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State home growers may start to bud

BY BRIAN COOK
Staff Reporter

Washington may be looking into a new bill which would allow anyone 21 and older to cultivate their own marijuana. “Everyone should be able to grow their own plant, for goodness sakes,” said Amber Steen, assistant manager at The Joint in Clearyves, Wash.

Other states that have legalized marijuana for recreational use allow residents to grow their own stash. Washington, however, has kept growing marijuana strictly to those who have been issued a medical certificate or a producer’s license from the state.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Brian Blake of Aberdeen, would allow adults 21 and up to grow up to six plants and possess up to eight ounces of usable product. This bill would also allow growers to “donate” up to one ounce of marijuana to another adult for no “compensation.”

With medical dispensaries combining with recreational shops, many current medical growers may be out of a job. “Growers won’t be able to sell to the medical market like they are now,” Steen said. “Many could turn to black market sales, which would cause a decrease in retail shop sales.”

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With many current medical growers now looking at recreational growing, the lack of medical marijuana will cause a decrease in medical marijuana sales.

The bill, introduced in the later part of the legislative session, it may not come to vote for some time. However, since the bill was introduced, many current medical marijuana growers are growing their weed “to come to vote for some time.”

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Growing marijuana could become a more complex process than many would think. Some growers could spend up to 15 minutes of upkeep per plant a day, depending on the style they are growing their weed said Tim May, grower at The Green Vault.

Daily upkeep on plants consists of watering, pulling leaves and cutting the tops.

According to Steen, a grower can have a plant ready for harvest in anywhere from 65 to 80 days, depending on the strain.

The state will also vary the amount of bud the plant produces, he said.

Some strains will only produce two ounces while others can produce between five and six ounces.

Most indoor grow operations have a series of expensive high powered LED lamps, which could cost new growers hundreds.

However, since the bill was introduced, it may not come to vote for some time. May believes that while a lot of people would attempt to grow their own plants, “some would succeed, but most would fail. Then they would just buy the bomb shit I grow.”

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Local churches provide respite from cold winter weather

Individuals spend the night in cold weather shelters in the basement of churches each night. Most can expect food, a sleeping bag & a mat.

Civil Rights exhibit educates Central students

The Center for Diversity and Social Justice created a free Civil Rights exhibit.

Parts of the exhibit included a showing of the movie “Freedom Riders.” There was also an area designed to look like a classroom with information on segregation in public schools, examples of Jim Crow laws and literacy tests, “The Willie Lynch Letter” and a section on lynching with graphic photographs and examples. Central’s library assisted the exhibit by providing information and materials for the exhibit, detailing Central’s history with the civil rights movement.

Several sources were also consulted in the creation of the exhibit, including museums in both Seattle and Atlanta. Although attendance seemed to be relatively low, the exhibit received praise from those who visited it.

“Personally, I liked the exhibit. I thought it was quite a bit informative,” said Alexis Edwards, freshman undecided. “We didn’t get to see that much of African American history [in K-12 education].”

Edwards noted that she in particular liked the school section of the exhibit.

She said it gave her insight into the differences between black schools and white schools at the time and how black schools seemed to women while white schools improved – something that typically isn’t focused on in public school education.

“Going through the exhibit, you’ll learn more about other people besides MLK and Malcolm X and Rosa Parks… You’ll learn more deeper than them and who was doing some of the same things but just didn’t get the same credit,” Glover said.

“Most of us who put that exhibit on have been through the public school system and so we know that you don’t get that knowledge.

One slightly controversial portion of the exhibit was the section on lynching in America.

The section displayed photographs of dead black people who had been shot, hanged or mutilated.

Two items that stuck out and elicited strong responses from attendees were the noose that hung from above and the KKK robe and headdress that was on display.

“When I first walked into that room I got chills,” Edwards said. Also included in the section on lynching were pictures and information on some recent black victims of shootings, including Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown and Tamir Rice.

