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FOREWORD

This chronology of the history of Eastern Washington University has been compiled by many persons, under the direction of the University Archivist. Intended for use by persons at the university, the chronology was originally created for use by the EWU Centennial Committee in 1981. The university was then planning activities to commemorate the centennial of the opening of the institutions' predecessor, the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy.

The original chronology was a typescript researched and produced in 1980 and 1981 by Charles V. Mutschler, who was then a graduate student in the History Department. The research was conducted primarily using University catalogs and annual reports as sources. The primary copy was turned over to the Centennial Committee, but a carbon copy was retained by the University Archives. This was annotated through the next ten years to reflect new information as it was encountered. In 1991 the entire chronology was entered into a computer file, reflecting the many revisions and notes which had been made to the original typescript. In 1992 the chronology was again updated by the University Archives. Research work was assisted by Nancy L. Carroll and Matthew S. Campau. Data entry was conducted by Nicole Cashon. During 1993 and 1994 additional information was gathered by Susan Beamer, and University Archivist Jay W. Rea. Data entry was done by Rachel Gross and Kristina Carothers. During the 1995/1996 academic year Kym Mell compiled and entered additional information. Chris Rose updated the file in 1997, and Marguerite Collins added new data in the fall of 1998. Revisions were made in the 1999/2000 academic year by Lee Pierce. Kimberley Frenzel added material for the 2000/2001 academic year. The University Archivist updated the chronology in 2003. Additional updates were provided by Jay Weston Rea, University Archivist Emeritus for the period 2004 – 2009. Another update of the chronology was performed in the summer of 2014, covering 2009 – 2014. Archivist Emeritus Jay W. Rea assisted with updating the file through Spring Quarter, 2016. The chronology has been updated to May, 2018.

The chronology is updated periodically. Suggestions for additions or corrections are always welcome. Please contact us at (509) 359-2254, or electronically at: cmutschler@ewu.edu

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1880

- Sept. 17. General J. W. Sprague, Construction Superintendent for the Northern Pacific Railroad ordered the name of the townsite formerly called "Billings" to be changed to Cheney. The town was named for Benjamin P. Cheney, of Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Cheney was a Director of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which had located its route through the town site.

1881

- Mr. Cheney agreed to donate \$10,000.00 to construct a teachers academy at Cheney, Washington Territory.
- Sept. 24. The Benjamin P. Cheney Academy was incorporated by Reverend G. H. Atkinson, Daniel F. Percival, and General John W. Sprague. Percival was a banker in the new town of Cheney, and Sprague was the Construction Superintendent for the NP railroad. Articles of Incorporation filed with Spokane County Auditor on October 1. [J.O.O., Academy, p.109.]
- Nov. The Cheney Academy building was under construction. It was a two-story frame structure, located on the site now occupied by Showalter Hall.
- Dec. 15. Trustees completed organization of the Cheney Academy. Sprague elected president, Atkinson secretary, and Percival treasurer. [J.O.O., Academy, p.109.]

1882

- April 3. The Benjamin P. Cheney Academy opened. Daniel H. Felch was the Principal, Augusta Bunker the 'Princeptress.' The Academy operated on a twelve week term including classes which would now be considered grade school work. Academy employed by Cheney School directors as the public school until 1887. [J.O.O., Academy, p.114.]

1883

- Sept. Mr. Cheney toured the completed Northern Pacific Railroad. The party stopped briefly at Cheney. Mr. Cheney indicated that he was pleased with what he had seen of the town. [Portland Oregonian, Sept. 18, 1883.]
- Nov. Daniel H. Felch resigned as Principal of the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy.
- Dec. Reverend F. V. Hoyt was appointed to serve as the second Principal of the Cheney Academy.
1883. Annual tuition for the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy was listed in the United States Commissioner of Education's Report as being \$30.00 per year.

1884

- April James W. Dow of Spangle, Washington became the third Principal of the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy. The staff consisted of the Principal and two teachers, Miss Augusta Bunker and Mrs. J. A. C. Merriman.

1885

- Aug. The tuition structure was changed, with specific tuition charged for course work in different areas. The new tuition structure was: Primary Course: \$6.50 per term, Common English: \$9.50 per term, High English: \$10.50 per term, and Languages \$2.00 extra per term.

1886

- New tuition schedule placed in effect. Rates of tuition per term for the courses offered: Primary Course: \$5.00, Intermediate Course: \$7.00, Common and Higher English: \$9.00, and Languages \$2.00 extra.
- Sept. Mortimer M. Carraker became the 4th Principal of the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy. At that time enrollment at the Academy was approximately 200 students.

1887

The Town of Cheney decided to build and operate its own public school independent of the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy. This appears to have been initially housed in the old County Courthouse, vacated by the move of the County Seat to Spokane in 1886. William J. Sutton was made head of the Cheney Public School.

1888

- June 15 The first class graduated from the B.P. Cheney Academy. There were four graduates: Mary Allison, Allie Dale, Mary DeBron, and Ralph Hendricks.

1889

- Spring Mortimer M. Carraker resigned as Principal of the Cheney Academy. [J.O.O., Academy, p. 113.]
- Sept. B.G. Cheney became the 5th Principal of the Cheney Academy. Competition with the Cheney Public School was hurting the Academy. [J.O.O., Academy, p. 113]

Nov. 11 Washington became a state. Plans for a state Normal School at Cheney began to be formulated.

1890

Jan. 6 Last term of B.P. Cheney Academy opened.

Jan. The Board of Directors of the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy offered the building and grounds to the State of Washington to house a State Normal School.

March 22 The first Normal School in the state was located at Cheney by an act of the State Legislature.

Aug. 18. Trustees formally accepted the building and grounds. [J.O.O., Academy, p. 115.]

Oct. 13 The State Normal School opened in Cheney, with W. Gillette as its first Principal. There were two other instructors at the time: Mr. W. C. Stone, and Miss Mattie C. Hammond.

1891

June Work began on an addition to the original Academy building to provide more room for the Normal School. During the summer of 1891 a 40-foot by 60 foot two story frame addition to the original building, also a two-story frame structure, was under construction.

Aug. 27 Before the addition was completed the entire building burned to the ground. The Cheney Public School building was offered as a temporary home for the Normal School, but this offer was not accepted.

Sept. 2 Normal School moved into the Pomeroy Building, a brick structure on First Street in downtown Cheney rented to permit operations to continue until a new building could be constructed.

Tuition at the Normal School: Prep Tuition: \$10.00 per term, Academic Tuition: \$15.00 per term, \$3.00 library deposit required of all students.

1892

Jan. Training Department established at the Normal School. This was the forerunner of the current campus school.

Jan. W. W. Gillette resigns as Principal of the Normal school, William J. Sutton is appointed as Principal.

June 17 The first class graduated from the State Normal School at Cheney. There were three graduates: Kate D. Brace, Grace M. Nichols, and Elizabeth O. (Hamblen) Shaw.

1893

- March Legislature passed an Appropriation Bill for the Normal School, which provided \$60,000.00 for a new building, and \$25,000.00 for maintaining and operating the school. The appropriation bill was vetoed by Governor John H. McGraw.
- April The voters in Cheney approved a \$19,00.00 bond issue to permit construction of a new school building to be shared with the Normal School.
- July Construction began on the new Cheney School building.
- Sept. 20 The building was completed, and the Normal School opened on this date in the new building. The building was a two-story structure made of brick, with a full basement.
- Tuition was set as follows: In state: Free, and Incidental Fee of \$5.00 was charged all students, plus a \$5.00 Library Deposit.

1894

- Spring Commencement exercises were held for the class graduating from the Normal School.

1895

- March The State Legislature again passed an appropriation bill for the State Normal School, including \$60,000.00 for the construction of a new Normal School building. Governor McGraw signed the bill.
- Spring Construction of the Normal School building began.
- Fall Discord between the City of Cheney and the State Normal School developed following financial problems of the contractor working on the building. The contractor was not making immediate payments to many Cheney workmen, and they were unhappy over the lack of wages. Relations between the city and the school were strained at this time, and got worse in the following year.

1896

- Feb. 14 A petition asking the dismissal of Mr. Reeves, a mathematics teacher at the Normal School, was circulated in Cheney. According to the petition, Mr. Reeves was unsatisfactory and "inefficient." The Normal School stood behind its teacher. Relations with the city of Cheney continued to be strained.
- Feb. 19 "Pink Pamphlets" distributed in Cheney alleged that the trustees of the Normal School had acted unwisely by awarding the contract to the wrong party. Principal Sutton was also attacked as being incompetent.
- June Contractor Nickalls failed to complete the building, so the Board of Trustees assumed the contract and completed the building.
- June Following the completion of the building, the graduation exercises for the Class of 1896 were held in the new building.
- Sept. Classes open in the new Normal School building. The building was of brick construction, with a full basement, two floors, and an attic. It had a tower over the front entrance.

1897

- Feb. 1 W. J. Sutton gave the Board of Trustees his resignation as Principal of the Normal School, to be effective immediately.
- Feb. 6 Mr. W. C. Stone was made acting Principal.
- Feb. 10 Mr. J. J. Rippetoe was made the Principal of the Normal School.
- Mar. 23 The Normal School's \$25,000.00 appropriation, passed by the Legislature was vetoed by Governor John Rogers.
- June At the end of the spring term, the Normal School was closed.

1898

[Summer] Plans for the re-opening the Normal School were formulated. It had been closed for a year at this time.

Sept. The Normal School re-opened. W. B. Turner was made the 4th Principal of the institution.

Tuition was free, but all students were charged an "incidental fee" of \$15.00 semi-annually. During the 1898-99 school year the Cheney Normal School was charging a \$15.00 per semester tuition, and contributions of goods and services by the citizens of Cheney made it possible for the school to remain open.

1899

Jan. Cheney citizens actively lobbied in the State Legislature for passage of an appropriation bill to keep the Cheney Normal School open.

Feb. 24 An appropriation bill for the Cheney Normal School was passed by the Legislature.

June 22 Commencement at Cheney Normal. Six Normal Diplomas and thirty Elementary Certificates awarded.

During the 1899-1900 year tuition was free, but an entry fee of \$10.00 was assessed of all students, \$5.00 of which was to support the library.

During the 1899-1900 year the Normal School established its first football team in the fall of 1899.

1900

July Mr. W. B. Turner resigned as Principal. Mr. J. H. Miller was appointed as the 5th Principal of Cheney Normal.

1901

Fall Ceylon S. Kingston joined the faculty of the Cheney State Normal School. Mr. Kingston was formerly principal of the South Spokane High School. He taught history and English.

1902

Feb. 2 Following a dispute with the Board of Trustees over the quality of teaching and the location of the Board Meetings which culminated in a request by Principal Miller for the

dismissal of two members of the Board. The Board dismissed Principal J. H. Miller, appointed C. S. Kingston Acting Principal.

[Spring] Lewis B. Alger was named Principal to replace J. H. Miller.

Oct. Pi Kappa Sigma Sorority founded at Cheney Normal.

Glee Club formed.

1903

April Board of Trustees decided to increase the faculty at the Normal School, and to complete the upper floor of the building. They also decided to landscape the grounds and start a museum.

May The first Annual was published, called the *Green and White*. The athletics listed in the annual included Baseball, Football, and Girl's Basketball.

Aug. Principal Alger resigned; Harry M. Shafer became Principal of the Cheney State Normal School.

The attic of the Normal School building was remodeled. The roof was raised so that this became a third floor.

Sept. Manual and Physical training was offered for the first time. This was the forerunner of both Home Economics and Industrial Arts.

Tuition was established as being free for state residents, but \$20.00 per year plus library fee for out of state students. The library fee for all students was assessed at \$5.00 per year.

1904

May 13 "Ye Old Folks Concert" was held at the Normal Auditorium by the Normal School students. This was one of the first musical events at the school.

June The *Rhododendron* came out for the first time. This was an annual, a predecessor to the *Kinnikinick*.

[Sept.] Henry E. Smith was hired as the first Athletic Director in the history of the Normal School.

1905

Jan. A Normal School Current Fund for the use and support of the Normal Schools in the state was created by the Legislature.

[Fall] Kindergarten was added to the Training School operations.

The Board of Education defined "credit" as being one hour of work for one semester equaling one credit.

[Fall] Boy's Basketball became a part of the athletic program at the Cheney State Normal School.

