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IS COLLEGE WORTH THE DEBT?

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Correction:

In the article titled, “The drunk and the restless,” in issue No. 6, the article said Timothy Bishop was recently on Newswatch representing the EDA. Bishop no longer works for EDA, and while we accurately reported what he said, it wasn’t recent.

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Makaiya Simmons, senior public relations major, said she wouldn’t have been able to come to Central without the use of student loans. She was able to get a Parent Plus loan for her first year, and the past three years have been paid for with student loans and grants. The help Simmons received from grants like the Washington State Need Grant helped offset the cost of the student loans. “They did help quite a bit. I think in total I’ve gotten about maybe $16,000 in the past four years in grants, which has definitely helped a lot,” Simmons said.

Simmons believes students should consider working while in school, looking for scholarships, or consider starting at a community college. “I feel like it would be better to push people to work during school, pay things off, go the community college route to begin with, as opposed to jumping straight in and paying,” Simmons said. “While they do help a lot of people, I feel like [loans are]...kind of a crutch.”

Robb said he believes most people end up regretting taking out loans. “The short-term benefits are what they are, but the long-term consequences are as damaging as taking out a mortgage on your house,” Robb said.

Michelle Cyrus, diversity officer for the Center for Diversity and Social Justice, was motivated by her own student debt to get students aware of the issues with debt and help them overcome those issues. Cyrus and Plesha recently helped facilitate a film and a panel regarding student debt to help make students aware of the resources available to them.

“Borrowing what’s offered to you in the federal program can give you a lot more options later,” Plesha said. “Especially if you get into trouble and you are struggling in repayment, there are a lot more benefits with federal loans.”

Plesha said her philosophy when it comes to student loans is to not borrow any more than you absolutely need. “If you don’t want to borrow, don’t. If you have to borrow, try to just borrow what you are really going to need,” Plesha said. “It’s better to live like a poor college student than to live like one when you’re out of college.”

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Wheels at the heels of danger

BY SAMANTHA MONTERREY
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Bicycles, longboards and a university walkway crowded with pedestrians don’t always go hand-in-hand. Unlike road traffic, sidewalk traffic isn’t monitored by stop signs or speed limits.

People don’t usually stop and think about the possibility of colliding with a cyclist until they’re at that moment where a hasty decision has to be made.

For senior English education major and cyclist, Alyssa Welch, a quick decision wasn’t in her favor.

“There was a time when I collided head on with a longboarder,” Welch said.

“He was riding on his belly and had little control over his board.”

Welch said they looked at each other, but the rider had no control over which direction he was going. Welch’s wheels went right over his body.

Although the collision was a rare incident, students encounter non-verbal communication with pedestrians and cyclists daily.

Headphones, phones and other distractions can impede communication efforts.

“I find it difficult to communicate with a pedestrian when they have headphones on, or when they are focusing on their cell phone,” Welch said. “Realistically, no one is going to stop using these devices when they walk, but it only makes riding near them more difficult.”

According to Campus Police Corporal Brian Melton, if you’re going to use headphones, it is best to only use one ear bud so you can hear if someone is trying to warn you.

“Weak earbuds, people wear two earbuds most times and they don’t hear that you’re coming,” Melton said. “You may yell or something to prevent it, but if they can’t hear, it won’t do anything.”

Jhime Vera, junior aviation major, rides his bike occasionally and has noticed that many drivers don’t pay attention to their surroundings while driving.

“I do notice some drivers don’t look around at their surroundings,” Vera said.

“I think people are always rushing because they are late to class but some think they own the road.”

Vera isn’t worried about colliding with another cyclist, but as a cyclist he worries about other dangers.

“I am not too concerned about colliding with a cyclist when I am walking around campus, but I am concerned with colliding with a car while on a bike, because that is mostly always preventable,” Vera said.

Melton said there few reports regarding pedestrian and cyclist collisions, but cyclist and motor vehicle collision reports do come in, and students should file a report if they are injured from a collision.

Two winners will be announced May 30!

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Response crews prep for wildfire season

BY JUSTINE SISSON
Staff Reporter

With the dry summer season arriving, firefighters throughout Kittitas County are preparing for the wildfire season and encourage all residents to do the same.

“We are about three to four weeks ahead of where we normally are for this time of year as far as dryness,” John Sinclair, Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue Fire Chief, said.

