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Time capsule

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Time Capsule

On March 19, 2020, Eastern Washington University closed its buildings to the public. While the JFK Memorial Library opened its doors to staff by June and its lobby to students in November, parts of the library remain a time capsule from the date the library originally closed its doors. Issues of the March 11, 2020 Easterner remain in the study lounge. To date, this is the last paper issue of the student newspaper. The PLUS and Writing Center walls contain old staff photos, the signage on the Archives Reading room is curled from age and the humidity from the building sanitization in Spring 2020. The image of the March PLUS student of the month and the Multimedia Center were taken in September 2020. Eventually, these parts of the library will open, too, but until then, it's a ghost from the pre-pandemic past.



