It was around 4:30 p.m. last Saturday – an overcast day at Beedie Field in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada – when head coach Mike Larabee got the Gatorade bath.

The Wildcats had just won the GNAC regular season title – their third league title overall, and first since 2010 and 2011, when they won back-to-back.

“Winning the regular-season conference title was a big confidence booster for the whole team going into postseason,” said senior catcher Austin Wilkerson.

Even though Central was in first place going into the final weekend of the season, the Wildcats still hadn’t qualified to play in the GNAC tournament.

They played Western Washington University and Simon Fraser University over the weekend. Both teams were on the outside looking in and trying to spoil Central’s run. They were nearly successful.

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In the first game, Central was down 5-3 going into the sixth, but scored three runs, taking a 6-5 lead. In Simon Fraser’s turn in the sixth inning, with two runners on base, sophomore outfielder Taylor Gillis tripled home both runners.

“Their hitter hit a ball, landed right on the right field line,” Larabee said.

Central couldn’t muster more hits of its own, and lost 7-5.

“Y ou gotta have a short memory,” Larabee said. “I told them, ‘Let it hurt a little bit for 10 to 15 minutes, then let it go.’”

And let it go they did. Central came out in the second game and scored 11 runs in the first inning.

“That first inning showed we wanted it bad,” Wilkerson said.

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If Washington State House Bill 2629 is passed, it would allow residents to grow up to six plants legally. “According to the States’ documents, a class one civil infraction will be filed per plant to violators with less than eighteen plants.) Class C felonies will be filed for violators with more than forty plants.

When it comes down to growing a plant outdoors, it is important to think about the climate you live in. According to Crop King Seeds, a marijuana retail store based out of Vancouver B.C., marijuana grows best in tropical and Mediterranean climates. “I would love to grow in the (Yakima) valley,” said Tim May, grower at The Green Vault in Chelan, Wash. “The climate on that side is perfect for growing weed.”

As with any crop, there are multiple ways to grow marijuana, from placing a seed in the ground and watering it, to doing a hydroponic style of growing, which does not involve soil. “My job isn’t all fun and games, white hairs. Males will appear as small bumps with delicate dots all over the leaves. Female preflowers are identified in a dark space with good air circulation. A training program, the Observer is the practical application of the theories and principles of journalism. It teaches students to analyze and communicate information that is vital to the decision making of the community at large. It provides a forum for students to learn the ethics, values, and skills needed to succeed in their chosen careers. If you have questions call 500-983-1073 or e-mail us at cwuobserver@gmail.com.

To prevent bud rot, howtogradeweed.com recommends to make sure the area the plant is being grown is ventilated with a strong air flow. Growers may also choose to spray a fungicide on their plants, but make sure to wash off the fungicide before you smoke the weed, as it’s extremely toxic.

There are a number of problems you can run into when growing marijuana outdoors. One common factor is spider mites. Signs of these tiny arachnids are damaged leaves and a mess of small brown and yellow dots all over the leaves. To prevent an infestation, growers tend to use pesticides to prevent insects harming their “babies.”

Indoor growers tend to face the problem of nutrient deficiency more often than with outdoor grown bud. By studying the leaves, growers can identify what nutrient the plant seems to be lacking and can simply add more of a certain nutrient to the plants feeding cycle. “There are some tricks I’ve got up my sleeves,” May said. “Adding good-grade hydrogen peroxide to my water makes them explode with size.”

After weeks of tender loving care, plants are ready to harvest. When harvesting, the grower will need to remove each branch containing a bud, trimming all of the leaves and placing it upside-down for roughly a week in a dark space with good air circulation. According to howtogradeweed.com, this drying process could even take longer depending on the size of the bud the plant produced.

Once this bud is finally dried, it is time to enjoy your crop, whether it’s smoked, condensed into an oil for cooking, or into oil for vaping.
ASCWU presidential candidates

Braden Batt
Junior
Political Science

Armando Ortiz
Junior
Sociology and minor in Ethnic Studies

Do you have any prior experience in student government? If so, what kind of experience?

I do not have any experience specifically in Student Government. I just transferred into CWU Fall Quarter of 2015. This is now my attempt to give myself entirely to the student body because I find great potential not only in myself, but in each individual student. My experience of Student Government is what I have of all government up to this point, and that is my continually expanding knowledge in the fields of political science, political philosophy, executive administration and management.

If elected what would be your first goal as president?

My first goal as president would be to continue the work I have been doing with our president Dr. James Gaudino. I plan to continue working with Dr. Gaudino and Dr. Cleary on finding space for a resource center for underrepresented groups on campus. That also includes students with different abilities, the LGBTQIA community, veterans, non-traditional students, etc.

What would be your second goal?

My second goal would be to work with the VP of Academic Affairs and implement a mentorship program throughout each department so students can have someone within their major to go to for guidance during their time here.

Habitat builds 16th home

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The local Habitat for Humanity just finished its 16th home and moved its chosen family, Spring Liles and her two children, into the Sunlight Waters home near Cle Elum on Tuesday.