The Kittitas County fire chiefs, along with other wildfire response groups, have adopted the Ready, Set, Go program. The “Ready” section of the program teaches homeowners how to prepare their homes to be fire-safe. The “Set” piece of the program encourages individuals to have a plan of what to do if a fire does occur. The “Go” section is about having situational awareness of when homeowners should evacuate and what to do when evacuating.

“Everyone in the family should know three ways out of the house and where the collection point is located outside in case you have a fire at night,” Sinclair said. Homeowners can also prepare for the fire season by cleaning up debris such as branches, shrubs, and firewood left over from winter that may be near their houses.

The Department of Natural Resources has offered homeowners financial assistance to protect their homes and properties from wildfires.

All of the fire services are encouraging residents to prepare for the upcoming dry season, and have been working hard to prepare themselves as well.

“We have started training earlier this year because of the seasonal dryness that we have had,” Matt Eberlein of the Department of Natural Resources said.

Some of the seasonal staff began training on May 1, and others will start training in three increments through mid-June. By July 1, the southeast region will have 21 engines staffed, a 20-person DNR hand crew located in Yakima County, and five helicopters, each staffed with a pilot, helicopter manager, and two firefighters.

Every morning the DNR fire staff has a briefing, which includes staffing, safety concerns and weather conditions throughout Washington. After the briefing the staff prepares the helicopters and gets ready for the day. Also they inspect the trucks and do house trainings.

“We get all of our staff ready so if we get a phone call for a fire we can be off the ground in five minutes,” Dave Ames, fire aviation program manager, said.

DNR employs pilots and firefighters from all over the country for training and to fight fires during the summer season.

“We are usually called early-on during fires because we have the aircraft and don’t have to worry about which roads to take to get to the fire,” chief DNR pilot Pete Peterson said.

The DNR group is working to have quicker responses, to better understand capabilities of their co-operators, and to be able to deploy on an incident more efficiently.

Many fires are started by human negligence and could be avoided if people followed the fire safety rules and used extra caution.

“Over the past several weeks we have responded to a number of fires in eastern and western Washington which were human-caused,” Eberlein said.

Even though the end of May has brought cooler temperatures, landowners will still need to exercise caution due to dry fuel conditions. June, July and August may bring above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation, which should encourage people to exercise caution during these times.

“We just ask people to be mindful of the fact that it is very easy to start a fire, and if the wind is pushing by the time they go to get help, it could have grown to a very large fire,” Sinclair said.
Here we are! At the end of my five-year college career, people are telling me I can graduate. This is my dream, and it’s also because, as a home schooler, I have never graduated before. I’m so excited, and honestly so proud to be graduating.

Before I go, there are a few things I want to say.

I transferred to Central more than two years ago because I wanted to get away from everything, which is by far one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. So, for that, I want to thank Ayla for always knowing what is best for me, even when I don’t. To the best and most brilliant people I have ever met about is my other best friend, Braden. I promise that my full-time job from now on will be to let you mirror me into more ridiculous situations now, that I’m finally done being stressed out all the time.

Before Central, I was never told that I could amount to anything greater. A woman here said that to me every day last year, and it finally sunk in. Lorinda An- derson, you have pushed and prodded me a year, and it finally sunk in. Lorinda Anderson.

The other group of boogaloids I need to talk about is the Observer crew. Wow. We couldn’t have known what this year was going to bring us, but I think we all did our best and came out on top. Chanté — you are my partner in crime. No other section has better hashtags, and I take pride in that. Never stop being the best walking Twitter feed there is. I love you girl.

New team — assembleeereee! You guys are on another level. Whenever I hear the terms, “trash!” and, “See what had happened was…” I will forever think of you and your synonymous dishes. Along the same lines, I did not get to work with you long enough, but I can’t wait to try back to Blood + Tobacco.

Graphic design team — you dinesque rock! Thanks for making the paper look so spiffy, and thanks Seth for always going along with my made-up languages.

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Every time I think about actually gradu- ating, I think about what my sister-in-law Erin said to me my freshman year: “It goes as fast as college has, so I should probably get started.” In my time at Central, I have learned to not worry about the future because we are in the glass and to never underestimate how cold it can get here. I want to thank every single person who has helped me get to this point. Next stop, graduate school. See you all on the flip side!

