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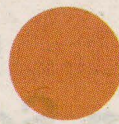
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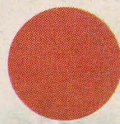
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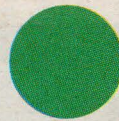
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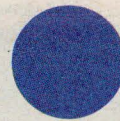
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Get updated on Science Phase II



McKenzie Lakey/The Observer

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After over two years of construction, Central Washington University's new science building is nearly ready for operation.

Science Phase II has finished construction and is on track to open this fall for the new school year. The building will be equipped with new classrooms and facilities for CWU's physics and geology departments, which are outgrowing their current spaces in Lind Hall.

"These are two of our high-demand science programs, so those students and faculty have something exciting to look forward to," said CWU President James Gaudino in a press release.

The new building will provide larger classrooms and additional unique facilities on campus for physics and geology.

"The new building will give us access to modern classrooms, laboratories, and instrumentation," said Carey Gazis, geology department chair. "We will be able to teach in different ways than we have been and there will be new directions that we can go with our research."

One of the unique facilities is an anechoic chamber, a room in which the ceiling, floor and walls are lined with sound-absorbent foam that minimizes sound reflection.

The room has its own foundation, project manager Joanne Hillemann said, which removes potential interference from footsteps. The physics department will use the chamber to test sensitive equipment and instruments.

Additionally, the new building will host a new planetarium that is tied with the Bechtel National Planetarium at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Washington for the largest in the state, Hillemann said.

The planetarium will seat 80 people and doubles as a lecture room. According to Hillemann, there will be planetarium shows open to students once it is operational.

Students will even be able to make their own planetarium presentations with the free software, Worldwide Telescope. This allows students to work with professors in class on shows, Hillemann said.

The building also hosts an observatory tower that will be equipped with a research-grade telescope. According to Hillemann, the observatory will be open to the public as long as they're accompanied by a faculty or staff member.

Additionally, the roof has concrete pedestals equipped with power and data for smaller telescopes.

Construction of Science Phase II began on May, 1, 2014,

and the project costs around \$64 million, according to Hillemann.

The building was designed with faculty and students in mind so it is much more accessible than the other science buildings.

Hillemann said, faculty are currently condensed into one area in their respective halls, while Science II will spread them out and allow them to pick the offices they want.

"One of the benefits of doing this is the professors can have offices closer to the labs they work in," Hillemann said, "they can select an office based on where they do their work."

Construction has finished and foot-traffic has opened up next to the building.

CWU facilities staff are currently testing the building's audio and video systems and the project is currently in the "move-in" phase, Hillemann said.

Over the summer, most faculty offices, labs and equipment will be moved from their current locations in various buildings around campus. According to Hillemann, the move will require a lot of time and work.

"It didn't make sense to move the faculty in the middle of the quarter," she said. "If they're teaching, it's too much to ask that they pack up their whole office."



Observation Deck

Hello future (and maybe current) Wildcats, and thank you for picking up a copy of the Observer. I wish I could say you've picked a great school, but you haven't. I wish I could say this is a great paper, but it isn't.

Don't worry: In about four years, you'll share these same sentiments, and if you don't, then you're just brainwashed (or you're a public relations major). Did I mention you're stepping on my lawn?

But in all seriousness, you made it; college. Even the word itself seems grown up. Some of you are reading this during orientation, while others decided to flip through during Wildcat Weekend while you wait for Bingo, or whatever the hell they make you do when you first get here.

Some of you picked Central Washington University because you have friends who already do, or will, go here. Some of you are here alone, but that's okay, because you're outgoing, and you're going to make friends while looking at the world upside down during a keg stand. And that's all great.

But some of you are alone. And maybe some of you are feeling a little home sick. Maybe you're regretting ever coming here. Maybe you can't wait to go home every chance you get.

Well, take it from me: This is all completely normal.

As one of those losers who took four extra years to finish their degree, I can tell you exactly how I felt the first time I set foot on this campus: terrified.

It was 2008, and I was here during orientation. It was about 100-degrees out, and I had to spend a night in the awful brick ovens they call dorms. I didn't talk to anyone. I didn't have fun, and I couldn't wait to go home.

Fast forward a couple months and I was at college for good — my first time away for home. I watched the parents drive away and a wave of panic swept over me. I felt immediately homesick and I started contemplating all of the ways I could get out of

there as soon as possible.

I thought about transferring to community college, taking a year off, faking my own death, you name it. If it was a way out, it crossed my mind.

And I'm sorry to say it worked.

After a year, I transferred from CWU and started taking classes at a community college in Seattle. And I continued to do that for four more years. While my friends were graduating from college, I was scraping by at a dead end, while I scraped even harder at an associate's degree.

Take my advice: DO NOT DO THIS. Stay. Stay put. Please, for the love of god, do not leave. (I promise the university didn't pay me to tell you this — I'm already off their payroll).

There are studies out there that will tell you that most people who take a couple of years off from college never end up finishing. Well, I hate being a statistic (after all, I'm a white male — I'd prefer to stay in the majority), and it turns out, even my idiot friend Chad got a degree, and I couldn't let Chad beat me.

So I finished.

You know when someone does something stupid, but then they say that, if given the choice to do it over again, they wouldn't change a thing? Well, those people are fucking idiots. Hell yes I'd do it differently — I would have stayed and gotten my degree in half the time.

Not that there's anything wrong with going back later, but to do it because you were homesick? Naw, son, that ain't gonna cut it.

Even though that pit in your stomach feels like it'll never go away, trust me, it will. It always does. Tough it out. Fight through it. Give 110 percent. [Insert other cliché here]

You're better than just giving up. After all, you did make it to Central Washington University — the school with one of the lowest GPA and SAT admissions requirement in the state. Hell, they'd let a turtle in.

Actually, isn't there?...

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OBSERVER EXPLAINS

Everything you need to know about CWU parking

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In March, Nick Hansen, senior chemistry student at Central Washington University, decided he would try an experiment – a test to measure how much time would pass before he could find a parking spot.

His tools? A stopwatch and a '97 white Volvo. He left his apartment at 10:45 a.m. After a two minute drive to campus, he was ready to begin.

He circled lot after lot, eyeing people who looked like they were returning their cars, and nudging his way into queues. At 11:03 a.m. he had done it – he found a parking spot. And it only took 16 minutes.

But Hansen wasn't alone that day. He and hundreds of other students were (and are) contributing to one of CWU's largest daily social experiments: How to find a parking spot before your professor marks you tardy. He failed by three minutes, but that hasn't stopped him and other students from trying.

"Every time I drove down, it was kind of like playing with fire," he says.

A campus scorn

If you search "CWU" and "parking" on Twitter, you're almost guaranteed to see at least one tweet a day about a bad parking experience.

"Parking in 30 minute park-



Charles Harding/The Observer

Some students say that, on average, it takes them 10 to 20 minutes to find a spot in the morning, depending on the lot.

ing and accepting the ticket just because parking is that difficult #Cwu," one student tweeted on May 19.

Thirty-eight students participated in a poll on the Observer's Twitter page, and zero percent said parking was "Fabulous," 18 percent said it was "Meh" and 82 percent said it was "A dark pit of despair."

"Is there a problem with parking? You could say that there is," says Eric Twaites, a campus police captain and the head of parking services.

He's only been in charge of parking services for about 8 months. But in that short amount of time, Twaites has

noticed one glaring constant: convenience.

"It's not so much a lack of parking, it's a lack of convenient parking," he says. "Parking is not a glamorous topic."

According to the CWU parking map, the lots with the largest amount of spots are located north of campus on Dean Nicholson Blvd., where most classes aren't. And a large portion of off-campus student housing is located north of campus, on E 18th Avenue and onward.

It can take anywhere from 15 minutes to 20 minutes to walk to campus from these areas. Meaning, many students would prefer to drive to class. And naturally, they want to park near the heart

of the campus, Twaites says.

During "peak hours" – from about 8 a.m. to noon – most lots on the south side of campus can fill completely, while the north lots have many vacant spots.

It's during these peak times that many students can feel cheated. While parking services does sell more passes than spots, Twaites says, not every student is parking every day.

Another common complaint is the amount of 30-minute parking spots CWU has, despite the fact that there are only 74 on campus. Many students use the 30-minute spots when they can't find a general spot, and will usually return to find a ticket on their car.

While the cost is only about \$15, for many students, these can add up quickly.

"I've gotten probably about seven tickets," Hansen says. "It really is crazy because I've basically almost paid for two [quarters of] parking passes."

How to fix it

A solution to the problem isn't as simple as most students think, Twaites says. Many lots on campus never fill up completely, even during peak hours. It's the worst offenders – the convenient lots – that are the source of students' scorn.

And it's not as easy as just creating more lots, since most of the space on campus is already accounted for.

One idea toyed around with by students is building a parking garage on the vacant fields that flank the campus, complete with a shuttle.

But Twaites questions whether students would actually enjoy a large concrete building dominating the skyline.

"Is that really the focal point of what you wanna see when you come to Central, is a cool parking garage?" he says.

Other suggestions Twaites has heard include taking away parking passes completely and instead making parking a mandatory fee similar to the tech and athletic fees students pay each quarter. While that would help curb parking tickets, he says it could also lead to less spots overall, since if everyone could park for free, everyone might park for free.

While the university figures all of that technical stuff out, some students have taken matters into their own hands (and feet) and have started walking or riding their bike.

Hansen is one of those students, and now he no longer deals with the headache of finding a spot before class. But that doesn't stop him from sharing his opinion.

"Parking?" he says. "It really sucks."

Student parking spots

General: 2,423 Disabled: 119
30-min: 72 Free: 382
15-min: 89 APZ: 380

2015/2016 passes

Student calendar year: 2100
Student academic year: 1174
Winter quarter: 193

Eburg loses millions a year in potential retail sales

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Ellensburg's infrastructure is set up and ready to welcome big box stores, but retailers are hesitant to move in. The impact big box stores would make on the local economy is significant. Unfortunately, the waiting game continues to go on.

The vacant plots of land along Ellensburg's I-90 interchanges aren't likely to be occupied by big box retail stores anytime soon, which according to city and council officials, could hinder vital growth of the local economy.

"If there is a level above critical, that's where it is," said Kittitas County Commissioner Obie O'Brien on the importance of bringing stores like Walmart or Target to the area.

"This county is poised to be a bedroom community to the greater King County area and that's not a good thing," said O'Brien.



Chase Tibbles/The Observer

Vacant plots of land such as this along the I-90 interchanges are zoned specifically for big box development. They currently sit empty and ready.

O'Brien explained that the absence of big box retailers has left Ellensburg's retail market underdeveloped. This puts more pressure on inefficient sources of revenue like property taxes.

"Overall, residential property does not generate enough tax to pay for itself. For every \$2 they put out, it takes \$3 to support," O'Brien said. "We have to have

centers of commerce."

The prospect of big box retailers opening in Ellensburg has been teasing residents since the city completed its most recent long-term comprehensive plan in 2008.

The new plan rezoned land by I-90's East and West interchanges specifically for big box development.

"The last thing I accomplished as mayor of Ellensburg was to establish regional retail zones," O'Brien said. "Prior to what we accomplished with the last comprehensive plan update, there was no zoning that would allow for that."

According to David Bowen, Ellensburg's director of Economic Development, the city's proximity to large shopping centers in Yakima has caused hesitation on the part of big box developers.

"We're 35 miles away [from Yakima] and they want them to be more than 50 miles or more away from each other," said Bowen.

O'Brien added that Kittitas County's current population of 41,765 is too small of a market for several retailers.

"Target has said they won't consider this county until it has between 50 and 60 thousand people," O'Brien said.

Residents have also expressed concerns about big box retailers

inhibiting the success of locally owned businesses.

"Living in Cle Elum, one of the concerns of small towns is big box can put a lot of pressure on small towns," said Gary Berndt, Kittitas County Commissioner in charge of upper county, including Cle Elum. "We need to work on how that can be good for everybody."

County officials said that embracing small business is important, but Kittitas needs to modernize and welcome in big box retail.

According to the County Commissioner's office, Kittitas County is 'leaking' over \$100 million of retail sales every year.

"There are those people who say 'always shop local, never buy Walmart, it'll just kill downtown,'" O'Brien said. "The truth is, our downtown has been fighting against Union Gap's big box ever since it went in. Every retailer here will tell you they're still competing."

NEWS

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Racial tensions rise on campus



Jonathan Glover/The Observer

A range of emotions was displayed during the protest as students spoke about sensitive topics such as racial inequality, sexual assault and lack of diversity among faculty, staff and curriculum on Central's campus.

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In the 1960s, Martin Luther King stood for racial equality. Half a decade later, students at Central are still standing.

About 60 student activists formed a large circle in the middle of the SURC dining area during Thursday's lunch rush, creating a public forum to discuss racism on campus and in society.

The group requested President James Gaudino's attendance at the protest, inviting him to stand in the center of the circle so they could vocalize their concerns, ask questions, and make demands directly to

the administration.

"My goal was that I wanted to be heard," said Gianni Glover, one of the event's organizers. "I used that as a space to create a voice, to get people to hear us, and ultimately to gain the respect we deserve."

The demonstration was organized as a call to action in response to a letter sent out by the Concerned Student 1950 group — a student group named after the date black students could attend the university — at the University of Missouri.

Beatrice Wambui, president of Central's Black Student Union, said the protest was intended to show solidarity with students at the University of

Missouri by highlighting similar racial injustices that are occurring at Central.

"I think when we started, it was for Mizzou, but then we started to internalize that the issues happening there aren't just happening there," she said. "They're happening here as well."

Issues that were discussed during the protest included: the underrepresentation of minority student groups on campus; lack of diversity in Central's staff and curriculum; and an ingrained culture of racism in America.

To address these concerns, President Gaudino promised to attend meetings and events host-

ed by minority student groups more frequently in an effort to work closely with the protesters towards finding solutions.

Glover, who also serves as the marketing executive for Central's Black Student Union, said that one of the group's ideas is to have mandatory racial diversity training implemented for all students and staff at Central.

"I feel that diversity education is important, just like any other skill that Central equips its students with," Glover said. "In the real world, you have to learn how to deal with different kinds of people who come from different backgrounds and different situations."

The protest was met with both positive and negative reactions from the Central community.

Wambui felt that the intensity of the emotions displayed by protesters may have caught students in the SURC off guard.

"I think it was just that miscommunication about what exactly are we doing," Wambui said. "They saw a bunch of people in a circle yelling, screaming, and crying, so based of the stereotypes we already have as people of color, they just automatically think it's a violent, negative thing."

As hundreds of students passing through the SURC gathered around the circle to listen to the

discussion, several took to social media to vent their frustrations.

Event organizers said that most of the complaints they heard stemmed from annoyed students who were just trying to peacefully go about their afternoon.

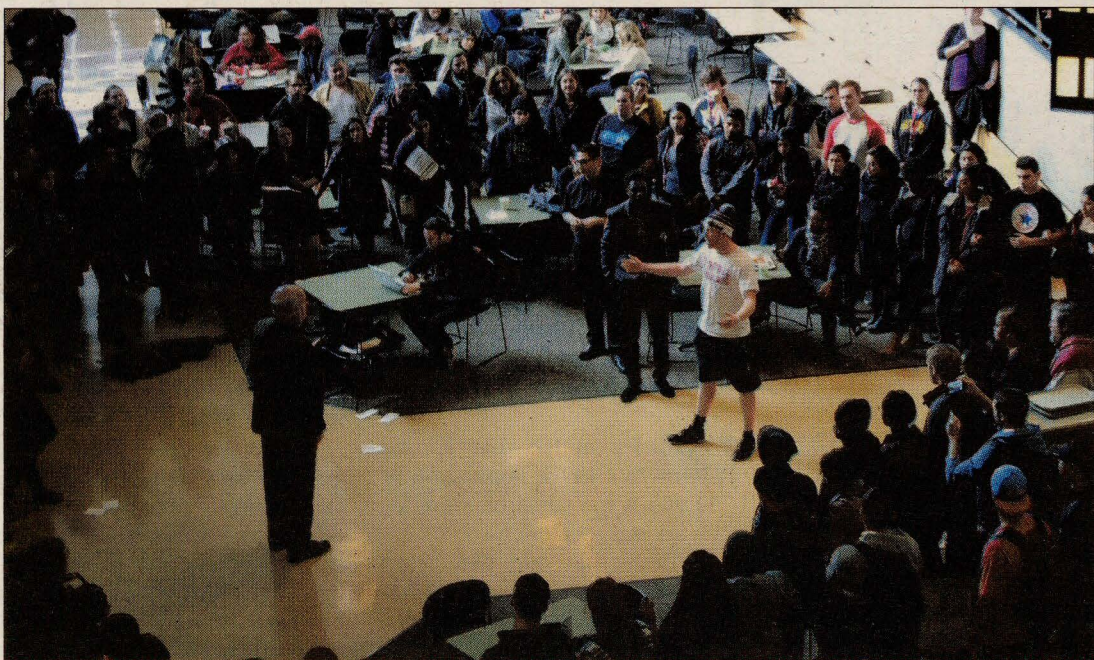
"We're sitting here saying this is a problem," Wambui said. "Yeah, we're disrupting your lunch and all, but this is something that I have to deal with every single day. It shows

what kind of society we live in." Many aspects of the Black Lives Matter movement draw inspiration from Martin Luther King's philosophy of civil disobedience and non-violent disruptions of peace.

Brother 2 Brother president Armando Ortiz said that past demonstrations organized by student diversity groups haven't gotten much of a reaction at Central, leaving protesters with no other option than to raise their voices.

"We had to be the stereotypical 'people of color,'" Ortiz said. "We had to be loud for people to hear us, and honestly that makes me mad."

Glover agreed. "We've tried the quiet approach," he added. "We've been doing it for years. That Thursday was our breaking point. No time to be silent anymore."



Jonathan Glover/The Observer

Students gathered in the SURC in solidarity with the University of Missouri and spoke about the lack of diversity on campus.

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Faculty vote to turn down gen ed proposal

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Central's Faculty Senate hit another stalemate in their attempts to revamp the general education program.

The Faculty Senate's latest attempt to move forward on reforming Central's general education program was shot down at the most recent meeting on April 6. The general education committee proposed a program with rearranged classes which lead to an impasse within the senate.

Hauke Harfst, ASCWU Vice President of Academic Affairs, said he was "disappointed" that the faculty didn't have the students in mind during the senate meeting.

"What it felt like was an adult bickering match between disciplines," Harfst said, "not once was mentioned what's most effective and what's best for the students ... ultimately that needs to be the end goal of everything and I didn't quite see that."

The current general education program has been in place for about 15 years according to Todd Schaefer, chair of political science. The faculty senate has been attempting to improve it for years but has been unsuccessful in forming a plan that

every department agrees upon.

One of the problems with the most recent proposal, Schaefer said, was the senate kept the current program framework but asked academic departments to re-submit their classes and re-show how they fit into the new program.

According to Schaefer, new classes fit in where old ones were left out and the departments disagreed on which classes should be included or excluded.

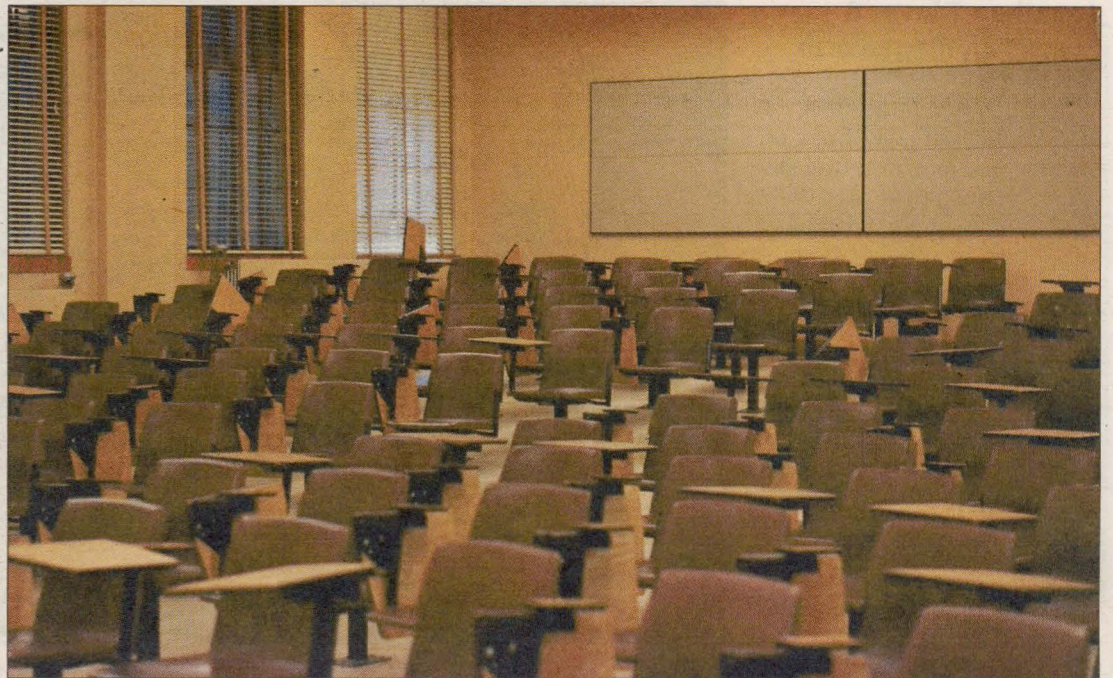
"Every department is under more pressure to justify their existence in enrollment and one way is through general education," Schaefer said, "so you have some of those things adding to turf battles."

Additionally, multiple departments are already invested in the current system which makes it harder to change Schaefer said.

Schaefer is a representative for his department of political science and other social sciences who disagrees on class placement in the new program.

"One of my biggest concerns was that somebody could graduate in the social science breadth area and not have taken a class at all in the traditional [areas]," Schaefer said.

Schaefer said he believes that classes taught by a certain department should not count as



McKenzie Lakey/The Observer

A faculty-led proposal to reform CWU's general education program was shot down at a Faculty Senate meeting on April 6.

college credits towards a different department.

"There are things that cross fields," he said, "but if we have a politics and literature class should that be able to count in your humanities and literature stuff? I don't think so, because we're not teaching it the same way."

On the other side of the impasse, some members of the faculty senate support the new program. Rebecca Pearson, as-

sociate professor of health, educational administration and movement studies, said she thinks the senate should move forward on the latest proposal.

"I believe it is a better program than has been in place," she said, "I would like to see students offered the opportunity to take new courses in fulfillment of this important requirement."

It is difficult for the senate to agree on a program because there are so many departments

involved, According to Schaefer.

Schaefer said he thinks that until a new framework for general education is developed, the senate should uphold the old one.

"No system is going to be perfect and I think it depends on what the faculty want students to get out of it," he said, "if it's not doing what we want it to do then we should change, but I think we need a clearer idea of what we want out of it."

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Historic tuition cut for CWU students

Jonathan Glover &
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Until recently, the cost of higher education had been on the rise, but in a historical decision by the Washington state legislature, tuition is finally seeing a decrease.

"I hope that the recent decrease [in tuition] will make it easier for high-schoolers looking into post-secondary education, but can't necessarily afford the high prices," Regina Carter, a senior public relations major, said.

In an unprecedented move, Washington state legislature voted to reduce tuition cuts will take effect in the 2015-2017 biennium.

"These offsets come after a year in which we focused intently on reducing costs," a memo from George Clark, vice president for business and financial affairs, said.

The 2015-2016 school year will see a tuition reduction down to \$6,904 and the 2016-2017 year will be reduced to \$5,919.

However, these cuts only apply to resident undergraduate tuition. The school is allowed to increase the tuition of non-resident students and graduate students.

To cover the cuts, the state will be providing nearly \$14 million in extra funds to the university. Those funds will help make sure



McKenzie Lakey/The Observer

Washington Legislature voted to reduce tuition by 20 percent by 2016. To ensure the cuts the state is providing extra funding.

that layoffs aren't necessary, and are completely unprecedented in the state's history.

"The state budget fully funds CWU contracts with the Washington State Federation of State Employees and Public School Employees," Clark said. "Additional funding is provided to be used--at the discretion of each university--to increase compensation or implement other collective bargaining agreements."

"We are working now to see what compensation adjustment is possible for exempt employees, who have had just one general increase in the last seven years."

Kelley Christianson, interim director of Student Financial Services, said students who utilized direct loans will find that the rate will remain unchanged. She also said the Federal Pell Grant increased the award amount from \$5,730 to \$5,775.

Christianson said that Central students' State Need Grant amount was reduced to \$7,284 for 2015-2016 from \$7,631 in 2014-2015.

A long time coming

"It's good public policy if you ask me, making college affordable," Steve DuPont, assistant director of Government Relations, said.

DuPont and Director of Community and Government Relations Ann Anderson have been negotiating with legislators in Olympia on Central's behalf. They have been working on these specific budget cuts since they were proposed in a different form in fall 2014 by Senator John Braun.

"We put out the word that we would like the legislature to get to a 50/50 split [in cost] with the universities if they really value higher education," Anderson said.

Despite knowing about the bill, Anderson and DuPont say they weren't made aware of the

CWU tuition

2015/2106 tuition:

\$6,904

2016/2017 tuition:

\$5,919

5 and then 15 percent model until the budget was sent out to universities.

