Students produce and perform in annual musical showcase

Helping the homeless
Shelters around Ellensburg open in time for winter weather.

Students saddle up
Equestrian Club hosts annual western-style horse show.
Weed and vape shops: the American way to go

BY MATT ESCAMILLA
Staff Reporter

In a world where diversity is celebrated, it’s important for a student’s university to follow suit. Students of color now comprise a third of the student population at Central.

John Swiney, special assistant to the vice president of Business and Financial Affairs, said 44 percent of the population are Hispanic. Swiney added that Central has increased diversity in its student body.

“It’s good for them [students], but not good for me...it’s too hard to make money,” he said.

However, Abid Daghlawi disagrees. The owner of One Love Smoke & Vape, located on South Main Street, thinks shops like his coming onto the scene is good for Ellensburg.

The most expensive of all the projects included in the YBIP will be the creation of a new $1 billion reservoir called the Wyner Reservoir.

“Since we’re not having as much snow, we need to store the water that falls as rain,” O’Brien said.

“The state’s tuition cuts have also affected enrollment. There was a decline in the number of students who are often the first in their families to go to college. Central’s incoming freshman class came in at 1,653 when the projections were 1,500. Central’s incoming freshman profile (preliminary data) report, more than half of Central’s incoming freshman are from western Washington. The state’s tuition cuts have also affected enrollment. There was a tuition cut of 3 percent this year, and a 15 percent decrease is expected next year, reducing annual tuition by more than $1,600.

Kittitas, Ellensburg prepares for life sans snowpack

BY ELLIOTT LLERA
Online Editor

As climate change continues and global warming worsens, droughts in eastern Washington could become a staple of summer, just like BBQs, baseball, and the 4th of July.

To help prepare for a future with less water, the state of Washington has implemented a massive ecological project called The Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP).

“The series of projects is intended to overhaul the state’s existing water infrastructure. Currently, water reservoirs in Washington are repleated mostly by melting snow pack. If trends brought upon by global warming continue, Washington’s mountain passes are likely to exceed $1 billion as a result of last year’s drought.

Commissioner O’Brien said that a sufficient water supply is vital to Ellensburg’s livelihood. “If we lose that economic base, we lose jobs...” said O’Brien. “We’re an agriculture market.”
**Homeless haven**

Six churches in Ellensburg become cold-weather shelters for displaced community members until fair weather returns

(From left) Jac Murray, Toni Heay-Stewart, Michaela Rogers, Jen Stuart, and John Mounsey all help the homeless at First United Methodist Church of Ellensburg.

**Central opens new SAAB chapter, first in Washington**

By Jarrek Marean

Staff Reporter

“I am my brother’s keeper and together we shall rise!” is the motto of Brother 2 Brother (B2B), one of Central’s newest clubs, and is a direct reflection of the chapter’s goal of taking young students and molding them into men who can grow to be both academically and professionally successful.

Part of the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB), the organization was originally founded in 1990 and has since expanded into 364 chapters across 34 states.

This past spring, Dr. Keith Champagne, Central’s associate dean of Student Success, and Dr. Raymond Hall, associate professor of anthropology, worked together to establish Central as the first SAAB chapter in the northwest.

B2B is open to members of all races, but its roots are tied to the SAAB, whose founders built the organization with a focus towards assisting men of color in reaching academic success.

Central’s needs are no different; only 34% of African American students succeed in graduating.

“B2B plans to improve that statistic in part by imbuing its members with the following core values: accountability, proactive leadership, self-discipline and intellectual development.

This will provide us a vehicle for engaging men of color in a positive and proactive manner outside of the classroom,” said Champagne.

The focus of SAAB is on African American men, B2B is inclusive to males of all races.

This is evident when observing Central’s chapter, whose members come from a diverse range of backgrounds.

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**ASCWU gets new tech to record meetings**

By Destiny Dickinson

Staff Reporter

This year’s Associated Students of CWU Student Government (ASCWU) officers are welcoming in the new tech generation with a few tools to start recording public meetings.

Recently, the ASCWU approved $650 to buy a laptop and camera to record meetings, an external hard drive to back up memory and a tripod to hold the camera. The funds were taken from Central’s general budget.

Current ASCWU President Ryan Anderson said that in the past, the ASCWU public relations director hadn’t been involved with meetings.

