Costumes and Pixar together at last

Cosplay Club members dress up as ‘Inside Out’ characters for non-traditional movie night
Boost of growers means too much weed for Wash. to handle

BY BRIAN COOK
Staff Reporter

With a boost of licensed growers in the State of Washington, marijuana producers have harvested more crop than what has been demanded in the state’s market. This surplus has caused some producers to lower their price per pound for cannabis.

A marijuana plant ready for harvest can produce an average of a single pound of marijuana in the 3 to 4 months it takes to grow, according to drugscience.org. Once harvested, a pound of marijuana can be sold for roughly $4,000 depending of the strain and THC content.

Reported earlier by The National Marijuana News, Washington State licensed producers have grown more than 16,000 pounds from July 2014 to November 2015 then what the states market demanded during this period.

Retailers and Processors believe that this surplus will strongly affect the price of processed products such as edibles, drinkables, and concentrates in the near future.

“Glot is hard on Producers but it’s good for the market,” said Lena Davidson, Sales and Marketing Manager of botanicalcaSEATTLE. “Forces the market to become more of a commodities market creating space for bulk processors and growers to grow for oil rather than grow for bud.

The marijuana industry is not as profitable as many think would think. With 45 percent tax on all sales, and an addition al 30 percent of what’s left going to the IRS, since marijuana shops cannot write off expenses. This leaves a small profit margin is left for business owners.

“To have a price drop right to the bottom is the greatest fear and that’s basically what’s happening right now amplified by the glut of product on the market,” says Davidson.

With producers looking to cover the heavy electrical cost of growing indoor crop, some growers may be looking to sell more bud to retailers, instead of selling to processors.

USA Today once reported that roughly 360 kilowatts power a 25 square feet area in a indoor grow production in a month. With Washington State’s Liquor and Cannabis Control Board Marijuana Producers Tier 1 marijuana license, it allows producers up to 10,000 square feet of space for production. A producer operating at maximum capacity could be facing electrical bills in Kittitas County to upwards of $9,000 a month.

Rob Hendrix, owner of Canabis Central believes that consumers will be seeing a greater variety of lower quality packages priced at around $10 per gram, close to that of “street-value”.

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Vice president of five years to resign from Central

By Kailan Manandic
Assistant News Editor

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Englund will lead the search for Clark’s replacement. Once Englund and his team develop a position description, they will begin working with an executive search firm to find applicants.

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Until a viable replacement is found, Joel Klucking, associate vice president of Finance and Business Affairs, will act as interim chief financial officer and vice president for Business and Financial Affairs.

Klucking said he was flattened to hear the news and admits that the new position will hold a much larger scope than his current position.

“George is a very tempered, consistent and methodical thinker,” Klucking said. “It’s exactly what we needed at the time.”

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Clark is credited with launching new budget model

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Central President James Gaudino shared the news with “mixed emotions.” According to Gaudino, Clark provided the budgetary information in Central’s history.

In the wake of continued cuts in state funding, Clark began transitioning the university’s budgeting model to Responsibil-ity Centered Management in summer 2014. This model gave individual college deans ultimate control over the distribution of money instead of the Office of the President.

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According to Tim Englund, interim dean of the College of the Sciences, the model was potentially “rocky” and controversial because individual departments all over campus were held more responsible for finances.

Englund said Clark worked with faculty to help them adapt to the changes and was invaluable during the transition.

“He has these pie charts and spreadsheets that he produces regularly,” Englund said. “I can’t imagine that most of the faculty could now have existed on campus without seeing these.”

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Central key in creation of earthquake early warning app

By McKenzie Lakey
Staff Reporter

In the Pacific Northwest earthquakes aren’t uncommon. In fact, if you were on Central’s campus in March last year, you likely felt the 4.2 magnitude earthquake that rumbled through Ellensburg.

This earthquake came without any warning, but with the development of the new ShakeAlert app underway, earthquake early warning systems may soon be going public and Central is involved.

The United States Geologi- cal Survey (USGS), a scientific agency within the government that focuses on the climate and environment, is serving as the project lead. A handful of west coast universities are also partnered with the program.

University of California Berkeley (UC Berkeley), the California Institute of Technolog- y (CalTech), and the University of Washington (UW) are also funding the app.

Behind the scenes

Although Central’s geology department isn’t in the spotlight when it comes to the hands-on creation of the app, Central is collaborating closely with UW.

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, Timothy Melbourne, a profes- sor of geological sciences at Central, discussed the universi- ty’s data-collating role during his speech to the Ellensburg chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute (IAFI).

“We do what we do to give [the] University of Washington GPS solutions that they can’t compute on the ground and then they use it to locate the earth- quakes,” Melbourne said.

“We’re kind of behind the scenes player in all of this.”

How it works

According to the USGS, the data collected through the GPS in a smartphone will be able to detect “permanent ground movement” associated with earthquakes.

By rapid processing of this information, the app will then be able to recognize an earthquake and promptly send out the alert.

Since the alert will travel at the speed of light, and earthquakes move closer to the speed of sound, the alerts can reach potential impact areas seconds before the shaking begins.

ATM skimmer still at large

By Ray Payne
Staff Reporter

According to the Ellensburg Police Department (EPD), a man allegedly placed a skimmer on an ATM at Cascadere Valley Bank on Dec. 31.

The EPD has recovered the device along with the collected information.

The public has been asked to keep an eye out for the suspect and to report anything important to the EPD at (509) 962-7280 or at policedept@ci.ellensburg.wa.us.

The EPD has sent out a warning about devices used on ATMs to collect card information at banks in the area.
When historian Carter G. Woodson deemed the second week of February “Negro History Week” in 1926, he emphasized its importance by saying, “If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world and it stands in danger of being exterminated.”

