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Staff Reporter

By Austin Lane

Baseball falls in second round, reflect on season

Behind the sunglasses of many CWU baseball players were glossy eyes after their season-ending loss to Montana State University Billings (MSUB) on May 10. Many kept the sunglasses on to hide their bitter-sweet tears.

The memories and moments the team has shared together this season can never be replaced. As the seniors progress into the next part of their lives and the younger players on the team step into leadership roles, CWU Baseball will continue to build off of previous seasons, creating new and different team memories after this 2018 season.

Immediately after the 10-6 loss and elimination from the GNAC tournament, the team held their final post-game meeting out in left field. The crowd had left and all that was waiting for the players were their family and friends. The music had stopped playing, the fans had stopped cheering, and even the wind had stopped blowing.

Despite the silence, no one besides the team could hear head coach Desi Storey give his one last speech to this group of players. He spoke so softly that from the left-field foul line where the meeting happened, he could not be heard from the fence separating the gravel and the warning track.

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Students bring Harvard law to CWU in “Legally Blonde”

By Bryce Jungquist

The lights shine on actors and actresses with fitness attire on center stage. Music begins playing and the performers use jump ropes to dance as one woman sings. One of the characters marches across the stage and yells out, “I hate you Brooke. And I love you for it.”

Aubrey Schultz is a junior majoring in musical theatre and plays the protagonist Elle Woods, a fashionable sorority girl who enrolls in law school to win back her ex-boyfriend.

According to Schultz, students are promised a show that will have them laughing and amused. The show is fast paced, epic and involves bits of humor.

“There’s giant dance numbers, costumes and huge things,” she said. “It’s not like something you have to think so much about, it’s fun.”

Schultz said there is a core message throughout the program which consists of working hard for the things you want and staying true to who you are. She said college students should apply that inspirational message to their own lives.

Liz Bailey, a junior majoring in theatre with a specialization in design and production, is the stage manager for “Legally Blonde.” She said scripts were handed out when winter quarter began, and that was the time when everybody started memorizing lines and listening to the tunes.

The musical is based off the novel and successful movie “Legally Blonde.” The production follows the journey of cheerful and fashion-forward UCLA sorority girl Elle Woods. Her life becomes tipped over after her boyfriend, Warren Huntingdon III, dumps her because she’s not serious enough for him.

Rachael Gold is a senior majoring in musical theatre and plays Brooke Wyndham. Gold said this production isn’t very similar to the film.

“It has all the same characters but a lot of singular ideas are blown up into these big songs,” she said. “The bend and snap is in the movie and sort of a scene where Elle teaches people how to bend and snap but here, it’s a whole theme of the second act.”

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Communication professor retires, looks back on life

By Nicholas Tucker

When he started writing at 8 years old, Kevin Brett never imagined what would follow: a distinguished and accomplished career which put him in print news, California politics, the semiconductor industry and academia.

Brett is from the small town of Glendale, California where he spent most of his early life. From there he went to the University of Southern California where he got his degree in broadcast journalism in 1978. Following college, Brett got his first job at Whittier Daily News where he covered the Los Angeles Board of County Supervisors. This fueled an already-present interest in politics, which led to a position as Press Director for George Deukmejian’s campaign to become governor of California.

“I said yes [to working on the campaign] because I was at that age when you are taking a chance, and guess what? We won, in the closest election in the history of the state,” Brett said.

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Senior News Reporter

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“I do research all the time, a do all my research in conflict areas, and I have worked for the last 20 years either as an auxiliary nurse or a researcher in war zones,” O’Mahony said. She knows what the risks are and has the appropriate training to keep herself safe. She also mentions that the NDI ensures that they have appropriate security and protection.

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CWU faculty oversees election in Lebanon

The National Democratic Institute sent CWU faculty member Geraldine O’Mahony (middle left) to Lebanon in order to oversee an election. O’Mahony has also been to Bosnia, Liberia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

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C-Store stocks up for spring spending spree

By Matt Escamilla
Staff Reporter

Here’s a friendly reminder to students: spend all of your Connection Card balance before leaving campus to enjoy your summer break. Start shopping at the C-Store soon so you don’t have to deal with long lines and wasteful spending.

“[Students] started spending now, I think they would spend money on things they would want,” Christina Cloninger, a manager in Dining Services, said.

