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For a full-time student at CWU, almost a quarter of what is paid to the university at the beginning of each quarter is not tuition, but fees. These fees pay for on-campus services and amenities like technology, Recreation Center, and the health center. Some are smaller like the $3 transit fee and $10 library fee, but they add up to hundreds of dollars which students then have to pay on top of tuition.

Among these are fees for amenities, like athletics and the Wellness Center. Some students have expressed frustration that they are continuing to pay for services that they may not personally use, such as building the SURC in 2006.

"I get it for the people that use it, but why am I paying for something I don't use?" Fisher said. Throughout CWU’s history, student fees have increased at a constant rate. During the 2014-15 academic year, full-time students were charged $634. According to CWU’s CFO/Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs Joel Klucking, one factor contributing to this raise in fees is the fact that CWU is continuing to get larger and adding services and amenities for students such as building the SURC in 2006.

"When I went to school here 30 years ago, we didn’t have any of the services here. Over time with the students collectively at [CWU] and across America, you see these additional services being requested," Klucking said. "It’s an evolution over time that started probably back in the [1930s] and [1940s] and slowly but surely, those services have been added on."

Klucking said that when he went to CWU there was no SURC or Recreation Center, and Nicholson Pavilion was open to students a few hours each day. Students now pay for things like maintenance of the SURC. Another factor in the SURC fee, is that many of those services have been added relatively recently.

"We borrowed $50+ million to build that facility and we have to make the bond payments. We can’t stop charging the bond fee until the bonds are paid off," Klucking said. "But once the bonds are paid off, ‘CWU sends out surveys every few years asking what changes or additions students are interested in. The most recent surveys indicate that students are still interested in expanding the SURC. While the bonds for the SURC may eventually be paid off, if CWU keeps making additions and updates to buildings and services then they will need to take out future bonds which will be passed down to the students.

"It is [CWU’s] position that having things like the Rec Center, the health center, help all of the students,” Klucking said. "It’s the whole concept of self-governance. The students have a voice, a very important voice, about the things that they want.”
Nick Tucker  
Senior News Reporter

The Ellensburg nightlife may be lacking in options for students who can't drink or choose not to. Many students who attend CWU and live in Ellensburg either aren't old enough to legally drink, choose not to or simply don't want all of their entertainment options to involve alcohol.

"Unless you are 21-plus there is almost nothing to do at nights, especially on the weekends," freshman Natalie Robinet said. "[CWU] doesn't have a lot of events on weekends and the only thing I can do is go on a hike or watch Netflix.

The Observer asked 15 students for their opinions and out of the responses, all of them said that Ellensburg doesn't have enough entertainment options for students that don't involve alcohol.

Those same students were asked for their ideas on what they would like to see. "If Ellensburg could remodel and re-open the bowling alley, that would be sick. Or maybe something like an arcade?" Robinette said. "Something that anyone can go to downtown, not just another bar."

Nine of the students questioned mentioned that they would like a bowling alley, and six mentioned an arcade. Ellensburg did have a bowling alley in the past, the Rodeo Bowl on Wildcat Way.

However, it was closed in 2013 and bought by Kittitas County which has used it as a storage facility for the rodeo grounds. Since then, there hasn't appeared to be any plans to reopen the Rodeo Bowl specifically, but Ellensburg students may still be in luck. According to CWU’s Executive Director of Student Involvement Jeff Rosenberry, students expressed their desire for more entertainment options in a survey conducted by the SURC in early March.

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Student helps others: Financial aid bill passes

Nick Tucker
Senior News Reporter

With the help of students across the state of Washington, including one from CWU, a bill has been passed in the Washington House of Representatives. The bill is the largest single investment the state has ever made to higher education. House Bill (HB) 2158 puts over $375 million toward different measures to boost Washington state's higher education attendance by improving affordability, the most notable of which is called the Washington College Grant program.

The main part of this program is free tuition and fees for students whose families make up to 85 percent of Washington's median income, or about $50,000 a year. The program also provides partial scholarships for families earning more than this threshold.

Guillermo Rogel Jr. is the Executive Director for the Washington Student Association (WSA) and has been a big advocate for bills like this one aimed at supporting students. He said that this is part of efforts to get attendance in higher education back to levels they were at before the 2008 recession.

Every year the ASCWU Office of Legislative Affairs sends a legislative liaison to work at the state capitol in Olympia during the legislative session. This student works with other legislative liaisons from all of the public four-year institutions in the state, along with the WSA. Zack Turner, political science major and the ASCWU VP-elect of legislative affairs, was that student this year. He and several other students from around Washington were in Olympia on April 26 when the bill got passed.

"We go meet with legislators and we use our influence to go around and say 'this is what we want, this is what we want, etc.' and just bug the hell out of them," Turner said. "We just keep calling and sending them letters and set up meetings until they help sponsor the bill."

Though the Washington College Grant program is by far the largest part of the bill, HB 2158 does several other things to help higher education in the state.

Funding Non-College Education
The Career Connected Learning Grant is designed to help pay for trade schools and apprenticeship programs for those whose prospective careers don't require a college degree.

Subsidized Child Care
Expansions to the Working Child Connection Care program remove the previous work requirement which mandated that parents need to work at least to get subsidized child care. This was while full-time students were restricted from working over 19 hours per week.

Veteran Support
For veterans going to college, the bill removes the previous 200-credit cap on tuition waivers which prevented some veterans from entering some fields like education and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) which often have college programs that exceed 200 credits.

Funding the Bill
HB 2158 is being funded with an increase in taxes on businesses which require workers with higher education, such as doctors, lawyers and engineers. Because of this increase in taxes Republicans in the Washington House of Representatives heavily opposed the bill. However, some of the businesses which would be facing increased taxes have come out in support of the bill. Microsoft President Brad Smith called on Microsoft and other big tech companies to contribute more to higher education so an economic catastrophe like the 2008 recession doesn't have as much of an impact.

"We must act now when our economy is healthy. We need to structure a dedicated fund that will better ride out and resist budget cuts when, sooner or later, we inevitably confront the next recession," Smith said. "Let's ask the largest companies in the tech sector, which are the largest employers of high-skilled talent, to do a bit more."

The bill will come into effect over the next two years, most likely being fully implemented in time for the 2020-21 academic year. When that happens, all students will need to do is apply for financial aid in order to take advantage of the new financial assistance being provided to them.

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Pedaling past the cost of a parking pass

Dez Rodriguez
Staff Reporter

Students are parking their cars and riding their bikes to campus now that the weather is improving. With how much money it can save and the easier it is to get to class, the trend seems likely to continue. Junior psychology major Josiah Williams has been riding his bike to school since his freshman year.

“My friends are always talking about how hard it is to find parking. I’ve never had to worry about that, thankfully,” Williams said. “I’m always able to park closer to the building than anyone.”

Parking permits for 2018-19 cost $106 per quarter, $30 per quarter for motorcycles. Students looking for a bargain can buy a permit for the entire year for $224. The daily parking rate is $6 for 24 hours. Without gas money included, the savings are nearly $1,000 over four years.

There are some safety precautions students are encouraged to follow. Andy Bayne, sergeant for the CWU Police Department said it all starts with getting your bike registered.

“If you’re going to bring your bike [to campus], we have a registration program that you can register it with us. In turn we can add it to a database so that if something gets stolen, we can try to recover it,” Bayne said. “We’ve actually found a couple bikes that were registered in [1999] and found the owner.”

