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## Boards field students' questions

BY HANNAH HANSON  
 Staff Reporter

Student involvement and student finances emerged as the number one concern at the Board of Trustees and the Associated Student Board of Directors Fireside Chat last Thursday, Oct. 3.

The aim of the Fireside Chat was to hold an open discussion between the BOT, BOT and the student body.

"The biggest issues that students face, day to day... are financial issues," said Bryan Elliott, president of the Associated Students of Central Board of Directors.

This, combined with the challenge of finding jobs after graduation, has become a major concern.

"When I was a legislator, I proudly provided 70 percent of the money to run this four year university," Sid Morrison, Chair of the Board of Trustees, said.

However, now the state government provides only 30 percent of the funds needed to run Central.

This vast drop in state funding has forced the BOT to find the money needed to run the University from elsewhere, namely, students' tuition.

This year, the BOT has managed to obtain a tuition lock for Central students, meaning that next year's tuition will not be raised.

"We hope we have turned the corner [on tuition raises]," Morrison said.

Despite the tuition freeze, students are still worried about the amount of tuition paid and the amount of education that is being received.

One student at the meeting asked how the university planned to attract experienced and knowledgeable staff with the problem of a tight budget.

"The staffing issues and maintaining the appropriate levels of faculty to help with each program, has been a challenge,



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**DELIBERATION** Jacob Wittman, Spencer Flores and Cassandra DuBore, respectively, discuss issues during a public BOD meeting in the Wellington Event Center

particularly in the last few years," Keith Thompson, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, said, "With a lack of state funding, it's been more than challenging."

Due to the decrease in funding and Central's distaste for further raising tuition costs, salaries are no longer being offered at a competitive rate.

This problem, according to Sid Morrison, could possibly be remedied through a collective student effort.

The administration is willing to push anything, he explained, but students haven't informed them on what needs to be done.

"The biggest challenge facing us is student involvement. There's a lack of students wanting to get involved, willing to get involved," Amy McCoy, student BOT member, said.

McCoy said there was a sense of apathy with students.

"So many students don't want to register to vote, or go down to Olympia and make a difference, make a change, get involved in committees, make decisions that effect us in a positive way," McCoy said.

Overall, the BOT stressed the importance of student voices in government.

"If you want a better education you have to go see your legislator," Chris Liu, member of the BOT, said. "It means so much more when it comes from you."

Elliott believes students getting involved with their government not only helps the university and their education, it also helps resumes.

"Get involved in internships, get involved in the community... and the perspective places of employment that you're looking into," Elliott said.

## Tuition payment plan introduced

BY MATTHEW THOMPSON  
 News Editor

University President James Gaudino announced at his state of the university address last Thursday that Central will now offer a monthly payment plan for students to pay tuition.

"Previously students could pay their tuition and fees bills in whole at the beginning of the quarter," Gaudino said in his speech. "Which places an incredible financial bar on students, and many of them simply can't clear that bar. So they [drop] out until they have the cash to pay and of course some don't return."

Connie Williams, associate vice president of Business and Finance Auditories, said that the administration began working on the monthly payment plan late last spring as a solution for growing numbers of non-returning students.

The monthly payment plan takes the balance of what a student owes when they enroll, and divides that number into three monthly payments.

Students can enroll in the plan by Friday, Oct. 11 and the first monthly payment is due on Oct. 15. Any payments made five days after the due date are considered late and students will be given a \$20 late fee.

Adrian Naranjo, director of Student Financial Services, said that one of the benefits of enrolling in the plan is that it greatly reduces late fees that students had incurred before when unable to pay.

"We'd rather have you get a payment plan than default and start getting late fees," Naranjo said.

When students who are not enrolled in the monthly payment plan miss their due date for tuition, they receive a \$50 late fee.

If they have still not paid by approximately 30 days after the original due date, they will be given an additional \$100 fee.

The Central administration had considered contracting the payment plan through a third party group, Sallie Mae, but decided that the program would be more efficient and reliable to operate through the university itself.

Williams explained that there was a shared sense of uncertainty on whether the university had the capacity to create and run the payment plan.

"It's more difficult to administer," Williams said. "Which is why if [students] do choose to go onto a payment plan, there is a \$50 fee, and that's to cover the additional cost to administer this plan."

A mass email has been sent to 3,700 students who have balances due of \$200 or more informing them that the monthly payment plan option does exist.

Naranjo went on to explain that the plan is "not just for financial aid students," and that the only stipulation for enrolling in the plan is that the student owes funds to the university.

Payments will be due on the 15th of each month of the quarter.

Students can enroll online through their SAFARI account, and payments can be made online, mailed or delivered in person to the Cashier's office.

## Federal spending cuts hit Central

BY PETER O'CAIN  
 Staff Reporter

Federal cuts to spending made last spring during sequestration have led to \$177,716 in cuts made to nine federally funded programs at Central, according to a press release from the university.

Although President James Gaudino claimed the university would absorb the cuts to those programs during both the 2012-13 and 2013-14 fiscal years, Central has passed the cuts down to nine programs this year.

Sequestration was a strategy adopted to limit the amount of national debt. Hard budget cuts from both sides of the political aisle were set to go into place if no budget plan was passed. When neither the House majority nor minority were able to agree on a budget, the cuts to federal spending went into effect.

Among the affected programs are Work Study and the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG), which combined have been cut by about \$14,300.

Seven other programs, including TRiO and CAMP, have been cut by a total of \$163,416, the release said.

"We want our students to know now that Central will make sure the federal funding they're counting on will be there for them," Gaudino said in the press release. "As a university where nearly three-fourths of our students rely on some sort of aid, this is the appropriate and responsible course of action for us to take."

The university covered the cuts by pulling money from "a variety of accounts on

campus," according to Linda Schaefer, director of public affairs.

The university will not offset the cuts during the 2013-14 fiscal year, and several departments have reported cuts of about 5 percent this year.

Students can expect to feel a minimal impact from the cuts, since they have been made to the administrative side of departments rather than to the services each department offers students.

"We didn't feel that any amount of the sequestration should affect the students," said Adrian Naranjo, director of student financial services.

No cuts were made to the Pell Grants, which provides money to low-income students, Naranjo said.

Julie Guggino, director of research and sponsored programs at the Office of Graduate Studies and Research said the cuts will likely mean less training for the department staff and less travel spending.

"The McNair [Scholar] students probably won't even notice the budget cut, but someone who works in the office might," Guggino said. "The way the grants work is if we have to serve 'x' number of students, we serve 'x' number of students, but with less services."

TRiO, which provides support services to about 240 low-income students, has made similar cuts.

