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Central cleans up water

BY PATIENCE COLLIER
News Editor

On April 19, the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement (CLCE) will be sending 150 volunteers to clean up the area around the Yakima River.

This will be the 41st annual Yakima River Cleanup, according to Lana Abuhudra, CLCE program leader.

Although there were told what needed to be cleaned up, we started organizing groups,” Abuhudra said.

Meanwhile, Central’s environmental club has been working towards better water quality in their own way.

The club spent last Saturday cleaning garbage out of the irrigation canal that runs through campus, according to William Ligon-Bruno, club president, and Eric Arroyo, club senator.

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New college voted down

BY HOUSTON CARR
Staff Reporter

At the last faculty senate meeting, the senators voted against creating two colleges for education and professional studies.

There were some positives, finding a way to pay for the new colleges remained a concern. At the end of the meeting, the votes for the new college totaled 32 no, 9 yes and 4 abstentions.

This idea of creating two separate colleges from the current college of education and professional studies started in 2007, but was brought to a halt around 2009, and was revisited fall quarter.

A committee was created to gather research and gather opinions from staff and students to see what a split would mean for Central under a Williams-Allen. After the committee met, the board of trustees.

The decision, according to Cheney, was split, and whether or not the split would get enough votes.

Another concern was how the departments in the college would be split, and whether or not the split would be geographic.

Eric Cheney, chair of the faculty senate, said he was shocked by the way the votes came out, due to the financial situation and the fact this was the first time the idea had ever been presented for a vote.

"Just because the vote was no at the senate meeting doesn't mean it could never happen," Cheney said.

The decision, according to Cheney, would be left up to the administration and the board of trustees.

"The whole idea isn't killed. We will have to just explore new options," Phugge said.
Library hosts combination gala, auction event

By Riley Elliott
staff reporter

Brooks Library formally invited students and community members to see the library in a different light at the Evening Gala and Silent Auction fundraiser last Saturday.

The event featured appetizers and refreshments provided by Ellensburg Wineworks, as well as entertainment by Lenny Price, the Ellensburg Community Big Band and other local musicians.

Central’s faculty and students performed poetry and dramatic readings, while Central’s Swing Cats instructed dance lessons.

James Gaudino, Central’s president, said libraries are going through a huge transition and need to be celebrated.

“One of the joys of a library for me is to explore and discover,” Gaudino said. “Brooks is the town square of knowledge, and tonight we are finally starting to share it with our community.”

Michele Reilly, associate dean of libraries, said that her vision of the event was to represent the library as a place of community and a place for everyone to feel welcome.

“Tonight is a celebration of all our hard work, the library’s resources, and our collaboration with the campus and community,” Reilly said. “Spring time is the perfect time to celebrate.

The goal was to increase collaboration between the library and the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, as well as Central’s Wildcat Shop. The goal was to increase awareness about the services that the library offers to the community.

“It was amazing to have the opportunity to connect with town businesses and create new partnerships,” Patricia Cutright, dean of Central library services, said. “I hope the community recognizes us as a resource.”

The focus of the fundraiser is to improve library resources and upgrade technology at Brooks.

“A university library needs to be creative when competing for [state] dollars along with everyone else,” Cutright said. “It started out with a small party to expose local talents, then we saw potential to fundraise and build relationships.”

In a time where technology is becoming a necessity, and new technologies are always developing, it is becoming essential that libraries follow suit and enter the digital age.

Stephen Hussman, library department chair, said that libraries are evolving in the 21st century and can see the transitions the library is making.

“I am a true believer in this library, and it has been gratifying to see people’s interest in our success,” Hussman said.

“We loved watching our community come together and work towards a common good.”

The event’s distinct entertainment on every floor kept the guests engaged.

“Every floor had something going on, something for everyone,” Reilly said. “I loved seeing the library full of happy people.”

Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members enjoyed the silent auction, which included 37 items to bid on. A few of the items included gift baskets for kids, massage packages and a Suncadia golf passport.

James Brooks, former president of Central, for whom the library was named, said the night was all about community collaborations and continuing to help students have academic success.