Bike registration can be done at the parking services office or online. A stick-er is then printed and placed on the bike. While riding on the street or sidewalk, Bayne said students must follow the regulations on both pathways.

“When you’re in the street, you’re a car. You have to adhere to rules of the road. When you’re on the sidewalk, you’re a pedestrian. That doesn’t mean that you just get to tell people to get out of your way or hit people,” Bayne said.

In addition to saving money, bike riding also helps Williams exercise. The full body workout allows him to get into shape without taking him away from his academics. With classes starting at 9 a.m. and homework keeping him up late, finding time for the gym can be hard.

“That’s the main thing for me, just being able to get some cardio in. I’m pretty tired by the time I ride home but it’s definitely worth it,” Williams said.

The most heavily congested pathways during the day are the mall pathways that connect each side of campus cutting through the middle. It has a 10 mph speed limit, and is something junior Syn-ovce Carlson sees as dangerous when she’s riding her bike throughout the week.

“I noticed a lot of people on campus don’t wear helmets which is really dangerous,” Carlson said. “My sister, who’s a nurse, says their hospital gets a lot of people with bad head injuries from riding without a helmet.”

Bayne said most of his day involves walking the mall at peak transition hours reminding students to ride safe.

“I like to let students know that it’s probably not a good idea to ride 100 miles an hour down the mall,” Bayne said.

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If you were to drive about 25 minutes east of Ellensburg on Vantage Highway, you would begin to notice the pillars of wind turbines looming in the hills. On the north side of the highway, these turbines belong to the Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility, owned by Puget Sound Energy (PSE). According to Wild Horse Program Coordinator Andrea Crawford, the facility has been producing clean, renewable energy since 2006.

Crawford said that after expanding the program in 2009, the facility now boasts 149 individual wind turbines. Combined, they can power an average of 60,000 to 70,000 homes annually. Crawford explained that they use “homes” as the unit of measurement because it’s easier to picture, but in fact the facility powers large businesses as well as homes. The output of energy can also be quantified using megawatts as a unit. Wild Horse produces 273 megawatts a year on average, which makes it the second highest producer in Washington behind Windy Point Wind Farm in Klickitat County, which produces 400 megawatts.

Wild Horse also employs two solar panel arrays. The first, smaller array consists of 315 panels, which can produce a peak of 52 kilowatts of energy and provides all the necessary power to Wild Horse’s visitor center. The second array is larger, with 2,408 panels, capable of producing up to 500 kilowatts. According to Crawford, the larger array is used more for research and development since the energy it produces is not as cost effective as that of the wind turbines.

Crawford said that they do not expect any more expansion in terms of adding extra wind turbines. She said that they have shifted their focus to improving the technology, which includes finding ways to make the turbines lighter, more efficient, and so on. According to Crawford, the facility now produces 273 megawatts a year on average, which makes it the second highest producer in Washington behind Windy Point Wind Farm in Klickitat County, which produces 400 megawatts.

The thing that sets Wild Horse apart from other wind farms in the U.S. is the educational and recreational activities they host. According to Crawford, it is the only wind farm in the nation that offers educational tours of the facility as well as recreational activities like hiking, horse-back riding, birdwatching and hunting. Tours of the facility are held twice a day, every day, between April and November. Recreational activities require an access permit which is available on the Wild Horse website.

According to Wild Horse Senior Wind Resource Advisor Jennifer Diaz, Wild Horse is home to all kinds of wildlife, ranging from eagles to rattlesnakes. She said that due to the sheer size of the 10,000 acre property, there are multiple wildlife habitats which are easily disturbed. These habitats require a heightened level of care, so Diaz regularly works with departments like Fish and Wildlife to ensure they are keeping the nature of Wild Horse safe.

“We are the largest private landowner in Kittitas County, and that’s huge, so we have a big responsibility for managing this land,” Diaz said.

According to Diaz, three Wild Horse employees are being selected to become trained drone pilots. They plan to use the drones to inspect the blades of the wind turbines, which would be safer and more efficient. They are also in the process of obtaining a permit which would allow them to safely remove eagles from the property if need be.

Wild Horse isn’t the only wind farm PSE owns in Washington. According to PSE’s website, they also operate a 11,000 acre farm on Hopkins Ridge, located about 300 miles southeast of Seattle and another on Lower Snake River, which is located about 12 miles west of Pomeroy, Garfield County.

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We all know that if you are a CWU student or alum, you are a Wildcat, and we hold the pride of being a Wildcat with us for our entire lives. Most of us have been to an event at CWU, whether it be a pep rally in Nicholson Pavilion or when we show up as freshmen on Wildcat Welcome Weekend. All of these events are different in some ways, and what makes them similar is that Wellington the Wildcat is there with energy and enthusiasm. There is a lot of history surrounding Wellington, our illustrious mascot.

According to CWU’s website, Wellington came to be our mascot’s name in 1981 when the university store put on a contest to name the school’s mascot. Meg Chadwick, a student at CWU in 1981, won the contest with the name of Wellington. “I think that the name Wellington just fits the Wildcat mascot so well, ” Taylor Stowell, alumni of CWU, said. “Wellington the Wildcat is one of the best parts of football games. ”

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The history of CWU logos

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CWU wanted as their new image. The mascot head was only used for athletic purposes before 2011, but when the new logo was unveiled, they decided to free the logo to the whole school so that anyone could use it on campus.

“I thought the new logo was a lot better than the previous,” Mich Fieldman, a 2014 graduate, said. “It seemed more exciting and fierce.”

CWU’s website says that the goal of the rebranding in 2011 was to create a more consistent brand identity for CWU. Most universities rebrand their logos every five to 10 years, and CWU had not rebranded in almost twenty years, so it was time for a face lift.

“The new logos that we currently have feel more like a big school logo. They make me feel like I go to a Division I school,” Michael Sineck, 2017 graduate, said.

CWU has gone through several rebrandings over the years. Previously, the logo of the mascot’s head was only used within athletics. When the new front facing logo was unveiled in 2014, it became available everywhere on campus.

• Wellington became CWU’s mascot in 1926
• A new Wellington suit was bought this year, costing $7,000
• In 1951, a live lynx named Tuffy posed as Wellington. The university kept the lynx for two years before transferring to the Woodland Park Zoo
Budgeting in college: The do’s and don’ts

Austin Lane
Staff Reporter

Budgeting your money correctly in college is tough. The amount of time spent in a classroom, doing homework, studying, being social and having a life leaves less room to work a job and have a steady flow of income. Not having a steady income can create a problem. Expenses can include rent, groceries and textbooks, just to name a few. For some students, college is the first time they have to worry about paying these expenses on their own.

In my time at CWU, I’ve learned a couple things to do on a tight budget as well as some things that aren’t so smart of a decision when the money is running low. Here are my experiences and a couple other students’ tips on how to budget money as a college student.

Do: Regularly check your bank account

I check my bank account almost daily. It not only works to update you on what your current financial situation is, but it’s also a good reminder that you’re not Bill Gates. Senior Jocelyn Matheny agrees that checking your bank account regularly is helpful.

“I don’t keep track of [my budget] on paper very well so I just check my bank app every now and then,” Matheny said. “Sometimes I’m in a mode where I’m like ‘save, save, save. Be good,’ and then sometimes I switch and be like ‘I’m a big baller, I can spend a lot this month.’ Being a big baller is fun…as long as you know you can be by checking your bank account often.