"It decreased our bottom dollar for services," said Raymond Navarro, director of TRiO. "It just made it a little tight for providing direct services for students."

Navarro said his program has adjusted by cutting some non-essential elements of

TRiO, such as a database service, travel and office supplies.

"We're going to have to let those go and create our own database for tracking students," Navarro said. "Less of us are going to be travel [to conferences]."

However, not all programs were forced to make changes, such as the Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education (CESME).

"We didn't notice any affects from sequestration," said CESME Event Coordinator Dava Ihrlie.

CESME has a two person staff and services 15 scholars.

Central will lose about \$643,503 over the next five years if the reductions continue through each grant cycle, meaning grant programs will have to choose between reducing the number of students they serve or the amount of services they provide, according to the release.

- \$175,000 cut from nine programs
- Each program cut by about 5 percent
- Work Study and SEDG cut by combined \$14,300
- Seven more programs cut by combined \$163,416
- Central could lose \$643,503 over next five years if reductions continue

# Central ratifies faculty union contract

BY EVAN PAPPAS  
Staff Reporter

A new contract between the Administration and the faculty union has resulted in raises for faculty for the next four years.

Last week Central Washington University and the United Faculty of Central ratified the collective bargaining agreement for 2013 to 2017.

This new contract helps to support the faculty union of Central while making it more appealing for prospective employees.

Roxanne Easley, the president of the UFC, said that the union is not only trying to protect and improve the faculty's compensation but also their work.

The UFC's general goals in the ratification of this agreement were to reward and retain quality faculty through improved compensation, as well as clarify and protect the faculty's work in academics and research.

"It's not just money; it's who is in charge of what," Easley said.

The new contract has changed and added a variety of elements.

Protection against conflict of interest with peers and students has been increased, librarians are now acknowledged as faculty, and a new parental leave section has given faculty with multi-year contracts up to six weeks of paid leave for childcare.

James Bugalacchi, director of faculty and labor relations, said that while the previous contract was strong, this new version improves upon what we had.

"We are making a few changes here and there to strengthen it, and providing pay increase so the faculty can continue to do what they do," Bugalacchi said.

Holly Pinkart, bargaining chair at the UFC, said Central has been losing a lot of faculty due to compensation not measuring up to what other institutions are offering.

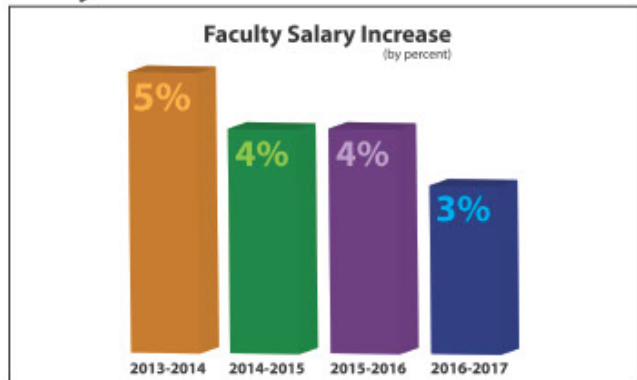
"The faculty hadn't gotten any kind of cost of living increase since January 2009," Pinkart said. "We've been losing a lot of faculty."

This new contract will reward and retain quality faculty by increasing their compensation in regards to the national standards.

The new compensation plan includes a 3 percent base salary increase for exceeding academic expectations, a 5 percent increase by exceeding expectations in two of three areas, including teaching.

According to Bugalacchi, there will be a universal faculty pay raise of 5 percent for the first year, 4 percent for the second and third years, and 3 percent for the last year.

Pinkart said these changes were made in order to recognize, retain, and reward quality staff and also help to recruit new



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**“The more positive our working environment is, the better the learning environment is for students.”**

-ROXANNE EASLEY  
UFC President

staff as well.

"Further raises will be tied to how good of a teacher you are," Pinkart said.

Improving the working environment for the faculty also benefits the students; by increasing the emphasis on quality teaching the students should receive a better learning experience.

"The more positive our working environment is, the better the learning environment is for students," Easley said.

One thing that the UFC did have to scale back was the paid leave for sickness or injury.

"We formerly had 12 weeks of paid leave a year if we were injured or sick, but

now it's ten weeks," Easley said.

Easley and Pinkart said that officially, they worked on the contract for six months, but in reality it was longer than that.

"It's a serious time and effort commitment," Pinkart said. "Everyone on the team contributed a lot."

All efforts Central and the UFC put towards this agreement seems to have been worth it, as both groups are happy with the end result.

"This contract goes a long way to our shared academic goals," Easley said. "We very much look forward to moving ahead."



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# Former CAMP recruiter takes on CLCE

## Alumnus hired as new CLCE director

BY KRISTIN YOUNG  
Staff Reporter

The Center for Leadership and Community Engagement has a new director, Manuel Rodriguez, and a new direction this year.

In 2012, the Center for Excellence in Leadership and the Center for Civic Engagement were combined into the CLCE.

Keith Champagne, associate dean of student success, decided to combine the centers going forward.

The position for the center's director was vacated when Harold McNaron received an opportunity to return to Portland as the director of student leadership and service at Lewis and Clark College.

The CLCE is responsible for providing opportunities in leadership education for students of all levels and ages at Central.

The center also holds such events as the Yakima River Clean Up and the yearly Holiday Extravaganza, a fundraising event for children in need.

Rodriguez believes that it is important for himself and his staff to be familiar with the guiding programs, mission and vision of the CLCE.

He also wants to continue to provide programs that will positively affect the student body, as well as reflect the university's overall mission and values.

"Manuel will be able to lead us in the direction that was seen by [Champagne] when the centers were combined," Joanne Perez, program support supervisor, said.

He also believes that it is important to maximize the center's opportunities within the campus and student success. This approach is held up through careful planning of the CLCE's sponsored programs.

"We want to make sure that these programs are meaningful in more than one way," Rodriguez said. "We want to make sure that the students are being affected positively and in different ways."

The center organizes the Experience Leadership Project, a retreat for first-year students to develop relationships and leadership skills.

This year's ELP boasted 164 freshmen in attendance, nearly double the number attended the last ELP retreat.

Being involved with the school is impor-

tant to Rodriguez, especially for students who have never had the college experience, as it opens up many opportunities for students, faculty, and the community.

"A high percentage of the learning happens outside of the classroom," Rodriguez said.

He encourages students to get out of their comfort zones, emphasizing that teamwork and making connections through service outside of the classroom are equally important.

"I'm familiar with those needs, potentially confronting those areas, and being able to provide for the students," Rodriguez said.