“I feel like they’re just saying
Whipping up a new brew at Whipsaw

BY LEXI POPICH
Staff Reporter

New Brewery in Town

There’s a new brewery in town—locally owned Whipsaw Brewery is a family-friendly, all ages brewery where the whole family is welcome, even dogs.

Whipsaw Brewery offers a variety of beers on tap along with non-alcoholic beverages, such as their homemade ginger ale and root beer.

Whipsaw is a comfortable brewery to kick back and drink a beer. The lodging design and handcrafted tables give it a cozy and welcoming feel.

One customer explained the overall design and feel of the brewery as “simplistic but far from boring.”

This family-friendly brewery has a similar layout as Iron Horse Brewery located on Main St, where customers can bring their own food or order food and have it delivered.

However, Whipsaw Brewery makes small cheese and meat platters in-house, and the Red Pickle food truck is located in the parking lot.

Patrons can try a myriad of different kinds of beers at Whipsaw Brewery. The brewery offers pints at $4 and flights of beer at $8.50.

Minors are allowed in Whipsaw because instead of it being a bar, the counter is technically classified as a service desk.

Whipsaw provides board games for entertainment purposes, but customers are also welcome to bring their own board games as well.

A pint of any type of beer is $4 and a flight of beer is $8.50.

The beers currently on tap are Camp Tramp Wheat, Buzz on Blackberry Wheat, Stump Blower IPA and Hoot Owl Stout.

Whipsaw does not do growler fill-ups, but will be in the near future.

Beer reviews

The Camp Tramp Wheat is a lighter, summery wheat ale that is not overpowering and very refreshing.

The Buzz on Blackberry Wheat is the crowd favorite. It has a subtle blackberry taste that is just sweet enough without crossing the line into a cider. The sweetness doesn’t take away from its wheat roots, it is a very unique beer.

The Stump Blower IPA is the strongest of the line-up, weighing in at 7.9 percent. It definitely has a bite to it, but it is not overdone. It is hoppy and smooth with a golden color.

The Hoot Owl Stout is robust, but isn’t the heaviest stout out there—definitely lighter and smoother than Iron Horses’ Irish Death. Overall, a good quality stout.

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The Central Aviation department is in a state of emergency and is requesting $3.5 million in state funding to help pay for expanding its facilities.

Central currently has 1,500 students studying aviation with only one classroom in the aviation facility. Other classes are held in Black Hall, where the department chair, Sundaram Nataraja, is stationed.

According to Nataraja, the aviation facilities are inadequate for current students and faculty. This is a problem considering that the aviation program is growing.

Last year, the program doubled in size and Nataraja said he expects about 100 incoming students next fall quarter. Eventually, he said he would like the program to involve over 1,000 students.

“In order to meet the demand of the industry for qualified professionals,” Nataraja said, “as a state school, we have a kind of responsibility to provide many avenues for students.”

To help alleviate this problem, Nataraja and Central President James Gaudino went to Olympia on Jan. 28 to request $3.5 million in emergency state funding.

Washington Legislature’s aviation caucus is still deciding on the grant, but Nataraja is hopeful.

“I personally expect, yes, it will happen,” Nataraja said. “We didn’t go there begging for money, but we sent a message.”

Nataraja expects to receive the caucus’ decision within the next two months and the facilities to be built within an additional two to three months, just in time for fall quarter.

The Washington Legislature plans school funding every other year and the next period will be the summer of 2017. This is why the aviation department needs emergency funding, according to Nataraja.

Additionally, during the next funding period, Nataraja plans to request funding to build a hangar for the aircraft. Currently, the planes are exposed to the elements during winter.

The current facility consists of one classroom, two faculty offices, 10 flight briefing rooms, a small testing rooms and two flight simulator rooms.

All of the emergency funding will go towards finishing the current aviation facility, which is only in phase one of production. Phase two will add four classrooms and four faculty offices.

These additions were a part of the original plan formed in 2007 but, according to Nataraja, because of the 2008 financial crisis, only the first phase was constructed.