Don’t: Have monthly subscriptions

Monthly subscriptions are wall-killing. I’m a first-hand witness of what Ipsy, Birchbox, HelloFresh and Loot Crate are capable of. Flashy packaging and test items aren’t worth $10 every month, especially if you are tight on money in college.

Instead of letting Loot Crate loot your loot and letting HelloFresh say goodbye cash, pick some alternatives. If you feel the need for a monthly subscription, instead put $10 a month into a pocket of one of your random pairs of pants. Six months later you will thank me.

Let’s say you work hours a week for minimum wage, but you have a couple monthly subscriptions that total $30 after shipping and tax. That’s about three percent of your monthly income. That might not sound like a lot, but when rent is over 50 percent of your average expenses, you’ll be wanting back every cent you can get.

Do: Take full advantage of the FAFSA

Many students rely on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for most of their income and for good reason. Low income students can get grants and higher income students can get loans to help with personal expenses. The FAFSA is key to getting by if you do not have a job but are still paying many of the usual college expenses. Sophomore Anna Reed-Holmes does not have a job at the moment, but meticulously budgeted her FAFSA money to pay for expenses.

“My husband and I pretty much rely on financial aid. We are both independents because we’re married so we get the maximum amount of financial aid,” Reed-Holmes said. “We’re using that for now to help pay for our expenses and help save for our wedding.”

Technically I’m not recommending this, but getting married and then using the added bonus from filing the FAFSA as a married couple to help pay for the wedding is just over-the-top genius. Well played Anna.

Don’t: Forget about student discounts and free food opportunities on campus

Discounts on food are offered in a couple places around town. That’s basically a company giving you free money back on your order, and who doesn’t like free money? Also, campus events will sometimes have free food just for showing up. A couple examples I can think of off the top of my head are study nights in the Brooks Library (free waffles) and PolyFest (barbeque). PolyFest 2019 is coming up soon, on May 2. Senior Bailey Kinker takes advantage of student discounts off campus.

“I know Sugar Thai [Cuisine] isn’t a fast food place but I like getting food there because they have extras. They have student discounts and by the time you eat half your meal, which gets you full, you have tomorrow’s meal,” Kinker said.

Other restaurants in town that offer a student discount include Copper Kettle, IHOP, Jack in the Box, Perkins, Pizza Hut, Rodeo City BBQ, Utopia Frozen Yogurt and Coffee House and Yellow Church Cafe.

Living on a college budget is hard. These are only a few tips on things you can do. For more help with budgeting you can visit the CWU Budget Planning and Analysis Office on the second floor of Mitchell Hall, and you can watch budget you can watch a financial planning and analysis Q & A video.

Student Discounts

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- Jack in the Box: 15%
- Perkins: 10%
- Utopia: 20%

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Mar 30, 2019

Mary Park

Staff Reporter

Making new friends, learning a new skill and giving back to the community are some of the benefits that CWU students say they received from volunteering, either on campus or in their hometowns.

Harry Engel, a fifth-year majoring in accounting and finance, was among those who have benefited. “I learned to have a greater appreciation of the environment around Yakima and Ellensburg,” Engel said.

Engel said he volunteered for the Yakima River Cleanup several times over the years, “picking up trash, moving wood and debris.”

At CWU, the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement (CLCE) and the Diversity and Equity Center (DEC) are some of the hubs on campus that offer various volunteer opportunities.

Food banks, blood drives, Earth Month programs and the International Café are some of the events that the CLCE helps to organize.

Keatin Kensrud is a senior double majoring in accounting and in leadership and management. Kensrud is also a program leader at CLCE.

“There are so many broad opportunities,” Kensrud said. “Kind of blended in to help connect with different students that you normally wouldn’t, that are outside of your major, outside of your friend group.”

Kensrud added that CLCE is also a place that offers workshops to help develop and hone leadership skills.

Kensrud said that before she came to CWU, she first got introduced to the CLCE through the Experience Leadership Project (ELP).

ELP is a four-day camping trip in the Cascade Mountains that helps incoming first-year and transfer students develop a support network with CWU and faculty members and learn leadership skills.

“The ELP was a little nerve-wracking, but it definitely stretched [me],” Kensrud said. “And I felt more equipped as a first-year student.”

CLCE also offers more extended programs like the annual Cross Cultural Leadership Program (CCLP), which brings students together in a year-long cohort to explore the relationship between culture and leadership.

Kensrud said her cohort travelled to New Orleans to practice what they had learned as a conclusion to the program.

“[The ELP and the CCLP] were pretty transformational to my experience at Central,” she said. “And attending the community engagement events, it’s really cool to see Central come together and support our community and give back to them.”

The DEC is located in room 101 in Black Hall. The center provides programs and events with a focus on topics such as diversity, cultural identities and minority issues.

Thao Luu is a senior in computer science and carries out public relations and marketing for the DEC.

“We try really hard to create a safe space here,” Luu said. “It’s where people can just hang out.”

Luu said she first heard about the DEC as a freshman and started volunteering at events such as Haru Matsuri and Poetry Fest.

“It was a good step away from my major, to do something extracurricular that’s [different],” Luu said. “And one of the perks was attending the event and meeting people who were also active and cared about the same issues that I cared about.”

Paige Hall is a sophomore majoring in family and child life, with a minor in Africana and black studies. She is a program coordinator at the DEC.

Hall said when she was a freshman, she didn’t know anyone or the resources on campus.

“I knew where I felt welcomed, and who was a friendly face to see,” Hall said.

“And [the DEC] was a very welcoming environment, very positive and open and friendly.”

Hall said that last year, she had to file volunteer hours when she was a treasurer of the Black Student Union (BSU), and she saw an opportunity at the DEC.

“It was very fun, it didn’t seem like it was work,” Hall said. “It was more like hanging out, getting to know people.”

But at first, Hall said, she felt shy and scared.

“It takes a lot of courage to get out of your comfort zone, because you’re in a very new environment, but I’d say just go for it,” Hall said. “That’s what worked for me. It opened a bunch of new doors.”

Luu said that knowing about resources are integral to the wellbeing of college students, especially for someone entering a new space.

“A lot of times, people say you go to college for school, yes, but you also need a foundation to support you throughout school,” Luu said.

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Greenhouse overflows with unique plants

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Staff Reporter

Tucked away inside the Marshall Mayberry Arboretum next to Dean Hall is a place that’s dry even when it’s pouring rain outside. It feels like summer in there when it’s really spring. The humidity envelops you with sweat while your lips crack and dry up just a step outdoors. This place, with a much different climate than ours, is the CWU Greenhouse. It’s a place where CWU students can come to study, relax and even grab a plant or two.

The greenhouse, primarily used by the CWU Biology Department, is relatively the same size as a typical one to two bedroom home. Thanks to the power of large fans, pumped in moisture, and a whole lot of electricity, the greenhouse allows hundreds of different plant species to grow. It holds four separate rooms designed to simulate four unique climates: a jungle room, a tropical room, a desert room and a research room. These different rooms allow plants that would not ordinarily survive in the Ellensburg weather to grow and thrive in a place they are more familiar with.

Although the biology department technically runs the greenhouse, there is one individual who oversees the day-to-day operations. This individual is Jonathan Bets, who is an instruction and class support technician III for the biology department. While he has numerous duties for CWU, one of his main duties is to oversee the greenhouse. Bets has been in this role for 11 years.