Kaitlyn Walker, a senior and former cashier at the C-Store, remembers the rush to spend remaining Connection Card dollars. Long lines, a person spending $300 in one transaction and people buying five cases of energy drinks are just a few examples of last year’s mayhem. Walker also recalls individuals buying people food on their Connection Card so that they didn’t have to use their debit card.

The pricing on products won’t change during the end of year push, but the C-Store has already begun to increase their inventory to accommodate for the upcoming demand. This end of spring quarter spending spree is nothing new. The rush to spend remaining Connection Card “swipes” has been going on for as long as Cloninger and Dan Layman, Director in Dining Services can remember.

During the school year, Connection Card balances typically transfer over into the next quarter, however, after graduation on June 8, balances will expire and students will lose any remaining money.

Dining Services does notify students about their Connection Card balances, according to Layman.

“If a student wants to have a say in where their Connection Card balance goes, they should monitor their account and plan frequently, according to Layman.

Andrea Tony, who has worked at the C-Store since fall of 2017, recalls an instance when some purchased four cases of 12 oz. cans of Redbull trying to use their remaining Connection Card funds.

Those funds help finance housing issues such as dorms needing new roofs,” Lyman said. “Dining needs a lot of new equipment. Carpet and booths [seating] in the SURC Dining cost over 100 thousand dollars.”

In the past, campus clubs have had food drivers to help minimize wasteful spending on Connection Cards by donating to charities like Presidents United to Solve Hunger (PUSH). Dining administrators mentioned they haven’t received any information on upcoming food drivers.

Kevin Brett running into retirement

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Kevin Brett (middle right) served as the press secretary for California governor George Deukmejian from 1982 to 1989.

Cloninger, a manager in Dining Services, said, “This was the biggest break in my life, but the first week became the second, and I just started doing it. It’s sticks together.”

Brett was Press Secretary during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, which led to the deadly collapse of the Cypress Street Viaduct that killed 63 people.

Following his eight-year career in politics, Brett became the Director of Communications for the Semiconductor Industry Association.

“I learned everything there is to know about digital technology and chips,” Brett said. “I flunked geometry in high school, I’m not predisposed that way, but I learned a lot.”

From there, he got a job at LSI Logic, which is well known for making the chip that runs the original Sony PlayStation.

“When the economy collapsed in 2009, Brett decided it was time to move on and attended the University of Oregon where he got his M.A. in communication and society in 2012 alongside another CWU professor, Dr. Francesco Somaini, who was earning his Ph.D. at the time.

“We were in the same core classes so we studied together,” Somaini said.

“It was really easy to work with him. Kevin is one of the hardest working people I have ever known, [he’s] incredibly organized.”

For his thesis, Brett created a course called Corporate Communications and Investor Relations, which he has been teaching ever since. For this course, he also wrote the textbook called “Show Me the Money,” which is used at the University of Oregon.

“When I went to work for LSI Logic as Director of Corporate PR they said to me you’re going to be doing all of the earnings releases, all of the CEO letters for the annual reports, all of the mergers and acquisitions, you’re going to do all of the restructurings,” Brett said.

“I couldn’t even read an income statement, I couldn’t read a balance sheet.”

Brett realized that he hadn’t been taught how to do any of that in college, so he created a course to correct this for future students, COM 476, which he has taught for six years.

“Our role here should be to prepare students to land not only a job but a position,” Brett said. “College is to build a career, not just to pass a lot of knowledge between your ears.”

Taking his place as Assistant Professor and taking over the Public Relations Student Society of America Bateman team in Public Relations Advisor Emily Duplessis.

 “[Brett] brings a breadth of knowledge and has been a great asset to our faculty and our PR team,” Duplessis said.

He’s been a great colleague and friend to me, I’m excited about the position and to help shape the curriculum.”

After six years, Brett is ready to move on to the next stage in his life, which involves writing for his blog “Almost Daily-Brett,” trips with his wife, and an upcoming move into a new house in the forests of Eugene.

At 63 years old, Brett is by no means done with his journey, but he is ready to come home. “Ellensburg is where I Bore,” Brett said. “Eugene is my home.”

Career Timeline

1978 Graduates from USC with a journalism degree.
1995 Begins job as Director of communications at Semiconductors Industry Association.
2006 Begins job as Senior Director of Corporate PR at LSI Logic Corporation.
2010 Begins job as Senior VP and ADIR Edelman.
2012 Begins graduate teaching assistantship at U of O.
2014 Begins job as Assistant Professor at CWU.