The funding will only go towards the raw materials and building of phase two. The design is drawn out in the 2007 plan and any leftover funding will go towards more classrooms.

Additionally, the new facilities will prevent a current problem of student parking.

Since aviation students rush between the aviation facility and Black Hall for classes, they often have trouble with parking and getting to class on time.

The completion of the new facility will provide a space for all students and faculty to meet under one roof and help streamline the curriculum.

In addition to growing the current aviation program to 1,000 students, Nataraja wants to diversify the undergraduate curriculum and eventually provide a Master’s Degree in aviation.

The current undergraduate program consists of a Bachelor of Science in Professional Piloting and Aviation Management. Nataraja hopes to add mechanical and maintenance specializations.

The master’s program is already planned and just needs approval by the Faculty Senate. Nataraja is looking to have it ready by next fall quarter.

According to Nataraja, the aviation department also plans to reach out to 1,000 alumni, some of which are captains for Delta and United Airlines.

“We want to connect with them and bring them home so they can be an inspiration for our young students,” Nataraja said.

Because of FAA regulations requiring pilots to retire at 65, Nataraja expects America will need about 110,000 pilots and 60,000 aviation managers next year.

He is excited to give students the opportunity to fill these positions.

“The department is looking forward to providing quality oriented education, a memorable learning experience and a truly inclusive education, a memorable learning experience and a truly inclusive environment for students,” Nataraja said.

Michael Eric Dyson, a prominent voice in the nationwide conversation on racial equality, is coming to speak at Central on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the McIntyre Music Building Concert Hall. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Dyson’s speech will be free and open to the public. It will be followed with a book signing at the Wildcat Cafe in the SURC.

Dyson’s appearance is part of Central’s Social Justice and Human Rights Series as part of this year’s inaugural theme, “Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice: Black and Brown Lives Do Matter.” The series aims to educate Central’s community and initiate discussion about race.

According to a press release by Central’s Publicity Center, Dyson is widely recognized for his contributions to the ongoing discussion of race relations and equality. A Princeton graduate with a Ph.D. in religion, he is the author of several books, including most recently the American Book Award, “Come Hell or High Water: Hurricane Katrina and the Color of Disaster.”

Dyson also works as a political analyst and sociology professor at Georgetown University. He’s appeared on a variety of radio and television networks including, NPR, CNN and MSNBC.

Dr. Dyson is one of the authors of the 2014 U.S. Census report on race and race relations, said Michelle Cyrus, diversity officer at the Center for Diversity and Social Justice (CDSJ), in a press release. “I felt he could really speak to what we’re seeing now.”
What came first, love or marriage?

BY ANNA KESSNER/STAFF REPORTER

If my best friend came up to me and told me she was engaged, my first thought would be, “are you fucking pregnant?”

It seems like more and more people these days are getting married younger and younger.

With Valentine’s Day right around the corner, one can argue that students will be able to relate to them better. However, one can argue that students will be able to relate to them better.

One of the most well-known services is the free condoms and lubricant provided by Central’s wellness center. However, one can argue that students will be able to relate to them better.

Additionally, the wellness center offers an array of educational programs and events. Sexual health education is their most popular program and although they offer other programs on drugs and alcohol, mental health, stress, and alcohol and drug abuse, mental, and physical health counseling as more of a support group.

In crisis situations involving suicide, the clinic even sends a counselor to respond immediately at any hour.

All of this is provided for free or at 18 hour thanks to student tuition, yet some graduates are getting married so young nowadays.

Of course, there are many factors contributing to incarceration rates outside of race. Also, someone cannot be “deterred” for resisting arrest, they are being arrested and resisting arrest is a crime.

The one thing I want make clear is that you have no right to ever tell someone that they cannot express their opinions because of their skin color; you cannot fight racial issues with more racial discrimination.

Until everyone understands this, we cannot make progress.

