys friends?’ and I’m like, ‘this isn’t the Hunger Games,’” Flores said.

A mere 91 votes clinched the win for Scott Kazmi over Corey Poston. Even though Kazmi was confident in his prospects for winning the election he was shocked to hear the results.

“I thought both my opponent and I were on a level playing field through the heart of the election,” Scott Kazmi, newly elected vice president for Student Life and Facilities said. “I was pretty surprised that I won.”

Jacob Wittman and Cassie DuBore both ran unopposed for the positions of executive vice president and VP for Legislative Affairs respectively.

This year’s turnout for the election was 40 votes less than last year’s 712. That means that less than 8 percent of the students enrolled on this campus voted for their student government.

Elliott sees the voter turnout as problem that needs to be fixed through higher engagement of the BOD with the student body as well as amending the rules for BOD campaigns.

“I think that some of the campaign rules need to be improved and maybe streamlined,” Elliott said. “The rules are very well intentioned, but I think at times they can be too restrictive and that really prevents the word getting out about elections.”

Tune-up: 3-5 faculty to be realigned

BY BRYAN PAPAS
Staff Reporter

The Provost’s Office was hit with a roadblock in their faculty realignment process last week after the Academic Department Chairs Organization advised faculty not to take part in the process, causing the provost to make various changes.

This past year, Provost Marilyn Levine has gone to each department to discuss its operations, and she has realized that some departments are having issues with balancing out the amount of students per class.

This led Levine to start the process of realigning faculty positions between departments. The realignment project would only affect three to five faculty members, she said.

Last week, an open work session was scheduled by the Provost’s Office inviting faculty to participate. This session was for faculty to determine which departments need a larger staff and which ones can be reduced.

“I just want a transparent, open process where we all look at the same data,” Levine said. “I wanted to share the data so it wasn’t done in the dark.”

Unfortunately for the provost, the ADCO did not feel comfortable with the process and recommended faculty and staff to not participate in the ranking process.

ADCO put out an open letter on Central’s website regarding the realignment process stating that “ADCO is unable to support a process that would have decided to join ADCO in abstaining from the process” and recommended faculty and departments do,” Hickey said.

Faculty Senate also did not participate in the process. The executive committee decided to join ADCO in abstaining from this process.

Ian Loverro, associate education professor and chair of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, said he was uncomfortable with a process that would have faculty pointing fingers at each other.

“For me to be asked to single out other departments for cuts didn’t seem appropriate, it felt a little bit like ‘Survivor,’” Loverro said.

Jackson emphasized that ADCO was not opposed to the realignment because they thought it would be bad for the university, but was opposed to the ranking process that was to be used.

“It’s not as if we were asking people to shut it because the administration is doing something so terribly naughty that they should have their wrist slapped,” Jackson said. “I think quite the contrary. I think the university has listened to faculty and staff concerns and they are trying to go ahead and find a resolution to a situation that is really challenging.”

The notion of possibly incorrect or flawed information was enough to make ADCO want a revision to the process that this project will use.

“We also don’t want to make a rush to judgment even if it was perceived to be flawed even to a small extent because then people will have biases and that leads to conclusions that we can’t hear this and ‘I assumed this’,” Jackson said.

Bob Hickey, professor of geography and president of the United Faculty of Central, echoed Jackson’s statements when he said the original process used flawed data.

“I think that the data set that was used was incomplete and not reflective of what faculty and departments do,” Hickey said. “For example it looked at student and faculty numbers, it didn’t look at research, it didn’t look at grants, it didn’t look at service, it didn’t look at publications.”

After hearing the feedback from ADCO and Faculty Senate, Levine said she has reworked the process into something she believes can address the concerns.

Department chairs are being asked to provide corrections and additional data to associate deans by May 13, after which the data will be reorganized and be sent to the deans, associate deans, Faculty Senate Chair Melody Madlen, and ADCO Chair Jackson.

After that, contextual and qualitative information will be gathered from the department chairs, Levine said.

Levine said the students are the main focus of all this. Their success is the end goal.

“I think our number one consideration is student success and positioning ourselves to serve the students well,” Levine said.

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IAN LOVERRO
Faculty Senate Exec. Comm. member
Glenn Greenwald, civil rights litigator turned political columnist, said Monday that nearly all human progress is “driven by people who have stood up and said, ‘I disagree with this idea’ that the government has considered to be the most precious, the most cherished, the one deserving of the greatest reverence.”

Greenwald’s keynote speech, “Under Fire: The War on Terror’s War on the First Amendment,” kick started Central’s Political columnist opens eyes up to America’s First Amendment Festival.

Greenwald has appeared on MSNBC, CNN and “The Colbert Report,” and is scheduled to appear this Friday on “Real Time with Bill Maher.” He is a New York Times-bestselling author and a columnist for The Guardian, where he concentrates on exposing how civil liberties have been eroded in the name of national security.

Greenwald first explained what civil liberties are, since people are quick to say they “know their rights.”

“All we really mean when we talk about civil liberties or constitutional rights is the list of limitations that we have imposed on the government in terms of its power and what it is that it can do to us,” Greenwald said.

These liberties are easy to find, they are called the Bill of Rights, and they are “absolutely in nature,” Greenwald said.

“They’re not scalable under certain circumstances, like war or threats to national security, or in internal instability,” Greenwald said.