What Bets appreciates the most about the greenhouse are the surprises and mysteries he sees in his work.

“There’s a little bit of mystery… Each week, there’s a different plant that’s in bloom that may not be blooming at any given time,” Bets said.

Because of this, Bets encourages those to come to the greenhouse every week for something different each time.

“The history of the greenhouse goes back only a few decades. A former CWU biology professor and farmer by the name of John Carr was instrumental in the construction of the greenhouse. He was a well-loved biologist and botanist. He helped push for the greenhouse to be built,” Bets said.

Although he never met him in person, Bets heard wonderful stories about the man. He heard about Carr’s great sense of humor and real love for plants. His legacy lives on in the greenhouse today. A large pot used to accept donations to keep the greenhouse running to this day is labeled as “John Carr Memorial Donations.”

Alongside Bets and other CWU biology faculty and staff who maintain the building are work-study students from the different science majors. One student is Saffy Reese, who assists Bets in the care of the greenhouse. Reese started working for the greenhouse roughly a year ago. She wanted to make it clear that it’s not just students from the College of the Sciences utilizing the science-based facility.

“There’s art students that will come and get leaves for their projects which is really cool. And there’s also been photobiography students that will come in and take pictures of the flowers,” Reese said.

Besides the students, faculty, community members and plants that pass through the greenhouse doors, a celebrity animal to the biology department crawls through the roots. His name is Snorkel, and he’s in no hurry to beat any hare in a race. He’s an African Sulcata Tortoise, who has settled in the greenhouse over nine years now. You can find him moving ever-so-slowly on the floor of the desert room.

“I think he’s pretty cute. Also if you touch his shell, it’s like a giant fingernail. So that’s always fun,” Reese said.

Many students come to the house not just to look at the plants but also take selves with the tortoise.

“He’s usually a pretty popular focal point of the greenhouse,” Bets said.

Amongst the hundreds of plant species you can find in the various rooms, you’ll see many people using the space for different reasons. Biology labs from the introductory level to the upper-division botany classes come through to study the different types of plant life. Many students choose to grow their plants in the greenhouse for their projects. To top it all off, even research from faculty members and graduate students can pursue their tasks with the space.

Dr. Mary Poulson, a professor in the biology department, calls the greenhouse a “living laboratory.”

“I actually walk through [the greenhouse] every morning on my way to class. A lot of times I’ll pick up a plant that shows something that I want to tell the students. I have labs over [there] too,” Poulson said.

The greenhouse isn’t just for experiments and data collecting. Many people come just to pick up a plant to take home. During open hours, members of the public can take a plant of their choice with a suggested donation and get information from Bets and others on how to take care of them. Senior and chemistry major Audrey Vulcano comes to the greenhouse every week to add to her collection of over 30 plants. When asked what she likes the most about the greenhouse, she praised the atmosphere.

“Sweating in some of the rooms is healthy. I don’t know if I’m going to be here long enough to do that, but it’d be good,” Vulcano said.

Fellow CWU student Valerie Strasser is also a regular attendee of the open hours. She comes not for the atmosphere, but for the main reason the greenhouse exists.

“I like having [plants] on my desk. I feel like it’s giving me some nice fresh oxygen in a relatively closed off space,” Strasser said.

Other students like environmental science major Contessa King heaped praise upon the marvel that is the greenhouse.

“I love this place. I love plants. They’re so cool and this is the most amazing place. They have so many species that you can’t find at nurseries,” King said.

She’s right, as you won’t find plants like the Venus flytrap grown naturally anywhere near Ellensburg. However, exotic plants like this can be found in the greenhouse’s jungle room.

According to the Venus flytrap article in Encyclopedia Britannica, “the plant is native to a small region of North and South Carolina, where it is common in damp mossy areas.”

Taking care of plants from far away places is not one of the many unique things about the greenhouse that you won’t see in the regular outdoors of the Kittitas Valley. If you are interested in picking up a plant to take care of yourself, or gaze at the countable number of unique plant species and even meet Snorkel, you can visit the greenhouse every Friday from 1-3 p.m. The plants offered for pickup are free, but it is strongly suggested to donate any amount to keep the program running for future students.

The greenhouse has four different rooms with varying climates to suit the different types of plants being grown. Pictured above is the desert room, which houses cacti, succulents and other plants that require a dry climate.
Coffee beans and big dreams

D&M Coffee owners Donna Malek and Mark Holloway started the company in a scamp van. Today, they have five locations in Ellensburg and own multiple businesses in town.

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Staff Reporter

Sometimes, it takes to make a dream come true are two hard-working individuals, a lot of love and some espresso. D&M Coffee, co-owned by married couple Donna Malek and Mark Holloway, holds an active presence in Ellensburg. They have five locations in town and their coffee can be found in other retailers throughout the community. The D&M name was created after the couple’s first initials. Their gas pump pouring coffee logo is unique to their brand, inspired by their original location, a former gas station. Both owners said their success is thanks to having been a part of this community for many years as well having been CWU alumni.

It’s the late 1980s. Malek and Holloway are both studying art at CWU. Malek, a single mom, was a hairdresser. Holloway was a head chef at the Valley Cafe which is now The Wild Huckleberry Restaurant. The two met in college and became a couple who had a dream to own their own business.

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D&M Coffee has five separate locations in Ellensburg offering the community coffee, espresso beverages and tea along with food, desserts and other beverages.

"All our friends were like, ‘You’re going to do drive-thru coffee? That’s crazy,’” Holloway said. Holloway said at the time there were very few drive-thru coffee shops let alone espresso machines in Ellensburg at the time. Despite the lack of encouragement from friends, the location thrived and the two were able to start roasting their own coffee shortly after. The small company went from distributing through a regional distribution company to eventually taking full control of their own distribution network, 10 years after opening their first location.

Malek said D&M’s unique perspective towards coffee is part of what makes it so special.

“When we roast our coffees, we approach the coffee bean like it’s an individual,” Malek said. “We don’t just roast coffee. We treat it like it’s a little piece of art.”

Even through the many years together—not only as husband and wife, but co-business owners, Malek and Holloway remained close.

“When you’re a couple, you always want to rise each other up and move forward,” Malek said. “We as a couple, neither one of us came from money. No one paid our ways. We’ve always been super good at work and we both are hard workers.”

Their passion allowed their business to grow, as today their wholesale business has accounts spanning from Alaska to Montana to Japan according to the History of D&M Coffee Inc.

In addition to their work in coffee production, Holloway and Malek have gone into other business ventures. In 2013, the two opened Cornerstone Pie, a pizza restaurant in town. The reason behind the creation of the food place was clear to the owners.

“Our goal with starting Cornerstone has always been bringing something fun and unique to Ellensburg,” Holloway said.

Mark and Holloway opened Cornerstone Pie because the couple enjoyed going to places when they were out of town. The fire-roasted pizza place has live music sporadically on an outdoor patio area and serves D&M coffee.

The work by Malek, Holloway and their staff has not gone unnoticed. In the near 30 years the couple have been business owners, they have won numerous awards. According to the History of D&M Coffee Inc., in 2006, the coffee shop was a recipient of Kittitas County Economic Development Group’s Business of the Year Award. In 2015, Cornerstone Pie was listed as #2 by Fodor’s Travel Guide in the Central Washington region. More recently in 2018, Malek and Holloway were awarded the Community Diversity Award at the 2018 Diversity Awards.