Liles qualified for her home in 2012 but the original structure had to be demolished and rebuilt when it was found that it had no foundation and contained asbestos.

Liles said at the time of her application process that she was unaware that Bank of America had donated land and a house and wanted the home to go to a disabled veteran.

“I was in the Navy,” Liles said. “And my son is disabled, so I was really the only one who qualified for the house.”

Habitat for Humanity has been in Kittitas County since 1993 and is working on new homes.

The 17th home, is next to Liles home on Highline Loop and the 18th home will also be built in the Sunlight Waters community.

Habitat is already accepting applications for the next two homes. A family was chosen for the 17th home, but they backed out unexpectedly, according to Ott.

Sherri Ott, executive director of the Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity, said that a home typically takes less than a year to construct, and around 250 volunteers will help build the homes.

Ott said the best part of the job is not only building the houses but interacting with the volunteers.

The volunteers are both community members from around Kittitas County and Central students who come out to work on the jobs.

“When they get on the job they are so blessed by being on there that when they walk off the job you can see it in their faces,” Ott said. “They feel like they’ve been given something. It’s hard to explain—you kind of have to watch it happen. But it’s such a cool thing.”

Central Students for Trump rally support for Republican frontrunner Donald Trump

By Ray Payne
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The recent instances of pro-Donald Trump chalk drawings appearing on campus have brought attention to the newly formed Central Student for Trump (SFT) club, led by Isaiah Ammon, who is also the director of the Washington state chapter.

SFT is an unofficial national organization working to garner support from college and high school students to assist the campaign of presidential candidate Donald Trump.

“The goal for Students for Trump is to get pledges from student members to vote for Trump in the primaries across the nation to help him win the election,” Ammon said.

SFT isn’t recognized as an official club on campus since it’s currently endorsing a specific political candidate.

Despite the lack of official recognition, the club is still catching the curiosity of students.

“You definitely do get people who are curious,” Ammon said, as he explained how the population of SFT members has grown because of the lack of reliable information available.

Ammon explained that part of his role at SFT is to answer questions about Donald Trump and the election, and to educate students on why they should vote for the Republican frontrunner.

“I have a lot of friends, a lot of races, I understand poli-tics, I will acknowledge first that Donald Trump says some stupid stuff,” Ammon said. “But when he writes out his plans, I like it.”

Ammon said he is not alone in his support of Donald Trump; the club has been gaining traction and has a growing population of supporters at Central.

According to a poll by USA Today, Donald Trump leads the GOP in the 18-34 age group by 26 percent, although he still trails both Democratic candidates.

The CWU College Democrats have presented and welcomed the group, despite a difference in opinion and recent controversies at other universities.

“Obviously disagree strongly with Donald Trump’s beliefs,” Ammon said.

See “Trump” page 6
Central’s greenhouse contains many species of plants from different climates around the world, and a certain roaming creature that has become popular among students and the community.

Snorkel the tortoise has become the most well known of the many reptiles kept by Central’s biology department. People frequently come to visit him in the desert room of the greenhouse, or they see him when he gets to wander around outside.

“People will come here just to see him,” said Jonathan Betz, science technician in the biology department.

The biology department offers classroom visits and tours of the greenhouse. According to Betz, over 1,000 people tour the biology department every year and Snorkel is a major part.

Located next to Dean Hall, the greenhouse is comprised of four rooms, each containing their own environment. It is open to the public every Friday from 1-3 p.m.

A research room is used for faculty and student projects, and the jungle, desert and tropical rooms host their climate’s flora. The desert room provides the comfortable climate for Snorkel to live in.

Snorkel is an African sulcata tortoise, natives to Northern Africa. According to Tony Brown, the chemistry stockroom manager and Snorkel’s previous owner, the tortoise lives comfortably at a temperature of about 80 degrees.

“This requires a warm room for him to survive in the winter and even in the summertime,” Brown said.

This created challenges for Brown while he cared for Snorkel. Once he became too big, Brown offered him to the biology department where he could be better cared for.

Snorkel has now been with Central for seven years. Betz estimates he is about nine years old and could live to be 100 years old.

“There’s a decent chance he’ll outlive most of the people on campus now,” Betz said.

Additionally, Snorkel could grow to be about twice his current size according to Betz. Sulcata tortoises are the third largest species of tortoise and when he was originally purchased, he could fit in the palm of a hand Brown said.

Snorkel’s size is part of the reason he has become so popular, according to Brown.

“His armor is pretty impressive,” he said.

Betz said he enjoys having Snorkel in the greenhouse. The plants are the focal point of the greenhouse but having him living with the desert plants works quite nicely Betz said.

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Additionally, he occasionally travels further than surrounding grass. Last weekend, according to Betz, Snorkel was taken to an arboretum festival in Yakima.

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Snorkel likes to eat hibiscus flowers and dandelions. He is attracted to brightly colored shoes and is great with children.

Snorkel’s visitation times

When: Fridays 1 to 3 p.m.
Where: Greenhouse right next to the Science building

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How do you feel about Central’s parking situation?

