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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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Central chimps may be transferred to Canadian sanctuary

BY PATIENCE COLLIER, SANTOS HERRERA, DEREK SHUCK

Staff Reporters

The fate of the remaining two chimps in the Chimpanzee Human Communication Institute has been decided by the Friends of Washoe board, which voted to seek sanctuary for the two chimps in Canada. The board includes primary researchers and members who were local residents but no longer reside in Ellensburg, according to Gregory Beach, chair of the board.

The Fauna Foundation Chimp Sanctuary in Quebec has applied for a permit to house Tatu, 37, and Loulis, 35, in Central's Chimpanzee Human Communication Institute.

According to Kirk Johnson, dean of the College of Sciences, the sanctuary is relatively small, housing 12-15 chimps. It also shares much ethical values with the CHCI, including a focus on a one-on-one approach.

Beach told the Observer that the organization hopes to move the chimps within 90 days, and Friends of Washoe doesn't plan to bring any more chimps to Ellensburg.

Even with the legislature's help the CHCI wouldn't receive new chimps for at least another 12 months. "It would be an unhealthy situation for the welfare of the chimps," Beach said. "Isolation isn't good for them."

In a letter to Faculty Senate earlier this year, Bonnie Hendrickson, associate director for CHCI, expressed concern over moving the chimps.

Issues include putting the elderly chimps under anesthesia, and the required extended holding period before integration.

On Tuesday, Johnson told The Observer that no decision had been made regarding the future of the chimps; however, according to Beach, the decision to move them was made last week.

According to Linda Shactler, director of public affairs, students would not be affected by the move, as the institute still has 20-30 years of video tapes and notes to continue to work with.
BY EVAN PAPPAS
Staff Reporter

Xavier Cavazos, a poet, educator, and performer, is returning to Ellensburg to teach a private workshop.

As the 1995 Nuyorican Cafe Grand Slam champion, Cavazos offers his expertise to teach and develop the poetic skills of students in a fun and passionate way.

Starting this September, the workshop, which is a private 12-person poetry workshop series called "The Kitchen Table," will last for 10 weeks. The fees for this workshop are $250 per person.

"I have had a long run with hardcore drugs...it was really poetry and education combined that allowed me a real pathway of recovery. In one aspect, you can say poetry saved my life," Xavier Cavazos, Master of Fine Arts in Poetry, said.

BY MATTHEW THOMPSON
Staff Reporter

Certain fees will increase beginning July 1

The total athletics fee is $56. Funds generated by the athletics fee go towards goods and services as uniform and travel expenses, which keep Central's varsity teams competitive.

At Iowa State, Cavazos has returned to Central to impart his influence and knowledge on students here in hopes of inspiring a new generation to pursue poetry as an art form.

Hence, he says, "It's an opportunity for students, faculty and to recover from his addictions: being a victim of all forms of abuse, by Marie Swander, the Poet Laureate of Iowa State University, known as one of the best creative writing programs in the country.

"It was because of the strength of Kathy's, her aesthetic in her class, the way she ran the workshop there, that I had a strong application for MFA programs across the country and finally accepted what I felt was the best offer: a three-year program at Iowa State University," Cavazos said.

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Gabbing with Gaudino

BY SANTOS HERRERA
News Editor

Where were you born, and where did you graduate high school/undergrad?
I was born in Napa, Calif., which, when I was there, it was a lot like Ellensburg. It was a farming community. There were walnuts, apples and prunes.

I lived all my young life in Napa. I graduated from Napa High, went off to college at the Air Force Academy, majored in humanities with a minor in math and a minor in engineering. It was an engineering school so everybody had a minor in those things. But I studied philosophy, English literature, that sort of stuff.