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Brooks Library sees a ‘latte’ change

BY KATYNN LANGDALE
Staff Reporter

Change is on the horizon for the library after the ribbon was cut for its very own new coffee shop, Jimmy B’s. On Feb. 3, Jimmy B’s had its grand opening.

The event was celebrated with staff, students, community members and the Kittitas Chamber of Commerce, which helped give the new coffee shop the opening it deserved.

Brooks Library Dean Patricia Cutright and the entire library staff couldn’t be more thrilled with this latest addition to their library.

“For them, this isn’t just an easier stop for coffee; it’s a chance to become more involved with Central students.”

“I can’t wait to be able to start my morning routine here,” said Carlos Pelley, library staff member.

“I now get the chance to talk to students and talk to them about the archives.”

This coffee shop has been a long time coming.

Cutright heard the cry for coffee from Central students in two different case studies performed in 2011 and 2013.

“Since students were doing projects about us opening a coffee shop here, we obviously knew there was a big student interest, and we want to show our students that we do hear them,” Cutright said.

After three project requests and ongoing work from library staff members Michelle Byle and Molly Allen, the dream finally became a reality.

The new coffee shop has been a welcome change in the Brooks Library, providing students with a safer and closer option for a late-night coffee while they are studying.

The library staff decided to honor the past by naming Jimmy B’s after former Central President James Brooks, the first librarian of and namesake of Brooks Library.

For Cutright, the opening of Jimmy B’s is the perfect jumping off point to continue implementing changes in the library.

“We need to change the look of the library. The way students study and interact is so different from the way it used to be,” Cutright said.

Cutright hopes to do more major remodeling to create a new atmosphere for students to study and interact with each other.

“We need a rethinking of the entire space,” Cutright said.

Most students spend the majority of their time in the library either in the fish bowl or the computer lab downstairs. With this in mind, the library staff wants build from there and create an environment that caters to the needs of modern students.

One of the changes Cutright is looking to accomplish is revisiting the library’s entire electrical system to accommodate more development in the future.

This will mean more outlets for students to plug into across the entire library, better Wi-Fi connections and internet speeds and maybe even the addition of a new computer lab upstairs.

The libraries need for an infrastructure and technology update is high on the priority list of the library’s administration.

Allen, the library administrator, ran into this problem of outdated infrastructure when she needed to update plumbing for the coffee shop.

Cutright’s ultimate goal for the library is to create an environment that more students will enjoy and make use of.

“This coffee shop helps bring in more people to the library,” Cutright said.

“We are happy to have students here even if it’s just for a cup of coffee.”

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BY ANA LAURA LOPES CONTI
Staff Reporter

The Happiness Club and the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement (CLCE) are hosting a Kindness Week event in order to encourage people to treat others with kindness and respect.

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Messages range from compliments to encouraging people who are facing difficult situations.

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Kindness Week is a worldwide event promoted by the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation (RAK Foundation).

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Spread a random kind act next week

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The word “tuition” isn’t typically thought to be synonymous with exciting, however, this winter quarter, Central’s Center for Leadership and Community Engagement (CLCE) is attempting to make it so.

The CLCE is hosting a race on March 4 inspired by the popular reality TV show, The Amazing Race.

The competition features clues that lead competitors to different stops, where they must complete challenges to earn points. The team that finishes the race with the most points will be awarded a tuition waiver of $500 to be split between the two team members. The second place team will receive a $250 waiver.

Senior global affairs major Elizabeth Vidaurre is the program leader planning the race. “We’ve created a series of challenges, either physical or mental, on campus and off campus,” Vidaurre said.

“It’s just a good way to maximize students’ resources. I know my first two years I was unaware of a lot of things, and looking back now I feel like I could have benefited from knowing more about Central as well as local places in downtown Ellensburg. It’s a good resource for students to have.”

The competition gives students the opportunity to challenge themselves with a partner, while having fun competing against fellow students. David Higgins, junior supply chain management major, was a part of last year’s winning duo. He and his partner, Lexcie Linton, were participating for a different reason than other competitors.

