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Katie Neuner is driving home from Wenatchee, crossing Blewett Pass, when she’s pulled over for going five miles per hour over the speed limit.

After the police officer detects the smell of marijuana, he asks her for a field sobriety test. He confiscates a half-ounce of marijuana and arrests Neuner, who was just 20 at the time, charging her with under-aged possession and driving under the influence.

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Legal cannabis in Trump’s America

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Trump’s first order as president is to select his cabinet officers; the rumor mill has spit many names, including Chris Christie, Sarah Palin, Rudy Guliani and several others, as a short list of possible candidates for the various positions.

The pro-marijuana community is worried about one name in particular: Jeff Sessions, the newly-appointed Attorney General of the United States. Sessions, the former senator from Alabama, is the top law enforcement officer and is the head of the Department of Justice, the highest-ranking law enforcement officer and is the top lawyer in the country.

Sessions’ views on cannabis users and drug policies are bleak. “Good people don’t smoke marijuana,” Sessions said.

Sessions denounced President Obama’s pardoning of federal drug offenders, according to Jesse Gruen of CNN.

The marijuana industry is worried Sessions will enforce his vendetta against drug policy and the marijuana industry through the power of the Attorney General’s Office.

Could Sessions crack down on and slow the progress of the legalized marijuana industry?

Dr. Matthew Manweller, Republican representative for the 13th District and CWU political science professor said that neither the president nor the attorney general have the direct power to stop marijuana decriminalization at the state level because states control their criminal justice systems, Manweller said.

However, marijuana is still a Schedule I drug, which means it is illegal at the federal level with “no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse.” If ordered, federal agents could still repel through the windows, kick in the doors and shut down marijuana businesses.

Former Attorney General Eric Holder used discretion when handling states experimenting with legal marijuana, but Sessions is not bound by any of these prior agreements, according to Manweller.

The government could use business owner’s personal documents against them as evidence of intent to commit a felony, the Washington Post reported. This makes legal recourse even more viable, but legal action against the marijuana industry could mean dire consequences in a political sense.

“If Trump were to have his Attorney General do that, what does he gain vs. who does he alienate?”, Manweller said. This possibility is particularly sensitive in swing states like Colorado.

Ultimately, Manweller believes the future of the marijuana industry will be a political consideration rather than a legal one.

Rob Hendrix, owner of Canabasics said he believes that regardless of who gets the job, they wouldn’t be there if they weren’t in “lock step” with Trump and his agenda.

“I think [Trump] is going to be respectful of what the states put together,” Hendrix said.

Trump told the Washington Post he believes marijuana should be a state-by-state issue, but has also called Colorado’s recreational system a “real problem,” according to the Business Insider. Trump has been proven to contradict himself regularly, further clouding his opinions on the subject.

California just legalized recreational marijuana, making it legal in the world’s sixth largest economy. Marijuana is already a billion-dollar industry in California that shows no signs of slowing as California tips the scale by legalizing cannabis.

“California to the USA is a little like Seattle is to Washington,” Hendrix said.

California is one of the most progressive states in the nation in the ACP Best of Show competition. We’re talking universities with beautiful campuses, state-of-the-art equipment and deep pockets. But this group has proven that none of that matters. If you have the drive, the passion and the commitment to come in every day and get work done, others will recognize your efforts.

The holidays always seem to bring out the most festive, sentimental and nostalgic mood in everyone. And personally, this year has been no different.

As we go into the holiday season and exit 2016, I can’t help but look back at the events of the previous year (and this last year) without being thankful for my time spent in and occasionally out of the newsroom.

I have been lucky enough to fall into this position with the absolute best group of people surrounding me. This staff has handled this quarter with grace, learning on the run and keeping up with everything that life has had to throw at them.

They have taken their time at the paper and they’ve capitalised on every second of it.

They’ve accumulated beautiful photos that have captured some of the most critical moments of these past few months.

They’ve written stories that have covered everything from the thrill and excitement of the theatre and marching band, to the tragic loss of a CWU alumna.

They’ve designed pages that have served as the first story from the majority of our reporters, they created one of the best issues I have ever seen.

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Maybe I’m biased (clearly), but I have been blown away by the talent that has walked through the Observer’s doors in the past three months.

The dedication and commitment they show make me want to continue being an editor for them, and that is something that I will continue to work towards in the coming quarters.

Not only is the staff absolutely amazing, but the CWU and Ellensburg community has been incredibly receptive and welcoming.

As a community you have told us what you enjoyed, and we’ve inflated the egos of our photographers and you’ve even shared what you think we could improve upon. Most important—you’ve made it enjoyable to produce a paper every week.