"They never called us and said 'will this work?'" Anderson said.


Anderson and other university employees were worried that not enough state funds would be supplied to offset the costs of cuts, but she was pleasantly surprised when the official word came down.

"This time it looks like it will work for us," Anderson said.

"If they had cut the tuition without state funds, it would've lead to layoffs. This has never happened in Washington before," DuPont added.

Both Anderson and DuPont think this is a big win for the students at Central, and for the university as a whole. They made it clear, however, that this does not bring tuition back to the price it was prior to Washington's recession.

"We're turning the ship. We're not back to where we were, I don't know if we ever will be, but it's a good first step," DuPont said.



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Seed to stash: The journey of growing pot

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Getting tired of your weed guy giving you sacks filled with seeds? We feel your pain. So we've done the research to see how hard or easy it is to start your own stash.

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 40 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 Chehalis, 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 hydroponics style of growing, which does not involve soil.

"My job isn't all fun and games, it's hard work," May said.

The first step to starting a plant is germination, according to howtogrowmarijuana.com.

There are numerous ways to germinate cannabis seeds. This stage can be done simply by wrapping seeds in a damp paper towel and placing them somewhere warm and dark for a few days. The shells should soon begin to crack, allowing the roots to grow.

The next step is to then place the seeds in the potting soil. Howtogrowmarijuana.com says to place the seeds in the soil with the roots aiming down. Once planted, seeds will require daily watering.

Quite possibly the most important step in growing marijuana comes roughly five to six weeks after the plant has been potted. During this step, you select the gender of the plant. Most growers aim to grow female plants, which do not produce seeds.

But before this can be done, you need something called pre-flowers to so sprout. To sex a plant, the grower must identify the sex of the pre-flower sprouting on the node of the plant. Female pre-flowers are identified by how-

togrowmarijuana.com as small bumps with delicate white hairs. Males will appear as small bumps on the node — they are the beginning of the male pollen sac.

If you want to have a female plant, then simply remove the male preflowers with a pair of scissors.

While marijuana is growing, farmers tend to remove the top of the plants. According to TheNug.com, this step will allow light to penetrate deeper



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Marijuana growers tend to cut back the top of the plants in order to allow more sunlight to reach deeper into the plant.

into the plant, which allows the plant to produce a larger yield.

With a number of little problems that can wipe out an entire plant in a number of days, marijuana plants require daily upkeep and attention for a healthy grow.

"It's an everyday thing that you have to find time to do," May said. "You get used to it."

May called the plants his "babies," saying that one plant can take up to fifteen minutes of attention a day.

No matter if you decide to grow in an indoors or outdoors environment, there are multiple problems growers face.

A common problem that growers face is a fast spreading necrotic fungus nicknamed bud rot. According to howtogrowmarijuana.com, bud rot is common in plants during their flowering phase.

The first sign of this fungi is when the leaves begin to wither and die. A grey clump of mold will appear on the site of the dead leaf. Left untreated,

this can quickly infect an entire plant and turn a plant to slime. To remove the fungus from the plant, gently cut off the infected area from at least an inch below. If this step is not done with caution, the mold could spread tiny spores to other parts of the plant.

To prevent bud rot, howtogrowmarijuana.com recommends to make sure the area the plant is being grown is ventilated with a strong air flow. Growers may also chose 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 howtogrowmarijuana.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.

When spring rolls around it's time to roll some bud

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While signs of spring blossom across the state, many licensed marijuana farmers are preparing their crops for this year's outdoor production.

According to Marijuana Growers Headquarters, a website dedicated to marijuana growing practices, many marijuana producers have started their seedlings or clones for their next batch of crops in mid-February.

These baby plants may not be ready to be placed outside to grow until the end of March, which sets their harvest for the fall.

"I would love to start an outdoor compound in the [Yakima] valley," said Tim May, grower at The Green Vault in Chehalis. "The weather on that side of the mountains is perfect for growing weed."

The east side of Washington state is a great geographical lo-

cation for marijuana farming due to sunny skies and ideal wind flow, according to May.

Since new changes are coming to Washington's marijuana laws, home grows are going to be allowed by the Liquor and Cannabis Control Board to start growing at home as early as June.

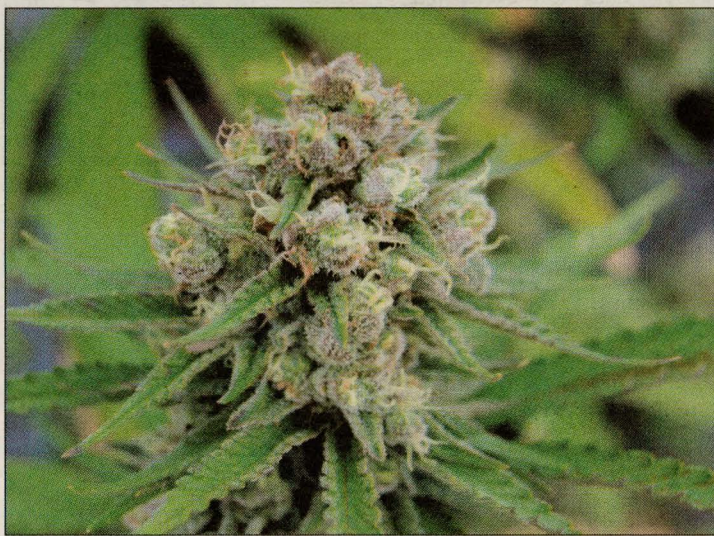
May said he recommends to anyone who wants to start growing marijuana to begin with a plant or two in their window sill, once it is legal to grow of course.

Producing pot outdoors has less of an overhead expense since there is no need for expensive high powered LED lights that mimic the sun's light.

Growing pot outdoors is significantly less expensive so outdoor crops tend to yield a higher profit.

Growing marijuana outside tends to produce a higher quantity of product, as well.

On average, one outdoor plant could produce up to a pound of usable marijuana, nearly four times the amount of an indoor



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Growing marijuana outdoors can be risky, but it tends to yield higher profits.

crop.

"You get tree-sized plants outside," said Randy Simmons, deputy director of the liquor board, in an interview with Tacoma's online news source, The News Tribune.

Marijuana is grown and produced like any other crop, but pot is a seasonal plant and can-

not be produced outdoors year round.

Most producers release their inventory of indoor crop slowly throughout the year.

The demand of outdoor grown crop is higher than the supply, producers tend to charge slightly more for the crop.

Most of the state's marijuana

producers prefer to grow their crop indoor because of the more controlled environment.

"Growing on the west side of the state, I prefer indoors production," explained May. "The weather in southwest Washington is too unpredictable. Plus, indoor I can grow my crops year-round, so I can produce so much more in a portion of the time it usually takes."

However, growing outdoors could be risky with the chance of a possible summer storm causing natural disasters such as wildfires, which have struck the surrounding area in recent years.

Additionally, Banks will not loan money to the marijuana industry, farmers invest heavily in the production of their crops and do not see any of the money until the plants are set for harvest.

Eltopia, WA marijuana producer Alan Schreiber told The News Tribune that one acre of harvested pot could make roughly \$7.4 million, "You would never trust this to be outside."

NEWS

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D Street makes way for Wildcat Way

Street that runs West of CWU officially changes name

By Joseph Kelley

In August, the Associated Students of Central Washington University (ASCWU) requested that the Ellensburg City Council consider changing the name of D Street to Wildcat Way. During the City Council meeting on Oct. 5, a unanimous decision passed the changing of the name.

The street, running perpendicular to University Way and 18th Avenue, has 14 residential addresses, as well as several apartment complexes.

According to the Daily Record, during the Sept. 8 council meeting, council members mentioned they were “considering other streets for the name change or adding an honorary sign below the regular street



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Ellensburg City Council approved the name change Oct. 5. The change occurred in honor of CWU's 125th anniversary.

sign.”

The goal of the name change, aside from raising school spirit, is to celebrate the ASCWU's 100th anniversary and the university's 125th anniversary.

“I like Wildcat Way,” Central student Jani Jesenovec said. “I would be down for that. The name sounds way cooler, I mean, what is D Street anyway?”

The name change could bring some new recognition to

the street. However, the process of changing the name of the street is a somewhat complicated process.

While there are no businesses on D Street, the residential homes and apartment complexes will have to change their addresses.

“I like Wildcat Way. I would be down for that. The name sounds way cooler, I mean, what is D Street anyway?”

-Jani Jesenovec, CWU Student

According to the city's Public Works Department, it may cost as much as \$4,600 to rename the street. The price includes the cost of new signs and staff time for installation.

In the same Daily Record article, the CWU Foundation,

CWU Alumni Association and athletic department's foundation each donated \$1,000 to the student board to help fund the project.

If the project does not receive enough financial support from student funds, then the board plans to seek student input on how to cover the remaining costs.

Another Central student, Jason Morales, voiced his own opinion on the name change.

“I think it would be pretty cool to have a street named Wildcat Way,” Morales said.

However, after taking into account what some of the residents on D Street would have to do to change their addresses, Morales recognized the drawbacks.

“I think it is a great idea, but kind of a waste,” Morales said.

Changing a street name is quite the undertaking, but Brittany Kinsella, vice president for clubs and organizations for the ASCWU, believes that this is a cause worth fighting for.

In the same Daily Record story, Kinsella said, “Since it is going to be a permanent sign, I think it would be worth fighting for Wildcat Way. It has a better flow and spirit to it.”

The traditions of CWU



Courtesy of ASCWU

The traditions book will be given out to all incoming freshmen during orientation weekend, and can be purchased at the Wildcat Shop.

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This year, Central wants to take its traditions to a whole new level as part of its 125-year anniversary celebration.

The incoming freshman class will be part of a new tradition next fall, as Central plans to implement a traditions book as a way for students to get the entire college experience in Ellensburg.

“In the letter from the president, you really get the feeling it is an invitation of engagement and for people to be a part of something bigger than themselves,” said Jenna Hyatt, director of residence life & new student programs.

The book will be handed out

to freshmen during orientation weekend, and will be available for purchase in the Wildcat Shop for students and alumni.

The book will have 91 traditions, signifying the year the school opened in 1891. Traditions range from working and living on campus to walking around People's Pond.

“It's a lot about frontloading the history of the institution,” said Robert Ford, senior director of alumni and constituent relations.

Even lost traditions such as “Sweezy Day,” which according to the archives committee was “one of the campus traditions to emerge following World War II,” will be brought back. According to the traditions book, President Brooks vetoed Sweezy Day in the

1970s because it turned from a wholesome campus holiday to a day of binge drinking.

Completing 72 out of the 91 traditions means becoming a Central “traditions keeper” and earning a medallion to wear during the graduation ceremony.

“It is a visual representation. When you start piecing this together in your student experience, as you see different monuments that are identified historically, it really gives you a sense of place,” Ford said.

According to Ford, ASCWU and Services and Activities raised enough money to cover the cost of 10,000 books to be printed, with the Alumni Association being responsible for covering the cost of design.

100 YEARS OF NEWS

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'By the students and for the students of CWU'

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The Great Depression, World Wars, civil rights, Central's highs and lows as a university; the student newspaper and student media have seen—and covered—it all.

First appearing in December 1916 as the Student Opinion, Central's long lasting newspaper is approaching its 100th anniversary this year alongside Central's 125th.

Countless student reporters, editors and faculty advisers have all left their own marks on the paper, shaping it into the publication that exists today.

Originally titled the Student Opinion, the first name change for the paper came in 1927 when it became the Campus Crier—the longest held name of the paper to date.

According to the Brooks Library archives, the paper not only addressed controversial issues such as the outbreak of wars, the ensuing struggle for peace and the cries for civil rights, but the paper focused on university policy as well.

Changes that occurred under the staff of the Campus Crier included removing the Associated Students of CWU's (ASCWU)

influence in the selection process for editors of student media and promoting the Student Government Associations' constitution.

In 1984 the paper changed its name again, this time to the Observer.

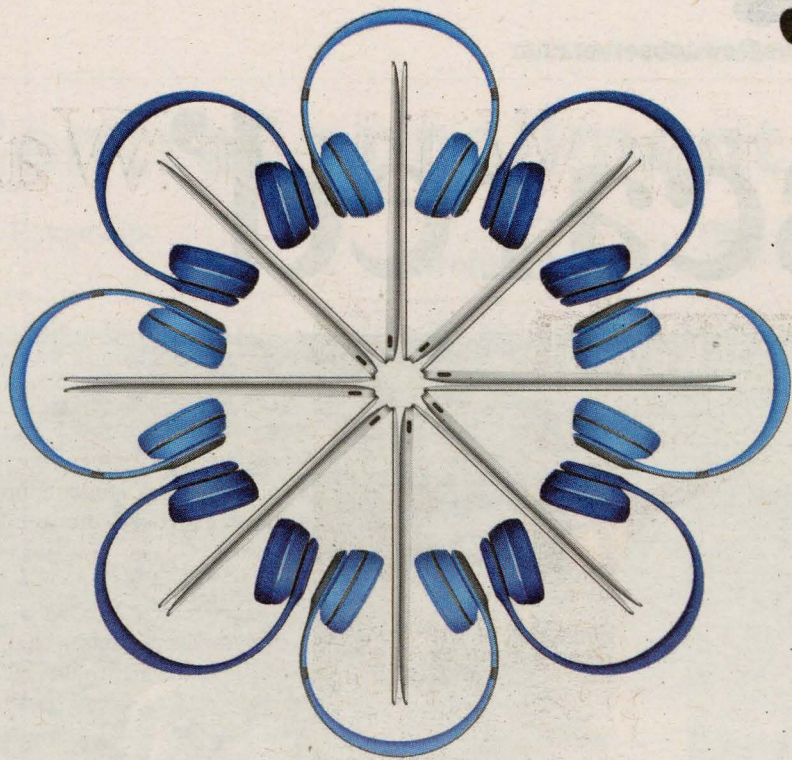
Beginning with 455 readers on a mailing list in the first year of publication, the paper has seen a large growth in readers across a variety of platforms in the last century as technology has evolved in the newsroom.

Today the paper is still produced weekly and distributed through campus in the original print version along with online publication and now social media.

“[The Observer] is now one of the most requested resources in the university archives at Dr. James E. Brooks Library,” states the library's archives.

Central and the Observer have together faced the brutal moments of students being sent to war, the victories of social justice movements and, through the eyes of the ever-changing staff and editors, watched and reported the last century of this country and university's history.

Here's to another century of Central and the student media that serves as a platform “by the students and for the students.”

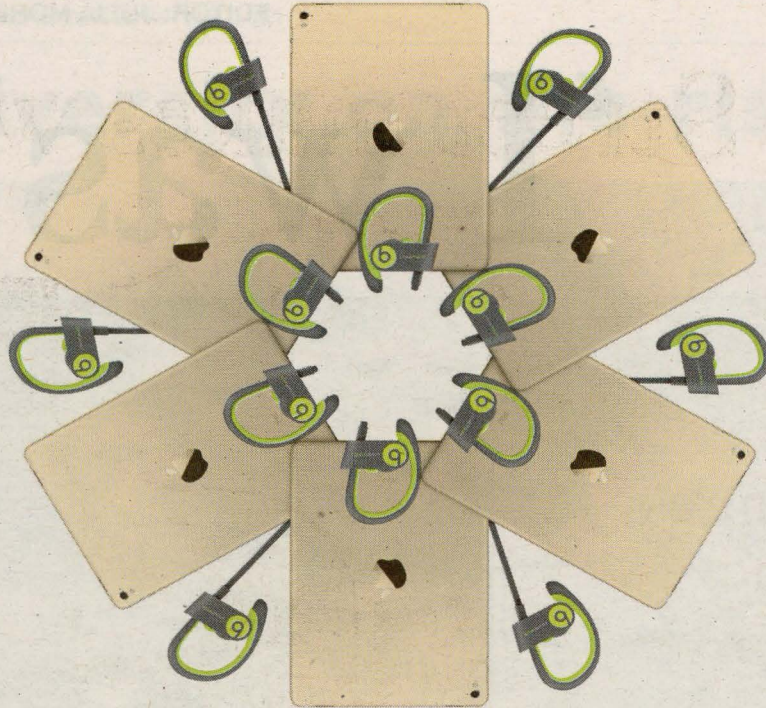


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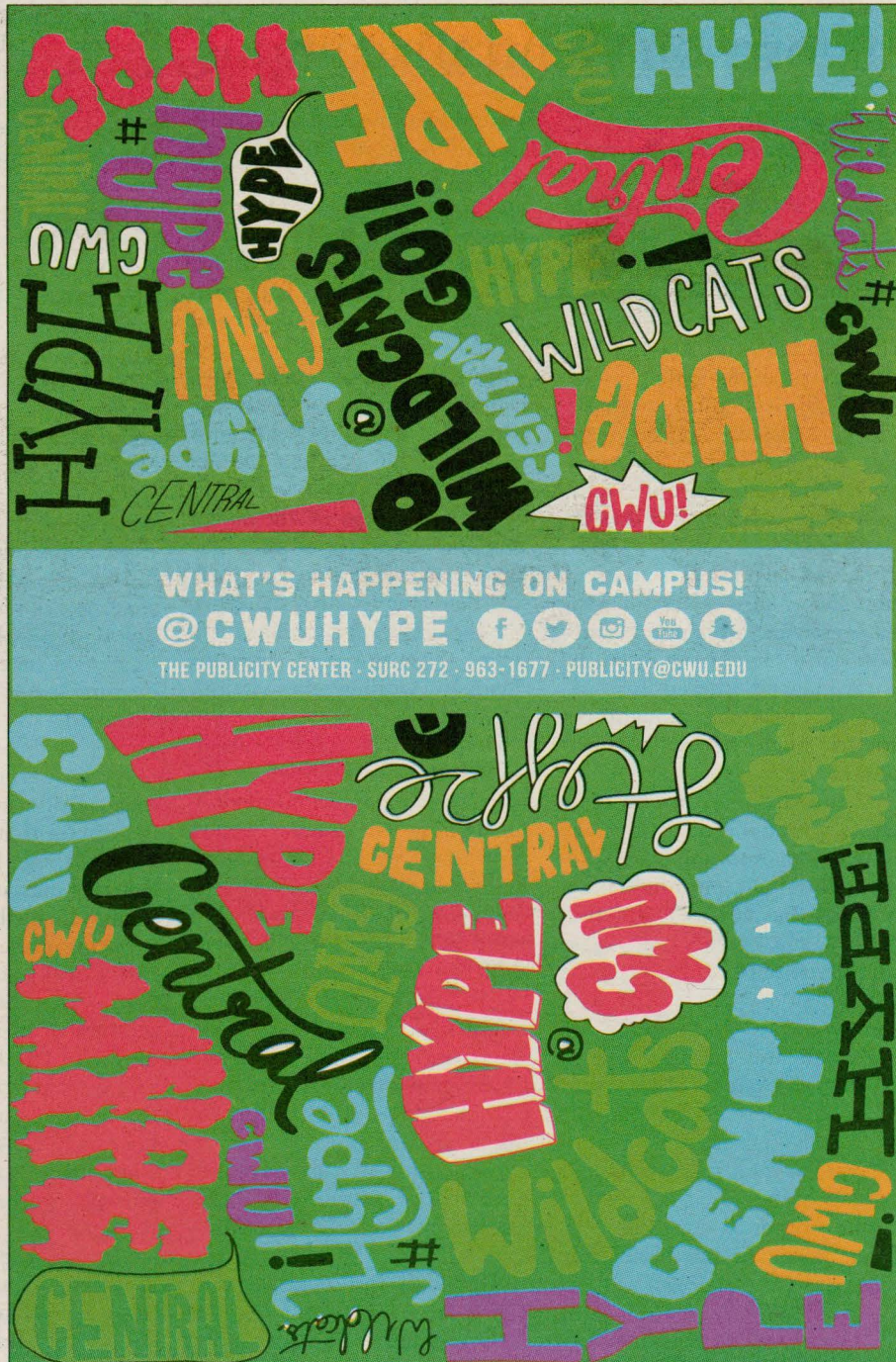
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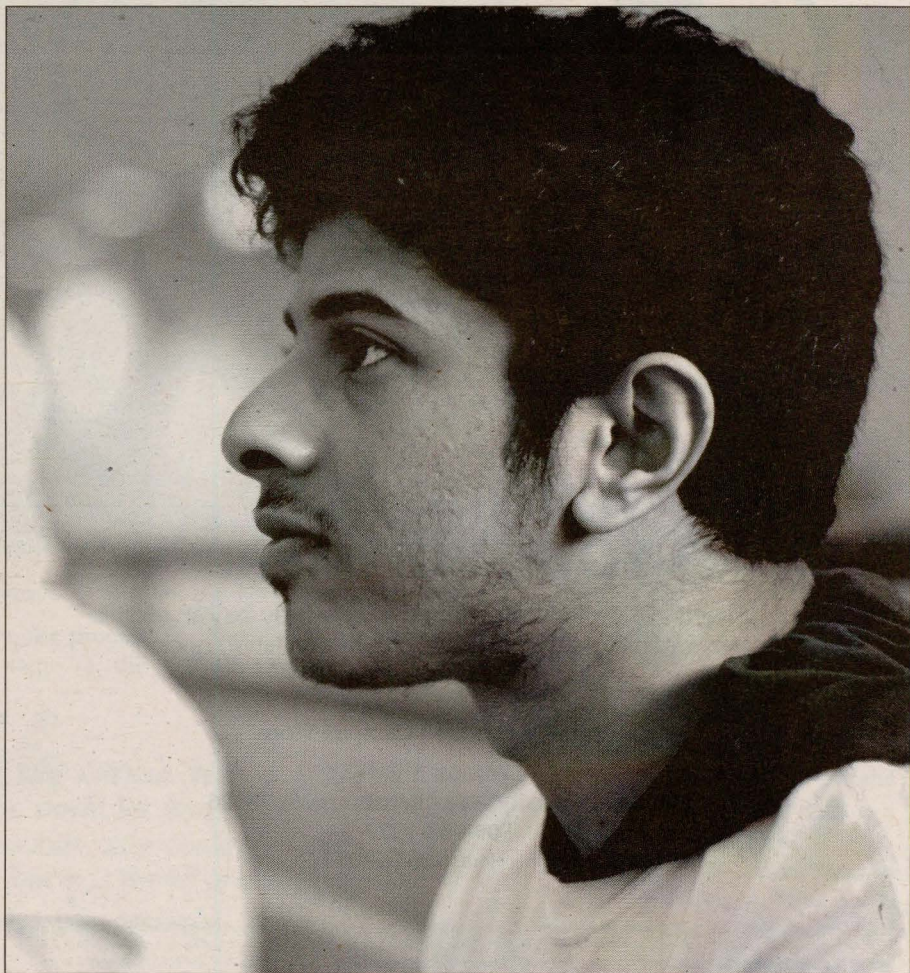
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NEWS

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'I was scared'



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Central students Zahiah Alkharnda (left) and Aziz Bin Zuair (right) would table in the SURC to talk to students about common misconceptions surrounding Islam and the ideology of their religion and culture.

Muslim students face bigotry on Central's campus

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It was a warm spring day last year when Zahiah Alkharnda walked down the Walnut Mall in front of the SURC. A student standing to the side stopped his conversation with another student to spit at her feet.

Zahiah, a Central student—and a Muslim—said it wasn't the first time she had experienced someone spitting at the ground near her feet. It was the third time.

Zahiah, who wears a hijab, said she often receives sideways glances while walking on campus, but it happens so often she is no longer bothered by it. At first she said she thought the spitting might be just a coincidence.

"I heard one of my brothers was mentioning it [with] my other sister and she said, 'No, it's actually done immediately when they see us,'" she said. "When my brother and sister said something about it, that's when I knew that's what they meant."

Zahiah and her five siblings all currently attend Central and all have experienced some sort of negative experience on campus due to their religious beliefs and appearances.

She recounted another episode that happened one day after she got off of work at the International Center.

"I was standing in the parking

lot and two guys said something; I heard the word 'Muslim,'" she said. "I was scared. It was dark and my phone died. Their car was in front of me. They were walking around their car at me. Thankfully, nothing happened [because] my boss came out and waited with me."

It's difficult to determine how widespread such incidents are because of a genuine reluctance to discuss the matters on the part of many Muslim students. Several members of the Saudi Student Association say they have heard allegations of negative behavior towards Muslims, but they don't feel comfortable telling those stories of those individuals without the victim's permission.

Despite their silence, some on campus are sensitive to the issue. For example, Geraldine O'Mahony, an Islamic Studies professor, recently introduced and gained passage for a resolution asking the Faculty Senate to stand in solidarity with Muslim students.

"We, the Central Washington University faculty, condemn in the strongest possible terms the growing bigotry and xenophobia in our country's political discourse and practice, and in particular recent calls to ban the entrance of Muslims into the United States," the resolution said.

Abdulaziz Bin Zuair, who is called Aziz by his friends, is a Central student and past pres-

ident of the Saudi Student Association. He said one of the reasons it is difficult for Muslim students to talk publicly about their experiences is because many, particularly females, are accustomed to keeping such matters private and only discussing them within their family or with close friends. He recounted a story about three young women who he said were once accosted on a local bus.

"No one really knows what happened," he said, and he did not elaborate. He noted some women wearing the hijab say that people often stare at them, which can make them feel uncomfortable and not socially accepted.