“I am truly proud of everyone who has helped this library; history is being made tonight,” Brooks said. “Pretty soon other libraries will be dancing too.”

By R. Troy Peterson
staff reporter

On March 22, a large mudslide occurred just east of Oso, Washington.

Mudslides are a form of mass wasting, which is the movement of rock and other material down a slope. Such mass wasting events primarily damage property and infrastructure, and aren’t seen as particularly life threatening.

The contrast of this perception with the effects of the recent mudslide is what makes the Oso tragedy a significant event. The mudslide moved at 30 to 60 miles per hour, and killed 36 people. The mudslide’s location has been known to be an active site, and smaller mudslides have been recorded there previously.

Andrew Perkins, a geography instructor at Central who has studied mudslides previously, said that such mass wasting tragedies are rare.

“In any urban environment, you face environmental risks,” Perkins said. “And really, the decision on whether to build and to occupy a certain area is based on your acceptance of that risk.”

The best way these things can be handled, according to Perkins, is prior to such an event. That comes down to analyzing and accepting risk.

“The first thing you wonder is how obvious was it beforehand,” said Doctor Carey Gazis, chair of Central’s geology department. “I immediately went to look for some photos before and after.”

Such photos reveal how the reach of the Oso mudslide extended beyond the event.

“It’s pretty obvious that it was high risk,” Gazis said.

Gazis said that, although the area may have been high risk, such a large event could not necessarily have been expected. She compared the mudslide to Mt. St. Helens, which was also a larger event than anticipated.

The heavy rainfall prior to the mudslide has been identified as the most probable trigger.

Twelve days prior, the area experienced a 1.1 magnitude earthquake. According to Central seismologist Walter Szeliga, such an earthquake would be too small to have contributed anything.

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Admin fee reorganized

Central says non-compliance in S&A admin fee has been fixed since audit

BY AARON KUNKLER
Staff Reporter

Last year, the state auditor found Central to be in violation of a state law regarding services and activities funding. Since then, Central has taken steps to rectify the discrepancy.

The services and activities, or S&A, budget is a fund which every student contributes to with their tuition every quarter in addition to budgetary guidelines allocated by base funding. The fee is $231; the amount did not rise last year, and it is not projected to rise next year.

These funds go toward funding programs such as theater arts, student media, and student organizations. As a result, Central can be reimbursed for school related activities. Restric-tions pertaining to spending in this area are laid out in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

“What we’d like to see with this funding is students giving back to the university, through source documents and presentations,” Jacob Wittman, vice president for clubs and organizations, said.

Wittman also said that the problem between the auditor and Central arose because the administration fee was charging for services and activities funding. Since then, the student BOD budget and financing committee and finally the Board of Trustees.

All parties agreed that Central has actively sought to bring their budgetary policies in line with state guidelines, and that the current quadrennial budget has been adjusted to mirror state law.
Students with disabilities have been a special consideration for Central as construction continues.

The construction has provided extra coverage to students with disabilities. Wendy Holden, disability and accessibility coordinator and advisor to Access, Belonging, Learning, and Equality (ABLE), deals mostly with student academic accommodations, outreach and digital accessibility, but the construction has expanded her repertoire.

“We’ve made sure that the ramps are accessible,” Holden said. “There was a lip where students in wheelchairs were having difficulty getting over it, and we’ve worked hard to make sure it’s safe and accessible.”

Holden said that a braille map of the alternative routes around campus is in progress and will be available by the end of April in the Human Resources office.

Bill Yarwood, director of facilities, capital planning and projects, said that this includes connecting a low temperature heating and cooling loop from underneath the building site to the site and rerouting telecom duct banks from underneath the building site to around the building footprint. According to a press release, connecting Science Phase II to existing campus facilities will cost $6 million.

“Science Services is looking into a 3D map to illustrate what is happening with the construction, but something this high-tech will take longer to create,” Yarwood said.

Hackney has worked with the drivers and staff & faculty members around construction sites to ensure that they park in places that will make it easier for students with visual impairments and students who use wheelchairs.