Along with explaining civil liberties, Greenwald also explained that these rights are “anti-democratic” in that they cannot be used as an excuse to deny, either the people who oppose or favor a particular act. These rights, according to Greenwald, were designed to protect ordinary people. “Ultimately what free speech is ... really intended to do is to ensure that there are never any ideas considered to be so sacred, so shielded, so worshipped, that the state will bar people from challenging them or contradicting them,” Greenwald said.

Citing the Arab Spring, a term for the recent uprisings and revolutions in countries such as Egypt, Syria, Libya and Yemen, Greenwald pointed out that free speech ensures that even the most extreme forms of tyranny can be uprooted.”

Even though many First Amendment rights have been eroded in the name of national security, Greenwald said there’s still hope. “As long as we have the unfettered ability to communicate with our fellow citizens to make people aware of injustices, to bring our version of the truth to other people and persuade them using the power of ideas, all forms of social change are possible,” he said.

Greenwald said a free press should act as a fourth check on the government, opposing and acting as adversaries to the government, are supposed to “expose their secrets and uncover their wrongs and deceit.”

While the mainstream media has not been doing a good job of being a watchdog on government, Greenwald said, the internet has helped, because individuals can start their own blogs and newspapers and write against those in power.

Greenwald dove into two Supreme Court cases to remind the audience that even objectionable ideas are protected. Brandenburg v. Ohio upheld the Ku Klux Klan’s right to advocate for killing those in power. “It really is necessary if you’re gonna have free speech to protect not just uncontroversive, uncontroversial main-stream opinions but even those opinions that are heinous, dangerous ones, then by definition you don’t actually believe in free speech.”

It is very difficult for the average person to understand the current war on the First Amendment, Greenwald said, because if you refrain from expressing an opposing opinion and abide by the law, the government generally won’t bother you. “If you allow the government to do a political purge of people, then you can’t because you think that citizen is a bad person who probably doesn’t deserve rights, you’re not just allowing the government to act on what is a bad person, you’re allowing the government to take that action against any citizen that it chooses, you’re legitimizing that rights abuse,” Greenwald said.

The abuse of this power was a central point in the speech and Greenwald explained that in every government, there should be “a healthy fear in the heart of people who exercise power over what will happen to the people in prison.”

To end his speech, Greenwald gave an anecdote about WikiLeaks, a non-profit organization that leaks government information and classified documents and news from anonymous sources. In 2008, WikiLeaks leaked a document from the Pentagon that made it clear that the defense department deemed Wikileaks an enemy of the state. This document prompted several people to tell Greenwald they were scared to donate money to Wikileaks because the Pentagon might then label them “enemies of the state.”

When people are too afraid to exercise their rights, “those rights become completely worthless,” Greenwald said. “It’s a much more effective form of tyranny.”

After a Q&A session with the remaining attendees, where they rapped off topics from the definition of terrorism to court cases such as Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, Greenwald attend- ed a book signing and then a dinner with journalism students and sponsors.

Mike Davalo, junior communication studies major, said he thinks U.S. citizens “should be well aware of their liberties. The freedoms ensured to me under the First Amendment, where I can be a citizen of this county. I enjoyed listening to his perspectives on court cases such as Brandenburg v. Ohio.”

Sophomore Anne Suki, film and video studies, liked Greenwald’s points. “I think more people need to pay attention to what these rights are and how they are related to being more involved in politics, instead of celebrities and what they see on MTV.”
The drunk and the restless
Bars, police, residents, debate who's responsible for drunken behavior

BY PATIENCE COLLIER
Staff Reporter

Timothy Bishop of the Ellensburg Downtown Association recently went on record with Central’s Newswatch, saying bars in downtown need to be more responsible for the actions of their patrons.

Businesses and residents have had problems recently with drunken behavior on weekends, including students on weeknights. Phil Hasenbalg, junior biology major, that from his apartment, he witnessed a party in the parking lot of a nearby restaurant get broken up by the police.

“I was getting annoyed because I was trying to sleep, then I heard the cops show up,” Hasenbalg said.

Hasenbalg said the police blocked off a street, and put some students in custody. Hasenbalg doesn’t agree the bars are responsible for the behavior of patrons at their establishment, since alcohol is readily available elsewhere, and when bars kick patrons out when they’re too drunk, the responsibility still lies with the patrons themselves.

“I think that it was more just the student or the people’s fault,” Hasenbalg said. “They were the ones out there partying, revving their engines and being loud. They could’ve gone somewhere else to do it, somewhere they weren’t bothering people, but they chose to do it there.”

Hasenbalg felt that kicking out intoxicated patrons was still the bar’s responsibility because of the liability of alcohol poisoning, but that was all they should be held responsible for.

“The bar only has responsibility for the safety of the place the kick them out, and then what that person does outside of the bar is kind of their problem,” Hasenbalg said.

Hasenbalg’s brother, who also witnessed the incident, agreed.

“The bar can kick them out for being drunk, but in the end, the student can just go to a Fred Meyer or something and grab all the alcohol they want,” said Samuel Hasenbalg, senior computer science major.

Ryan Jack, manager at The Tap, said he had not seen serious problems with the patrons.

“Everyone is pretty, well, tame,” Jack said.

Jack didn’t think there was any way to put the responsibility of intoxicated behavior on bars rather than students.

“It’s pretty random,” Jack said. “I don’t think you can pinpoint it to any one place.”

Starlight Lounge owner, Doris Morgan, agreed that she rarely sees problems with students getting too drunk to handle their behavior.