He believes he would not have been exposed to the same personal and professional opportunities without the College Assistance for Migrants Program.

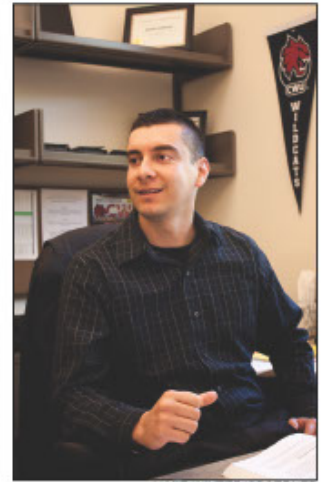
After graduating from Central with degrees in both law and justice and Spanish, Rodriguez had initially planned on entering a career with law enforcement.

However, through his work with CAMP he discovered that working with students was more rewarding.

Rodriguez earned his master's degree in education administration from Heritage University while working with CAMP.

He believes that this new position will allow him to continue to work directly with students.

"I just feel like this is the place for me," Rodriguez said.



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**Office Space** Rodriguez meets with students in his new office.

As a former Wildcat, Rodriguez hopes to bring a student-oriented approach to the center.

"I'm excited about where the new direction of the center is going," Lana Abuhadra, CLCE student program leader, said. "To me it's really important that we combine community excellence and leadership."

**"I just feel like this is the place for me."**  
-MANUEL RODRIGUEZ  
CLCE director

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# Standstill shows need for change

BY DUSTIN WADDLE-FORD  
Guest Columnist

Madison, Jefferson, Franklin, Adams, Hancock, and Hamilton all have two things in common: They are founding fathers and they are dead.

We are indebted to them for the checks and balances system, which at the time was revolutionary.

Today though, the system of Jefferson and Franklin is both terribly out-of-date and terribly ineffective.

American politics was built on the idea that the minority voice must be represented in one way or another and that the rights of the minority must be protected from the "tyranny of the majority."

Right now, the government is at a standstill because Congress (both houses and both parties) cannot compromise on the spending for a bill which was passed by Congress in 2010.

It was challenged and declared constitutional by the Supreme Court, and

signed into law by President Obama two years ago.

Today's hyper-partisan political climate has rendered the checks and balances system obsolete. Democracy, this is not.

No voices are being heard right now; no laws are being debated and hundreds of thousands of federal employees are sitting at their homes on furlough waiting on pins and needles for the chance to be able to do their job.

Surely, the shutdown will end, but the underlying problems which caused the shutdown will still exist and the system will still remain obsolete.

I believe that the solution is simple: Abolish the Senate and adopt a Westminster-style government with nationwide proportional voting.

Voters would vote for the party of their choice, with the 435 seats in Congress being awarded to the parties in proportion to their overall vote share.

Westminster-style governments do a better job at representing the views of

their citizens by being far more open to multiple parties, requiring multiple parties to band together in order to form a government (usually), and by allowing for general elections to happen at the drop of a hat, which allows for the voting public to have a far greater impact on their government.

In short, hyper-partisanship cannot exist in a Westminster-style government, as the probability of one party having an outright majority is extremely slim, and compromise will be not only common but a requirement to govern.

Minority parties will represent almost all of the minority opinions, meaning that the minority will be far better represented.

Finally, there would never be another situation such as this: If the majority party cannot get a budget bill passed, then it no longer has a mandate to govern and a new election would be held at the earliest possible opportunity.

Checks and balances have managed to push us into a situation where its impos-

sible for our elected officials to compromise on anything which may have impact, for fear that such compromise will be seen as weakness by voters and result in those representatives losing their seats, when, in reality compromise is the most perfect form of democracy.

Government must be based on compromise if it is to succeed.

Right now, we are living through what happens when compromise does not exist in government and if a compromise cannot be reached by the day where we would default on our debt then this single lack of compromise will have consequences which are unprecedented not just in American history but in world history.

Right now, we have to make a change which will create a system based on compromise and inclusiveness, as opposed to the conflict and exclusive nature of our present system, which appears to be only pushing us further apart as a nation.

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## Wanted: debt or alive

Debt is such a harsh word. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be any friendlier synonym for the tens of thousands of crushingly heavy numbers staring graduates in the face as they step off the stage and into the world.

It seems like a fact of life, so solid and self-evident that it's almost difficult to imagine the world otherwise. You graduate high school with two options: Go to college, or start working an entry-level job.

Talk to someone who graduated college before the 1990s, though; they have a completely different perspective.

I worked my way through college, they'll tell you, as a waitress or a secretary, or on a farm or an assembly line.

Depending on the person, this may come off as accusatory: "I did it with my own sweat and my own money, and you should be doing the same." It may also be apologetic: "I got lucky; or it was easier to find a job back in those days."

Either way, the sentiment misses the point for college life today. Even if jobs were waiting around every corner, there are not nearly enough jobs in existence that would pay off an entire four-year tuition in the time it takes to earn a degree.

I could be wrong: If you know a business in Ellensburg that's willing to hire a full-time student for upwards of \$20,000 per year, plus cost of living, I hope you

don't mind sharing with the entire student body.

It can be a little depressing to look at the next several decades of your life through the lens of tens of thousands of dollars of debt, but at least we're all in it together. We had to do it, we explain to our hypothetical elders. Yes, we're all going to be in debt for the rest of our lives, but what else could we do?

That's when they hit you with the sucker-punch: You could have just gone straight to work. Why did you go to college at all, if you already knew you couldn't afford it?

I have found that one particularly fun to answer, in the bitterly sarcastic sense of the word. We went to college, dear hypothetical, hypercritical elder, because we wanted jobs. We wanted to work, and we wanted to make enough money to support ourselves, doing something that we loved.

In short, we followed the life advice of every parent, relative, teacher, counselor, and friend.

"Do you want to spend the rest of your life asking, 'Do you want fries with that?'"

The shame and stigma attached to that question are pretty clear. Go to college if you want a job that means something. Go to college if you're smart enough, and you had better be smart enough. Go to college because if you don't, you will never amount to anything.

That's not exactly true; there are plenty of valid life choices that do not lead to a college door. But it is certainly the line that was sold to our generation. Somehow, they always forgot to mention that college would have an economic barrier, not just a mental one.



PATIENCE COLLIER  
Assistant News Editor

## Hit the road, Jack, and don't come back Some friends don't get it

Almost every friend group has one, "the friend nobody likes." You know who they are, the one that no one is quite sure whom they are actually friends with.

They somehow always manage to show up at every social event and talk to you like you've been friends for years.