It’s in this spirit that every February, schools across the nation teach students about the plight of African Americans while celebrating society’s most influential people of color during Black History Month.

This April, Portland Community College’s [PCC] will aim to preserve the history of another race–causascians–when they host Whiteness History Month. Unlike other heritage months however, the tone of Whiteness History Month will be far from celebratory.

According to PCC’s Cascade Campus Diversity Council, the month-long academic project is intended to explore the origin of racism while studying the social construction of ‘whiteness.’ PCC’s website defines ‘whiteness’ as “an ideology based on the belief that the privileges and advantages enjoyed by caucasians makes kids feel like the struggles and sacrifices of colored people are contained within the past. That’s the big problem, people aren’t just saying stuff to be heard.”

During Whiteness History Month, PCC’s four campuses will host speeches, discussion sessions, and other events for its 90,000 enrolled students. According to KRON4, lessons from the initiative will also be integrated into the classrooms.

Student members of diversity clubs at Central were supportive of PCC’s decision to host Whiteness History Month, but said they would be hesitant about implementing a similar idea on campus in Ellensburg.

“I don’t think Central is ready for that,” said Gianni Glover, member of Central’s Black Student Union. “But I hope it does serve it’s purpose as far as educating and getting people to see that this is a real thing and black people aren’t just saying stuff to be heard.”

LaShawnda Mason, diversity programmer at Central’s Center for Diversity and Social Justice, agreed.

“Just from the backlash we got from our [Black Lives Matter] protest, we know the type of people we’re around,” said Mason. “I don’t think our staff is ready for something like that, they need training.”

Critics of PCC’s decision feel that the program will be nothing more than a month of “white shaming” if it ignores the positive contributions causascians have made throughout history.

Evelyn Briscoe, Program Coordinator at the Center for Diversity and Social Justice, feels that PCC’s program will benefit causascian students by showing them the advantages they have over students of color.

“I think it’s a good thing that they’re doing it because it’ll open people’s eyes to where their privilege came from,” said Briscoe. “Most people are kind of just brought up to believe they have this privilege, but giving them the history behind it can probably change the lens on how they see things around them.”

While diversity education is becoming more common on college campuses, many students feel that the public school system needs to overhaul the way it addresses issues of race.

Mason thinks that the way Black History Month is taught makes kids feel like the struggles of colored people are contained in the past.

“That’s the big problem, they really do teach it that way like slavery was such a long time ago,” Mason said. “They’ve desensitized things of the past, but the past is still relevant today. I may not be a slave or chained, but there are still things like the prison system.”

Keeping Carter G. Woodson’s vision in mind, Armando Ortiz, President of Brother 2 Brother, wants to influence children by teaching the histories and traditions behind all heritages.

“As a future public school educator, that’s exactly why I want to go into education, to teach real history and to talk about real social issues,” Ortiz said. “The best way to oppress people is to take away their history and their culture, it completely disembodifies them from their ethnicity.”

In this same month the country celebrates the birthday of the civil right movement leader Martin Luther King Jr., the Central Black Lives Matter movement continues to work for change with the involvement of President James Gaudino.

“We’re not making mountains out of molehills,” said Armando Ortiz, president of Brother 2 Brother. “We’re trying to make these mountains molehills.”

The Black Student Union (BSU), Brother 2 Brother, and other affiliated groups which protested in the fall in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement at the University of Missouri are still working to gain recognition and equity for the underrepresented groups on campus.

As requested by those involved in the movement, President Gaudino has been attending meetings of the involved groups and has already helped with writing a letter of solidarity from Central to Mizou.

Some future changes are already in the works for 2016. Issues being targeted include designating a safe space for underrepresented groups and working together as students, faculty, and administration to diversify the curriculum and faculty.

LaShawnda Mason, junior food nutrition and dietetics major and the Equity and Services Council Representative for BSU, feels the changes being implemented now are due to the success of their protest.

“Sometimes people tell us what we should do, but sometimes it takes it to be a little bit more boisterous and let yourself be heard. And that’s what we did,” Mason said. “I feel we got our point across.”

One of the steps taken by this movement has been to write a letter to several university offices requesting a safe space for these groups such as BSU and Brother 2 Brother.

Evelyn Briscoe, a senior law and justice and sociology major and the president of BSU believes the underrepresented groups on campus shouldn’t have to resort to meeting in the CDSJ and utilize their facilities in order to organize.

“We’re looking for a space where those people can come in and have their meetings and be able to have that space,” Briscoe said. “As of right now our staff in student government is in a closet. That shouldn’t be that way.”

A matter of importance to the upperclassmen BSU members is making sure the movement continues to thrive after they leave Central. This involves handing down leadership to underclassmen and inspiring the younger generation to continue their work.

“Things are moving forward,” Ortiz said. “The seniors that are in the concerned people’s coalition they understand it’s going to outline them as well. Leaders always come and go, but it’s up to the leaders to motivate and inspire the younger generation to continue their work.”
People on the Street

What do you think about 1891 Bistro?

Megan Smith
Freshman business administration major
“I love the new bistro! It’s great for studying, hanging out with friends and grabbing some good coffee and food! Very versatile so everyone can enjoy it.”

Daisy Camarena
Junior nutrition major
“I like it a lot. It’s really colorful. And there’s a lot of big tables, so you can spread out your work for when you want to do homework. And it doesn’t feel clumped, like everyone’s far away. You can do your work without feeling like other people are bugging you. And the coffee’s really good.”

Onalee Duhrkop
Sophomore special education major
“I like it. I like having a place quieter than like Holmes because I use to work on all my homework there, so just the atmosphere is a lot nicer. It’s more comfortable too.”