1906

- April 28 Cheney Normal hosts its first Interscholastic Track Meet. Davenport, Medical Lake, and the Cheney Normal met.
- Nov. 22 A play called "A Pair of Spectacles" was performed at Cheney Normal. [this may be the first play presented at Eastern]

1907

- [Spring] The Legislature appropriated \$65,000.00 for the construction of a training school building at Cheney State Normal.
- [Spring] The Legislature appropriated money for the construction of a heating plant at the Cheney Normal School, getting the coal and dust out of the main building itself.
- [Spring] Construction of the Training School building and the Normal Heating Plant commenced in the spring of 1907.
- Planning began for a new athletic field to be located northeast of the main building.
- Two city blocks on the northwest side of the campus were purchased to permit future expansion.
- Extension work at state normal schools was authorized by the State Board of Education.
- A list of electives permissible in normal schools was issued by the State Board of Education.
- [Sept.] The first academic departmentalization at the Normal School occurred. Art, Professional (Education), Biology and Agriculture, English, Foreign Languages, History and Social Science, Manual Training, Mathematics, Music, Physical Science, and Physical Training departments were organized.

1908

- Spring Harry Shafer resigned as Cheney Normal Principal.
- Summer The Training School building was completed.
- Summer The Heating Plant was completed.
- Summer Hiram Calvin Sampson was appointed as Principal of the school.
- Sept. 1 The Rural Department was organized. A rural training school was opened on the Washington Water Power Company's interurban line three miles east of Cheney.
- Sept. The new three story Training School opened, and the new Heating Plant came on line. The Heating Plant was equipped to provide heat for all existing buildings. The old boilers were removed from the basement of the main building.
- Total land occupied by Cheney State Normal was 13 acres.

1909

- June The State Legislature abolished tuition for all students. All students were required to pay a \$5.00 library fee.
- June The Alumni Association voted to aid a student loan fund started by the faculty for needy students. The Student Loan Fund became a reality, supported by faculty, alumni and students.
- Sept. The Professional Department was reclassified as the Department of Education and Psychology.
- Sept. Domestic Arts for Women, formerly a part of Manual Training, was organized as a new department.
- Noah D. Showalter was made the head of the Rural Department.
- The state Certification Law was amended, and advanced courses of two and three years were instituted at the Normal School.

1910

- June Hiram C. Sampson resigned as Principal of the Normal School. Vice Principal C.S. (Ceylon Samuel) Kingston became Acting Principal.
- June The *Rhododendron* ceased publication.
- Sept. Following a Board of Education decision made in February of 1910, the Normal School began to get out of the high school teaching field gradually, and began to emphasize higher education in its curriculum.

1911

- Jan. Noah David Showalter was installed as the 9th Principal of the Normal School.
- Sept. The Department of Education and Psychology was renamed the Department of Education, psychology classes were then offered as part of the Education Department.
- Sept. High School work was offered only to those students from places without high schools.
- Dec. Volume 1, Number 1 of the *Kinnikinick* came out. This was a publication in a magazine format produced by the printing class in the Manual Training Department. Eventually, the *Kinnikinick* evolved into the school annual.

1912

- Jan. George E. Craig was named to head the Rural Department.
- April 24 In the early hours of the morning, the main building of the Normal School burned to the ground, destroying all of the school's records, the library, and teaching materials in the building. The Training School and Heating Plant were unharmed.
- Summer Summer session was held in the Training School building.
- Sept. The fall term opened with the Normal School holding its classes in the Training School building, and the Training School was operated in the Cheney Public School building

which had been used from 1893 through 1896 by the Normal School after the 1891 fire which destroyed the former Benjamin P. Cheney Academy building.

- Sept. The Department of Biology and Agriculture was split into two departments - Biology and Agriculture.
- Sept. The Department of Oral Expression was created. (Speech)
- Nov. The *Kinnikinick* was again being printed at the Normal School. Several previous issues had been printed outside the school following the destruction of the press in the April 24, 1912 fire.

1913

- Feb. 4 An appropriation bill for the rebuilding of the Cheney State Normal School passed the Legislature.
- Feb. 14 Governor Ernest Lister vetoed the Cheney Normal appropriation bill.
- March 11 The Legislature passed a \$300,000.00 appropriation bill for Cheney Normal over Lister's veto.
- Spring Planning for a new Normal School building began.

1914

- June 27 The cornerstone of the Administration Building (now Showalter Hall) was laid.
- [Sept.] Physical Training was renamed Health Education.
- Planning for a girl's dormitory began.
- Noah D. Showalter became the first President of the Normal School, as the title was changed from Principal to President.

1915

- April 23 Following an appropriation by the Legislature, a contract was let for the construction of a Manual Arts (industrial arts) Building. Alloway and George of Spokane were awarded the contract.
- May 22 The Administration Building was dedicated.
- May 27 The Administration Building was formally accepted by the Board of Trustees.
- June 17 A contract was let to Cheatham and Sons for Monroe Hall, the first dormitory to be built on campus.
- June The "Herculean Pillars" on the walk to the front (south) entrance of the Administration Building were constructed of granite from the old Cheney Normal Building. The project was financed by the Alumni Association.
- Sept. The Manual Arts building was completed, and classes moved into it.
- [Sept.] The Department of Oral Expression was renamed Expression.

During the fall of 1915 the Associated Students Organization was formed, the beginning of student government at Eastern.

1916

- Feb. 4 Monroe Hall formally opened. It had actually been in use since the start of the term. It had a dining room seating 200, and room and board was \$4.00 per week, plus \$.75 per month for laundry. The building was a women's dormitory. It was named for Mrs. Mary Monroe, who was Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the time.
- June A plaster statue of Sacajawea was donated to the school by the Class of 1916. The statue was placed on display in the Administration Building.
- [Sept.] The Department of Geography was created.
- Oct. 3 The first issue of the *State Normal School Journal* came out. This was a weekly student newspaper. The *Kinnikinick* became a quarterly, rather than monthly publication after the *Journal* was introduced. The *Journal* was the first real newspaper to be published here - the *Kinnikinick* was really a magazine format although at first it was called a paper.

1917

- March Military training began for male students who volunteered for it. J. W. Hungate directed drill twice a week.
- Summer The Alumni began raising money for a pipe organ for the auditorium. The project was soon shelved for the duration of the war.
- The heating plant equipment was improved at a cost of \$16,5000.00.
- The Legislature made several important changes: It gave Normal School a monopoly on training elementary teachers; but did not permit them to train high school teachers; it made provisions for more three and four year courses at Normal Schools; and it removed the Normals from the high school field altogether.
- The first correspondence and extension courses were approved and offered.
- [Fall] No high school work was offered at Cheney State Normal.

1918

- May 17 Cheney Normal purchased a block of land fronting on 5th Street, extending to F Street for future expansion of the campus.
- May The first Three-Year Diploma from the Cheney State Normal School was awarded to Anna Quigley.
- June The State Board of Education authorized Cheney State Normal to change from a semester calendar to a quarter academic calendar.
- Oct. 1 A Student Army Training Corps (SATC) group was organized at Cheney Normal under direction of Julian E. Buchanan. Cheney had the only SATC group at a normal school in the western USA.

During 1918 there were numerous Red Cross fund drives.

1919

During 1919 the Legislature appropriated \$75,000.00 for the construction of a second women's dormitory. Work commenced on Senior Hall.

The Cheney State Normal School was accredited for the first time.

1920

July 9 Senior Hall was formally opened following its completion.

A Student's Activity Fee of \$4.00 per year was assessed to cover athletics, lectures, the Journal and other student activities. A lab fee of \$1.00 was assessed for all lab courses, like manual arts and science.

A four-year course was organized, in accord with the legislative act of 1917 permitting it.

The CSNS campus totaled 20 acres.

[Fall] Courses were grouped into six academic groups called departments: Applied Sciences & Arts, Education; Language & Literature, Music & Dramatic Art, Science & Social Sciences. These really were more like academic divisions than departments in the modern sense.

Room and board for all dorms was set at \$6.00 per week.

During the 1919-1920 school year, the Associated Students was formed officially, after several years of discussion. This was the successor to the informal Associated Students Organization created in 1915.

1921

June The first CSNS four-year diploma was awarded to Hazel Tormey.

The Normal School Hospital was built north of the Manual Arts Building as an infirmary and first aid center.

The pipe organ fund, halted by World War I, was re-started.

1922

Sept. A study revealed the need for a men's dormitory, so a bond sales campaign was launched to provide funds for one.

Following the sale of the bonds, work commenced on Sutton Hall, the first men's dormitory at the Cheney Normal School.

1923

Jan. The normal schools in Washington State attempted to gain legislation, which would permit them to grant degrees and become Teacher's Colleges.

- Feb. Senate Bill 201, the "Degree Bill," which would have allowed normal schools to grant a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education was sent to the Rules Committee, where it died in March.
- May 5 The Joint Boards of Trustees of the Normal Schools met and decided to grant four-year degrees.
- [May] Governor Hart referred the decision of the Joint Board to the State Attorney General, who ruled against the granting of degrees by the normal schools of the state.
- [June] The *Kinnikinick* became the school annual, starting with the issue for the class of 1923.
- August The *Arrow* first came out. This was an annual for the summer graduating class.
- Sept. 21 Sutton Hall was dedicated by Senator W. J. Sutton, for whom it was named.
- Sept. 28 The pipe organ in the auditorium was dedicated. It had been financed largely by donations from students and alumni.

1924

- March The Associated Students wrote and approved a new constitution.
- [Sept.] The Physical Science Department became the Department of Physics.
- The departments of Agriculture and Biology were merged to form the Department of Agriculture & Biological Sciences.
- H. E. "Pop" Holmquist, the journalism instructor, became the faculty advisor for the *State Normal School Journal*.

[The EWU Archives does not have catalogs for the years 1921/22 - 1923/24. The following first appears in 1924/25 issue catalogs: an Academic Divisional organization. cm]

The Divisional organizations had broad areas of study called "Departments." and within those were "Divisions" which are more closely resembling modern day departments than the departments set up by this organization. The Departments were: Applied Sciences and Arts, Education, History and Social Science, Language and Literature, Music, Science and Mathematics, Teacher Training, and Extension.

1925

- Spring A second attempt at gaining the passage of a "Degree Bill" for the Normal Schools passed, only to be vetoed by Governor Roland Hartley.
- Room and Board rates: \$25.00 per month, plus \$.50 per month for magazines in the lounges of the dorms.

1926

- April 30 Noah D. Showalter gave the Board of Trustees his resignation, to become effective September 1, 1926. Showalter went on to become State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

- June Tuition: Free, a fee of \$5.00 assessed in the fall term, and \$8.00 in the spring term for student activities.
- Sept. 1 Richard T. Hargreaves became the Second President of the Normal School, following the resignation of N. D. Showalter.
- [Sept.] The Department of Expression became the Division of Speech.

1927

- [Sept.] Room and Board: \$27 per month in women's dorms and \$26.00 per month in Sutton for the men.
- The Board of Trustees began planning for a central dining facility called a commons, to get food service out of the dormitories.
- An athletic field was completed at a cost of \$5,000.00.

1928

- Jan. 12 The Board of Trustees employed an architect to draw up plans for the Commons.
- March The *State Normal School Journal* reported that the Commons would be built between Monroe Hall and the Manual Arts Building, and be ready for use in the fall.
- [Fall] Despite the words of assurance, the Commons failed to materialize, though the school was ready to issue \$250,000.00 worth of bonds for their construction. It appears no actual construction was ever begun.
- [Sept.] The Division of Health Sciences became the Division of Health and Physical Education.
- [Sept.] Library Science courses were added to the Division of History & Social Sciences.

1929

- March 27 Governor Roland Hartley again vetoed a Normal School Degree Bill. At the same time he vetoed a \$38,000.00 appropriation for the new boilers at the Cheney Normal Heating Plant.
- [Fall] The President's Home was completed, and President Hargreaves and family moved in.
- The *State Normal School Journal* shortened its name to the *Journal*.
- [Sept.] Fees were listed as \$7.00 per quarter, plus \$2.50 for the annual in the spring. Supplies and books were expected to cost approximately \$10.00 per quarter.

1930

- [Sept.] A new room and board schedule became effective: \$6.75 per week for the dormitories.

1931

- [Sept.] The Division of Biology was created from Biology and Agriculture.

1932

An annex was added to the Industrial Arts Building (formerly called Manual Arts) at a cost of \$13,686.00.

- Feb. The depression was felt at Cheney State Normal just as elsewhere, and salary cuts were instituted so that the greatest number of people could be kept on the payroll. Those earning under \$2,100 per year did not take a pay cut, those earning between \$2,100 and \$2,500 per year received a 5% cut. Those earning between \$2,600 and \$3,600 per year were given a 7.5% cut, and those earning \$3,600 or more per year were took a 10% cut in pay.
- Sept. Dormitory rates were reduced to \$6.25 per week from \$6.75 per week.

1933

- Feb. Senate Bill 122 passed both houses, and was signed by Governor Clarence D. Martin. It gave the Normal Schools the right to grant the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education. It required a total of 192.15 credits to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Education.

The Manual Arts Department was formally re-named the Department of Industrial Arts.

1934

- Mar. 7 The Cheney State Normal School was fully accredited by the American Association of Teacher Colleges as a four-year teacher college.