Chanti Evans
Sports Editor

Here’s the bottom line: Thank you for everything, now can we finally get some fuzzy drinks?

My time at Central would not be close to what it has been without my home away from home, CLCE. I probably owe my entire professional career that follows this school to that office, and I couldn’t be more proud to have been a part of it.

The staff at the center is the most sup- portive, ambitious and hardest group of people I have ever met, and some of you are the rowdiest people I know! Keep changing places someday. I can’t believe how true those words are.

Sports team — I love you guys. Er, you know you are my journalism golden child, keep don’t yo thing truths, but make sure to stay focused and don’t forget about the deadlines and Clairae. I didn’t get to work with you long enough, but I can’t wait to try back to Blood + Tobacco.

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Chanté Stevenson
Sports Editor

Not goodbye, see you soon

You news, you lose

First of all, shut out Big K. You set a precedent that will always be re- membered. Whatever you’re going to say, I’m sure it’s getting done in the most ethi- cal way possible and you’re not check- ing any voice messages there. People are starting to get mad.

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Students offered internship opportunity in El Salvador, includes private house, in-house chef

**BY ALESSA MARTINEZ**

**Bill Report**

Instead of stuffing envelopes and doing grunt work for an internship, Central Washington University students can now spend up to nine months in Cusco, El Salvador, as an intern for the non-profit, non-governmental organization, ESNA.

“The great thing about this internship is that we can work with you to tailor it so that you get the experience that you need or want,” Jessie Allen, a Careers Services representative, said.

The new internship opportunity was developed by Career Services in partnership with the Office of International Studies and Programs (OISP) and is run through the non-profit ESNA Village Network.

While staying in the rural home, “Casa Maya” designed for students an in-house cook, wireless internet, and a bilingual coordinator are just a few of the amenities included with this internship.

“This opportunity is available for different majors, including information technology (IT), computer science, public health, education and more. Jessie Nelson, the associate dean for student achievement, is no stranger to El Salvador and the site where interns from Central will be living and working. Starting in 2009, Nelson has traveled to El Salvador three times and has taken both student and faculty groups to visit the site. Nelson said, "It was absolutely a life-changing experience," Nelson said. “For this country that is fresh out of a brutal civil war to project such a sense of goodness, life, and warmth is just absolutely incredible.”

The most important thing Nelson wants students to know about this internship is the affordability. “It will cost students just about the same to intern in El Salvador for nine months as it would to pay for one quarter here at Central, which is an added benefit to those thinking about going but are hesitant because of cost,” Nelson said. Career services assures that, for most programs, Spanish is beneficial but not required.

“We will have a bilingual coordinator on-site, so even if your Spanish is minimal, you won't need to worry about communication barriers,” Allen said.

Casa Maya promises to be an invaluable experience for students looking to get an international experience and an edge on the job market competition. “Choosing to go abroad during my time at CWU was one of the best decisions I made during college,” Maggie Arevalo, Central alum, said. Arevalo studied in Guadalajara, Mexico, and graduated from Central in June, 2012.

“When my current employer called me with a job offer, he said that when he was reviewing resumes the fact that mine said I had experience living and studying in another country made the decision of who to hire an easy one because it showed I was both well-rounded and able to work interculturally,” Arevalo said.

For more information on Casa Maya, May 23rd at 4 p.m. Career Services will be serving up free pupusas and horchata, which are traditional Salvadorian food and drink.

This informational session is open to all students who are interested in learning more about this opportunity. During the info session, career services will provide course details and a breakdown of the program, including deadlines and requirements.

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Enjoy traditional Salvadorian food and learn about this internship opportunity

**NOT A VACATION**

Pictures show where students can earn credits.
Although the deadline for Central Washington University’s General Scholarship Application has passed, students still have many opportunities to obtain scholarships from other sources.

“We have so many different kinds,” said Sarilyn Paschen, Financial Aid Counselor of Scholarships. “Departmental scholarships, outside scholarships—quite a few students benefit from our department.”

Paschen encourages all Central students to apply for as many scholarships as they can. Students can visit Washboard.org for scholarship information.

“There is a lot of free money out there,” Paschen said.

Many students already benefit from scholarships through their majors or programs they are involved in.