Brandon Swoab
Sophomore clinical physiology major
“I like it. It’s like elegant. It’s really elegant in here. It’s really clean. Coffee’s good. No complaints.”

Montana Lopez
Freshman undecided
“I like the atmosphere. It’s pretty colorful. I like that. I think the coffee’s good too. And I think it’s a nice place to do homework because it’s quiet.”

Maddie Dalhinger-Koby
Freshman early childhood education major
“I really like, because I live in Kamala, so it’s really close and I pretty much come here every day. And it’s really nice to study here. It has a really good space. I can’t study in my room then end up coming here and get stuff done.”

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Warning vs. prediction
Melbourne makes it clear that this new app will not be able to predict earthquakes, saying that “prediction isn’t actually possible” and key factors must be considered when trying to predict an earthquake.

“You gotta say when, you gotta say where, and you gotta say how big.” Melbourne said. “[Prediction] is a hundred year old holy grail. It has never been solved, it never will be solved.”

While the development of this app is a new direction for the technology, according to Melbourne this is not the first early warning system created for earthquakes.

According to the USGS, Mexico first developed the technology after the 1985 Mexico City earthquake that reached a magnitude of 8.1. The resulting death toll was estimated at 10,153.

The USGS also said that Japan invested $600 million into their own system after the 1995 Kobe earthquake claimed the lives of 6,400 people. Turkey, Taiwan and China have all implemented similar systems as well.

However, the development of such systems tends to occur after an earthquake devastates a region, something geologists involved in this program are trying to prevent.

“We actually haven’t had a big earthquake in a metropolitan area in a hundred years in our country … but it is only a matter of time,” Melbourne said. “One way or another this system should be built.”

Funding
Though the USGS is spearheading the project, the initial funding for the program came from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. According to the Moore Foundation, their grants to the USGS, UC Berkeley, CalTech and UW have totaled nearly $6.5 million. However, Melbourne has said that the system is expected to cost nearly $200 million total.

Melbourne has also said that political debate has questioned whether government funding should be used to develop such a program. Counter arguments include spending the money elsewhere, such as on the improvement of freeway overpasses or public infrastructure.

Release date
Regardless of government financing for the project, the development of the app continues with beta testing proving successful in recent cases.

According to the LA Times, one achievement came in 2014 when scientists were given an 8 second warning prior to the 6.0 Napa earthquake that shook Southern California.

Public testing has since rolled out in California, and Berkeley has placed a timeline on the release of the ShakeAlert app. The goal is for the final product to be available through app stores within the next two years.

Earthquake Early Warning Basics

1. In an earthquake, a rupturing fault sends out different types of waves. The fast moving P-wave is first to arrive, but damage is caused by the slower S-waves and later-arriving surface waves.

2. Sensors detect the P-wave and immediately transmit data to an earthquake alert center where the location and size of the quake are determined and updated as more data become available.

3. A message from the alert center is immediately transmitted to your computer or mobile phone, which calculates the expected intensity and arrival time of shaking at your location.

Central’s role in the early warning app for earthquakes is data-collecting, which is more behind the scenes but necessary for the app to work.

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Do you smell that?

Smells like weed. A caller reported an odor of marijuana at 9:24 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16 on Alder Street.

An elk became tangled in a fence and dragged the wire across the railroad tracks, one caller reported at 7:32 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 15 near Dudley Road.

A horse was left behind at a property by its previous tenant at 1:55 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15 near Fox Road. The reporting party requested to schedule an appointment with the previous tenants, but they refused. The horse’s owner said they would retrieve it when they wanted.

Four snowmobiles were left in a trailer parked in the middle of the roadway, with no vehicle attached, one caller reported at 2:28 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15.

A responsible animal owner called to ask about leash laws in Ellensburg at 3:52 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15.

A manic mother was attached, one caller reported at 3:52 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15 in Ellensburg at a property by its previous tenant.

A horse was left behind in the middle of the road—without a vehicle attached, one caller reported at 9:59 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17.

Seven cows were reported missing and reporting party worried they could become a traffic hazard. The call came in at 8:09 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16 near Stevens Road.

A loud party with loud music was reported at 11:56 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16 near Maci Court in Ellensburg.

An alleged homeless man purchased a one-month pass at the gym, which a caller believed was so he could use it for free showers, they reported at 9:59 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17. The caller said the man smelled of marijuana and alcohol.

A horse broke loose and ran around a course, with no employees in the vicinity a caller reported at 2:42 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17 on Thorpe Highway.

A concerned caller inquired about a power outage at 9:55 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17 near Spoke Lane in Cle Elum.

The tale of the blasted dogking dog continues as a concerned neighbor and caller reported an “ongoing problem” of a dog barking for several hours at 5:37 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17 near Sanders Road.

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President Obama signed declaration for disaster aid

BY KAILAN MANANDIC Assistant News Editor

In the first hours of the 2016 party-goers looking for a safe way home found themselves with an expensive ride, ending their celebrations. Several reports began popping up on New Year’s Eve, warning people to be wary of Uber surge prices. Those looking for a safe way home were unprepared for how high prices would skyrocket.

Uber is an app that works as an independent taxi service. The customer requests a ride and awaits an Uber driver who is hired as an independent contractor. Drivers receive weekly pay and tips.

When customers quickly out-number drivers, Uber implements surge charges to fulfill the demand.

“When demand for rides outstrips the supply of cars, surge pricing kicks in, increasing the price,” said Uber in a release.

During a busy time such as New Year’s Eve, customers can pay as much as nine times the normal fare for a ride. Social media exploded the next morning over the costly rides.

Uber notified consumers to be prepared for upper prices on New Year’s Eve.