Where did the choice to pursue a career in academics come up?
It came from experience. I hadn't intended that as a young person. I was a public relations practitioner and I really enjoyed that. I was mostly interested in large-scale campaigns, how public opinion is formed and how one goes about influencing the formation of action on an issue. I tended to be interested in social issues and how we come to agree as a society on things. I went to get a Ph.D. at Michigan State University because I enjoyed that. I was mostly interested in creating and creation of knowledge and I lived the life. We'll listen to the performance and then go to dinner or got to a museum.

What do you do for fun?
I do what I can for fun. That element of engaging with students at my public relations practitioner and I really enjoyed that. It was mostly interested in large-scale campaigns, how public opinion is formed and how one goes about influencing the formation of action on an issue. I tended to be interested in social issues and how we come to agree as a society on things. I went to get a Ph.D. at Michigan State University because I enjoyed that. I was mostly interested in creating and creation of knowledge and I lived the life.

What is your favorite professional sports teams?
The San Francisco Giants and the San Francisco 49ers. I'm going to get in trouble with all the Seattleites. My second favorite teams are the Mariners and the Seahawks. I was born and raised in the Bay Area, so whenever San Francisco had, they were my team. Everywhere we've moved to, I've adopted the local team, so I'll root for the Mariners unless they play the Giants, and I'll root for the Seahawks unless they play the 49ers.

What is your biggest life triump?
Clearly, it's having the family that I have. I'm a pretty lucky guy. I have an unbelievable life partner in Katie and I have two boys that are in every way better than I can ever hope to be.

What about a life failure?
I've had a lucky life. I don't know that I've had something I would truly call a failure, in that I wanted it and didn't get it. I've been fortunate. I haven't had that. But if we're talking in general, when I was younger, I didn't always apply myself fully, so wasted time is my life failure.

What are you most proud of in your personal life?
In my personal life, it's my kids. They are great human beings.

Is there anything you're least proud of?
I'm kind of a lucky guy. I'm trying to think of things that I'm not proud really of. I don't think so. Until I got out of college, I was kind of a good-off and I'm not necessarily proud of that.

If you can fix one problem or issue at Central today, what would it be and why?
I'd love to have enough money to make tuition free or as close to free where you guys wouldn't care. When I was growing up, Berkeley only cost about $600 a semester. California had a philosophy in those days that everyone should have the ability to go to college—indepentent of your financial needs. If I could snap my fingers, the tax payers and the citizens of this state would realize that higher education is a good investment for the state, they would want more of their tax dollars going to support higher education—like it does K-12.

What was your best day on the job?
I'm going to give you two answers. One is the best days are graduation days, no doubt. Stid Morrison, the chair of the Board of Trustees, calls it harvest day. He's a former. He grew up in agriculture down in Zillah, and he says you toll all year long and there's a day you get to harvest, and that's graduation, and that's a pretty cool day. But I think the day I remember the most is I was here maybe two weeks on campus, and I was living in Kamola because they were doing some writing and fixing things in the university house and I couldn't live in it. Katie was still back in Ohio selling the house and getting ready to move out here, so I was by myself. And my day was: I would work here until after five o'clock and then at seven o'clock I would go to Kamola and bring a lot of reading along. It was policy and budget manuals and regulations and that sort of stuff, and one night I had enough of that, and it was cold, it was in January, and I went for a walk and it was during the holiday hiatus, so the campus was real dark. I walked up near the Barto area and there was one light in the dorm room on. Probably an international student because we have students who don't go home for break for one reason or another. So there was this light on and I actually got scared because I realized I was responsible. The regulations and the budget sheets and the spread sheets are my job, but my job-jobs is whoever had that light on, and it changed my whole perspective on everything I was doing. I actually called Katie at 11 or 12 o'clock here so it was three o'clock in the morning in Ohio. I called her and said, "I don't know if I can do this job." She said, "what do you mean? You're pretty prepared. You got good financial sense, organizational sense and that sort of stuff." And I said, "but there are like 10,000 lights here and I'm responsible for all of them." And she said, "No you're not. You got staff. You got Richard DeShields and all those kind of people that know what they're doing in those areas and she kind of talked me off the ledge, if you will, of this almost panic attack I was building up." And I think that was the best day because it reminded me of what we're doing. All that other stuff is important but it's only important because it affects that student.