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A large part of what makes female Muslim students stand out is the fact that many wear the hijab. Zahiah, however, said she doesn't wear it for attention—that's the last thing she wants.

Sitting in a coffee shop, Zahiah speaks so softly it's difficult to hear her voice over the scraping of metal chairs and the dim roar. Her hijab is light grey and frames her face. She peers through her white-frame glasses, her eyes flicking up to the ceiling when asked about negative stereotypes surrounding wearing the hijab.

"For me, I see it as my protection. I see it as me. You know, this is part of me," she explains. "You don't [have] to tell some-

one why are you wearing a hat, why are you wearing a jacket, why are you wearing a long dress, you just do it. It's part of you."

She repeated that a huge part of wearing the hijab is protection. It shows that women are not for "everyone to have."

"We, the Central Washington University faculty, condemn in the strongest possible terms the growing bigotry and xenophobia in our country's political discourse and practice."

—Geraldine O'Mahony, Islamic Studies Professor

"I'm very valuable and not everyone can see me," Zahiah said. "It is a choice and that's what I try to tell people. It is actually a choice."

The hijab is a major point of contention among some in the Western media because some view it as a way of oppressing women, according to O'Mahony.

"The only way to be a 'free woman' is to wear heels and bare your skin . . . that's a description of what freedom is that is a different type or form of oppression," she says. "Freedom is to wear or not to wear whatever you want."

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Many who study Islam, including O'Mahony, believe a big reason why some Muslim students have had negative experiences on campus is the lack of knowledge about Islam.

"I noticed over the last few terms . . . the way in which things have been said have been reflecting the national dialogue," she said. "As GOP candidates or media talking heads have been saying certain things about banning Muslims . . . that language

consciously or unconsciously, often unconsciously, has been filtering into the classroom."

For several weeks, Aziz and Zahiah have set up a table in the Student Union and Recreation Center (SURC) to talk to students about Islam. They have posted a sign on the table saying, "Talk to a Muslim," which includes a silhouette of a praying person.

On a recent day, they sat adjacent to several other tables promoting student organizations and watched a steady stream of students walking past. Several looked at the table with curiosity but no one stopped.

Aziz said they have not been met with any hostility but the number of students stopping by has gone down in recent weeks.

"We had ideas we wanted to implement but we didn't, that is why we didn't have more people coming and it started to feel useless," Aziz later said in a text message. "We saw it [Talk to a Muslim] on Facebook, I think, and we thought of doing something similar."

The Saudi Student Association is the only Muslim-affiliated group on campus. There is not a Muslim Student Association, much to the disappointment of O'Mahony, who said she has urged Muslim students to form such an organization for several years.

However, the Saudi Student Association has been the main group lobbying for accommodations for Muslim students on campus, such as a prayer room and specified workout times for

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Central enrollment, diversity on the rise

Matt Escamilla

If you noticed Central's campus is a little more crowded than last year, you're not alone. After last year's record low enrollment, this fall's incoming first-year students is Central's largest since 2010.

"In the history of Central, there have only been three classes over 1,600 [students]," said John Swiney, associate vice president of enrollment management. "This year is tied with or close to the absolute record."

According to enrollment management data 4,038 potential students were accepted this academic year, of which 1,646 enrolled at Central. This is a 20 percent increase from 1,363 students last year. That brings Central's total enrollment up to 10,700 students.

Swiney partly attributes the increase of enrolled students to the high number of recent high school graduates.

Other four-year universities such as Western Washington University and Eastern Washington University announced large classes this year as well, he said.

Swiney also attributes a larger than normal freshman class to Central's recent contract with Royall & Company—an enrollment management service which specializes in recruiting potential students.

Enrollment

2015/2016 accepted freshmen:

4,038

2015/2016 actual freshmen:

1,646

20 percent increase

"They do millions of dollars a year in research on how to get high school students to respond to university recruitment," Swiney said.

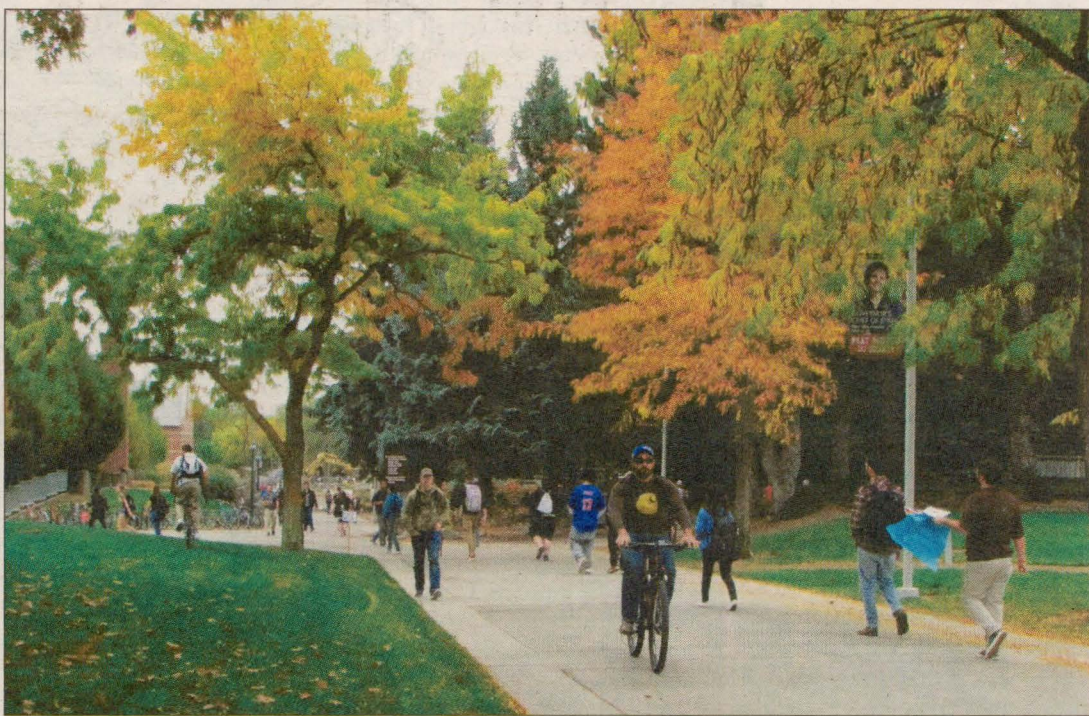
Over the next five years, Central projects their student application rate to increase from 7.4 percent to 8.3 as a result of their contract with Royall. They also project a freshman enrollment of 1,737 students next fall.

Admittance changes

One of the side effects of low enrollment usually means relaxed requirements for admittance. For Central, this meant an 87 percent acceptance rate—the highest for Washington

State four-year universities.

According to The College Board, Central's acceptance rate was 2 percent higher than Western Washington University and 7 percent higher than Washington State University. Students applying to Central are 32 percent more likely to get in over University of Washington;



Jordan Cameron/The Observer

The 2015/2016 school year marked one of the largest freshmen classes CWU has ever seen, and enrollment is projected to rise.

Washington state most selective four-year university with a 55 percent acceptance rate.

This year, Swiney said Central has reduced its acceptance rate to around 81 percent. He said the increased student enrollment allowed Central to be more selective, but that Enrollment Management watches this rate closely as to not alienate Central's target demographic of a round a 3.15 GPA student.

"If you go lower than your profile, you could end up losing

those students," Swiney said. "It needs to be a successful experience for the university and the students."

Tuition reduction

In a historical move, the Washington State Legislature voted to reduce tuition for the 2015-2017 biennium after years of increases and a tuition freeze in 2013 and 2014 for all state universities.

For the 2015-2016 school year, tuition has been reduced by 5 percent, and again by an-

other 15 percent in 2016-2017. This means an initial tuition reduction from \$7,593 to \$6,897.

Whether or not this change in tuition will affect enrollment at Central isn't known yet, though Swiney hypothesizes it could play a role.

"At first look, it does seem like reduced tuition is leading to higher enrollment," Swiney said. "Maybe students are choosing to go to a four-year school rather than a community college first."

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The food at CWU used to be worse

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Change is constantly occurring for Central's Dining Services, and the latest increase in numbers for Holmes Dining have shown that students approve.

"This last fall quarter [sales] went up by 40 percent, and we don't have 40 percent more students and we didn't raise prices by 40 percent," said Patrick Stanton, director of business planning and budget accounting.

The number trends for Holmes Dining are generally on the rise and have been continually higher than last year's numbers since the recent renovations. In the first two weeks of winter quarter, sales increased by 73 percent.

Overlooking week one—which Stanton said you should "throw out" due to the special events for incoming students—the beginning of fall quarter this year left Holmes with \$14,610 in sales during just the second week of the quarter. Sales peaked at \$18,172 in week nine before dropping around the holidays.

In fall of 2014, Holmes Dining's sales peaked during the first week of the quarter. It broke just over \$15,000 in sales before dropping to \$12,000 where it remained for the majority of the quarter.

According to Stanton, Central Marketplace's numbers have

stayed consistent throughout the process with no direct impact shown to be affecting their sales.

The survey

A total of 806 student responses came in for the campus-wide survey that was sent out last spring, the results of which prompted Central Dining to seek changes.

In response to the survey, 1891 Bistro and the mobile food truck on campus were introduced.

Questions in the survey hit on topics that covered food preferences, favorite dining locations on campus and the importance of ingredients and prices.

One survey question asked students to compare Central's dining experience to that of other universities and colleges. The majority fell to the 32 percent of students who felt that Central was "slightly worse" than others.

"We kind of knew that something was going to have to change," said Joel Klucking, associate vice president of Finance and Business Auxiliaries and interim chief financial officer.

With 71 percent of students stating in the survey that they didn't regularly eat in the Holmes Dining Room, the process to renovate the dining room and create more traffic flow became a priority.

"The rationale for this was to move people from this really busy space [Central Marketplace] into an underutilized space. And we see that it's working," Klucking said.



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Students can expect many changes in the upcoming year for Dining Services, according to Director Patrick Stanton.

Creativity in the kitchen

In response to the survey, Executive Chef Derek Smith began setting his focus on bringing creativity into the kitchen, emphasizing a constant evolution of menus.

In order to keep the innovation flowing, Smith said he plans to continually mix-up concepts in the future.

He's currently looking towards trying out different plating options and possibly introducing sliders, which have been growing in popularity.

"I think it's been overall very positive," Smith said. "We're

having a good conversation with the student body now and we're adjusting as we go."

Ongoing communication

The prices of food are still not expected to increase in response to the changes, which Stanton referred to as "fairly modest in cost." Instead, students could possibly walk away from Holmes spending less than they might have with the former all-you-can-eat price.

Creating strong communication between students and staff has also been key to improving the students' experiences with

dining, Smith said.

Last quarter, Dining Services held a student tasting for the fall quarter menu and they plan to carry out another tasting at the end of this quarter.

According to Smith, the future tasting is set to take place in Holmes on a Friday in order to get more people involved in the ongoing conversation between students and Dining Services.

"I just want this to resemble going home or going into downtown Ellensburg," Smith said. "I want it to be a wealth of offerings and to feel like this is their place."

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female Muslim students at the recreation center. The latter is important because Muslim women are not comfortable wearing revealing clothing, such as athletic attire, in the presence of men.

The Associated Students of Central Washington University (ASCWU) and the Saudi Student Association have been working together over the past year to try to create a space that would fit the needs of Muslim students during the five necessary prayer times during the day. Carpeted floors, foot washing stations, and separate restrooms are some of the main necessities for a prayer room.

"It's a really deep-rooted issue and I think maybe very specific, and very few people have been trying to address the issue over the years," said Olivia Durham, ASCWU vice president for equity and community affairs. "I definitely think that, as far as I'm concerned, it's been even more elevated of an issue."

Rene Mahnke, ASCWU vice president for student life and facilities, said the Muslim students have been using the Green Room in the SURC as a temporary prayer room until they find something more permanent.

"The space has to be created, not found," Mahnke said.



"They're a huge part of the campus, so many exchange students but also so many domestic Muslim students from Washington [are here.] They deserve the same treatment as everybody else."

Although the topic of a specific workout time for female Muslim students was new to Mahnke, he said it makes sense that they would be interested in such an arrangement.

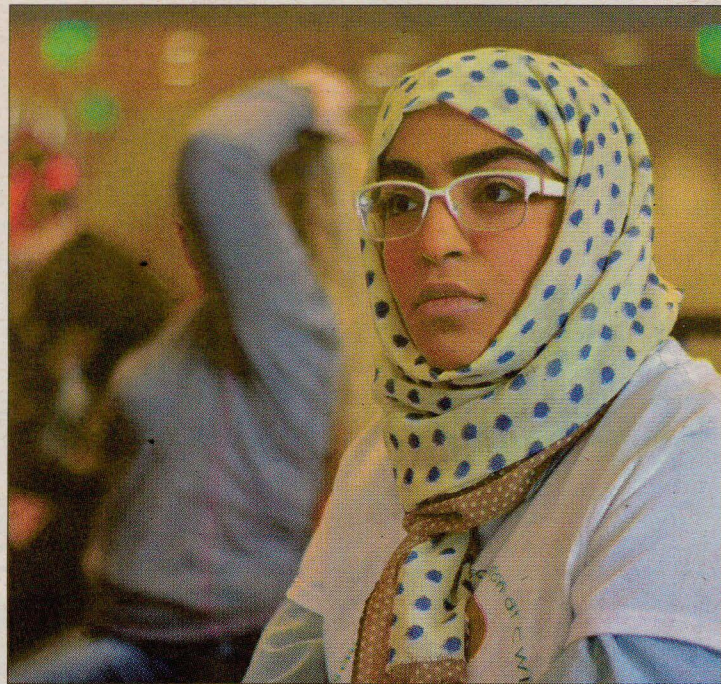
At a recent Saudi Student Association leader meeting, Zahiah said that last fall she sent a message to an Instagram ac-

count affiliated with recreation center workout classes about setting up a workout time for Muslim women only.

However, when a person from the recreation center came to the International Center on campus to ask them about specifics and what would work for the women, she thought the process the person outlined was long and cumbersome.

"Right now, when we asked them again, it seemed more complicated, which I don't understand why," Zahiah said.

For his part, Mahnke prom-



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ised he would bring up the issue in a future meeting with SURC officials to see if something could be resolved so that female Muslim students might have a designated workout time and place.

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Most of the Saudi Student Association leaders said they have enjoyed living in America and expressed they did not want to go back to Saudi Arabia once they graduate from Central.

Most Saudi Arabian students are required to go back to their home country after receiving

their education from an American university, according to Aziz.

For his part, Aziz said he loves America and has spent nearly half of his life in the United States, including six years as an accounting student at Central. He said the best part about going to school in America is the ability to travel around the United States. As of right now, his favorite place to visit is Atlanta, Georgia.

"Eventually I want to leave, but not soon," Aziz said with a smile.

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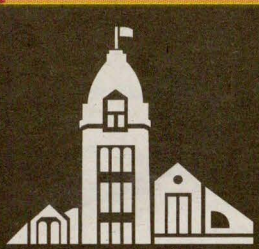
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Plastic bag ban could be coming to a store near you

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When James King wants to prove a point, he prefers to do it literally. For the past two quarters, King would dress up in a suit made of hundreds of plastic bags and trounce around campus, talking to people about the environment, or pausing to pose for a photo.

The idea was to show people how much plastic ends up in the local environment from plastic bags given out at local retailers.

He quickly became known as the "plastic bag man," and together with a local environmental club, Our Environment, King and crew were successful in petitioning Ellensburg's City Council to look into some sort of measure on limiting plastic bag use in Ellensburg.

On March 8, they got their wish. The city council voted to look into some sort of measure on plastic bags — whether it's an outright ban, or a tax and fee structure.

If enacted, Ellensburg would join about a dozen other Washington cities that have passed some sort of ordinance or legislation limiting or banning plastic bag use.

"I was happy to see them talking about it," said King, who became a member of Our Environment last June. He's currently pursuing a degree in anthro-



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Ellensburg is looking into multiple options for a plastic bag ban, including banning the bags outright, or introducing a tax.

pology at Central, with a minor in environmental studies.

Following the March 8 meeting, city council members tapped City Attorney Terry Weiner to research other municipalities' actions on plastic bags. According to Weiner, the council was interested in imposing a fee or tax on both plastic and paper bag use, with a higher amount on plastics.

Other cities often use this fee to pay for environmental projects, or as is the case for Washington D.C., local cleanup projects in rivers and streams.

"Some cities use it for educa-

tional outreach and for middle matters," Weiner said. "Other cities use it to increase recycling efforts. Usually, it has some sort of connection, either to plastic bags, trying to clean up the environment, or education, or some other use to protecting the environment."

City Mayor Rich Elliott was personally interested in the idea of a tax for this very reason.

"I'd like to see the money going to commercial recycling," Elliott said. "If what I proposed passes, the city will have money to give to recycling."

Despite many cities across

Washington requiring their citizens and businesses to recycle, Ellensburg does not. In fact, Elliott said commercial businesses in the downtown sector don't have access to recycling at all, but if the fee or tax passed, commercial recycling would be one of the first projects on the horizon.

Which is also why, Elliott said, he opposed an outright plastic bag ban, like the same sort found in Seattle, which outlawed plastic bags in 2012. Our Environment's original letter which was sent to the council four months ago, advocated for an outright

ban, but the group has since been in support of working with the city on any sort of matter that would reduce waste.

Aside from not having a tax to generate funds, Elliott said he didn't support a ban for many reasons. One was because convenience stores aren't really set up for paper bags, and people don't often bring reusable bags when stopping for gas or snacks.

He also said that, based on the city council's research into the matter, outright bans on plastic bags don't have the positive effect that people think they do.

"A ban created other kinds of issues," he said. "It does reduce litter, but it doesn't reduce the amount of waste going into streams. If you're trying to get people to change their behavior, a fee or tax route seems to have some success."

If things go as planned, City Attorney Weiner should have plans and recommendations drafted for the council by May 2. Elliott said any type of ordinance and plan could be adopted as early as the first meeting in June, but that's best case scenario.

As for Our Environment and James King, the plastic bag suit has since been retired for the time being. But that's not to say the group isn't paying attention.

"Even though we didn't get our way, it is moving towards a positive direction," King said. "It's at least causing dialogue

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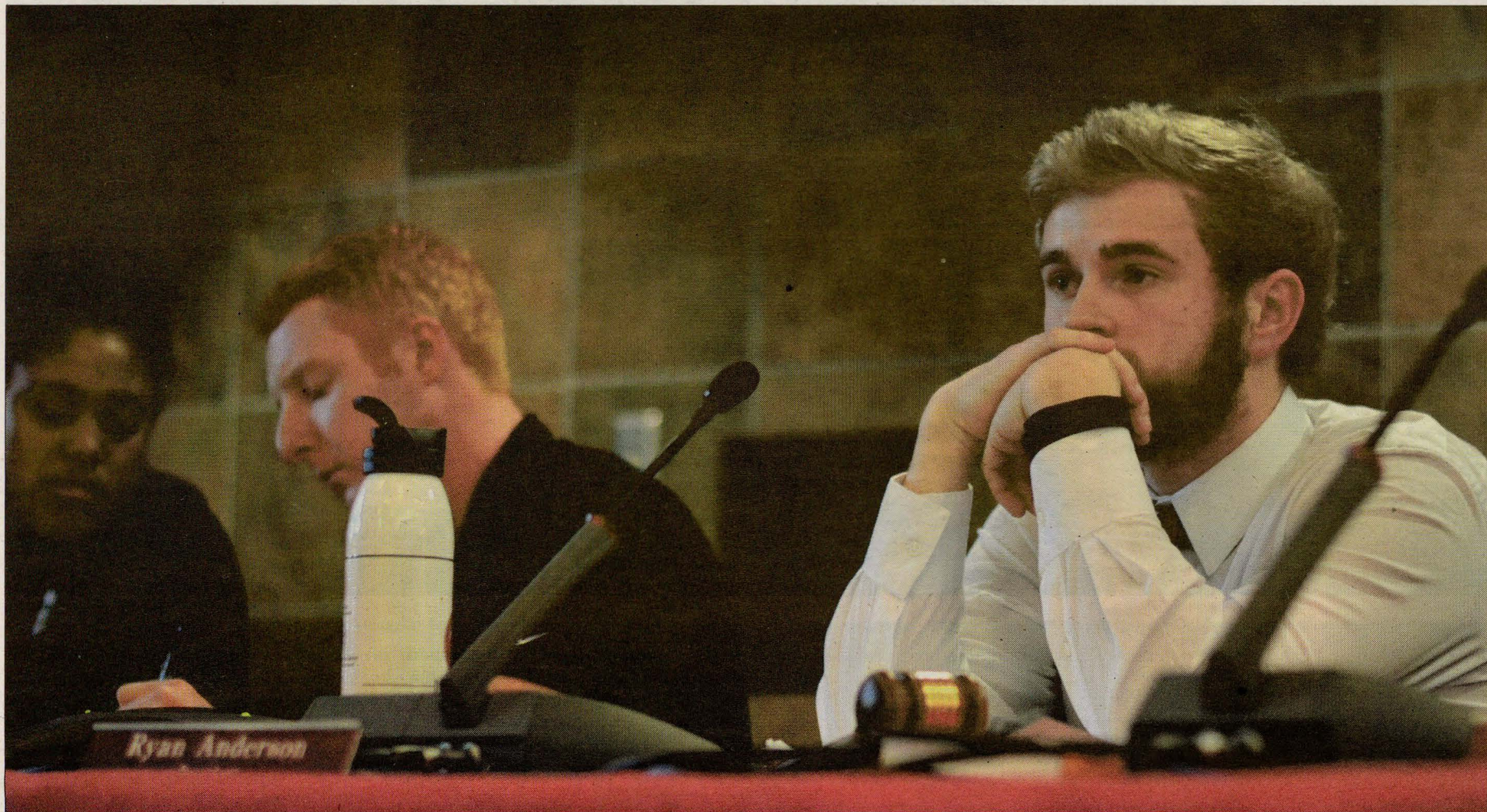
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ASCWU almost impeached president, administration held secret meeting



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The Associated Students of CWU (ASCWU) officers publicly announced their lack of confidence in President Ryan Anderson during their meeting on Monday, Feb. 22. The meeting garnered hundreds of attendees.

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After a private meeting with Interim Provost Stephen Hulbert and Executive Director of Public Affairs Linda Schactler, the Associated Students of Central Washington University (ASCWU) Student Government members have decided not to move ahead with the recall election of President Ryan Anderson.

The board has reluctantly agreed to finish out the remainder of the year with President Anderson in office. On Monday, Feb. 29, President Anderson read a prepared statement that said the board would be working together moving forward.

During this Monday's meeting, in front of a crowd of about 10 students, the board made no mention of any of the qualms between the ASCWU officers and President Anderson.

"Of course, on things that we have to do together as aboard, we'll suck it up and make it work," said Olivia Durham, vice president for Equity and Community Affairs. "But we don't really trust him with anything."

The decision not to recall President Anderson came after months of deliberation between the board and Anderson, spanning back to Nov. 1, when a series of letters and correspondence shed light on growing tension.

The board said Anderson had agreed on Friday, Feb. 26 at 4:45

p.m. that he would resign on Monday during ASCWU's public meeting.

Before leaving the meeting, Anderson said the only thing holding him back from resignation was a letter drafted by Saudi Student Association members, thanking him for his help earlier in the quarter.

"You could tell that behind that, it was an emotional thing for him," Durham said. "My response to that was, I told him that I didn't want him to feel as though he needed to have a position in order to make differences in people's lives."

The board said that they were told Anderson went straight to the provost immediately after that meeting and told him that he felt as though the board cornered him and forced him into his resignation.

Anderson said that he only told the board he would resign because he "really wanted to the leave the room" and that he never "specified which Monday" he would resign.

"I had publically stated I would not resign for reasons put in the letter, so I wanted to stick with that because that was my decision," he said. "I didn't think it was up for debate."

Anderson said he never went to the provost that day. Over the weekend, he said he received a call from Dean of Student Suc-

cess Sarah Swager.

He said Swager told him that she had talked to Hulbert about the meeting and that Hulbert wanted to schedule a meeting with the board.

Provost Hulbert said this is one of the only times he's ever gotten personally involved in a quarrel between student governments he's overseen.

"This 'he said she said' is not productive," Hulbert said. "There is an enormous amount of passion between these seven individuals, and this clouds any conversation."

But others on the board disagreed with the administration's involvement with the matter, especially since this was an issue involving only students.

"We thought this was a student issue, an issue that we could handle," said Nina Caldwell, vice president for Legislative Affairs. "We thought Friday 'okay, we're actually finally going to be able to handle this,' and then Monday came and we're back to where we were [last] Monday."

Private meeting

The Monday, Feb. 29 meeting was held at 7:30 a.m. in Barge Hall, where Schactler and Hulbert work. ASCWU officers described the meeting as "uncomfortable" and filled with tension.

During the course of the hour-long meeting, ASCWU

officers said it was mostly filled with Hulbert describing to the board how they've broken their own code of ethics. They also said he raised his voice multiple times, and that some members couldn't even get a word in.

"We had no idea going into this meeting what the tone or the purpose of the meeting was, or anything like that," Durham said.

"We didn't say much," said Brittany Kinsella, vice president for Clubs and Organizations. "We probably said about five sentences."