[Sept.] The Division of Foreign Languages became Modern Languages.

The Division of History was created in the Department of History and Social Science.

The Physics Department became the Department of Physical Sciences.

1935

Planning for a new Training School began.

- Dec. A contract was let for a new training school building. The total cost was to be \$284,000.00, of which \$95,209.00 was to be a PWA grant.

1936

- Mar. 13 Work commenced on the new training school, to be named Martin Hall in honor of Governor Clarence D. Martin.

1937

- March 3 Governor Clarence D. Martin signed the bill designating the Normal Schools as Colleges of Education. The school at Cheney became Eastern Washington College of Education.

- April 6 Martin Hall opened. The training school function was re-named as the Laboratory School. The old Training School building was temporarily used for office, and storage space.
- Aug. 11 Former President of the CSNS, Noah D. Showalter died in Seattle.
- Sept. The rate for Room and Board in the dorms was raised back to \$6.50 per week.

1938

- Jan. 12 The Board of Trustees announced plans to build anew library, using a \$123,477.30 PWA grant.
- Sept. Fees raised to \$7.00 per quarter, plus \$2.00 for health services and the library. Music and laboratory classes had fees which were in addition to the basic fees.

1939

- Mar. 4 President Richard Hargreaves died.
- [Sept.] Secretarial Science classes added to the curriculum.
- Oct. 9 Ralph E. Tiejé, head of the EWCE English Department, was installed as the new President of Eastern Washington College of Education.
- Work continued on the new library building.

1940

- Jan. The new library building was completed and ready for occupation.
- June 4 The library was officially dedicated as Hargreaves Hall. At the same time, the Administration Building was dedicated as Showalter Hall.
- [Sept.] A Journalism program was added to the English Division.
- \$3,423.81 was spent to construct a new greenhouse northeast of the Industrial Arts building. [About where the northwest corner of Tawanka Commons is today - cm]
- Winter The old Training School Building was demolished after it had been condemned as a fire hazard. Since the completion of Martin Hall in 1937, the old building had been used for office space and storage.

1941

- [Sept.] Division of Economics and Business created.
- [Sept.] Secretarial Science classes were merged into the Economics and Business category.
- Dec. The United States entered World War II. Male enrollment began dropping as men enlisted in the military.

1942

Sept. A re-definition of the academic organization was made. Divisions were defined as broad areas of study at this time, and Departments were defined as specific areas of study within those broad areas. This academic structure was used until 1971.

Sept. The Department of Political Science was formed.

Sept. The Department of Sociology was formed.

1943

Sept. The Athletic Council recommended the discontinuance of Football until the end of the war, owing to a shortage of potential players.

Sept. New room & board schedule: Dormitory rental by the term, rather than by the week. \$86.10 for fall, \$80.85 for winter, and \$78.75 for spring terms.

Total campus of EWCE totaled 40 acres.

1944

Sept. The Library Science program was re-named Librarian ship, and moved from the History & Social Science Division to the Language and Literature Division.

Sept. The English Department added a Philosophy program.

1945

Spring President Tieje announced his resignation.

Sept. Walter W. Isle became President at the start of the 1945/46 school year.

Dec. The school obtained a number of house trailers to use as temporary housing on campus, expecting a large number of men to be attending school with GI educational benefits. "Trailerville" was set up to provide housing for married ex-servicemen who were enrolled at EWCE.

1946

Spring "Trailerville" was completed in the area between the Industrial Arts building and Monroe Hall, with a capacity of 70 families. The trailers rented for \$15.00 per month, with heat and lights supplied by the college.

Spring Football training resumed.

To cope with the influx of students following World War II, a number of temporary buildings were installed on the campus. These were buildings which were purchased elsewhere, and moved to the EWCE campus. The college obtained several in Spokane, and several in Vancouver, Washington, which were moved to the campus. In 1946 the following temporary buildings were moved to the campus, erected and placed in service: Hudson Hall, a dormitory housing 386 men, came from Vancouver. An addition to the infirmary came from Spokane, as did the Music Annex, and the Showalter Annex. All of these were frame structures.

Sept. The Department of Geography became the Department of Geography and Geology.

1947

- Spring A "Degree Bill" passed by the Legislature gave the colleges of education permission to grant degrees in fields other than education, making EWCE into a real liberal arts college. The curriculum showed an increase in course offerings following the passage of this bill. The granting of the Master of Arts in Education was permitted, opening the way for future MA programs in other areas.
- Sept. Minimum fees at EWCE were \$18.00 per quarter, and dorm fees \$1.25 per day.
- Sept. The Teacher Training operations were merged into the Department of Education, and ceased operating as a separate division.
- A Student Union Building was opened. Ratcliffe Hall was a frame structure, which was a former residence, remodeled for the new use as a Union Building. This was the first Student Union at the college.
- Sept. The college acquired a large building at Farragut Naval Station in Idaho, which was moved to the EWCE campus. The former drill hall became the EWCE Field House.
- Sept. A new athletic field was constructed to the west of the original EWCE athletic field, which by this time had buildings on it.

1948

- April A contract was let for the construction of the Music wing of a planned fine arts complex, Rowles Hall.
- Sept. Minimum fees at EWCE: \$20.00 per quarter.
- Sept. The Department of Speech became the Department of Speech and Drama.
- Oct. 30 The Field House was completed and dedicated. The facility included a swimming pool in the south end, a large area for physical education activities, and a basketball court.

1949

- Aug. 2 EWCE began selling \$700,000.00 worth of bonds for the construction of a new women's dormitory.
- Sept. Room and board was set at \$1.50 per day.

1950

- Feb. Arthur C. Woodward, EWCE Athletic Director, died of a heart attack.
- Spring Hjalmar H. "Pop" Holmquist retired. He had headed the Journalism program, and served as faculty advisor to the *Journal*.
- April The school opened its campus radio station, KEWC in 1950, and began to develop a broadcasting department [Radio-TV].
- May 11 President Harry S. Truman's train stops in Cheney on his way east. The President of the United States drove through Cheney, and around the EWCE campus in a convertible before driving into Spokane, where he spoke, and re-joined the train.

Sept. EWCE minimum fees: \$29.25 per quarter.

New room and board schedule: Sutton (men), Monroe, and Senior (women): \$140.00 per quarter for a single, \$132.00 per quarter for a double, and \$125.00 per quarter for three per room. Hudson Hall (men): \$158.00 per quarter per single.

1951

Jan. 10 President Walter W. Isle died of a heart attack.

Spring The *Journal* ceased publication. The new student newspaper, the *Easterner* began publication immediately.

Residence and extension credit courses offered for the first time at Fairchild Air Force Base.

April 11 The first issue of the *Easterner* was issued.

Summer Monroe Hall was closed for repairs.

Sept. Monroe Hall reopened as a men's dorm.

Sept. The new women's dorm opened, but was un-named. [Anderson Hall - cm]

[Sept.] Otis W. Freeman, Professor of Geography and Geology, was made President of EWCE. He had been acting in the position following the death of President Isle.

Sept. The Department of Modern Languages became Foreign Languages.

Sept. Librarianship was discontinued. [Until 1958 - cm]

A Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) began operation at EWCE. The unit was called the Division of Military Science and Tactics in the academic organization of the college.

1952

Sept. The Division of Health and Physical Education became the Division of Health, P. E. and Recreation and Athletic (HPERA).

Sept. The Department of Mathematics became Mathematics and Physics.

Sept. The Department of Chemistry was created.

During 1952 the underground utility system was expanded.

1953

The Reese matter - see Cecil Dryden, *Light for an Empire* for full accounting, pp. 261-277, and the MA thesis by Vincent M. Thur, "Scandal at Eastern Washington College of Education: The Reese Affair of 1953 and 1954," 1990, EWU. The controversy led to the resignation of President Freeman and some faculty members. Reese entered the Master's program at EWCE, and was listed in the Faculty listing in the catalog as possessing an MA which had not yet been granted when the 1953/54 catalog came out,

causing a controversy among the faculty, and eventually a vote of "no confidence" in the administration by the students. The controversy resulted in the dismissal of some of the faculty members who had been particularly vocal in the matter, eventually most were rehired.

- June 12 President Otis W. Freeman tendered his resignation to the Board of Trustees, feeling that a change of administration would be in the best interest of the school.
- July 5 The Board of Trustees accepts President Freeman's resignation.
- Aug. 6 Raymond W. Mosher was appointed to a one-year term as Interim President of EWCE while a Presidential search was conducted.
- Sept. Basic fee rates: \$33.00 per quarter for undergraduates, \$34.00 per quarter for graduate students.
- Sept. The Department of Economics and Business was reorganized as the Department of Economics.

1954

- March 31 Dr. Donald S. Patterson was chosen by the Board of Trustees to be the next president.
- July 15 Dr. Donald S. Patterson arrived in Cheney to acquaint himself with the college and the community before taking office.
- September 1 Dr. Patterson assumed the duties of President of EWCE, succeeding Dr. Mosher, the interim President.

1955

- May Work commenced on a new Student Union Building, to be named Isle Hall, in honor of President Walter W. Isle.
- [Spring] The new women's dormitory was officially named Louise Anderson Hall, commonly called "L.A. Hall."
- Sept. The new basic fee per quarter was set at \$38.00.
- Sept. The Department of Athletics was first listed in the College Catalog.
- Oct. 14 President Patterson's inauguration ceremony was held, coinciding with the 65th anniversary of the founding of the college as the Cheney Academy.

1956

- Sept. 24 Isle Hall, the new Student Union and College Bookstore, opened for business.
- Sept. Dormitory fees ran from \$165.00 per quarter for a room in Hudson Hall (men) to \$190.00 per quarter for a single in L. A. Hall (women). Double occupancy in L. A. was \$170.00 per term.
- Oct. Cadet Hall, the ROTC building, was completed and placed in service.

1957

The heating plant was modernized at a cost of \$181,600.00.

Married Student Court was constructed, at a cost of \$230,000.00.

1958

- Aug. Work commenced on a new building for the laboratory school functions. The Campus School was built on land west of Martin Hall, the laboratory school built in 1937. The new Campus School would cost an estimated \$41,950.00 for real estate, plus \$363,754.00 for the structure.
- Sept. Basic fees were raised to \$43.50 per quarter.
- Sept. Library Science classes were re-introduced, as a part of the Division of Languages and Literature.

1959

- Sept. The new Campus School was completed and opened for use. Martin Hall was made available for college classes after the lab school functions were moved. The Campus School (Robert Reid Lab School) is a one-story brick and concrete structure connected with Martin Hall by a Breezeway.
- Sept. The basic fee was raised again, to \$45.00 per quarter.
- Sept. Following remodeling, Hudson Hall opened in the fall as two dormitories: Hudson Hall, which was still housing for men, and Garry Hall, which had a number of apartments for married couples to help ease the need for married student housing. According to Allen Ogden, who was the manager of Garry Hall, there were seven apartments for married couples in Garry Hall, in addition to rooms for unmarried Students. Garry Hall was the eastern end of the building, and Hudson Hall was considered to be the west end of the building.

1960

- Sept. The Department of Business was created.
- Fall Work began on a two story brick and concrete building to house the various sciences.
- The Tawanka service organization, which had been created in 1926, ceased operations. The local chapter of the Spurs service organization took over from there. Tawanka was a women's organization, the name being derived from an Indian phrase meaning "to help."
- Oct. 24 A new Harold Balzs statue of Sacajawea was dedicated in Showalter Hall. Crafted from copper, and brass over an iron frame, the new statue was a replacement for the much battered plaster statue given by the class of 1916. The funds to purchase the art were raised, and the statue created in almost exactly a year, starting in the fall of 1959.

1961

- Sept. 1. Eastern Washington College of Education became Eastern Washington State College at the start of the fall term in 1961. The name change reflected the shift toward a liberal arts emphasis and away from being strictly a college of education. Name changed by an act

of the legislature, See Chapter 62 of the Laws of Washington for 1961. Signed into law by the Governor on March 6, 1961.

Sept. Tuition was officially charged, along with fees, for the first time in over half a century. Tuition and fees for in state residents was set at \$67.50 per quarter. Out of state tuition and fees were \$97.50 per quarter.

Construction on the Science Building continued throughout the year.

1962

March Construction of a men's dormitory [Pearce Hall] began.

May The contract for Tawanka Commons was awarded. At long last a central dining facility was to become a reality.

Sept. The Department of Speech and Drama was reorganized as the Department of Drama, Speech and Radio-Television.

Oct. 26 The Science Building, completed in the fall, was dedicated. The building itself had been completed in June and was ready to use at the start of the fall term.

1963

May "Greeks" admitted to the EWSC campus. Fraternities were permitted to make affiliations with national Greek organizations.

Sept. The Department of Psychology was created.

Sept. The Department of Business and Economics became the Department of Economics.