“Surge Pricing shouldn’t be a surprise,” they said. “To avoid the highest fares, head to the festivities early or catch a ride right after midnight.”

Uber defends the spike in prices by claiming it’s a win-win situation. CBS reported Uber conducted a case study on busy nights, concluding that upped fares reduce requests and increases response.

Uber claims that it can’t exist without this practice.

Without surge pricing, Uber stated. “Uber is not really Uber—you can’t push a button and get a ride at midnight.”

Meaday Walkup, junior transfer student, used Uber for the first time on New Year’s Eve in Tacoma.

When she first requested a ride around 1:30 a.m. she agreed to a 2.5 times charge and was told the driver was three minutes away.

The driver arrived past 2 a.m., which increased the charge to 5.5 times the normal amount, unknowingly to Walkup until the next day.

According to Walkup, the driver failed to inform her of the increased charge and paid $503 for a nine mile drive. The original price at 2.5 times increase was $120.

Because of this, Walkup said she will never use Uber or any similar service again.

“I’ll just take a cab,” Walkup said.
Has anti-political correctness gone too far?

No

BY JULIA MORENO/Observer Staff

These days, it seems like everyone has to be politically correct about everything he or she says. We’re reminded to watch what we say all over social media—or on our Tumblr blogs, in Instagram hashtags, and on Twitter.

So has political correctness gone too far? Are we so afraid of being offensive that we’ve not only completely bleached out the color in our vocabulary? I know that last sentence might offend someone—but to hell with it.

But don’t mistake what I just said as being intolerant or ignorant. Because I’m not. I agree that it’s important to consider the power and the meaning of our words in order to maintain a civil society. There certainly are groups that have experienced discriminiation and have the right to speak for far too long. When I think about it, being politically correct about what we say has produced some pretty good results, such as gender equality, body positivity and more awareness for how to describe people of various sexual orientations.

But where’s the line between hypersensitivity and being appropriately sensitive to someone who is different from you? Can you talk about certain things without being offensive?

I think there needs to be a give and take on this topic. People definitely need to be more accepting and open to learning the proper terms. But on the flip side, I think there is also a need to calm down and stop vilifying people via the internet.

The bigger picture is acceptance—not whether or not someone used the right words to describe you as a person. Being conscious and aware about saying something in a way that doesn’t offend others is a step in the right direction, but I think that in our zeal to jump on people who are politically incorrect, we avoid focusing on the issues behind the words, whether they are deliberate or not.

So should we really be focusing our frustration and emotional energy on actual equality for people of all races, religions and gender identities?

Of course, in the end, does it really matter how I breach the topic of political correctness? I guarantee somebody, somewhere will get offended by this column.

And maybe that’s something we should work on as a New Year’s resolution together.

Yes

BY AYLA VANOORDER/Observer Staff

Political correctness is often brought up as a prerequisite for understanding, but to be politically correct is to be conscientious of marginalized groups that have been discriminated against. It is the choice to recognize that your words have an effect on other people.

When it comes right down to it, language matters. Word-for-word matters. None of us live in a vacuum, especially now, when our ideas and thoughts are often broadcasted on social media to the entire world.

Political correctness is mostly understanding the power that we all have and choosing to respect those people you might reach.

A big misconception people have is that political correctness is a restriction of our First Amendment rights. Let me be clear, political correctness has nothing to do with free speech. It also has nothing to do with censorship.

Many people confuse free speech with speech without repercussions. Every American has the right to say whatever they want, but each person also has the right to respond, ignore or fight back against speech that is hurting them or their community.

Ultimately, just as much as you have a right to speak with hate and ignorance, you also have the freedom to not be an asshole, intentional or otherwise.

The really big thing—what I hope you remember most—is that you don’t have to understand. You don’t get why what you’ve said is racist or how it could have possibly offended anyone, that’s alright. As long as what you say has produced some pretty good results, such as gender equality, body positivity and more awareness for how to describe people of various sexual orientations.

There is also a need to calm down and stop vilifying people via the internet. The bigger picture is acceptance—not whether or not someone used the right words to describe you as a person. Being conscious and aware about saying something in a way that doesn’t offend others is a step in the right direction.

So be aware of how people react to what you say. Be aware of what hurts the people around you. Be aware of your power to affect the rest of the world.
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Turning it “Inside Out”

Cosplay Club brings characters to life for movie night

BY HOLLY CHESTER

The chance to learn about international traditions will soon be offered to all students during the upcoming international cafe. This event, put on by the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement (CLCE), will give both international students and Central students the chance to talk about various ways to celebrate the New Year.

Along with trivia quizzes there will be speakers of all different origins talking about what New Year’s means to them and to their people.

Students will be able to connect with the commonalities and differences between the universal holiday that is New Year.

Nadine Vevea, assistant professor of communications studies, said this event is meant to “connect the U.S. Central students to the international students that we have here on campus.”

There is sometimes a disconnect between international and US Central students.

The international cafe is hoping to break that disconnect and connect the students together. “If you go to the SURC at lunch time, you will see all of our international students and they are all sitting at a table together,” Vevea said, “and all the other central students are in their own groups.”

Gabriela Fernandes, junior nutrition major, is from Brazil and explained different New Year’s Eve traditions specific to her home country. “On New Year’s Eve…we usually have leituns,” Fernandes said.

According to Fernandes, many Brazilians who live near the ocean jump over seven waves while they make a set of wishes they want to come true during the new year.

However, similar to Americans, Brazilians often try to attend parties in the cities to celebrate the oncoming year. Traditions happen no matter where you are. They are ingrained in the culture of each and every different society or group of people.

These New Year’s traditions and many more will be the topic of this event.

The CLCE and the office of International Studies and Programs are hoping the cafe will help to improve the communication between our U.S. and international students.