“I really like the setting and being able to get off-campus but also see familiar faces and students that you see everyday,” Hunt said.

The two CWU students explained that they make frequent trips to D&M to stay in touch with friends who work there.

“You can go to Starbucks, but it’s not really the same,” English said. “It’s the environment I guess too. It’s the whole vibe. I like it because it’s more kind of homie than kind of corporate.”
As a smaller city, Ellensburg doesn’t have the large Uber or Lyft networks like Seattle. There are maybe one or two, but for on-demand and point-to-point transportation, CWU students have the K.C. Cabs.

Tara Lynn Hawk is one of the drivers of the K.C. Cabs and has been since 2016. According to Hawk, she isn’t naturally a people person and never thought she would drive a cab, but her opinion has changed over the four years she’s been driving. “I absolutely love my job, I feel like I adopted a bunch of drunk college kids,” Hawk said.

On Thursday through Sunday nights when the most students go to the bars, Hawk drives around downtown or sometimes just parks outside of the bars waiting for riders. With so many of her riders on weekends coming from the bars, Hawk has to deal with some of the less-than-glamorous parts of her job. “I’ve had three people throw up in three years,” Hawk said. “I’m the OCD driver, other drivers think I’m a bitch. I clean everything, beer cans, food, you name it.” Drivers clean up their cars themselves, which is why all of the fee for a rider throwing up goes directly to those drivers. Sometimes, though, the difficulties come with the riders themselves rather than what comes out of the riders. “I pissed off a bunch of guys one time because I wouldn’t let them go home with a couple of girls who couldn’t even tell me their address,” Hawk said. “With drunk guys you get a lot of propositions. I’m the last woman they see before they get home on a Friday night.”

On one occasion, Hawk said she had a young man try to kiss her while she was driving him and his friend. She pulled out her taser that she kept with her at the time, but the man took it from her. “The two guys started tazing each other and that’s how I learned that tasers don’t work on drunk people,” Hawk said. Drives aren’t always energetic. During the summer, especially, K.C. Cab runs with a skeleton crew of only a few drivers working at a time. Hawk said that most of her driving during the summer is for the elderly residents of Ellensburg and for concert attendees.

On Hawk’s evening shift, she picked up a young couple at the University Street Starbucks bus stop. According to Hawk, she has had up to 15 people at a time in her taxi going to or from this bus stop. Sometimes there are quiet times where Hawk won’t get a call for hours. She said when this happens, she sometimes goes home to play with her grand daughter, but is always ready and on-call to go wherever riders need to go.

Students who want to order a cab can call 509-929-3055 or use the new K.C. Cab app which works similarly to that of Lyft and Uber. Students pay a flat rate of $7 for rides within a four mile radius of downtown Ellensburg.

“Halloween night we were getting a call every seven seconds,” Hawk said.
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I consider myself a "foodies," which is a way to describe someone with a larger-than-life passion for food and restaurant culture, without the credentials of a chef. As a foodie, I've made it a goal to visit new restaurants and cafes throughout the five years I've lived here. Believe it or not, Ellensburg has a very unique and diverse food scene, not very typical for a smaller sized town. From Mexican to Japanese food, with the occasional burger place mixed in, this college town has a lot to choose from when it comes to dining. This is a list of five food places I recommend to help you discover some hidden gems.

FAVORITE BRUNCH: THE EARLY BIRD CAFE

At first glance, when you drive by this breakfast joint on Water Street it looks like the front porch at a local's house. However, when you step inside you are greeted by something much more unique: a small yet warm cafe with a cashier greeting you with a smile. At this cafe, you order your food and beverage beforehand and you seat yourself. The most unique aspect to this cafe has to be the outdoor patio. It is filled to the brim with green flora surrounding large wooden picnic tables. Although, not your average breakfast place featuring pancakes or French toast, this calm spot features other tasty items like biscuits and gravy, a savory waffle and avocado toast. I personally enjoyed the scramble bowl, which was better than most omelets I've ever had a chance to try. On a sunny, warm summer morning, there really is no better place to sit outside and enjoy a nice brunch.

FAVORITE LATE NIGHT SNACK: HOT DIGGIDY DOG

Parked on the corner of Third Ave. and Main Street, Hot Diggidy Dog is only open late on Friday and Saturday nights. Similar to what you'd get outside a typical American baseball stadium, these hot dogs come with different toppings. As someone who hails from Seattle, I consider the art of crafting a true Seattle Dog a special kind of talent. The right mix of cream cheese and sautéed onions determines the quality of the Seattle Dog. I get Hot Diggidy Dog's version every time I visit here, and have always left satisfied. Frequent customer Logan Kral had this to say about the hot dog-specific spot in town. 

"I've been a customer by the name of Tom Harbaugh appreciates the affordable for a nice after-dinner dessert. One frequent customer by the name of Tom Harbaugh appreciates the growth of Utopia from dessert place to full-fledged cafe.

"I've seen Utopia really grow with the student population in the last few years. They went from being a humble little soft serve place to a full-blown cafe. They really creative with the food that they serve too," Harbaugh said.

Everyone has their own individual flavors they like, but I usually go with the vanilla topped with Oreo cookies and chocolate chips. You can never have too much chocolate!

FAVORITE FOREIGN CUISINE: KIKU-CHAN JAPANESE RESTAURANT

When you come from the westside of the mountains like I do, you're used to being within a short distance of a massive variety of foreign food delicacies to choose from. In Ellensburg, we are fortunate enough to have such a large number of food options to choose from that isn't your typical burger shack or barbecue restaurant. Out of the many places I sampled, only one place stood out for its convenient proximity to CWU's campus, as well as friendly staff and quality non-American food. That place is Kiku-Chan, which serves Japanese food, from suki to bento boxes, to teriyaki and yakisoba. Those who are familiar with Asian restaurants in the larger cities will appreciate this smaller, more comfortable and quieter sit-down cafe. Prices vary but most entrees are around 10 bucks. Alongside the food you can also drink sake, a traditional Japanese alcoholic beverage you can only realistically get at this type of a restaurant.

FAVORITE SIT-DOWN RESTAURANT: THE RED PICKLE

My favorite sit-down restaurant, right in the heart of downtown Ellensburg is The Red Pickle. Scroll through their Yelp page and you will see it's not just hype; The Red Pickle is a restaurant overwhelmed with five-star ratings, and for good reason. What originally started as a food truck outside of Whipsaw Brewery has become a booming, fun and inviting restaurant. There are many unique dishes at this place but I personally recommend their burgers, like the Gaucho or the Super Gaucho. Don't forget the rosemary fries on the side. The Red Pickle is also known for their smoking mixed drinks—such as their smoked maple manhattan. When you arrive, you are almost guaranteed to be greeted by owner Mario Alfaro Lopez. His outgoing and friendly nature has paid off as it continues to bring back numerous customers like community resident Laci Harrison.

"Mario is always so personable and enthusiastically wants feedback from his customers. It's been great to watch his business grow and expand," Harrison said.

Alfaro Lopez has gained recognition for his efforts. He won the 2019 Excellence on Main Award, also known as the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Washington State Main Street Program.
Club baseball takes first swing

There's a new option available for students who play baseball but didn't make it onto CWU's team or just want a chance to play. CWU Club Baseball had its first season after being formed this year, and is looking for new recruits for next year's season.