Anderson said that this year ASCWU has a “really great” public relations director—Forrest Anderson—and so they are trying to make him the hub for campus students to talk to ASCWU, which is one reason for the recent purchases.

Anderson said the laptop is an ASUS and that it’s similar to the one at the Wildcat Shop; it cost $250. He added that it was “cost effective and professional.”

Anderson said that it’s required by law to take minutes from meetings and post them on ASCWU’s website. Minutes are already posted in written form, but Anderson said video would be another component.

The camera is the same one Campus Activities bought, and it’s a Cannon. The tripod was from Amazon and only cost $20.

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While each brother has a unique history and story to tell, each one of them is united in the fact that they are all striving towards excellence while supporting each other and their community.

“Our plan is to make a significant improvement in male students’ satisfaction, academic performance, campus engagement, retention and graduation rates,” said Champagne.

The chapter will also be attending a national B2B conference in Detroit this April. They are striving to ensure all of its members attain a 3.0 GPA before that time in hopes of winning the award “New Chapter of the Year”.

Besides its emphasis on its members’ personal development, B2B has extracurricular plans to engage in both community outreach and volunteer work.

Last week’s meeting showcased the brothers’ eagerness for helping others. A community potluck was confirmed that will function as a fundraising event, while feeding those in need throughout the local community.

They then took turns standing up and speaking passionately in support of an idea that would involve members returning to their high schools and speaking to those students about college life and the benefits of joining.

This plan would benefit kids back home by informing them that it is possible to succeed, and that going off to college doesn’t have to be an intimidating process when they have the support group that B2B provides.

This strong aspiration to inspire others is just one of the reasons that Central’s B2B chapter president, Armando Ortiz, first joined.

He said that his desire to become a strong male role model for younger students was one of the driving forces behind his decision to take a leadership role.

One of Ortiz’s goals as president is to reach out to all students, regardless of their background. Many people aren’t even aware of the chapter’s existence. Of those that are aware of it, some aren’t aware that it’s open to any and all males. Ortiz said that word of mouth is really how the chapter plans to expand.

“We want to make Brother 2 Brother approachable to everybody on campus, regardless of their backgrounds,” Armando said. “The word ‘brother’ has sort of a racial connotation. We want to make everybody who comes into this chapter to truly feel like they have a brotherhood, regardless if they’re black, white, or brown.”

Central ranked #1 in affordability by ‘The Economist’

Central was recently ranked first in the state of Washington in terms of economic impact on graduates, reads a press release from Central’s office of Public Affairs.

According to the release, Central ranked 124 out of 1,275 colleges across the nation by The Economist magazine, which calculated assumed median income for different school’s graduates, and then showed whether graduates earned over or under the estimate.

As reported by The Economist, Central alumni annually earned $4,562 above expectations.

“With more than 135 majors, teachers who are tops in their fields and affordable tuition, Central is, hands-down, one of the best bargains in higher education in the country,” Central President James Gaudino said in the press release.

In Washington, directly behind Central was Washington State University (279) and Walla Walla University (586).

Check “The Observer” next week for a full story.
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We would love to see more college students,” Mirro said. “A lot of them can tolerate the overnight shift better than a lot of people.”

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Did you see that hilarious display the other night? The way that one attacked the other, wow, was vicious.

And the black guy, I bet he didn't even get into West Point. Oh he did? Well, then I'm sure it wasn't a scholarship. As I said he said it was. Nailed him.

You put that woman candidate though, she just doesn't know what she's talking about, leave politics to the men.

Following a GOP debate, it's not rare to hear remarks similar to these. In fact, I wouldn't put it past any one to boil down complicated topics like politics into quick, like character extremist arguments, perfect for a Twitter generation. It's almost as if our attention spans are so bad that we can't or won't focus on anything. That last sentence was 91 characters.

The same contrived statements can be heard about conservatives too. How dare they say this? Maybe wasn't quite as bad as the other.

How many times have we heard the classic “bumper-sticker” arguments that President Obama has only increased the amount of poor in the nation, or that he's (somehow) not a real American. Or that Bernie Sanders is a socialist, which I guess is meant to be an insult that it isn't (94 characters).

Or that Hillary Clinton doesn't know how to lead a nation because she's a woman (79 characters, I'm getting better).

If we all just took a second to stop and do some research, we wouldn't need to resort to fourth grade antics when it comes to politics. It's no secret that Americans are as divided as they've ever been politically, but are we all really so different?