“I don’t think it’s a major problem,” Morgan said. “It’s minimal.”

Morgan feels some issues are unavoidable in a college town.

“You get a lot of kids in one place partying, you’re going to have problems,” Morgan said. “But in general, it’s few and far between.”

Morgan said the Starlight has so few problems with behavior because of the way the business is run.

“We’re conscientious about it,” Morgan said. “Our doormen, bouncers, bartenders, watching for kids who are impaired.”

Sergeant Mike Koss, Ellensburg Police Department, agrees that downtown bars have been responsible where their patrons are concerned, but said any effort that brought the community and the bars together would be a good thing. He said Ellensburg police have been working with the bars on a program called Serving Standards, which allows police to monitor infractions at various establishments and talk to the people involved.

“I think the bars do a pretty good job,” Koss said. Since we’ve started that Serving Standards program, we’ve seen a lot of compliance.

He said the officer who was monitoring the program had seen compliance from the bars.

However, Koss still said in the end, the bars could only do so much, and the responsibility for the problems downtown ultimately rests with the individuals who cause them. He cited a continuous string of issues with vandalism and theft on Water street, which he said was mainly due to the foot traffic of intoxicated people in the area.

“Through education and good choices, a lot of our student population does not drink and drive, but through those travel corridors, we see a lot of vandalism and theft,” Koss said. “It coincides with foot traffic on those nights, and I don’t think you can hang this around the necks of the bars.”

He explained that although the offenses are mainly misdemeanors, they do cause issues for residents. They also cost taxpayers, in some cases. One issue they deal with is intoxicated people pulling up street signs and the city having to spend money to put them back.

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Pissed off parkers

There is always that one car in every parking lot that is either parked over the lines, parked illegally, or doesn’t have a pass for the lot.

Let’s face it, everyone dislikes these kinds of drivers. I know I do.

There is no place I’ve witnessed these parking offenses occur more frequently than in the parking lot of the apartment complex I live in.

Let me begin by saying that I have withheld my opinion on the subject for quite some time, but due to a recent occurrence, I figured now as a good time as any to speak my mind about it.

But before I go into the incident which led to this particular opinion, I need to explain the other offenses I’ve witnessed, and why they’re a problem.

First off, nothing frustrates me more than when people without parking passes fill up the parking lot near my apartment, especially when they are parked there overnight. I often wake late, and don’t get home until late. So the last thing I want to do when I finally do get home is to have to search for a parking spot. Usually I end up parking on the street, or in the lot farthest from my apartment.

I mean, the whole reason I drive in the first place is so that I won’t have to walk home alone in the dark. Yet I still find myself having to do so.

What makes this situation even more frustrating is the fact that we have parking passes for our complex, but never once in the two years I’ve lived there have I ever seen someone parcelling our lots to make sure that everyone has a pass. Seriously, why do we even have the passes if no one is ever going to check them?

It seems the towing signs are a waste of space as well, since no one has ever been towed. This puzzles me, since people in fire lanes.

If you pull into our parking lot, there are two spots in particular where people stupidly park. One has a fire hydrant clearly visible in the grass in front of it, and the other has the painted lines on the sidewalk.

Aside from being fire lanes, the one spot is significantly smaller than a regular parking stall, and the other is positioned in a way that makes it nearly impossible for anyone to back out of it without hitting another car.

Come on people, really? Are you THAT dumb?

The other parking pet peeve of mine is when a car is parked sideways, and/or over their lines. I think this type of parking job in particular is something that many people will agree is annoying. For one thing, nothing makes it more difficult to get in and out of your car than having to squeeze your way through a partially opened door because the car parked next to you decided to hog the line.

Cars parked over their lines also pose a risk of getting scratched, or scratching another car, which also poses the question of why so many people continue to run the risk of this by not correcting themselves. That’s why this particular parking job baffles me. I don’t understand why it’s so difficult for people to back up, straighten out, and pull back into the spot.

As for the incident which sparked this article, here is what happened: Last week my roommate walked out to her car to leave for class, and found a pair of sticky notes attached to her windshield, cursing her out for supposedly parking over the lines and for not having a parking pass.

So to the person responsible for the notes. Though I could easily use more choice words to address you just as you so eloquently did to my roommate, I will instead try to express my thoughts regarding your actions as delicately as possible so as not to get my next statements bleeped before printing.

While I appreciate your efforts to try to weed out the non-parking pass violators, leaving notes on someone’s car is not the way to solve the problem. Believe me, as I’ve already stated previously, I too hate it when people without passes take up spots. And if you ever want to go to our apartment management about the parking issues, I would gladly support you and go along. But leaving nasty notes on people’s cars is where I draw the line.

PS. I’d like to point out that had you not been so hasty to call her out, you might have noticed that she does in fact have a parking pass. So if you insist on remaining our parking lot monitor, try to be more observant.

Mrs. Van Wilder

Gloomy economy scaring students

As graduation approaches, many of us are more terrified than excited to zip up the long gown and walk across the stage to receive our degree.

Several years ago, graduating seniors were ecstatic about the adventures and potential careers that lie ahead. Job offers were common, and their futures looked bright.

Today, many of us are left with limited options, and told by fellow graduated alumni to “stay in college as long as you can.”

As much as most of us would like to pull a Van Wilder, reality seems to creep up faster than we had ever imagined. In less than three months, the “I’m a college kid” excuse is no longer acceptable. As a senior graduating in June, I would never have imagined that exiting college would be scarier than entering.