As adults, I wonder why we still have these. What is stopping us from telling that person that they need to leave and that we don't like them hanging around.

Yes, manners and people's feelings are important, but why are we required to constantly hang around a person we don't even like? It's not hard to stop hanging out with someone without completely destroying his or her feelings.

The problem is that nobody ever has the guts to do it. Nobody wants to have

to be the one that tells the person they are unwanted, so they hang around, thinking everybody likes them.

From personal experience, I can tell you that everything gets a little better when that person finally stops hanging around. You may feel bad for a little bit, but in the end if it's better for you, that's what matters.

We all need to grow a pair. We need to take control of our lives and our friendships. Tell that person who annoys you that they do, let them down easy but it's better than you being miserable every time they are around.

It's ok to put your feelings in front of others; sometimes, your happiness is important and as an adult it's your responsibility to take that happiness into your own hands.

Making that "friend dump" is not a thing to be afraid of. Go ahead, embrace your inner douche bag and in the end you will feel much better about life and the people you surround yourself with.



MARGAUX MASSEY  
Scene Editor

# Improv-aganza: Brady brings comic genius

BY MARGAUX MASSEY  
 Scene Editor

For a man who has popular shows such as "How I Met Your Mother," and "Whose Line is it Anyway?" under his belt, it's hard to believe a big-time celebrity like Wayne Brady would come to Central. But this Friday, that is exactly what is happening.

With tickets having sold out a week before the show, those who didn't manage to get tickets are going to be met with disappointment Friday night, while those who managed to snag them are eager for the show.

"I'm really excited. I like how he does everything at once: sing, play piano and tell jokes," freshman undeclared Justin Peterson said.

Scott Drummond, associate director of campus life, said that while he usually doesn't bank on shows selling out, he does hope for it, and in this case he is pleased.

"I didn't expect it to sell out by this morning, we're a week ahead," Drummond said last Friday afternoon.

He also said that Wayne Brady's name came up in the past to have perform on campus, but that until now, it had never worked out.

"We were doing a search for who to book for homecoming. His name came up as available," Drummond said.

People who managed to get tickets can expect a wide variety of things from

Who: Wayne Brady  
 What: Homecoming comedy show  
 When: Friday, Oct. 11 @ 9 p.m.  
 Where: SUARC Ballroom  
 Tickets are sold out

Brady: He has been nominated for a Grammy, and has made appearances on scripted TV shows and improv shows. He is known for his versatility and he loves that reputation, but out of everything he has done, he doesn't have a particular favorite.

"I've done so much that I don't even know if I've definitely gotten to my favorite yet," Brady said. "And that's a good thing."

The basis of the homecoming show is improv, meaning little preparation is needed.

Brady says that the audience will dictate how well the show goes, seeing as how nothing is written down be-

forehand.

"The audience will give me suggestions I'll use, the audience will laugh, hilarity will ensue — high fives and fire-

works," Brady said.

Brady has performed at a lot of colleges before, and he says playing at a college campus doesn't change the show much at all.

"The only thing that will come up that will be super-specific to this audience would be something about the school," Brady said.

When it comes to the type of improv Brady prefers, he says he doesn't really have a preference. He says that, if its done right, long-form improv, which is where you would take one suggestion from the audience and continue on that subject for a long period of time, is brilliant.

"It takes a very, very amazing actor to be able to do long-form improv and not use it for a masturbatory platform," Brady said.

Brady is known for short-form improv, which is taking a suggestion from the audience and only going on about it for a few minutes, much like they do on "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

After a six-year break, "Whose Line is it Anyway?" made its triumphant return in 2013 with Brady as not only one of the cast members, but an executive producer. He feels great about the show's return.

"How do I feel about a great show that I am part of, that is part of Americana?" Brady asked. "Well I can't feel horrible about it — it's amazing."



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**The audience will give me suggestions I'll use, the audience will laugh, hilarity will ensue — high fives and fireworks.**

—WAYNE BRADY  
 Comedian

# Students crowned Mr. and Ms. Central

Roger Schuettke, Jake Hibbard and Kenlee Guss take home the coveted title

BY ADAM WILSON  
 Assistant Scene Editor

Twenty-seven acts competed Tuesday night at the annual Mr. and Ms. Central talent competition. The two winning acts were the musical duo of Roger Schuettke and Jake Hibbard from Stephens-Whitney hall, and singer Kenlee Guss from Quigley hall.

**How does it feel to win Mr. and Ms. Central?**

Hibbard (junior): Well we did it last year. Me and Roger both did it separately and came up short, and it feels pretty awesome.

Schuettke (sophomore sociology): It feels pretty good man. We just like making music. We've been making music together for a long time.

Guss (freshman): Winning is great but performing is the best part about it.

Schuettke: Basically, definitely performing is way better.

**Why did you audition for your resident hall's talent competition?**

Schuettke: [Jake and I] like making music and we like sharing our talents with other people and that's about it.

Guss: I just loved singing and it seemed like a fun thing to do.

**How did you get into your talent?**  
 Schuettke: Jake and I started singing in



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**NEW ROYALS** Roger Schuettke and Jake Hibbard performing a cover of "Royals" by Lorde.

middle school together, actually, in choir. Just growing up we sang all throughout choir together in high school.

Guss: I started singing in choir and then I did voice lessons and competed throughout high school. It was fun.

**Why did you come to Central?**

Schuettke: I originally came here for the music program, but I dropped out of the music program. Sociology!

Hibbard: [Ellensburg is] just a great town. I love it, it's small and quiet. A really nice place, great people. I love it here.

Guss: I love the area and everyone's really friendly, and it's just a great school.

**Why do you think you deserved to win?**

Schuettke: I think everyone deserved to win. That breakdancer was pretty frickin' awesome. Everyone should've won tonight.

Hibbard: There's a lot of really good talent up there and I honestly didn't think we were going to win.

Guss: Yeah, I didn't think I was going to win either. It's cool I guess, but everyone deserves recognition so it was great.