“Before I got my scholarship, my dad and I made a deal where he would pay for my first two years and I would have to pay for the other two on my own,” said Gavin Eilefson, criminal justice sophomore and member of the Army ROTC. “This scholarship allowed me to basically pay for college with fewer loans, a goal she hopes other students can achieve as well.

Eilefson benefits from the ROTC three-year scholarship, which he received in November 2012. The scholarship will pay for his tuition for the next three years and provide an additional stipend of $400 every month. He received the scholarship as part of a competitive contracted position with the Army.

“It’s a lot like applying for a job,” Eilefson said. “It took a lot of hard work in the program.”

Contracted positions are available every year. Eilefson said about a handful of sophomores were contracted this year.

While the full-ride scholarship Eilefson earned required a lot of dedication to obtain, other scholarships are much easier to earn. Samantha Tidd, biology junior, said her scholarship application was easy.

“Literally, I didn’t have to do anything,” Tidd said. “I just wrote down my name and sent them my transcripts. It was so easy.”

Tidd earned the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship, which is open to all students pursuing a science, technology, engineering or mathematics degree. The scholarship provided her with $1,000 this year and she will receive another $5,000 for her senior year.

Having the scholarship allowed Tidd to pay for college with fewer loans, a goal she hopes other students can achieve as well.

“Nobody likes being in debt,” Tidd said.

Katie Gronberg, sophomore, received a $3,000 scholarship her freshman year, but was unable to apply for it again. Her parents help her pay for school, and she said not having the scholarship makes things harder for her.

“Having the scholarship was $3,000 we didn’t have to worry about,” Gronberg said.

Gronberg recommends all students know their limits in college in order to keep their GPA high and get more scholarships.

Central’s Scholarship Office lists several scholarships on their website at www.cwu.edu/scholarships/outside-scholarships. Awards range from $500 to $10,000, and most are available to students of any major. There are also unique scholarships offered nationally to any kind of student.

The Direct2TV Media and Technology Blogging Scholarship is a $1,000 national scholarship available to all full-time college students. The scholarship is sponsored by Direct2TV. To apply, a student must maintain a blog, with one post about his or her interest in technology. The deadline to enter is June 1, with the winner being announced on July 1.

The Klingon Language Institute, dedicated to the study of Klingon linguistics and culture, is offering $500 to students studying any language. According to the website, knowledge of Klingon is not a requirement for the scholarship, though it may help.

Students who are under 21 and meet the specific height requirement—5’10” for women and 6’2” for men—qualify for the Tall Clubs International (TCI) Scholarship Award. The national scholarship requires applicants to be sponsored by a member of TCI.

The Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation offers students $250 to $2,500 for competing in monthly common knowledge tests. The tests are completed online and scored based on time and accuracy. The foundation’s website says the scholarship is designed so everyone has an equal chance to obtain the scholarships.

Jif, the peanut butter brand, offers students a yearly scholarship of $25,000 for making the most creative sandwich they can with any Jif products. The most recent winner was a chicken sandwich with lettuce, avocado and tomato, topped with a sauce made with Jif’s chocolate hazelnut spread.

Student vegetarians can apply for the Vegetarian Video Scholarship, offered by the Vegetarian Resource Group. Three awards are given out to students who can best communicate information about vegetarianism or veganism.

For more information about any of these scholarships, visit their organization websites. For more information about local scholarships, contact the Scholarship Office at 509-963-3005.
Coffee giant Starbucks brews up a whole “latte” of controversy, causing conservative group to “Dump Starbucks.”

About 62,993 people have given their virtual signature and pledged to never buy another frappucino, not from Starbucks at least.

Last year, after same-sex marriage became legal in the state of Washington, Starbucks Coffee Co. developed and announced a company wide stance in support of the new law.

“If you feel, respectfully, that you can get a higher return than the 38 percent you got last year, it’s a free country. You can sell your shares in Starbucks and buy shares in another company. Thank you very much,” said Starbucks’ CEO Howard Schultz in late April at the company’s annual shareholder meeting.

Schultz’ response to shareholder Tom Strobhar’s complaint that the company had lost customers because of its support for gay marriage caused jaws to drop.

Strobhar has been identified as the founder of the anti-gay marriage Corporate Morality Action Center.

“The lens in which we are making that decision is through the lens of our people. We employ over 200,000 people in this company, and we want to embrace diversity; of all kinds,” said Schultz.