"I didn't," Durham added. "I got interrupted every time."

Hulbert was described by the board as "agitated."

"There is an enormous amount of passion between these seven individuals, and this clouds any conversation," Hulbert said. "We're talking about interactions among these people over a five, six month period. And you can't separate those things out."

Durham said, at one point, Hulbert had an outburst, slamming his portfolio down on the table while saying, "This is my meeting. Meeting adjourned."

"There wasn't, in my recollection an enormous amount of shouting," Hulbert said. "I did raise my voice at one time when there was disagreement."

Durham said Hulbert had documents prepared, including some of the correspondence between the board and Anderson. She said that he also had text messages that she had sent to

Anderson privately.

Durham said the texts were about the Student Governance Summit held on Saturday, Feb. 27 that she took over after the vote of no confidence. She said the provost used those texts as an example of her being rude.

"Not that he was going to take our side. That someone of his authority would respect our side," Durham said. "He doesn't even know my name."

When asked where he received those texts from, Hulbert said he had received them from a faculty member. When asked which faculty member, he said he could not remember. He also said they were sent to his personal email, and not his work email.

When asked to see them, Provost Hulbert said he couldn't show them. He said it would be up to the faculty to release them. Durham was unsure which faculty member would have access to those texts, since she never sent them to anyone, not even ASCWU's advisers, Associate Dean for Student Development Keith Champagne and Dean Swager.

As it turns out, Anderson had sent them to Christina Denison, assistant director of the Douglas Honors College, and Anderson's mentor.

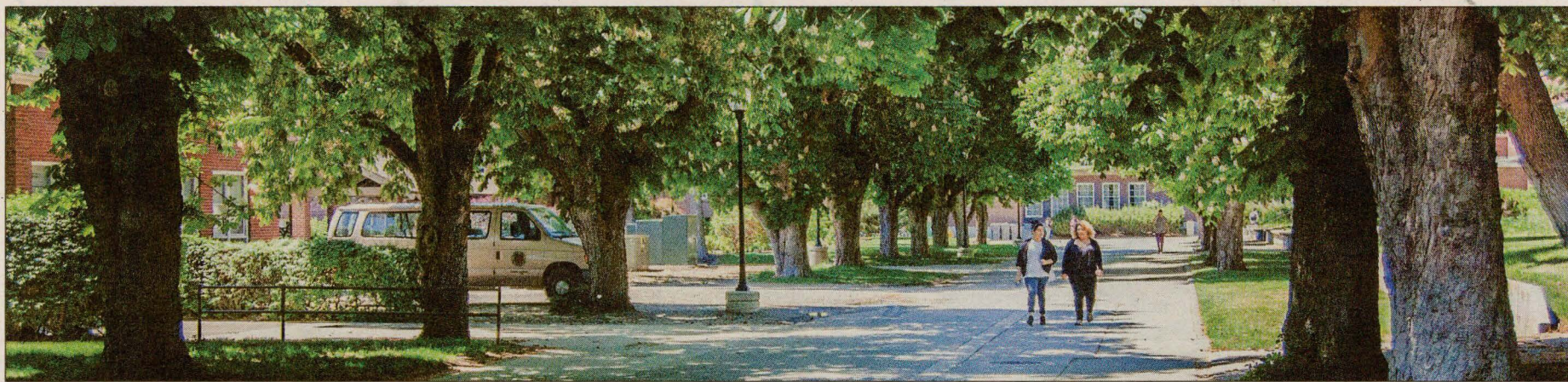
"She said she should have those because it was a violation of student code of conduct," Anderson said. "She said she

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NEWS

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Breathe easy the trees are here to stay



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The trees that line the corridor between McConnell Hall and Bouillon Hall will not all be taken down, much to the relief of some students. Only diseased or compromised trees will be taken down.

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Recently, concerns have been raised about the fate of several trees that may be threatened by the Samuelson renovation project, but Central Washington

University administration is assuring the public that a majority of the trees will be left intact.

According to Linda Schactler, university president Gaudino's chief of staff, the contractors who will be working on the building have been instructed to leave any trees that are not

diseased or compromised alone.

There are several trees in the area that do match that description, however, the majority do not.

According to Schactler, CWU is seeking to put an end to the rumor that all of the trees are going to be removed.

The renovation of Samuelson, which has been vacant for about eight years, is to provide a new computer science technology center.

The north wing of the building will be remodeled and the south wing will be completely demolished and rebuilt.

The building will serve the currently in-demand STEM majors at the university and house their departments.

Currently the project is scheduled to be finished in March of 2018 and ready for occupancy in August of 2018.

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needed to report them."

Other members on the board had issues with the meeting as well.

"To be honest, I think the administration had too much of a hand in this situation," said Executive Vice President John DeHan. "It seems like every time we wanted to make a decision, they pulled the reigns back on us like, 'Whoa whoa whoa, settle down. Let's have an emergency meeting.'"

Throughout the hour-long meeting, the board said it was never clear whether or not Anderson would still resign at 5 p.m. later that day during the public meeting. Anderson's parents sat outside of the meeting as well, in a separate room.

"I felt like Provost Hulbert definitely got upset," Anderson said. "But I think, also, I don't know, I feel like listening wasn't happening from either side."

But some officers saw the meeting as more than disagreement from both sides.

"I think they tried to scare the shit out of us," Durham said. "If they knew they could scare us, they would get that public meeting [on Monday, Feb. 26]. And they did. They were really pleased about that I'm sure."

What's next?

Once the private meeting was over, some board members went back to their office in the SURC and hashed out what to do next.

"I [was] pretty busy until the public meeting, so coming up with a decision was like 'Oh my God, what are we going to tell the public now with all of this pressure bearing down on us from the top?'" said Hauke Harfst, vice president for Academic Affairs. "We could say that we

made an emotional decision."

The board decided it would be best to not move ahead with a recall election, citing Hulbert's reasoning of it muddling with the general election and upcoming students moving into office next year.

After the public meeting, students on social media, such as Yik Yak, were critical of the board on flip-flopping from last week's decision.

"I had students come up to me and say, 'What happened? We did not expect this,'" said Rene Mahnke, vice president for Student Life and Facilities. "They called us puppets on Yik Yak. That was tough for me."

Several other officers echoed this sentiment, saying they agreed with students.

"I think they're right honestly," Durham said. "That's exactly how I felt in this meeting leaving that. I felt defeated. That was unfortunate."

Moving forward for the rest of the year, the board said they continue to not have confidence in Anderson's ability as president and will not be working with him unless it's on projects that require cooperation.

"In terms of vote of no confidence, great, they've made their statement. Doesn't mean we can't come together as a team," Anderson said. "I don't let the vote of no confidence define who I am as a leader."

On Monday's meeting, the board made no mention of any disagreements at any point during the meeting.

But out of the spotlight of the public meetings, many board members still say they will not be working with Anderson unless it's absolutely necessary.

"We have no confidence in his abilities still," Durham said. "And it's going to be a long road, I guess, to figuring out how he can actually fulfill his duties."

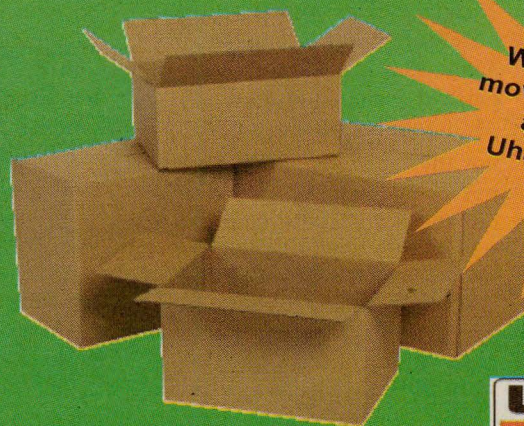


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'So long and thanks for all the fish'

A few Observer editors give their final farewell



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Well, this is it. Jesus, you know? Like, man. Fuck.

After two years on this paper, I'm not quite sure what I accomplished, other than some great clips and a line on a resume. I've pissed a lot of people off, I know that much.

So while it's customary to write these sort of "goodbye" opinion pieces when you leave the Observer, I don't really feel like doing that. I don't really feel like the paper deserves that from me, and I don't think I deserve it from the paper.

But before I leave for good,

I want the future of this media outlet to be as bright as it ought to be. We have a great student body at this school — one that should be celebrated for its uniqueness.

And while the good of Central Washington University is sometimes overshadowed by the bro tanks, backwards-facing hats and biceps that have received hours of longing self-interest in the gym mirror, I do believe we're all better than our reputation.

We may go to the cheapest school in Washington, with the one of the lowest average SAT scores in the state, and with a campus that looks like a glorified high school, but at least we have school spirit. Just go to a basketball or football game. The crickets you hear are the some of the loudest and proudest this side of the Mississippi.

And it's the school spirit that has inspired me to create a list of traditions at CWU, similar to the list of traditions the Associated Students of CWU (ASCWU) created, but one that isn't complete BS and actually captures the best of what we have to offer.

So let's begin:

1. Tweeting about the lack of parking on campus, even though there are hundreds of spots in a lot about a 10 minute walk from campus
2. Getting so drunk on Taco Tuesday at the Palace that you finally come to consciousness three hours later, just as you're finishing up grinding against a bar stool at 301 to Fetty Wap's pathetic excuse for music
3. Eating a beef and bean burrito at the SURC and regretting it for the next

two days as you fart uncontrollably in class and blame it on the poor soul who sits behind you

4. Googling "Things Millennials find funny" and using the first advertised link to find "LOL material" to post on Yik Yak
5. Staring at your phone in complete disbelief as your funny post on Yik Yak is killin' it
6. Wanting to tell all your friends about your funny post on Yik Yak, but deciding not to, since they'll give you shit for using Yik Yak, even though you're pretty sure they also use Yik Yak
7. Checking CWU Snaps and Wild CWU hourly on Snapchat and getting depressed because your college life isn't nearly that interesting, nor does it con-

tain that much boob

8. Wondering what in the hell happened to CWU Snaps and Wild CWU
9. Withdrawing \$500 in \$20 bills from your parent's bank account, just so you can take a picture and post it as your Snapchat story, hoping girls will finally notice how crunk you are
10. Walking into class out of breath because you had to walk directly against the 40-mile-per-hour wind every step of the way

I could go on and on, but I hear that millennials are often way too tired to get out of bed, want coffee delivered to their house and are addicted to "Grey's Anatomy," despite that show being on for 11 years, so I should probably get to it.

Cheers.



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It seems like so long ago that I first started working for the Observer. It was spring quarter of last year that I first began my journey. I admit, at first I didn't know what I was thinking trying to write for a student newspaper after only one quarter of journalism writing under my belt, but I learned so much from it.

It was nerve-wracking at first, having only a week to do a story for the newspaper. In my intro to writing and reporting class, we worked on a story for about two weeks and did multiple drafts, but I adjusted. I loved doing all kinds of different stories and meeting so many new people while doing interviews. My favorite stories I did that quarter were the two I did about the spring fashion show, both of which made the front cover of the paper.

This past fall, I ended up becoming the assistant scene editor and it helped me grow even more. Going into the position, all I knew how to do was write stories, I had no clue how to design a newspaper layout on InDesign, how to edit reporters' stories, or even how to assign them stories. I was so clueless at first, but all the other editors, especially Maria, the editor-in-chief at the time, helped me so much.

Stepping up to being scene editor winter quarter was easier than I thought it would be. I was confident in my experience and I was able to successfully manage a team of reporters and do all the newspaper layout for my section.

Now that spring quarter is coming to an end, it seems weird to have to say goodbye to the Observer. I'll truly miss all the randomness that happens in the newsroom, from spontaneous cat video viewings to impromptu Pictionary contests between Zac and Elliott. I'll always remember my time at the Observer and how it changed me so much.



By Zac Hereth

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Well guys, it's been kind of fun.

The Observer has been an experience for me. I've learned a lot, I've been pissed off a lot, I've been ignored while trying to set up interviews a lot and there isn't much I'd change about it.

Getting to know my fellow staff members has been a blast. I guess if you put a bunch of weirdos in a room together, they are bound to get along a bit.

I'd like to thank my former assistant editor Austin Bennett for helping me quite a bit when I

took this job. We were both new to our positions, but we figured stuff out pretty quick.

It's weird to think that something that has been such a big part of my life this past year will soon be a footnote on my career-path, well, hopefully it's not the highlight of my career, but it's been an experience anyone that wants to be a journalist should take advantage of.

My advisors suggested that I apply for this job, and I almost didn't.

I eventually decided I'd apply and give it a shot.

Take it from me, a classic underachiever who was just about to give up on going back to school after a two-year break, that sometimes you just need to step up to the plate to realize what you are truly capable of.



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I won't lie to you—sticking with the Observer has been hard. There have been times when I have felt insane for taking on any editorial position at all.

At one point, I was juggling being the photo editor with being the media director of an a Capella group with being a double-major with the million other things that just come with living life in general. Days felt like weeks and deadlines felt like they were immediate and never-ending.

But I'm glad the Observer was such a big part of my college career.

I started writing as a scene reporter fall of 2014 and slowly transitioned from writing on an all-female staff to working on a photo staff of all guys by

spring of 2015. In fall of 2015, I started my job as photo editor and since then I have mostly still been the one girl in a group of guys.

I mention this because at first it was intimidating for me—though most people would never have guessed. My experience leading and teaching people only extended as far as instructing swim lessons for kids aged 4 through 13. It's easy to demand respect from toddlers and tweens, but not quite as easy when your "students" are your peers, and it is sometimes made more difficult if they are of the opposite sex.

I was happy to find that the issues I expected never came up and I ended up with two photographers and friends who would stick with me for my entire last year here on the Observer staff.

Then, at the beginning of this quarter, I had the pleasure of working with three very strong women as their copy desk chief.

From day one, I never claimed to be an expert in what

I'm doing—though I knew that I had at least a good amount more than the guys who came into the first photo staff meeting in fall asking what a DSLR was and if they could use a point-and-shoot camera for assignments.

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And I still don't consider myself one. But I do feel like I have learned some things from this past year and—as much as I know I don't want to be a "teacher"—I hope to one day make some kind of impact doing just this.

Though I'm not a com major, I am, by occupation, a journalist. And meeting new people and learning and sharing their stories is great incentive for me.

In my time at the Observer, I have loved getting to know my fellow editors, staffers, and those whom I have had the pleasure to interview or photograph.

This has been a great experience and I hope my next job will be even half as fulfilling as these past two years.

OPINION

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Internships: A gross, money-making scam



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I'm just going to come out and say this: Required internships as part of a college curriculum 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 summer, I can safely say that I learned a lot.

But that's where the praise stops. Internships are essentially 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 have to take a quarter of classes during summer. Why? Because internships at many employers are almost

exclusively offered during the summer.

As I mentioned before, my internship was during summer 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 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, advertisements, 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, "finish your degree faster," or "enjoy even smaller class sizes." Don't believe me? You should. I just copied those verbatim from Central's summer-quarter tab on their website.

What they won't tell you is the asinine price of summer-quarter classes. Regular tuition at Central is around \$2,896 for a full time 10-week quarter,

according to collegedata.com. But summer quarter? About \$3,177 for 12 credits, according to Central's website.

The kicker? Summer tuition is \$264.70 per credit, \$30 more than normal. It sounds harmless, but it adds up — I had to pay \$2,825 for 10 credits, which is considered "full time." I still paid about \$100 less than I normally do for full-time credits during the school year, at \$2,946.

And federal student aid (grants, loans etc.) aren't offered in the summer unless you apply 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 internship, you're assigned an adviser who lazily doesn't check 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 — whom you haven'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

I for one am sick of mandatory 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.



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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.

Also, most internships that work with colleges on internship credits (which is the kind you'll 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.

I for one am sick of mandatory 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.

So I've compiled a short list of things you could spend your \$3,177 on instead. Some of them are more useful than others, but most are more useful than a bullshit required internship.

ship.

Prices are based off of Amazon sales deals (minus the tiger).

- 265 bottles of Tide laundry detergent or,
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- A custom-made Gibson Les Paul guitar or,
- 7,300 rolls of toilet paper or,
- A sizable down payment on a new car or,
- 2,541 individual bottles of glitter or,
- 158,850 dog-poop-waste bags or,
- Five years of club-level Seattle Sounders FC season tickets or,
- 176,696 googly eyes or,
- 17 pairs of Air Jordan's or,
- 154 gallons of Sweet Baby Ray's barbecue sauce or,
- A tiger (with some change left over)

College is an investment — you should take it seriously



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They always roll into class about five minutes late, wearing gray sweats and a greysweatshirt with messy hair and a look of absolute disinterest. And this is on the day you're actually seeing them. We all know that one person, the one who barely comes to class and when they do they always ask to bum your notes.

But they should be interested and they should take classes seriously because we are all paying a fair chunk of change to be there. How much, one might ask?

Well, I did some math (and I'm not a fan of math so be happy I did this). It roughly comes out to \$60 a class if you're enrolled in a four-day class and you're a Washington resident. \$60 can buy you a bunch of tacos from Taco Bell, over 1,000 stick-on googly eyes off eBay or, you know, a formal education.

Don't believe me? Central's Registrar's office has this handy

little feature on its Web site that breaks down how many credits it costs each quarter with students' fees attached. A one-credit class (shoutout to the bullshit PE courses) costs around \$507, including student fees.

So, yes, even though you might not want to go to your ultimate Frisbee class, you are paying close to \$500 a quarter to learn the different ways to toss a plastic disc—so learn to enjoy it.

But let's break it down a little more so you can see how I came up with the figure of 60 bucks per class. It costs \$2,896 a quarter to take between 10 to 18 credits. Divide that number by 12 (number of weeks in an average quarter) and that comes out to \$241.33. Divide that number by four (I decided to be generous regarding the number of days per week that a class is held) and the amount comes out to \$60.33 per class.

If your class meets three times a week, you're paying \$80.44 to go to class that day.

And if you're REALLY lucky, and you only meet twice a week, it's a whopping \$120.67 per class.

Hey, I'm guilty of skipping a class once in awhile, too. I mean who wants to be there day-in and day-out listening to some professor drone on about shit you can usually Google? But now that I've put my intermediate math skills to use to figure out how much it costs to go to

my twice-a-week classes, you bet your ass I won't be skipping any more lectures.

Seriously, why

would you skip your classes when you are literally paying thousands of dollars to be here? Also, there are a fair number of people who would do anything to be here and learning. Don't waste it on partying a little too hard the night before, sleeping in and missing your class. Put your money to good use and show up for classes. You never know, you just might actually learn something.

Even though you might not want to go to your ultimate Frisbee class, you are paying close to \$500 a quarter to learn the different ways to toss a plastic disc.



Tweets from the streets



Boo @breiannasuarus · 5h
Visiting CWU with 50+ children was crazy, but adorable.



Jordan Braedt @JBraedt · May 14
In 3 weeks I'm gonna be finished with my first year at cwu :(



Eleasha @mizellie · 18h
Finished my final show at CWU today. I have a lot of mixed feelings but mostly super fuckin' stoked to be almost graduated.



Cady Buscher @cadayyy · May 26
Honestly don't understand the rebranding of CWU athletics. Seems like that funding could go somewhere more useful..



Lueyy @Lueyy · May 20
When CWU thinks I'm still a senior in high school, and tryin to convince me to go to their school lol



EmpireDrakeBuilding @DrakeRidemacher · 3h
Everyone at CWU pay parking tickets in pennies from now on until they make more parking spots lol

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SURC: 10 years after the remodel

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It's the heart of campus and thousands of students walk through it every day. Students and visitors alike eat, shop, workout and study in this building all the time.

The SURC is the central piece of the campus and with it being three stories tall it's not easy to miss. Each day an average of 12,000 to 15,000 people walk through the doors.

The SURC is celebrating its 10th anniversary this quarter from when it first opened up back in 2006. Cherie Wilson is the director of the SURC which was one of the first fusion buildings of its kind. The fusion part meaning that it combined both a student union and recreation center into one building.

The wildcat statue welcomes visitors going into the east entrance of the SURC. Decals on the doors and in the building mark that it's been 10 years since the SURC opened.

History

Back in 2006, Central was looking at remodeling the old SUB and dining services was looking to remodel its dining facility called Holmes dining.

The students at the time wanted a recreation center because the university didn't have one,



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The SURC was the first fusion building of its kind, combining both a student union and a recreation center into one place.

Wilson said. The building cost a total of \$56 million, is three stories high and is a total of 228,000 square feet.

"Students were very much supportive of this facility. The student government went to the students to request the fee once they established what types of fees were needed to build the building," Wilson said.

Students at the time were sent out a wish list and could choose different options. The feedback from that wish list is how the SURC building

was designed and what all was put into it, Wilson said.

The building opened up in two parts according to Wilson. First the recreation center opened in January of 2006 but everything beyond the SURC pit was blocked off since construction was still going on. The student union part of the building opened in April of 2006.

Present day students

Rene Mahnke, a senior business administration major, is the vice president of student life

and facilities. He oversees several different boards including the SURC advisory board.

"What I think is really cool about this building is if you go to Shaw-Smyser you have all the business students in one place, if you go to the Science Building you have all the science students in one place, but here (in the SURC) it's all different students from all different backgrounds and study areas coming together and hanging out together," Mahnke said.

The fees that students pay each quarter for the SURC go to pay off the bonds on the building and go towards the operation of it, Wilson said. The student union fee is \$69 per quarter for each individual while the recreation fee is \$102 per quarter.

"There isn't any state money going into the facility, it's just students' fees that support the operation and paying back the loans," Mahnke said.

The SURC advisory board is made up entirely of students so that the voice of the students is very present. Wilson said that besides the building manager after 5 p.m. on weekdays and on weekends the SURC is solely student run.

Celebration

There will be a celebration for the 10th anniversary of the SURC and it will be going on May 23 -26 as part of student appreciation week, Mahnke said. It's a four-day-long celebration with free food and free prizes.

"I love how the SURC is truly the heart of campus. I spend 300 days a year in this building and it's really cool to see all the improvements," Mahnke said.

Improving the SURC

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Snapchat's nudes are on fleek

Thomas Pattinson

Recently, the popular app Snapchat has been surrounded in controversy. The Campus Story feature in particular has given rise conflict.

Snapchat is an app meant to take pictures and video that captures a moment as it's happening.

Users take pictures then send them to their friends to be erased from the Snapchat server in less than ten seconds.

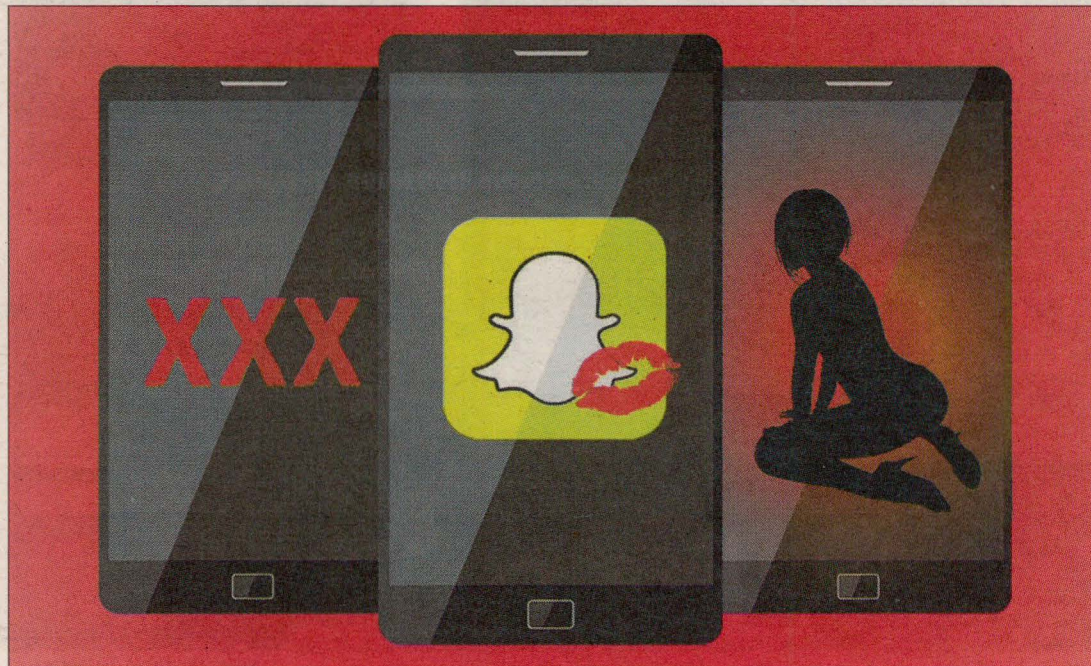
Snap stories are a series of snapchats, or snaps, that are saved for a period of a couple days and can be viewed multiple times by anyone that is friended by that account.

In order to combat a number of inappropriate widely-viewed snap stories that included graphic nudity, drug use and illegal activity posted to a Campus Story, Snapchat has added a new feature.

Campus Stories feature will now only allow appropriate pictures to be posted to a campus feed.

In order to fill that gap and provide a media platform for all the snaps deemed inappropriate by Snapchat, a new app named Fleek - College Stories has appeared on the Apple iSO market.

The app is a cross between Snapchat and Yik Yak (an anon-



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ymous community forum app). Upon downloading the new app, users must find their desired college.