I bet if you asked everyone to answer honestly what they want and how they think their country should be ran that they wouldn't be too far off from each other. The problem is that this mindset isn't the American way.

It's us versus them, black and white, winners and losers. There is no more middle ground. It's like we're all sports fans, doubling down on our team. It's ridiculous.

Rather than doing research and forming a well-thought opinion, our generation would rather take to our phones and start finger-shouting at the opposition. I cringe when I think about how stupid we're all going to feel 20 years from now, looking back on our posting history.

I'm sure most people don't even know that democrats used to be the “bad” party.

Democrats were in favor of slavery and if it weren't for the more moderate republicans, we would have likely never changed the name. The Republican party changed, albeit drastically, they changed into a bat-shit crazy, divided crapshoot, but they didn't change. Why isn't that all change?

It doesn't have to be a shouting match anymore political points are brought up. I still think it's important to have a balanced point of view, but there are many things about liberals that I vehemently disagree with.

I don't like our stance on raising taxes blindfolded without checking on expenditures first. I mean, does anybody really know what the U.S. Department of Education even does? Can't we all have a balanced education practices? And don't even get me started on defense spending.

But then I thought about losing Morrison and Farquhar. This may be a good thing.

Both players showed the ability to look great in flashes, but whether it was due to injury or inconsistency, both players have gone through absolutely brutal stretches at the plate and on the mound.

Let's face it, Morrison was never going to be the first baseman of the future, and Farquhar is very replaceable in the bullpen.

What the Mariners got in return could be the answer to the inconsistent pitching problems the team faced in its bullpen and rotation last year.

Karns has shown his ability to be a quality big-league pitcher last season and would slate in perfectly as the number four or five starter with Felix Hernandez, Taijuan Walker, James Paxton and free agent Hisashi Iwakuma.

Riefenhauser was roughed up a bit last year in his time in the majors, but should have better luck pitching in a ballpark that is tough on right-handed hitters. The Mariners have little left-handed talent in the bullpen behind Charlie Furbush and aging free agent Joe Beimel.

Powell is the question mark in this deal. He was acquired previously for a positive steroid test and still didn't show much promise in the minors. The hope is he can become a reliable on-base guy that can play solid enough defense to at least partially fill the black-hole that has been center field for the Mariners since Mike Zunino's breakout season in 2009.

The bottom line is this is a win-win type of trade for both teams. Although Miller could've been a key piece for the Mariners in 2016, they needed to acquire pitching depth since Iwakuma, Walker and Paxton have all battled injuries the past couple seasons.

Now it's up to Dipoto to find the answer at first base and the outfield for the Mariners. A task that has been proven to be easier said than done.

To strengthen the economic base of the region and state.

As a member of the Central community, I strongly encourage you to act on these university objectives and make this upcoming holiday season meaningful by giving back to your community.

We have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of individuals and in local organizations. It doesn't have to be a grand gesture - even just an hour of volunteering is time well spent.

Let's make a pact to make the next few months more about giving back to others and less about ourselves.

Together, let's strengthen the Central community.
Unleash the extreme at Central

BY DAKOTA SEGURA
Staff Reportera

Music is not easy to learn. No one can pick up an instrument and know nothing about it and play well without proper instruction.

No one knows this better than Kittitas Middle District Music Director Don May.

Being an effective teacher, like any good teaching musician, takes years to master.

Most musical education majors do not get the opportunity to teach an actual band class until after they have graduated, but this is not always the case.

Don May graduated from Kittitas High School last year and so then 

Kori Winegar, owner of Winegars.

Winegar offered for students
to participate in.

It’s an event that will engage everyone in the community. We all
know finals can be a really stressful time,” said Savannah Isbey,

Senior public relations major and Account Supervisor at
to CCA.

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Winegar said he invites stu-
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Isbey and Winegar hope this is an event that students will look forward to being a part of.

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Directing the future of music

BY THOMAS PATSSON
Staff Reporter

The Kittitas County Journal

As a music teacher at the middle school, Cornell was ready to

to be a jazz teacher for the rest of his
time at Central.

“I’ve taught jazz bands before, but this is something different,”

Winegar said. “We’re having volunteers help with organizing the event,” Isbey said.

These volunteers will most likely be made up of students who are part of CCA or the Public
Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

Though it is still a few weeks away, CCA is already planning
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The burden of incarceration disproportionately falls on persons of color. According to the 2010 census, African Americans are five times more likely to be incarcerated as whites, and Latinos are twice as likely to be incarcerated.