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Dr. Hall mourned by friends and family

By Mathilde Angelede
Staff Reporter

Former professor Dr. Raymond Anthony Hall died peacefully in his home of Ellensburg at the age of 69 on Saturday, April 7.

Dr. Hall’s life was worthy of an adventure novel: it was the type of story that you will always remember, that will inspire you and give you strength and courage.

He was born on March 18, 1949 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Hall was a Vietnam War veteran and he served in the 173rd Airborne Brigade. After the war, he had difficulty keeping up with university classes and decided to leave for Mexico.

In Mexico, Dr. Hall lived among the aborigines people for many years. He also worked as a deep-sea fishermen and an English teacher.

Finally, he came back to the United States and finished his degree. He graduated with a Ph.D. from the internationally renowned Folklore Institute in 1999.

Dr. Hall became a devoted professor who taught African American Studies, Folklore, and Cultural Anthropology at DePauw University, the University of Central Arkansas, the University of Tennessee and finally Central Washington University.

Patricia T. McCutchen, a professor in the anthropology department, was one of Dr. Hall’s coworkers. “He was such a great professor who was very concerned about his students,” McCutchen said. “He could be strict but [was] always here to help, either in your studies or in your personal life.”

According to McCutchen, Dr. Hall’s background made him more than a good teacher; it made him an exceptional human being. “I remember one day he came back home, he spoke to his wife about students who couldn’t afford food. So, they started cooking for them,” McCutchen said. “Yes, Dr. Hall was this type of human being.”

Dr. Hall was also an advisor within the Brother 2 Brother (B2B) association, an organization established to assist men in Excelling academically, socially, culturally, and professionally. B2B also engages in the community, assisting younger males in need of guidance and direction.

Andre Dickerson, Director of the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement and also a member of B2B, knew Dr. Hall well. “Dr. Hall was kind of like the uncle who you could have the real conversations with,” Dickerson said. “His role was more than an advisor, his role was a direct supporter, an inspiration. He was someone we could look to.”

Every year, Dr. Hall would host an annual barbecue. He would spend his personal money, time and energy on the event, and hundreds of students and faculty members would attend.

“It was more than a barbecue, it was an opportunity for fellowship and to celebrate accomplishments of one another,” Dickerson said.

“Dr. Hall is a great teacher, he did so much for B2B club. He was always there when we asked for help and provided us with lots of resources,” Luv said. “Without his help, Brother 2 Brother would not be the same.”

Dr. Hall died peacefully on April 7 at the age of 69.

Young professionals celebrate success

By Mariah Valles
Online Editor

Ellensburg Downtown Association (EDA) is hosting the first Young Professionals Week or “YoPro” May 15-17. The three-day event has a purpose of helping the younger generation of Ellensburg gain connections and knowledge while also preparing for their future alongside others in the community.

“Being a young professional in today’s world presents many challenges and opportunities that older generations did not experience,” said EDA Assistant Director Molly Jones in a press release. “Young Professionals Week is a way to get people who are in similar places in life together to network, mingle, and celebrate their successes.”

Katie Eschbach, a former senior account supervisor for Central Communications Agency, helped plan the event with the idea to recognize young professionals within our community because we are a college town and so many of us are unrecognized,” former Senior Account Supervisor for CWA Communications Agency and current EDA intern Katie Eschbach said. “We should take time to celebrate... and to really celebrate and just acknowledge that we are college students working really hard.”

Eschbach said that Jones, the Assistant Director of EDA, which is also a non-profit, wanted to give back to the community by putting together a few events where students could have a fun time within downtown Ellensburg.

On May 15 from 5-7 p.m., free headshots and tips for bettering professional profiles will be available at Monster Melts and Cravings Coffee. On May 16 from 5-7 p.m. there will be a craft night at Gallery One where attendees can mingle while making crafts for a $10 admission cost. A cash-only bar will be available for those over 21. On May 17 from 5-8 p.m., a “YoPro Pub Crawl” will start at Iron Horse (which allows those underage from 5-8 p.m.), move to The Tav and then end at Dark Moon.

“Anyone can come, anyone is invited,” Eschbach said.

For more info
Go to https://ellensburgdowntown.org/events/young-professionals-week/
“Legally Blonde” is being performed in the McConnell Hall auditorium rather than the Milo Smith Tower Theatre. According to Gold, one advantage of doing the show in the McConnell auditorium in comparison to the Milo Smith Tower Theatre is the setup of the stage. She said there’s at least a billion quick changes that people won’t be able to see and would be harder to pull off if the play were being shown in the other theatre.