Their firm stance on the issue of same-sex marriage has caused uproar from conservative and Christian groups alike. The National Organization for Marriage has almost 65,000 supporters for their online petition to “Dump Starbucks.”

“Starbucks” has taken a corporate-wide position that the definition of marriage between one man and one woman should be eliminated and that same-sex marriage should become equally “normal,” reads the organization’s home page for the petition.

“As such, Starbucks has deeply offended at least half of U.S. customers and the vast majority of its international customers.”

As same-sex marriage is cause for much discussion nationwide and even globally, it is also a topic that has left much room for debate right here in Ellensburg.

“I know that Starbucks as a company has declared their position in this matter; and it has upset a lot of people,” said junior public relations major Sarah Jane Johnson. Johnson is a member of Mercer Creek Church’s SALT.

Though Johnson says she can’t speak for SALT as a whole, as a self proclaimed Christian, she has strong personal opinions on the matter.

“I believe marriage should be between one man and one woman, it says so in the bible,” said Johnson.

T h. u. r. g h Johnson maintains a traditional Christian view on the matter, she doesn’t close herself off completely from the idea that large parts of society, and widely on college campuses including Central Washington University, this kind of diversity is beginning to be not only embraced but accepted.

“I do have homosexual friends, I went to Western (Western Washington University) for two years. I’ve been exposed to this kind of culture a lot,” Johnson said. “I don’t hate them at all. I mean they’re my friends, I don’t approve of their lifestyle, but it’s their choice.”

As mentioned by Shultz, Starbucks employs over 200,000 “partners,” which is how the company refers to their employees.

Their employee base is a largely diverse pool of individuals, including those who identify with particular religious denominations.

“I feel that Starbucks does have a right to support whatever they feel like support whatever they feel like since this is America,” said Joshua Pong, a local Starbucks barista. “While I don’t support gay marriage because I am Roman Catholic, I still am comfortable for now working for Starbucks. I would quit if they tried to make me support gay marriage in any way though.”

Pong, however, is not against giving equal rights to those who are in favor of same-sex marriage.

“I do support gay rights and love and respect all LGBT people as Christ would which is taught by the Catholic church,” said Pong.

A common consensus seems to be that the movement to boycott the company could be almost futile because of its vast hold on the beverage industry, and the fact that every day more and more companies support these same issues.

“I understand what the ‘Dump Starbucks’ movement is trying to do, but feel that is kind of a vain attempt,” Pong said. “They should by all means continue as is their right being Americans but just focusing on Starbucks, I feel, is not going to be enough. So many other companies also support gay marriage.”

Another question raised by this topic is whether Starbucks will lose or gain customers after a move like this. The opinion of some is that this well could have been a carefully planned public relations (PR) move.

“I think it is such a cool thing that Starbucks supports gay marriage rights in such a public way. People really need to understand that just because your preferences are different than others, doesn’t mean you have fewer or different legal rights than others,” said sophomore sociology major and Starbucks consumer, Cynthia Moreno. “But, I also think that Starbucks probably realized how diverse their customers and employees are, and decided it would be a good move that would bring in more customers and also appeal to employees.”

While other students don’t think it was such a smart business move on the coffee company’s part, their appreciation for our right to express our opinions and views is still present.

“I think it was a terrible PR move, because they’ve lost a lot of customers and their respect,” Johnson said. “There are plenty other coffee places around town (Ellensburg) that we can go to instead of Starbucks.”

Although she is not joining the group now, Johnson said it is not out of the question.

“I would sign the petition if Starbucks started to market and publicize their stance with signage and whatnot,” Johnson said. “I love their frappucinos. I can’t stop, but I probably won’t go there as much now.”

Starbucks continues to maintain a positive outlook and a firm stance on the issue, and believes that they will only move forward as a company and wishes to continue to contribute to society as what they say is an embrace of diversity.

“From our very earliest days, Starbucks has strived to create a company culture that put our people first, and our company has a lengthy history of leading on and supporting policies that promote equality and inclusion,” said a Starbucks spokesman during a phone interview.

For more information on the “Dump Starbucks” movement you can visit www.dumpstarbucks.com. For information about Starbucks you can visit the company website at www.starbuckscoffee.com

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Years of collaboration pay off for band
Trip Like Animals to play at Prosody events next Thursday

BY MARGAUX MASSEY
Staff Reporter

People trip like animals do,” Mike Molner, lead singer and guitarist of band Trip Like Animals, said of the band’s name. “It doesn’t have anything to do with drugs, and it’s funny that people think it does.”