“We’ve convinced them to park more on the grass, or off to the side more, that way students with visual impairments or students in wheelchairs have a wider range to go down to campus,” Hackney said. “They’re very accommodating for us.”

While he is satisfied with the efforts Central has made to accommodate students with disabilities so far, Hackney showered concern about new students coming to start classes in the fall.

“You never know what disabilities are going to arrive when school starts up in the fall,” Hackney said.

Sarah Bair, a junior double-majoring in geography and early childhood education, is the vice president of ABLE. Bair’s biggest concern is traveling between classes and being on time.

Bair had one bad experience with the construction when it first started. When the fences were assembled the first day of construction, Bair ran into one because she didn’t realize it was in her way.

“Sometimes I’m rushing from place to place, because I can’t go the short cut way that I used to,” Bair said. “When I only have ten minutes to get across campus, and I have to go the long way instead of going through the parking lot, it just makes it a little more complicated.”

However, Bair feels that overall, Central has done a good job providing resources to educate students with disabilities about the changing environment.

“Students shouldn’t get used to the way things are now, however,” Yarwood said. “The fences up that block off the early site package construction will change in the future, once the preliminary utilities work is completed.”

Although the fencing will change, the construction traffic will not.

Once they get the building up and the superstructure up, and the building is closed in, then the fences will start coming down through the course of construction,” Yarwood said.

Contractors are only allowed to enter the site through the service drive on 11th Street. This will decrease the areas where students will have to cross paths with construction and other traffic.

“We want to keep all the other construction traffic off of University Way, D Street, and the Walnut Mall and all the other malls on campus,” Yarwood said.

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The ‘B, T, K’s’ of beatboxing

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After nearly five months of inactivity, Central Washington Confessions has made a comeback. For unexplained reasons, the original confessions Facebook page was shut down on April 5. The new page, aptly titled “Central Washington Confessions – News” was created in a matter of hours afterwards, and quickly gained attention.

While the new confessions page has managed to accumulate several hundred “likes” over the span of just a few days, it’s resurgence has raised a few questions: How long is the new page going to last? Why do people care so much that it’s back? More importantly, why do I care about it?

As a beatboxer, I am a little torn on how I feel about this grouping. I agree that it’s back? More importantly, why do I care so much that it’s back? I’m not denying the page’s appeal. Even with the hype of the new page, the rumor mill take care of the rest.

Confessions don’t seem to be filtering in as crazy story they wanted, and chances are page, anyone could make up whatever somewhat promising idea or not.

It’s not even like the confessions are interesting. A chunk of the posts are just people declaring the fact that they think [insert name [insert favorite place] is attractive/cool/funny. And that’s cute or whatever, but seriously, what’s stopping you from telling them to B? It’s just a trend die out, and that some things really are better left unsaid.

Maybe I’m pretentious or cutesy, but there has to be a better way to let someone know you’re desperately in love with them (or just want to get down with them, no judgment).

Another major criticism I have about the page is the fact that there’s no way of knowing whether the posts are even real or not.

Due to the anonymous nature of the page, anyone could make up whatever crazy story they wanted, and chances are people would believe it. And I think this is potentially dangerous. If someone really wanted revenge on another person, they could theoretically post any wild claim about them and let the rumor mill take care of the rest.

It’s worth noting that the original Confessions page didn’t have any new posts for about five months before it shut down. Even with the hype of the new page, the confessions don’t seem to be filtering in as quickly as the old one did.

Maybe it’s a sign that its time we let the real life down, and that some things really are better left unsaid.

I don’t know how long the lifespan of the new page will be, but I doubt I’ll stick around for it. Just let me scroll through the new confessions one last time.

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Editor-in-Chief Matthew Thompson

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This year, Easter Sunday falls on April 20, which is also known as the weed holiday. This Sunday will also be the second 4/20 since weed was legalized in Colorado and Washington. With the changes in laws, many Ellensburg residents could be trading their colored eggs for colored bongs this Easter Sunday.

According to Business Insider, Colorado expects to bring in $100 million in revenue this year. Washington is not quite up to pace, as recreational sale of marijuana will not begin until June.