What was your worst day on the job?
That's an easy one. I got here on New Year's day, which was a Monday, so my first day at the office was January 2nd and it was mostly going through human resources and filling out forms and meeting people for the first time. And on Wednes­day, I got a call from the governor and she said it looks like we're going to have to cut your budget by 40 percent, and I just went "damn." That was the worst day because you come into a job pumped to make things better, and the first day I was sitting there. To get a call like that, you realize the goals of having the fun of making things better are going to be put on hold because you're in crisis mode now.

Are you satisfied with the work you've done here at Central, why or why not?
Yeah, I think I am. You always wish you could do better, but given the cards we had, I am satisfied because I think we minimized the impact of those incredible budget cuts on students, staff and faculty. We pulled a lot of rabbits out of the hat during those first two or three years, and the fact that some people don't fully realize how bad the budget cuts were, I mean they're not happy, they didn't get raises, lots of things didn't happen that they wish would've happened, but most universities laid off a hundred people. We laid off, I think, six and a half. And students who don't like tuition increases—no one does. We don't like them either, but they're not complaining about the quality of the instruction or sitting in a section of 500 stu­dents. So yeah, I'm satisfied with what we were able to do.
Tying the knot
four same-sex couples have applied for marriage licenses in the county

BY SAMANTHA MONTERREY
Staff Reporter

In the future, Generation Y will be remembered for fighting for marriage and gender equality.

According to a Gallup poll, 70 percent of 18-34 year-olds support legalizing gay marriage.

On December 6, 2012 Washington State joined eight other states, including the District of Columbia, in legalizing same-sex marriage by passing Referendum 74.

Samuel Fukuyama, a double major in accounting and supply chain management, is not married, but believes being legally married, on a federal level, is most important.

"I may be able to get married in my state but it isn't recognized by the country as a whole," Fukuyama said.

Although he has considered getting married in Washington, it's still banned elsewhere.

"Right now, if a heterosexual couple were to get married in any state, it is carried over to every other state you move to and the federal government will also acknowledge it," Fukuyama said.

Senior elementary education major Emily Hosler has never really been into the idea of getting married.

"I mean, sure, if the right person comes along and they want to and I can see myself with them forever, I would," Hosler said.

When she began dating women, Hosler rejected the idea of marriage because it was banned for her.

"What's the point of thinking about it if it's not even possible?" Hosler said. "It's nice to know that the option is there if I decide somewhere down the line that I want to."

According to Kathy Fernandes of the Kittitas County Courthouse Auditing Department, only four same-sex couples have applied for a marriage license since Ref 74.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there were 646,000 same-sex couple households in the United States in 2010, which is an 80.4 percent growth since the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau.

"More and more states are making same sex marriage legal," Hosler said. "It's only a matter of time before it is nationwide."

Fukuyama argues that laws won’t stop homosexuals from living a normal or happy life, even though they impede on their liberties.

"Nothing in our country was stopping homosexual couples from spending their lives together, but the ban on same-sex marriage made it incredibly difficult, if not impossible, to completely combine lives together," Fukuyama said.

According to Fukuyama, in some states, same-sex couples still aren’t allowed access to hospital rooms in some cases, can’t adopt, and can’t file as married.

For Hosler, all human beings love and live life in similar ways, and all people should have the choice to get married like everyone else.