Bailey said the show has evolved and changed like many productions do, which is why she enjoys doing live theatre. Bailey said this growth, art and other glamorous things is the reason she prefers theatre over film. She said the cast began with an idea of something and then worked and cared for it to see the results.

Schultz said there’s a variety of things she’s excited about with the musical, but one aspect was the different outfits. She said that a piece of Elle Woods is that she studied fashion merchandise and is so into the clothes she puts on.

“Part of what’s been so much fun is she has 14 different outfits through the show, and each outfit is kind of crazy,” Schultz, Elle Woods.

Legally Blonde the musical follows the story of Elle Woods played by Aubrey Schultz a sassy girl next door who attempts to win back her ex-boyfriend by enrolling in classes at Harvard Law. The underlying theme of the play is positiveness and the power of self-confidence to overcome adversity. The musical is showing in McConnell hall auditorium until May 20. Tickets range from $8 to $20.

Showtimes

Dates: May 17-19 7:30 p.m. May 20, 2p.m.
Place: McConnell Hall Auditorium
Price: $8-$20
By Henry Crumblish  
Scene Editor

Every weekend hundreds of students descend on the downtown Ellensburg area like a plague of locusts. The rabid pack of wildcats hit the downtown bars like clockwork in search of cheap alcohol and much needed relief from the week’s stresses.

With more than 11,000 students enrolled in classes at CWU the task of policing and keeping the peace amidst the horde of collegiate students falls squarely on the Ellensburg Police Department.

After an article published by The Observer in April related to an incident outside of Club 301 where an African-American male was cited for disorderly conduct the EPD invited The Observer to join officers on foot patrol to experience a night from the officer's perspective.

According to Captain Dan Hansberry of EPD, the department has been doing foot patrols for over 25 years and the foot beat is an integral part of law enforcement in Ellensburg.

“You see and hear things when you’re on foot patrol that you don’t see and hear when you’re driving around in a car and you’re actually more visible to the people that are out,” Hansberry said. “When you’re on foot you actually stop and talk with people you can more quickly respond if there is an incident.”

The EPD currently schedules foot patrols every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the week due to the large amount of foot traffic found in the city on those days.

Law enforcement can appear intimidating at times, especially to inebriated students. Hansberry says that officers on the downtown foot beat are simply there to keep the peace and resolve issues.

According to Hansberry during a month of foot patrol, officers interact with around 400 students and within those interactions only a handful receive citations. The number one citation issued during the downtown foot patrol is disorderly conduct followed by public urination.

On Thursday, officers Stephanie Druktenis and Derek Holmes responded to and resolved a variety of calls including a traffic stop made on foot by chasing down a sedan that was going the wrong way down a one-way street on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Pine.

20 minutes later true to Hansberry's prediction a young man began urinating in an alleyway with his back turned to a port-a-potty.

Less than 10 minutes later in the same alley a second student began urinating behind a dumpster. Before he was cited, officers yelled out to him as a warning and he ducked down in an attempt to escape the long arm of the law.

Officer Druktenis said she takes personal offense when it comes to public urination during the downtown foot patrol because she has small children who love to touch everything.

“It’s disgusting,” Druktenis said. “Sometimes I see kids rolling around on the floor and I want to tell their parents what was there two days ago.”

During the two citations for public urination, a group of students gathered around the alley and formed a crowd. Some were upset that the students were receiving a ticket.

Druktenis says that students often complain to officers asking for a pass from citations because of the fact that they are students and already pay enough money to go to school. Students who attempt this never get a reprieve and Druktenis says the requests come from a lack of life experience.

According to Hansberry students don’t receive special treatment from the department.

“On our point of view the student is treated no differently than any other member of the public. In other words if you commit a crime whether you’re a student or not a student it’s the same. You’re going to be treated the same way.”
From 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, The Observer participated in a ride-along with Ellensburg Police Department. Starting off at the police station, Observer staff and officers patrolled the downtown area, mostly going between Club 301 and Blue Rock.

Xander Fu/The Observer
Japanese culture comes to CWU

By Will Schorno
Staff Reporter

Haru Matsuri, the Japanese Spring Festival, took place last Friday on the Science Building’s front lawn and was a full-blow display on the ins and outs of Japanese culture. Lanterns hung between trees blew in the Ellensburg wind while several pieces of Japanese culture, including Kendo sticks and Japanese yo-yos, were on display.