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Fans gathered from all over the United States to enjoy the special guests, events and generally nerdy vibe of Emerald City Comic Con held in Seattle this past March.

The convention housed hundreds of people over the weekend of March 28-30. Some dressed up in elaborate costumes, parroting their favorite characters, while others showed their fandom through T-shirts, games and signed comics.

Daniel Chavez, junior education major, took advantage of spring break to attend the convention.

“I wanted to explore more of the comic book world,” Chavez said.

Chavez was introduced to comics through a friend of his who has already graduated from Central. The comic Saga, published by Image Comics, sealed the deal for Chavez, and he started reading comics in earnest. Chavez met some of the authors and illustrators for "Adventure Time" and "Star Wars" comics and found a new comic to read called "Rust."

Chavez only went on Saturday this year, but he said he would like to go for two days next time, which is something he suggests for others as well.

"Don’t take it too seriously," Chavez said. "If you act like you’re better than it and cooler than it you’re going to have a shitty time."

Joanne Kirckof, theatre performance senior, attended all three days of the convention with her boyfriend. Kirckof said her boyfriend wanted to go, being more into comics, while she’s more a fan of anime.

"It’s always interesting going to a comic convention instead of an anime convention," Kirckof said. "[There’s a] different energy."

At ECCC, Kirckof got an autograph from “Arrow” star Steven Amell and saw a live performance of the hit podcast “Welcome to Night Vale.” Kirckof also got to see the movie “Dredd" for the first time, with a special Q&A session beforehand with actor Karl Urban.

Kirckof also participated in one of the most colorful sights at the fan convention: cosplay. Kirckof had a different costume for each day, cosplaying as Applejack from "My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic," Black Canary from DC Comics and a female version of "Iron Man."

Alexa Watts, senior social work major, was excited to see the special attire when she went to ECCC.

"I like watching people in their costumes," Watts said. Kirckof recognized a cosplayer she has seen on Pinterest and saw the judge from the show "Heroes of Cosplay," Yaya Han.

Watts was also excited to see Jim Beaver and Mark Sheppard, actors from “Supernatural.” Watts and her sister got a picture with both actors, which she plans to hang up later.

Aside from all the costumes, celebrities and panels, Watts felt like ECCC was a good bonding experience with her sister. The overall environment of the convention was a good one for Watts.

"I was allowed to be a nerd," Watts said. "Some of my friends don’t get any thing that comes out of my mouth."

Watts would like to go to ECCC again, and both she and Chavez suggest that first time convention-goers attend at least two days.

"I just didn’t feel like one day was enough," Chavez said.
**Central gets Greener**

**Student garden project finds unlikely success**

**BY KEITH WALD**

**Bill Hall Reporter**

As spring quarter starts, farmers start planting their crops. The Central Coalition Garden is entering its second year and is excited about what the garden will bring to campus.

The garden is located behind the psychology building, in What Hall Apartments. With an expansive lot, the garden appears barren, recently plowed with fresh soil, as students and community members prepare to plant their first seeds on April 26.

Benches and tables are set up in the corner for future gardeners to admire the view of their growing crops. Rebecca Pearson, a physical education and public health professor, initiated the effort last winter to have a campus garden created. Following approval from the university, a space was prepared for the garden in the winter, the campus garden successfully grew vegetables such as melons, zucchini and squash.

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At the end of last summer, students had Central clubs tabling from the front of Dean Hall all the way through the student body to participate in many environmental awareness programs, according to Oliver.

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Earth Day Family Festival

**Where:** Dean Hall

**When:** April 19 @ 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

To get more involved with the Central Student Garden Coalition, visit their fan page at www.facebook.com/CWUCampusGarden.

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The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Waste Management Program and V olunteer Center of Kittitas County (RSVP) will be hosting a drug takeback and a document shredding event in Kittitas County (RSVP).

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The shredded paper after the event will be processed into cardboard materials, according to Findley, which will both protect people’s identity through the shredding service and make sure the paper is recycled.

“Our volunteers won’t be touching [the drugs],” just the police officers will be doing that, Findley said. “They take them and incinerate them.”