Sept. The Department of Education became strictly education oriented following the creation of an independent department of Psychology.

Sept. The Social Work Program was added to the Division of History and Social Science. Undergraduate work was done in the Department of Sociology.

1964

Jan. The new men's dorm [Pearce Hall] was opened. Garry and Hudson Halls were closed.

March 30 Tawanka Commons was opened.

Spring Hudson and Garry Halls were demolished, at a cost of \$11,350.00.

Spring Plans for a new women's dorm [Dryden Hall] were announced.

July 27 Mrs. Ruth Cheney Streeter, granddaughter of Benjamin P. Cheney, visited the EWSC campus.

Summer Construction of Dryden Hall commenced.

Oct. Plans for two additional dormitories and a new Student Union Building are announced.

Dec. The Board of Trustees announced plans for a new library.

1965

- Jan. The EWSC campus totaled 114 acres.
- April 22 The contract for Dressler Hall, the second tower dormitory, was let. The expected cost of the building was \$1,743,000.00.
- The Holter House Apartments for graduate students were built.
- Construction commenced on the following buildings: John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library, Student Union Building additions, new dormitory for women, and Dressler Hall, a men's dorm.
- Sept. Tuition and fees for in state students went up to \$88.00.
- Sept. Library Science was moved from the Division of Languages and Literature to the Department of Education.
- Sept. The Department of Physical Education was split into two departments: Men's P. E. and Women's P. E.
- Sept. The Department of Radio-Television was created, independent of Speech and Drama, which also split up.
- Sept. The Department of Speech and Speech Correction was created.
- Sept. The Department of Drama was created.

1966

- Spring Dressler Hall was completed and opened for use.
- Sept. The Department of Marketing and Management was created.
- Sept. The Department of Business became the Department of Business Education and Office Administration.
- Sept. The Department of Mathematics and Physics was split into the departments of Mathematics and Physics.
- Planning for a new classroom building [Patterson Hall] began.
- Construction of Cheney Hall, for Industrial Arts, began.

1967

- To meet the need for more married student housing, construction of the Anna Maria Apartments began.
- Fall John F. Kennedy Library opened. Hargreaves Hall was remodeled for use by the department of Home Economics and for other use. Dr. Emerson C. Shuck became President of EWSC, following the resignation of Dr. Patterson.

Fall An addition to Martin Hall was completed. This three story brick and concrete addition was used primarily for classroom and office space for the Department of Education. (First called Martin Addition, this wing was re-named Williamson Hall in 1979.)

Fall Cheney Hall was completed. This became the Industrial Arts building, and all Industrial Arts classes were moved out of the old building, which was used as a maintenance building, housing the carpenter and paint shops.

1968

Spring Monroe Hall was closed as a dormitory. The space was re-assigned for office and classroom purposes. Offices for Campus Safety were located on the first floor.

Spring The Anna Maria Apartments were completed. The apartment complex is located across Washington Street from the Warehouse.

The high-rise dormitory, Streeter Hall, was completed, located west of Dryden Hall. Initially this was a women's dorm, but it became co-educational within a few years.

1969

Bids were awarded for the construction of the Pence Union Building, or PUB, and work began. The building is named for Omer O. Pence.

Bids were awarded for Patterson Hall, work began on the first half of the building.

Work began on the music building, part of a relocated fine arts complex.

Work began on a new heating plant and utility tunnels to connect it with the rest of the campus. It was named for Paul Rozell, former Engineer at the College Heating Plant.

The Maintenance Shop was moved into the old Manual Arts building vacated by Industrial Arts following the completion of Cheney Hall.

Sept. The Department of Geography and Geology split into two departments, Geography and Geology.

1970

The first part of multi-phase Physical Education complex was constructed, a concrete building designed to house the classrooms and offices of the P. E. department.

The Pence Union Building was completed.

Morrison Hall was completed.

The Music Building was completed, and the Music Department moved out of Rowles Hall.

Rozell Heating Plant completed, and went on line.

The first part of Patterson Hall was completed.

The old infirmary was demolished. EWSC made arrangements with the Cheney Health Center for student health services, rendering the infirmary building surplus. As it was considered to be temporary, it was deemed unusable.

The Music Annex and Ratcliffe Hall were razed to make way for Kingston Hall.

The new Speech Building was completed.

The Red Barn, built in 1884, was used by EWSC for storage.

The Showalter Annex was closed and raised.

The Surbeck Service Building was built to provide warehouse facilities, and a shop for automotive and grounds equipment.

Sept. The Department of Physical Education, Recreation and Park Administration was formed by the merger of Men's and Women's P. E. and the Parks and Recreation courses.

Sept. The Department of Accounting and Finance became Accounting and Quantitative Analysis.

1971

Physical Education requirement dropped.

Degree requirements for Baccalaureate degrees set at 180 credits, a reduction from the previous 192 credits.

The Radio-Television Building constructed, a part of the new fine arts complex.

Dental Hygiene Program moved into Rowles Hall.

The Art Building and Drama Building, (University Theatre) were constructed and occupied.

Kingston Hall was completed, housing the departments which became the School of Business. The Indian Education Center opened next to it, across the street, in the former St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

The second phase of Patterson Hall was completed. The first portion had been in use since 1970.

Sept. The Divisional Grouping of Academic Departments was discontinued.

Sept. The Department of Psychology split into the departments of Applied Psychology and Psychology.

Sept. Senior Hall was closed as a dormitory, the space was re-assigned for offices.

Sept. Sutton Hall was closed as a college dorm, but was made available to a housing cooperative for veterans attending school.

Sept. The Department of Communications Studies was created.

Sept. The Department of Sociology became Sociology and Anthropology.

The second phase of the Physical Education complex was built, and an activities building of poured concrete which matched the first building.

College/University regrouping took place to replace the old divisional academic structure. The College of Letters and Sciences, School of Fine Arts, School of Human Learning and Development, School of Business, Division of Health Sciences, Division of General and Special Studies created. Academic departments in various disciplines were grouped within these administrative units.

1972

- Feb. 4. Agreement reached to allow persons who had earned an AA degree from the state community colleges to enter EWSC with junior class standing and complete general requirements (GUR's).
- Mar. A Lynwood, Washington firm was awarded a \$280,162.00 contract to landscape the campus.
- Mar. The Board of Trustees raised in-state undergraduate tuition to \$165.00 per quarter.
- April 25. Governor Daniel J. Evans dedicates Kingston Hall. The building, housing the School of Business, was named in honor of Ceylon Samuel Kingston, who served as a member of the faculty and an administrator for over fifty years.
- Fall Enrollment was 6,775.

1973

- The "Y" grade for deferred grading of work was instituted for 600 and 601 courses.
- Summer. The Board of Trustees voted to change the name of the school mascot. Although a majority of the students and alumni polled voted to retain the "Savage" mascot, the Trustees voted to discontinue its use, feeling that it was demeaning to American Indians. The new mascot chosen was the Eagle.
- October. A proposal was made to allow the sale of beer in the student union building. Ultimately, the proposal was denied.

1974

- Work began on Phase III of the Physical Education complex, the Special Events Pavilion.
- Master of Social Work degree authorized.
- Sept. The Mathematics Department became the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

1975

- The Special Events Pavilion was completed. It also is of poured concrete construction.
- The Master of Business Administration degree was authorized.

The Turnbull Laboratory for Environmental Studies was built and placed in Service on a site south of Cheney on the Turnbull Wildlife Refuge. It is an earth-shelter type building housing laboratory facilities.

Sept. The Department of Political Science changed its name to Department of Government.

Sept. The Department of Foreign Languages changed its name to Modern Languages and Literature's.

1976

Summer The Seattle Seahawks professional football team held its first summer camp at EWSC.

[Fall] Women's Studies and the EWSC Women's Center were established in Monroe Hall. Patricia Coontz, professor of Humanities, was the first Director of Women's Studies.

Dec. 10 Emerson Shuck announces his resignation as President of EWSC.

1977

Jan. H. George Frederickson becomes President of EWSC.

Spring Demolition of the old Field house began.

April 25 The old Field house burned to the ground, destroying the contractor's equipment, and damaging Cadet Hall, and the Drama, and Radio-TV buildings and automobiles parked on Washington Street.

A poured concrete field house was built during 1977. It was named for Olympic athlete Jim Thorpe. Thorpe, a native of Pennsylvania, had no affiliation with Eastern.

June 6, 1977 Eastern Washington State College became Eastern Washington University following the filing of bill xxx with the Secretary of State after it was signed into law by Governor. Although the law became effective at that time, the institution conducted its commencement as Eastern Washington State College.

Fall Eastern Washington State College became Eastern Washington University at the start of the 1977/78 school year. The Academic Departments were grouped into Schools and Colleges at that time.

The United States Bureau of Mines and the Geology Department opened a joint Research Center in a frame building next to the Indian Education Center. This building was formerly a private residence.

A new grading system went into effect fall quarter. Letter grades were replaced by a 4.0 decimal grading system.

1978

Jan. 28 Plans for the Aquatic Building placed on hold until money can be appropriated by the Legislature. A new Aquatic building needed to replace the pool and facilities destroyed in the fieldhouse fire.

Feb. 6 Associated Students of EWU (ASEWU) votes to explore feasibility of obtaining a liquor license for a tavern in the student union building.

June 9 Senator Warren Magnuson was commencement speaker.

The Master of Urban and Regional Planning was authorized.

State funding supported classes on the 011 account were approved for Spokane in the leased space at the Bon Marche.

1979

The Red Barn was renovated and became the home of Campus Security and the Visitor's Center for the University.

Feb. The Martin Addition, the wing containing the Education Department, was re-named. The original portion of Martin Hall retained its name. The decision to re-name the education wing for Obed J. Williamson was to honor Dr. Williamson, who had been Chairman of the Education Department in the 1930's and 1940's.

Summer. University employees were allowed to enroll in up to 8 hours of course work.

Credit by examination was discontinued, being replaced by credit through evaluation.

1980

Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree authorized.

Jan. The Big Sky Athletic Conference informed President Frederickson that it was considering EWU for membership in the conference. This would move EWU from small-time intercollegiate leagues to the NCAA.

Feb. Faculty and students began designing an honors program for incoming freshmen.

Mar. The Governor signed a "Students Rights" bill into law, giving students a legal basis for a role in the decision making process concerning the use of Services & Activities Fees.

Mar. Eastern's baseball team became the first EWU team to compete in an NCAA Division I league, part of a move toward major league intercollegiate sports participation.

May 1 The Associated Students proposed a \$2,300,000.00 addition to the Pence Union Building, but the Board of Trustees turned the plan down.

May 18 Mt. St. Helens, near Longview, Washington, erupted. The ash from this eruption fell in sufficient quantities to halt all normal life as far east as the Montana - Idaho Border. In Cheney approximately 5/8 of an inch fell. For the next week EWU was closed. A massive clean up campaign followed, with the EWU staff, students, and even some hired high school students working 12 hour days to get the ash off the roofs, drives, and walks around campus. The pace slowed down to eight-hour days after approximately two weeks, but the ash clean up went on for the rest of the summer, and a mask or respirator was standard equipment for much of the summer. By September the ash was not very visible on campus. Despite the problems caused by the eruption, Eastern maintained its normal academic calendar through Spring Quarter.

- Fall The Veteran's Housing in Sutton Hall was closed. The building was no longer meeting safety codes for dormitory purposes. Plans were made to remodel the building for office space to be temporarily used by the departments in Martin Hall while that building underwent remodeling.
- Sept.27 The basketball court in the Special Events Pavilion was dedicated as Reese Court, in honor of Coach William B. "Red" Reese.
- Oct. Plans were made to take Louise Anderson Hall out of the dormitory system, and make it into a Convention and Conference Center, to be called the Regional Center for Continuing Education. A student protest resulted in a compromise: part of the building was used as a dormitory, but the rest of the building was used for conference housing and office space.
- The construction of the Aquatics building began.
- Fall The Department of Geography merged with Anthropology to form Geography and Anthropology.
- Fall The Department of Sociology was formed when Anthropology left it to merge with Geography.
- The University Honors Program began operations in the Fall Quarter of 1980.

1981

- Jan. The Aquatics Building was completed a month ahead of schedule. This completed the athletics and physical education complex.
- Jan. Martin Hall was closed for remodeling. It was gutted, and the overhaul progressed.
- Jan 4. Kennedy Library logged onto the SCOLIS network for the first time. The library joined the Spokane County Automated Library Information System, a cooperative inter-library consortium. Advantages were the ability to search for material held by all the libraries in a single data base, and to borrow materials from any member institution. Uniform circulation possible with the computerized circulation system.
- Feb. The library added the MEDLINE on-line data base search for health service publications since 1965. The service was the only one of its kind available to the public in the Spokane area at the time.
- March Aquatics building opened for use.
- March Construction began on a Faculty Lounge on the second floor of the Pence Union Building (PUB). The lounge included a kitchen and portable bar.
- March The Education Department establishes *Viewpoint: A Journal on Teaching and Learning*.
- April A cable TV news program, "Eastern View" was created and aired on the Cheney Cable network.
- Sept. A day care service was offered by EWU for the first time for students. The university and the ASEWU paid half the monthly cost, and the student parent the other half of the

monthly cost of the day care service. The service was implemented on a contract agreement between EWU and the Cheney Day Care Center.