Club Baseball President Pete Ramsay said that he had the idea to start club baseball after attempting to join the Wildcat baseball team. Ramsay said despite the fact he and many other players did not make the team, he saw a lot of guys there who could play.

Ramsay said that he began the process of starting a new club in the fall. He said there were a handful of hoops that had to be jumped through getting the club sport off the ground, including paperwork from his players, organizing practice schedules, securing field time and writing up a “constitution.”

Ramsay is a pitcher on the team, but also acts as a player-coach, runs practices, draws up plays and leads the team in games.

The club plans on playing in the National Club Baseball Association (NCBA) Division I League next year. Ramsay said they weren't able to join the league this year because of how late they started playing this year.

According to Ramsay, the club had about 12 players turn out for the inaugural season. He said that this made their four-game season sporadic as many players could not make it to every weekend game. He said that next year he expects a much larger turn out and that he is already aware of a handful of players who want to join.

Despite the shortage of bodies on the field, Ramsay said they never had to cancel a game. He said that even when they didn't have enough players to fill every fielding position, the opposing teams would supply them with players of their own.

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Ramsay said players who are thinking of joining can send him a message on their club’s twitter or Instagram accounts, their handle on both sites is @cwuclubball. He recommended that this be done sometime in fall 2019 as they have concluded this year’s season. The price to play will be $250 in both the fall and spring quarters.

According to Ramsay, the $250 per quarter will go right back to the players. The money is used for gear, housing and other costs associated with travel. He said the NCBA also supplies them with some gear and uniforms.

Ramsay said that he was proud of the way the club played in their short season, ending up with a 2-2 record. He said he is optimistic for the next season.

“That was just with the talent that we had. With the guys who might join next year, it could be a whole different ball game,” Ram said.
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Football looking for next quarterback

Bryce Weedman
Senior Sports Reporter

Three Wildcat quarterbacks are currently competing for the chance to be the starter for the 2019 season. The Wildcats will start their season against the Idaho Vandals on Sept. 7.

Previously the Wildcats had started Reilly and Hennessey who was the starter come next season. The Wildcats are looking for a new quarterback.

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Racanelli is the shortest of all three of them at 6 foot 1 and under. According to Bleacher Report, quarterbacks who are 6 feet and under are more likely to get sacked than taller quarterbacks. Mizutani also holds the national records for the 200-yard breaststroke and won the national title in 1977, CWU's Swim Team became dominant in the 100-meter breaststroke as well as other events. They have to keep bulking up, and getting ready for the upcoming season.

Mizutani has not yet played for CWU, but was able to at least suit up for the game against West Texas A&M University in the NCAA Division II.

"The atmosphere was crazy, it was unlike any other and I'm from Hawaii, so watching the [Hawaii University] games hasn't been a super difficult thing for me since I'm a pretty flexible guy."

Mizutani also holds the Lolani high school single game passing record of 306 yards, and threw for a total of 7,702 yards and 55 touchdowns.

"We don't want to be known as Reilly's replacement. We want to make our own name for ourselves."

Tai-John Mizutani, quarterback

The Hall of Fame Committee has implemented specialty awards over the past three years, according to Francois. He said the awards include titles like the Trailblazer Award, the Spirit of Central Washington Award, and the Heart of Excellence Award. According to Francois, the event will featured a hosted bar, as well as a silent auction and live auctions. Proceeds from the auctions go towards student athlete scholarships and the cost of the event.

The silent auction included items like restaurant gift certificates, baseball tickets, wine packages and more. Proceeds go to the Hall of Fame Endowment Scholarship.

The induction ceremonies included an introduction of the inductees' achievements at CWU, followed by a 15-minute acceptance speech. According to Francois, speeches at these events can get emotional and people often get choked up.

"It's so nice to see those people in some of their proudest moments," Francois said. "For most of them, it's probably the best time of their lives."

Athletes honored at 36th Hall of Fame inductions

Nick Jahinke
Sports Editor

National champions Krispy Tandle-Richerson, Russell Ferguson and the 1986 Men's Swimming Team were chosen as newest inductees to CWU's Athletic Hall of Fame. Athletes celebrated their achievements during their time at CWU, on May 18 as part of the 36th Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

According to Athletic Director Dennis Francois, Krispy Tandle-Richerson confirmed he will be attending this year's Track and Field Team and is a four-time GNAC champion. He said that Tandle-Richerson became the first CWU student-athlete to win a NCAA DII national championship in 2009, and remains the only Wildcat to hold the title to date.

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"Just being able to take hits, and I just have to keep bulking up, and getting ready for fall," Racanelli said. "But so far taking hits hasn't been a super difficult thing for me since I'm a pretty flexible guy."
A vast view of local landscape at Red Top Hill

Dez Rodriguez
Staff Reporter

For those students looking to get active while earning school credits, CWU provides an opportunity to pursue exercise as a part of their daily routines. They have a wide array of fitness courses that are designed to offer students different workouts with various levels of intensity to best suit their needs.

The classes are broken up into five distinctive categories spread through different times and days of the week. Undergraduate students receive an academic credit if they pass the class. Each activity course meets two hours per week, and courses may be repeated each quarter for a total of three credits.

The first category is physical education (PE), designed around rock climbing. The levels range from beginner to a more challenging class for advanced students. The second is PE fitness, which is focused on conditioning and getting the body in better shape. There are more classes offered in this category, which allows students and athletes, such as a soccer player, to work out and select a class that best suits them.

"I chose to do this because it helps me achieve my goals," said First year student Frida Sarmiento. "My professor is really engaged with everything he does, so it helps us out a lot."

PE aquatics allows students to get active in the water by offering exercises such as swimming, diving and lifeguard training. PE team sports classes provide the opportunity to participate in a sport such as basketball, while PE individual/dual classes are designed around individual activities such as golf.

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SPORTS

Hanson Lee
Opinion and Engagement Editor

Ellensburg's elongated winter freeze may have you missing the area's hot summer days. If that's the case, then Red Top Hill's summer hiking experience is an adventure to look forward to in the coming months.

The Red Top Hill hike has two distinct attractions for visitors looking to take in the full hiking experience. The first attraction is Red Top Hill's fire lookout and the second attraction is the agate beds.

Information Assistant for the U.S. Forest Service, Cie Elum Ranger District, Nancy Jones expressed that both the fire lookout and agate beds are good beginner hikes.

According to the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Service, the Red Top trailhead begins on Forest Road 9702. From the parking area, visitors can follow an old road leading to where the trail initially forks into two pathways, one leading left and another leading right.

The left pathway will lead you on a steep ascent towards the peak of Red Top Hill where you'll find an old fire lookout. The right pathway isn't as steep and will have you navigating around cliffs at a lower elevation, eventually leading you near a junction with what is known as Blue Creek Trail. At this point, you will take the junction to its exit. After departing the junction with Blue Creek Trail, you'll be back on the Red Top Hill trail, at which point you will head north, reaching the agate beds located on the ridge.

A peak into the distance

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Meghan Rochelle/The Observer

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Men’s basketball fills gaps in offseason

Austin Lane
Staff Reporter

CWU Men’s Basketball has added seven players to the team roster so far this offseason. Recruiting is a year long process but at this time of the year, players signing is at a peak. Here’s a look at the newest players you’ll see on the court next winter.