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Student loans: the new reality for graduates

BY ALYSSA FOLAND

Staff Reporter

Toussaint has experienced numerous student loans. "I'm not sure exactly what my current debt is, but I transferred into Central from a private school, so I'm guessing it is pretty enormous," Sofiit said. Sofiit has some peace of mind with a job lined up for after graduation, but will be spending most of his paychecks over $10,000 in an attempt to pay off his loans. "Most of my excess cash usually goes to food so this could be a good, healthy thing," Sofiit said. "However, I would probably use my money to save up for a new car or to pay rent on an apartment." Sofiit also has a back-up plan to pay his debt, just in case his job after graduation falls through. Like Toussaint, he is not above taking unusual jobs in order to pay his student loans. "I am considering Channing Tatum's job before he became an actor though," Sofiit said. "I believe I could make a lot of money as 'Juggernaut J', I have a LOT of good moves."

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Man-made wildfires swept through Upper County and surrounding areas last fall.

A permanent ballot box was installed on-campus just in time for the 2012 presidential election.

Matt Manwell was investigated for sexual harassment allegations by a student, and was elected as State Representative days later.

President Obama was re-elected on Nov. 6, 2012

Central Washington Confessions took over the social media world at Central.

Central Washington's volleyball team made it to the NCAA D-II tournament.

Central, which is known for its CHCI program, will lose its chimpanzees. The chimps will be sent to Canada within three months.

With multiple shootings around the country, gun control became a hot topic.

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Washington State became one of the first states in America to legalize marijuana and gay marriage.

Freshman Madison Murphy passed away Spring quarter, a body was found in Kivonis Park this month, and local Britney Deter died in a car accident.

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The wakeboard team won the national championship in Shreveport, LA.

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Central's club rugby team made it to the Varsity Cup semifinals after being seeded for the first time.

Elected as State Representative days later.

President Obama was presented with Teacher of the Year Award.

Dennis Francois was hired to be Central's athletic director in May. He will begin in June.
Job prospects differ by major

BY ADAM WILSON
Staff Reporter

The Department of Labor recently released unemployment rates for the month of April indicating that students graduating this spring are looking at 7 percent unemployment in Washington and 7.5 percent unemployment nationwide.

Unemployment is further affected by the type of degree people have, with the 2010 U.S. Census reported could range from 0 percent to 19 percent depending on the degree.

At the end of the quarter, Central will have graduated students from over 100 majors throughout the last three quarters—204 of which graduated from the ten most popular degree campus.

The most popular major on campus, business administration, will have 405 graduates this year.

"It's so broad," said Jordan Softli, business senior. "The amount of things you can do with a business degree are a lot more than what you can do with other degrees."

Softli decided to become a business major after his brother earned his degree in the same field. Data collected by the U.S. Census in 2010 shows that about 6 percent of people with business degrees aren't going into business, "It's just something to fall back on," Softli said. "I would probably describe it as challenging in an unusual way, taking content that people already know and presenting it in different ways," Harada said. "For an adult it becomes so routine, but you have to remember you're explaining it to a child."

Being a student at Central has opened many doors for Harada in elementary education. Many teachers he has networked with also graduated from Central, which has become a strong tool in his networking.

Harada hopes future students do not look at their possible income alone to decide their major. He encourages anyone who wants to become an elementary teacher to do it. "The money isn't as important as one might think," Harada said.

Psychology, much like elementary education, is one of the most popular programs at Central, with 204 students graduating this year. This popularity is shared nationwide according to the U.S. Census, but its median earnings are only $43,000 a year. Much like Harada, psychology and sociology senior Travis Pilarcik isn't worried about how much money he is going to earn. "I'd rather have a fulfilling job than a super high paying job," Pilarcik said.

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The top 10 degrees:

Business Administration-405 Students
Law & Justice-302 Students
Elementary Education-275 Students
Interdisciplinary Studies: Social Sciences-260 Students
Accounting-252 Students
Psychology-204 Students
Information Technology & Administrative Management-178 Students
Communication-141 Students
Exercise Science-141 Students
Sociology-106 Students

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The 2013 Employee Appreciation Award Honorees

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR!
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Imagine a college life, or any life for that matter, without coffee. Coffee gives that extra boost to survive a hectic day, and Central Washington University will be saying goodbye to some of its graduating Cat Trax baristas.