With the majority of us being journalists and communication majors, we live for feedback and two-way conversations.

We strive to improve each and every day, and hearing feedback from all of you helps steer this paper in the direction that is best for everyone.

This year I have had the opportunity to learn and collaborate with incredible people within this university and community.

The friendships I have made and expanded upon this quarter are due primarily to this paper, and for that I will be forever grateful.

I think I can speak for all of us when I say that we are looking forward to a new year filled with new opportunities.

For everyone who grabs a copy of this paper off the stands every week, or checks in online or through social media, thank you for continuing to support student media.

We hope that you all enjoy this upcoming break and we’ll see you in 2017, Wildcats. Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

-McKenzie Lakey, Editor-in-Chief

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Following a march through Ellensburg streets said to be at least 500 people strong, CWU hosted a Not In Our Kittitas County (NIOKC) event answering community questions and concerns.

The event which featured public safety officials, professors, a representative from the Southern Poverty Law Center, and students was held in the SURC Ballroom on Nov 29.

The event led off with opening remarks from CWU President James Gaudino.

“When I look at the room, there’s a lot of people my age,” Gaudino said.

He called for community sensitivity to students who may not have had the experiences other community members have and may be handling events involving racism badly.

Ellensburg mayor, Rich Elliott was the next to speak.

“I am sickened,” Elliott said in referenced to the recent events involving KKK flyers being seen in town.

Elliott also encouraged the crowd and students to get more involved in their local government and if there is something they want their government to know to let them know.

The event’s keynote speaker, WSU professor Richard King, spoke on understanding racial violence and white supremacists in the Pacific Northwest.

“I wish here under better circumstances,” King said.

His presentation was mainly just to educate the crowd and make them aware to some lesser known historic instances of racism and white supremacy movement in the area.

He began by showing memorabilia of a fast-food chain from the past called “Coon Chicken Inn.” Photos of the memorabilia was sent to him by a past student who saw it at an Ellensburg garage sale.

A placemat from the restaurant which hangs in his office, was shown as slide also. The placemat, depicted caricatures of both black people and native Americans.

King also showed past photos of the KKK along with a photo taken in 2016 of a man riding a Puget Sound ferry wearing an armband with a swastika on it.

King said this was to show the crowd that in this day and age some people are able to wear such a thing in public and feel comfortable enough doing it and others will see it and not say anything or even be comfortable in it’s presence.

Additionally, King gave examples of the KKK and other racist organizations in the Pacific Northwest such as a women’s only klan march in Bellingham and the Aryan Nations having a compound in Idaho.

There is currently a movement online from a group called the “Northwest Front,” who seek to see the Pacific Northwest become a “white utopia,” according to King.

The internet has been allowing for white supremacy to go “viral,” King said.

“Today all you have got to do is turn on your computer,” King said describing how easy it can be to be a part of a white supremacist movement now compared to in the past.

He closed out his presentation by reminding the crowd that this issue is not about one individual but wider group.

Lecia J. Brooks, a representative from SPLC followed King’s keynote through skype to give an update on racial activity and bias incidents in Washington state.

She said that according to the SPLC, 900 acts of bias have been reported to them in the 10 days after President-Elect, Donald Trump won the general election.

CWU professor Cynthia Mitchell, was one of the last speakers.

She gave a short speech on the First Amendment and how hate speech is protected and then turned the microphone over to three students who helped organize the NIOKC march.

The students gave a short account of their involvement in the project and what they currently working on. The students ended by once again reminding the crowd that this was not related to the election or Donald Trump.

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Sexual assault is a serious issue on college campuses. Bill 5518 ensures that campuses protect their students from assault.

The Bill was created by President Barack Obama’s task force which encouraged schools to have an assessment by conducting surveys to see how much students know when it comes to sexual assault and campus protection.

This is the first time CWU has conducted a survey for students and staff to create awareness. “I think it will be great,” said Mallory Morse, a health educator. The survey started on Oct. 24 and ended Nov. 16.

Jill Hoxmeier, the assistant professor of Public Health, is the principal investigator for the sexual assault survey.

Marissa Howat, director of wellness center, Richard DeShields, associate dean for student living, Trisha Rabel, director of housing operations, Gale Farmer, Title IX coordinator and Hoxmeier make up a team who work to organize and analyze the information collected from the survey.

The group met after the results came in to decide how to distribute the information amongst students and staff.

Hoxmeier is also preparing the report to give to the state governor.

About 1,150 students participated in the survey or about 10 percent of the student body. Over one-fifth of staff responded to the survey additionally.

DeShields shared some of the results from the survey.