Rianna Bidon
Senior
ITAM

“We need another free parking lot because the other ones fill up quick during prime times. These lots are important to have for those who do not want to purchase a parking pass when they do not go on campus as often.”

Ryan Utz
Junior
ITAM

“I think it’s terrible that they sell the amount they do [parking passes] because it raises the competitive nature in the parking lot hunting for spots. Having the biggest freshman class in a while, I’ve also noticed a big percent of on-campus students driving to class, why can’t you walk? Fuck parking.”

Grant McEwen
Freshman
Education

“I get to school 30 minutes early and still can’t find a parking spot, this is the worst year of parking by far.”

Dani Eggleston
Senior
Clinical Physiology and Psychology

“Parking should be free and there needs to be more parking lots.”

Breanne Bitar
Senior
Business Administration

“How do you feel about Central’s parking situation?”

“Parking on campus is really frustrating. I pay 200 dollars to leave 30 minutes early to find a parking spot and usually never get one. There’s been times where I’ve had to park in places I’m not allowed because I’m late and have received tickets. It’s a huge problem on campus.”

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John Brombaugh
October 1, 1974
said Andrews Parsons, CWU College Democrats’ president. “But the constitution allows for freedom of assembly and I think the more students involved with politics the better.”

Other universities’ SFT organizations have made headlines with recent controversies over the chalk drawings and SFT members encouraging others to debate them.

At Portland State, Black Lives Matters activists protested during a SFT meeting, following a trend of protests at universities around the country.

The CWU Black Student Union declined to comment on the presence of the club at Central.

The CWU College Democrats are fine with SFT’s message, as long as it stays respectful.

“Just because there is a club that thinks differently than we do, doesn’t mean we have to protest them,” Parsons said. “Now if they start saying or doing racist things, that’s a different story, and yes, we would do nothing to deter students from supporting Trump,” Parsons said. “Instead, it would reaffirm the stereotype that liberals are trying to take away [the] freedom of speech.”

Ammon is aware that he may rub people who don’t agree with him or his views, and might be hostile towards him.

“Sure I’ll get people who don’t like Trump, I mean I don’t like Hillary Clinton, you know,” he said.

There was little to no response from Central’s administration regarding the Trump chalk drawings, compare to other universities where the high-ups felt the need to address it.

“Central’s a great university because I haven’t really experienced as many of these [actions], like the crazy colleges you hear trying to take away First Amendment rights,” Ammon said. “I haven’t personally experienced a lot of that.”

Although the club isn’t officially recognized by the university, a legitimate concern is whether other clubs and organizations on campus are going to tolerate its presence in the long run.

“Banning a legitimate student organization would be absurd in my opinion, and would do nothing to deter students from supporting Trump,” Parsons said. “Instead, it would reaffirm the stereotype that liberals are trying to take away [the] freedom of speech.”

One known obstacle for SFT is that his supporters are often portrayed as racists or bigots.

“It’s a little controversial, because I haven’t really experienced as many of these [actions], like the crazy colleges you hear trying to take away First Amendment rights,” Ammon said. “I haven’t personally experienced a lot of that.”

Despite some negative responses, Ammon still remains positive about the future of Students for Trump at Central.

“I just want students to be open minded. If they’re curious, come talk to a CR or someone involved in this, or come talk to me and we’re not going to judge against ‘you,’” he said. “If you don’t like Trump, you don’t like Trump. Just like a lot of people don’t like Sanders or Clinton.”
Internships: A gross, money-making scam

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I’m just going to come out and say that Reichy internships as part of a college curricu- lum are a scam.

Phew. That felt good to get off my chest.

Some of you might have already suspected this, but you may have just brushed internships off as one of life’s many annoyances, like athlete’s foot, 30-minute parking or Republicans. Well, therein lies the problem—they’re not just annoying.

I’m not saying internships aren’t useful. They’re great! You get real-life experience, meet potential employers and network like hell. As someone who completed an internship last quarter, I can safely say that I’ve learned a lot.

But that’s where the praise stops. Internships are essential- ly forced labor, and if you want that $20,000 piece of paper at the end of your four years here, some of you are going to have to do them.

And that usually means that you’re going to spend a quarter of classes during sum- mer. Why? Because intern- ships at many employers are almost exclusively offered during the summer.

As I mentioned before, my internship was for a full quarter because it had to be. I was one of a handful of students in the state to win some fancy scholarship (of which I’m grateful) that paid for about $1,500, but that still meant I had to do it during the summer.

Okay, so why all the hate for summer classes? Because Central really, really, really, really wants you to take them. They fucking love that shit.

Don’t believe me? Just look around. Pretty soon, there are going to be signs, advertise- ments, radio announcements (insert other form of marketing here) everywhere telling you to take summer classes.

They’ll have stupid buzzwords that they think students will connect with, such as, “fin- ish your degree faster,” or “en- joy even smaller classes.”

Don’t believe me? You should. I just copied those buzzwords from Central’s summer-quarter tab on their website.

What they won’t tell you is the asinine price of summer-quarter classes. Regular tui- tion at Central is around $2,896 for a full quarter. I Work-quarter, according to collegedata.com. But summer quarter? About $3,177 for 12 credits, according to Central’s website.