"Being a barista has been my favorite job so far," Emily Carroll said. "I always come to work happy because I enjoy it so much.

McPeak has been a barista at Cat Trax for almost two years, and she will be graduating this spring, with a degree in psychology.

"To be a barista you really need a lot of customer service skills," Carroll said. "We get some pretty difficult customers sometimes, but you just have to smile and go with it.

While there are some customers who make a barista's job a little more challenging, there are other customers they enjoy seeing, and also those who surprise them. Carroll is able to identify someone by their drink, even if she doesn't know their name.

"Customers walk up and I don't even have to ask what they want, that tends to put a smile on their face," Carroll said. "Enjoy every single second you have and take every opportunity that comes because you'll never get this experience back."

"Some of my favorite memories are spending time with some of the other Cat Trax baristas since she started two years ago. "One of the best parts about my job is my co-workers," McPeak said. "They're amazing and all very different people but we think of everyone at Cat Trax as one big family."

Even on an early Saturday morning when most college students are still in bed, the Cat Trax baristas are hard at work with their fellow employees.

"Some of my favorite memories are on Saturdays when I opened with fellow baristas," Cordero said. "They definitely made working mornings worth it.

Now that graduation is upon the Cat Trax baristas, they are looking forward to the next chapter in life.

They will miss the weird and wacky customers, their regulars, coworkers that have become friends, but, most importantly their college experience.

"Graduation comes really quick, the 4 years you're in college fly by," McPeak said. "Enjoy every single second you have and take every opportunity that comes because you'll never get this experience back."

BY CHLOE RAMBERG
Staff Reporter

BY MARQUIS MASSEY
Staff Reporter

A student custodian walks into an apartment and finds a mannequin sitting on the bed watching him. This isn't a joke, there isn't a punch line, and it's not even a scary story. It happened to Martin Sanchez, a public health major and one of the three graduating seniors who work for Central's Business Auxiliary Custodial Services.

Over the summer, Sanchez was cleaning one of the on-campus apartments and walked into a room to see a very realistic mannequin staring at him from the bed. "We kept it, we still have it and it's scared people with it," Sanchez said. "It's not a glamorous job and it's only temporary but take it seriously."

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Runners hope to advance further than regional meet in 2013

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Wildcats win first-ever championship

Wake team becomes the first collegiate sports club to win a national title

BY SAMUEL CATHCART
Staff Reporter

The Central Washington University Wakeboarding team brought home its first national title over the Memorial Day weekend.

The 2013 USA Collegiate Wakeboard Nationals Finals were held at Riverview Park in Shreveport, La.

The Wildcat title represents a historic landmark for the school. The wake team became the first collegiate club sport at Central to win a national title.

"We knew we were capable of winning nationals, but we needed to focus and let our riding do the talking," Eddie Roberts, captain of the team said.

The finals consisted of 12 teams with a total of 112 riders from around the country. Each team consisted of four male riders, two female riders and one wakeskater. The competition had seven heats where riders from each division competed head-to-head.

Going into the final day Central had built up a comfortable 90-point lead. The Wildcats finished with 610 points, beating out Florida Gulf Coast University and Wisconsin by over 100 points each.

Virginia Tech placed fourth for us," head coach Kevin Adkisson said.

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"That's what's most important to everybody," Central's freshman Kobly Blew, had a strong performance at nationals, finishing third in the Men's A division with a score of 72.33.

"It was a team effort," Blew said.

"Trio comes up short at nationals

BY JARYD CLINE
Staff Reporter

Central had the most athletes competing at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field National Championships than in the previous two years combined. But the three Wildcat trackers failed to place, each recording marks below their season personal records.

The meet was held on Friday and Saturday at the Neta and Eddie DeRose Thunderbowl on the campus of Colorado State University-Pueblo.

"It was a little rough, rough weekend for us," head coach Kevin Adkisson said.