A major goal of the drug takeback is to rid people of expired medications for safe disposal techniques, rather than just flushing their expired drugs into the water system. Many people are also not aware of safer disposal techniques, rather than just flushing their expired drugs into the water system.

**Building for the future**

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**This year, we expect at least that the many.**
BY CODY BRADFORD
Mail Reporter

It is 6:30 a.m., and with the sun still rising, Crazy Catt Tayler and DJ DIRTY SNOWBALL have already been entertaining their listeners for half an hour. LED lights around the studio flash, hip-hop music fills the air and the two DJs dance with an infectious energy.

Then, donning a pair of head phones the duo gives morning greetings and let listeners know what songs and segments to expect next before unleashing an upbeat song.

The duo is made up of sophomore broadcasting majors Taylor Shain-dlin and Nick Oli-ver: Crazy Catt Tayler and DJ DIRTY SNOWBALL, respectively. They started volunteering for the radio station last school year.

Crazy Catt said her decision to join radio started when she heard the station at an event. She found it so cool that soon enough, she was volunteering as well.

However, SNOWBALL said he came to Central specifically to pursue his interest in radio. He even had previous experience working for the “BJ Shea Morning Experience” at 99.9 KISW in Seattle.

The pair have put in so many volunteer hours for the radio, and they amassed the largest number in full quarter. In addition to working events, some of these hours can be heard from the radio shows they work on in addition to “The Wakeup Call.” For instance, Crazy Catt delivers the news every Monday through Friday morning, while SNOWBALL helps run “Dyslexic Grunge” and Saturday rock.

Crazy Catt gets her DJ name from being known as the crazy cat lady of the station, supported by the many cat shirts she wears. SNOWBALL’s name however, originated in middle school where comets were described to him as dirty snowballs and he decided the description would become his hip-hop name.

“The Wakeup Call,” while only having been around a little over a quarter, has quickly become an incredibly popular radio show for 88.1’s Burg. The hosts provide an expertly blended mixture of music, news, talk and original content segments within a two hour block. On Thursdays hip-hop music is set loose from the speakers, while Friday unloads the top electronica songs so that everything heard on air has a strong beat and keeps everyone energized.

In between music, the original segments are revealed such as “The Dirty Edit” where a song is twisted with properly timed censorship edits. Both DJs say this is their favorite segment of the show. Another is “Florida and Russia” where Crazy Catt and SNOWBALL take turns telling funny news stories of these two locations, such as arrests involving food assaults, grace the airwaves for a hearty chuckle. All of this is delivered by a pair of DJs who can best be described as having a vast quantity of zeal for radio performance.

The idea for the pair to co-host a morning show was introduced by general manager Travis Box, despite Crazy Catt and SNOWBALL both being unsure of the chemistry which flows freely. The duo agreed to host “The Wakeup Call.”

Crazy Catt and SNOWBALL are now plotting out a show with plenty of improvisation or as Crazy Catt said, “controlled chaos.”

As for their Thursday and Friday mornings, they crawl out of their beds around 5:30 a.m. but truly wake up once the mic is in front of them and they hit the air waves. Once in the studio, the pair feeds off the energy of each other like a renewable resource, which can be heard in the chemistry which flows freely.

“Morning shows are the most important time slot in radio... [Crazy Catt Tayler and DJ DIRTY SNOWBALL have an] incredible natural chemistry and energy made for morning radio.”

-General Manager Travis Box

Crazy Catt and DJ DIRTY SNOWBALL volunteer a significant amount of their time at the radio station.

Catch Crazy Catt Tayler and DJ DIRTY SNOWBALL every Thursday and Friday morning from 6 to 8 this quarter.

“Wisdom from the two DJs, Crazy Catt said, “When you stop singing there is no sound,” and SNOWBALL said “A wise man once said, ‘forgiveness is divine, but never pay for a late pizza.’”
Women everywhere get stressed out by school, work or even other people. It’s times like this when most women are relieved to have the opportunity for a night on the town.

The Ellensburg Downtown Association (EDA) captured that spirit in the annual Spring Girls Night Out.