Thus, bringing them together as one community of Central.

There will be snacks and light desserts served, but they ask that people provide their own lunch. Attendees must RSVP through the CLCE website. There will be another International Cafe on March 3.

Cosplay Club members will dress as characters from “Inside Out” for CDSJ’s non-traditional movie night.

BY BRITANY DECKER

Guests that arrive early to the event are provided with activities, the CDSJ has planned for before the movie.

At previous events, Central’s Cosplay Club has dressed as the characters from the movie and interacted with the kids.

“We provide books for the cosplay group to come in and sign them for the kids and there’s an opportunity for pictures,” Cyrus said.

“‘It’s usually that at 5:30, and so for 30 minutes, they’re there, and the kiddos can have fun with them, and then at 6 p.m. the movie always starts.’”

Bonny Walker, junior accounting major, has been a part of the Cosplay Club for a year. Walker helps to set up the activities for the students and their families to enjoy.

“It’s just really cool to see their reactions. They really enjoy it,” Walker said.

Makayla Shepherd, senior studio art major, has been a year-long member. She also helps organize the Cosplay Club’s participation for the non-traditional night.

Shepherd believes it is an important part of providing a way for students to communicate with one another. “It’s a good way to mix community and school together,” Shepherd said. “We don’t ever just send members because we want to get our club name out there. We definitely try to make sure it’s people who actually want to be there so that it’s a fun event for everyone.”

According to Cyrus, this is a chance for non-traditional students and their families to get involved in campus life, a way that is fun and entertaining.

“At our campus we have a high concentration of traditional students…. For the non-traditional student population, this creates a place for them,” Cyrus said.

“Many of them want their families to be a part of that, and so that’s one of the ways here at Central that we’re able to do that, is by having activities and learning opportunities for this subset of the student population.”

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Central students are in their own groups.

Gabriela Fernandes, junior nutrition major, is from Brazil and explained different New Year’s Eve traditions specific to her home country.

“On New Year’s Eve...we usually have leituns,” Fernandes said.

According to Fernandes, many Brazilians who live near the ocean jump over seven waves while they make a set of wishes they want to come true during the new year.

However, similar to Americans, Brazilians often try to attend parties in the cities to celebrate the oncoming year. Traditions happen no matter where you are.

They are ingrained in the culture of each and every different society or group of people.

These New Year’s traditions and many more will be the topic of this event.

The CLCE and the office of International Studies and Programs are hoping the cafe will help to improve the communication between our U.S. and international students.

Thus, bringing them together as one community of Central.

There will be snacks and light desserts served, but they ask that people provide their own lunch. Attendees must RSVP through the CLCE website. There will be another International Cafe on March 3.
Invest in your future

Majors Fair returns to help students find their path

BY NATHAN BREWSTER
Staff Writer

Picking a major is a scary proposition for any college student. However, Central will be trying to help students with this problem as they host their annual Majors Fair next Wednesday.

There will be over 50 departments attending the event to help Central students find a major that fits them.

Students will have many opportunities to explore different majors and talk to department heads and professors who will be able to answer questions about their particular department.

This event will be sponsored by Career Services and Academic Advising, which are attempting to make the fair more fun and accessible for all students.

Kristina Paquette, event coordinator and Career Services’ secretary supervisor, emphasized that this event is meant for all Central students.

“It’s open to all students, not just undecided,” Paquette said. “You can see about your minor and there will be dean and chairs of the departments there as well.”

Vicki San-muto, director of Career Services, said that the majors fair is a good and important tool for students to utilize.

“It is the only time of the year where all, if not most, of the departments come together,” San-muto said. “Our goal is to have as many undeclared students and to get as many students possible there.”

Paquette also mentioned that there were many great incentives for going to this year’s Central majors fair for students because of the academic information students could gather by coming.

“We try and sell on the part that the longer you are in college, the more money you are going to spend,” Paquette said. “We want people to reach out to this hard-to-reach faculty.” Paquette said. “You can win T-shirts and gear as well.”

The goal for this year’s fair revolves around the idea of presenting the most information they can for Central students so that they can graduate on time without spending more money.

“We try and sell on the part that the longer you are in college, the more money you are going to spend,” Paquette said. “We are trying to help with your future,” Paquette said.

Scott Carlton, director of Student Achievement, said students would benefit the most from attending.

“It doesn’t hurt them to go. It is a great on stop shop. There is no pressure to decide a major,” Carlton said. “It is a great connection piece.”

Paquette said there will also be a workshop designed to help students explore their majors considering their personality types.

In the workshop on Jan. 25 there will be events that feature taking a personality test to see what major best fits you, talking about careers in general and what major best fits you, talking about careers in general and much more.

The first five students will also receive a T-shirt for free as an added incentive.

The workshop will be held the day before the majors fair on Monday in SURC 135 from 4 to 5:30.
Manastash brings current issues to life

BY KASTLYN LANGDALE
Social Media Coordinator

The Manastash Literary Arts Magazine is not just a poster you happen to notice on the bulletin board posted in the hallway. It’s a literary journal created to give students a voice on campus in the hopes of continuing the conversation of social equality for all. This year’s theme of the literary journal is “Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice - If Brown Lives Do Matter.”

This is also the topic of a year-long series of talks and events at Central. The theme was chosen by Xavier Cavaos, faculty advisor of Manastash Literary Arts Magazine, and Stacey Robertson, dean of the College Arts and Humanities who started the mass incarceration events.

Cavaos felt strongly about bringing this subject to the forefront of Central’s conversation. “We want students to have understanding of diversity and of the role racism has played in social injustice,” Cavaos said. “We want to raise awareness because college is an institution to keep the conversation open.”