Four years ago, I made it my college career goal to finish my degree in the allotted four-year time frame. Today, I almost regret working so hard to finish on time, because where do you go from here?

Most college students graduate, move home with their parents and go back to working an “in the meantime” job until they get an offer worth the money and the hard work it took to earn their degree.

Unfortunately, the economy sucks and employers don’t want to hire a fresh college graduate— they’d rather have someone with experience and knowledge within the field. So college graduates have to stand out and be that much better than the next applicant.

As much as many of us are left with limited options, we are more terrified than excited to enter the workforce.

As graduation approaches, many of us are more terrified than excited to zip up the long gown and walk across the stage to receive our degree.

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BY MARGAUX MASSÉY
Staff Reporter

Starting Friday, the Central Washington University theater program will give seven performances of the musical "Jesus Christ Superstar." It's the first musical of the year and is a joint effort between the theater and the music departments at Central, with the music department providing the orchestra.

Attendees who are expecting a normal play are in for a surprise. The show is an opera, meaning that there is no actual speaking, everything is sung.

According to director Keith Edie, the musical is essentially the last week of Jesus's life, set to rock music.

"In a modern calendar, we would say from Palm Sunday to the crucifixion," Edie said.

Even though the play is a little different from the story in the Bible, Edie says he hopes the experience will change the attendees of the play.

With Edie directing, along with a vocal coach, a choreographer and a musical director, he said they had to mesh what everyone was doing into a cohesive whole.

"It's been like guiding the ship itself," Edie said. "My job is to make sure the ship gets safely to shore."

With Edie directing, along with a vocal coach, a choreographer and a musical director, he said they had to mesh what everyone was doing into a cohesive whole.

"It's ‘Jesus Christ Superstar’ with texting, suits and beanies," Alex Smith, a senior performance major and Peter in the play, said. "I joke that my costume looks like it came out of my closet."

- ALEX SMITH
BFA performance major

Jordyn Brown, a senior musical theater major who is playing Mary Magdalene, agreed with Edie and added that she hoped they got a reaction in some way, "even if it’s just that they walk a little lighter."幸运的是,他说,这部制作中最容易的部分是建立信任和与其他演员的关系。任何表演的精髓在于这种信任，而他们拥有的团队是最好的部分。

"We’re all trained the same way," Brown said. "You have the knowledge and notion that the actor is going to do their job, you have to trust that they have it."

The participants are all excited because, while it is the same play that has been done countless times in countless places, there are some aspects that are unique to this performance.

Edie said that, going into the play, he didn’t want to do what everyone was expecting to do, he wanted to do the play in a way that it would be new to people, even those who have seen it countless times.

He looked for what within the play he could change, "for the person that has seen it a million times," Edie said. "The person that’s going to be like, oh wow, I’ve never seen it that way."

McConnell Auditorium
May 10, 11, 16-18, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.
May 12, 19, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

BRING IN FIT BACK Music and theater students were a part of the effort to bring this musical to Central with a new modern take on the story, including texting and beanies.
Wildcats welcome parents for Family Weekend

BY ALYSSA POLAND Staff Reporter

Wildcats might be a little less wild this weekend due to some parental guidance.

Campus Activities will host a variety of events over the weekend for their annual event Family Weekend, May 10 through May 12.

Andrea Kuhn, senior recreation and tourism major, oversaw the planning that went into the weekend.

"I just hope that [student families] experience Central and see what a great school it is," Kuhn said.

Kuhn said this weekend is not only meant to have families see what their student does, but also to experience student life themselves. Check-in is between 3-7 p.m. in the Student Union Recreation Center (SURC). Info booth.

Much like previous years, they are holding the Mother’s Day brunch on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in Holmes Dining with this year’s entertainment being Nellys Echo, who was featured on NBC’s “The Voice.” Students and parents can also participate in the Yakima River float, which has always been a popular attraction.

"Spring in Ellensburg is such a great time to get outside, so anytime we can do our outdoor activities outside we like to do it," Scott said.

Scott said their activities have had a very successful turn out in previous years, and that University Recreation tries to add fun and excitement to the time the families are here.

Scott Drummond, associate director of Campus Life and director of Campus Activities, makes sure all the activities blend together to make a full weekend.

“They drop their student off at the beginning of the year, at the beginning of the academic year, and they don’t always realize that they’re always welcome here,” Drummond said.

Drummond said the university is not only a student experience, but also a family experience. He wants this to be a family experience. He wants this weekend to show them what the school does and provide entertainment to give families the full scope of what kinds of things go on at Central.

Part of his job was finding a student coordinator, Kuhn, to make sure everything runs smoothly. Drummond and Kuhn want to make sure the facilities have a good relationship with the school along with the students.

“I’m fortunate enough to get to know quite a few of our students while they’re here, but I don’t always get to meet the families,” Drummond said. "Like I said, maybe it sounds cliché, but it really is enjoyable."

Drummond said he likes to see where the students came from, and said it’s fun to see how they react with their families and the school.

He said Central is going to show them a great time no matter what.

“A lot of times, students — they’re a little more intimidated to take on a new adventure — but when their parents get involved, parents will help push them into a new activity," Scott said.

And then it becomes a lifelong passion."

Other events going on during the weekend are downtown tours, a theatre department performance of “Jesus Christ Superstar,” and a comedy routine by Melissa Villasenor from America’s Got Talent.