Mark Werdin, Asia University Amer-ica Program (AUAP) student services coordinator, said Japanese culture takes after “Omotenashi.”

“[Omotenashi] means customer service or hospitality. Taking care of people and bringing them in and treating them well,” Werdin said.

In Japan, residents can leave a bike unlocked without fear of it being stolen, and lost wallets will be returned with the money still inside. “And that’s how I fell in love with Japan by being welcomed in there and I worked there for six years. They bend over backwards to treat you well,” Werdin said.

Makoto Sasaki, 22, oversaw the Japanese calligraphy stand where participants gave a shot at writing in Japanese with a paint brush. Makoto believes that in Japanese culture, harmony is one of the most important aspects to everyday life.

Japanese culture is ancient with traditions that differ much from our young, American way of life in everything from the expansive literature to their food. Food available at Haru Matsuri consisted of noodles, chicken, and egg rolls.

Yo-yos are different in Japan as well. Although Japanese yo-yos are adequate time wasters like their western counterparts, they are made from water balloons and bear little resemblance to the American toy.

Edward Hyakau, 19, was in charge of the Japanese yo-yo stand and explained that they more resemble a fishing rod than anything else.

“You see a bamboo stick and there’s paper clips connected to it with string that makes the fish hook,” Hyakau said.

Perhaps the most musical display at the Japanese Spring Festival was the Kokon Taiko, an oversized drum which the drummers would beat with large sticks. These drums differed from what would be considered normal drums because of their volume and size. Each drum hit bellowed out across the lawn.

Japanese culture was not the only one on display at Haru Matsuri. Filipino cooking was a welcome addition to the festivities as was Polynesian stand. The representation of culture reflected the diversity of CWU’s student body.
**SPORTS**

**CWU Baseball falls short in GNAC tournament**

**CWU Softball eliminated by WOU**

By Rachel Greve
Staff Reporter

**GNAC-winning CWU Softball ended their season short at the GNAC Tournament May 3 and 4 in Portland, Oregon.**

With a 9-0 loss in their first game of the tournament to Simon Fraser University (SFU), the Wildcats were quickly dropped into the loser’s bracket.

"The team was impressed to Larahee, he was even happier with 10 players making the All-Academic team including Molly Nutt's chart topping 4.0 and four players earning All-Conference honors including Freshman pitcher Lexie Strasser earning first team honors."

"These girls know that when the team is doing well they will begin to earn those individual honors," Larahee said.

Although having four players make the All-Conference team was impressive to Larahee, he was even happier with 10 players making the All-Academic team.

"When I am recruiting, we look for girls that we know will do well on the field, but in the classroom as well," Larahee said. "We want these girls to graduate at the end of their four years proud of their work and happy with the degree they earned.”

Along with the 10 players making All-Academic honors, 20 of the 23 players made the dean’s list winter quarter proving how important their academics are to the team.

The Wildcats return to the field the first day of school next September when they begin preparing for the fall 2018 season.
Riding the water with 3000 horsepower

By Micah Chen
Staff Reporter

The Albert Lee Appliance Cup, a hydroplane boat racing competition, is one of the featured attractions at Seattle’s Seafair Weekend Festival. CWU freshman Emily Raney is a familiar face at the annual adrenaline-pumping event.

Family business

Raney’s family owns a boat racing team, known as the U-11 Reliable Diamond Tools Presents J&D. The team has 20 to 30 people that are part of the crew, which includes Emily.

“I don’t drive them… You have to be really strong to drive them,” Raney said. “3,000 horsepower from the engine is a lot to control.”

Raney’s primary responsibilities are on the engineering side of the team. She helps with the hydroplane engine, the electrical system, and the team’s social media page.

“The Raney family first got into the hydroplane business when Raney’s father, Scott Raney, started working at a hydroplane shop at age 19. He gradually worked his way up to owning a team.

The Raney family boat resides in Edmonds, Washington. The Seafair Weekend Festival may be the closest race to their hydroplane location, but it is not the only event they race at.

Preparing for success

The U-11 Reliable Diamond Tools Presents J&D will be traveling to places like Tri-Cities, Washington; Detroit, Michigan; Guntersville, Alabama; Madison, Indiana; and San Diego, California. Raney had particularly kind words for the Tri-Cities race, known as the Columbia Cup.