The kicker? Summer tui- tion is $264.70 per credit, $30 more than normal. It sounds harmless, but it adds up— I had to pay $2,025 for 10 credits, which is considered “full-time.”

I still paid about $100 less than I normally do for full-time cred- its during the school year, at $2,946.

And federal student aid (grants, loans etc.) isn’t offered during the summer, so you have to pay for it. You know what that means? Private loans. Or, ask your mommy and daddy nicely for an extra $3,000.

When you’re on this intern- ship, you’re assigned an adviser who lazily copies some tripe in with you (as was the case with me). At the end, you have to write about 15 pages on what you learned (I’m not making this up) and keep a daily summary of all the things you did.

At the end of it all, you get to turn it all into this professor—who hasn’t spoken to in a month and a half—and wait for a “grade.” They give you either a pass or fail.

This adviser gets paid the entire time for not doing anything, and not only are you paying their salary, but they just read some pieces of paper at the end of the ordeal and tell you whether or not you get credit for the money you spent.

Most internships that work with colleges on internship credits (which is the kind you’d be doing) don’t pay you. So, not only are you working for free, but you’re also paying $3,177 to do so.

Cool.

For one am sick of manda- tory internships that cost an arm and a leg. I don’t know how to fix the problem, but I want you to be sick of them too.

By McKenzie Lakey
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Being a transplant from one small town to another, I’ve noticed that one thing tends to carry over from town to town: a conservative mindset.

Now this might seem kind of odd, considering that Central is at the heart of Ellensburg and we’re a fairly liberal university. But once you break out of downtown, you’ll start to notice the conservative motto that this town thrives on.

Some of you may even know that Kittitas County is rep-resented by Matt Man- sfield, a Republican and associate professor of political science at Central.

He’s famous for his pantsuits. He’s famous for her pantsuits.

As much as I hate politics, they’re part of life and people act as though you have to choose one side. However, once you do that, there will always be some one outside of that line, who feels as though you’re at- attacking that magical letter next to their name on the voting ballot while simultaneously threatening their very existence.

Then there are the childish mechanisms kick in, and we tune out every opinion that doesn’t agree with our own.

That’s where politics in this nation tend to go sour.

On one side of the political spectrum we’ve got an old guy who wants to make everything free and ensure that everyone pays their “fair share” into the giant social pot.

On the other side we have a man with a comb over—I can’t even begin to count the amount of memes created in response to that—who wants to build a wall and only pass off every na- tion if elected. And don’t even get me started on the candidate famous for her pantsuits.

Now he honest, this is exact- ly how you all view these can- didates. Why? Well, for many reasons, but mainly because the polarization of our political field has forced these candidates on us, and they’re all the extremists within their parties.

The moderate independ- ent has slowly disappeared and we’re forced to pick one candidate or the other, even though the majority of us probably don’t want either side elected at this point.

So what happened to poli- tics and why are we continuing to let it happen? Why is the US divided and, in turn, our nation so divided?

I know that it’s not easy to stand in the middle and refuse to judge, especially when we’re being pulled in both directions by what we know and what we’re forced to hear.

It’s too late for this election coming up in November, but hopefully in the future we can remove this gap that’s only con- tinuing to divide us, rather than unite us. It’s up to our genera- tion. So quit fucking around and let’s start picking some better candidates so our gener- ation isn’t known as the one that screwed America over.

Tweets from the streets

Joe Wiatrak Apr. 28
I got a 230$ refund check from CWU and I literally just started rubbing it on my face

Joe CWU Web Apr. 28
Great news ladies. CWU Softball GNAAC regular season CHAMPIONS! GoCougs Softball https://twitter.com/CWUsoftball/status/743732853906837504

Scotty Houck Apr. 28
We runnin this town #cwu

Dermo Apr. 28
I Can’t tell you how many nap dates I had back at CWU Imao. *Here’s the controller, finding something in Netflix I’ll be up in a bit*

A.B. Mackinbaut 3rd Apr. 28
To the CWU gotta check up on the fam once in a while

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Washington wonders

Adventure Club plans outdoor ventures for students

Central is only a few hours drive from a number of outdoor pursuits, providing students an advantage over other universities in the country. The newly formed Adventure Club aims to capitalize on Washington’s geographical diversity through numerous outdoor treks.

Adventure Club first formed in the fall of 2015 when a group of friends decided to plan various outdoor trips. Adventure Club first formed in the fall of 2015 when a group of friends decided to plan various outdoor trips.

“Adventure Club plans out- door trips ranging from local hikes to more thrill-seeking activities like whitewater rafting.”

In fall, we did a hiking trip to the Ape Caves, Mt. St. Helens, and that was a lot of fun,” Wulf said.

The Adventure Club plans trips in all forms of weather.

“Winter, we did a snowshoeing trip up at Blewett Pass, and that was really cool because we had a lot of people who hadn’t done it before,” said sophomore Marketing major Lucy Mathews.

Activities like whitewater rafting may seem challenging to most students, but Adventure Club stresses that people of all outdoor experience levels are welcome.