"Her Kathy Griffin impression and her Britney Spears impression get me every time, and if there’s any event you’re ever unsure of because it costs money, this is the one that’s worth $3 to pay," Stubbs said.

Stubbs suggests for anyone who has not heard of Villasenor to look her up on YouTube. She chose Villasenor because she watched her audition in Seattle for America’s Got Talent, and is very excited to have gotten her this year.

“Make sure to book someone that’s well worth it," Stubbs said.

Kuhn said her family has never come up for the weekend before, but said she knows they would have really enjoyed it. She said it can be fun to take your parents out and play tour guide because people don’t recognize how fun it can be.

“I feel like they missed out because it’s such a great experience," Kuhn said. "I don’t think people realize it."
Community gathers for farmers market

Kittitas County Farmers Market opens this year with fun and unique attractions

BY ADAM WILSON
Staff Reporter

Members of the community gathered last weekend to open the annual Kittitas County Farmers Market, a traditional event which takes place every weekend from May until October.

The farmers market is located on Fourth Avenue in downtown Ellensburg, between Pearl Street and Ruby Street. Farmers and business owners from all over Kittitas County come to sell food, artwork, jewelry, and soaps. Farmers market board member Barbara Ansley-Vensas also sees it as a large social event.

“I think the farmers market is fun,” Ansley-Vensas said. “It’s almost like a big church social.”

In addition to serving as a board member for the market, Ansley-Vensas sells her artwork. She has participated in the farmers market since 2008, when she moved to Ellensburg.

“We wanted to live in a funnier, less stressed environment,” Ansley-Vensas said. “We no longer wanted to live on the West Side because it was too crowded.”

Ansley-Vensas began selling photos in the 1980s when she was noticed by a national catalog, who started selling her work for her. When she moved to Ellensburg, she tried to promote her work at the art walk unsuccessfully, and decided to give the farmers market a try. She found most of her success in edited pictures she made.

“People liked the edits a lot better than my photos,” Ansley-Vensas said. “Ninety percent of what I sell is that.”

Ansley-Vensas gets the inspiration for her art from nature. Many of her pieces are flowers or birds, as well as other animals.

“Anything that has not been influenced by humanity has an inherent beauty,” Ansley-Vensas said. “I make my images really large because I’m trying to shout, ‘Look how cool this is. And we didn’t touch it’.”

Ansley-Vensas also grows aquatic plants, including water lilies and sultans, which she sells as part of her business Endless Song Water Gardens.

Local photographer Phil Klucking also sells his photography at the farmers market, which he describes as a viable career path until now.

“It’s kinda hard to rent a house because they knew you were going to paint the bathroom black,” Klucking said.

Klucking offers a wide variety of pictures for sale, from animals to scenery. He hopes his photography will inspire Central students to make their own art.

Lynda Larson, who owns Purity Soapworks in Ellensburg, promotes her business through the farmers market.

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“The business needed to be built up,” Larson said. “I needed to get in front of people to sell it, so the farmer’s market was perfect.”

The majority of Larson’s customers came from the farmers market, which she has been involved with for over 10 years. Her customer demographic is varied, so she offers products for everyone she can.

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Larson hopes Central students come to the farmers market, which she describes as a social event.

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Larson started making soap in 1993, when she lived in Wyoming. She wanted something that would help with the arid climate in the state, which caused her skin to dry out.

When she moved to Ellensburg to work at the Daily Record, she was given an offer to buy Purity Soapworks from its former owner. She decided to promote her products at the farmers market to keep the business going.

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Located on Main Street next to Q Nails, Daily Bread & Mercantile is unlike any other deli in Ellensburg. With short wooden shelves stocked with old-fashioned candies and baking supplies, the deli takes on a look similar to that of Olson’s Mercantile in “Little House on the Prairie.”

Chalkboards sit at the end of each shelf along the red and yellow hued walls, with neatly hand-written descriptions of what each shelf contains. It was a Saturday afternoon when owner Matt Wise and his wife Dana were driving to a wedding in Cle Elum. While on their way, Matt was scrolling through Craigslist postings on his phone, when he came across one from a man in Seattle selling coolers and other deli supplies.

It was this chance discovery that they took as a sign for them to open Daily Bread & Mercantile. As a family-owned business, all baked goods are made by the Wises, including yeast breads, danishes, pies, scones, and Matt’s favorite, cinnamon rolls.

“T’m usually in the back doing the baking,” Dana said. For her, baking breads is her favorite thing to bake, because she enjoys the challenge of baking different breads every morning. She explained how their daughter, Kyra, works in the deli.

When someone comes through that door, they make a choice to want to be here.” -MATT WISE
Owner

Brooke Wolsky, a senior nutrition major at Central Washington University, said she first heard about Daily Bread & Mercantile when her boss brought in cinnamon rolls to work one day. She liked the cinnamon rolls so much that Wolsky described how she plans to visit the deli sometime herself to try out some of their other selections.

Matt explained how their lunch menu has become a favorite among customers looking to order sandwiches, because both the meats and cheeses used contain few preservatives, making them a more wholesome food choice. The bakery also offers various homemade soups every day.

“Do you have some unique, hard-to-find bulk items,” Matt said. These bulk items include old-fashioned candies and beverages that are difficult to find elsewhere. Gluten-free products, such as baking supplies, can also be found at Daily Bread & Mercantile.