- Sept. New General University Requirements (GUR) in catalog. Students entering in the fall would need to comply with the new GUR's.
- Oct. School of Business accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.
- Oct. Campus statistics of note at the start of the year: Enrollment at EWU - 8,500. Campus consisted of 51 buildings on 315 acres of land.
- Oct. Proposal to boost the KEWC radio station from 10 watts to 58,000 watts, making it the most powerful FM station in a four state area.
- Oct. The parking lot east of Tawanka Commons was closed, and replaced with a grassy mall.
- Oct. The Maintenance Shop functions moved from the old Manual Arts Building to Surbeck Services. Planning to build a Computer Center in the old Manual Arts Building began.
- Oct. A green house was constructed near the Red Barn.

1982

- Feb. The EWU Nursery School was closed due to budget cuts. The nursery school had been associated with programs in Applied Psychology, Home Economics, and Speech Pathology, in addition to serving the needs of students with small children.
- April A new ceremonial mace was received, as part of the university's centennial celebrations.
- April The Mary Shields Wilson medallion was created. The Wilson medal was to be awarded to graduating seniors demonstrating outstanding academic achievement. The award is named for a former Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- Apr. 14 An official Centennial observation was held on April 14th. Former President Gerald R. Ford was the guest speaker, U.S. Representative Thomas S. Foley of Spokane also addressed the Convocation.
- May Former United Nations Secretary Kurt Waldheim was selected as the Commencement Speaker for 1982. After speaking, Waldheim planted a tree on the grassy mall between Patterson and Monroe Halls.
- Sept. Athletic Department changes took place following budget cuts in the summer. Men's golf, swimming, soccer, and wrestling coaches were discontinued. Competition in Women's softball and swimming were also discontinued.
- Sept. Tuition and fee policy changes became effective. (1) A minimum of 2 credits must be taken per quarter. (2) A surcharge was added for all courses in excess of 18 credits per quarter. (3) Non resident students pay non-resident rates even when attending part-time.
- Oct. The proposal to increase the broadcasting power of KEWC appeared to be stalled "indefinitely" because of the tight finances.

- Oct. President H. George Frederickson obtained approval from the Board of Trustees to obtain property in Spokane to replace the leased space in the Bon Marche Building following the expiration of the lease in September, 1983.
- Nov. 3 President Frederickson announced that EWU had located a building in Spokane, which would meet its needs. The former Farm Credit Bank Building was purchased by the EWU Foundation, a non-profit organization separate from the university for \$3,750,000.00.

1983

- Washington Student Lobby (WSL) founded. The Associated Students agreed to help fund this by contributing one dollar per student enrolled at EWU.
- Feb. Originally EWU had planned to begin holding classes in the Spokane Center in Spring Quarter, 1983. This was delayed until classroom space and added fire escapes were completed.
- Apr.28 The EWU Spokane Center was officially opened for use. The four-story structure contained 33 classrooms and space for 800 students.
- May The annual Mayfest was canceled, owing to increasing problems with vandalism, underage consumption, and excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages. The cost of cleaning up after the 1982 Mayfest had been \$2,000.00.
- June The Board of Trustees approved a \$3,300,000.00 remodeling project for the Pence Union Building. A controversy developed over the Board's desire to include remodeling of the book store as part of the project.
- Sept. Student photo identification cards issued to all students as a standard practice.
- Sept. The university ended free student health care and 24-hour emergency care in Cheney when the contract with Cheney Medical Associates expired.
- Sept. Plans to expand and remodel the Pence Union building were shelved. The original estimated cost of the project was \$2,600,000.00, but the lowest bid received was \$3,400,000.00.
- Dec. An attempt to revive the Pence Union Building expansion was made by the Associated Students, who developed a revised plan, which cut \$171,000 from the cost.

1984

- Jan. Funding for the purchase of the Spokane Center (former Farm Credit Bank Building) by the university was written into the supplemental budget by the state House of Representatives. The measure passed, but included restrictions placed on the university. The overall enrollment was set at 7,000, and EWU was to delay remodeling work on Sutton Hall so that the money could be used to cover the cost of purchasing the Spokane Center.
- Feb. Construction of a new Computer Center between Tawanka Commons and Martin Hall was under way. The addition to the Manual Arts Building was demolished, and the old manual Arts Building gutted. A new addition was then constructed on the east and north of the original building.

- March The Council for Post-Secondary Education canceled the EWU Industrial Education program for a master of Education degree, claiming that it had low enrollment, and duplicated a similar program at Washington State University.
- April The EWU home football games were moved from Cheney's Woodward Field to Joe Albi Stadium in Spokane to accommodate demands made by the Big Sky Conference. The move was part of EWU's work to gain admission to the Big Sky Conference.
- May Discussions on the future of higher education in Spokane were conducted by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce. One of the suggested options was the merger of EWU into WSU, and the creation of a large Spokane branch campus for WSU.
- May The Big Sky Athletic Conference formally invited EWU to petition it for membership in their Division I Conference.
- May Ceremonies honoring Eastern's alumni who died in military service were held. A bronze tablet with their names was installed on the second floor of Showalter Hall.
- June Clare Booth Luce was the featured Commencement speaker. Mrs. Luce has been U.S. Ambassador to Italy, a Member of Congress, and an award-winning journalist.
- Oct. The State Higher Education Coordinating Committee held hearings on the proposal to merge EWU into WSU. The students, faculty, staff, administrators and trustees voiced unilateral opposition to the proposal.
- Dec. The Higher Education Coordinating Committee recommended the merger of the WSU and EWU governing Boards, but the retention of separate identities by both institutions.

1985

- Feb. Eastern Washington University and Washington State University agreed to establish a joint center for engineering and technology in Spokane.
- Feb. The University Archives received a \$40,000.00 grant to inventory and describe records of the City of Spokane held by the Eastern Regional Branch of the Washington State Archives.
- May The Temporary University Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics formally recommended that EWU continue its pursuit of membership in the Big Sky Conference. The Board of Trustees accepted the report, despite the opposition of the Academic Senate, which went on record as opposing the plan.
- May The presidents of the Big Sky Conference rejected EWU's application for membership.
- Fall. First EWU football game televised.
- Fall The EWU Higher Education Center was re-named "the Spokane Center".
- Eastern became a participant in the Tri Cities University Center at Richland, Washington.
- Oct. The university began the removal of asbestos in six campus buildings and the underground utility tunnels.
- Nov. A faculty referendum on the administration of President Frederickson resulted in a vote of "No Confidence" in President Frederickson, and the recommendation that he be asked to

resign. Frustration over intercollegiate athletics, and the merit pay plan mandated by the Board of Trustees helped fuel faculty hostility toward Frederickson.

- Nov. The State Legislature approved a \$1,500,000 energy conservation project to make buildings on campus more energy efficient.
- Nov. The Board of Trustees voted to close the Reid laboratory school. The Board agreed to operate the school for the 1985/86 year, then close it. The Board felt that the training school concept was no longer common in educational theory, and the lab school was an expensive anachronism. A parent-faculty group began meeting with administrators to seek alternative ways of funding the school.
- Nov. First meeting of the Spokane Joint Center for Higher Education Board. The Board was created to end the "turf wars" between EWU and WSU and to oversee orderly development of state higher education to serve Spokane. The board consisted of two members from EWU, two from WSU, one from the Community Colleges, and two appointed by the Governor.
- Nov. EWU 2000 Committee began meeting to chart the future of the university.
- Dec. The Board of Trustees renewed Dr. Frederickson's appointment as President of EWU.

1986

- Jan. The Academic Senate passed a resolution calling for an annual campus-wide evaluation of the university president.
- Feb. Controversy over intercollegiate athletics continued to be a problem. The EWU chapter of the Association for Higher Education (AHE) filed a lawsuit against the state, alleging that the Board of Trustees had allowed the university to shift funds from academic budgets to fund intercollegiate athletics, in violation of shared governance guidelines.
- Feb. A resolution to the Reid Lab School funding problem was reached. An agreement between EWU and the Cheney School District allowed the school to remain in operation, with joint funding from both parties.
- Spring The first use of credit cards for payment of university fees and tuition. The cashier began accepting Visa and Master Card as well as cash and checks.
- April The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of \$225,000.00 of satellite transmitter equipment for use by the EWU Satellite Telecommunications Project. The project was intended to transmit advanced courses to rural high schools, and provide in service training for teachers in the field, and training programs for private businesses.
- April The university faculty approved a foreign language requirement for degrees awarded by Eastern. The requirement was to be implemented with the incoming Freshman class of 1987. Successful completion of two years of a foreign language in high school, or a single year in college became a requirement for graduation.
- April The School of Business announced the beginning of the Institute for International Business Development. A cooperative agreement was made with the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade in China to serve as a sister institute.
- May. The Big Sky Conference gave EWU a formal invitation to join the conference as an affiliate member in wrestling for the 1986-87 season.

- May 29. President H. George Frederickson announced his resignation as President, to become effective in August, 1987. Dr. Frederickson announced that he was leaving to accept an endowed professorship of Public Administration at the University of Kansas.
- Sept. The Telecommunication Satellite program began operation, transmitting to thirteen rural high school districts on a daily basis. Production work was handled jointly by the Instructional Media Center (IMC) and the Radio-TV Department.
- Sept. The Harold Balazs statue of Sacajawea was moved from the Rotunda to the rose garden in front of the President's House.
- Oct. The Physical Therapy Department moved from the basement of the Spokane Center to the Paulsen building in Spokane.

1987

- Jan. EWU was admitted to full membership in the Big Sky Athletic Conference.
- Jan. The Associated Students announced that a two-year attempt to revive a student annual had been unsuccessful. The 1986 Aquila had not reached production, and only 300 sales had been made. Attempts to sell subscriptions to an 1987 edition had been even less successful.
- Feb. The Counseling Program of the Applied Psychology Department was accredited, making it the only accredited program of its kind in Washington State.
- April Dr. Alexander F. Schilt, Chancellor of the University of Houston, Downtown, was selected to succeed H. George Frederickson as President of EWU.
- April The Higher Education Coordinating Board decided to make EWU the preferred provider in Spokane for upper division undergraduate and masters degree programs which are offered by EWU; Washington State University was made the preferred provider of engineering, research, and doctoral programs.
- Sept. Alexander Schilt assumed the presidency of Eastern Washington University. President Schilt moved into a house in Spokane, which had been purchased by the EWU Foundation, and did not live in the President's House on campus.
- Sept. The upgrading of the KEWU (formerly KEWC) radio station resulted in an increase to 10,000 watts of broadcasting power, and a fully automated compact disc studio, one of the first in the U.S.
- Nov. The Mountain West Athletic Conference (women's sports) was merged into the Big Sky Conference, bringing all EWU intercollegiate sports into the Big Sky Conference.

1988

- Feb. The Academic Senate mandated an increase from 4 credits to 5 credits for General University Requirement (GUR) courses.
- Mar. The first ever U.S. - Soviet high school student teleconference was broadcast live from EWU to students in seven western states and the USSR.
- May A campus wide recycling program was initiated at the university.

- Sept. Work began on an \$18,700,000.00 renovation project for the Science building.
- Oct. Eight buildings on the EWU campus were designated smoke free buildings, meaning that smoking would no longer be permitted in them. These were: Kennedy Library, the Red Barn, Music Building, P.E. Activities and P.E. Classroom buildings, Cheney Hall, Hargreaves Hall, and the Spokane Center.
- Oct. The Washington State Legislature approved the development of a joint facility to be known as the Spokane Intercollegiate Research and Technology Institute (SIRTI) at the Riverpoint site (former GN/S&IE/Milwaukee freight yard east of Division street, between Trent and the Spokane River). The facility to be shared by Eastern WSU, Gonzaga, the Community Colleges of Spokane.