The band, who will perform at Prosody on May 31, got their name from the title of a song, when Mike realized that human nature is like that of animals.

“We know when you see dogs pass by and they want to fight each other,” Mike said. “Humans are like that.”

The band is made up of lead singer Mike Molner, his brother and drummer Joe Molner, bassist Jerome Dimangil and guitarist Douglas Stonerock.

“Live, I’m playing guitars, making as much noise as I possibly can,” Stonerock said. “There is something organic in watching Joe grow and become a better drummer.”

Joe said. “He also said that his favorite part of actually being in the band has to do with the other members. He loves making the music, writing the songs and new material. He also enjoys watching the other band members grow.

“There is something organic in watching Joe grow and become a better drummer,” Stonerock said. “He said his intention at first was to just make another rock and roll album, but he found their talent to be amazing. He said one of his favorite things is watching Mike write.”

When it comes to writing the music, Mike explained how they try to attack the song, the bones of it first, and shows the rest of the band, then refines it until it is ready for the lyrics.

“I like to do the vocal melody with the lyrics, they have to be the last thing pegged on,” Mike said.

At this point their fan base isn’t very expansive. They can easily remember the biggest show they have played, they opened up for a band called Rival Sums from LA. They are one of the band’s favorites and they ended up playing for a crowd of over 100 people.

“We had a bunch of people and a lot of their fans really dug our stuff so they became our fans too,” Mike said.

He then said that the band dreams of some day playing at the Paramount in Seattle, with hopes of one day even starting their own music festival. Their favorite venue to play at, however, is the High Dive in Fremont, they also like performing at the Showbox.

Before they go on stage, some of the members have certain things they do to prepare.

“You know, it’s rock and roll so you can’t really be too serious about it,” Mike said. “He said that some people like to drink, and they do too, but sometimes people get too drunk and their playing starts to suck.”

“I will definitely try to have a drink before we go on but I get myself into the frame of mind where everyone wants to have fun,” Mike said.

Joe, the drummer, has a different way to start off his shows. He makes sure to check all his issues at the door and really focus on where he is at in that moment. He is grateful to be able to play the drums, to be able to do what he loves while getting paid for it.

“Focusing on the good is helpful to relax and calm yourself,” Joe said.

The band is very young, but Joe said that he isn’t looking to get rich and famous out of it. He wants the band to get to a point where they have a crew of people working for them, so he can focus on playing drums, which is what he loves.

“I don’t need a big living, I don’t need fancy cars,” Joe said. “I want to enjoy life and be able to pay my rent. I want to not have to work at the coffee shop.”
BY JARYD CLINE
Staff Reporter

One thing is for sure: The Wildcats will need to find a consistent signal caller at quarterback to replace three-year starter Ryan Roberson.

The CWU White vs. CWU Crimson spring football game ended with a final score of 7-7, with scores coming from running backs Jordan Todd and Bryce Davis, both of which came during the first half.

The Crimson team was designed to be No. 1 on defense and No. 2 on offense, while the White team was No. 1 on offense and No. 2 on defense.

The sidelines were full of new faces vying for a position in the starting lineup in the fall.

The Wildcats have been working throughout the spring to replace the 22 seniors graduated from last year’s team which won the GNAC championship.

All six of the quarterbacks have seen limited playing times in their careers; some haven’t seen any downs at all.

“We threw five or six picks and that’s never a good day for a quarterback,” head coach Blaine Bennett said.

“We’ll sit down and evaluate them and hopefully go into Aug. 14 with three quarterbacks and get them ready for the season.”

Both the Crimson and White teams combined connected on just 30 percent of their passing attempts on the day, while also throwing six interceptions.

The White team found a consistent offensive weapon in Todd. The sophomore totaled 96 yards on 22 attempts, including a 24-yard touchdown scamper.

Todd, who finished with 192 yards and three touchdowns in the Wildcats’ 51-19 victory over Dixie State to secure the GNAC title in 2012, was the only bright spot for either team on offense.

“Jordan Todd is the real deal,” Bennett said. “For him to come out here and run like he ran today, that’s exciting.”