“I just started dating a really cute girl, and I was like, ‘This sounds like fun. I really want to do this,’” Higgins said.

“My focus was just kind of speeding some quality time together, running around doing a scavenger hunt all around campus.” Before starting the race, they learned first rule the hard way. “You have to travel by foot.”

“We were originally going to be riding a tandem bicycle,” Higgins said. “When I got there, we had everything ready, and they said ‘You can’t use any wheels for transportation.’” Higgins said he had to run home and change all his gear, leaving him with only two minutes to catch his breath and get prepared before the race began.

The biggest surprise came at the end of the race, when Higgins and Linton discovered they were the winners. “They were announcing first place, second place and third place. And our name was Team Tandem, like our bicycle. Team Tandem actually ended up winning,” Higgins said.

“It’s a way to see different locations that they probably haven’t known of in the downtown area.”

The race isn’t only an activity to get students more involved with Ellensburg local businesses and community. It is also designed to help Wildcats build their leadership skills.

“There are a lot of different ways of becoming a leader,” Gold said.

“And we try and challenge you in different ways to become a better leader, whether it’s a driver or initiator and it’s just a great way to know what you can do with the parameters you are given.”

Ellensburg Floral can get anywhere from $15 to about $85, depending on many different flower combinations. Sugar Thai, another popular downtown restaurant, will be giving out a special, complimentary Thai dessert with all their meals purchased that day.

At the Yellow Church Café, there will be a special menu for Valentine’s Day. The menu will be available ahead of time on its Facebook page and website.

According to Monica Kent, an employee at the Yellow Church Café, Oscar Guittron, the restaurant’s owner and chef, is in the process of making that menu.

There will be a special meal available that will consist of a salad, entrée and dessert. “We’ll call it a Valentine’s Day menu package,” Guittron said.

Anyone who orders this package will also receive a glass of champagne, according to Guittron.

The Porch might have three or four special drinks being served that day, according to lead bartender Jeff Merwin said.

The Porch’s chef’s is in the middle of working on the menu, according to Merwin.

“Last year we had a small menu for Valentine’s Day,” Merwin said. “Not sure what this year’s will be.”
Valentine’s Day around the world

BY BRITANY DECKER
Staff Reporter

Valentine’s Day, a holiday in which we celebrate our affection for each other, is a great way for cultures around the world, no matter similarities or differences, to celebrate the roles loved ones play in our lives.

Gabriella Fernandes, junior nutrition major from Brazil, gave insight to what it is like to celebrate Valentine’s Day in her home country.

In Brazil, Valentine’s Day is known as Dia dos Namorados, or Couple’s Day, according to iloveindia.com. It’s a major cultural event that almost all people participate in.

Couple’s Day is celebrated on June 12. However, according to Fernandes, shops all over Brazil still sell Valentine’s Day products on Feb. 14 because that is the most common date for the holiday.

However, Brazilian traditions aren’t completely different from American’s. According to Fernandes, a dinner and movie date is just as common in Brazil as it is here. There is a difference in the scale of the holiday’s celebration. Fernandes said often times Brazilians only buy “something simple” and that it really just “depends on the couple.”

According to Fernandes, there are differences between how Americans and Brazilians show affection for their loved ones.

“They are not necessarily the same,” Fernandes said. “In Brazil, we definitely can.”

In Brazilian culture, love is not something to be ashamed of and is instead celebrated every day. People in Brazil are in no way afraid of public displays of affection.

It’s typical to see people kiss and hold hands in public, Fernandes said.

Another major difference between the culture of Valentine’s Day in America and Brazil is that, in America, it is common to celebrate everyone from friends and family to the people we happen to be dating, Fernandes said.

In Brazil, however, this holiday is specifically for couples. Friends and family are not included in the celebration of their version of Valentine’s Day, Fernandes said.

Minji Chhaysy-Park, senior computer science major from South Korea, said that in Korean culture there are three different celebrations that all pertain to Valentine’s Day.