Those who choose Central will come to a screen with two options: CWU Snaps, which contains fairly tame photos of college students and their various pets, and CWU After Dark, which mostly consist of nudity and drug use.

Students can submit pictures to either account, and then the account admin can choose to add or not add those pictures to

the story feed.

From here, users upvote or downvote photos, deciding what visual stories stay on the feed and what comes down.

Darryl Galloway, sophomore construction hygiene major, has had Fleek - College Stories since the beginning of the quarter, after his peers told him about the app's popularity.

"[CWU Snaps] is friendly stuff, but CWU After Dark is mostly female nudes," Galloway said.

Galloway also felt that the app

could have some negative repercussions.

"I support Fleek, but it is dangerous because of the opportunity for cyber bullying," Galloway said.

With the majority of college students constantly on social media, cyberbullying has the potential to be more of a threat on campus than ever before.

Jace Rowland, junior double major in music performance and music education, has a very different opinion of the app.

"Something like that is going

to cause trouble and not produce good of any kind," Rowland said.

He has no intention of downloading the app due to its lewd content.

"As a future teacher, something like that would be crossing a lot of [moral and ethical] lines," Rowland said.

The format of Fleek - College Stories was interesting to Rowland, but he found CWU After Dark to be questionable.

"I can understand the value of a community local based snapchat, but there are certain boundaries that shouldn't be crossed," Rowland said.

Released on Sept. 10, Fleek - College Stories is still a relatively young app and no apparent legal action has been taken against it.

Moe Izumi is a 20-year-old AUAP student and international leadership major from Japan. Up until she came to America, Izumi had no access to Snapchat or Fleek.

"I think an app like [Fleek - College Stories]...is interesting and people should be able to post what they want to post," Izumi said. "We have Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, but not Snapchat [in Japan]."

Fleek - College Stories has made its way into the social media mainstream at Central and shows no signs of slowing down.

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Adopting pets or adopting problems

Dakota Segura

Pets can be loving companions and a calming presence during stressful experiences or through bouts of homesickness, but they aren't for everyone.

Before rushing out to the local shelter and rescuing an animal, it is crucial that students fully consider both the benefits and the challenges that come with adoption.

The pros

According to Breanne Peterson, senior elementary and special education major, pets often have a way of brightening an otherwise gloomy day.

"[Having dogs] helps relieve stress and provides comfort away from home," Peterson said while walking her two dogs, Romo and Abby.

Peterson encourages other students to adopt as well, but to be aware of the challenges pet owners face.

"I would be lonely without my pets; they're like part of my family," Peterson said.

Ty Candler, junior economics and supply chain management major, spoke lovingly of his dog

Capona.

"Having pets requires some hard work, but there's always someone to hang out with," Candler said.

Candler advises that people should "really think about it" when adopting a pet because it entails a great deal of responsibility.

In addition to offering comfort, owning a pet can inspire healthier-life choices.

Students who own dogs, get a consistent source of exercise through taking their dog on a walk every day.

Students who adopt pets may also find that they develop a new sense of responsibility in the process.

"I would be lonely without my pets; they're like part of my family."

-Breanne Peterson, Senior Education Major

aside from fish or service animals. However, there are several apartments off-campus that do accept pets.

According to Paula Hake, manager of the Ellensburg Animal Shelter, proper housing is a big factor in pet ownership.

The shelter calls landlords to make sure they have permission

The cons

Housing on Central's campus does not allow pets,



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Ty Candler, junior economics and supply management major, plays with his dog Capona, adopted from a Tri-Cities family.

to have pets in their housing, Hake said.

Additionally, different pets have different needs in regards to activity and space.

It's important for owners to be mindful of how much space a pet requires and how much daily activity is needed to maintain their pet's health.

Behavior is also a consideration.

Pets do not always behave exactly how owners want them to. Students should anticipate bark-

ing, scratching or accidents on the carpet.

Pets are also considerably expensive, from grooming to vet checkups to food. College students are usually broke as it is, so expenses shouldn't be taken lightly.

Students should also be wary of other commitments such as work and classes.

They should be sure that there is a reasonable amount of time that they can dedicate to a pet.

Hake provides students with a flyer containing important information about adopting a pet so they fully understand the level of commitment required.

"The Ellensburg Shelter does have many students wanting to adopt, and we give them this information to help them make an informed decision," Hake said.

Students should think realistically about their ability to assume responsibility for a pet.

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Improving the SURC

The second floor of the SURC received new furniture at the start of the school year which now better utilizes the space, Wilson said. Wilson went to the SURC advisory board last year asking to replace the furniture, since it was almost 10 years old and was showing wear and tear.

"Most of the furniture that is up there is 'plug and play' what I call it (meaning) you can plug in your iPad, everything has power. We wanted to bring that technology into the facility, we wanted to make it a space where students could study in workgroups," Wilson said.

The second floor is now packed all the time, Wilson said. There is more space for groups to study and the tall chairs can give more privacy.

"I think that's the best part about changes like this where students' input is asked for and you see the progress. It's awesome to see the SURC now being fully utilized, I think a lot of students now come here instead of the library," Mahnke said.

Another improvement to the SURC that was added last year was the wildcat statue. Rob Lane, the vice president of student life and facilities last year, was the one who initiated the project and raised all of the funds for it.

"People stand there all day long and take pictures. It's really cool to see. During graduation you see them (students) in their caps and gowns taking picture with it," Wilson said.

The SURC is truly the heart of the campus and brings all types of students together whether they are seniors or incoming freshman.

SCENE

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Organic Charm

Dakota Segura

On a busy corner, across the street from Fred Meyer, sits a tiny wooden house surrounded by vines, plants and flowers. The surrounding greenery makes it appear to be straight out of a fairytale.

Through the doors in an open kitchen, manager Marika Clymer brews some delicious-smelling chai tea for a customer. Down a few stairs, owner Michael Minor fixes up a seating area on the covered patio. Out back, Garrett Babcock works on trimming back the persistent foliage.

This is Ellensburg's newest café and juice bar, The Community Jug, with the purpose of serving local, sustainable food to customers and the community.

Planting its roots

The Community Jug sits in the former location of the hoo-kah bar, The House of Haze. The relaxing atmosphere is intended to invite customers in to enjoy food and wi-fi in a laid-back environment.

"As soon as I came to town, this was the only place that I saw that actually had any kind of character to it. I mean, it's alive," Minor said.

As far as why he chose Ellensburg for the location of his business, Minor said he saw its potential.

"Ellensburg is a town that I believe is primed for an economic boom and expansion," Minor said. "It's designed by its nature to be efficient and that's what it's all about. By just being alive it's about being efficient."

Minor began by investing in planting produce at what became Robinson Canyon Farm, located a few miles outside Ellensburg, back in January 2015.

He decided to create The Community Jug after finding difficulties dealing with federal regulations, vendors and farmers when trying to sell his food.

"I figured I'd just go ahead and sell my own product," Minor said.

This summer, Babcock and Clymer began working with Robinson Canyon Farm, and then began assisting Minor in creating The Community Jug.

"This is my life and doing all this—creating this whole place—has been a co-creative process between Michael, myself and Garrett," Clymer said.

The three of them speak knowledgeably and passionately about their goal of creating a sustainable and thriving place within the community.

"I started working for them [Robinson Canyon Farm] in June. I kind of knew about what they were doing before that, but I was too busy in school,"



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One of the three crew members working with organic produce at The Community Jug.

Babcock said.

Babcock, who studies cultural anthropology at Central, has assisted in both farming and landscaping, and explained that the two can be very different and difficult to adapt to.

"Landscaping is very [un]sustainable, whereas permaculture is all about using everything you can to make a living system where you're not burning a lot of fossil fuels or using a big carbon footprint," Babcock said.

Not only does he regularly work at The Community Jug,

Babcock is also in a band, which comes with its own set of obligations. Therefore, he decided to take a quarter off of school

to devote his time to these two passions.

"Part of what I'm studying in school is like right in line with what we're doing: having locally produced food and serving that in a fresh local setting," Babcock said.

Clymer also found herself involved with the farm back in June. She moved to Ellensburg in 2011 from Everett. She began helping Minor this fall at local farmers' markets in Ellensburg and Roslyn.

"As far as designing the menu, receiving fresh sheets from farmers and deciding what's going to be on the menu [for] the week—that's all been my part so far," Clymer said. "Also just being here every day, doing transactions and working with customers, even on Saturdays and Sundays."

Passionate about healthy, sustainable food and her work with The Community Jug, Clymer sees this as something she could do for the rest of her life.

"I do this every day; from morning the moment I wake up until the moment I go to bed at night," Clymer said.

Continuing to grow

Though The Community Jug only recently opened on Oct. 16, Minor already has big plans for the shop's future.

"Right now we have soups,

paninis, sandwiches and juices," Minor said. "We will be doing smoothies in the future. We have Kombucha that is brewing right now."

They get their produce locally, some from Robinson Canyon Farm and some from other local places, such as Plum Crazy.

Minor hopes to continue to delve deeper into the techniques of growing and maintaining healthy, organic food.

Though they primarily cater to vegans and vegetarians, Minor explains that he wouldn't have a problem with cooking meat at some point, should he ever could find a clean, ethical and organic way to do it.

"I'd like to move into doing folk styles of preserving food and meat here. So we're doing our sauerkraut and garlic and pickled ginger. In the south they did a lot of things like sugar and salt as far as curing meats," Minor said.

Since he doesn't have an oven, only crockpots and a fire stove, Minor has unique cooking methods to prepare his food.

"I have a buddy from New Jersey. He and I are getting together and we have interesting ideas we'd like to use," Minor said. "We're working with very limited amounts of resources and spaces."

Minor hopes to create a stage outside to host music performances and other events. They hope to serve cocktails and other drinks during the evening starting in the spring.

"By next spring and summer, this will be a living and thriving entity and an extension and expression of the community and people that are within it, including Michael, Myself and Garrett," Clymer said. "A place for farmers, a place for musicians, a place for consumers—people who want to have good food that is grown well."

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OBSERVER HEALTH



Ask Dr. H

Dear Dr. H,

I am a male, and I am very angry that, like most U.S. males, I was circumcised as a baby. I believe this is a very painful process and has taken away pleasure in sex. Why is male circumcision justified ("It's cleaner"; "It looks nicer", etc.) but female circumcision is illegal? How is this ethical?

Dear anonymous,

Wow, great question—so many layers! You are right: Male circumcision is common in the U.S., and this is a decision left mostly to the parents of babies (nearly 60 percent of newborns are circumcised). In that sense, I can sympathize that you feel violated that a decision was made about your body without your knowing. That being said, I do want to discuss the health impact of male circumcision and make important distinctions between male circumcision and female genital mutilation.

Male circumcision is the removal of some or all of the foreskin from the penis. Although there are some associated risks, these are greatly reduced when circumcision occurs on infants (vs. children) in a medical setting (versus outside of a medical setting) by a medical practitioner (vs. a traditional practitioner).

In the U.S., circumcisions are done in this way, and a general numbing agent is used to substantially control pain. There are some reports of men experiencing a decrease in sensitivity during sex post-circumcision as adults; however, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) finds the majority of research shows men report either improvement or no change.

Research shows that circumcision can greatly reduce the spread of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, as well as the incidence of related cancers.

The evidence is so clear that contemporary public health interventions for HIV reduction in high-risk areas now include widespread circumcision on newborn and adult males. For more, fascinating reading on this, please visit the CDC and search "male circumcision".

So, why is "female circumcision" illegal? Recognizing the true nature of these practices, the term female genital mutilation (FGM) is now used to underscore the vast difference between the surgical procedure that is done on males and the violent procedure that is done on females.

Although it is illegal in the U.S., there are other communities in

parts of the world that practice FGM as part of their culture.

We can argue male circumcision is done for health; we cannot state the same for FGM. Removing the clitoris of young girls robs them of their ability to experience sexual pleasure.

Removing the clitoris and either all or part of their labia, as well as narrowing the vaginal opening by sewing it together, increases risk for infection, as well as the risk of death for both the mother and child during pregnancy.

FGM is not done for health reasons; it is done to disempower women. For more, devastating reading on this topic please visit the World Health Organization website and search "Female Genital Mutilation."

On the topic of ethics, we trust parents to make many decisions for their children. If we have a safe and effective procedure to reduce the spread of STIs, including HIV, shouldn't we implement it on a mass scale? This is similar to childhood vaccinations. Johns Hopkins Medical Center reports that male circumcision is actually on the decline—so there are parents out there that may feel more like you than you know.

However, a word from an expert: "Our economic evidence is backing up what our medical evidence has already shown to be perfectly clear," says Aaron Tobian, M.D., Ph.D., of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. "There are health benefits to infant male circumcision in guarding against illness and disease, and declining male circumcision rates come at a severe price, not just in human suffering, but in billions of health care dollars as well."

If you're ever in the position to make this decision for your child, perhaps you will make a different one than your parents. And that's your right.

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New student hangout helps homeless

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The newest addition to Central's cafe scene, 1891 Bistro, has made itself known a month after its soft opening.

Filled with faculty and students alike, the bistro maintained a steady stream of customers throughout its grand opening January 7. According to Joel Klucking, the assistant vice president of finance, it was their busiest night yet.

The bistro offered free coffee and ice cream to get students in the door. That was the goal of the event, according to Klucking, "to raise awareness."

Prior to last Thursday, the bistro had been open since Nov. 30. The staff used this soft opening as an opportunity to work out the kinks.

"We knew if we didn't make it before Thanksgiving," Klucking said, "we wouldn't have enough students here because we were heading into finals week."

Formerly known as Wellington's Cafe, 1891 Bistro was overhauled from a sit-down restaurant to a coffee house. According to Klucking, the focus is no longer

food, "it's more about the environment and the space."

The bistro will also work with the food truck stationed just outside its door, so students can grab a meal to eat in the cafe.

D&M coffee, Central's coffee supplier, designed the bistro. Taking inspiration from Seattle and Portland-style cafes, 1891 uses a "mix match of furniture," with everything from sofas to dining tables.

Students are excited about the new space to socialize and study.

"There's lots of open space and seating," said Camie Rodd, senior elementary education major.

Annelise Fishel, freshman theatre major, has been going since the opening and is excited for business to pick up.

"It hasn't been this packed yet," Fishel said. "Once the snow melts, I'll be coming here every day."

Upperclassmen are happy with the switch from Wellington's Cafe.

"It's a huge improvement from my freshman year," said Connor Fobes, senior elementary education major.

The idea for the bistro began with students. Multiple surveys asked students how they wanted the space to be used. The results

came back with overwhelming support for a coffee shop.

"Hands down that was the most popular idea," Klucking said.

From there, a student committee was formed in April 2015 and development began. By June, they had their first designs from D&M.

Central President James Gaudino attended the grand opening to congratulate the staff for fitting the space to the students' needs.

"This is how a university should work," Gaudino said, "and it's how CWU now does work."

Gaudino encourages students to continue giving feedback.

"That's the way projects like this are most successful," he said.

Furniture

The mismatched furniture in the 1891 Bistro recently helped provide mattresses for those in need through a charity organization designed for displaced families.

NW Furniture Bank (NWFB), based in Tacoma, is a charity organization aimed to help unstable or displaced families.

NWFB is a "food bank for furniture," according to Jim Matheny, catering manager for Central Catering. They recycle donated furniture, which would otherwise end up in a landfill or sold at a loss, and give it to those in need.

Hope Furnishings is the retail department of NWFB, and sells the better-kept furniture at a discount, which directly provides revenue to NWFB for mattresses.

According to Matheny, a set of six maple dining chairs cost Central \$299, which is normally the cost of a single chair.

The mismatched furniture in 1891 cost a total of about \$12,000, said Patrick Stanton, director of auxiliary accounting at Central.

According to Hope Furnishings, every \$100 of furniture purchased provides a twin-size bed for NWFB.



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The Bistro has been a popular site for students to study since the renovation.

Additionally, Central possibly saved around \$30,000 through Hope Furnishings, Stanton said. Central would have bought "bulletproof" furniture that would've lasted longer but not have fit the space.

"This stuff is cheaper, so if coffee is spilt on it or it's broken, we get rid of it and get new ones," Stanton said. "The furniture keeps changing, so you might walk in and see something new. It makes it seem like a living room."

Industrial furniture is what Central normally uses for spaces, but it wouldn't have worked with the atmosphere, according to Matheny. The aim was for students to not feel scared to put their feet on the tables.

"We didn't want to come in here with brand new furniture where people wouldn't feel comfortable or afraid to spill something," Matheny said. "As the operator, if a table breaks I'm not beat up about it, we'll just replace it."

Originally Wellington's Cafe, 1891 Bistro became what it is because of student surveys. The results showed that students wanted a coffee house-type space on campus.

"That's how it should be," Stan-

ton said, "If the students come and say 'X', we will do that."

Additionally, a student committee was formed to help design 1891, which led to Hope Furnishings.

The committee said the Bistro should feel like a Seattle or Portland coffee shop, and that furniture too "matchy-matchy is bad," Stanton said.

"They said if all the furniture is new and matches, it feels like we're at the airport," Stanton said, "or a dentist's office waiting room."

Hope Furnishings provides a large variety of furniture and, according to Matheny, Central purchased nearly half of its showroom at the time. There is leftover furniture in a warehouse, ready to replace any broken furniture.

Additionally, 1891 Bistro may see improvements in the future. There are more wifi routers in the Bistro than anywhere else, Stanton said, more power outlets will be added in the future.

"There are improvements still to come as we get our feedback and the common thread has been more outlets," Matheny said. "It'll have to be a grassroots effort from the student body to make that happen."



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President Gaudino and the owners of D&M Coffee cut the ribbon at the grand opening of 1891 Bistro.

Brooks library is seeing a 'latte' change

Kaitlyn Langdale

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, who 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 both 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 hear them," Cutright said.

After three project requests and ongoing work from library staff members Michelle Rylie 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 in naming Jimmy B's after former Central President James E. 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 rewiring the library's entire electrical system to accommodate for more development in the future.

This will mean more outlets for students to plug into across



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Jimmy B's is the latest coffee shop addition to Central's campus.

the entire library, better Wi-Fi connection 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.

Molly Allen, 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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OBSERVER TIPS

Top Ten Things
Freshmen Should Know

-  **If someone tells you that “jumping into ‘The Ganges’ is a freshman tradition,” it’s not:** Everyone has seen the stream that runs through Central’s campus, but anyone who’s seen the stream knows that it might as well be sewage water. If you want to swim, go to the complimentary pool in the Aquatics Facility that is sanitary and filled with chlorine. For those of you who don’t know what “The Ganges” is referring to, it’s a heavily polluted river that flows through the nation of India and Bangladesh. Our version is smaller and a little less smelly.
-  **All you can eat at Brooklyn’s Pizza:** You’ve probably seen Brooklyn’s Pizza across the street from Lind Hall, but little is known about the all-you-can-eat buffet they provide on weekdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and all day on Sunday. Be sure to check it out!
-  **Inner tubing down the Yakima River:** If you have driven Canyon Road down to Yakima, you have seen the beautiful gorge that confines the even more beautiful Yakima river. If you go to any local tire shop, you can grab an inner tube at a cheap price. At that point, all you need is a car and the ability to swim, and you’ll have a good time. One local tire shop that provides cheap tubes is the Ellensburg Tire Center on West University Way.
-  **Not calling CWU “C-Woo” in front of a professor:** Although you’re paying for their service, you should still keep a professional attitude towards your professor because, well, their job is to evaluate you professionally.
-  **Read Hype Magazine to stay updated on upcoming events:** Hype Magazine will give you the dates and times of upcoming events on campus. You can grab one at the Information Center in the SURC. You can also visit their offices on the top floor of the SURC and follow them on Twitter or Instagram for updates.
-  **Renting laptops in the SURC or the Library:** If you ever need some private space to study, you can rent a MacBook for two hours. Just make sure you return them on time, or you get a fee that can increase the more time you keep it.
-  **Take advantage of the cafeteria food:** Most college students leave the dorms after their first year, and every one of those students love to reminisce about the three meals a day that appeared in front of their faces when they walked into the cafeteria. Even though it might seem repetitive you’ll definitely miss it when you’re eating cheetos and cup-of-soup for the fifth night in a row for dinner.
-  **Go to Grocery Outlet for snacks:** It’s easy to walk to the C-Store for snacks, but there’s a reason why Grocery Outlet has a reputation for being a bargain market. The store offers discounts on all sorts of food including veggies and fruit. Also—it’s all very, very cheap, which is perfect for almost broke college students.
-  **Places around town offers 10% off on services:** As long as you have a student ID on your person you can get 10% off at iHop, Goodwill (only on Sundays), and the Copper Kettle.
-  **The tortoise (but not the hare) in greenhouse:** Go to the greenhouse, which is right next to Dean Hall, and ask for Snorkel. They’ll know what you mean. You can also see him outside of the greenhouse, sunbathing on the grass. We’ve heard he likes brightly colored shoes and eating hibiscus flowers.

Whipping up new brews

Lexi Popich

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 handmade 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.

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



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Patrons can try a myriad of different kinds of beers at Whipsaw Brewery.

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, weigh-

ing 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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New band director comes with strings attached

CWU’s
Marching
Band has new
instruments,
new sounds

Cody Nilsen

After 30 years, the Central marching band is getting a major overhaul with a new director, Lewis Norfleet.

New additions include a string section, a new sound system and a whole lot more movement.

Mary Jarvis, senior music education major, said the marching band used to perform a classical “park and bark” style. Park and bark means that the musicians stand still on the field to play with precision.

Sean Devlin, senior music major, and Aaron Mykins, junior music education major, both gave insight to the direction the new director plans to take with the marching band.

They said the addition of a string section provides the band with the ability to play new music that breaks away from



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Central’s Marching Band gears up for a home football game. They recently added string instruments to the mix.

classics.

“There is more passion behind the music we’re playing, the new music is relevant to the band and the audience,” Jarvis said.

A bass guitar adds rhythm, an electric guitar helps make new, exciting music and a keytar adds some unique additions.

The synthesizer, however, is what truly brings the band into the 21st century.

These new additions were not cheap, Devlin estimated they had to spend in the ballpark of \$20,000.

The new music includes songs from Macklemore, Bruno Mars and more.

After years of playing the same music, band members are excited about the idea of mixing it up.

“It is music that is audience oriented. From the two performances with the new music, we really have seen a ton more audience participation,” Devlin said.

Not only does the marching band have new music, the movement and choreography have drastically changed.

Despite the increased difficulty level, the band hasn’t increased the length or number of practices.

“When we practice, it is more focused and we’re able to get more done because the new director has experience working with a marching band,” Mykins said.

The band has a total of four performances this quarter and have already played two. From those performances the band is heading in a positive direction.

Practicing every day for two hours, the band is going to add more new, upbeat music.

Currently, the marching band consist almost entirely of music education majors, but it is open to any student regardless of major.

“Director Lewis wants to have more students outside of music department, students who played in their high school band. The new music is going to help a lot,” Mykins said.

There are plans to increase the size of the band, ideally to reach the same size as bands at University of Washington and Washington State University.

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Student art featured across campus

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Throughout history, art has taken many forms and been interpreted in many ways. Humans have certainly come a long way from painting on cave walls with squished berries.

"Everyone is incredible and anyone can create art. It is a human heritage, it is primal," Jason Clifton, a local Ellensburg artist, said. "We have been making art for ages. It is how we can tell history and record our thoughts. You don't have to just be studying art. Anyone can pick up a brush and paint."

Today, art is expressed in a variety of ways. Examples of great public art are featured on campus walls, and statues and sculptures scattered outdoors add to the character and uniqueness of Central.

Many students and faculty would be surprised to hear the time, effort and energy that goes into the art they see around campus.

The people behind all the planning and upkeep of Central's art is the University Art Collection and Selection Committee. Gregg Schlanger is the chair of the committee.

This committee is responsible for not only maintaining Central's collection, but pieces that are part of the state's collection.

The art displayed in the SURC does not fall under the justification of the school collection or the state collection. Because the SURC is student-run and owned, it's the students who commission and maintain their own art, Schlanger said.

Besides that, every building on campus must, by law, designate .05 percent of its budget for art.

Pieces that are commissioned as part of a new building are included in the Washington state collection, meaning that the government owns those particular pieces, said Heather Johnson, former committee member and Central Gallery manager.

Schlanger said, "The process of picking out an artist to complete a piece for [the new Science Phase II building] and all

the steps required to achieve the finished product has taken two and a half years."

The process of finding an artist to complete the project was a complicated one for Schlanger and the committee.

"We begin the process with the committee looking through countless profiles of potential artists who are interested in making a piece of our new building," Schlanger said. "After going through these profiles, the committee then narrowed their search to a few specific artist."

The next step was for the selected artists to provide the committee with a more detailed portfolio of their work.

The committee ultimately selected two men from Los Angeles to create a design for the building after months of searching, Schlanger said.

The artists were tasked with creating a design to be approved by the committee.

After the design received approval, it was sent to both the state and the construction company to insure it can be built and all the proper materials can be provided for the artists.

Schlanger couldn't reveal the entire design, but teased at the scale of the piece.

"Extra cement will have to be poured into the foundation and the ceiling will have to be reinforced to support this structure," Schlanger said.

The art will be displayed in the lobby of the building.

The piece is not the only new art to be seen on campus.