Local Ellensburg women and female Central students ventured downtown to have fun with their friends and enter to win prize baskets and giveaways and save on deals from participating vendors.

The event was organized by the EDA and sponsored by the Ellensburg Rodeo and Pebble Beach Tanning.

The sponsors got to display two gift baskets given away in the raffle and did some tabling in the SURC to promote the event. The gift baskets contained items such as lotions and trip giveaways.

Every store that participated gave out raffle ticket for every $10 spent in their store. Those tickets were entered into collective drawing for the two gift baskets.

Central junior Emily Wolf attended the event with her roommates and a small group of their friends.

“My roommates really wanted me to come and I thought it would be a fun time with them,” says Wolf, “And I’m really enjoying the shopping and snacks.”

Carolyn Honeycutt, director of the EDA, was very excited about this event but says it wouldn’t have been possible without help from Jessica Weisz from the promotions committee.

“We had about 31 vendors this year,” Honeycutt said. “We can normally make about $20,000 per event, and we track that with the tickets we hand out when you make a purchase from participating vendors.”

31 stores in Ellensburg participated in the event. Vendors offered sales and raffle tickets while local restaurants served drinks and snacks inside their store.

This year, marketing students from Central walked around surveying people who attended the event and asked them about their Girls Night Out.

One of the stores that has always participated in the event is Gallery One Visual Arts Center. They offered the customer experience as people walked around their gallery with crafts, face painting, live music and sales on some of their products.

“We are a downtown venue and want to help support the community,” said Sarah Haven, Gallery One employee.

There were many people who walked the streets of Ellensburg searching for some good deals and spending time with their friends.

Ladies all over the town were enjoying the time they spent with their friends and helped support many of the local shops downtown.

“My roommates attended this last year and couldn’t stop talking about how much fun it was,” said Wolf. “After what I’ve experienced, I will definitely be coming back next year.”
2014 Spike Arlt Invitational preview
April 19, 2014, 9:30 a.m. Tomlinson Stadium

BY CHANCE WEEKS-WILLIAMS
Staff Reporter

For the 20th consecutive year, the Central Washington University track and field team will host the Spike Arlt Invitational meet at Tomlinson Stadium on Saturday, April 19. Last year both the men and the women’s team took first in the meet and look to repeat in their success.

Junior Tyler Fettig is currently ranked in the top 10 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference for three events including a first and second ranking in the high jump (five feet, five inches), long jump (18 feet and nine inches) and ranking seventh in the 100-meter hurdle race with a time of 15.15 seconds.

“High jump is my favorite event and has been for a while,” Fetting said. “My main goal is qualifying for nationals in the high jump.”

Sophomore Jordan Todd, who also plays on Central Washington’s football team, is ranked sixth in the GNAC for the 100-meter dash at 10.49 seconds and ninth in the 200-meter dash at 22.30 seconds. Todd is also a member of the second ranked 4x100 meter relay with a time of 42.09 seconds.

“For the 100 I think the speed is there, it’s just the technique. For the 200 I need to work on getting a little stronger so I can finish better,” Todd said.

Todd says he knows what he has to do in order to speed up his time.

“It could be a slightly better start. It could be a better transition where I come up out of my drive,” Todd said.

Connie Morgan, a senior mid distance runner, currently holds five rankings in the top 10 for girls in the GNAC, including a 38:21.48 minute in the 10,000 meter run. The four other rankings she holds are 10th in the 800 meter run (2:16), 7th in the 1500 meter run (4:37), 7th in the 5000 meter run (17:56) and 7th in the 3000m steeple chase (11:30).

Morgan is set to run the 1500 and the 800 come Saturday. Sophomore John Wojtech currently holds two no. 11 rankings in the 800 meter run (1:54) and 1500 meter run (3:58). Head Coach Kevin Adkisson says that there have been a few athletes that have been making leaps and bounds (pun intended) in their progress.

Harish Prasad is competing in the 100 and 200-meter dash and also contributes to the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relay. Prasad is a transfer student from Emory Riddle in Daytona Beach, Florida. Originally from Fiji, Prasad attended Auburn Adventist Academy.