Micah Pollard, Guard, Foss High School

Micah Pollard is a six-foot guard out of Foss High School in Tacoma, Washington. Pollard was on the 2018 News Tribune’s First Team All-Area for his efforts in his senior year. With over 2,000 career points in high school and a 2A state championship in 2016, Pollard comes in as the only true freshman in this offseason’s recruiting class so far. Head coach Brandon Rinta is excited for Pollard’s career at CWU.

"He’s gonna have a tremendous career here and he has the ability to step in and make an immediate impact," Rinta said. "High level defender, high level competitor, high level athlete as well.”

Rayvaughn Bolton, Guard, Eastern Arizona College

Rayvaughn Bolton stands 6-foot-3 and is coming back to Washington after spending two years playing for Eastern Arizona College. Prior to that, he graduated from Kentwood High School in Kent, Washington. He led Kentwood to a 4A state championship in 2016. At Eastern Arizona College, Bolton played in 61 games and shot 41.7 percent from the field in both his freshman and sophomore years.

According to Rinta, Bolton “makes us better defensively immediately.”

Davon Bolton, Guard, Northern Arizona University

Both Rayvaughn Bolton and Davon Bolton went to high school in Washington. They both are coming back from college in Arizona and both played for Eastern Arizona College in 2017. Despite the similarities, the two are not related. Davon Bolton stands 6-foot-1.

Kevin Baker, Forward, Green River College

One of the qualities coach Rinta was looking for this offseason was size. Kevin Baker fits the bill, standing 6-foot-8. Baker averaged a double-double last season for the Green River Gators with 22 points per game and 10 rebounds per game, and finished top 10 in the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) in points per game, rebounds per game and blocks per game. Baker thought he was going to play Division I basketball this season, but after feeling like CWU “wanted him the most,” he decided to become a Wildcat.

“I told Central that I wasn’t interested actually,” Baker said. “Something just clicked in my head that I should go somewhere where I’m wanted and they wanted me the most. They were still trying to get me three months after I told them no, so I just felt really wanted.”

Tariq Woody, Forward, Wheeling Jesuit University

Another player adding length to the team next season is Tariq Woody. Woody is also 6-foot-8 and comes to CWU as a sophomore. Woody shot 64.2 percent from the field last year and had a season-high 18 rebound game against West Virginia Wesleyan College. The most rebounds in one game for CWU last year was 15 by Gamaun Boykin against Cal State Monterey Bay.

“I was a leader on and off the court at my last school and I want to bring that same energy to CWU,” Woody said.

Marcus Gilson, Forward, Centralia College

Another player coming from the NWAC, Marcus Gilson, stands 6-foot-5 and was a former NWAC Freshman of the Year. In 2018, his sophomore year, Gilson was First Team Western All-Region, made the NWAC All-Star Game and assisted Centralia College to reaching the NWAC Elite 8.

Coach Rinta listed Gilson as another player who will help the team out with size on the court this upcoming season.

Amari Stafford, Guard, Eastern Arizona College

Joining Rayvaughn Bolton on the trip north from Eastern Arizona will be Amari Stafford. Stafford is a 6-foot-6 guard that shot over 40 percent on three-point field goals last season. Stafford got hot late in the season. He shot for double digits in 10 out of the first 25 games. He then closed out the season shooting double digits in all of the final six games, including a season high 25-point game.

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What I wanted to solve is the mindless opening of an app and scrolling just because it's easy and there's nothing better to do. I've increasingly noticed over the past few months a compulsive tendency to open Facebook, Instagram or Reddit and scroll through them, not even looking that hard at anything that passes by. I'm just using it as a filler during a moment when there's nothing to do. That subconscious anxiety, that need to fill empty space, is what I want to correct. So, I deleted those apps, and this is when the real introspective nightmare began. For the days following my purge, I would regularly go to mindlessly open the apps only to be struck with the realization that not only were they not around to save me from a boring or awkward moment, but also how much I was truly compulsively reaching for them. I could do my best to notice my own behaviors during normal times, but when it was so clearly put on display, I was shocked by how much of my time had been thrown into the void.

This isn't even because scrolling is bad. The problem is that it was unintentional. It seems like people like to think they're aware of everything they do, totally in control of their decisions, but this experiment has shown how untrue that can be with certain mental processes. It makes sense, the apps are designed to grab your attention so you become a perfect advertisement-watch-
Kyle Wilkinson  
Columnist

I hate seeing garbage outside when I’m enjoying nature. Whether I’m fishing on the Yakima River or hiking up Manastash Ridge, I can’t help but notice how much garbage we produce and leave outside. I’ve found candy wrappers, hand warmers, pool noodles, shoes, beer cans, life jackets, remnants of helium balloons, tobacco cans and the list goes on. Even if we aren’t the ones creating and leaving all of this trash, we aren’t helping anything by leaving it there.

According to the Washington State Department of Ecology, over 4.6 million pounds of litter was picked up across the state in 2018. That’s a lot of garbage! This trash ends up in our rivers, lakes, oceans and is unsightly in our wild areas.

I love the Yakima River. I see others using the river for fishing, rafting, floating and swimming. We all like to use the resource so much, it tends to get “loved to death.”

We can’t help but pollute the resources as a byproduct of our time spent outdoors. Sure, someone might not intentionally drop their candy wrapper on the trail, or lose a soda can in the river, but that’s still leaving behind trash.

What can you do?

Pick it up! Make it a priority to grab trash whenever I see it. I fill my pockets up on the trail and stuff litter into the nooks and crannies of my backpack. I even have a five-gallon bucket in my boat that I put trash in. Every time I get out of the boat or see trash floating in the water, I pick it up. The last time I was on the river I filled that bucket. I know I can’t get all of the trash out there by myself, but I know that by picking up even just one piece of garbage, I’m doing my part to preserve and protect the outdoors that I love so much.

This type of attitude rubs off on others. There have been times when I start picking up garbage along the river and have others join me without any invitation. Because they saw me picking up trash, they decided to join in and help take care of the resource.

One way to help is by joining clean-up days and actively participating with organizations and groups that pick up garbage. CWU has held a Yakima River cleanup during Earth Month every year for the past 46 years. This year’s event takes place on Saturday, April 20. Pre-registration is required through the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement and students take off from the SURC East Patio at 9 a.m. This is a great opportunity for students to get outside. Other organizations like Trout Unlimited also hold river cleanups that focus on picking up garbage in and around the river to reduce its impact on fish and fishermen.

So the next time you’re hiking up Umtanum Ridge, walking your dog at Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park or floating down the Yakima River, pick up that water bottle or that empty bag of chips and take it out with you. Every little piece counts and although one person might not be able to make much of an impact, a community of like-minded individuals can make a huge difference.
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Stereotypes bringing you down? It’s not your fault

The desire to fit in is a natural human behavior, just don’t lose yourself in pursuit of another personality

Nick Tucker
Columnist

Every generation thinks in somewhat of a unique way and one of the things that sets ours apart is the concept of “the brand” which has made its way into our collective consciousness.

It’s this notion that we need to develop an easily defined and instantly recognizable aesthetic that is somehow also totally unique. While it is a paradoxical thing to aspire to, it does make sense. We’ve gotten tired of the old archetypes that a person can embody: hipster, skater, jock are all too simple and cliché for us now, and we want to be seen as the complex beings that we are.

However, our aspirations don’t change the fact that we all, on some level, want to belong and people naturally categorize things into easily understandable groups, including other people. How are you going to decide whether you want to spend time interacting with someone other than to make an assumption about their personality based off of the limited information you have? This leaves many people feeling like they have to put on an oversimplified mask of themselves that will never be as nuanced as people actually are.