The publication has no agenda to take a side is right and the other one wrong. According to Cavaos, the purpose of this theme is “to educate students.”

“This is not a game and there are no right sides,” Cavaos said.

The journal has been and will continue to accept submissions from writers and artists until Jan. 31.

Submissions could be but are limited to short stories, poems, plays, visual art, painting and photos.

Editors are looking for work that speaks to the theme and that are powerful pieces which will continue to help stimulate the conversation of equality for all on Central’s campus. Although the magazine does have a theme, it will also accept submissions that are not related to the theme. Cavaos said.

Casey Friedman, student editor for Manastash, advises students to “keep it short.”

The review process starts this quarter in a class designed to edit for the magazine. Next quarter, after the editing class has chosen the submissions to be published, a design class will create the Manastash magazine, which will be published this May.

“I hope that this theme will challenge them,” Friedman said. “Like poetry is structured, it is a breeding ground for activity.”

This theme is not only meant to challenge students and continue a conversation, it’s also meant to shed light on the fact that there is inequality on campus.

Evelyn Briscoe, diversity programmer at the Center of Diversity and Social Justice, thinks this theme will “shed more light on the inequality on our campus and what it looks like.”

Central is not the exception to inequality, Briscoe said. “We may not like to talk about it and it is a hard thing to address but even our campus needs to change and continue its efforts to help every student feel like they have a voice and that they are treated equally and fairly,” Briscoe said.

To continue to kindle the conversation of equality and to help celebrate our diversity as Central students is the hope of the Manastash Literary Arts Magazine. “I am excited for this theme because it brings up current issues that are happening in our society today,” Briscoe said.

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Food and brews on tap at Iron Horse

BY CODY NISENH
Social Media Coordinator

After 11 years of serving customers their signature brews, the Iron Horse Brewery Pub is looking to start giving their customers a food menu alongside their beer list.

With no confirmed date, the pub posted their opening is “tentatively set for the first week of March” on their website.

Retail manager Suzanne Vargas said that this addition has been a long time in the works.

“Much like our beer, food at the pub will include risks and break rules in ingredients as well as pairing,” Vargas said, and will serve food unlike anything Ellensburg currently has to offer.

Owner Greg Parker has similar feelings about the direction the new addition will take the pub.

“We want to close the gap between diversity of options and focused beer and food pairing,” Parker said.

Pairing food with the right beer is no easy task, making the pubs choice to hire Kevin “KC” Camarillo as executive chef an important decision.

“Kevin ‘KC’ Camarillo is our executive chef. He has over 23 years of food service experience and has helped start over 15 restaurants,” Vargas said. “He will be the man that ensures our food options parallel the high quality of our beer.”

Vargas also gave some insight as to what style of dishes they will be serving and how food will work into the pub’s dynamics.

“The food orders will be taken and served table-side. We don’t want to lose the social feel at the pub where people strike up conversations with those around our beer,” Vargas said. “With this in mind many of our dishes offered will be easily shared among a group.”

The building is larger than it looks from the outside and there is a decent-sized area located in the back of the pub, for those who are too young to go inside.

“We want to continue to be a 21 and over policy for indoor seating. However, for the beer connoisseur driving down I-90, Iron Horse intends to continue its unconventional mentality of offering both beer and food to bring in tourists.”

On the Iron Horse website, it states that one of the reasons for opening the kitchen was a recent survey conducted by Arnert Muldrow.

It was commissioned by the Ellensburg Downtown Association and the Chamber of Commerce, which identified food service as a driver for greater tourism numbers.

Ellensburg businesses need tourism, especially during the summer, when student are gone, since it’s slower during that time; tourism helps keep the local businesses going, said Jared Vallejo, Iron Horse’s director of marketing, on their website.

“We want to do our part in making Ellensburg a real tourist destination, where all businesses and community members benefit from a prosperous core,” Vallejo said.
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SPORTS

Root Sports back at Central

By Austin Bennett
Assistant Sports Editor

Donni Williams’ last second jumper to seal the victory for the Wildcats in their annual cross state rivalry game against Western Washington University (WWU) this past year was the exclamation mark Root Sports was looking for.

With just seconds left on the clock and, for what seemed to be a lifetime, Williams dribbled around the top of the key before draining a step back jumper, ending the game.

Root Sports, who will be covering the game this Saturday, is hoping for another captivating game to broadcast to the entire northwest region.

Each year Root Sports televises the Central and WWU rivalry. The Vikings have controlled the rivalry with a 7-3 record against the Wildcats since 2010.

“The rivalry is still there,” junior guard Terry Dawn said. “They’re gonna be pissed off about us winning last year, but I mean that happened to us the year before that, so we know they’re gonna come out ready to go.”

In the 2013-14 season, WWU had the first laugh as they pulled off a last-second victory in their house. Now an alumni, forward JB Pillard tied the game for Central with 2.6 seconds left on the clock. Then WWU guard Richard Osborne hit a last-second half-court shot to win the game.

The past three meetings between Central and WWU have been close with the average margin of victory being three points.

“The vibe for the Wildcats heading into this week has been upbeat with high anticipation for Saturday’s game,” senior guard Gary Jacobs said.

“You try and not make too different, as far as preparation,” interim head coach Drew Harris said. “You know that it’s in the back of all our player’s minds that we got Western Saturday.”

Central still has a game today against Simon Fraser University. For the Wildcats, who are on an upset streak, they need to get through before they can give all their attention to WWU.

Most of the Wildcats have played on Root Sports before, but none have coached and played on Root Sports like Harris has.

“Obviously it’s a huge emotion. It’s a rivalry game, and it’s even more packed than our other games,” Harris said. “We just tell our guys to not do anything extra and play our game.”