Both offenses struggled at times on each team throughout the game. The first passing play of the day was intercepted for the White team and the Crimson team gave it right back with an interception less than 10 minutes later.

GNAC defensive player of the year Stan Langlow was all over the place for the Crimson team, recording six solo tackles and one interception on the day.

Langlow is excited for the team’s chances next season. The Wildcats had the top scoring and red zone defense last season, and Langlow was a large factor.

“I expect big things out of this team,” Langlow said.

“Defensively there’s that fire burning and we can’t wait to get it back.”

Coming out of halftime, both squads tried to gain the upper hand by showing a bit of trickery.

The White team opened the second half by recovering an onside kick, which later led to a punt.

The White team attempted to fool the Crimson squad again on a reverse pass, but it was broken up in the backfield before it developed.

“I think after halftime everybody pulled the gloves off and tried to win the game,” Bennett said. “It’s a chance for us to have fun. I think our players had fun, our coaches had a good time. [It was] a great way to end spring football.”

The Wildcat football team resumes preparation for the fall with practices beginning on Aug. 14.

“Right now they have to make sure they finish up strong academically,” Bennett said.

While the expectations are high for a second-consecutive GNAC title, the Wildcats know that hard work in the off-season is just the start to the season-long journey.

“I’m trying to go to the playoffs,” Todd said. “I think we’re all trying to go to playoffs and I think we have the squad to do it.”

Defensive is discipline
Defending GNAC champs’ spring game ends on a tie

The CWU 2012 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Champs

Central team statistics in GNAC in 2012:

1 Rushing Offense
2,189 yards, 28 TD

1 Red Zone Defense
68.4 percent

2 Scoring Offense
342 points

2013 Spring Football Game scoring:
Bryce Davis 2 yd run - Crimson
Jordan Todd 24 yd run - White

FINAL
Crimson - 7
White - 7
First time at the Big Show

BY CHELSEA BRONN
Staff Reporter

The Wildcats will send three stellar first-time competitors to the NCAA Division II Outdoor National Championships, which is held in Pueblo, Colo.

The three-day meet will take place from May 23-25.

With three qualifiers, Central is sending the most athletes to nationals since 2010.

Senior javelin thrower Braden Keller, senior triple jumper Bryan Mack and sophomore high jumper Tayler Fettig will departed from Ellensburg on Tuesday on their way to Pueblo.

Head coach Kevin Adkisson is hopeful that each of the athletes have a chance at garnering All-American honors.

“Braden and Tayler are ranked in the top six or seven,” Adkisson said. “Top eight is the scoring places that earn All-American. [Mack] is ready to do something big. He’s shooting to break a school record. They all have a lot of potential.”

Keller has been steady throughout the season and his throwing career, consistently throwing over 210 feet, which would bring him All-American honors.

Keller believes he has the potential to throw in the 230-foot range at nationals.

After a rough finish at the GNAC conference meet, Mack is looking to redeem himself at nationals.

“Mack won the title in long jump and finishing second in the 100-meters, Mack finished third in his strong suit: triple jump. "You can’t hold yourself back," Mack said, "you have to go balls out. I want to place in the top seven, to be an All-American. Mack won’t have that chance until Saturday. In the mean time, he’s going to try and keep a level head.

"I’m hoping that I can stay focused since I will be there for four days prior to when I compete," Mack said.

As a senior, Mack is glad to to wrap up his college career with a national appearance.

He is considering training for the U.S. track and field team and has aspirations to coach someday.

Fettig is also aiming for All-American honors.

“This opportunity is such a blessing and I am so thankful to have it,” Fettig said.

Fettig plans on doing a little sightseeing while in Colorado to help calm her nerves before her event.

“I want to see Hangover Three,” Fettig said while laughing.

Fettig’s strong faith and belief in herself will help drive her to her goals.

“She measured six feet up on my wall and tapped a line around my room,” Fettig said. “I wrote bible verses and believe along the line, to keep me motivated.” This is the mark she is looking to receive at nationals.

These top three athletes are on track to have some great performances to wrap up their 2013 track and field season. The Wildcats will be competing alongside with 33 other GNAC athletes at the championships.