1989

- Jan Kennedy Library reorganized. The new ELIS on-line catalog was intended to replace the card catalog as the standard access point to the collection. ELIS is linked to the Washington State University Library, allowing EWU patrons to search the WSU catalog as well as EWU holdings. EWU ceases being a participant in SCOLIS. Periodicals were moved from the top floor to the main floor.
- Jan. A student protest march from the Pence Union building to Showalter Hall was held to protest the shortage of photocopy machines, the use of student moneys to fund intercollegiate athletics, and other concerns.
- Feb. 9 For the first time since the Mount St. Helens eruption, Eastern closed its doors. Severe cold and winds caused the closure of Interstate 90 west of Spokane, and the closure of the university as well.
- March The library officially brought ELIS on line. One of the features of ELIS was ready access to the WSU library holdings database, allowing patrons to search for materials at the WSU libraries.
- May President Mikahail Gorbachev of the United Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) approved a sister university agreement between Kalinin State University in the USSR and EWU.
- May The School of Business was re-accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business following a two-year probationary period.
- June 9 The former President's House at Eastern was re-named Alumni House, and was converted into office space for Alumni, the Foundation, and other functions.
- Sept. Alexander Schilt resigns the Presidency to return to the University of Houston.
- Oct. Board of Trustees appoints Vice President/Provost for Academic Affairs, Beatrice D. "Del" Felder, to serve as Acting President to serve the rest of Schilt's term, ending on July 31, 1990.
- Nov. EWU planning for classroom space in Spokane to supplement or replace the space in the Spokane Center. Planning for classroom space in or near the Riverpoint site selected for SIRTI is given priority.
- Nov. 7 Vice President for Student Services, Keetje Ramo, resigns to accept a position in Olympia. Search for a replacement begun.

1990

- Jan. Director of the Summer Session, Robert Herold, reports on changes to the EWU summer program caused by the elimination of state funding for the summer session. All summer programs will go on self-support, i.e. tuition must cover the entire cost of providing the course. Estimates for summer session tuition for 1990 are \$51.00 per credit for undergraduates, and \$82.00 per credit for graduates.
- March 23 Intercollegiate Athletics status. After 18 months of study, the Trustees decide that EWU will remain in NCAA Division I, Big Sky Conference. The decision is made to accept all of the recommendations regarding the athletic program except for the one requiring adherence to generally approved principles for sound fiscal accounting.
- April Acting President Beatrice D. "Del" Felder resigns to become Vice Chancellor at the University of Houston.
- May Basketball Coach Robert Hofman resigned after an investigation into the operation of EWU's Basketball program began.
- July Marshall E. "Mark" Drummond became acting Executive Vice President. The Trustees decided not to name an interim President.
- Sept. 20 A new child care center was opened by EWU in the Wren Pierson Building in Cheney.
- Sept. Elson Floyd became Vice President for Student Services, replacing Keetje Ramo.
- Sept. The smoking lounge in the Pence Union Building was closed, as the university began eliminating smoking in all state buildings to comply with Washington's indoor clean air law.
- Oct. 26 Trustees name Marshall E. "Mark" Drummond President of EWU.
- Nov. Fall enrollment was 8,402.
- Nov. Planning for expansion of the library continues. A \$31,300,000.00 addition to the library is proposed.
- Nov. Cheney-Medical Lake Cable TV company discontinues its arrangement with EWU to broadcast Channel 22, the Radio-Television Department channel.

1991

- April Geology Department and U.S. Geological Survey Spokane Field Office enter agreement for joint use of facilities. The U.S.G.S. will make its Spokane laboratory facilities available to EWU students, in return for permission to use lab equipment at EWU.
- April 18 Fire in Dressler Hall. An unwatched coffee pot caused a fire which damaged several rooms on the 9th floor of Dressler Hall. No injuries reported.
- May The Kurt Waldheim plaque was removed from the Austrian Pine planted by Waldheim in 1982 when he was Commencement Speaker. The University Administration felt that commemorating the visit was inappropriate after the extent of Waldheim's involvement in Nazi activities during World War II became common knowledge in the early 1990's.

May 9 The university hired Spokane City Manager Terry Novak as Vice President for Business & Finance.

1992

Sept. Student Health Care program commenced, the first time student health care has been offered since 1983 when the Student Health Care contract with the Cheney Medical Center was canceled.

Sept. Board of Trustees approves \$7,500,000.00 housing project for the campus. Planning commenced for new housing for non-traditional students, mostly single parents.

Nov. 10 A reception was held in Monroe Hall for officers of the National Association for Chicano Studies (NACS) in honor of the decision to place the NACS national office at EWU. Dr. Carlos Maldonado, Director of the Chicano Education program, is also a director of the NACS.

1993

Jan. 4 Classes canceled on Monday, January 4 account severe weather conditions. Deep snow and high winds caused the closure of the campus, as well as Interstate 90.

Jan Representative Ken Jacobsen, a Seattle area legislator, introduces a bill in the Washington State Legislature to re-name EWU "Spokane State University."

Jan. The Board of Trustees awards a contract for the construction of the new housing project to the north of the Red Barn. The 75-unit project will be tailored for single parents.

Feb. The Cooperative Academic Library Service (CALs) a joint EWU - WSU library in Spokane opens in the Peyton Building, serving the students of both institutions.

March The sculpture "Branchville," by Robert Lobe, is installed on the mall during the last week of March.

April Representative Ken Jacobsen's bill to rename EWU dies in the State Legislature.

April Executive Vice President Elson Floyd resigns his post at Eastern to become Executive Director of the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board on July 1, 1993.

May Tuition for the 1993/94 school year is set. Undergraduate tuition \$657.00 per quarter.

June V. Louise Saylor submits resignation as Dean of Libraries, asks that it become effective no later than June 30, 1994. Search commenced.

Oct. Fall Quarter enrollment is 8,431.

1994

March 1 Demolition of Rowles Hall commenced to allow for expansion of the Pence Union Building.

May Construction of the addition to the Pence Union Building began. Work tentatively scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

July 1 Patricia Kelly starts her tenure as Dean of Libraries.

1995

- May 12 Tawanka Commons thought to have served its last meal and closed the food service function. The building to be used for office space for the next few years. Expanded Pence Union Building opened.
- May 16 All campus food services handled by facilities in the remodeled and expanded Pence Union Building. The major food service, Baldy's, opened on the second floor of the PUB addition.
- May The State Legislature appropriates funds which enable the Eastern Washington University and Washington State University Libraries to purchase and install an integrated library system allowing all users access to the holdings of both university libraries.
- May The Legislature also appropriates funds for the expansion and remodel of Kennedy Library. Construction work begins in the summer.
- Sept The EWU Libraries brings up GRIFFIN, the EWU/WSU online catalog, and a CD-ROM network called Pandora thereby providing students, faculty and community users with a variety of bibliographic and full-text databases.
- Sept. ASEWU president Justin Franke ran, unsuccessfully, for a seat on the Cheney city council.
- Sept. 28. The campus pre-school in Martin Hall was closed. Concerned students and faculty began planning to lobby for a new pre-school and child care facility on campus.
- Nov. 16 President Emeritus Emerson C. Shuck died.

1996

- March Students claim that petitions for a new campus child care facility were being stolen.
- April ASEWU Council rejects student petition to reinstate child care funding.
- May The Assistant Attorney General, Maureen McGuire, advised university administrators that the elimination of the child care subsidy program by the ASEWU could possibly leave the university liable.
- Sept The College of Business and Public Administration completes its move from the Cheney campus to the Riverpoint 1 Building in Spokane. Classes begin on September 23rd.
- Oct. 3. U. S. Representative George Nethercutt spent the morning at EWU. He attended a Government class, and ate lunch at the student cafeteria, Baldy's.

1997

- January Construction of new Library addition not complete in time to begin move into building over the Winter break.
- Feb. 10 Libraries staff and contract movers began moving the library collections into the new addition of Kennedy Library.

- March During spring break the Harold Balazs statue of Sacajawea was stolen from the rose garden in front of the former President's House. The theft was not reported in the Easterner until the May 1, 1997 issue.
- July Marshall E. Drummond announces resignation from EWU Presidency, effective June, 1998. Search process commenced by Board of Trustees.
- October Construction of new central mall begun in the area between the library, Patterson Hall, the PUB, and Tawanka Commons.
- December 2 Washington State Senator James West calls for legislation to merge Eastern Washington University into Washington State University. Under the terms of Senator West's bill, WSU would assume responsibility for higher education offerings in Spokane.

1998

- February 18 The Board of Trustees accelerated the resignation of President Marshall E. Drummond, making it effective immediately. Neil Zimmerman, acting Vice President and Provost was named Acting President by the Board of Trustees.
- April Governor Gary Locke signs (with partial veto) Substitute Senate Bill 6655, which transfers primary responsibility for graduate course offerings in Spokane to WSU, but permits EWU to remain an independent entity.
- May 1 The Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Stephen Jordan as President of Eastern Washington University.
- June Central mall landscaping and brick pavers completed in time for commencement.
- July 1 Stephen Jordan assumed duties as President of Eastern Washington University. The Jordans moved into the President's House on the Cheney campus. They were the first family to live in it since the Fredericksons.
- September Architectural and Engineering Services works up plans for the re-modeling of Monroe Hall to make it suitable for office and classroom use. The building has been used as office space since it was removed from service as a dormitory.
- September Governor Gary Locke named Aaron Gutierrez the first EWU student member of the EWU Board of Trustees.
- October 2 The re-modeled and expanded John F. Kennedy Memorial Library was re-dedicated in a ceremony held outside on the new central mall. President Jordan and Dean Kelley then formally opened the building, and hosted a reception for the campus and community.

1999

- May Melisa Dybbro appointed as the second EWU student member of the Board of Trustees.
- September Louise Anderson Hall placed back in service as a dormitory after 18 year hiatus. Students moved into their rooms at the start of the term, but construction was not complete in the lounges and some public areas until later in the quarter.
- September Demolition work began on Monroe Hall, in preparation for complete remodeling and expansion of the building for use as classrooms and offices.

- September A mandatory \$35.00 technology fee was instituted at the start of the fall quarter. the fee will pay for improved computing and internet services for students.
- Dec. 7 Cheney's municipal Christmas tree was cut down by a group of students, which resulted in strained relations between the University and the City.

2000

- January 6 Paul Wulff named as new Head Football coach at Eastern.
- Feb. 3 EWU child care center opened in the former receiving warehouse at the corner of 7th and Washington streets. The facility was designed to accommodate 97 children, who could be between the ages of six weeks and ten years.
- Feb. 18 Former president H. George Frederickson spoke at the EWU Riverpoint campus in Spokane. He was invited to attend the 25th anniversary of the founding of EWU's Master of Public Administration program.
- Feb. 24 EWU announced that it is considering the sale or trade of its downtown Spokane Center as part of a plan to consolidate all Spokane operations at the Riverpoint campus.
- February Dr. Peter Dual was hired as Provost for Academic Affairs, replacing Niel Zimmerman.
- April The Integrated Studies requirement for Baccalaureate degrees was abolished.
- September 21 The former Jore School, a one-room school house, was moved to campus from its original site near Newport, Washington. The school will become the Cheney Normal School Heritage Center, to promote learning, and honor the university's history of training teachers for work in the rural schools of eastern Washington.

2001

- Jan. 8 Eastern was included in the new publication *The 201 Best Colleges of the Real World for 2001-2002*. Eastern was the only public college or university in Washington State to be included.
- February Eastern's first Black fraternity, Beta Phi Pi, began operating during Black History Month.
- March 1 Dolores "Dee" Tremewan Martin began her duties as Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration.
- March 16 Governor Gary Locke named two new Trustees: Ines Zozaya-Giest, a senior consultant at Lockheed Martin Services, Richland, Washington, replaced Jean Beschel. Kris Mikkelson, general manager of Inland Power & Light, in Spokane, Washington replaced Joe Jackson.
- April The 1916 plaster stature of Sacajawea was installed in the Showalter Hall lobby following repair and restoration. The statue, by Cyrus Dallin was a gift from the class of 1916.
- June 4 Governor Locke names Jenna Tinkle student Trustee for 2001-2002.
- June 16 United States Senator Patty Murry was the commencement speaker.
- July 29 The Seattle Seahawks professional football team start a three week training camp at EWU.

- Sept. Pathways to Progress announces joint plan to link EWU campus to downtown Cheney with sidewalks that blend with campus walks made of pavers.
- Oct. 18 Lech Walesa, past president of Solidarity and of Poland, was the inaugural speaker of the Presidential Lecture Series.
- Nov. 1 Cyber Café opens in the PUB. Although not serving food, this computer lab allows students to bring food with them.