The first of these three celebrations is Valentine’s Day itself, which is celebrated on Feb. 14 just like in America.

However, this day is only for the women to celebrate their male lovers, Park said.

According to Park, in order to show their affection, women often give their lovers chocolates.

The second part of this holiday is called White Day and is celebrated on March 14, one month after Valentine’s Day.

This is a time for the men to show women how much they mean to them.

In contrast to Valentine’s Day, men are not expected to give chocolates but rather candies, Park said.

Lastly, there is Black Day, celebrated on April 14, two months after Valentine’s Day.

According to Park, Black Day is a day to celebrate all the single men and women in Korea over a meal of black noodles.

People all around the world celebrate Valentine’s Day differently but the meaning of the holiday is the same.
Home stretch

Wildcats battle for position in GNAC with four of their last six games in Nicholson Pavilion

BY AUSTIN BENNETT
Assistant Sports Editor

Central’s men’s basketball team begins its final six-game stretch of the regular season with its first two games at home against Saint Martin’s University (SMU) and Seattle Pacific University (SPU).

The Wildcats sit in fifth place in the GNAC, with a record of 9-5 in conference play and an overall record of 14-5. Central has played tough for its last four games, winning three of them.

With multiple top-five matchups, the results of these next two games will be vital for the team’s final placement within the GNAC.

The Wildcats have the advantage down the stretch with four of their six remaining games at home.

“It’s nice to get back home and get into your normal routine,” head coach Greg Sparling said.

Coming into this week, the Wildcats are 7-4 at home and 3-4 on the road.

The team’s only loss at home came against rival Western Washington University earlier this season.

“It’s always a big advantage playing at home. We have a good crowd all the time, which helps,” senior guard Devin Mathews said.

Even with Central’s impressive record at home this season, Sparling still wants to keep the team focused on one opponent at a time.

“I’m just focusing on the next opponent at a time. That was the start of the turnaround of a stagnant franchise. Since that run, Lynch has been arguably the best and most durable running back in the league until this past season. His determination is unmatched.”

Home Cookin’

Wildcat home stats
Record: 7-1
FG%: 47.6
Oppo FG%: 44.9

Wildcat road stats
Record: 5-4
FG%: 42.1
Oppo FG%: 46.1

“You just gotta take everything one [at] game a time. Once you take care of Saint Martin’s, then you can look on to the next person,” Sparling said.

Central split with SMU and SPU earlier this season on the road, defeating SMU and losing to SPU.

“I think [both games will be] huge,” Sparling said. “We just need to come in, play defense and rebound… I think the biggest thing is we gotta clean up the defense.”

The last time Central played SMU, the final score came out to be 75-71.

Central shot the ball well, going 53 percent from 3-point range and 40 percent from the field.

“In our team’s history, all of our games have been close with Saint Martin’s,” Mathews said. “They’ve always been a test.”

The Wildcats struggled offensively in their first matchup against SPU.

Sophomore forward Drake Rademacher, averaging 7.1 points per game, goes up strong for a shot.

After this week, Central will head west to face WWU, then end its road tour against Simon Fraser University. The Wildcats will then play their last two regular season games at home against both Alaska schools.

“You can expect [us] to have a lot of energy, few mistakes and a team that you guys see is hungry and desires to win,” senior guard Gary Jacobs said.

An ode to Beast Mode

BY ZAC HERETH
Sports Editor

After six years, two Beast Quakes, 6,347 rushing yards, 65 touchdowns and one Super Bowl ring as a Seahawk, Marshawn Lynch is calling it quits.

Whether you think of Lynch as a thug or see the running back for the giving person he’s known as in his hometown of Oakland, California as a Seahawks fan, you can’t help but appreciate what the man has given this franchise.

Since the day he donned a Seattle uniform, he’s epitomized the defensive line after touchdowns and no more dances with the media in post-game interviews.

It’s crazy to think that every Sunday I won’t see the skull-cracking collisions Lynch creates.