Wise and his wife moved up to Washington from California in order to be closer to their son, Jadon, and daughter-in-law Mindy. The entire Wise family, including their youngest daughter Kyra, works in the deli. Matt also owns Wise Automotive, which he ran full time for over six years before opening the deli.

“Every time someone comes through that door, they make a choice to want to be here,” Matt said, explaining how that is his favorite difference between his deli customers and his automotive shop customers.

This is because the customers who visit his repair shop tend to come because they have to get something fixed which results in a much less friendly demeanor than those of the customers who visit the deli because they choose to.

Since Daily Bread & Mercantile opened last November, its Facebook page has received over 700 likes. However, despite the deli’s growing clientele, Matt hopes for the business to remain small enough that it can maintain a “hometown” vibe to it.

He also hopes to someday be able to recognize customers by their faces and names.

Matt describes himself as very conservative, so if they ever expand the deli, it will be because they know for sure they have enough business to sustain changes.

As for future plans for Daily Bread & Mercantile, the Wises are working to learn the art of baking gluten-free pastries to be sold in the deli. They also hope to eventually incorporate ready-to-order homemade meals which the customer can take home for dinner.
Nothing’s cleaner than a packaged wiener, but unfortunately for broke college students, condoms are expensive. The Central Washington University Wellness Center hopes to combat that with the “Love Glove Club.”

“I think it’s a pretty cool idea,” junior information technology administrative management major Brandy Searcy said. “It’s a lot more convenient for people who can’t get to Planned Parenthood or afford condoms.”

The club has a simple premise: Students who sign up for the club receive 20 free condoms of their choosing per quarter.

Of course, the Wellness Center has always given out free condoms to students, so why make it a club? Alice Bowman, a health educator at the Wellness Center, said that the club is a much better way to keep track of how many condoms they give out and it helps make people more aware. The club, which has been around for a few years, has only recently become free.

“We’ve always offered condoms out of this office and this is a better way to publicize it,” Bowman said.

The idea came from a former peer health educator, but it wasn’t an original one. According to Bowman, clubs like this are already popular on college campuses nationwide.

Sophomore public health major Lindsay Cristobal says the club is a great idea because “people can get protection and hopefully be encouraged to use it because it’s free and supplied for you.”

Students can sign up for the club by stopping by the Wellness Center or emailing them. All they need is their student ID, which means the club is only for students at Central.

Students can also place their orders for what they want in person or via email. There are six types of male condoms, as well as female condoms, flavored dental dams and lubrication.

“We try to be as inclusive as possible,” Bowman said on their wide variety of products. She thinks the condom club is a great idea because sometimes they hear “condoms don’t work for me.” Bowman said the great benefit to having free condoms is that people can try out new things.

As of right now, the club just gives out condoms, but starting next year, Bowman says she hopes they will have an educational video that people will have to watch before they join.

Bowman says a lot of people don’t know everything they should about condoms and hopes the video will help.

Unfortunately, since the Wellness Center is located right in the middle of the SURC and the advertisement for the Love Glove Club is noticeably large in their window, they have gotten some complaints.

“Parents can get upset about it when young children on campus see the posters,” Bowman said. “That is the only negative feedback the club has received and because of that, they are encouraged to keep the club going.

The Wellness Center hopes in the future to tie the club in with Sexual Responsibility Week and Pure Romance parties. “I don’t see [the club] going anywhere anytime soon,” Bowman said.

Their slogan is “Feel the love, wear a glove.”
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Round-robin clash in Monmouth
Wildcats set for GNAC tournament with top-three teams

BY JARYD CLINE
Staff Reporter

After moving into a first-place tie with Great Northwest Athletic Conference-leader Western Oregon, no one expected that the Wildcats would lose six of their final eight games.

Central (28-22 overall, 19-13 GNAC) lost three games to Montana State Billings University and Western Oregon University over the final two weeks of the regular season.

Because only five schools in the GNAC have baseball programs, the conference tournament only allows the top three teams to compete in the round-robin bracket, unlike other GNAC postseasons.

The Wildcats will now voyage to play in the inaugural GNAC tournament on Thursday, opening against Montana State, followed by Western Oregon.

“Out our goal is for Western Oregon to beat them [MSUB] in Game 1 and for us to come out and beat them Game 2,” head coach Desi Storey said. “And that takes any doubt out of who’s going to be in the championship game.”

The tournament will be held on the campus of Western Oregon. The Wolves won the regular season title, giving them right to host.

“I think everybody is a little bit disappointed in the last few weeks,” Storey said. “Some of the games we haven’t won that we probably should have.”

Central comes into the tournament as the No. 2 seed, followed by Montana State Billings.

Each team plays each other on the first day and the team that loses twice is eliminated.

The final two teams battle it out on the second day to see who is named the tournament champion.

Montana State and Central boast the top two slugging teams in the GNAC, respectively. Central has the top batting percentage while the Yellowjackets lead in runs scored, RBIs, homeruns and triples.

“I’m feeling pretty good about Montana State,” said senior catcher Kyle Sani, who leads the GNAC in homeruns and RBIs. “As long as we go out and play our baseball, field it, throw it and hit it alright we should be fine.”

Sani has crushed the Yellowjackets as a designated hitter. He has combined to go 14-29 with 14 RBI, and six home runs in eight games versus Montana State.