“He’s (Prasad) right up in the thick of it for both the team and the conference,” Adkisson said. “It’s been a really a pleasant surprise.”

In the last track meet Central Washington competed in, Bernari Sternen broke the GNAC record for the 110-meter hurdle race with a 14.47. He bested his previous personal record by a whole half a second.

“In the 110’s, to do a half second is just kind of crazy. To see that kind of improvement was exciting,” Adkisson said.

The women’s 4x100 team has been impressive this season; they are within five hundredths of a second of breaking the school record. With that, there are two freshmen on that same relay team contributing big time. The 4x100 team consists of Madison Garcia, Jasmine Leaptop-Atkins, Ashley Harmon and Chelsea Genther, who look to break the record on Saturday.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Nelson steps down as women’s coach

Head women’s basketball coach Shawn Nelson resigns after three years and a disappointing career record of 25-53 at Central

BY CHANCE WEEKS-WILLIAMS
Staff Reporter

Head women’s basketball coach Shawn Nelson stepped down from his role on April 14. This comes after three seasons with the team starting in 2011.

Whether Nelson chose to leave Central and pursue other interests, or was forced to resign, was not clear.

Nelson was hired back in 2011 by then athletic director Jack Bishop, replacing Jeff Whitney after 14 years as head coach.

Nelson took the reins of a Wildcat team that went 7-18 during the 2011 season. His first season as coach Nelson made several improvements to the team, leading them to a 9-17 record and finishing 5-13 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference play.

During this last season as head coach, the team mirrored that of the team he inherited as he led the Wildcats to a 7-19 overall record, finishing last in the GNAC standings with a conference record of 2-16.

Although the Wildcats finished last in the GNAC standings, they did have a record number of GNAC All-Academic honors. Seven Wildcats received the honor this season.

Back in January, GNAC commissioner Dave Haglund reprimanded Nelson for “unsportsmanlike conduct involving provocative language and actions” after a loss to Alaska Anchorage. It is unknown if this incident played a part in Nelson’s resignation.

Before coming to Central, Nelson was the head coach at his alma mater Carroll College. Nelson became the youngest head coach in the history of the Frontier Conference to reach 100 wins and then 200 wins. His final record at Carroll College was 201-70. In his first five seasons he won at least 27 games per season, and was ranked in the top 25. His record after eight years with Carroll was 201-70.

Nelson finished his Central coaching career with a 25-53 overall record, and an 11-43 conference record.

Nelson was unavailable for comment.

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Central Washington University (25-14 overall, 14-6 Great Northwest Athletic Conference) came into the weekend with

two games on Saturday and two on Sunday. First on the list was Western Oregon University, which Central swept, winning

8-0 in game one, and 8-6 in game two.

Senior pitcher Maria Gau and senior second baseman Jill McDaniel led the team in the sweep. McDaniel got the bats hot to start the second inning after hitting a home run over the left field wall.

The next inning Central scored three more runs off RBI singles by McDaniel, sophomore catcher Austin Wilkerson and freshmen third baseman Maria Gau ended the game with six strikeouts and only allowed three hits.

In the second game, Western Oregon was determined not to lose by scoring two runs in the top of the first. McDaniel came out swinging, putting Central on the board after a home run in the second inning. By the end of the second inning, Western’s Danielle Harcourt double gave the Wolves a 3-1 lead.

Campbell’s sacrifice was able to score junior outfielder Adrianne DeLay. A Hamada RBI single scored freshmen shortstop Taylor Ferleman to give Central the lead.

The Wolves would take the lead back in the fifth, only for Central to regain the lead by scoring in the fifth and sixth to bring the score to 8-6.

Gau came in during the fifth as relief pitcher to smother any hope of the wolves coming back, giving Central the two game sweep against Western Oregon who were conference leaders.

With the two big wins over Western Oregon on Saturday, Central Softball took the momentum into Sunday, sweeping Saint Martin’s. The sweep gave Central a six game winning streak. With these wins Central also clinches a spot in the GNAC tournament.