2002

- Jan. 10 Plans for a new residence hall and apartment building at Second and F, on the site of the old Ratcliffe Ford dealership are announced. Demolition begins by the end of the month.
- Jan. 31 The ASEWU announces that it will begin to study block scheduling, along with the study being undertaken by the Academic Senate.
- Feb. 7 Two EWU faculty members, Roberta Pierce (Mathematics) and James Edmonds (Music) were killed in a tragic auto collision near Four Lakes.
- Mar. 14 Robert Brewster, the owner of the dorm project at Second and F announces that the building will be named Brewster Hall to honor his grandmother, Dorothy Brewster.
- May The Washington State Archives breaks ground for a new building, just north of the Anna Maria Apartments, on the west side of Washington Street. The state also plans to place a crime lab to the west of the State Archives building.
- May Dr. Peter Dual resigns from his position as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Brian Levin-Stenkevitch assumes duties as acting Provost.
- Sept. Brewster Hall opened for use, although much work remained to be completed.
- Sept. The first class in the Ph.D. in Physical Therapy program began.
- Sept. Governor Locke toured the EWU campus.
- Nov. 5 The PUB multi-purpose room was used by Associated Press as the AP Western Election phone center, to collate data on the election returns for distribution to the news media.
- Nov. Telephoned bomb threats received at about 11:30 AM cleared the campus.
- Nov. The Cheney City Council decided to allow the placement of parking meters on streets around the campus to help regulate parking. Installation of meters on Washington and Elm streets was scheduled for the quarter break in December, to be completed by the start of Winter quarter, 2003.

2003

- Jan. 2 Parking meters went into service on Washington and Elm streets near the campus.
- Feb. 1 Lt. Colonel Michael Anderson, astronaut, was killed when space shuttle Columbia disintegrated on reentry. Anderson was not an EWU graduate; he was a Cheney High School graduate and resident of Cheney.

- May 1 Parking Plan nears completion. Planned include: Improved pedestrian walks, additional parking restrictions, and free bus service were all introduced. The university busy bus passes in quantity, at a lower rate than is possible for individuals. Use of university ID as bus passes on STA.
- May Enrollment record. Nine consecutive quarters of record enrollment. Spring, 2003 has 8,600 enrolled, 238 more than Spring, 2002.
- May 22 Computer worm infects campus. The Palyh worm disrupted internet service on campus.
- June Academic Senate approves proposal for block scheduling of classes to begin in Fall, 2003.
- Sept Commuting passes approved. To help solve parking issues around campus, the university spends \$250,000 to provide student bus passes, including use of park and ride lots for Spokane Transit Authority at Five Mile and Spokane Valley.
- Sept. Accreditation reaffirmed by NASC.
- Sept. Enrollment reaches record high. Fall, 2003 enrollment 9,506, increased by 328 from Fall, 2002.
- Oct. Discussion of new recreational facility moves forward. Students conduct a survey, many students would support a new recreation facility with an estimated cost of \$10,000,000.

2004

- Jan. Spokane facilities discussions. President Jordan is discussing possibilities of selling the EWU Spokane Center, and moving classes to the Riverpoint campus being developed by WSU.
- Feb. Bomb threats close EWU. Two threatening notes found, one at the President's Residence, one on a door of the PUB claim that bombs have been placed on campus, evacuations take place, and no classes held that day.
- Feb. Eagles take Big Sky title in Basketball.
- March Eagles win Big Sky championship.
- March Retro jerseys offend Eastern's American Indian students. The shirts were produced by a student, without official approval, and were worn at the game, causing anger among other EWU students.
- April After taking the Eastern basketball team to the NCAA tournament, coach Giacoletti announces his resignation to go to Utah.
- April Robert Brewster obtains city approval to construct a second phase of Brewster Hall, the off campus residence hall in downtown Cheney.
- April Board decides to terminate contract with United Faculty of Eastern, the faculty union effective June 30, 2004. President Jordan states his belief that the university cannot bargain with the union until it is certified as the recognized bargaining agent for the faculty. Faculty express disagreement with decision.

- May Discussion regarding removal of 'savage' bricks in entry way to Physical Education classroom building and complex.
- May United Faculty of Eastern protest EWYU decision to cancel the existing contract effective June 30. Assistant Attorney General Deborah Danner points to the length of time taken by the United Faculty of Eastern to complete certification; UFE President Ted Otto notes UFE was waiting for resolution of Central Washington University's case and PERC turned them down. Disagreement between union and administration over representation of part-time faculty by UFE.
- May Faculty pay increase approved. Faculty to receive a 3% raise.
- May EWU to develop Electrical Engineering program. The Higher Education Coordinating Board approved the creation of an Electrical Engineering program at Eastern, the first time one of the three regional universities have been allowed to enter the engineering field.
- Sept. Planning for a student recreation center moves forward. President Jordan supports the project. Location planned for the half block occupied by Married Student Court across from the PUB.
- Sept. New Woodward Field media center opens, replacing the old press box. In addition, improved seating for major donors is opened.
- Sept Discussion of moving programs to better meet needs of the university. President Jordan sees the Cheney campus as the 'heart of the university,' but recognizes Riverpoint as an important part of the university.
- Oct. 3 Dean Jeffers Chertok died during surgery.
- Oct. Preliminary plans for the Student Recreation Center were made public.
- Oct. Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering approved, the Washington State Legislature enacted a law permitting EWU to offer the degree.
- Nov. Arrests in bombing case. Brent Johnson and Elgin Maximillion detonated a pipe bomb outside Morrison Hall, and another outside Dressler Hall in October. Charges were filed against the two men.
- Nov. United Faculty of Eastern becomes the official representative for EWU faculty in bargaining matters following a vote by 550 eligible professors and instructors. Approving the measure were 338, with 46 opposing.
- Dec. State agreement with Board of Trustees formalizes planning, predictable performance and accountability regarding student access, funding, service, and performance.

2005

- Jan. Origin of Tawanka Commons name questioned. Name is demonstrated to be a Lakota word meaning "willing to do," no action taken.
- Jan. Dual degree program created with Gonzaga University. EWU and Gonzaga agree to a program pairing Eastern's School of Social Work & Human Services with Gonzaga's School of Law. Students will earn a JD and an MSW in the course of the four-year program.

- Jan. Fees for proposed Recreation Center under consideration. Proposal to set the annual fee at \$165 per year, or \$55.00 per quarter.
- Feb. Ward Churchill speaking engagement canceled. University of Colorado ethnic studies professor Ward Churchill received national prominence due to his essay regarding the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. He had been invited to speak at EWU by the Native American Student Association. Threats of violence caused the administration to question the practicality of having him on campus, and the invitation was withdrawn. [It should be noted that by this time national attention was focusing on questions about Churchill's scholarship and credentials, which had been raised as early as 1996.]
- Feb. Faculty Senate votes in favor of allowing Ward Churchill to speak at EWU.
- Feb. Classified Staff union votes in support Faculty Senate resolution on allowing Churchill to speak.
- March American Indian Studies director Deirdre Almeida says Churchill still scheduled to speak.
- March 10 Rally for Ward Churchill draws 300 faculty and students.
- March 30 President Jordan is the only finalist for the presidency of Metropolitan State College, in Denver, Colorado.
- April Ward Churchill speaks, as the guest of the Native American Students Association, but without University sanction. He addressed 500 people on the mall for 15 minutes.
- April 1 Board approves contract for EWU at Bellevue, allowing EWU to offer two degree programs at Bellevue Community College. A Bachelor of Science in Computer network service, maintenance and support; and a Bachelor of Arts in an interdisciplinary program in social and behavioral sciences.
- April 13 Board names Brian Levin-Stankevich interim President as Stephen Jordan announces plans to accept post in Denver.
- April An Affirmative Action Bake Sale, with prices set according to gender and ethnicity created a controversy on campus.
- June Stephen Jordan presided over EWU commencement for the last time, as he prepared to assume his duties at Metro State College in Denver.
- Sept. Record enrollment at EWU: 9,969.
- Sept. "Pass Through the Pillars" started by Brian Levin Stankevich, Interim President.
- Oct. Senior Hall remodeling approved. Plans call for a \$15,000,000 upgrade including additional floor space.

2006

- Jan. Rodolfo Arevalo named new President of EWU, to take office on April 1, 2006.
- Feb. Recreation Center controversy. Costs are expected to exceed the \$22,000,000 voted by the Associated Students. A petition is started to call for a resurvey of student opinion.

- Feb. 17 The petition drive was 300 signatures short of the number required. The architect was directed to continue planning the Student Recreation Center.
- March 19 Neal Sealock, an EWU graduate, was named Director of Spokane International Airport.
- March 15 Faculty negotiations continue, faculty concerned that salaries at EWU are lower than at comparable universities.
- April 1. Rodolfo Arevalo begins his tenure as President of EWU.
- May 17 Faculty continue to press for resolution of contract issues. The Faculty Senate votes to censure the Board of trustees, protesting that EWU is ‘not an academic Wal-Mart.’ Faculty members complain that EWU has the ‘highest paid administrators and the lowest paid faculty.’
- May 24 United Faculty of Eastern president Tony Flynn responds to President Arevalo’s letter responding to the Academic Senate’s vote of censure and complaints about the lack of a faculty contract.
- June Faculty negotiations concluded, if accepted, the contract agreement will raise faculty salaries by 9.5%.
- Sept. Enrollment decline anticipated for the first time in six years. EWU, like the entire state, anticipates a smaller incoming freshman class, and fewer returning students. Estimates for a downturn of 6.5% for the entire state of Washington higher education system.
- Sept. Recreation Center plans finalized. Projected final cost to be over \$26,000,000.
- Oct. Changes in faculty status. Directors of Africana, American Indian, and Chicano Studies programs to all receive faculty status, rather than administrative status.
- Oct. Women’s’ Studies moved from a minor area to a degree granting program.
- Oct. Fall enrollment figures are surprisingly upbeat. Enrollment grew to 9,999, instead of declining for Fall Quarter, 2006.
- Nov. EWU and WSU discuss possibility of creating a university district in Spokane, rather than just a commuter campus.
- Nov. Third annual “Residence Hall House Call” gives new students an opportunity to meet faculty and staff of the university.

2007

- Jan. The Spokane Center officially offered for sale. The intention is to use the proceeds for fund building a new EWU building on the Riverpoint Campus.
- Feb. Discussion regarding closure of the Robert Reid elementary school on the EWU campus. Money needed for repairs and renovation, but neither the university or the Cheney School District express optimism. Possible closure in June, 2008.
- Feb. EWU Hockey Club ranked number one nationally, heads for finals.
- Mar. John Mason selected as new Provost for Academic Affairs, scheduled to begin on July 1.

- April Athletic Director Hamilton tenders resignation, replaced by Vice President for University Advancement Michael Westfall.
- April President Arevalo opens the 125th anniversary year in front of the Heritage School House.
- April 18 Cheney School Board votes to keep Robert Reid School open for at least one more year. A vocal demonstration in favor of continuing the school was held before the vote occurred.
- April 18 Hargreaves Hall renovation opposed. Professors argue that the proposed changes to the building would violate the historic preservation criteria which should be applied to the building because it is part of a national Register Historic District.
- April 25 Chissus Field to be remodeled. Seventeen years after the last NCAA baseball game was played at Chissus Field, the former baseball field is to be converted to a challenge course for physical training. Some members of the campus view it as a positive step forward, others see it as the absolute end of baseball at EWU.
- May 16 Moving Eastern's Spokane functions to Riverpoint is well under way, but Spokane Center faculty and students feel they were not given adequate information about the move.
- June 6 Basketball coach Mike Burns removed, possible NCAA violations reported by EWU.
- Oct. Bus pass fees under discussion. Spokane Transit Authority negotiating with EWU, a ten dollar fee to be added to student fees starting in Winter Quarter to help cover the cost. Part of the cost to come from parking Services.
- Oct. 17 Enrollment slightly down from 2006, but the student body is more diverse than before, especially noted increase in numbers of Hispanic and African American students.
- Oct. David Buri to become the new EWU person working with the Washington State Legislature.
- Nov. Two student deaths shock the campus. Jerid Sturman-Camyn was dragged to his death behind a pickup truck near Ione; Ryan Emery fled from a Washington State Trooper after being stopped, and was killed when his vehicle rolled off an embankment.

2008

- Jan. Heavy snow closes campus for three days: Monday, January 28, Tuesday, January 29, and Thursday, January 31.
- April Kennedy Library closed by bomb threat. A threatening note was found in a restroom; the building was cleared and searched.
- Sept. 24 Lynn Briggs becomes Dean of College of Arts and Letters.
- Oct Enrollment reported 9,893.
- Nov. 5 Economic pressure on bus costs. Students increasingly utilize the STA to commute to campus. The STA continues to try to meet the demand for service as increasing numbers of riders park their cars in favor of riding the bus.

- Nov. 12 Reid School facing an uncertain future. The agreement between EWU and the Cheney Schools needs to be renewed, but EWU wants \$150,000 per year for two years to maintain the building. The Cheney Schools are not willing to spend that much. Discussions are held, including one public meeting organized by the ASEWU.
- Nov. The EWU Student Recreation Center was recognized as an environmentally advanced structure. The building received gold certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program of the U.s. Green Building Council.
- Dec. 3 President Arevalo announces a 'soft freeze' to prepare the university for reduced budgets in the future. A possible budget cut of 20% is possible, and Governor Christine Gregoire instituted a 1% across the board reduction in spending in Washington State.
- Dec. 3 President Arevalo goes on medical leave, Provost John Mason named acting president.