“That’s one of the best race sites, if not the best race site across the country,” Raney said. “Everyone loves racing in Tri-Cities, I want to win the Columbia Cup so badly.”

According to Raney, there are serious accolades and rewards that can come from winning a hydroplane race.

“You get national attention and the sponsors come to you,” Raney said. “One of the most successful boats is sponsored by Oberto Beef Jerky.

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Raney’s description of what the interior of a hydroplane looks like could also be the same description for a NASCAR vehicle.

“The driver will wear a driver suit, similar to what is used in NASCAR. Helmets, gloves, and boots are all part of the attire. The inside of the hydroplane typically doesn’t get wet.

“The driver is strapped in the vehicle tightly, with harnesses going all the way around their body. This is a necessity in order to withstand the impact of driving a boat.

Another similarity to NASCAR is the hydroplane relay system. A communication set inside the hydroplane relays back to a crew chief located in a tower and the crew chief informs the driver what to do.

“We’re like on-water NASCAR,” Raney said.

The dangers of racing

Even when precautions are taken, the sport of hydroplane racing can be incredibly dangerous.

“They’re not in the water, they go above the water. They’re hydroplaning,” Raney said. “They’re more of an airplane.”

There’s always the danger of the wind coming underneath the hydroplane and flipping it over. If the wind is blowing too much, races can be delayed or even cancelled.

Emily has seen people flip, and she describes the events as terrifying.

When this happens, a highly trained rescue team goes out to make sure the driver is safe. They then flip the hydroplane back over.

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The U-11 Unlimited racing group can be found on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. A message sent to any of those pages would be a great first step to get in the hydroplane racing game.
No summer plans? Here are five good reasons why you should take classes this summer:

1. Pell grant funding is now available for summer quarter.
2. Live at home and take classes online.
3. Save money. Shorten your time to graduation.
4. Improve your GPA. Retake a class.
5. Sample a new subject. Try something new.

Be sure to register early as courses fill up quickly. Log into MyCWU to register. Search for classes offered by visiting cwu.edu/summer and clicking on the Search Class Schedule link.
What to do in the ‘Burg this week:

May 17-
Sunset Paddle Boarding, depart OPR at 4 p.m., enjoy standup paddle boarding just 35 minutes from campus. $15 students/$20 community.

May 18-
CWU Mariners Night, Saleco Field at 5 p.m. $30 and $48 tickets.

May 21-

May 22-
American Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in SURC 137. Free.

May 23-

May 24-
Student Appreciation Day, 12-10 p.m. at the SURC & Barto Lawn.

Events:
Noon: Time Capsule (Barge Courtyard)
Noon-5: Hip Hop Radio, Club Fair, Archery Tag, Free Treats
5-7: Free student barbecue
6-7:30: Student DJ Showcase
&: Marc E. Bassy Concert
9: Foam Party

On Campus Resources:

Mindful Mondays: 11:10-11:30 a.m. in SURC 271. Everybody is welcome to join and meditate for 20 minutes. Each Monday is different.

The Wellness Center (SURC 139) directs students to resources in regards to mental health. Open M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Student Medical & Counseling Clinic offers group counseling for depression, anxiety, body image, bipolar disorder and relationships. Also offers other resources related to mental health. Open M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Mental Health Awareness

The difference between emotions and mental illnesses

There is so much pressure to graduate, do well in classes and maintain a high GPA in order to keep financial aid. Stress is a normal aspect of life in 2018 but there is a limit.

Stress shouldn’t be so overwhelming that students feel as if they are drowning in responsibilities. Stress shouldn’t be keeping you up at night haunting your dreams as you roll in bed the next day.

For many of us at one point in time during our four, five or even six years en route to a degree we have shouldered the heavy burden of immense stress. Finding time for self-care is an absolute must.

“Taking a day off from work or skipping a class or two to take a mental health day is what has helped me make it through college. I am of zero use to my friends and loved ones when my vessel is worn out and my physical body cannot continue. As students, we often put a priority on everything but ourselves and our health and that needs to change.

Students, administrators and faculty need to be more aware of mental health and issues related to mental health. Mental health is like the boogeyman. People often don’t believe in mental health issues because they can’t see them, but for those affected by the stress, depression and anxiety there is nothing more real in this world.

Instead of shaming others and ignoring warning signs it’s time we broaden our definition of health to include sanity.

If we don’t we’ll soon have a generation of professionals ready to not enter the workplace but break down in tears.

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