About 73 percent of students and staff said they would take steps to protect victims and 79 percent are already receiving training to combat assault on campus.

The survey also showed whether or not the training provided on-campus was effective.

DeShields wants students to know that, “no one has to go through these situations alone.” We need to, “make sure we are confronting sexual assault,” DeShields concluded.

The goal is to perform the best practices to help students and they want to, “continue to provide the best resources,” said Morse who is the prevention coordinator and supports victims of sexual assault.

She has witnessed evidence of sexual assault on CWU’s campus because she works closely with the victims. “I am very pleased,” Hoxmeier explained as she told of the 1,150 participants who took the survey. Other people must find it important too if so many people took the time to take the survey. “I do believe the institution takes it seriously.”

Survey results

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CWU conducted a survey to help bring awareness to sexual assault. The survey was open from Oct. 24 to Nov. 16.
If the turkey isn’t on the table, put down the tinsel. I must’ve missed the public service announce-ment when it was decided to skip Thanksgiving and go straight from Halloween to Christmas.

It’s as if the collective population decided to do away with the entire month of November. Put down the lights, stockings and hats and please for the love of god press pause on the Christmas music.

Stop advertising your Christmas sales before the Thanksgiving Day Parade. There are still twelve months in a year. I don’t know about the rest of you, but I like to actually enjoy ALL of my holidays.

Halloween means scary movies, fan costumes and as much candy as you can eat. I speak for everyone’s inner-child when I say if it’s October, you can sure as hell find me at the grocery store buying bulk candy I intend to eat all by myself. But even I draw the line at the what I’ve seen the day after.

As soon as the doors are closed on Halloween, stores magically become a Winter Wonderland and let me tell you, I’m just not having it. Even our own campus is guilty of this. I walked into the SURC on Nov. 1 and was instantly bombarded by trees and Christmas spirit.

Where are the turkeys? Why aren’t people rocking pilgrim hats?

As a student in my first year at CWU let me tell you how excited I was to be going home for Thanksgiving. I miss my mom’s cooking. Sorry, but SURC food doesn’t even come close to my mom’s meatloaf or her spaghetti.

Thanksgiving is about being with family, not staring at the Christmas tree that’s been up for the last month.

Don’t get me wrong, I love the Christmas traditions like decorating the tree and decking the house out with lights inside and out. If you want to go all out and turn your house into a holiday themed lighthouse beacon, do it.

I’ll ‘oh’ and ‘ah’ when I drive around to look at all the lights because that’s my favorite family tradition. But, not before we even set the clocks back. It’s hard to really see the lights when it doesn’t get dark until after 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving is a time to be with your family and so is Christmas. I feel like people are forgetting that. As soon as the table is cleared, or in some cases even before, people pile into their cars and stand in lines preparing to fight and trample each other for gifts they don’t even have time to consider.

Black Friday sales are starting to begin earlier and now most stores run deals online simultaneously, including free shipping.

I think adrenaline junkies who won’t even go near stores on Black Friday. I’ve heard stories from retail personnel this year whose family member came away with a broken nose and a new phone. They were elbowed in the face by someone’s grandmother. I’m talking a woman in her 80s. I get the deals are great, but it’s not worth dying over.
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In 2012, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Washington estimated it cost about $2,200 to arrest and convict an individual for a misdemeanor possession: $735 to make the arrest, $288 in courts costs, $551 for prosecution to file the motion, $571 to assign public defense, $64 per day in jail and $5.80 in supervision costs.

Using those estimates, from 2010-2012 Ellensburg spent about $485,000 on marijuana-possession arrests. With 61 fewer arrests made in the three years since, Ellensburg has spent an estimated $340,000, for a total savings of about $145,000.

However, while there has been a significant drop off in marijuana-possession arrests, local law enforcement officials say two new categories have begun to rise.

"Calls related to marijuana edibles and other infused products have taken a big leap," said Kittitas County Sheriff Gene Dana.

According to Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas’ (NWHID-TA) Washington Marijuana Impact Report, since legalization, the Washington Poison Center has logged 312 percent more calls related to infused products, and a 350 percent increase in calls related to marijuana oil.

Office Aaron Hadler of the CWU Police Department said he thinks the increase in medical calls is due to the heightened hallucinogenic state of THC and from people who eat multiple doses of infused brownies or cookies.

Data provided by fire & rescue duty Chief Rich Elliott shows there have been 37 marijuana-related medical calls since 2013, when they first began recording the number.

Compared to all of 2015, the percentage of marijuana-related poison control calls in the first five months of 2016 rose 88 percent.