The documentary includes interviews conducted by Blackmon, where he talked with families who had ancestors that suffered horrendous treatment worse than under slavery.

These men were imprisoned and forced to work every day with extreme hours. They were sent into coal mines, put back onto farms and worked on railroads for no pay.

It created a cycle of poverty that can be seen in low income communities throughout history.

There were no longer slave owners. By imprisoning freed slaves, business owners were allowed to lease these prisoners. This exacerbated their situation, due to the fact no one cared whether they lived or died.

After the viewing, there will be a panel of faculty and staff from the Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice committee, putting on these events is a way to get Central students talking about the flaws in the system.

Blackmon will be coming to Central this spring quarter on May 11, 2016. He will be available to answer questions on either the book or documentary.

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Robertson hopes that this will continue to be an annual event, with a new theme each year.

There is a need for a meaningful conversation on Central’s campus about racial justice and mass incarceration. Not just on Central’s campus or in Ellensburg, but on a nationwide scale. The issue has been ignored by the majority of the public.

“The economic disparity that is created from the incarceration of citizens from low income communities, in most cases the father of a family,” Robertson said. “This creates a system that created a second class of people. Currently, more than two million individuals are behind bars.

The United States incarcerates more people than any other nation and accounts for 25 percent of the world’s prisoners. Worldwide, five percent of the population is incarcerated. A number that has seen an increase in recent years.

The burden of incarceration finds one of Bethesda Softworks’ inevitable game breaking glitches.

One reviewer for The Verge got stuck in an elevator after nine hours of play. He later updated that Bethesda had fixed the glitch already in a first day patch and detailed how to not fall into the same trap (manually update your PS4, download the Day One patch and restart before playing), and while it’s comforting to know Bethesda is ready to fix their mistakes, we know from history that more will come.

Some argue that a company as large and well off as Bethesda should be able to find and repair the glitches before launch. Others think their open-world games, and especially the aforementioned gigantic Fallout 4, are too big to find all the glitches for.

Either way, it’s likely you’re going to run into some mutated police chickens or a man whose body twists in on itself endlessly.

Now, I really need to return to the wasteland—Meat Tank (pictured below) is waiting.

For students at Central, this is an opportunity to expand their knowledge. The Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice committee are donating their time to educate the student body on modern issues.

“Slavery by Another Name” shows how the corrections system is flawed and how flawed it’s been for generations.

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Incarceration Convicts gather in one of their many quarters.

PHOTO BY GETTY IMAGES

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Central Theatre Ensemble is preparing to present the annual Red Curtain Broadway Revue from Thursday, Nov. 19 to Sunday, Nov. 22.

It will be an evening full of music and laughter featuring Broadway hits.

This year, the Red Curtain Broadway Revue will showcase numbers from Matilda, Sister Act, The Little Mermaid, 42nd Street, Mary Poppins and more.

Maddie Dugan, junior musical theater major, is part of multiple group numbers in the show.

According to Dugan, there is a lot of artistic collaboration that goes into the show, and a lot of experience is gained from working with a large group of people.

Dugan’s favorite piece in the show is the song “Raise Your Voice” from Sister Act.

“I have a featured part in the song ‘Raise Your Voice,’ where I get to be a rapping nun…I literally rap in Latin. It’s pretty great,” Dugan said.

The Red Curtain Broadway Revue is unique since the whole process is run by students. They direct the show, put together the sound and lighting system, make the costumes and do the acting and singing.

Onalee Duhrkoop, sophomore special education major, is a performer and student director for the show.

According to Duhrkoop, being a student director is a lot of work, but it’s fun since they get to create their own vision for a song.

“We get to create our own vision for a song, choreograph and direct them,” Duhrkoop said. “It’s also cool because we work with students who have a vision for our show to create a vision for our individual numbers. Our students are doing the microphones, sound, lighting and crew work.”

Duhrkoop directed a song from the musical adaptation of the movie “Ghost.”

“I enjoyed getting to put my own twist on it and look forward to having audiences see both mine and everyone else’s hard work,” Duhrkoop said.

Students run and are the drive behind the show, but faculty director Terri Brown and choreographer Megan Smith help them mold and shape the final product, Dugan said.