College sports has a big emphasis on their crowds, especially their students. When WWU and Root Sports come to town they usually draw a huge crowd. Central is expecting another packed house. According to Harris, there is only a few hundred tickets left to sell.

“I think it’s enjoyable to play in front of big crowds. I think it’s why you play the game,” senior guard Gary Rodgers said. “I think that’s what it’s all about at the end of the day.”

Even though playing in front of large crowds gives players something to feed off of, the crowded noise can present many problems concerning communication throughout the game.

“Just staying calm and don’t let the moment get too big… just realize it’s just another game,” senior forward Joseph Stroud said about dealing with the emotion of the game.

Last year, after Williams hit the game winner the entire Central student section swarmed the court in a wave of excitement.

According to Dawn, a Central player was stopped on after falling down in the midst of the chaos last year.

“It’s awesome,” Dawn said. “You’re just in the middle of everything and it’s rowdy, people are screaming, and it’s just chaos. Just don’t fall down though.”

With all things considered the Wildcats understand that it’s just another game and that everything is rowdy. “I know you can do it.”

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Rivalry through the years

2010-2011: 86-73 Central
66-62 WWU

2011-2012: 99-86 WWU
89-82 Central

2012-2013: 86-85 WWU
92-82 WWU

2013-2014: 99-94 WWU
94-91 Central

2014-2015: 74-71 Central

Time to bring the noise Central

By Zac Hereth
Sports Editor

Last week, 337 people were in attendance to watch Central’s women’s basketball team take on the second-ranked team in the country—a pivotal match-up for the Wildcats team coming off a huge road victory.

The turnout wasn’t bad, but where was the noise? The crowd at my 0-20 high school basketball team’s games made more noise when we were getting blown out by 20 points against virtually every team we played.

Let’s show some spirit Central students. Create a home-court advantage for your team and make other schools fear entering “The Pac.”

When our women’s team fell behind early in last Thursday’s game, there was no encouragement or energy from the crowd for our team to feed off of. Remember when Root Sports came here last year? That sort of vibe needs to be the norm at Central games. Get crazy, get rowdy, yell at refs when they make a bad call, let them know when they shoot an airball, heckle free-throw shooters and make sure the other team knows they are in a hostile environment.

The band and cheerleaders shouldn’t be making all the noise. You should be right there with them.

Part of the livelihood of college sports is the fans. It’s a different experience than professional games. 500+ college students can make a lot of noise. A party of only 30 can easily be loud enough to get a noise violation. I know you can do it.

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Senior guard Gary Jacobs, averaging 15.2 points and 6.5 rebounds per game, extends for an easy basket. CHASE TIBBLES/observer
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BY ZAC HERETH Sports Editor

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When attending a Central women’s basketball game, there are no guarantees about what will happen. However, over the

past four years, Jasmine Parker scoring a shot has been just as close to a guarantee as there can be.

"Definitely when I first came here I was a little scared," Parker said. "I'm like 'I'm a freshman, I'm a little baby,' I thought for

sure I was gonna be redshirt. I was really nervous, but I ended up starting.

From there, Parker has gone on to start all but two games in her college career. Last season she earned honorable

mention All-GNAC. This season she was selected to the previous All-GNAC Team.

Even though she has accom-

plished so much in her career so far, head coach Jeff Harada be-

lieves Parker is just tapping into her potential.

"I think she's yet to make her full potential and my goal with her in my two years with her is to get her to reach that full po-

tential," Harada said. "I've been pushing her to really get her out of her comfort-zone and really be that aggressive type go-to player who really wants that ball
down the stretch."

He also wanted Parker to be-

come more vocal as a leader on the floor. Parker has taken that to heart and has worked on this season.

"Even just like in practice I try and talk more and be more vocal. That helps with the commu-

nicating aspect," Parker said. "In high school, I was quiet. I didn't say anything. Now I just scream things at people."

Harada said that her growth as a leader was evident in the team's big win against Western Washington University (WWU).

"Her energy in the huddle, the things she's brought to the team, the things she said on and off the floor, on the bench and in the huddle really willed her team to

win that game," Harada said. "She wasn't gonna let her team lose that game."

For Parker, basketball isn't just a game, it's also about the relation-

ships she's built in her four years as a Wildcat.

"I just love my team. Those are my best friends," Parker said. "I just love the environment I'm in."

One of those close friends is senior center India Matheson.

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Wildcats start 15s
Central’s men’s rugby looks to qualify for second national tournament

BY SAMUEL BEAUMONT
Staff Reporter

Jan. 23 marks the start of men’s rugby 15s season, which is a different style of play than the 7s action that took place in the fall.

“We normally play both kinds of games, I think we’re pretty good at both—at least we try to be,” head coach Tony Pacheco said. “Our focus in the fall was getting ready for 15s. We put the most time into practicing for 15s since we’ve already qualified for the USA Rugby 7s national championships in May.”

The team switches off from the 7s to 15s season regularly. The main change is the number of players on the field, seven and 15 respectively. Games also last roughly twice as long in the 15s season.

“I feel that the jump is definitely a difficult transition,” junior flanker Maverick Schirmer said. “It takes me a while to get used to everything when we switch seasons, it’s like taking a few steps back when you’re switching into a new season.”

With the change of the season going to 15s, the team prepares by recruiting more players and ensuring that everyone can work together.

“I’m really excited for the 15 season,” Pacheco said. “We have a big and physical team this year that have a pretty high rugby IQ.”

The team first started practicing together for 15s in the fall, working on the seasonal transition and the new organization of teamwork.

“We had a good handful of 15 practices in the fall to draw on and create chemistry with each other,” junior fullback Ian Wright said. “We’re comfortable and everyone has a good sense of what each other can do.”