“It doesn’t matter the level you are going on our trips, we have a lot of people who have never done any of the activities,” Wulf said.

Adventure Club is still in the early stages of development, so it suffers from a lack of membership.

“I think there’s a lot of interest in the doing the events; but not coming to meetings,” Wulf said.

Many clubs on campus require membership dues in order to join, Mathews comments that Adventure Club does not incur such fees.

Incoming first-years have the option of joining Beck Hall’s “Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Sustainability Theme Community.” This theme community also hosts outdoor trips but Skamser comments that these can require a longer planning process within university housing.

For Adventure Club, any trip can be planned and implemented sooner as long as members have vehicles to reach their trip destinations.

Adventure Club hopes to plan a ski-trip this coming winter, but funding may pose an issue. Wulf, Skamser and Mathews believe more club interest and a social media campaign could boost interest and help members to approach Club senate for funding.

“The most important thing is just getting the word out and letting people know that they can be a part of this club without just going on the trips,” Mathews said.

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“Mary Poppins,” the classic musical production that we all know and love, will be coming to Central during Mother’s Day weekend and the following weekend after that.

According to Scott Robinson, theatre arts professor and department chair, there are about 45 actors for the cast and there are about 125 people involved altogether in the making of the production.

The department installed a new sound system with 7.1 surround sound during the winter, which will be put to use for “Mary Poppins,” Robinson said.

“This is the first show we’ll be able to fully use our sound system,” Robinson said.

There will also be cast members flying in the production. According to Robinson, a company known as VFX will be here working with students and will be handling the “rigging,” that is involved in making the flying characters possible. VFX worked with the school’s theater production of “Peter Pan” a few years ago as well.

The production “It has things that will challenge students,” Robinson said of “Mary Poppins” was chosen for the spring musical.

The theatre department likes to put on shows that reach out to the community and families, Robinson said, and this production is geared towards families. There will also be a few community members involved in the performance.

Jared Valdejo, a Central alumni, and his son are a couple of the community members in the cast. Valdejo’s son will be playing Michael Banks.

According to Robinson, there will be about 200 or so costumes involved for the cast members, along with 36 various wigs.

Prepare “to be completely entertained and relive the magic of childhood,” Robinson said.

After the matinee showing of Mary Poppins on Mother’s Day, there will be an Ice Cream and Tea Social where guests will be able to meet Mary, partake in tea and desserts as well as get pictures taken with the character.

The social is a separate, ticketed event which guests will have to pay extra for in advance. The cost for the social is $5, which covers the ice cream and other event costs.

Meredith Magoun, the costume designer for the “Mary Poppins” production, has been working at Central for the last year and a half teaching design and technology. Originally from Boston, Magoun said that when she was younger she discovered her fondness for costume designing through a combination of attending theater camp and playing dress up with older era clothing.

“That’s where my love for theater and clothes merged,” Magoun said.

There will be some changes made for the school’s production of the musical.

Those who are behind the making of the designs and costumes, such as Magoun, will be adding their own “personal magic and touch” to the designs. They have decided on some changes that, as Magoun put it, will be new and hopefully unexpected for the audience.

“There’s the expectation of what Mary will look like, and Mary will look like Mary. But there’ll be other changes,” Magoun said.
Dear Dr. Hoxmeir,

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By Julia Moreno

It was a hot and dusty day in the summer of 1993. Twenty-three-year-old Jay Ball stepped out of the taxi that took him and four classmates from East Jerusa-
lem to the Gaza Strip. The two-hour car ride brought the middle of a long, rubble-filled street.

On one end of the road, security towers manned by Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers loomed over the people milling around him. At the other end of the street, where Ball and his friends stood, young children ran around, yelling, the soldiers and, in Ball's words, "confronting the IDF." Suddenly, Ball heard something he will never forget. It was a distinctive “thwip, thwip,” noise—the sound rubber bullets make when they slam into human flesh. In the street in front of him, Ball saw one of the pro-
jectiles collide with the head of a 10-year-old Palestinian boy, who seconds earlier had been running around with his friends. Crying and screaming people ran in every direction, trying to avoid the armed soldiers that poured into the street. There was a great deal of commotion around him. Very quickly, a Red Crescent (the wartime version of the Red Cross) ambulance appeared . . . The boy was unconscious, and was taken into the ambulance and away.

Later that day, Ball’s handler told the group the boy had died. It all happened very quickly. I remember just how bright it was,” he says as he takes off his glasses and rubs the bridge of his nose. “I didn’t realize in that moment, that a lot changed for me forever after I realized what I had witnessed.”

The Start

Now, far from the deadly streets of East Jerusalem, Ball sits at a table in his office at Central. A slight breeze comes through a window behind him. His fingers slowly run through his gray and silver hair before they move to push his glasses up the bridge of his nose. Finally, they rest in front of his chest, forming a tent. He looks up at the ceiling while he leans back in his chair, thinking about his journey.

You know, I wanted to be in the Air Force,” Ball says softly with a Southern accent. As he speaks, a hint of a smile curves up the left side of his mouth.