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“We really did a great job at collaborating with such a huge amount of people, and it really shines when you are watching the performance,” Dugan said.

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Equestrians rein in horses for show

BY ZAC HERTH
Sports Editor

Central’s equestrian club is saddling up for its annual Interscholastic Horse Show Association (IHSA) Double Western Horse Show this Saturday, Nov. 14 and Sunday, Nov. 15 at Orion Farms.

This western-style event judges horses on pattern, smooth movement, responsiveness to the rider, manners, disposition and ability to change lead foot while in the air, as well as the rider’s ability to maintain a proper position on the horse.

The events start at 9 a.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. on Sunday.

Central’s equestrian club puts on the show themselves, with the most difficult task being providing horses for the event.

The team must provide 30 horses for riders from all right competing teams to ride for different events. The team had only secured 24 horses as of last Thursday, but that number rose to 45 over the past weekend. Last year’s event went similarly.

“Last year at our show it was kind of a similar deal,” Churchill said. “It all kind of came together the last week.”

Churchill said the team had to work on tracking down leads headlining into the event.

The team lets horse owners know that they will take good care of their horses and treat them as if they were their own.

According to Churchill, a senior at Central, the team was shooting for 40 horses for the show.

Horses are only allowed to be ridden in three different competitions per day. Club President Gretchen Beyer said that this year’s most horses will only ride twice each day.

Horses that the team has secured for the event are coming from all across the state: Ellensburg, Snohomish, Walla Walla, Yakima, Olympia and the Tri-Cities.

The team must secure horses because competitors at the event are not allowed to ride their own horses, creating the challenge of learning how to ride the horse on-the-fly.

“Each horse works completely differently,” said club Vice President Ashley Johnson. “They all have different personalities or are trained differently.”

Churchill added that it gives members without their own horses a chance to compete as well.

Competitors do not get a chance to warm up on the horse they draw before each event; they only get to see a warm-up rider get the horse ready. Also, horse owners give a brief description of each horse to riders. If the owner is in attendance, riders can also seek the owner out to ask questions.

To go along with securing horses for the event, the team must hire judges, find an EMT, invite other schools, design show programs, order award ribbons and find a photographer.

“Some of the best work to get it ready for the big day,” Churchill said.

Members will also deep-clean the barn before the event. They already take care of the barn and their horses on a daily basis with three shifts throughout the day, divided between members, to feed horses, clean their stalls and give them time to move around freely.

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Central Equestrian Western Horse Show

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Cross Country

The women’s side of Central’s cross country team fell just one-spot short of qualifying for nationals this past weekend placing sixth at the NCAA Division II West Regional Meet in Monmouth, Ore.

The men, lead by senior Dani Eggleson’s 13th place finish, came just five points short of fifth-place Seattle Pacific University.

Senior Megan Rogers also posted a top-20 finish at the event, coming in 18th.

The men’s team placed 14th overall. Freshman John LaFerla continued to lead the way for the Wildcats with a 33rd place finish.

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The Wildcats defeated Division III opponent, Whitman College, in overtime 98-93 this past weekend.

Central has big shoes to fill this season as their top scorer last season graduated this Spring. Don Williams averaged 20 points last season with the next best leading scorer averaged 12 points.

There was no lack of offensive production with three different playmakers for the Wildcats scoring 20 points or more on the day.

Central seniors, forward Joseph Streud and guard Joey Roppo both had quality performances to tip off their 2015 campaigns.

Roppo finished the game going 60 percent from the field, setting him a team high 26 points. Streud did a little bit of everything as he racked up a double-double with 30 points and ten rebounds. Strawd was two blocks shy of a triple-double.

Redshirt freshman guard Naim Ladd added another 21 points of his own, while Senior guard Gary Jacobs ended the day with 18 points.

With 12 seconds left in the second half, Roppo hit two free throws to give Central a three point lead. Succeeding the free throws, Whitman went down the court and hit a three point buzzer beater to send the game into overtime.

For the majority of overtime, Central held on to a one-point lead, until senior guard Devin Matthews wrapped the game up with a dunk to shut the door on Whitman.

Central finished the day at 48-percent from the field as a team. While also shooting 32-percent from beyond the arc and 70-percent from the free-throw line.

Central’s first regular season game will be against Simon Fraser University (SFU) on Tuesday, Nov. 17 in Burnaby, Canada.