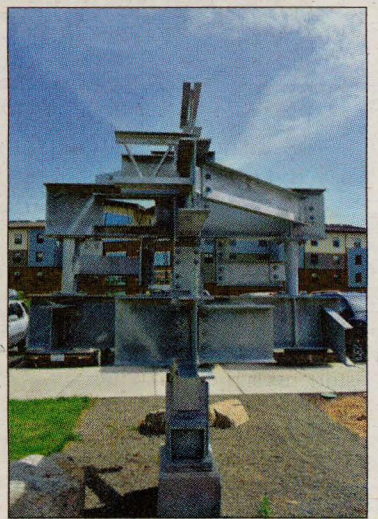
On Feb. 18, the art department opened a new exhibit in Randall Hall, featuring pieces by eight retired faculty members and a few alumni as well.

This exhibit has a wide variety of pieces that include digital prints, oil pastel, woodwork, glasswork and graphic design.

"Even if you aren't studying art there is still a lot to learn and absorb from the art displayed here," Johnson said.

Schlanger couldn't agree more.

"We are an institution of education, and I believe public art serves us in a couple of ways," Schlanger said. "First off, as we



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The art showcased throughout campus has strong ties to the local community with pieces created by students and alum.

know, it is culture, but whether it is good or bad, public art helps us to think about it and to be critical. You don't have to like it. You can be critical because at least you are thinking of it and forming your own opinion. That is what college is about and that is what public art helps us do."

Schlanger feels that these particular pieces of art are especially important for Central.

"It is a part of our background, since a lot of these pieces are from alumni," Schlanger said.

Students said, there's not a lot of communication about art on campus.

Chris Berg, senior studio arts major, said no one really knows

anything about the art or the art scene on campus unless they are studying the subject.

"There isn't a good sense of community on campus. Most people don't know about us or what we do. A step in the right direction would be everybody trying to integrate with each other," Berg said. "Could you imagine what someone from the physics department could help someone make? They can help with the mechanics and an artist could be free to create. I would love to see a piece like that."

Berg is not the only art student with this opinion.

"I think that the art scene really just stays in the department," Skyler Crady, senior

art major, said. "No one really knows about us here."

Those in the art department hope that more students at Central come to appreciate art on campus.

"I think that art combines everything in life and creates something everyone can relate to," Crady said.

Clifton sees art slowly losing value to younger generations.

"This generation is losing its eye to see the master stroke," Clifton said. "We see the finished product, not all the decisions that go into the art. I hope that people could see all the hard work and time that is put into a piece."



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Stressed over finals? There's a pup for that

Brooks Library hosts quarterly "Paws and Relax" event

Kaitlyn Langdale

Stressed about finals when the quarter is ending? You are not alone, and the Brooks Library is here to help.

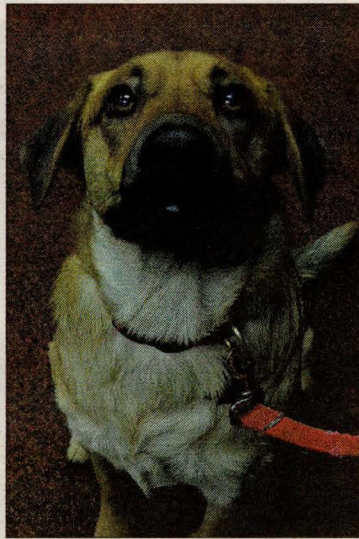
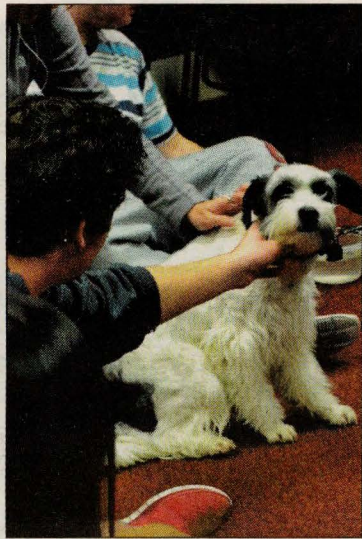
Every quarter the Brooks Library hosts their Paws and Relax event in Brooks Library room 152.

The event is for students that want a chance to relax and get some puppy play time in between the stress of the end of the quarter.

The Paws and Relax event usually takes place on the Sunday and Monday of finals week.

Sign up sheets for visiting and playing with the dogs are available in the library. The library encourages people to sign up as soon as possible since, fall quarter, more than 500 students signed up to participate in the event.

"We are really happy we are able to do this for the students. It is a lot of fun and we are excited to be able to do this again," said



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Every quarter students get the chance to take a study break with local therapy and comfort dogs at Brooks Library.

Maureen Rust, student engagement and community outreach librarian.

This event is a relatively new event on Central's campus, but is not such a new idea around college campuses across the country.

Events like Paws and Relax have been happening at other colleges around the Pacific Northwest for years.

Rust and Stacy Taylor, user experience librarian in ARC research services, took inspira-

tion from those events to create this experience at Central.

After handling all the bureaucracy behind allowing dogs to be on campus, the two women had to find dogs that would be eligible to participate in this event.

"The idea was to use therapy dogs to help comfort stu-

dents. The problem that we ran into though was that, here in Kittitas County, there are not that many dogs that are certified," Rust said.

Despite this road block, they found an even better alternative for the community.

With the help of Pet Partners, community members and students have the chance to let their own pets participate in Paws and Relax.

Pet Partners is a nonprofit organization that trains both volunteers and animals for animal-assisted interactions—including therapy, activities and education.

The course to have an animal certified takes five weeks or, as Rust put it, "five Saturdays."

After completing the course, animals are then certified through Pet Partners, whose course is also recognized

through the American Kennel Club.

Dogs participating in the event have all been certified through this course and are local dogs from the community in Ellensburg.

"My dog really has the temperament for this and all he wants is to be near the students," Taylor, whose dog will be participating in Paws and Relax, said. "After he was in this event whenever we are walking by the school he is always trying to pull me towards the library. He just loves it. It's like all he wants to do is comfort students."

This event is sure to be the cutest thing to happen on campus this quarter, and the library staff are not the only ones excited about it.

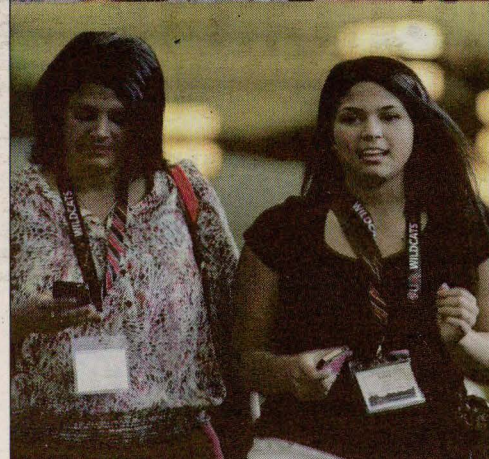
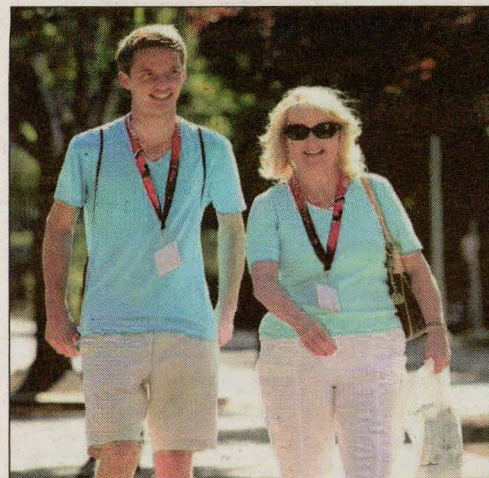
Jonelle Lauer, junior public relations major, can't wait to see the dogs at Paws and Relax.

"I'm just really happy about this because I really miss my dog back home and it will be nice to just get to see some puppies again," Lauer said.

Study break

When: Every quarter during finals week

Where: Brooks Library room 152



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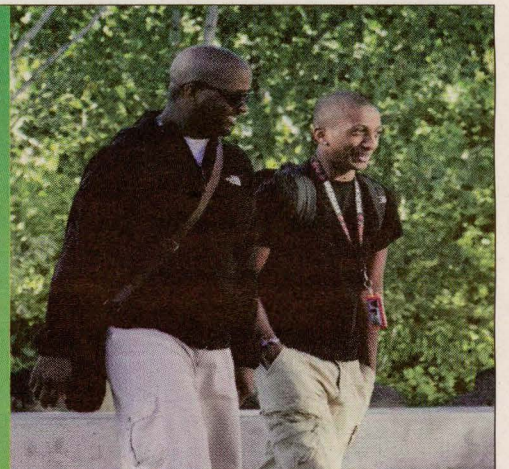
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Lights, camera, Showtime at CWU

Holly Chester

This past Saturday, the Black Student Union (BSU) hosted their annual Showtime at Central to cap off Black History Month.

The show is modeled after "It's Showtime at the Apollo," a famous and culturally important TV show.

"It's Showtime at the Apollo" gave opportunities to people of color to showcase their talents when it first aired in 1987. As time went on, the program created its own traditions and culture.

Central's rendition of the show mimicked many of those traditions.

They had the stump that contestants must remember to rub upon entering the stage for good luck. There were several sophisticatedly-dressed women that played the famous character Kiki Shepard, the long-time co-host of the program.

The Sandman, who has the task of ridding the stage of participants that the audience feels are lacking, made several appearances throughout the night.

The tradition of cheering on or booing performers after 30 seconds was also incorporated into the show, and the audience was eager to participate.

The evening's host, Jacoby Sampson, jokingly warned the audience about needless booing.

"You guys are allowed to boo, I know some people came to boo," Sampson said. "I will tell you now, if I see you booing, hope I don't see your shoes because I will talk about them."

After Sampson welcomed the first participant onto the stage, the audience responded with a roar of applause after 30 seconds of Angel Martinez improvising music on a piano.

The biggest response from the crowd was when Beatrice Wambui shared a poem inspired by Justin Bieber's "Love Yourself" that captivated the audience.

After the first 30 seconds, Wambui was greeted with admiration communicated through loud cheers and applause. At the end of her performance, she exited the stage while being praised for her moving piece.

Miracle Joy Curtis, junior public relations major, enjoyed watching her peers show off their talents.

"I felt empowered by the show just because you notice all of the hidden talent that is here at Central and you get a chance to see that, and it's your people and they're taking pride in their talent," Curtis said. "You see people every day but you don't really see what they're made of or what their talents are."

Although there were many positive reactions from the crowd, not every performer was met with the same response.



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After being booed off the stage, Jacob Scott was called back out to finish his rapping performance in front of a full house.

Several talents were booed after their 30 seconds were up. Many of them let their nerves get the best of them, and the crowd let those performers know they could tell.

Danielle Brandli, a Central graduate with a degree in business administration, decided to go to the show with some old classmates while visiting town.

"I wasn't sure what to expect... when I realized people were really booing I was like 'what!'... I think it really made it so I was that much more engaged in the show because I got to respond to what the performers were doing," Brandli said.

"Everyone did such an amazing job... I have so much respect for people that are able to put themselves out there and perform."

One performer, Jacob Scott, was given a second chance to perform after he was booed off the stage during the first 30 seconds of his rapping performance.

The audience decided his fate was due to poor sound, and was no fault of his own. Scott's second attempt went well and he received a cheering response from the crowd.

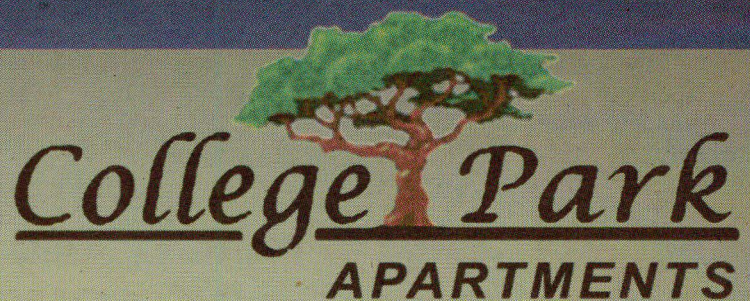
At the end of the show, Wambui was welcomed back on to the stage along with other im-

pressive talents of the night.

Each participant had their turn to be singled out with the help of the Kikis, so the crowd could give their opinion of who gave the best performance.

With a roar of applause, the audience chose Wambui as the top contender, naming her the winner.

"It was very surprising because there were a lot of other really great acts," Wambui said. "I had not intended to win, I just wanted to perform my piece because it's something that is really close to me."



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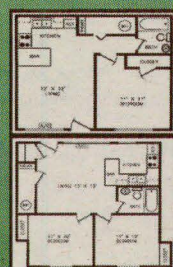


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Sports clubs stronger than ever



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The Rodeo Club hosts the Todd Anderson Memorial Rodeo annually in the spring to help fund scholarships for members. The club is the oldest on Central's campus with its origins dating back to the '50s.

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Since the club sport program was officially created at Central in 2000, nearly 20 teams have been added to the program for a total of 24 different club sports students can participate in.

Some of the sports offered include lacrosse, soccer, ultimate disk, equestrian, rodeo, climbing, wrestling, wake sports and tennis.

Most of the clubs have formed over the last 15 years. However, the oldest club, rodeo, dates back to the '50s.

These clubs are offered to give students a chance to compete in sports that aren't offered at a varsity level at Central or varsity sports that have a high demand and not all students can participate in.

Men's soccer, lacrosse, wake sports, wrestling and ultimate disk are some of the more popular clubs on campus that aren't offered as varsity sports.

Women's soccer is offered as a varsity sport, but a club sport team answers the demand for students that want to compete, but don't play on the varsity team.

"Every one of our clubs have started because there was a student that is passionate about a certain activity," said Corey Sinclair, coordinator of competitive club sports and camps.

Sinclair has been at Central since his position was created in 2005. Before arriving at Central, Sinclair helped set up

after-school sports programs at elementary and middle schools.

At Central, he helps teams fundraise, travel and join leagues, in addition to organizing the sports camps Central offers in the summer.

While Sinclair doesn't see more clubs being added soon, he doesn't rule it out either.

Sinclair said the quality and organization of the current teams has been getting stronger every year.

The clubs receive some financial support from Central, but are also funded by the participants themselves. The members pay some of that money out-

of-pocket, and the rest is paid for by fundraising for the clubs.

Central's club sport teams have a contract with Nike, which allows them

to set up flash stores online to sell merchandise for fundraising.

Nike flash stores are designed to be short-term sites—they generally stay up for one to two weeks—where teams can design and sell apparel.

Profits from the stores go to the clubs, and gives teams the opportunity to reach out to friends, family and alumni for support.

Other teams have raised funds from letter drives, working security at The Gorge and selling homemade goods.

The equestrian team makes horse flowerpots to sell every year at Back Country Horseman Rendezvous in March. They are also planning to sell them at Spirit of the West for the first time in February.

Both events are gatherings to celebrate "cowboy" culture. They feature competitive events, activities for visitors and arts and crafts sales.

Events like these provide valuable opportunities for clubs to fundraise and gain exposure within that community.

Club costs vary by sport. Clubs like lacrosse and hockey are more expensive due to equipment costs.

Lacrosse's league fee is nearly \$4,000 and membership dues can run upwards of \$500.

Other sports, like climbing, have relatively low membership dues that are below \$50.

Club sports generates over \$100,000 through member dues, donations and fundraising.

The equestrian club has to make rent on their team barn, which allows competitors to bring their horses to Ellensburg.

The equestrian club president, senior business major Ashley Johnson, has been with the team since her freshman year. She also credits the equestrian club for being her deciding fac-

tor in attending Central.

"I've been doing it all my life," Johnson said. "So it was a good avenue to go into college and have that opportunity as well."

While some clubs have been able to find adequate facilities in Ellensburg, others have to make do with what they can.

Just a year after their first national qualification, Central's bowling club took a huge blow when Rodeo City Bowl shut down, leaving their nearest practice facility 45 minutes away in Yakima.

Hockey is another club that faces commuting issues. The nearest ice rinks are in Yakima and Wenatchee, adding more personal travel costs to an already expensive sport.

Club expenses do not stop at equipment and facilities though. Travel expenses can be costly.

In 2013, Central's Services and Activities allocated \$60,000 a year to club sports for travel costs. A council of senior club officers appointed by Sinclair divides those costs among the clubs.

Travel can range from a regional match-up against nearby schools to trips to places like New Orleans or California for national events.

Sports can gain varsity status through success at a club level. Men and women's rugby did that two years ago.

According to Thomas "TJ" Burford, men's club soccer president, the rugby team became a school sport by winning.

Burford, senior double major

in law and justice and sociology, would like to see men's soccer recognized as a varsity sport, but realizes the team needs to first build a winning tradition and strong relationship with the school and community.

According to Sinclair, clubs being picked up as a varsity sport is contrary to the normal trend.

In 2004, Central cut its men's wrestling and men's and women's swimming programs in order to cut down on athletic expenses. Those sports became recognized as clubs and are still competing today.

Talent levels on teams vary by sport, and even within a team. Men's soccer had over 50 players try out for this year's squad, which made building the squad tougher than before.

Other clubs have seen higher turn-outs in recent years as well. The equestrian club had 19 members last year and 17 horses in their barn.

The continued building of the club sport program led to over 40 home events and 100 away events last year.

Some sports even mention on their team pages, located in Central's recreation page, that the team varies from beginners to seasoned players. The biggest thing they are looking for is the opportunity to compete and build a relationship with their teammates.

"It really creates an opportunity for students to connect and kind of build a community," Sinclair said.

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Fishing season casts off around Washington

Freshwater fishing season opened April 23

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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 local past-time.

"You feel a part of nature by spending time out there," said Binh Vo, graduate student at Central.

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

"Fish are not the only animals you are going to see," Vo said.

North Fiorito Pond, located minutes from downtown Ellensburg, for example, was "stocked" or "planted" with 3,000 rainbow trout on April 8, according to Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) catchable trout plant report.

Although lakes within the area are open for fishing all year, spring brings a large influx of traffic to local bodies of water.

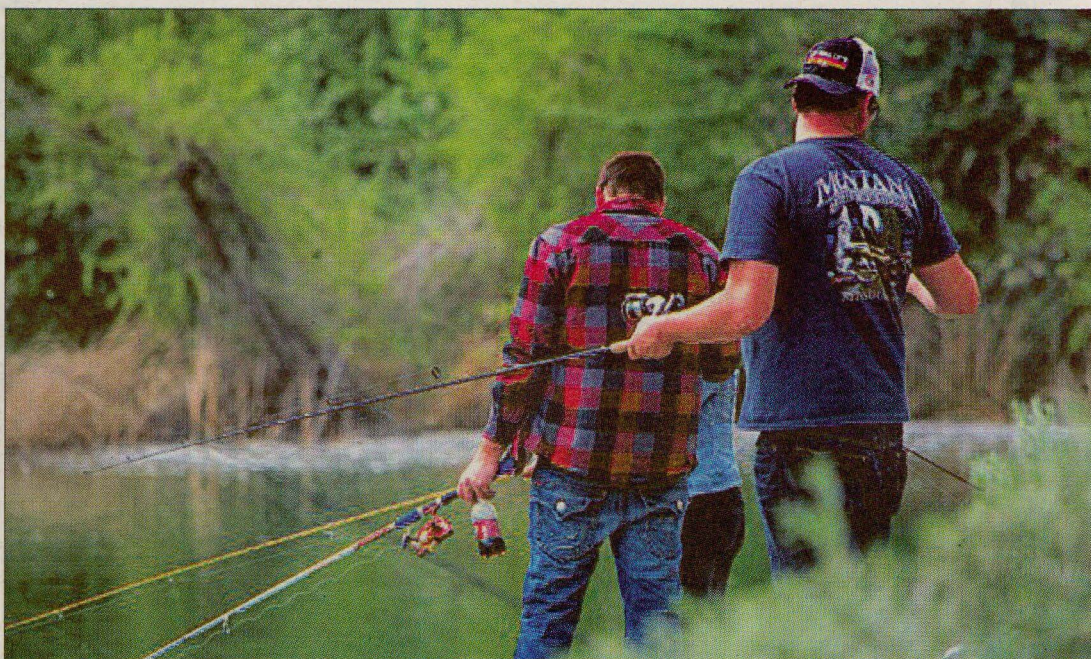
"If we stock fish, more people will come out," said Larry Phillips, WDFW Inland Fish Program Manager.

With the number of people participating in the activity, very large numbers of fish are required to keep up with the pace the fish are being caught at.

To ensure population sizes stay plentiful, massive amounts of fish are transported from hatcheries where they are raised and then dumped into lakes for the public to catch.

"For the 2016 trout fishing season, 2.2 million catchables will be stocked throughout the state," said WDFW's statewide trout stocking plan.

In past years, the term "catchables" referred to fish 8 inches or longer.



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Local fishermen cast their reels in hopes of nabbing the first bite of the season in a local fishing hole.

However, the size standard for catchables has recently increased to near 11 inches according to WDFW.

The increased standard means fishers are likely to find larger trout swimming in their favorite Washington lakes.

This year, lakes in Kittitas County began stocking in March for the 2016 season, in 2015 most lakes received their

last fish in June, according to WDFW's report.

"There are a lot of folks that plan on this [opening day] as an annual event," Phillips said.

Mark Strand, store manager of The Evening Hatch, a fly-fishing guide service in Ellensburg, said that business picks up in April. The Evening Hatch offers guided fishing trips year-round across Washington State,

including trout fishing.

Those interested in fishing for trout in Washington should know that anyone over the age of 14 is required to have a license.

Washington state residents can purchase an annual freshwater licence, required to trout fish, for \$27.50 online through WDFW's website.

Athletics Annex helps Wildcat academics

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A sophomore student-athlete walked into the Athletics Annex, home of the study hall for all the Central Washington University athletes, looking like she was ready to cry.

Mal Stewman, the academic success coordinator for student-athletes, approached her asking her what was wrong. The student was having a hard time with an accounting class she was taking.

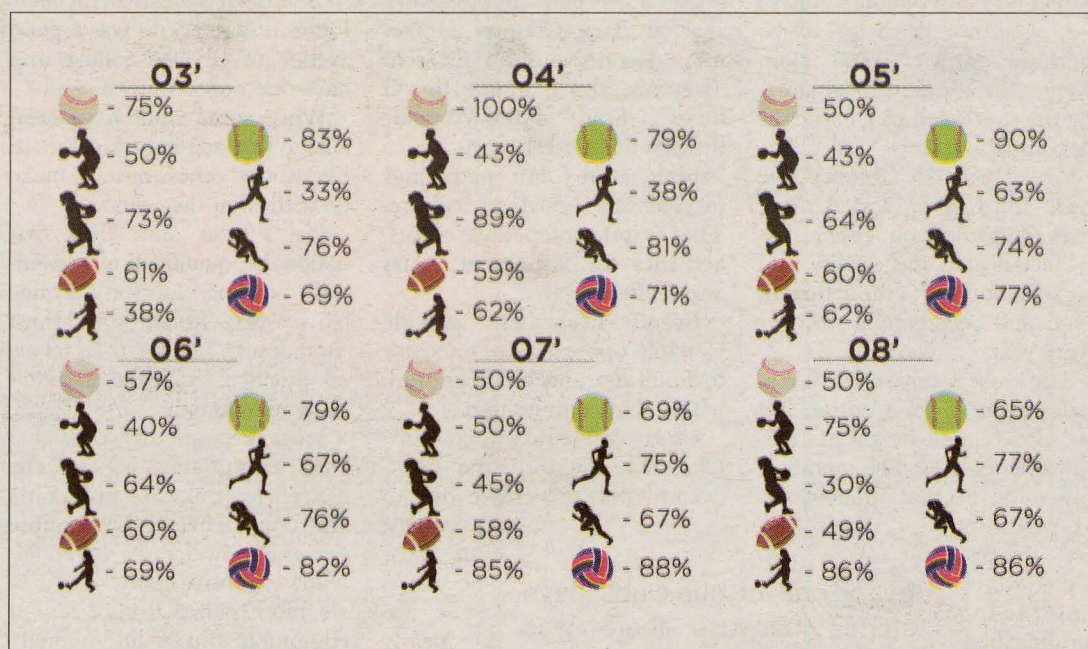
The two of them looked into changing the student's major into one that was a better fit, and now she's having all kinds of success.

When Dennis Francois took over as athletics director in 2013, he added the full-time academic success coordinator position for the first time.

Stewman oversees the Wildcat Academic Success Center in the Athletics Annex building. He works with student athletes to create the best academic experience for them.

"Mal's been around the university for a long time, [and] has had his own academic challenges," Francois said. "Mal has a great rapport with our student athletes, knows a lot of people on campus [and] can identify with our student-athletes."

Stewman does the advising for the student-athletes until they get into their major.



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The above graphic shows the federal graduation rate of incoming classes for CWU student-athletes, broken down by sport.

According to Gary Hyatt, associate athletic director for internal affairs, Stewman's job is also educating the student-athletes on the university resources available to them, which includes the writing and math centers and how to approach a teacher.

According to NCAA.org, academic success rate (ASR) is one way that a school's success is rated. ASR gives student-athletes six years to graduate, with a four-year average among them.

Over the last 10 years of incoming classes, CWU's two best years have been 2003 and 2004, with a 77 percent success rate. CWU's worst year was 2008,

when students had a 64 percent success rate.