Ball spent his formative years in Little Rock, Ark, which explains the twang. He dreamed of growing up to join the mili-
tary, and even spent eight years in the armed forces. In what he described as the “Air Force Boy Scouts.”

However, rather than join the military at 18, he decided to earn a political science degree from Hendrix College in Con-
way, Ark. He got his first taste of traveling during his junior year when he studied in Oxford, England, from 1989 to 1990.

During that time, he decided to visit Prague in the Czech Republic. He and the Velvet Rev-
olution were on, when the Czech peo-
ple gained their freedom from the former Soviet Union. While there, he was impressed by Vaclav Havel, the movement’s leader and a playwright, who showed him that theatre and politics often go hand-in-hand.

“It was really with Havel and the Czech Revolution where I began to think more deeply of the relationship of theatre and politics,” he said.

Since then, Ball has incor-
porated that philosophy into his life, including his political ac-
tivities at Central. Many of his classes emphasize theater with political undertones.

Last year, he collaborat-
ed with Central’s department of communications during the annual First Amend-
ment Festival to showcase, My Name is Raisa Corrie. Raisa Corrie was a 23-year-old activist who was killed by Is-
raeli Defense Forces in the Gaza Strip. She was killed by a bulldozer while defending the home of a Palestinian family in a combat zone.

“The only interdepartmental Central professor Jay Ball shines light on politics, theatre and political activism in the classroom

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Discovering the outdoors with OPR

By Nic Cooper
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Now that the sun is beginning to shine—even in the months where the sun isn’t shining so bright—Central’s Outdoor Pursuits & Rentals (OPR) is a great resource for students seeking to get out and enjoy the beautiful areas surrounding central Washington and the Cascades.

Senior creative and professional writing major and OPR staff member Malissa Smith said this is the time of year when Central students are most excited about getting to go outdoors.

“Winter months definitely die down,” Smith said. “We just started doing our cross country ski rentals during the winter, so we had some traffic, but summer and spring is definitely our high peak months.”

Smith said some of the more popular activities of this season are the water activities like renting rafts and tubes to float the Yakima River.

“This quarter we’re actually going to have stand-up paddleboard instructional days, Smith said. “We’re gonna go to the pool on Sunday nights from 7-9 starting in May.”

After the pool sessions are completed, the group will then be traveling to Irene Rinehart—also known as people’s pond, to get out and experience the real thing.

“Then our grand finale could definitely get better,” Raab said her prior attempt of trying to get a little too tricky on a paddleboard leads her to believe that there is still room for improvement.

“Good news is, the demand for the paddleboards currently isn’t very high, so there are still plenty of opportunities to snag one up!”

If you’d like to catch up and see what OPR is all about in person, don’t be afraid to stop in and take part in the outdoor adventures. Catch a sunset hike every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. or set up a slack line and put your balance to its true test.
Field day targets exchange students

By Jacob Hollingsworth
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Today, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Barto Lawn will be host- ing an array of activities for all students to enjoy. This includes kickball, volleyball, frisbee, dodgeball and baseball. This event is specifically designed for international students who are struggling in ways that domestic students haven’t experienced.

Being away from home means being exposed to different senses and, most importantly, challenges. These challenges, such as leadership, communication and academics, are reasons why many international students fly home shortly after becoming a Wildcat.

Phillip Gohl, who works at the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement on campus, wants all students to feel that Central is their home away from home, what better way to engage international students in a healthy active way, than through the great outdoors.

“Last year, I did a field day where we try and get interna- tional students can also sit down and enjoy lunch together,” she said. “He’ll deliber- ately start with simple questions in the classroom, and then we do a social—kind of a fun thing for them to interact with each other, and get to make new friends,” Vidaurri said. “But our cen- ter also does a variety of other things with different depart- ments. So we have International Café, where domestic and in- ternational students can also sit down and enjoy lunch together, and play a variety of games.”

Field Day

When: Today April 28
Time: 5 p.m.
Where: Barto lawn

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and support and create work for undergraduates, or to help them and facilitate them on their own creative projects, Jay Ball drops every- thing to make sure their own work is supported.”

Grace Helnwein, sophomore theatre major, said Ball really understands what it’s like to be a theatre student and makes sure his assignments work easily into their schedules.

“I think my favorite thing about Jay Ball is that he’s really intentional about getting stu- dents to dialogue [with him] in class,” she said. “He’ll deliber- ately start with simple questions and then get into more contem- plative questions as the class goes on.”

Jay Ball

From: Arkansas
Teaches: Political theater
Fun Fact: Has two dogs

But while Ball said he has enjoyed his time in Ellensburg, he plans to leave after this school year. He hopes to return to Little Rock to teach in an at-risk high school or become involved with the University of Arkansas.

Class Favorite

Before every class period, Ball said he listens to ‘70s disco music.

“Before giving a lecture on apartheid in South Africa, there’s an excellent chance I have been dancing to Donna Summer in my office before I put my game face on,” he said with a chuckle.

In fact, music is how he un- winds and takes his mind off of the heavier subjects that he of- ten tackles in his classes and as a result of his activism. He said one of his favorite ways to relax is to play the guitar, often mak- ing up humorous songs about his friends for their amusement.