Kittitas County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Mark Sprague said there has also been an increased number of impaired driving incidents that are marijuana-related. But none of the data provided by Ellensburg’s law enforcement agencies determine whether the DUI arrests made are marijuana or alcohol-related, and the total number in the three years before legalization and the three years after are virtually the same. There were 305 DUI arrests from 2010-2012 and 303 from 2013-2015.

Katie Neuner said she doesn’t plan on having any future encounters with law enforcement, but if she does, she believes she will be in a better position now that she is of legal age.

"I definitely got caught because I was over the legal [limit] and underage...So I take the blame for my situation," Neuner said. "But I don’t think I would have gotten anything if I was 21."
**BREAKDOWN OF COSTS IN KITITAS COUNTY**

- $385,648
- $278,822
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**Number of Marijuana Related Arrests Per Year From 2010 to 2015**

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Layout by Taylor Morrell
Hacking may be seen as a controversial act. On the one hand, someone can find in and steal information for their own gain, but on the other hand, hacking can be used to help improve a company’s security.

“Hollywood has such a stigma about hacking being a bad thing,” said Cyber Security and Ethical Hacking (CSEH) club’s Vice President Michael Cyr, a senior in information technology and administrative management (ITAM) with a specialization in cyber security. “It always has a malicious intent in Hollywood’s eyes, therefore people who watch movies have that same view.

According to Cyr, the two main types of hackers are White Hats and Black Hats. White Hats hack find weaknesses in companies’ security and notify organizations of those weaknesses before Black Hat hackers can exploit them.

“Let’s say you found a way to access a bunch of credit card numbers at Home Depot,” Cyr said. “The Black Hat hackers will sell that information off to people and make a ton of money.”

CSEH exists to help its members learn the art of hacking in order to become better White Hat Hackers.

“If it wasn’t for White Hat hacking, people would be able to walk onto our networks unhindered,” said Chet L. Claar, an associate professor of ITAM and co-advisor of the club.

The club was started by Dr. Jackson Muhirwe two years ago and is currently run by its president Brian McDougall, a fifth-year senior majoring in ITAM with dual specializations in Network Administration and Cyber Security.

“The first few minutes we talk about club business and announcements,” McDougall said. “Sometimes we have presentations. We’ve had two that were guests and the rest of the time anyone who is in the club can turn in any sort of IT topic they find interesting.

The most exciting part of the club for the members are the hacking competitions. Currently, the club is training for the Pacific Rim Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (PRCCDC), a three-day event where companies as prestigious as Microsoft, the FBI and Boeing send their best cyber warriors to compete against the university teams.

Though even with all of potential challenges no one was deterred from the competition. “You hate it, but you love it,” Cyr said.

According to McDougall, the red and blue teams are not allowed to hang out until the last day, when the competition is over. However, both teams message each other throughout the event.

“One guy was taunting me,” McDougall said. “Sending me nasty little pictures of rape jokes that was pretty close kid.”

The competitions are also recruiting tools for the sponsor companies. On the second evening after dinner, the students get to meet the representatives and those meetings can often land students internships or jobs.

“Most of us on the team got interviews,” McDougall said of 2015’s PRCCDC.

Three members of the club were hired by Microsoft and a fourth was hired by a defense contractor.

Outside of the competition, all sources agreed that the best part of the club was sharing their passion for hacking with like-minded people.

“It’s hard to find people who are interested in your hobbies, see how you react to it, see how quickly you recover from whatever they’ve done. Day two, they really start piling it on and those are the only two days counted in the competition. Day three, they take the gloves off and just pound you all day.”

Dear Dr. H,

If it is so unsafe to sleep around, why aren’t students being told more of the risks instead of just saying “stay safe” and not talking about the emotional and physical consequences? Our country generally does a poor job of promoting sexual health. There are places where *gasp* abstinence only education is still being taught despite the mountains of evidence showing that sexual education does keep young “safer,” and thus, healthier.

Even when contraception and testing shows up in the curricula, the skills associated with using contraception and getting tested also need to be taught, and then reinforced.

So, although you asked why we don’t hear more about the consequences of sex, I believe we don’t hear enough about HOW to avoid those consequences through acquiring the skills associated with healthier sexual experiences (whether you’re having sex or not and providing opportunities to practice the new skills to gain confidence in using them).

Only recently have we several states included in their curriculum concepts of assessing sexual readiness and negotiating consent.

Who makes those decisions about sex ed curriculum often refuse to acknowledge young people as sexual beings and avoid discussing sexual health from a sex-positive perspective.

If we deny that adolescents are having sex, well, then we do real damage to talk about the consequences of sex because they don’t need to know, right?