Federal graduation rate (FGR) is a federally mandated calculation for schools offering athletic scholarships. This leaves out transfer students and measures student-athletes graduation rates from their initial schools within six years of enrolling in school.

CWU has remained in the 60s and high 50s on FGR; its best year was 1999 at 69 percent and their worst years were 2000 and 2008 at 59 percent.

According to Francois, CWU is one of the rare Division-II schools that has a building

dedicated to academics for student-athletes, which helps a lot in recruiting.

The school sets student-athletes up for success with an initial series of tests which they use to decide which classes they are eligible to take. They look at subject areas in which athletes struggle, schedule meetings and put an emphasis on those areas.

"We'd rather be proactive than reactive," Francois said.

Many athletes have a tough transition from high school to college and some are not used to playing a year-round sport.

"Time management is a huge transition for student-athletes

when they come here," Stewman said.

According to Stewman, this change includes the level of expectation with practice times, workout times and school schedules.

Freshman student-athletes are required to spend four hours a week in the Athletics Annex. Lower-GPA students could be asked to spend six hours a week on a case-by-case basis.

Traveling is still one of the toughest parts of being a student-athlete. A good example is the softball team, which went to California for nine days to play in the NCAA West Regional Tournament. After winning that, they traveled north to play in the Super Regional.

Before the tournament started, the athletics department sent letters warning professors.

"With the amount of games they play, going across two quarters, it's tough," Francois said.

The team still missed eight days of classes, but technology has helped make education easier.

"Ultimately, we're going to lose students," Hyatt said. "We're going to have students not come to class, students that don't make the right choices or cannot manage this college-athletic life."

Hyatt agrees that going to college is a challenge for anyone and it's the school's job to give them the resources to succeed.

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Five hikes to scale in Kittitas Valley

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If you're looking to get out this weekend, don't feel the need to drive hours for a good hike.

The local area is full of trails though the diverse landscapes of Central Washington.

Here are five hikes for your next weekend adventure that are all located less than 25 miles from Central's campus. Don't forget to bring some sunscreen, plenty of water and good friends.

Rattlesnake Dance Ridge Trail

You might wonder how this trail got its name.

"Rattlesnakes, I've seen a couple," said Tabitha Hardy, senior global affairs major.

Don't let this hike deceive you. It may only be slightly over two miles round trip, but the elevation gain of over 1,000 feet will be sure to get your heart pumping. Be sure of your footing on the steeper inclines of the trail, as there can be rocky places.

"There are a couple spots on your way down to watch for sliding," Hardy said.

From start to end, this trail gives hikers views across the Yakima River Canyon.

Choose this hike for a quick weekend workout a short distance from Central.

The trailhead is located seven miles from where Canyon Road passes under the I-90 overpass. After Canyon Road makes a large, sweeping left turn, park your car in the gravel parking lot alongside the road. You will see a standalone dirt path heading up the hill.

Manastash Ridge

This trail shares some of the same characteristics as the previous trail.

"It's short, but it's steep," said Walter Lakey, trip leader at Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals. "Definitely a 3 on a scale of 5."

This trail provides hikers with views of Mount Stuart and Thor Mountain in the distance.

Over the course of this hike, you will encounter blooming wildflowers alongside the mostly exposed trail. Hikers who reach the top of the ridge will be rewarded with a cool breeze after their quick ascent.

This trail can be accessed by heading west on Umtanum Road for 1.7 miles and turning right onto Manastash Road. Travel along Manastash Road for 3.6 miles, then take a left turn onto Cove Road. The trailhead can be found on the right side of the road.

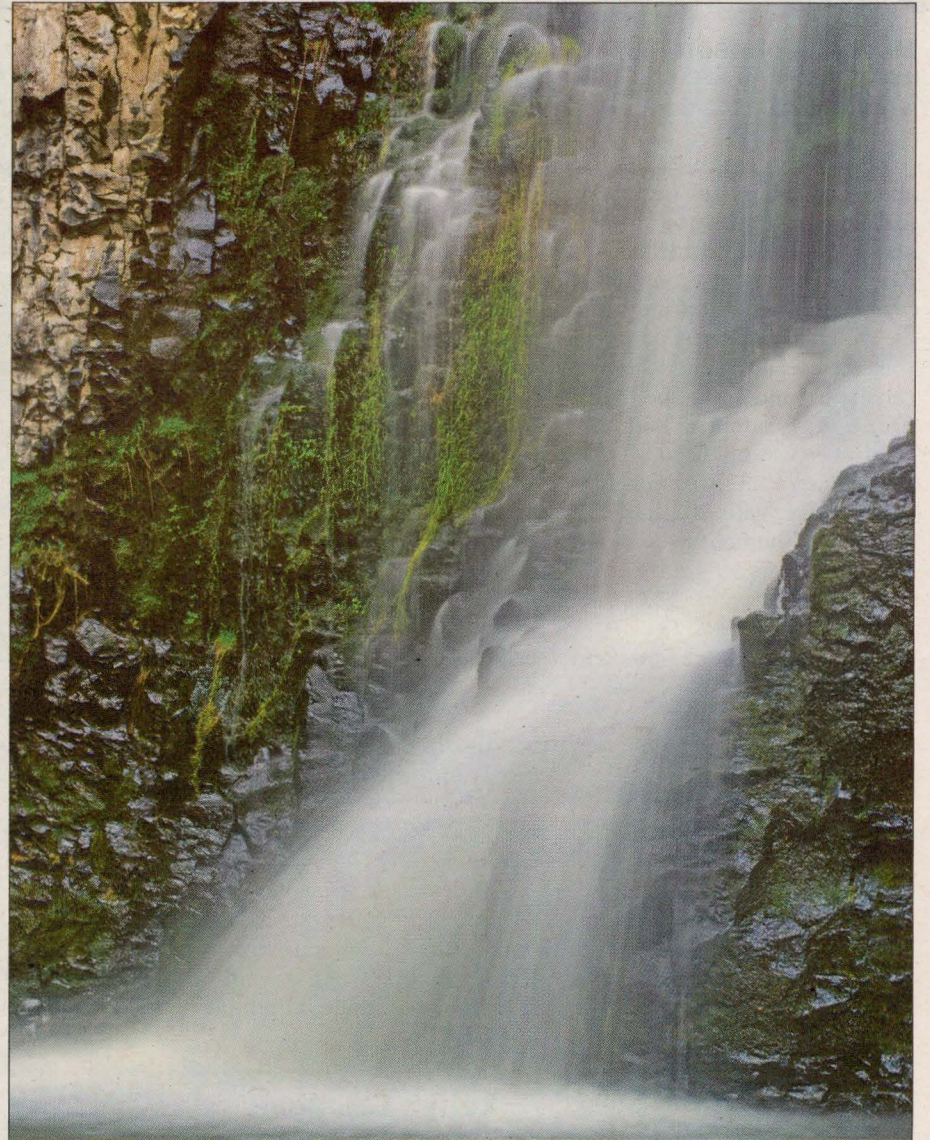
Umtanum Canyon

Umtanum Canyon is a local hotspot in the Yakima River Canyon, just minutes from Central.

Follow the gentle flowing Umtanum Creek as it carves its way through the canyon floor, a 6.5 mile round trip.

This hike is relatively flat and doesn't provide much of a breathtaking end destination. However, steep spur trails work their way to the canyon rim and give panoramic views of the area.

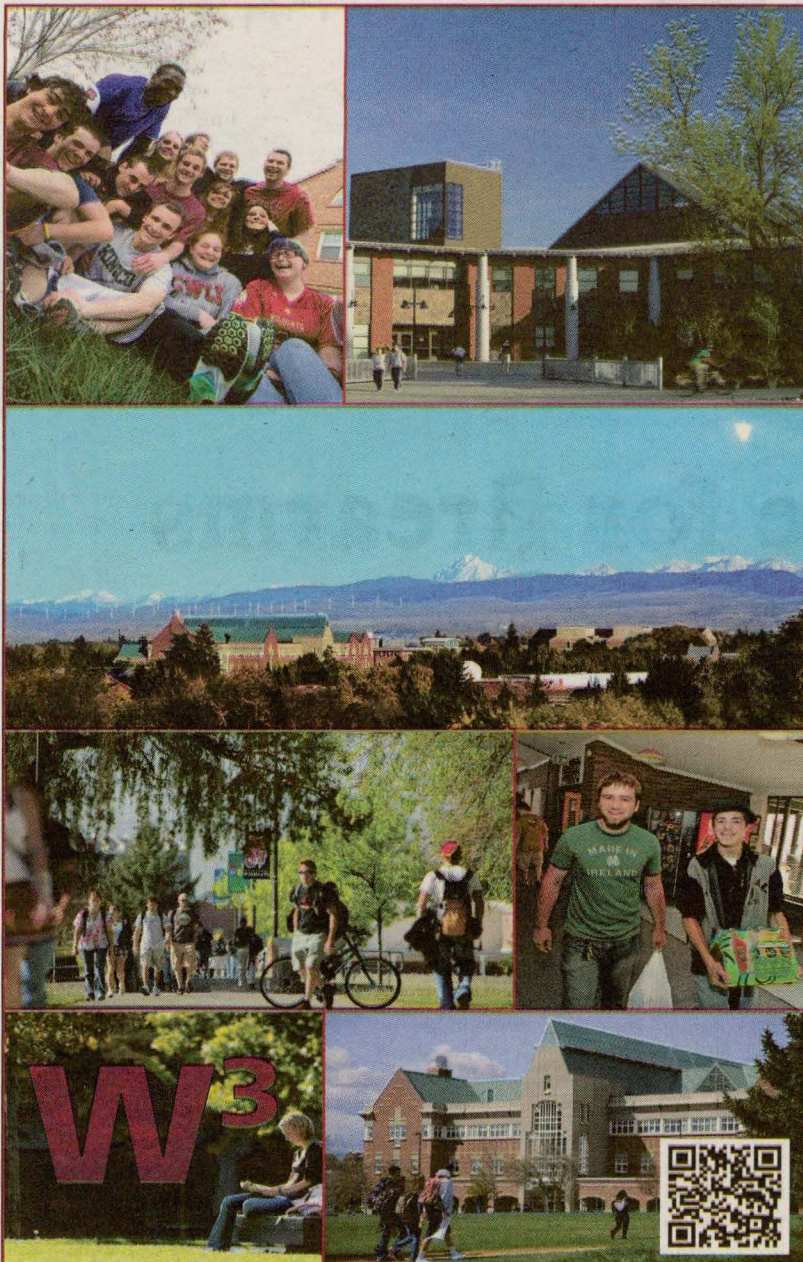
This hike is perfect for a summer day.



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A short trek of 1.5 miles of level, shaded ground will get you to the peak of Umtanum Creek Falls.

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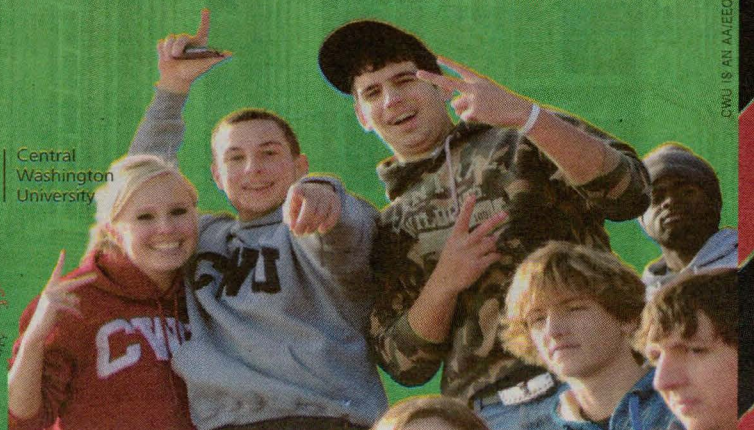
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Junior takes a swing at school records

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When head coach Mike Larabee met his new team for the first time, he didn't know much about them. But word had apparently gotten out about junior first basemen Kailyn Campbell.

"He goes, 'Kailyn Campbell, you can really swing the bat can't you?' and I was like, 'Yeah a little bit,'" Campbell said.

Larabee was not far off.

She has a .397 career batting average, with 202 hits, 37 doubles, 17 home runs and 140 RBIs in 146 career games.

Campbell was an All-GNAC Honorable Mention in 2014, second-team last season and first-team this year.

This is Larabee's first year coaching Campbell. He praised her work ethic.

"She was at almost every single optional hitting day we had throughout the fall and winter," Larabee said. "She's a gym rat."

Standing 6-feet tall, Campbell is tied with sophomore first baseman, and pitcher Laura Steiner as the tallest player on the team, which gives the infield a good target to throw at.

"I came from the best softball conference in the country," Larabee said. "I coached in the SEC for six years. She would've been, by far, the best first basemen we had at Arkansas and one of the top defensive first basemen in the SEC."

Larabee complimented her unique skillset in the field. He likes her mobility and athleticism and her 60-miles-per-hour throwing arm, which is nearly unheard of in a first basemen.

Former head coach Mallorey Holtman-Fletcher recruited Campbell. She compared Campbell to another talented former Wildcat.

"She was comparing me a lot

to herself," Campbell said. "We both played the same position, did the same thing at the plate and she really liked that."

The only other offer Campbell got was from Pacific Lutheran University.

"I wanted to stay close to home but also go away," Campbell said. "I really like this area. [It's] a lot like my hometown."

During her freshman year at Central, Campbell led the team with a .356 batting average and had 53 hits and 41 RBIs, good for second on the team.

"She said I would have a chance to play a lot, long as I kept working," Campbell said.

In the four regional games Central played in 2014, Campbell hit .500, scored three runs and had nine RBIs. Campbell's best game of the tournament was the third game against University of California-San Diego, when she went three-for-four with six RBIs. The Wildcats won that game 10-1.

The Wildcats struggled overall in 2015, going 20-23 and missing the GNAC tournament. Campbell led Central with a .395 batting average, 11 doubles and 53 RBIs.

Kailyn Campbell Stats & Awards

Stats:

Games Played: 146
Batting Average: .402
Hits: 202
Doubles: 37
Home Runs: 17
RBIs: 140*

Awards:

2016 First Team All-GNAC
2016 D2CCA All-West Region Team
2016 NFCA First Team West Region
2015 Second Team All-GNAC

* indicates school record

After the season, Holtman-Fletcher resigned from the team to spend more time with her family.

"I was completely shocked," Campbell said. "It was an emergency meeting, too."

During the final series of the regular season, Campbell passed her former head coach's school record of 128 career RBIs.

"She texted me and put something on Facebook about it, that she was really proud of me," Campbell said. "She wouldn't want anybody else to break it, and she's been telling me [since] the first year I got here, 'You're going to break my records, they're not going to stand.'"

With a year of eligibility left, Campbell has lots of time to extend her school record.

Going into Wednesday's game, Campbell is four hits away from breaking Holtman-Fletcher's hits record which stands at 206.

Like most baseball and softball players, Campbell started young in T-ball.

During her childhood, she played softball, basketball and soccer but had to choose between softball and soccer. She decided on softball because she did not like playing in the cold.

"Softball 'started to get competitive and a lot more fun,'" Campbell said. "It was something I wanted to keep doing for as long as I could."

She started to play on a select team when she was nine. Two years later, she made the Washington Hustle, a team associated with the Amateur Softball Association and USA Softball.

According to Team USA's website, they have over 160,000 teams all over the country. Their headquar-

ters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma host the NCAA Division I Women's College World Series.

Campbell played on the Washington Hustle for seven years.

"You're playing to get recruited," Campbell said.

During her freshman and sophomore years of high school, they started sending out letters to college coaches. During junior year, the coaches could get in contact with the players.

She did play softball for Cedarcrest High School in Duval, Washington-

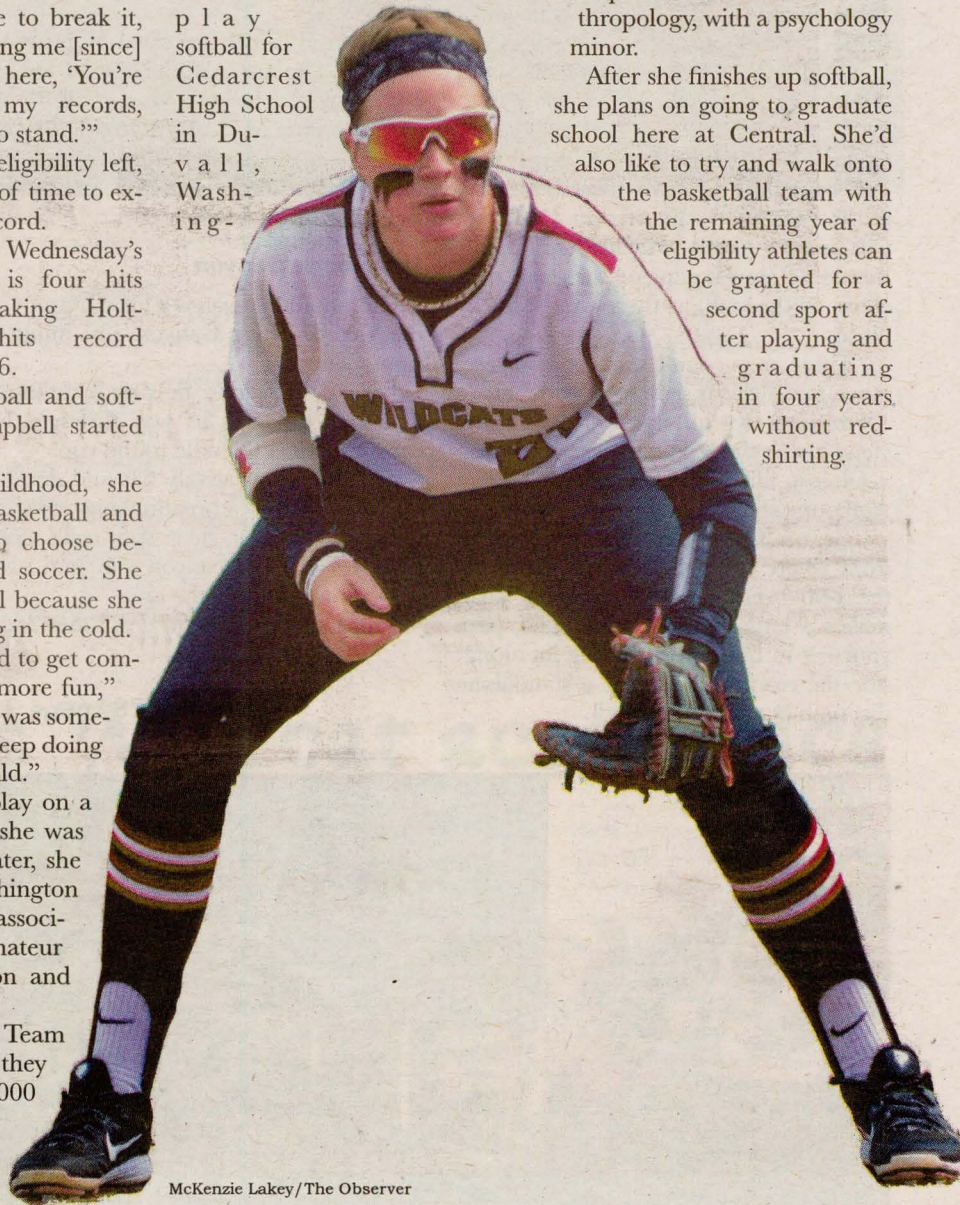
ton, but said high school softball was not as competitive.

Teammates and fellow junior outfielder Sammy Morris, shortstop Taylor Fereleman and pitcher Kiana Wood, played on the Washington Hustle with Campbell.

Currently, Campbell has known them for five to seven years, giving them chemistry that is not normally seen at the collegiate level.

She plans on double majoring in primate behavior and anthropology, with a psychology minor.

After she finishes up softball, she plans on going to graduate school here at Central. She'd also like to try and walk onto the basketball team with the remaining year of eligibility athletes can be granted for a second sport after playing and graduating in four years without red-shirting.



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Central offers storage for firearms

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Students living on campus at Central have a safe place to store their firearms; with university police.

As tensions run high around the topic of gun control on college campuses, Central offers law-abiding, firearm-owning students a storage option for their pistols, rifles and bows.

University police offers free

firearm storage for all students living on campus and access to weapons is not restricted. Students can reach the university police at all times and, within minutes, leave with their firearm.

University police Capt. Jason Berthon-Koch said this program allows students to have a "safe and secure location to store their firearms, if they choose to have them."

Police Services did not provide an exact number of students who utilize the program, but it was noted that during fall quarter the storage facility sees the most traffic. This increase in traffic during fall quarter is attributed to hunting season.

Traffic slows down before winter break as students check out their firearms to store them elsewhere for the rest of the year.

Washington state law requires

state universities to have a storage program. As stated in WAC 106-124-700, guns and other dangerous weapons or instruments are not allowed on university property except under rare circumstances. On-campus storage facilities help to retain students' Second Amendment rights.

Koch has been a part of the university police for over 16 years and says the storage facility has been in place since before he first came to the campus. In all of that time, no notable incidents have occurred involving the campus storage facility.

According to the University Police and Parking Services Web site, when a student wishes to check in a firearm, they are required to complete a weapons storage form, agree to a criminal history check and have a valid driver's license.

To aid in crime prevention,

each time a student checks in or checks out their firearm they must submit to a criminal history check.

University police will not, "store or accept b.b. guns, paintball guns, knives, swords, etc.," as stated in their policy. They will also not accept ammunition, magazines, arrows, cases or holsters for the weapons they do approve for storage.

University police headquarters is closed on weekdays from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. Monday through Friday and all day on weekends.

During this time those requesting access to their firearm must use the call box located outside the university police building on Wildcat Way across from Dean Hall.

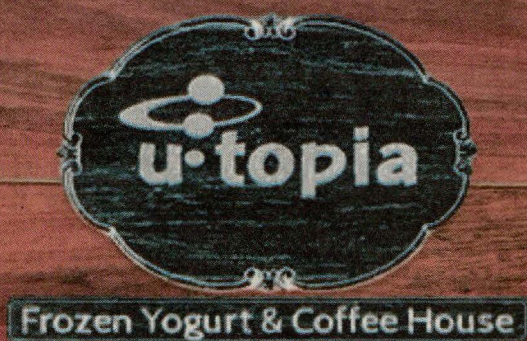
This call box connects students with local dispatch, which sends an on-duty campus police officer within minutes.



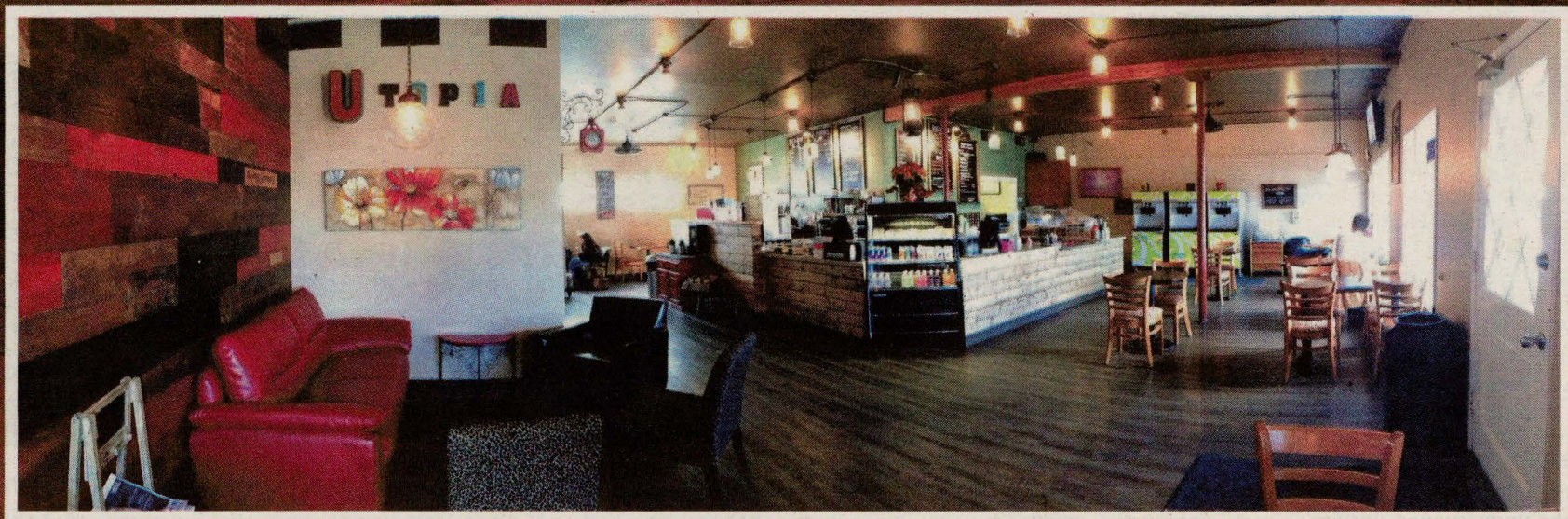
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Central students can store guns like this Ruger P-90 .45ACP with the university police at their headquarters on Wildcat Way.