On a recent day, he walked into the classroom holding a yel- low steno pad with notes scrib- bled on it. The students all chimed in with “Hello.” He swapped jokes with one student and asked another how her day was going.

Then he started a short les- son about the Tennessee Wil- liams’ play, “The Glass Menagerie.” He began by writing down quiz questions on the board and inviting the students to talk about what they had learned.

One student worried she had the wrong answer and asked him what to do.

“Make something up and I’ll meet you halfway,” he said as he turned around from the board and laughed.

He told the class to draw the bird described in the play and if they drew something really good he promised to get it tat- tooed on his body.

Later, he shuffled through the quiz papers and muttered, “I definitely haven’t seen my tattoo yet.”

As he taught, he drew par- allels to his students’ everyday lives, often asking them ques- tions like, “As artists, do you ever feel like you’re exploited?” “Go- ing into the arts, what are you going to have to sacrifice to be successful?”

His students responded that most people don’t value art—or the artists.

Ball nodded his head in agreement, resting his chin in a cupped hand. His other arm was wrapped around the front of his body. He was clearly in his element—feeling it.

The class ended early that day and Jay Ball concluded it on a high note.

“I will miss this class, I will miss you guys,” he said. “Y’all take care.”

They knew he meant it.

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Lacrosse ends playoff drought

By Zac Hereth

In 2008, Tiger Woods won his last major championship on the PGA Tour. Kevin Durant was named NBA Rookie of the Year as a member of the Seattle SuperSonics and Central's Lacrosse Club made its last playoff appearance.

The eight-year playoff drought has finally come to an end for the club, as its members prepare for their first taste of the postseason as a Wildcat.

“We’re showing that we’re coming back to be a force to be reckoned with,” said club president Cooper Hayes, a junior midfielder. “And that we are still here to be something, and we aren’t some fringe team.”

The team had only won seven games over the last four years. First-year head coach Will Houck, former club president, played on the team through those seasons.

“I was here during the dark years, so to speak,” Houck said. “The amount of winning we’ve had the last nine months has eclipsed what I did in four years, so that right there is phenomenal.”

Houck said that the improvement stems from more work being put in by players this year and getting more experienced newcomers to join the team.

“Before a lot of guys would go away a week away from competition, according to Houck wasn’t proven until after the Fall season and forfeits from other teams in the spring, the Wildcats have been working their 18 games this school year.

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A Little Motivation

Central’s Lacrosse Club is set for its first playoff game since 2008 this Friday against the Western Oregon University Wolves in a single-elimination tournament.

“Building a New Image

The team’s second season in the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League. It faces Western Oregon University, the second-seed in the South Region, in the first round of the six-team three-day playoff tournament, which is hosted by Boise State University.

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Fishing season casts off around Washington

By Hunter Ventoza

As spring approaches the Northwest, fishermen and women across the state of Washington can once again test their luck, tackle box in one hand and a fishing pole in the other.

Saturday marked opening day for the 2016 lowland lake fishing season in Washington, which opens annually on the fourth Saturday of April.

Many community members and students alike participate in the tradition.

“You feel a part of nature by spending time out there,” said Binh Vo, graduate student at Ellensburg.

Local fishing spots provide more than just opportunities to catch fish, some are located outside of town and are filled with surrounding wildlife habitats.

“I think we catch fish in the face to be put down at the bottom,” Hayes said.

The poll was taken in September, but the results weren’t released until after the Fall season, where Central had a stronger showing than teams picked in front of them.

Since the team found out the results, the team has kept that in the back of its mind.

“Definitely a motivator for us to prove everyone wrong,” said Colter Clinch, junior attacker.

The former Central football player leads the team in scoring with 4.1 points per game.

Tournament Time

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Building a New Image

The Lacrosse Club entered this year on probation due to an incident from the final game of last season.

A Central staff member alleged the team of drinking on the field after the game, which according to Houck wasn’t proven, but action was still taken against the team.

“I didn’t think it happened, but [the school] had a staff member who claimed they saw it,” Houck said. “They still felt it was necessary because there was an acquisition… that’s why we didn’t get the program shut down or anything, because there wasn’t any solid proof, but it’s one of those things that if it even gets brought up, they have to take action. You can’t blame them for that.”

While Houck understands the action taken on the team, he hopes that the probation will be lifted at the end of this year, and said the club’s relationship with Central’s club sports head, Cory Sinclair, is still strong.

“He’s got faith in us that we can provide a clean environment and a good environment for these guys,” Houck said.
All-GNAC team full of Wildcats

By Mitchell Johnson

After winning the GNAC regular season title over the weekend, five Wildcat softball players and head coach Mike Larabee received awards on Monday.

Larabee received GNAC Coach of the Year for leading the Wildcats to a 34-13 regular season record.

Larabee joins Gary Frederick (who the Wildcats’ softball field is named after) as the only two coaches to receive the honor at Central.

The first thing that came to Larabee’s mind after winning the award was the help he received from his assistant coaches Jim Peterson, Mike Myers and graduate assistant Kelani Cruz.