**The top runner-ups**

- Beck's Ajahna Devi performed a Bollywood-themed dance
- Al-Monty's Lucas Giemann played a Legend of Zelda-themed piano medley
- Moore's Emily Shumwell performed an Irish dance routine



# Surviving the

Myths, facts and advice on getting



**JAMES GAUDINO**  
President of Central Washington University

*"I would say engage. If you engage with other students and with activities, regardless of what that activity is, you are going to meet people, you're going to smile and you are going to be more successful."*



**RICHARD DESHIELDS**  
Associate Dean of Students for Student Living and Senior Conduct Officer

*"One of the best things a first-year student can do to succeed is to make sure they are engaging faculty and always making ethical decisions. The decisions they make do have an impact on them personally and their peers that they live around. When poor decisions are made, it reflects poorly on the institution, and in turn, the quality of their degree."*



**IAN MILLER**  
Assistant Director of Residence Life and NRHH Co-Adviser

*"I believe first-year students need to be 'real' with themselves and understand why they are attending CWU—hopefully to fulfill their academic goals. Then be proactive about studying, getting to know their faculty and advisers, and use available resources that will help them meet their academic goals."*

**BY LAUREN NOLTON**  
Staff Reporter

It seems impossible to succeed as a student while also surviving as a freshman. College comes with parties, the freshman 15, dorm problems and striving to do well in class. But it is still possible to overcome these obstacles while maintaining an above-average GPA, but only with a little help.

**FRESHMAN FIFTEEN**

When it comes to parties, avoiding alcohol is the best way to stay out of trouble, not to mention it can help keep away the freshman 15 by cutting down calories.

Those extra pounds seem hard to avoid, considering all the options provided by campus dining services. But according to dining services' Production Manager Jim Masheny, the food "is only unhealthy if you want it to be."

Masheny also pointed out that for freshmen, it is the first time they are freed from parental guidance.

"Load up on the veggies," Masheny said. "We offer 12 different vegetables at our new stir-fry station."

SURC dining also now offers a calorie count next to all menu items.

"The calorie counts aren't mandatory until next year, but we put them up now to be ahead of the curve and

bring healthier things to our community," Masheny said.

Another great way to keep away the freshman fifteen is to utilize the Recreation Center as well as Outdoor Pursuit and Rentals.

Erik Scott, intramural sports and special events coordinator for the Recreation Center, says time management, avoiding alcohol and developing a regular sleep schedule are all simple changes students can make to be healthy.

"Take advantage of the rec center's facilities and do what motivates or interests you," Scott said.

He also says that if students are having trouble staying fit they should sign up for the personal training packages through the Recreation Center.

"The personal trainers tailor an exercise routine based on your abilities and they can help you make healthy eating choices," Scott said.

Group fitness classes are instructor-led and include Zumba, cycling, yoga and total body conditioning.

"You just need to break up your workout routine," Scott said.

The Outdoor Pursuit and Rentals is a great way to do just that. It offers weekly sunset hikes, outdoor trips for hiking, climbing and challenge courses.

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*"Don't be afraid to start a conversation in the bathroom."*  
Jennifer Rentez-Hammond, Residence Hall Coordinator

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# he first year

ng through freshman year alive

hall experience seems scary at first, but following these tips will help to avoid some of the potential issues that come with living in the halls.

Most students come to college never having had the experience of living with a roommate.

If one thing is for certain, "it is OK to not be BFFs with your current roommate," Jennifer Rents-Hammond said.

Rents is the new residence hall coordinator for the Meisner, Hitchcock and Beck halls.

If there are roommate issues, then a resident assistant is available to help out. They are trained to help improve communication between roommates.

"Think of your hall as your home. Change your mindset and make sure to get out of your room and hang out in the lounge or attend programs if you are having trouble making friends at first," Rents said.

Residents can also avoid messes in the restrooms by simply cleaning up after themselves. If there are any issues with the community bathrooms report it to an RA or tell a custodial staff member.

**ACADEMICS**

It may seem difficult to stay on top of course work while maintaining a normal social life. With the right plan and the help of an adviser, success is not all that far away.

Deb Paradis is an academic adviser, who also teaches a University 101 course. University 101 is a required class freshmen take in their first year to help them learn how to make an academic plan for the next four years.

"Buy into things that are taught to you today and they will help you succeed in tomorrow," Paradis said.

Some students get the impression that their first quarter does not have to be taken seriously. What they don't realize is that their GPA for that first quarter and the quarters to follow are important to college success.

"The first quarter is the time to put your best foot forward," Paradis said. "It sets the tone for the rest of the year."

Paradis wants freshmen to realize that the resources provided are made specifically for them if they choose to take advantage of them.

"We want to empower students to take ownership of their education," Paradis said.

This year, every freshman got a success-guide folder that maps out the start of a student's college career all the way up until graduation. This guide is a resource tool for every student's benefit.

"Understand that you are navigating a four-year journey," Paradis said. "Consider the questions, 'Why you are here?' and 'Where do you want to get?'"

*"If you're gonna rap it, wrap it"*  
-Garvin Elefson, junior law & justice

*"Be curious while you are here. Try to understand and educate yourselves on the different cultures, communities and opportunities around you."*  
-Garrett Nelson, junior psychology

*"Make sure you are being safe at parties by having a backup plan and always have a DD"*  
-Jaime Jordan, senior psychology

*For all academic advising needs call the advising office at (509)963-3523 or email your University 101 professor for an appointment*  
advising office (second floor of Bouillon) accepts walk-ins every Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*"Don't get caught in high school drama"*  
-Emando Adigiesis, junior music

*"Smile and be outgoing. If you just sit and have your head down all the time you're never gonna meet anybody"*  
-Morgan Moran, junior

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*"Don't get the chicken nuggets from the SARC"*  
-Alaxa Watts, junior social services

*"Don't overload yourself. Don't take more than 18 credits"*  
-Scott Kazmi, BOD-VP for Student Life and Facilities

# Slacking around campus



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**ONE FOR ALL** Kasey Peterson (left) and Gage Miller (right) attempt to maintain their balance as they walk toward each other. Their slackline is set up in front of Barto lawn.

**BY COLLIN JOHNSON**  
Staff Reporter

On the Barto lawn, there is a ragtag group of gravity wizards that walk across slacklines suspended between two trees, typically any favorable day for one to be barefoot outside for a couple of hours.

"I use it for meditative, cleansing, and relaxing purposes, but I also use it as a form of cross training for rock climbing," Cole 'Ziggy' Ziegler, a junior technical theater major, said.

All of the core members involved in the slack line group are climbers, most of which are on Central's climbing team. They met each other through their mutual love of rock climbing.

"When your arms are too sore to climb, you slackline," newcomer Austin Allred, post-grad, said. Both activities

require extreme levels of both mental and physical prowess.

The slackliners are known for being friendly and are always looking for someone new to climb with.

According to Ziegler, Jordan Vidmore started the campus slack line phenomenon, and inspired Ziegler to buy his own line to practice outside Barto Hall.

Practice is key to this activity, as Gage Miller, a junior nutrition major, recently discovered.

"Anyone can do it," Miller said. "It's the mental factor that's important."

Ziegler pointed out that slacklining is "you versus the line," while your friends watch and cheer you on to show the line who's boss.