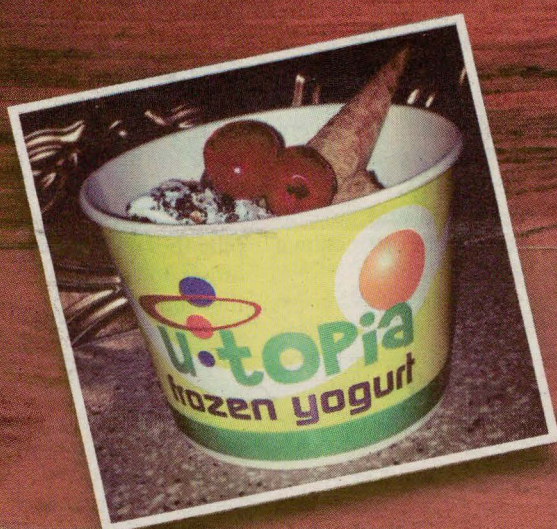
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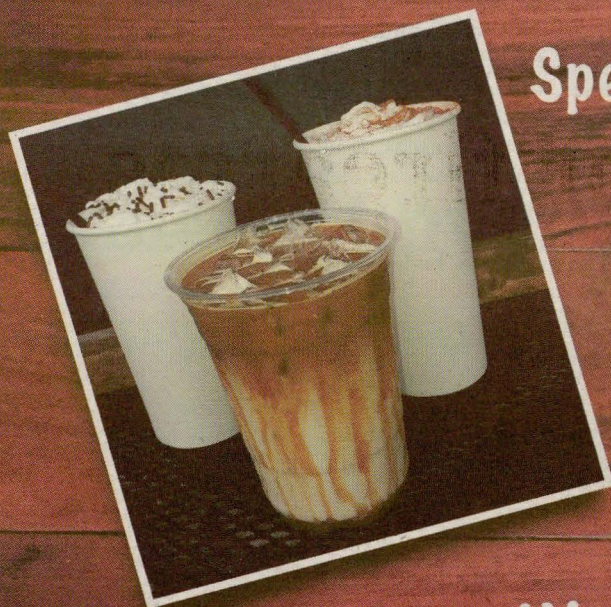
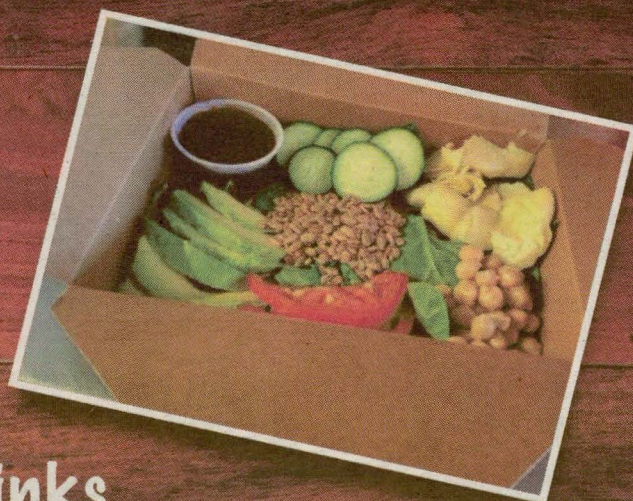


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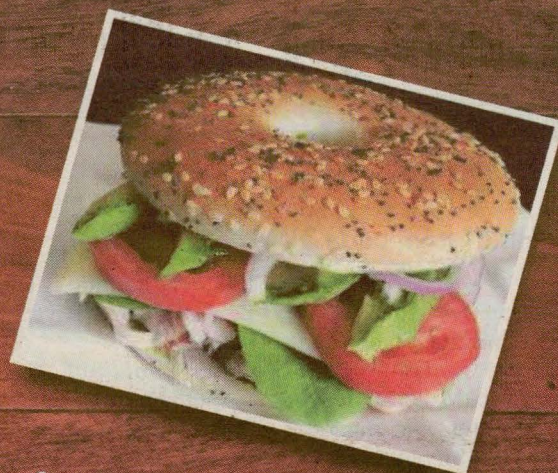
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FALL SPORTS PREVIEWS

Wildcats eye improved offense, defense

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Change is a constant variable in everyone's lives, for better or worse. After an offseason of changes for the Central Washington University football team, the Wildcats are looking to compete in the GNAC in 2016 and beyond.

CWU went 5-5 overall last season and 3-3 in GNAC play, putting it behind the pace set by conference winner, Humboldt State (10-2, 6-0 GNAC.)

One of the biggest storylines for the Wildcats last season was the midseason departure of incumbent starting quarterback Jake Nelson, after being moved into a co-starter role with Justin Lane.

Lane, who transferred from Illinois State University in 2013, is now the unquestioned starter for the Wildcats this season. This comes after having a 58 percent completion percentage, 2,001 passing yards, and 12 passing touchdowns to 10 interceptions in nine games played while lead-

Players to Watch

Jesse Zalk- WR

Receiving Yards: 675

Yards Per Catch: 15.7

Receiving Touchdowns: 4

Punt Return Yards: 178

Punt Return Touchdowns: 1

Kick Return Yards: 813

Kick Return Touchdowns: 1

All-Purpose Yards: 1676

Kevin Haynes- LB

Tackles: 73

Tackles For Loss: 5.5

Sacks: 4

Pass Deflections: 2

ing the GNAC in total offensive yards per game (233.1.)

Overall, the offense was a major problem for the Wildcats, as they were second in the GNAC in interceptions thrown, fifth in rushing offense and allowed



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After a 5-5 record last season, the Wildcats added defensive coordinator Scott Power and offensive line coach Chris Fisk.

the most sacks. CWU hired a new offensive-line coach, Chris Fisk, to help bring the sack total down, but everything else comes down to execution by players throughout the game.

"There's no such thing as a 10-point play or a 20-point play," said wide receiver Jesse Zalk. "If you're down in a game or just had a turnover, we have to just come back as strong as you can to try and make a play. We're gonna have a sack, or a tackle for a loss, you just have to come back and not give up."

Zalk believes every facet of the offense being on the same page is key for execution.

Special teams should continue to rank at the top of the conference with the presence of Zalk, who ranked first in the GNAC in total kick-return yards with 813. Zalk was also second in the conference in receptions and receiving yards per game, with 4.8 receptions per game and 75 receiving yards per game.

After the departure of defensive coordinator Payam Saadat for California Polytechnic University, head coach Ian Shoe-maker brought in Scott Power to run a new-look defense that hopes to fare better

than last year.

Coach Power inherits a defense that gave up 376.2 yards and 31.1 points per game, good for third and fourth in the GNAC, respectively. CWU did not succeed at stopping the run, giving up 201.8 rushing yards per game (fourth in GNAC). However, the Wildcats' pass defense was successful. They were second in both passing yards allowed per game (174.4) and interceptions (12) and first in passing completion percentage allowed (47.2).

Power served as the defensive coordinator at Marian University for three seasons, including winning the NAIA National Championship in 2015, running a 4-2 nickel defense that has proven successful in recent years against the passing and running games.

"I think we have talented players," Power said. "We just need to establish a standard of play that is very high."

Junior linebacker Kevin Haynes, CWU's leading tackler the past two seasons, is excited to play in Power's system and become a more disruptive defense.

"I thought we had a good

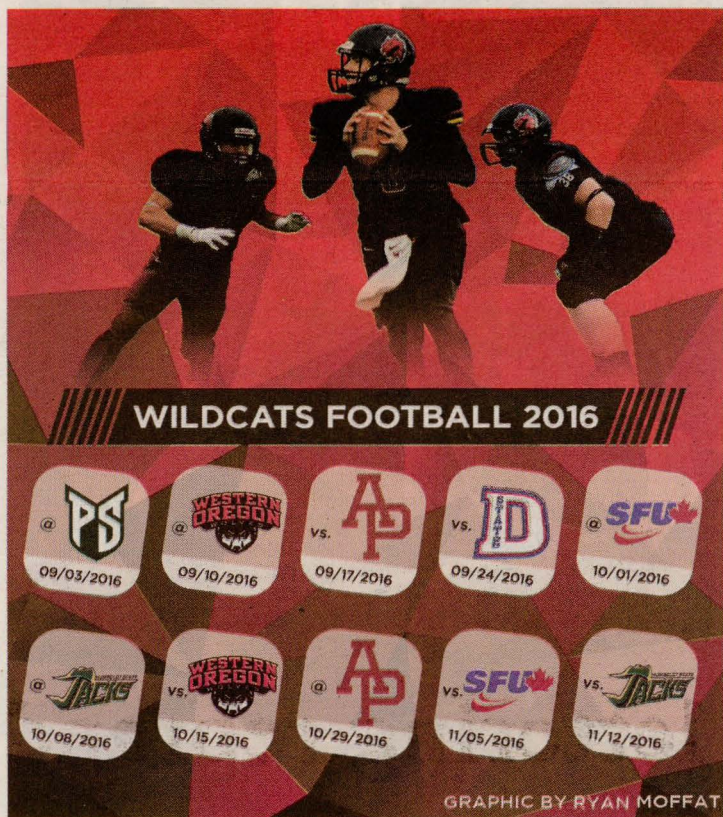
spring," Haynes said. "We were installing a whole new system, but I thought we picked it up fairly quickly. Coach [Power] is an extremely smart man. He knows football really well."

Power and the defense are expected to have a major turnaround against the run as well as create more turnovers.

"If you look at any great defense in the history of football, they all have one thing in common," Haynes said. "It's stopping the run, which is a thing we didn't do very well last year. The first thing Coach Power said to us this spring is that, 'We will stop the run.' I think our scheme alone will help us do that."

The challenge for CWU starts immediately in week one of the season, when the team travels to Portland to take on Portland State University, a Division I FCS school. Haynes and Zalk, both from nearby Battle Ground, Washington, are excited to head to their home and show what the Wildcats have to offer this season.

"Any time you can play an opponent from a bigger school and see where you're at is always a good time," Haynes said.



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"HIKE" from page 31

Hikers can rest their feet in the creek, and find some shade under a tree.

The trailhead is located eight miles from the start of the Yakima River Canyon out of Ellensburg, then turn right and park at the Umtanum Recreation Area. Start your hike by crossing the bridge over the Yakima River, walk under the train tracks and follow the dirt path back into the canyon.

Baldy Mountain

This trail can be described as unmaintained and tiring, but rewarding in every sense of the word.

Baldy is no different than other hikes in the area, and is short and steep. Your climb along this steady grade is surrounded by the Yakima River's winding valley.

Being one of the highest "mountains" in the canyon, a 360-degree view awaits at the top. Mt. Rainer and Mt. Stuart will make appearances on a sunny day. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife; deer can be seen wandering among the grass, and sheep are found in the high rock fields.

For access to this trail, hikers can park at Big Pines Campground, about 20 miles from Central on Canyon Road. The trailhead is located directly across the road from the campground, where a gap in the fence

can be found at the start.

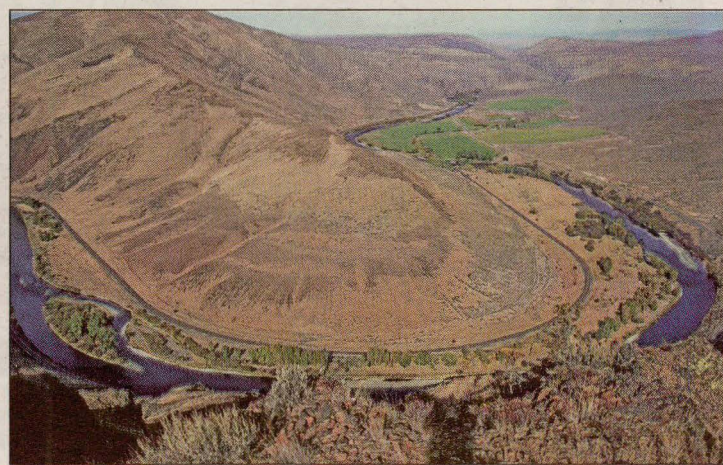
Umtanum Creek Falls

Umtanum Creek Falls provides a cool getaway from the spring heat.

The trail that follows Umtanum Creek is relatively flat, and runs through a shaded valley for about 1.5 miles until reaching the peak of the falls.

As summer nears, the water level decreases, allowing better access to the bottom of the falls. Travel along the western side of the falls on a narrow trail and be careful with your footing here, lest you make a quick decent to the bottom of the 40-foot canyon.

You can enjoy lunch perched on the rocks adjacent to the waterfall, or climb down a short



Hunter Ventoza/The Observer

A short-but steep-hike leads to the view on top of Baldy Mountain.

distance to access the small pool below the falls.

This hike is short, but rewarding, which makes it perfect for an after school adventure.

To find the trailhead, drive west on Umtanum Road for just under 10 miles and turn into a gravel parking lot.

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Fresh faces set to take court

After losing three key seniors, Wildcats hope to serve up fifth-straight playoff appearance

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After losing 19 years of cumulative varsity experience, the Central Washington University volleyball team will get its first look at the future up-and-coming players.

Five seniors graduated off the team, four of them being four-year varsity players and one being a three-year player.

Out of the 1,000 total sets played last season, the seniors played in 390 of them.

In overall scoring per set, these five seniors contributed 40 percent of the points, or 10 of the 25 needed to win a set.

Three-time GNAC first-team setter Catie Fry will be one of the biggest losses for the Wildcats. Fry has played in 101 games over her career. Fry had 1,106 assists last season, with the next closest at 60, while also getting 105 kills.

Outside hitter and middle blocker Linden Firethorne was the kills leader last season, with 378, for a per-set average of 3.53. She also led the team with 27 service aces. She had the second-most digs on the team with 226.

2015 GNAC honorable mention middle blocker Kaitlin Quirk was the last significant loss for the Wildcats. Quirk was second on the team in blocks with 137, one short of being tied for first, while attacking-wise she had 210 kills.

The other two seniors were outside hitter Rachel Hans-

es and middle blocker Ashtyn Mann.

With all these significant losses, who will be stepping in for these long-time players?

A front-runner for replacing Fry is redshirt sophomore setter Kelly McClung, who was the backup setter playing in one game last season.

"She's been doing a nice job as the understudy. Time will tell in that role as the leader," head coach Mario Andaya said.

Replacing Firethorne, Quirk and Mann at the middle blocker will be senior Erin Little and redshirt sophomore Sarah Joffs.

"We've had such good middles [blockers] and we can only play two middles at a time," senior outside hitter Kiah Jones said. "So we've had really good backups, they've just never had their time to shine."

Little has played 24 games total for the Wildcats, getting 43 kills, with a career high last season of 14 games played and 28 kills.

Joffs has played in two games in her CWU volleyball career.

"It is kind of a question mark on paper, but to us we've seen these guys train the last couple years and it's their time," Andaya said. "They've been training hard. They're buying into the things we need to do to prove ourselves again."

With Little being the only Wildcat with in-game experience, all of the future starters have been playing against the top players on the team over the last few seasons.

"I think they're game ready,



John Whittlsey/The Observer

Head coach Mario Andaya is in his 21st season. Last season his team was second in the nation in blocks per set.

but only time will tell and see where it takes us," Andaya said.

CWU is bringing back junior GNAC first-team middle blocker Sabrina Wheelhouse. She was ninth in the country in blocks per set with 1.35. She had 182 kills and 2.54 points per set.

Coming into their 2016 campaign, Andaya believes he will see a more mature player out of Wheelhouse. He thinks she will have to be stronger on the court, because now every team in the GNAC will prepare for a 6-foot-3-inch middle blocker.

"She knows she can be a lot better, but she knows she's pretty special now," Andaya said.

Jones was an honorable mention last season. She has played in 57 games in three seasons and is coming off a career best with 265 kills and 106 digs.

Andaya compliments her Best in the West Region attacking ability, while her blocking ability was top-notch for her position.

"We expect the leadership element out of someone like her—she's been through it," Andaya said. "Not only has she shown herself worthy on the court—she's showing it in her training and all the off-court stuff too."

Other notables are sopho-

more outside hitter Madison Weg, who played in 27 games, recording 155 kills, and senior outside hitter Lindsey Milner, who led the team with 417 digs, averaging 3.86 per set.

"We're doing things that are really different than we've done before," Jones said. "Speaking in rotation wise we're going to have a really new look to our team then in the past couple of years."

Last season, CWU (20-8, 16-4 GNAC) finished tied for third place behind Alaska Anchorage University and Western Washington University while tying Northwest Nazarene.

"When I look at us playing those teams that beat us, I don't think that they are better than us," Jones said.

Playoff-wise, in 2015 CWU lost in five sets to California State University-San Bernardino, a team CWU is familiar with. Since 2002, CWU has a 2-6 overall record against them, with five of the losses eliminating the Wildcats from the playoffs.

"You're going all the way from Hawaii to southern California—those are hotbeds in volleyball," Andaya said.

Players to Watch

Sabrina Wheelhouse - Junior

Kills: 182

Blocks: 138

Points: 259.5

Kiah Jones - Senior

Kills: 265

Blocks: 138

Points: 259.5

CWU has been eliminated in the first playoff the last four years. Overall, the Wildcats have only won one playoff game in 14 years, having an overall playoff record of 1-7.

Jones is unsure what push they need to win a tournament game.

"One thing that helps us is that we have experience—we know what it's like to be there and we definitely know what it feels like to lose that first game, it's an awful feeling going that far knowing you can do it, then you lose that one game and you're done," Jones said.

Athletics unveils new logo, lettering rebrand

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The Central Washington University athletics department unveiled a collection of new logos and letterings that will be implemented starting next fall as part of a department-wide rebranding campaign.

The rebrand will replace the current primary athletic mark—the side-facing cat head used by the entire university—with a new logo created specifically for CWU's sports teams.

Six secondary logos and two new fonts were also announced during last Wednesday's press conference in the SURC pit.

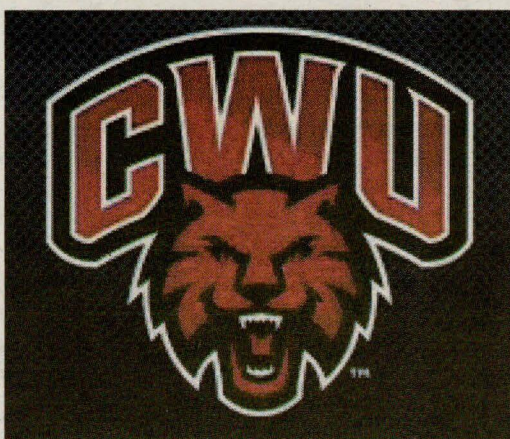
Dennis Francois, CWU's director of athletics, said the department's top priority with the

rebrand was to shift to a forward facing primary logo.

"A lot of us just liked something that felt more symmetrical and balanced," he said. "That was something with the previous mark that we were using, with the C-W-U off to the side and the cat head, it really made the mark feel heavy on one side."

Francois said the department started talking about adopting a new look last spring, but didn't submit a request for proposal until fall.

"Three very reputable [design] companies submitted bids, but in the end, we chose Joe Bozack and Co.," he said. "If



Courtesy of CWU Athletics

you watched any of the games during March Madness, you saw his work on the center of each floor."

In addition to designing the logos for all major championships across the NCAA's three divisions, Joe Bozack and Co. is

also responsible for leading the branding efforts at universities such as Austin Peay, Boise State, Xavier and Mississippi State.

With Central completing its last university-wide rebrand just four years ago, assistant athletics director of external affairs Tyler Unsicker said the department was hesitant to accept any proposals from Joe Bozack and Co. that differed too much from the school's current logo.

"There's a lot of great attributes from that mark that we wanted to keep intact moving forward," Unsicker said. "We didn't want to depart too far from that, considering it's been

fairly recent since we went with that logo. It's not going to look so different that we're going to have to go out and change everything on campus right away."

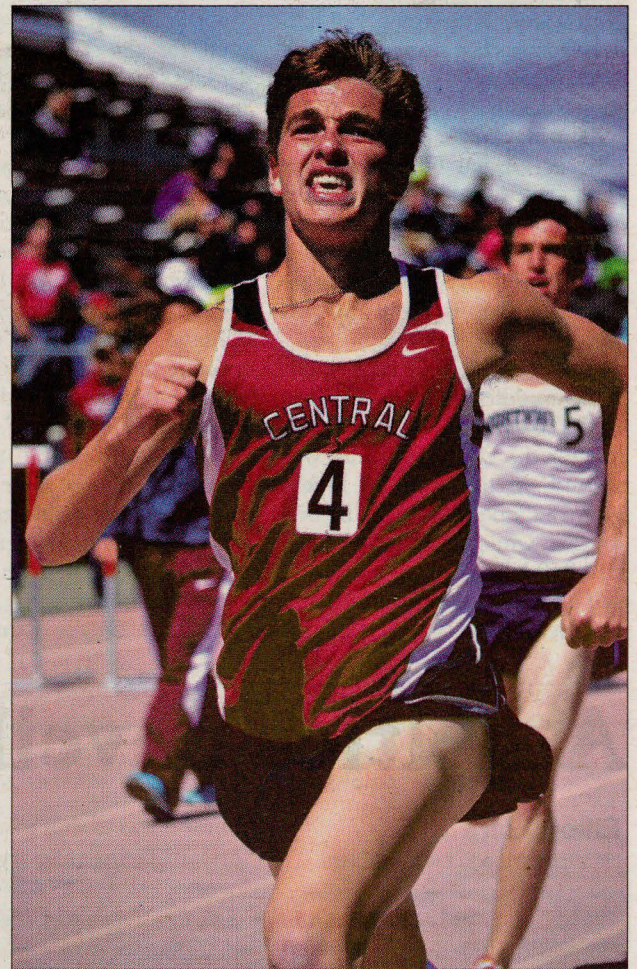
According to Francois, Central's athletic teams are on three-year cycles for each set of uniforms, meaning fans can expect to see the rebrand rolled out gradually. The first teams set to receive uniforms with the new logos this fall will be volleyball and women's soccer.

"If you look at different organizations, you'll see that logos are constantly evolving," Francois said. "In athletics it's taken a different turn, in that logos are more simplistic than they were years ago and I think you can see that with this redesign."

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A year in review: A peek at CWU sports through the Observer's eyes



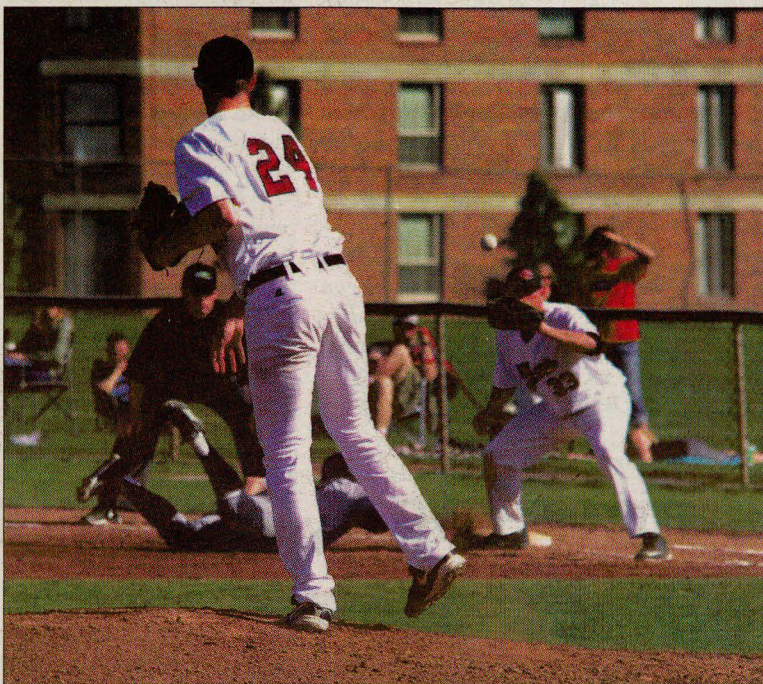
This year, Central Washington University sports saw a conference champion, the departure of quarterback Jake Nelson, some domination on the rugby pitch and the resignation of one of CWU's most prominent coaches.

CWU's softball team highlighted the year in sports with its run to a Super Regional.

The Wildcats came close to winning a second GNAC title, but the baseball team fell just short on the final weekend.

Tony Pacheco, CWU's head coach for men's rugby unexpectedly resigned just before the season ended, and the women's team was named National Team of the Year by ThisIsAmericanRugby.com.

-Zac Hereth, Sports Editor



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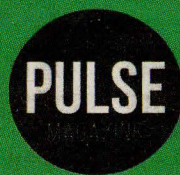
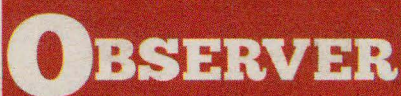
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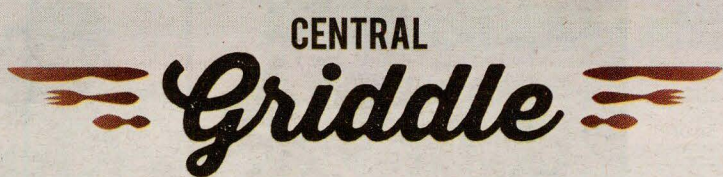
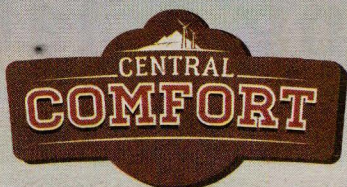
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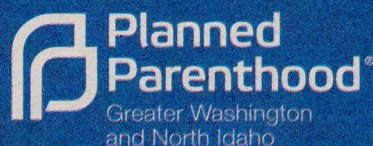
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