Junior shortstop Justen Weigel has also had success against the Yellowjackets, hitting seven of 19 with two homeruns and 3 RBIs in four games this season.

Right after the Wildcats battle the Yellowjackets, they will meet the top-seeded Wolves.

Western Oregon finished off its regular season by defeating the Wildcats in three out of four games.

The Wolves have the best pitching staff in the GNAC and it has showed against the Wildcats. They have shut the Wildcats out once and had three pitchers combine to strike out 18 batters.

WOU also leads the conference earned run average and strikeouts.

The GNAC tournament kicks off Thursday at 10 a.m. with Montana State taking on Western Oregon in Game 1. That’s followed Central’s matchup with the Yellowjackets.

The Wildcats then face Western Oregon at 4 p.m. Whichever team loses two games on the first day will be eliminated, and the two remaining teams will battle on Day 2 for the right to be named GNAC tournament champions.

The Wildcats had a few days to work out the kinks before their last games of the season.

“We’re just gonna practice hard,” junior right fielder Ethan Sterkel said. “We have a great team, talented group of guys, just a good couple days of practice and we’ll be back at it.”
MEN’S RUGBY

The beginnings of a legacy

TONY PACHECO

Helped turn the Wildcats into perennial powerhouse

BY DANIEL SOTERO
Staff Reporter

Tony Pacheco was nothing but proud of the Wildcats as he stood on the sidelines, just as his team was eliminated from the 2013 Varsity Cup Collegiate Championship semi-finals.

Pacheco, who is the Seven’s head coach and recruitment coordinator of Central’s rugby team, has helped put the Wildcats on the map. He’s had ongoing success since taking over the team in 2007. This past season the Wildcats competed in the most prestigious tournament in the country, before losing to BYU 33-20 to end their season.

As a Division II school, Central is mentioned with elite rugby programs in the country like Notre Dame, UCLA, Air Force and BYU.

Pacheco was no stranger to the Ellensburg area. An undergrad from 1999-2003, he played for Central’s rugby team when he was a student and is now doing what he loves most: coaching.

“I enjoy coaching these guys,” Pacheco said. “They are a bunch of self-driven players who only want to get better.”

Pacheco played rugby his whole life, especially in high school. He was an all-division All-American, as well as a junior All-American.

But his time with rugby didn’t end there. After graduating from Central, Pacheco moved down to the Bay Area and lived there for five years, playing for the Olympic club of San Francisco.

Pacheco became head coach of the collegiate USA 7’s All-American team.

“It’s great working with some of the best athletes in the college game,” Pacheco said. “I got to see up and coming guys who are pushing for the national team and Olympic aspirations.”

When the opportunity presented itself in 2007, Pacheco was led back to Ellensburg to take the position as a coach of the Central rugby team.

Since then, Central rugby has had a steady incline of success, wiping out opponents to the point where the Wildcats gave up only a try or two.

“The more and more players who come wanting to compete and perform at the highest level, the better you’re going to be,” Pacheco said.

With nothing to be disappointed about this last season, other than not advancing to the finals, the Wildcat rugby team is looking forward to reaching the top.

Central has worked to gain national recognition in the past years, and because they compete with the best in the nation, Pacheco believes the Wildcats are representing the university on a large scale.

“It’s really cool, though, that it’s Central Washington out there with all those bigger schools,” Pacheco said. “The best part about it is you got these schools we are aligned with now, and then you see us along with them.”

The Wildcats have four seniors departing the squad: Alex Reber, Ryan Snider, Patrick Blair and Sean Wanigasekera, who all played crucial roles in the recent success of the Central rugby team.

Pacheco is looking forward to making his squad stronger and able to adapt to the choices, changes and opportunities that present themselves next year.

“As long as our players keep raising their standards then we will continue to develop and get better,” Pacheco said.

MEN’S SOFTBALL

Ellis hits walk-off win before elimination

BY SARAH RUIZ
Staff Reporter

Freshman Remy Bradley is one of several first-year Wildcats who have already started contributing and cracking the GNAC leaderboards in batting.

After Central Washington lost 2-0 to Saint Martin’s in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference tournament opener, the Wildcats split their two games on Day 2 but were eliminated by Simon Fraser, the Wildcats split their two games on Day 2 but were eliminated by Simon Fraser, the Wildcats split their two games on Day 2 but were eliminated by Simon Fraser.

The No. 4 seed in the tournament, the Wildcats ended their season 20-20 overall, 13-11 GNAC. They upended No. 2 seed Western Oregon 3-2 in their second game of the tournament before losing to Simon Fraser in Game 3.

In their 8-0 loss to No. 1 seed and 22nd-ranked Saint Martin’s University, who later captured the GNAC title, Central managed only three hits and committed four errors.

“A lot of it was just us not being relaxed and aggressive at the plate,” senior Cassi Ellis said. “That was our main issue that game. We didn’t have our complete ‘A game, but our defense wasn’t the main reason for the loss.’

In the second day of the tournament, the Wildcats defeated Western Oregon 3-2. Ellis proved to be the game changer when she hit the game-winning home run in the sixth inning, with the score tied 1-1.

Junior pitcher Maria Gau pitched seven innings and tallied three strikeouts against the Wolves. Gau allowed only four hits and two runs, which was an improvement over the Saint Martin’s game where she gave up 12 hits and eight runs off her.

“I just wasn’t going to let them win,” junior Maria Gau said. “I had all that night to think about how the Saint Martin’s game went and just come out as a pitcher with a different mentality.”