The slackliners constantly encourage passersby to step up onto the line, offer-

ing a shoulder to any newbie that wants to give it a try.

There is a large aspect of social networking and teamwork involved in campus slacklining sessions.

"It makes it a lot easier to meet people," Miller said.

Most slackliners are also fond of climbing and other adventurous outdoor pursuits, so the experience is one of a mutually beneficiary nature.

When asking Ziegler if many people have joined or just come up to give it a try he replied, "always."

This can be due to the populated nature of a college campus, which is coincidentally the most slack-friendly area of the city. With smaller trees that are more evenly dispersed, the campus makes setting up a line much easier.

Many people become slackliners for stress relief.

"It's a lot like yoga," said Miller. "It can put you in a very meditative state."

**When your arms are too sore to climb, you slackline.**

**-AUSTIN ALLRED**  
Post-grad student



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**TAKE A KNEE** Cole 'Ziggy' Ziegler performs a drop knee on the slackline

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# Community walks to end Alzheimer's

BY CAMILLE BORODEY  
Staff Reporter

Over 150,000 Washingtonians currently suffer from Alzheimer's or a dementia-related disease. Alzheimer's is the third-leading cause of death in Washington state, and every 68 seconds someone develops Alzheimer's.

This is why people of all ages gathered last Saturday at the West SURO patio for Ellensburg's second annual "Walk to End Alzheimer's."

"We need to spread a lot more light and awareness to this disease," Justine Stevens, events manager for Western and Central Washington State Chapter for the Alzheimer's Association said.

"So many families are affected each year, and we need to realize it isn't going away," Heidi Thomassen said.

Participants were given different colored flowers to represent their connection to the disease. Thomassen's daughter, Hailey Thomassen, executive assistant for Western and Central Washington state chapter for the Alzheimer's Association, lost her grandmother to the disease this year.

"I walk for those who can no longer walk," Thomassen said.

Although this is only the second time Ellensburg has hosted the walk, this is Central student Emily Meyer's 11th year participating in "The Walk to End Alzheimer's."

"I was so excited when I found out a walk was being hosted in Ellensburg," Meyer said.

Meyer lost her mother, Betsy, in 2008 after her eight-year battle with Alzheimer's.

"She was an inspiration to me because she was so open about the disease," said Meyer, a senior film and video studies major and programmer at Campus Activities. "My mom instilled the importance to fight and spread awareness."

Back in 2002, "The Seattle Times" published the article "Losing Betsy: The Journey Begins," which documented Betsy Meyer's life after her diagnosis. The story brought attention to the struggles that one living with Alzheimer's has to face.

Betsy Meyer was only 55 when she died.

"The biggest myth is that Alzheimer's is an old person's disease, and that's not always the case," said Keri Pollock, communications director for the Central and Western Washington chapter for the Al-

**If any family is a shining example of making lemonade from lemons from this disease, it's the Meyer family.**

**-Keri Pollock  
Alzheimer's Association Representative**



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**WALKING IT OFF** Families gather together to raise money to help fight Alzheimer's.

zheimer's Association.

Five to ten percent of people who suffer from Alzheimer's, or related dementia, have younger-onset dementia. This means that they were diagnosed or began to show symptoms before age 65.

"Alzheimer's can affect younger and younger people, and I think that getting college students aware and involved is very important," Meyer said.

Not only is Meyer an active part of the cause, but her brother, Alex, was also at the walk on Saturday. In fact, the whole

Meyer family participates in the walk that takes place in Seattle every year under the team name "Team Betsy."

"If any family is a shining example of making lemonade from lemons from this disease, it's the Meyer family," Pollock said.

"The Walk to End Alzheimer's" in Ellensburg is 1 of 12 that takes place in Washington state. For more information on the Alzheimer's Association or to make a donation visit: <http://www.alz.org/> or call the 24/7 hotline at 1.800.272.3900.

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CENTRAL WILDCATS (3-2)

# Cats' No. 1 defense faces Red Storm's No. 1 offense



DIXIE STATE RED STORM (2-3)



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**RUN AND GUN** Sophomore running back Jordan Todd rumbles through the Dixie State defense in their 2012 game. Todd ran for 192 yards and three touchdowns and the Wildcats won 51-19. Central is first in the conference in rushing while Dixie State leads the conference in passing.

BY MAX BAYERN

Assistant Sports Editor  
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Saturday's 1 p.m. homecoming game is shaping up to be a clash of the titans as Central Washington University's (3-2 overall 3-1 Great Northwest Athletic Conference) number one defense takes on Dixie State's (2-3, 2-2 GNAC) number one offense in Tomlinson Stadium.

It really comes down to this: Central allows 13-points per game versus Dixie State offense, which scores a smidge above 30-points per game.

Central's defense leads the GNAC in almost every defensive category highlighted by its number one scoring defense, allowing only seven touchdowns. The next closest is 14.

"[Central's Defense] is playing great, one of the best I've ever seen," Sophomore running back Jordan Todd said. "They feed off each other."

Central only allows opposing teams to convert on just 28-percent of their third-down conversions.

Quarterback Griff Robles leads the DSU offense, his 14-pass touchdowns and 5-rushing touchdown is good enough for the GNAC in total touchdown lead.

Central counters with Senior Stan Langlow and his 6.6 tackles per game, as well as sophomore defensive stand out Isaiah Davis.

Davis is coming off a three-interception game in a 7-3 Central win, and now has

four to lead the conference.

Dixie State has impressive offense numbers in its first five games.

Their scoring attack generates 445-yards of total offense per game and throws the ball with great efficiency passing for 295-yard per game, both stats are good for number one in conference.

DSU tight end Joe Don Duncan tends to be on the receiving end of the attack.

He has grabbed 35-receptions and nine touchdowns on the season, averaging 88-yards receiving per game.

They are also coming into this game rushing for 150-yards per game helped by Robles' ability to rush for an average of 68-yards per game.

The Wildcats are still looking its offense to reach its potential; they only average 15 points per game.

Red Shirt freshman quarterback Jake Nelson is still trying to get comfortable with the Wildcats offense.

He has thrown for 345-yards and four touchdowns in four games, and has yet to throw an interception.

"[Nelson] is doing well," Todd said. "Quarterback is the number one position that takes time and experience."

Todd is averaging 119-yards per game and has found the end zone three times.

"I don't look to much into the stats, but I give the credit to my offensive linemen," Todd said.

The last time Dixie State visited Tomlinson Stadium the GNAC title was at stake. Central went on to win the game 51-19 to claim the GNAC title.