No more handshakes for the lucrative running back Lynch is the next Lynch, Peterson or Frank Gore, I’ll miss “The Beast.”

This one’s for you Beast Mode. Thank you.
Athletics donation may lead to facility upgrade

Central graduate and former professional baseball player donates $250,000

BY NATHAN BREWSTER
Staff Reporter

$250,000 can buy a 2016 Bentley Bentayga first edition or a new home in the Colorado Rockies. This is a significant amount of money for anyone to have—let alone give away.

Central’s Athletics Department just received that sum of money from a donation by alumnus Dave Heaverlo.

Athletics Director Dennis Francois was thrilled with the donation and already has a good idea of where he would like to spend the majority of the money.

“We have some facility upgrades intended with this gift,” Francois said.

Francois said one reason the donation was so big was the positive relationship between Heaverlo and Central.

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Heaverlo became a professional baseball player after his time at Central.

However, Francois said that the gift is intended for upgrades in all sports and not just specific for baseball.

“We are trying to get our facilities up to the standard to where we can really grab the attention of student athletes here,” Francois said. “We have done very well upgrading places like the SURC and music building, and the upgrade to our facilities is the next big one.”

Francois said that the donation will play a big role in the recruiting of new Wildcats into the department.

“We felt we were losing student-athletes here because some of them felt their high schools had better facilities than us,” Francois said. “We want the best for our student-athletes.”

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While talk of possible scholarships hasn’t been dismissed, Francois made it clear that the department will use the money for facility updates first, which they feel are necessary.

Even though the timetable for the facility upgrades wasn’t given, the Athletics Department will be working to get the upgrades implemented as soon as possible to attract as many new student-athletes as they can.

“We want our standards to be high,” Francois said. “We want our student-athletes to be treated properly and well.”

Nicholson Pavilion, which houses 13 varsity sports teams in some form, may see some changes soon.
By Ryan Kinker  
Staff Reporter

This Sunday, Central’s wrestling club will hit the mats when it hosts the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) Washington State Championship.

The NCWA is the governing organization of club wrestling across the country, just like the NCAA governs varsity sports.

Central wrestlers have been wrestling in the NCWA since the team lost its varsity status in 2004. Wrestling did well as a varsity sport and is finding the same success as a club team in the NCWA.

After a strong finish in tournaments in 2015, Central was elevated from NCWA Division II to Division I. Both of the finishes were followed with the team placing fifth in the NCWA National Championship.

The Washington State Championships will bring teams from across the state that will be competing for spots in the NCWA Northwest Conference Championship and the NCWA National Championship.

The tournament is in Butte, Mont. on Feb. 27. Grays Harbor College is one of the favorite schools attending the meet.

They are ranked 15th in NCWA Division I and are the only other Washington school besides Central in Division I. However, Wrestling Club President Andrew Vulliet isn’t ready to give in to the rankings.

“I think we have a chance to probably do really well,” Vulliet said.

Vulliet, senior geography major, acknowledges that Central’s team is very young and inexperienced, with many freshmen, but he believes that the team can get some wins.

Vulliet believes the team will be anchored by Jake Ferris, a junior recognized as an NCWA All-American last year.

“We lost a lot of the guys we had the last two years or so that were doing pretty well,” Vulliet said. “We lost two All-Americans. We have a lot of newcomers, and they’re pretty solid… but I’m expecting a few [weight class] championships.”

The end of season tournaments serve as a platform for improvement for the younger competitors.

Vulliet does point out that, regardless of the results, the enjoyment comes from competing together as a team.

“We’re just a close group of guys who… become a family as the season goes on. That’s what I go for with the club,” Vulliet said. “Plus, [we] have kids who maybe could’ve gone and wrestled at an actual program, but decided they’d rather go in-state.”

Central hosts state championship

Central wrestlers work on technique in practice leading up to the Washington State Championship meet.

Washington State Championship  
When: Sunday Feb. 14 at 10 a.m.  
Where: SURC Recreation Center  

Central wrestlers in practice

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