"All three of them had come out of our conference meet really banged up." Injuries plagued seniors Braden Keller and Bryan Mack in the final track and field meet of their collegiate career.

Keller finished 17th out of 20 competitors in the javelin with a heave of 57.84 meters (189 feet, 9 inches), well below his record of 67.79 meters (222 feet, 5 inches), which he established in early April. If Keller had been able to match his record from early April, his throw would have been good enough to crack the top five in the javelin.

"Bryan and Braden, when they tried to go 100 percent they either re-aggravated it or it was still right there, so they both had a struggle but each of them put out a respectable mark," Adkisson said.

Mack finished 19th out of 21 total competitors in the triple jump, jumping 14.07 meters (46 feet, 2 inches), missing his record by just less than one meter (15.06 meters).

Sophomore dual athlete Taylor Fettig was also unable to top her school record. After breaking her record in the high jump of 1.75 meters (5 feet, 8 1/2 inches) which she accomplished at the annual Spike Art Invitational at Central earlier this season. Fettig was only able to clear the starting mark of 1.65 meters (5 feet, 5 inches), placing her at 19th overall out of 22 contestants. Fettig's record jump of 1.75 meters...
**SPORTS**

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

Smith, Wildcats hope to reload, rather than rebuild

**Postseason loss sets Central on a revenge mission**

**BY JOE COLUCCIO**

**Staff Reporter**

The Wildcats are coming off an impressive 2012 season where they accumulated in a 21-8 record, and an appearance in the NCAA Division II Volleyball Tournament where they were ousted in a heartbreak- ing 3-2 match against California State San Bernardino.

With only three seniors leaving off last year’s team, experience will be one of the Wildcats strong points this season.

"I think we are much more experienced this year rather than last year," junior Erin Smith said. "A lot of the girls came in young last year and got experience, I think we will be a pretty well rounded team going forward."

The Wildcats will look to replace senior Marc Hjelm, who led Central in scoring, averaging 4.2 points per set.

"You know we have a lot of girls-first year players with experience this year," head coach Mario Andaya said. "We are looking to replace our outside hitter who is our top point scorer. We have had some injuries this past season and we are looking forward to getting everybody healthy and more reps."

Junior middle blocker Erin Smith earned Division II second-team All-American honor from the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).

Smith, who was also named to the first team All-GNAC and an All-West regional selection in the NCAA tournament, is poised to make waves for the Wildcats this season.

"Erin is never satisfied," Andaya said. "She’s always trying to find ways to get better, she’s work ethic is really rubber off on some of the younger kids. This year she’s trying to establish herself as a leader."

Smith hopes to continue the success from last season, individually and as a team.

"Obviously I want to get all-America again, I didn’t expect it at all," Smith said.

"I hope we do better in the coming year, where we made regional tournament last year."

The Wildcats got commitments from setter Leanna Carr from Colville High School, outside hitter Jordan Deming of Century High School, in Hillboro, Ore., and middle blocker Safinna Wheelhouse of Sheldon High School in Eugene, Ore.

Andaya is looking forward to the elements they will bring to the squad, which is need of depth.

"Right away they’re gonna give us added depth," Andaya said. "They are all proven winners, they have those high standards and high expectations, and they have the work ethic to back that up. They are prepared to work hard and will hopefully attain the same accolades at the college level."

The tough competition of the GNAC will better prepare the Central for post-season play. The Wildcats split the season series 1-1 with rival Western Washington, who went on to finish first in the conference, a rivalry that now effects conference and national rankings.

"We have national contenders in our conference and it really helps us get ready for those national opponents," Andaya said.

"It was a heartbreaking loss," Smith said. "We are gonna play them right off the bat in the pre season, so we’re all excited to face them again."

Central opens the season with a string of tournaments. On Sept. 6 at the Coyote Classic. The tournament is hosted by Cal State Bernardino, the team that knocked the Wildcats out of the national championships.