## Players to Watch



Jake Nelson  
Freshman quarterback

- 32/62 for 346 yards
- 52-completion percentage
- 4 touchdown passes
- 0 interceptions
- 108 rushing yards



Isaiah Davis  
Sophomore defensive back

- 407 total return yards
- 4 interceptions
- 28 total tackles
- 16 passes defended

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## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

# Wildcats look to rebound after losses

## Central opens three game homestand this week, eyes improvement

BY SAMUEL CATHCART  
Staff Reporter

After a couple of tough road losses last week against conference opponents, the Central Washington University volleyball team prepares for two home conference matches to try and get its season back on track.

The Wildcats (6-8 overall, 2-4 Great Northwest Athletic Conference), take on Seattle Pacific University (7-6 overall, 3-2 GNAC) on Thursday followed by Montana State University Billings (3-10 overall, 1-4 GNAC) on Saturday at the Nicholson Pavilion.

The Wildcats have had a rough start to the season on the road, losing five of their last six games on the road.

"It's been kind of a struggle," senior middle blocker, Erin Smith said. "We are trying to find our identity."

Even with the recent challenges the team has faced this season, the teams relationship remains strong.

"I feel we have great team chemistry. We are friends on and off the court," Smith said.

The Wildcats are 1-1 at home this season against conference opponents, their only home games this season.

The team remains positive as they enter their home match this week.

"It [playing at home] will be good for us," sophomore outside hitter Linden Firethorne said. "Being at home will help us calm down. We are a lot less nervous because we are used to practicing and playing here."

**"It's been kind of a struggle, we are trying to find our identity."**

**Erin Smith**  
Senior middle blocker

Senior Emmy Dolan leads the Wildcats in kills, 146, and points, 159.5 this season.

On defense, junior Kaely Knight leads the team and GNAC with 303 digs while sophomore setter Cassie Fry leads the GNAC with 573 assists.

Thursday's opponent, the Seattle Pacific University Falcons, enter the game at fourth place in the GNAC.

The Falcons head into the match against Central after a win last Saturday against Montana State Billings and are winners of three of their last four games.

The Wildcats have had trouble finding a way to beat the Falcons in recent years, losing five of their last six games against Seattle Pacific including three in a row in Ellensburg.

Montana State University Billings on the other hand, sits at last place in the GNAC and have won just once in its last seven games.

Despite the losing record, Billings is no easy matchup for the Wildcats at home as the Yellowjackets have won two of their last four games in Ellensburg.

Although the Wildcats may not have gotten off to the start they wanted, they have a chance to break .500 in GNAC play by picking up two wins this week.



BETH LONBORG/OBSERVER

**SERVIN IT UP** Sophomore Linden Firethorne serves the ball.

## CROSS COUNTRY

## Wildcats finish fourth, prepare for GNAC finals

BY CHANCE WEEKS-WILLIAMS  
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 4 the Central Washington University Cross Country teams traveled to the University of Montana in Missoula for the University of Montana Invitational.

Both teams came in fourth place out of the six teams that competed. Central's highest finish since the season opening CWU Invitational.

Central Washington was the only team that competed from Washington; the other teams that competed were Montana, Montana State Carroll, Rocky Mountain and fellow GNAC School Montana State.

Montana State's men and women's teams won the meet.

They ran an eight kilometer race in Missoula that was higher in altitude.

"It was our first time going out there, but I was really happy about the team's performance," head coach Kevin Adkisson said.

Junior Rudy Spencer paved the way for the men's team with a time of 26:45 in the eight kilometer race, which was good for 19th place overall.

The Men Wildcats team had three other top 30 finishers with senior Nathan Minor, finishing in 27:00 with freshman Tomislav Smith finishing one second be-

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hind Minor.

Senior John Wojtech was the final Wildcat runner to finish in the top-30 with a time of 27:10.

Sophomore Nick Spencer rounded out the Wildcats finishes with a solid time of 27:26 which ranked 36th overall.

Sophomore Dani Eggleston was the leader of the pack for the women's team with a time of 22:47 which was good for 12th place in the women's race.

Senior Connie Morgan finished right behind Eggleston with a time of 22:48.

Central had six of the top 40 finishes at Missoula, with junior Lacey Wagner (32nd), sophomore Danielle Maldonado (35th), sophomore Megan Rogers (37th) and freshman Hannah Dowdell (38th).

The Wildcats travel to Bellingham for the annual Western Washington University classic invitational.

Rather than an eight kilometer race they will be running a 10 kilometer race.

"It'll be an extra challenge this week with the 10k and not an 8k, we have to not be intimidated by it," said Adkisson.

The Wildcats then prepare for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships on Oct. 26.

## #Fantasyfix week-six

BY MAX BAYERN  
Assistant Sports Editor

The trade deadline is looming and you might be strategizing how to maximize your players to get the most in return. Here are my picks to help you feel a little better about letting Calvin Johnson go for a running back and a defense.

Jay Cutler seems to have found another target out in Chicago. Which now gives him two threats outside, a very useful tight end and a premiere running back. His next game is against the New York Giants at home during primetime, which is like taking candy from a baby. I'm hopping on board with Cutler and hopefully he can keep his touchdown to pick ratio down, hopefully. Owned in 58-percent of Yahoo Leagues.

Terrelle Pryor has always been a guy I thought could be another new hybrid quarterback and he might be turning the corner in that direction. He ranks fifth in completion percentage in the NFL and has run for over two hundred yards this season. Pryor has a stiff test at Kansas City next week. I own Pryor in one of my leagues and will play him based on matchups. Owned in 35-percent of Yahoo leagues.

Keenan Allen role is growing in San Diego with Philip Rivers continued success. Allen has a small track record but I

like him in deep leagues. His targets are rising from six two weeks ago to nine this past week. His one touchdown came in the red zone. Allen's next game is Monday night. I like when my players are in primetime games and you should too. Owned in 4-percent of Yahoo Leagues.

Ooby Fleener is my long shot pick for this next week. The Colts tight end has been a up and down pick this season but I still hold out hope for him. The Colts love throwing the ball and I want at least one player in the offense. If you don't have a solid tight end in your slot I would roll the dice on him, Colts have a Monday night game in week six, I love when my players are in primetime games. Owned in 45-percent of Yahoo leagues.

Ahmad Bradshaw was put on the injured reserved which opens the gate for Donald Brown. Yes, Trent Richardson is the lead back in Indy but Brown has posed back-to-back double-digit point games in Yahoo Leagues. Owned in 4-percent of Yahoo Leagues.

I like playing matchups when it comes to defense and this week I like the Saint Louis Rams D. They are playing against Houston, but more importantly they are playing against Matt Schaub. Schaub has thrown a pick-six in the last four games, enough said.