Changes in positions are common for rugby players who play for both seasons, giving those players an opportunity to change their role on the team. A transition that is easier for some.

Schirmer finds the transition from 7s to 15s to be easier, even though he switches from center to prop. With the 7s season resulting in a Northwest Collegiate Rugby Conference championship, a spot in the U.S. College Rugby 7s National Championship Tournament and the milestone of being the first American school to win the Viking Cup, the team is looking forward to what they can accomplish in their 15s season this year.

“It’s going to be an interesting and exciting year, we want to win the varsity cup. That’s what our regular season is for: preparing for the varsity cup,” Pacheco said.

Senior Gavin Schag dives across the goal line with a defender on his back for a Wildcat last year.

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Rec center offers resolution help

BY MITCHELL JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

Many people have a New Year’s resolution to get in better shape, which makes January one of the more crowded months at Central’s Recreation Center.

Some people just need a reason to get back into the gym to work out, while other people need more help in order to get back in shape. Some people need a more strict environment to achieve their goals and that’s where personal training comes in.

There are three different types of personal training offered at Central: small group, large group and one-on-one training. Small groups consist of three-to-five people with a general goal to be achieved.

“Generally, they want to get stronger and lift really heavy with proper form,” Kastelyn White, personal training lead said.

The personal training lead is a new position this quarter. White, a senior business major, personally trains in small groups, large groups and one-on-one.

Large group training involves six-to-12 people. These classes are usually card-based classes, programmed for everyone in the group.

According to Tanner Barnes, a senior center for Central’s rugby team claims many groups get hooked and stay for years.

Every week there are two small group sessions, two large group sessions and Fridays are an open gym with a workout on the board left by the personal training staff.

During one-on-one training, the client gets individual help with their fitness needs.

“I enjoy my one-on-one clients,” White said. “It’s kind of a nice change of pace.”

Hannah Allen, a personal trainer with a degree in exercise science, thinks that one-on-one personal training is good because clients can talk to trainers about the goals they have.

“I focus on the mental struggle of fitness,” Allen said. “If you have the right attitude and mindset about health and fitness, the actions will come.”

She explained that this usually occurs with training one-on-one clients to help them understand their weaknesses, recognize habits and realize unhealthy behaviors.

“Everyone is different, and you need to fit everyone’s needs,” Barnes said.

Personal training is offered to the Central club sports teams. The girl’s soccer team and men’s lacrosse team are apart of this. They rent out a room for an hour twice a week where a trainer will meet them.

According to White, the clients that Central personal trainers get are faculty, students and some recreation center staff.

One-on-one training prices differ whether the client would like a certified trainer or a trainer in training.

The price for an individual one-hour training session with a certified trainer is $27 per session and $23 per session with a trainer in training.

The group fitness classes are drop-in classes that go by how many punches on a punch card the person wants to buy. An individual punch is $3 plus tax, 10 punches costs $15 plus tax and unlimited for an entire quarter costs $40 plus tax.

Helping their trainees can be just as rewarding for the trainers as getting in shape is for the clients.

“I’ve seen a lot of family members struggle from health issues,” Allen said. “It drove me to help others.”

Indoor Ironman contest next month

The search for Central’s fittest athlete goes through the Recreation Center

BY EVAN KENKE
Staff Reporter

If you think you have the highest endurance of Central’s athletes, the recreation center has a challenge for you in the month of February.

The recreation center will be holding an Indoor Ironman competition, which involves running, swimming and biking. Those who enter in the challenge and are able to complete it will receive a free t-shirt to show they are the real winners.

Participants have the entire month to swim two miles, run 26.2 miles and biking 112 miles. These numbers are similar to an ironman triathlon, which consists of swimming 2.4 miles, running 26.2 miles and biking 112 miles.

While the Indoor Ironman competition is comparative to a triathlon, Intramural Sports & Special Events Coordinator Jordan Stinglen changed the numbers to better accommodate students that will be completing the challenge exclusively at the recreation center.

“We kinda changed the numbers so that it would work with the number of laps you have,” Stinglen said. “All of our numbers to the challenge in the rules are based on if you did it in the [recreation] center.”

Anyone participating does not have to complete the challenge in the recreation center, but the competition is easier indoors on the track and stationary exercise bikes.

“It’s easier to track if you know the [distance] inside,” Stinglen said.

Competing in the recreation center would also be a way for competitors to avoid the outdoor weather conditions, which haven’t been cooperating lately for those looking to workout. Although, running on snow creates a lower-impact on runners feet and ankles.

When broken down to daily amounts, a participant would have to average one mile per day running, four miles per day biking and 337.5 feet of swimming per day to complete the challenge. The swimming distance equates to four and one-half lengths at Central’s Aquatic Center’s 25-yard pool.

Participants must self-report their progress at the end of each week.

Since it lasts for one month in Feb., the Indoor Ironman competition keeps people committed to their New Year’s resolution of going to the gym and exercising.

“It’s a month long, so it helps you stick with it,” Stinglen said. “It’s something to help push people…And to get competition. We send out weekly updates.”

In addition to receiving a t-shirt, the top-three finishers for both men and women will receive prizes. The top-finippers are determined by who completed the distances fastest in times spent exercising, not number of days necessary.

Registration for the Indoor Ironman competition is open until Jan. 29, with an entrance fee of $15. Students, faculty and staff are allowed to enter.

While the competition is meant to be fun, it can help people find a challenge at the recreation center.

“If they want to challenge themselves,” Stinglen said. “It’s not the easiest thing to do.”

Contest Info
When: Feb. 1-29
Where: Rec Center
Fee: $15
Prize: T-shirt
Distances
Running: 28 miles
Biking: 115 miles
Swimming: 2 miles