Football

Central’s football team rallied late against SFU overcoming a 21-8 deficit in the third quarter to win 38-24.

The rally was sparked by Central’s all-purpose playmaker, Jesse Zalk, returning a kickoff 55 yards for a touchdown to make it a 21-16 game with less than five minutes left in the third quarter.

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Wildcats clawing at GNAC title

BY JAKE NELSON
Staff Reporter

With only two weeks remaining in the regular season, the Central volleyball team’s next four games couldn’t get any more important.

Central’s next two games are at home against Saint Martin’s University and Seattle Pacific University, both are in the bottom half of the GNAC Standings.

Last week, Central split its games in Alaska, defeating the University of Alaska (UA) 3-1 and losing to co-conference leader the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) 3-2.

Senior outside hitter Linden Firethorne had 14 kills in the win against UA. Junior outside hitter Kiah Jones added 12 kills, and senior setter Catie Fry dished out 36 assists.

“We were spreading the offense really well, and the [middle blockers] were really active and that gave me a lot of good looks,” Jones said. “And as always, Catie Fry was on it.”

Jones believes that Fry is the glue to the team.

“She is like the quarterback,” Jones said. “She is constantly working to give us good looks as hitters and working with different types of passes. She is a really good emotional leader as well.”

Jones’ 12 kills against UA increased her season total to 169. She credits her success to the team.

“Being in an environment with a team that is really supportive and that is really giving good feedback,” Jones said. “Building you up when you’re not playing well and celebrating with you when you are playing well. There is nothing better to build your confidence than your teammates.”

Central improved their record to 17-6 overall and 13-3 in GNAC play with the win against UA.

Central is currently in third place in the GNAC, behind powerhouses UAA and Western Washington University, who both have a record of 14-2.

With only four games left, Central sits one game out of first place.

“We never give up on anything,” Fry said. “We are always ready to play no matter who it is and just try and win out the rest of the season.

Of the team’s four remaining games, there are against opponents that are in the bottom half of the standings, but on Tuesday, Nov. 17 the Wildcats matchup against Northwest Nazarene University, who is one game behind Central in the GNAC standings, with a 12-4 conference record.

Central will enjoy three of their final four games in front of their home crowd.

Head coach Mario Andaya goes over the Wildcat’s gameplan during a timeout.

IN THE HUDDLE

For Fry, there would be nothing better than to be GNAC Champions in her final year in crimson and black.

“It would be awesome,” Fry said. “To go out with a bang would be really cool.”
EHS continues CWAC dominance

**BY AUSTIN BENNETT**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Ellensburg High School football team has won their third straight Central Washington Athletic Conference championship, or CWAC. The Bulldogs have gone 30-0 in league play the past three years.

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"We really press on our kids about always giving it your best shot, not worrying about the scoreboard, opponents, and those type of things," said head coach Jeff Harada. "All of our kids are learning to play football, not just on the football field, but every place else," Affholter said.

Repetition and consistency seems to be the recipe for success for the Bulldogs. Affholter and his coaching staff repeatedly evaluate their kids throughout the season.

"We always tell our kids that we will put the best product on the field … you might be starting this week, but if you’re not playing well we might have to find a different guy and play him there."

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"We always play, every year, between 15 and 20 guys at the varsity level," Affholter said. "We try to make it easy enough to learn a lot of different things.”

Ellensburg fosters more of a learning environment, as opposed to a competitive one.

"I think we do a good job of trying to teach our kids all the way from ninth grade to twelfth grade," Affholter said. "That’s our Saturday morning walk-throughs that we start with our young kids and really try to teach them the game.

"The Bulldogs coaching staff believes in spending a lot of time with their kids in a learning environment, which helps their program in the long run."

"When the same kid is getting that same message from, ninth grade, 10th grade, and 11th grade, by the time he is a senior he has a pretty good idea on how to play football,” Affholter said.

"That’s what we have done these past six or seven years to kind of advance our program.”

Ellensburg concluded their regular season with a 31-14 win over Quincy High School. The Bulldogs did not have any severe competition this season, aside from Prosser High School, which they beat in overtime, 27-26. Ellensburg shutout four teams this season and outscored their opponents 545-75.

The Bulldogs will play against Cheney High School in the first round of the state playoffs. Ellensburg has lost in the third round of the state playoffs to Lynden High School the past two seasons.

Ellensburg’s first playoff game will be at home on Saturday. The time will be announced later this week.