But appearances aren’t just the clothes you wear and the things you own. It’s the way you act and carry yourself. The Darth Vader costume is impressive, but it doesn’t really inspire fear if the man inside it hums showtunes.

So we try to talk more like the people we want to fit in with, we dress a little differently than we might otherwise. This is fine and natural, as everybody adapts a little to fit into different environments. But we can’t pretend that we can keep making lots of those external changes for a long time and remain unaffected internally. The environment we put ourselves in changes us. The brain is very adaptable, and will adapt in spite of our intentions.

If we live a huge portion of our lives in an environment that caters to easily-recognizable, easily-defined aesthetics and personalities, of course we are going to try and adapt to fit into that environment.

By no means do I think that the internet is a scourge on humanity, but with such a massive new environment for people to be living their lives in, there are going to be ways that people are negatively impacted. There is plenty of research showing that our brains sometimes treat online figures the same way that it treats people in our everyday lives. They try to adapt to fit in like brains do, and in this case that means trying to act the same way our favorite online creators do: recognizable, always likable and always in-character.

The problem with this is that we are trying to act like people who don’t exist. We act like characters created by people who aren’t always those characters. The creators we love aren’t always like their online personas, and while our conscious brain may recognize that, the subconscious brain only sees the face they present and tries to adapt to that face.

This may be complicated, but that’s sort of the world we live in now. The advice I have to give is just to pay attention to the environment you put your brain in. Are you surrounded by good people? Are you doing what makes you happy? If the answer is no to either of those questions, it’s no fault of your own. But it’s your brain and it always will be. It’s adaptive, it wants to belong, and it’s been shaped by millions of years of evolution to be very good at its job.

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College campuses are faced with a unique problem when it comes to planning celebrations. There’s a big stereotype concerning the kinds of activities that take place during parties at the college level. Risk-taking behavior such as drinking, smoking and other staples of the collegiate party scene aren’t necessarily things that schools want to associate themselves with, and CWU is no different. I suspect that this comes into existence in large part to the promotion of various events and activities on Friday and Saturday evenings on campus. If students are busy shooting zombies in the SURC or watching a movie on the Rec lawn, they aren’t busy making fools of themselves out and about in the community. The strategy works twofold, as it protects students’ health and the school’s reputation. With fo-
cus specifically on the overconsumption of alcohol, I’d like to take a moment to explore exactly why I think the college party culture in the U.S. is so unhealthy, and what might be done about it.

From a very young age, here in the states at least, alcohol is treated as a for-
bidden fruit, something only mature adults have access to. At the same time, it’s often depicted as a natural part of any fun evening with friends once one gets old enough to actually consume it. Is it any wonder then that some young adults seem incredibly attracted to the idea of consuming as much of it as pos-
sible whenever they can? The quickest way to get a child to do something is telling them that it’s fun, but also against the rules. This leads to the problem with teenage binge-drinking in the U.S., which is only amplified once said teenagers move away from home into the seething mess of self-exploration and irrespon-
sibility that college can be in the wrong hands. They’ve been told their whole lives that alcohol is a fun thing that only grown-ups get to do, and now, they’re told they’re grown-ups.

There’s a second, and perhaps more important factor in all of this: the lack of education concerning safe drinking habits. In my middle-school health class, they used one blanket solution to teach kids about alcohol, sex and drugs. Abstinence. In other countries, such as my native Denmark, the culture is more focused on educating kids from an early age about the ups and downs of al-
cohol consumption, along with normalizing it so it doesn’t end up becoming a forbidden fruit. As a result, while beer drinking may be a touch more common, the practices behind it are also healthi-
er. People know from their mid-teens to limit their intake, drink plenty of water and eat food if they decide to partake. They know this because their parents and peers took the time to teach them, as op-
posed to avoiding the issue and hoping their child never watches TV.

If we stop treating alcohol like it’s Sa-
tan’s Fun Juice™ and introduce it as the deeply-rooted cultural phenomenon that it is, a lot of college kids would enter these formative years armed with the knowl-
edge that booze doesn’t make you cool.

As far as college events are concerned, alcohol is already occasionally present at them. Art exhibition receptions and var-
ious award ceremonies usually have a bar tucked into a corner offering local craft brews and wines. If this sort of well-mod-
erated, responsible approach to the distribution were taken more broadly, I think it’d be reasonable to begin offering it on more occasions. I’d help to normal-
ize it, and ultimately aid in removing the “forbidden fruit” effect.

On Career Mentoring from the Careerless

Tyonna Kitchen

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- Sydney Erickson

Go on those random adventures! They make for the best stories later! Also, never climb out on your dorm room roof, no matter how safe someone tries to convince you that it is (I never got hurt though).
- Lacey Crichton

Put in the effort and take as many classes as you can each quarter during freshman and sophomore year. This includes both gen eds and major specific classes. During these years you will be more motivated and your classes will be easier. Taking a 100 level class (that is mostly busy work) your junior year while you’re also taking 400 level classes is not fun.
- Katia Hawley

Make sure you build a great relationship with your major advisor. There may be a time that you will need someone to advocate for you when it comes down to getting into a class you need, when said class department won’t work with you. Also participate in clubs, those will help you de-stress from your class load.
- Xander Deccio

Don’t cave into the pressure to get into a romantic relationship with someone right away. Enjoy making friends, getting to know your department, and go to class! Also, The library is one of the best places on campus to study and hang out.
- Grace Basta

Don’t force yourself to keep doing work. Take the nap. Watch the movie with your friends. Get the food. Take care of yourself.
- Jordan-Michael Whidbey

There are resources on campus that will help you succeed academically. Ex: Case Management, SMACC, etc. Also—on campus jobs are super flexible. When you’re not in the right major, going to class is a struggle but when you enjoy your major—going to class does not feel like a chore.
- Susie Chavez

Ask Rune

The “Ask” column is written by one of our staff members. Opinions in this column are meant to be lighthearted and entertaining.

Dear Rune,

I’m really nervous about my first year at CWU. If you could go back to your freshman year, what’s something you would do differently?

Sincerely,
Scared

Dear Scared,

It’s perfectly normal to be nervous about beginning college, especially if this is your first time living away from home. I was pretty much in the same boat, way back in 2014 when the zookeepers decided it was time for me to get an education.

Once my cage had been safely transported over the mountain pass, the guards had to poke me through the bars with very long sticks to get me to leave and explore my new habitat. I was perturbed to note a distinct lack of things to climb on in my room, but found the top of my dresser to make for an acceptable nesting space. There was another person there, but they seemed to mostly stay out of my way.

Through the careful guidance of CWU’s Primatology Program along with experts in fields I’ve never even heard of, I’m now able to walk on my hind legs and speak English, as opposed to the series of grunts and gestures I used to express myself before.

I guess the moral here is that college is a big place, which is convenient for us 8-feet-tall cave-dwellers. More importantly though, it means that, no matter what crowd you run with, there’s very likely someone here for you. Sports, Japanese cartoons, sewing, craft brewing, climbing trees using only your feet or swinging from the flagpole on top of Barge Hall. Keep an eye on the school bulletin boards, you’ll find someone who’s into the same kind of stuff that you are.

Trust me, I learned that lesson the hard way, frequently.

Hope this helps,
Rune “Danger” Torgersen (formerly Mukbuk the Bone-Crusher)
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