Senior first baseman Maikala Galusha gave Central its first runs with a single RBI to center field. From that point on Central didn’t look back, scoring three more runs. Starting where they left off in the third, Central came out swinging. Central even stole a few bases. Ferleman stole second and freshman Kailyn Campbell hit a two RBI single.

Going into the sixth Central held a 6-3 lead and finished the game with a 9-3 victory.

Campbell went 3-for-4 with six RBIs. Campbell had three singles scoring two runs off of both.

In the second game, the Saints would once again take an early lead by scoring one run in the first that would be short lived.

Sophomore outfielder Michaela Hazlett would tie the game with a single through the left side. The game would stay tied until the sixth inning until RBI singles from McDaniel and Zurfluh gave Central a 3-1 victory and a sweep on senior day.

Senior pitcher Taryn Smith would pitch all seven innings, allowing only five hits, improving to 2-4 on her season.

Central will next travel to Nampa, Idaho to play in two doubleheaders verse Northwestern Nazarene in two weeks before competing in the GNAC tournament May 1.
Streaking Wildcats win 11th of last 14

BY SPENCER HANSEN
Staff Reporter

The Central Washington University baseball team got back in action over the weekend. They traveled to Nampa, Idaho to take on the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders in a Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) showdown for second place. The Wildcats got a big series win, taking three of four games from the Crusaders, inching closer to Western Oregon for first place in the conference.

In game one, the Wildcats struck first with three runs, taking advantage of three Northwest Nazarene errors. Junior shortstop Cory Welch singled to left field and the ball was mishandled, allowing junior left fielder Kyle Baumgartner to plate the first run. Two batters later, hot-hitting right fielder Ethan Sterkel connected for a RBI single for the second run of the game. Sterkel went 4-4 for the second time in as many weekends to raise his batting average to .330.

Senior starting pitcher Stuart Fewel went 5 2-3 innings and allowed six earned runs in a no-decision. Fewel has allowed 15 earned runs his last two outings but has managed to keep the Wildcats in every game. Senior pitcher Skye Adams entered the bottom of the sixth inning to stop the bleeding and pick up his fourth win of the year.

The Wildcats added three runs in both the eighth and ninth innings. Home runs by Sterkel and junior left fielder Jeff Beckman sealed the 10-7 win for Central.

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The team wants to play their best baseball at the end of the season. It feels like we are getting hot at the right time, which is exciting.”

Dickinson has been Mr. Consistent out of the bullpen all season for the Wildcats by giving up only four earned runs in 11 appearances.

As of late, the Wildcats have had a jolt of offense by shortstop Ben Circeo who had two hits and two RBIs, including a solo home run. Northwest Nazarene took game two on Friday 7-0.

On Saturday, the Wildcats brought the bats, hitting five home runs. In the first game of the double-header, Welch and Baumgartner got the bats rolling, each with a two-run blast. The Crusaders wouldn’t go away as they clawed their way to a 3-3 tie in the fifth inning. Central broke the tie in the top of the ninth on an error.

Welch helped his own cause in the ninth, striking out the final two batters to pick up his GNAC-best, eighth save.

Junior pitcher Nolan Amandsen picked up his second win of the season in relief, pitching a third and innings and surrendering only two hits.

In game two, senior pitcher Willie Davies got the ball and was brilliant once again. He picked up his third win of the season pitching all seven innings and allowing one unearned run. Davies received plenty of run support as three more Wildcats would hit home runs. Senior first baseman Josh Potter hit the first home run to left field with a nice piece of hitting; three batters later senior second baseman Eric Tinnell followed with a bomb of his own. In the seventh, junior third baseman Kasey Bielec would add another home run for his sixth of the season. Sterkel didn’t drive in any runs in the series but continued to swing the bat well, finishing the day 6-9 at the plate. Central went on to win game two 6-4.

Central now sits in sole possession of second place in the GNAC standings and will host Holy Names Academy in a non-conference series next weekend. The Saturday double-header will also be senior day as the Wildcats will play their final home games of the season. Central still remains two games behind Western Oregon, who swept Montana State-Billings this weekend.
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