“We all have our different strengths and weaknesses, [I] like how we blend together to get the most out of our players,” Larabee said.

Central won the conference title after it was picked to finish third in the GNAC Coaches Poll.

“All-GNAC team full of Wildcats” from page 1

Winning the regular season conference title was a big confidence booster for the whole team going into postseason,” Wilkerson said.

Central finished one-game ahead of Western Oregon University and Concordia University and two games ahead of Saint Martin’s University. All three of these teams join Central at the GNAC Softball Championship Tournament.

“It’s really exciting but it’s actually really intense at the same time because it’s the best teams in the GNAC, and you just know that you have to bring your A-game every single game,” said junior pitcher Kiana Wood.

Concordia and Western Oregon will open up the tournament facing each other. Western Oregon has won 13 of their last 18 games. Both teams have identical conference records.

Central opens against host Saint Martin’s in the second game. The Saints held first place for the majority of the season, until Central won three of four and took over first place.

Regardless of postseason tournament seeds, every team has an equal chance to win the tournament.

“It usually boils down to a timely hit, and playing really good defense,” Larabee said.

“The team that usually wins this is the team that doesn’t give the ballgame away.”

Third baseman Alexa Olague is one of six Wildcats to earn postseason recognition.

Larabee said she went a third of the way through some growing pains but found her ability to shut down the running game.

“She’s matured a lot, got more consistent and really nailed down her location,” said senior catcher Austin Wilkerson.

Throughout the season, Larabee has complimented Wilkerson’s catching, calling her anchor on defense, citing her ability to shut down the running game.

Sophomore outfielder Cece Fowler received a second team all-conference nod after having the seventh-best batting average in GNAC at .409.

“I was disappointed she didn’t get at least second team, Larabee said. “I think, both offensively and defensively, when you put her skill set together she should’ve been a second nominee for sure.”

The Wildcats tied their second-best win total with 34 wins this year, three shy of a program single game, 377 batting average, 15 doubles and eight home runs.

Over the first two weekends of the season, Wood started out with back-to-back GNAC Pitcher of the Week awards. She had a 1.45 ERA and three complete games over that span.

“She’s matured a lot, got more consistent and really nailed down her location,” said senior catcher Austin Wilkerson, who caught all of Wood’s games.

“She’s been really successful with that this year [and] been a tough pitcher for hitters to face,” Larabee said.

Junior first baseman Kailyn Campbell, also received First Team All-GNAC with the second-best batting average in the conference hitting .397. Campbell started every game for the Wildcats and had 15 doubles and seven home runs, one of which was of the inside the park variety.

Wilkerson joined Campbell and Wood on the first team with a .377 batting average, 15 doubles and eight home runs.

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Coming into their January training camp, the Sounders had two of the best strikers in Major League Soccer (MLS). The problem? It didn’t stay that way.

Over the last two seasons, Obafemi Martins led the Seattle Sounders in goals, with 17 in 2014 and 15 in 2015, despite only playing in 24 of 37 games last season.

A few weeks before the MLS season started, the Sounders transferred him to the Chinese Super League. This and-coming and overpaying has one goal in MLS play so far, but his height gives the 6-foot-4-inches center back a good chance to get his head on a ball while the Sounders were struggling at getting good looks during their set pieces.

While he is the guy taking all the corner kicks and putting all the long free kicks into the box, he is also a deadly combination with Dempsey in scoring on short free kicks.

Having both Ivanischitz and Dempsey lining up for free kicks should give the Sounders an air of unpredictability of who will take the kick, which would be an advantage against opposing goalies.

The squad

Obafemi Martins’ injuries and Clint Dempsey’s lengthy absence over the summer left the Sounders in need of scoring help last season, which was the reason for bringing in Nelson Valdez. He’s scored one reg-ular season goal and one playoff goal in his career with the Sounders so far.

Valdez is a regular starting striker, but has not made much of an impact so far with only six shots in five games.

Defender Chad Marshall is not the usual type of scorer, but his height gives the 6-foot-4-inch center back a good chance to get his head on a ball and score on corner kicks. Currently Marshall has two goals and is tied for being the team’s leading scorer with Morris.

Roman Torres should have a similar impact as Marshall when he returns from an ACL surgery this summer.
Wildcats sprint, leap, throw their way through home meet

Senior jumper Luke Plummer leapted over the competition in the triple jump with a first-place finish and a 14.34-meter mark in the event. Plummer also finished third in the long jump with a mark of 6.86 meters.

Freshman Taryk Boyd took home second place in the 3000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10:37.10, which scored the Wildcats eight points as a team.

Junior Armando Tafoya dominated his competition on Saturday with wins in the shot put, discus and hammer throw. The effort won Tafoya GNAC Field Athlete of the Week.

Sophomore Sayana Lombard-Chappell winds up to throw the javelin, an event Central’s women’s team took over with four of the top-six finishers in the meet.

Hurdlers Mariyah Vonaveng, Allison Deck and Tianna Banford (left to right) fly down the track during the 100-meter hurdles. The trio finished second, third and fifth in the event.