The Wildcats had seven hits in the game, four of which were hit by freshman Alexa Olague. Central was 2-2 against the Wolves entering the game.

“I mean, we just never gave up, which is our team motto,” Ellis said. “We just knew we were going to win.”

The win against WOU set-up their matchup with Simon Fraser. It was scoreless until the sixth inning, when Simon Fraser’s Kaitlyn Cameron hit a two-run home run.

Hamada was the only Wildcat to make contact off the Clan pitchers. Walks allowed them gave the Wildcats opportunities to score runs, but they were unable to capitalize.

“I think we played just as aggressive against Simon Fraser as Western Oregon,” Gau said. “We were still loud and aggressive, it just didn’t go our way. Balls weren’t landing for us.”

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“Seniors Ellis, Elena Carter and Kimberly Kocik ended their careers on Friday. Despite the loss, Ellis was confident with the way Central has improved from a year ago, and is hopeful for the future of the program.

“We improved a lot from last year,” Ellis said, “which is something they can keep building off.”

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ERA led the GNAC at the end of the season.
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Wildcats advance to GNAC Championships
Track and Field may send record number of athletes since 2007

BY CHELSIA BRONN
Staff Reporter

Previously, the Wildcats have advanced only two or three athletes to the NCAA Division II Track and Field National Championships.

2013 is different, however, and Central will have an opportunity to advance the largest number of participants since 2007.

Central’s track and field team will be traveling to Monmouth, Ore. for the 2013 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships.

The meet will be held on May 10-11 at McArthur Field on the campus of Western Oregon University. All 10 teams in the conference will be in attendance.

Day 1 begins at 2 p.m., starting with field events and followed by the running events, which will begin at 2:40 p.m.

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“The main focus and push of the whole season is the conference meet,” head coach Adkisson said. “For 90 percent of the team, that’s the end of the season.”

Junior Braden Keller is the Wildcats’ only auto-qualifier for the national championships thus far. Keller is currently ranked third in the GNAC in the javelin, with his best mark being 203 feet.

Keller finished third in the GNAC in 2012 at the conference championships and will have an opportunity to become an All-American at the national championships beginning May 23-25.

Central will be facing some tough competition at the meet. Athletes have worked all season to reach peak performance.

One athlete in particular is senior jumper and sprinter Bryan Mack, who is in his fifth year at Central.

Mack’s best event is the triple jump, in which he has set an NCAA Division II provisional mark at 49 feet, five inches.

“I’m more excited than nervous,” Mack said, “just because it’s getting close to that time where the good jumps are going come. I’m only a foot and two inches away from the number one ranking, so going into nationals my goal is to win it.”

Senior Andrew Venema is the top GNAC performer in the in the 110-hurdles. His best time this season was in April at the Spike Arlt Invitational at Tomlinson Stadium, at 14.91 seconds, while his career-best is 14.77 seconds.

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“On the women’s team, sophomore high jumper Tayler Fettig has an NCAA Division II provisional mark at 5 feet, 8.75 inches, giving her a number one ranking in the GNAC.

Improving from last year by an inch and a half, she has also broken Centrals previous high jump record.

Senior distance runner Kelsey Kreft is finishing up her fifth year at Central. Kreft’s strongest event is the steeplechase, where she is ranked 23rd and is aiming to make it into the top 20 to qualify for nationals.

“The goal is to improve my place ment and PR again at the conference meet,” Kreft said. “I’m going into the conference meet confident and ready to feel the burn. I am nervous but I’m willing to put it all on the line to do what I have to do.”

Other athletes are expected to compete and do well at the conference meet.

Watch for more than a handful of Wildcats to be competing in Colorado at the end of the month.
Green Dot Dodgeball prevents violence

The Wellness Center and University Recreation are partnering up to host the first 5-on-5 Green Dot Dodgeball Tournament on May 15 at 7 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

The dodgeball tournament is a fun way for students to learn about the Green Dot campaign and the Bystander Training Event, as well as giving them a chance to hurl balls at their classmates.

Registration for the event began on May 1. Students who are interested in entering a team can pick up registration forms at the Wellness Center or Recreation Center front desk, and can register a team any time prior to the start of the event.

“We want to get our students who play dodgeball interested in bystander training and Green Dot,” Eric Scott, University Recreation, said.

The Green Dot campaign has been going on at Central Washington for the past four years.

“The Green Dot campaign is meant to empower bystanders to prevent works of power-based personal violence,” Alice Bowman, Wellness Center health educator, said.

During the event, the Wellness Center will be promoting the Green Dot bystanders training. There will be a booth set up to inform students about the training and how they can get involved.

The Bystander Training will be held on May 18 and will teach students how to react when they’re confronted with violence.

“Bystander training is a violence prevention program,” Andrea Easlick, health educator and sexual assault coordinator, said.

Bystander training is open to anyone who is interested. Participants do not need prior violence prevention training to attend.

“We train students and equip them with the tools they need to help victims,” Bowman said. “The bystander training is a lot of fun and totally worth it. I’ve gone through it multiple times and you continue to learn and feel more confident in helping to reduce violence in our community.”

The Wellness Center will also have an incentive for the teams participating in the tournament. The team with the best Green Dot outfits and the team who gets all their players signed up first will receive a prize.

Students interested in entering a team or attending the event can find more information at the Wellness Center or online at www.cwu.edu/rec.

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