The following week, the Wildcats will travel to Courtyard & Residence Inn by Marriott Oregigger Volleyball Classic, hosted by Colorado School of Mines.

Then, Central opens Great Northwest Conference play versus Western Oregon on Sept. 19, who finished just above the Wildcats at second place in the GNAC.

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**SPORTS**

**SHIFTING GEARS** Sophomore running back Jordan Todd (37) makes his way to the GNC-championship win.

**Football**

**Reigning conference champs look to improve**

**BY JARYD CLINE**

**Staff Reporter**

As evident from the annual spring game, the hinges of the upcoming Wildcat football season rests in the throwing hand of six quarterbacks vying for the starting job.

Starting spots on the reigning Great Northwest Athletic Conference champions are up for grabs after the 22 graduating seniors from last year’s team cleaned out their lockers and hung up their jerseys; none of those spots bigger than the traditional leader of the team, the man under center, the quarterback.

"I don’t think they [quarterbacks] did stand out [during the spring game]," head coach Blaine Bennett said.

Quarterbacks from both Central teams (White: number one offense number two defense, Crimson: number two offense number one defense) combined to connect on only 12 of 40 total pass attempts. On the day, the Wildcats signal callers had just as easy of a time completing passes to those donning the opposite color jerseys as their own, or the defense, throwing a combined six interceptions.

"I thought I did alright we were down on our receivers a little bit," quarterback Justin Lane said. "All spring we were down on a couple guys so we were limited and had to throw a couple new guys in."

Bennett hopes to come into summer practice with three quarterbacks ready to compete for the starting job.

The task of replacing former 1000 yard rusher and workhorse’ running back Denesimus Sumbler got a lot easier with the emergence of soon-to-be sophomore running back Jordan Todd. Todd, who didn’t start a game his freshman season, rushed for just under 600 yards backing up the first team all-conference performer in Sumbler. Todd finished out the 2012 season off with a bang, rushing for 192 total yards along with three touchdowns in the GNAC Championship clinching game.

"Jordan Todd is the real deal, he really is," Bennett said. "He carried the load for us this fall and towards the end of [last season]."

Along with replacing the second leading rusher in the GNAC last season (Sumler), Bennett is faced with the challenge of re-placing the top three leading receivers on the team from last year. Receivers Anthony Spain, Tacey Moore, and Robert Akos-Otter combined for 1,321 combined yards on the season to go along with seven touchdowns.

Of the seven wide receivers to catch a pass last year, only five of them had a catch the previous season.

After losing the top five offensive weapons from last season it did take some time for them to create the chemistry that last year’s team had and gel into the GNAC championship-contending teams from years past.

The defense, on the other hand, will be asked to carry the load while the offense works out the kinks.

Reigning GNAC defensive player of the year Sun Lauglow returns at safety after his exceptional 2012 season. Langlow led the Wildcats in tackles (81) and also had one interception after totaling nine tackles the previous two years. Langlow also recorded nine tackles for loss and blocked one kick in his award winning year.

Bennett has had nothing but praise about the Wildcat defensive secondary so far this year. After losing two senior defensive backs to graduation, two soon-to-be sophomores will step in and be asked to carry the load for the defense. Cornerback Cedrie Chaney and Isaiah Davis both earned all-GNAC defensive team honors in 2012 after a combined five interceptions and 25 pass deflections. Chaney also forced two fumbles on the year.

"I thought our defensive backs had an amazing [spring game]," Bennett said. "Our defensive backs continue to be one of the premier positions in this program right now and I feel the defensive line is also one of our strengths."

The Wildcats also return two more all-GNAC defensive players in senior linebacker Riley Wall, who was third on the Wildcats in tackles last year, and senior defensive lineman Domine Johnson, who tied for the team lead in sacks last season.

The spring game marked the end Wildcat football until summer practices start up on August 4th.