Keller, Fettig and Mack qualify for NCAA Division II Outdoor National Championships

MACK ATTACK

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Wildcat Dash challenges mind and body

BY DANIEL SOUTRO
Staff Reporter

The University Recreation and the department of military sciences are celebrating Student Appreciation Day by hosting their very first Wildcat Dash. On May 24, participants will endure a 5k dash beginning at the Language & Literature Building on the north end of campus.

From there, participants will take on several obstacles as they make their way down Nicholson Blvd., through the Alder Recreation Complex, across Eighteenth Street and down D Street before finishing at the library.

Based on the popular Warrior Dash series, the Wildcat Dash is a 5k with a surprise twist. Heats take off every 15 minutes, beginning with running.

Competitors will have to conquer 19 obstacles including crawling through a mud pit, carrying logs, walking across a balance beam, swinging 15 feet to safety, and pulling a 73-pound sled across a field on their way to the finish line.

Eric Scott, interim associate director at the Recreation Center, held the event last year and had a lot of positive feedback from the students.

“It was an incredible turnout,” Scott said. “140 students coming out and pushing themselves to get to the finish line. It was just awesome to see.”

But the dash isn’t just a physical challenge: students are expected to use their brain in some of the obstacles.

“We want to challenge the competitors to do their best,” Scott said. “We want it to be safe and fun for everyone who comes and participates.”

The Wildcat Dash will be full of opportunities for students to push their limits while building camaraderie with other participants.

The event will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. Registration is available at the Recreation Center front desk and costs $20 from the students.

1,2,3 GO! And they’re off! Heats start every 15 min and start with a running relay.

WHEN: June 1
WHERE: CWU Alder Recreation Fields
REGISTRATION: $20 (www.cwu.edu/tickets)

for Central students and Recreation Center members and $40 for non-members. Students can also apply online at www.cwu.edu/tickets.

All proceeds will benefit the Collegiate Sport Clubs program.

BIG CHANGES to SEOIs

There are several improvements to Student Evaluations of Instruction (SEOIs) this quarter.

1. Faculty can no longer see the names of students who have or have not responded to SEOIs, no matter how many responses there are.

2. The SEOI forms are shorter. Two open-ended text questions have been removed from each form.

3. SEOIs will only run for one week instead of two this quarter (May 27th through June 3rd). As soon as a student completes all of his/her SEOIs the Blackboard pop-up window and reminder emails will stop.

4. Students can now download the EvaluationKIT Android or Apple app to their tablets or cell phones. Tokens will be emailed to students. Once the tokens are installed the app will work as long as a student is enrolled at CWU. Students can complete SEOIs using this app.

Your feedback gets used

SEOIs play a key role in the review of faculty and adjunct instructors. SEOIs are more likely to be taken seriously when response rates are high. Please take the time to complete SEOIs during the week of May 27th through June 3rd.

See an actual SEOI report
http://tinyurl.com/CWU-SEOI-Report

Student FAQs
http://tinyurl.com/CWU-Student-SEOI-FAQ

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Paul Harshman, who ran on both the CWU cross country and track and field teams between 1979-84. Harshman holds Central's 3,000 and 10,000-meter records and ranks second all-time in 5,000 meter. Harshman also led the Wildcats to four consecutive top-10 finishes at the NAIA national cross country meet.

Katie (Orgill) Hinckley was a standout volleyball outside hitter from 1998-2001. Hinckley recorded 951 kills as a Wildcat, eighth in school history, and her 1,222 digs, the school record until 2009, is still Central's second best all-time mark. She was all-league GNAC selection as a senior, after being a Pacific West Conference all-star as a junior.

Jan (Harriman) Schuerman was one of the pioneers in women's track and field at Central. She competed for Central between 1968-71. She also became the first female pentathlete in 1970 and the first to use the high-jump technique known as the “Fosbury Flop.”

Schuerman competed in the hurdles and high jump, and participated on Central’s record-setting 4x100 yard relay team that set and held the Northwest Conference’s record time.

Theartis Wallace, men's basketball, played two seasons, 1968-69, at CWU. Wallace led the scoring average as a senior, averaging 12.5 points. In 1969, he was named to the NAIA All-American first team, leading the Wildcats to a 24-9 record.

Wallace was also selected to play for the Seattle SuperSonics in the eighth round in 1969.

The 2002 CWU football team completed an unbeaten regular season, finishing 11-1. The team was led by Zak Hill, Brian Potucek, Willie Johnson, Blake Walker, and Levi Teasley.