Good luck this week, everyone.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Wildcats head home for two matches

BY RACHEL CHARLTON  
Staff Reporter

Currently 4-2 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, the Wildcats are sure they have what it takes to get over the hump and compete for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference lead.

"Despite this season's bumpy start, the team's confidence has gone up," head coach Michael Farrand said. "In the beginning I don't think we believed we were as good as we are. Beating Billings (Montana State University) was a big deal and we just had a great game against Western. We will continue to improve within the GNAC."

The intensity the team brought against Western is expected to continue into Thursday's home game against Seattle Pacific University (5-1-0 GNAC, 8-2-0 overall).

"Nobody wants to lose back-to-back. We are just as concerned about winning as we are losing," Farrand said. "We are going to play as hard as we did against Western."

Junior goalkeeper Kayla Lipston, who has been traveling and training with the team since her injury nearly two weeks ago, may play in the game against SPU, depending on her health.

Sophomore stand-in goalie Amanda White performed well in her third career start in the game against Western, with five saves, and will continue to be a strong presence until Lipston makes a full recovery.

Farrand will continue to look to junior

midfielder Savanna Moorehouse and senior defender Tarah Duty who received GNAC Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week honors, respectively, to lead the team during the match against SPU.

Moorehouse leads the GNAC in shot attempts and is tied with junior midfielder Danielle Brandli at sixth in the GNAC, with four goals each this season.

Duty, on the other hand, leads the conference with five assists this year.

The Wildcats will have a tough challenge as SPU, the 25th nationally ranked team in the country, travels to Ellensburg.

Central hasn't beaten SPU since 2009 on senior night.

Seattle Pacific sits at second place in the GNAC and is also second in the conference in points and goals.

The Falcons also have allowed just five goals on the season.

The Wildcats finish up their two-game home stand against Simon Fraser University (0-4-2 GNAC, 0-6-2 overall).

Although the Wildcats three-game win streak was snapped against rival Western Washington University, the team is confident that they can advance farther in the GNAC conference tournament than they have in the past.

"We have the heart that no one else in the league has. We've wanted to advance further in past seasons but couldn't get it all together," Duty said. "This year everyone has the heart to go out and get it."

## Players to Watch



TARAH DUTY  
SENIOR DEFENDER

-RED LION/GNAC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK  
(SEPT 23-29)  
-SIX ASSISTS (LEADS GNAC)



SAVANNA MOOREHOUSE  
JUNIOR MIDFIELDER

-RED LION/GNAC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK  
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-TEAM LEADING FOUR GOALS

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# Davis' three picks secures win at Humboldt

BY CAMERON DANIELS  
Staff Reporter

Central Washington University came out on top against Humboldt State University Saturday night, 21-13.

Sophomore defensive back Isaiah Davis led a stout Wildcat defense in giving up only 259 yards of offense, almost 70 yards less than Humboldt's season average.

Credit was given to the defensive coaching staff and the chemistry of the defensive unit.

"They have very good leadership," head coach John Picha said.

With their second-straight win, the Wildcats improve to 3-2 overall and 3-1 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, good for first in the conference.

Humboldt State dropped to 0-5 and 0-4 in the GNAC.

Davis, who was last week's GNAC Special Teams Player of the Week, showed off his defensive skills this week with three interceptions and seven tackles. He also added 87 yards returning kicks.

Humboldt State started the scoring in the first quarter with a 25-yard touchdown pass from Lumberjack quarterback Kyle Morris to Chase Kivachai.

The Wildcats came back with 14 points in the second quarter. Freshman quarterback Jake Nelson threw a season-long 59-yard touchdown pass to freshman Jesse

Zalk and sophomore safety Cole Graves scooped up a fumble and returned it 40 yards for the score.

Nelson finished the day with 129 yards passing and a touchdown.

Central led the first half 14-10 after a field goal by the Lumberjacks as time expired.

Jordan Todd, Central's standout sophomore running back, ran for a 40 yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

He tallied 30 carries for 141 yards and the touchdown.

It was his fourth game with over 100 yards rushing.

"I give the line the most credit," Todd said.

He also acknowledged the great job the wide receivers do blocking downfield.

The fourth quarter of the game was deadlocked at zero as Humboldt State tried to battle back.

Along with Davis' big day, senior linebacker Ridge Neilson led the defense with nine tackles and a forced fumble.

Humboldt State outgained Central Washington 259-250 in total yards.

The Lumberjack's dual-quarterback approach combined for 199 yards passing with one touchdown and Davis' three interceptions.

The Wildcats return to Ellensburg for their annual homecoming game against Dixie State University.



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**EASY PICKINGS** Sophomore defensive back Isaiah Davis intercepted three passes in the 21-13 victory over Humboldt.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Wildcats fall late to rival Western, 2-0



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**TURN AND GO** Senior midfielder Morgan Wood looks to advance the ball. The Wildcats are just 1-4 in their last five games against Western Washington.

## Tied late in game, Central gives up two goals in loss

BY RACHEL CHARLTON  
Staff Reporter

The momentum of a three-match winning streak fell short for the Wildcats after a shutout against Western Washington University during last Saturday's match in Bellingham.

"We were excited to play Western. They're strong competitors, which is good for the conference," head coach Michael Farrand said.

In anticipation for the Vikings, Farrand explained that the team prepared for them like any other team in the days leading up to the match.

The Wildcats came out strong with junior mid-fielder Danielle Brandli attempting a corner kick in the 12th minute, followed by a header that just missed the goal, by junior midfielder Savanna Moorehouse.

Moorehouse, who recently received the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors, was just one of two Wildcats to attempt a shot.

Central held on tight during the first period, not letting anything fall through the

cracks, and by the start of the second period the scoreboard still read 0-0. Neither team was able to put a number on the board until a foul during the 77th minute on senior midfielder Morgan Wood, resulting in a penalty kick goal by Western forward Kristin Maris. Maris converted the penalty kick and iced the game by scoring again with 21 seconds remaining.

Despite the loss, Farrand believes that Western was Central's best match-up so far.

"We both have speed and aggressiveness, our intensity was great," Farrand said. "We had the second half until those two goals at the end."

Saturday's game against Western proved that nearly all the pieces are there for the Wildcats to go far this season.

Despite the loss, the Wildcats don't have much to work on.

"Playing the full ninety minutes, that's about it," senior defender Tarah Duty said.

Central has lost its last four out of five games to the Vikings.

The Wildcats last win against Western came in 2011.

These two teams will play again October 31, Halloween.

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