The problem is, when young people start to have sex and all the rest of the risk-based, sex-negative education, they are ill-prepared to keep themselves free from STIs and unintended pregnancy and to negotiate consensual sex.

People need to know the risks, yes, but they also need to know how to reduce their risk with medically and technically accurate information.

If you’d like more information on risks (and benefits!) of sex, visit the CWU Wellness Center, SMACC and the Ellensburg Planned Parenthood to learn about the sexual and reproductive services available for students.

Dr. Jill Hoxmeier is a public health professor at CWU.

Send anonymous public health and sex related questions to askdrh@cwuobserver.com and have them answered here.
A roll of the dice

CWU Theatre’s production “She Kills Monsters” journeys deep into the world of D&D

By Will Schorno

“Theatre” from page 1

One of the core themes of the show is being able to express and empower oneself to get through oppression.

The monsters who are killed are both a literal and figurative oppression.

One of the main focuses of “She Kills Monsters” is the ambitious stage set, which aims to submerge the audience in the fictional world of Tilly’s game and in the factual world of suburban Ohio.

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The crew of the play wants to instill a sort of confusion on the audience by making it hard to tell if they are a part of the audience or the show itself.

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Wildcats prepare for track season

By Glendal Tautua
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The indoor track season will begin on Dec. 4, kicking off this year’s much anticipated track and field season. Some key players have returned with their eyes set on nationals. There is excitement when talking about the possibilities and potential success this year.

“The indoor season really sets us up for success going into the outdoor season,” head Coach Kevin Adkisson said. “We’ve just excited to see what kind of shape people are in and what the season holds.”

Many track and field coaches and athletes have been working diligently in the gym to get ready for the season. 

The men’s track team is lead by returners Armando Talaya and Kent McKinney. Kent McKinney was the only athlete to compete at nationals last season. As one can see and imagine, there are pieces that need to be connected, moving and intentionally worked in order to create the perfect season.
## This week's ski resort conditions

### Crystal Mountain
- **Opening Day:** November 25
- **Thursday:** 20 percent chance of snow, 28 degrees.
- **Friday:** Snow likely, 60 percent chance, 31 degrees.
- **Saturday:** Chance of snow, 31 degrees.
- **Sunday:** Snow, 17 degrees.
- **Monday:** Chance of snow showers, 16 degrees.

### Stevens Pass
- **Opening Day:** November 29
- **Thursday:** 70 percent chance of snow, 28 degrees.
- **Thursday:** Rain and snow showers, 35 degrees.
- **Friday:** 60 percent chance of snow, 34 degrees.
- **Saturday:** Rain likely, 38 degrees.
- **Sunday:** Snow, 35 degrees.
- **Monday:** Snow showers, 25 degrees.

### Snoqualmie Pass
- **Opening Day:** TBD
- **Thursday:** Rain and snow showers, 35 degrees.
- **Friday:** 60 percent chance of snow, 34 degrees.
- **Saturday:** Rain likely, 38 degrees.
- **Sunday:** Snow, 35 degrees.
- **Monday:** Snow showers, 25 degrees.

### Mt. Baker
- **Opening Day:** TBD
- **Thursday:** 30 percent of snow, 16 degrees.
- **Friday:** 4 to 8 inches of snow possible, 21 degrees.
- **Saturday:** Snow possible, 15 degrees.
- **Sunday:** Snow likely, 13 degrees.
- **Monday:** Chance of snow, 4 degrees.

### White Pass
- **Opening Day:** TBD
- **Thursday:** 20 percent of snow, 31 degrees.
- **Friday:** Snow likely less than one inch possible 34 degrees.
- **Saturday:** Chance of snow, 34 degrees.
- **Sunday:** Snow likely, 31 degrees.
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### TRIVIA NIGHT
- **Date:** December 2 @ 7:30 PM
- **Location:** 1891 Bistro
- **Teams of 4 MAX**

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### SHE KILL’S MONSTERS
- **By:** Gui Nguyen
- **Oh my!**

**Tickets:**
- $15 Adult (18-64)
- $12 Senior (65+)
- $10 Youth
- $8 CWU Student w/ID

**Dates:**
- December 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m.
- 3 at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- 4 at 2 p.m.

**Location:** Milo Smith Tower Theatre, CWU Theatre Arts

**Directed by:** Patrick Dickey

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**Flashback Friday (2000 - 2010)**

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Hunter follows parents footsteps

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Hunter said. “I didn’t even know I was born here until I was older and familiar with my birth certificate. It was crazy to know my home when in places that aren’t familiar to you,” he said. “It was a good experience for me, but I am so glad to be closer to home now.”

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