2009

- Jan. Budget issues dominate. Governor Gregoire proposes budget base reductions for EWU, and no raises for employees.
- Jan. President Arevalo extends his medical leave indefinitely.
- Mar. 18 The West Plains supplement to the Spokane Spokesman Review carries an article announcing the planned closure of the Robert Reid Laboratory School.
- Mar. 23 President Arevalo resumes his duties.
- June Robert Reid Lab School closes its doors at the end of the school year for the final time, ending the practice of providing a laboratory school for training teachers on campus. All teacher education classroom experience for EWU students will be in regular public schools.
- Sept. 10 Hargreaves Hall was formally opened following its remodeling and expansion.
- November Closure of the EWU Press announced. The press, which has specialized in language and literature, will close by the end of June, 2010, due to budgetary constraints.
- December Dorthy Zeisler-Vralstad stepped down as Vice president for Student Services, wishing to return to the classroom.
- December Faculty with offices in Patterson Hall moved into new quarters elsewhere on campus to allow remodeling of Patterson Hall to start in 2010.

2010

- Jan. 10 The last faculty were moved out of Patterson Hall. Many were given temporary office space in the former Robert Reid Laboratory School.
- Feb. 3 Red Turf for Eagle football? Alumnus Michael Roos donates \$500,00.00 to start a fund drive to replace the natural turf on Woodward Field with artificial turf – in Eagle red.
- Spring P.R.I.D.E. Center opened in Showalter Hall to provide support for GBLT students, faculty, and employees at EWU.

- June Dr. John Mason resigned as Provost for Academic Affairs, and was succeeded by Rex Fuller, serving as Interim Provost.
- June – Aug. The real turf was removed from the football field, and replaced with synthetic turf colored red to match the EWU colors. The project was complete by the opening of the fall football season in September.
- August The building at the corner of Washington Court and Elm Street, most recently used by EWU EPIC Outdoor rentals, was razed. This was first built and owned by George Stahl as his home. Professor Stahl taught astronomy in the EWU Physics department. After his death, the university acquired the property, and used it for the EPIC offices.
- September 1 Richard Wilson assumes duties as Dean of Libraries.
- September 2 Aquatic center re-opened following renovation of the pool with LED lighting and other improvements.
- September 13 Planning to replace the KEWC radio transmitter became more urgent due to a weather-related failure of the current transmitter. The signal continued to reach campus, but not the wider community.
- September 16 Re-dedication of the football field. After being Woodward Field for over 70 years, the gridiron was officially re-named Roos Field, honoring alumnus Michael Roos, EWU athlete and driving force behind the red turf project.
- September 18 The EWU Eagles played their season opener at Roos Field. The first game on the red turf was a 36 – 27 Eastern victory over the University of Montana Grizzlies.
- September 22 The Robert Reid Lab School Meditation Garden was dedicated. Located on the lawn between Martin Hall and the Jore School, the garden commemorates Robert Reid Laboratory School, and all of the lab schools which operated at Eastern.
- October EagleFlex cards accepted by twenty Cheney merchants to encourage students shopping in Cheney.
- October Eastern’s MBA program listed as one of the top 300 business schools in the USA by Princeton Review.
- October 8 The Associated Students of EWU presented a proposal to remodel the Pence Union Building to the EWU Board of Trustees.
- October 11 Board of Trustees receives a proposal to construct a new residence hall at EWU.
- December 6 Rex Fuller appointed Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2011.
- December 30 KEWC back on the air at full strength with new transmitter.

2011

- January 7 EWU beats Delaware 20-19, are NCAA Division I Football National Champions for 2010. It was a come from behind win, ending the first season on ‘The Inferno’ red turf at Roos Field.

January 26	Trustees approve a new residence hall for the campus. The new building will be located at the corner of 11 th and Cedar, between the Student Recreation Center and the Streeter and Morrison residence halls.
January	The Board of Trustees voted to proceed with planning for eventual change from a quarter to a semester academic calendar. The vote was to wait to implement the change until the university is not dealing with the economic shortfalls currently being experienced.
March	The American Indian Studies Program was recognized as one of the 200 top programs in the USA by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society.
March 8	A student rally to protest budget cuts included a protest by students who walked out of the event.
April 13	Discussion regarding the desirability of making the campus a non-smoking campus was held.
April 28	Library holds second annual 'Dia de los ninos / Dia de los libros' day to celebrate reading for children and foster multiculturalism.
May	EWU alumna Christina Tores-Garcia begins her duties as the new director of the McNair Scholars program.
May 25	Economic Professor W. Thomas "Tom" Trulove received the Paul J. Raver award from the Northwest Public Power Association. The award recognizes his work for Cheney, the state, and region, including service on the Northwest Power Planning Council and Trulove's service as mayor of Cheney.
June	Marilyn Carpenter retired after 30 years with EWU's Education Department. She donated 10,000 young adult and children's books to the EWU libraries at the time of her retirement.
Summer	Student Life Accounting Office moved from the Pence Union Building to Showalter Hall.
November	President Arevalo recommends that EWU change from a quarter academic calendar to a semester calendar. The proposal draws both support and opposition from faculty and students.

2012

January 28	A person or person unknown stole over 500 copies of the <i>Easterner</i> from distribution boxes in buildings on the campus. No suspects reported to the police.
March	Brickhouse Deli opens in Brewster Hall.
March 23	EWU Foundation announces proposal to develop a Gateway Project to redefine the entrance to campus at Washington Street and Roos Field.
April	The EWU administration surveys the campus regarding a tobacco free campus.
May 1	Riverpoint campus goes entirely tobacco free. The decision is mandated by WSU.
May 4	Richard Wilson retires from his position as Dean of Libraries.

- July Learning Commons work in JFK Library. Work to make way for the Learning Commons includes removal of paper copies of journals held electronically; preparation for reconfiguration of the main floor of the library.
- August 1. Amy Johnson begins her tenure as Dean of Students.
- June President Arevalo recommends taking no action on changing the academic calendar until budget conditions improve. He recommends that in the long term, the university should move to a semester calendar.
- September 26 Sigma Nu fraternity officially suspended for three academic years due to history of behavior issues in previous academic year.
- September ASEWU President Kaleb Hoffer was arrested and charged with assault; Vice President Becca Harrell assumed the presidency.
- September 28 Learning Commons opens in the Kennedy Library.
- October EWU begins transition from Blackboard to Canvas as the university's classroom tool.
- October New trustees include two EWU Alumni, Judge James Murphy of Spokane, and Vicki Wilson of the Tri-Cities.
- November 28 ASEWU President Kaleb Hoffer resigns following a vote of no confidence by the ASEWU. Vice President Harrell had been serving as President of ASEWU following Mr. Hoffer's arrest in September.

2013

- January 16 Bachelor of Arts in Race and Cultural Studies approved. The new degree program is an 80 credit major.
- July 1 Suzanne Milton assumes duties as Dean of Libraries.
- September 27 The new residence hall at the corner of Cedar and 11th streets opened for occupancy, and was officially named snyamncut (not capitalized, and not 'snyamncut Hall'). Snyamncut is a Salish word meaning "a place of gathering."
- December 3 Board of Trustees votes to retain the quarter system for the EWU academic calendar.

2014

- January 8 Patterson Hall opened following its major reconstruction. Although faculty were still moving into their offices as the quarter began, the contractors were finishing trim and other minor projects as Winter Quarter began.
- June 16 Board of Trustees announces selection of Dr. Mary Cullinan to be 26th President of Eastern Washington University.
- Aug. 1 Dr. Mary Cullinan begins duties as President of Eastern Washington University.
- Aug. 23 The 2014 intercollegiate football season opener was played at Roos Field. The Eastern Eagles defeated Sam Houston State University 56 - 35 in a game televised nationally.

2015

- Spring Quarter Dining Services begins experimenting with Tapingo ordering system allowing smart-phone equipped students to make advance orders for food and beverages.
- June 13 Commencement held at Roos Field and Reese Court, possibly for the last time. The graduating class has become so large that it is not possible to seat all the persons wanting to attend commencement in either Roos Field or in Reese Court. Planning is under way to hold future commencement exercises in Spokane.
- Sept. 21 Demolition of Robert Reid Lab School began with work on leveling the gymnasium.
- Oct. 21 The *Easterner* changes its format from a broadsheet to a tabloid. Additionally, much of the content is available online, reflecting current practices in journalism.
- Oct 28 Proposal announced to develop the Lucy Covington Center to serve the needs of Native students and provide an enhanced location for the American Indian Studies Program. The center is to be named for Lucy Covington, a Colville tribal activist and tribal leader.

2016

- Jan 15 A ban on the use of hoverboards on campus went into effect, citing concern about battery fires.
- Feb. Travis Lien, an EWU senior, received the “Most Promising Filmmaker Award” at the 18th annual Spokane International Film Festival.
- Feb. 17 Alexandra Rich, an EWU senior, proposed that EWU become a smoke-free campus. Ms. Rich reported that this trend is in keeping with national efforts to provide a healthy environment for students.
- Feb. 26 Planning for institution of a new centralized academic advising program are announced. The new system will begin in the fall of 2016, and should be fully operational by fall, 2017.
- March 30. Request for a multicultural center to be part of plans for remodeling the Pence Union Building are presented by a group of student organizations seeking to improve the multicultural climate on campus.
- June 10 Associated Students begin preparations for the remodeling of the Pence Union Building. Some of the services offered in the building will move elsewhere on campus or off campus to allow work to begin.
- June 11 Commecement held at the Spokane Veteran’s Arena. The size of audiences attending the two sessions have grown to be too large to comfortably accommodate them in either Roos Field or Reese Court.
- July 1 Dr. Scott Gordon begins duties as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- Summer Movement of all functions and offices from the Pence Union Building (PUB) to temporary new quarters to allow complete renovation and expansion of the PUB.
- Summer Construction of new space in JFK Library next to Photocopy for use by a coffee stand

- Fall Thomas Hammer coffee stand opens next to photocopy in JFK Library, replacing Thirsty Minds coffee cart in lobby area of building.
- October 6. The Easterner observes the centennial of the publication of the weekly student newspaper on campus. The paper began publication in October, 1916 as the State Normal School Journal. The name was shortened to The Journal, and in 1951 the paper was re-named the Easterner.
- October EWU alumnus Michael Roos was inducted into the EWU Athletic Hall of Fame. Roos played football while attending, 2000 – 2004, then was drafted into the NFL.
- November Washington state Governor Jay Inslee visited campus as the guest of the EWU Young Democrats. He spoke on the importance of voting.

2017

- January Plans for a new science building between the existing Science Building and the western side of the Pence Union Building were announced. Tentative name for the new building: Interdisciplinary Science Center.
- January Football coach Beau Baldwin resigned to take a position as the offensive coordinator for the University of California, Berkeley. Baldwin had 85 wins at Eastern, including the 2010 national championship.
- April EWU football players Cooper Kupp and Samson Ebukam were drafted by the Los Angeles Rams. Kupp's father, uncle, and grandfather were all offensive linemen in the NFL.
- August Dr. Shari Clarke was hired as EWU's first vice president for Diversity and Inclusion. She is scheduled to begin work in September.
- September Work on the PUB remodel was reported to be on schedule, with re-opening scheduled for September, 2018.
- September Microsoft teams up with EWU to offer a bachelor of science degree in data analytics, the first such joint offering in the US.
- October Alumni of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity complete raising \$250,000 to support EWU. Beneficiaries to be the Randy Van Turner scholarship, and the EWU Libraries.
- November The Spokane Academic Library, jointly operated by EWU and WSU on the Riverpoint campus, starts 24 hour open hours. The change was largely undertaken to accommodate students in the nursing program.

2018

- Jan. 13 Athletic Director William "Bill" Chaves submits his resignation to become Athletic Director at the University of North Dakota.
- January Vanessa Delgado hired as first permanent Director of EWU Multicultural Center.

January	State legislature approves funding for a new science building in the capital budget.
January	Women's Basketball coach Wendy Schuller coached her 500 th game at EWU. This was a home game, which eastern won, 82 – 62 against Northern Arizona University.
Jan. 26	Lynn Hickey, former Vice President and Director of Athletics at University of Texas, Austin was named interim Athletic Director.
February	A plan to build a 50 million dollar STEM building in Spokane was announced. Construction is scheduled to start in 2018. The building is to open in 2020 located on property owned by Avista near the university district in Spokane.
February	Former EWU faculty member Lisa Brown announced her candidacy for the Washington State 5 th Congressional seat. A campaign rally was held in Cheney.
February	Plans announced to move some or all of the computer science, electrical engineering, and visual communication design programs to the new building in Spokane in 2020.
April	Lynn Hickey named new EWU Athletic Director.

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