"Take a couple weeks off, rest the body and then hit it hard again, come back and hit it harder and get ready for fall," Todd said.
WOMEN'S SOCCER

Wildcats have momentum on their side

BY JOE COLUCCIO
Staff Reporter

The Central women's soccer team is bleeding confidence. A late season formation change, coupled with a strong tournament showing this spring, have the Wildcats eager to start the season.

"We are going to be asking for a lot from the girls we have coming in," coach Michael Farrand said. "We’ll also be asking a lot out of the girls we have coming back, but they’re all great girls and we have confidence they can get the job done."

Central signed 14 recruits for the 2013 season, a majority of which are defenders and midfielders.

The Wildcats are riding on momentum, which began at the end of last season with a 5-0 beat down of conference rival Simon Fraser in the season finale. The game had marked the highest margin of victory for Central this past season, and the offensive outburst can be attributed to a late season formation change.

"We went from a 3-5-2 flat to a 4-5-1 towards the end of the season, and we really liked how we looked in our last few games against Saint Martin’s, Western Washington and Simon Fraser," Farrand said.

The Wildcats have gained more confidence in the new formation, which aims to provide more offensive opportunities.

The Wildcats will have to find a way to replace senior Carson McKole, who led the team in multiple categories, including scoring and shots on goal. Lightening the load for the Wildcats will be junior defender Tara Duty.

Duty earned GNAC First-Team All-Conference honors after starting all 18 games last season, and is poised for a big senior season.

"Duty is probably the best outside defender in the west region," Farrand said. "Our new formation will allow her to play up and be more involved with the offense."

She is going to force teams to have to keep up with her, and I'm not sure they will be able to."

Duty, along with sophomore midfielder Savanna Moorehouse and freshman midfielder Keily Retz, who also earned second-team all-conference and honorable mention honors, respectively, were named team captains and Duty hopes to make the most of her responsibilities.

"I really want to bring leadership to my team," Duty said. "I think that we have a good core group of girls right now and I want the team to work well together on and off the field."

The Wildcats boast a recruiting class featuring 14 new signees for the 2013 season, whom the coaching staff expect to make team practices more competitive.

"Traditionally we perform as a team better when we have a younger squad, because we compete against ourselves at such a high level," Farrand said.

The Wildcats are a confident bunch after their successful spring showing.

"We have high expectations," Duty said. "Our goal is to win a GNAC Championship."

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CROSS COUNTRY

X-Country ready to take GNAC by storm

BY SARAH RUIZ
Staff Reporter

The Central cross-country team is ready to win the Great Northwest Athletic Conference this year. Placing fifth in the GNAC last year, the team hopes to improve this upcoming season and make it even further.

Last year, the women's team finished 10th in the NCAA West Regionals Cross Country Championships, while the men's team placed 18th. This was the best finish for the women's team since 2007.

The team's high rank in the GNAC last year was partly credited to then-senior Kelsey Kreft, who finished eighth individually. This upcoming season, the team will be looking for Dani Eggleston and Connie Morgan to step into the limelight and help bring the team to victory.

When the fall season comes around, the team is preparing to work hard to reach their goals. When practice starts in August, the women's team will focus on maintaining strong runners. The men will work on building off their old and new runners to create a team Adkisson hopes to continue to grow during the years to come.

"A lot of cross-country people do track. Now they need to take the fitness level they built this year and build off it," Adkisson said.

With many talented athletes, Adkisson believes this will be a year where the team pushes each other to do their best.

"Keeping their spot on the team," Adkisson said. "It might be something they are really afraid of."

2012
West Regionals
Eggleston: 46th place
Morgan: 69th place
Rogers: 83rd place

The season start will be the first weekend of September at Central. Adkisson said that the recruiting this year is the best he has seen as a coach. Adkisson is excited to see freshman Tomislav Smith from Kamiak High School perform, as well as Hannah Dowdell from Cascade High School. Dowell is the younger sister of Wildcat runner Chelsea Dowdell.

"They should make good training partners [during the summer]," Adkisson said.

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