EWU staff union may bargain unpaid

By Troy Kirby
News Editor

If EWU classified staff are going to get a new contract with campus administration, they may have to negotiate during unpaid weekend hours, said Local 931 President Michael Nelson, who covers 467 EWU classified staff.

"It's a big problem and we are trying to establish ground rules," Nelson said. Feb. 27, during a brown-bag lunch to discuss the contract ratification process. "Usually, when negotiating, the labor side gets release time to meet with management. But management wants to meet outside of work time, so we offered to meet on the weekends, but it is not the norm."

Nelson said that a new contract must be in place by Oct. 1 in order to be ratified by the state legislature. "It is a major concern to take the meeting out of normal time, but the labor side is willing to do that," he said.

The last contract with Local 931 was ratified in 1995, Nelson said. Having EWU labor use unpaid release time in the negotiation process is not unprecedented, said Tim Welch, director of Public Affairs for the Washington Federation of State Employees. WFSE represents Local 931.

"The big dog is the general government meetings," Welch said. "Lots of folks are going to be following their lead."

Welch said that WFSE representatives met in SeaTac, presenting four proposals. "We are going to meet with the general government March 12, but it may come to no ground rules," Welch said. "Negotiations have always been done in the past."

Washington State University is currently working through an attorney in their negotiations with WFSE representatives, Welch said.

NAACP Mack exudes passion

By Paul Dillon
Reporter

"I came to give you a social conscience," said Carl Mack, the president of the Seattle NAACP. Mack spoke Feb. 27 in EWU's Showalter Auditorium.

Technical difficulties with PowerPoint led Mack to rely upon his own resources as he discussed his culturally misguided Southern upbringing, his degree in Engineering at University of Mississippi and the functions of the NAACP.

He stressed the importance of history as a path to find out who we are and cited it as a main reason for his involvement in the 50-year-old organization.

The charismatic leader acknowledged that he has shaken things up, like calling for the resignation of U.S. Sen. Alex Decotoe after he let some racial slurs slip in an argument, much to the chagrin of others. Mack displayed diverse emotions throughout his speech. Speaking of his brothers and sisters, Mack said, "Women validate us - the most important piece of chess is the queen." Mack later said, "I don't give a s**t what Doni Monson or Dave Ross says about me."

In his original, youthful style, Mack discussed a wide variety of issues, but there were four key points.

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Mack joked around referring to the origins of Black History Month and the idea that those who want to be blamed for this topic originating from the government. The truth is that Carter G. Woodson, the famous black scholar, chose the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas. This was at first known as Black History Week, but then after the bicentennial the duration was expanded.

Mack then went on in depth about the realities of reparations. The equation "4.5% x 2" represents the amount the government owes with P as people and I as interest. The total almost reaches 2 trillion.

"I will not let anybody compromise my racial dignity."

The question of the Confederate flag being allowed to fly was posed by Mack. He demonstrated how this should not under any circumstances be a fathomable possibility.

EWU police look for leads in campus bomb threat

By Seth Swift
Senior Reporter

"Somebody knows something," said EWU Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Tom McGill of the bomb threat that occurred Feb. 6.

However, not many people are talking. Despite the offering of complete anonymity and a $500 reward, the EWU police department is not aware of any responses to Secret Witness, an organization run by citizens with no affiliation with law enforcement agencies.

Even so, the investigation into the person or people involved in the bomb threat continues to move ahead.

"We've interviewed about six people, and we are continuing to follow up on the physical evidence that we have," McGill said. "We've submitted the notes and other materials to the FBI for processing, and (now) we're waiting on a profile of the letter writer from the (FBI). Hopefully it can provide more information on the person left the notes," said McGill.

McGill intimated that the six people interviewed will likely be interviewed again.

According to Dr. Stephen Jordan, EWU's President, the university did not receive a black eye with the recent bomb threats.

"I don't think it hurt us at all from a public relations perspective. I don't think it did any long-term damage and, certainly, as we're looking at our freshmen applications and acceptances, we see no residual effects," he said.

"Truthfully," said Jordan, "I think that people tend to look more at specific violent events like rapes and physical attacks that get reported in the paper as damaging the image of the institution more than what turns out to have been a hoax. Then it's more speculation by people of, 'Well, who did it and why?' The response, however, was lacking in a few areas, according to Jordan. "One problem was that we did not have a list of identifiable people."

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Police Beat

By Helda Swift
FWU Crime Reporter

2-26-04 Suspect from Seattle was arrested at Dressler Hall. The subject had three warrants for arrest out of Seattle for weapons violation, harassment and forgery. The subject was also cited for possession of marijuana and was transferred to Spokane County Jail. Also, a Dressler Hall resident was arrested for Obstruction of an officer and an MIP.

2-26-04 Medical call to Robert Reed Elementary School. Someone called in to report that there was a person down on the lawn. Rescue 3 responded. Subject turned out to have low blood sugar.

2-26-04 Theft of a motor vehicle reported at Dryden Hall. The individual called in to report their vehicle stolen. The case was handed over to the Cheney Police Department because the vehicle was taken while parked on Ninth and Cedar.

2-26-04 Suspicious circumstances at Phase 2 Activities. EWU police were called to respond to an incident on a basketball court because a player was asked to leave. The player had gotten into an argument over an intramural basketball game. No report was made by the complainant, they just wanted the incident documented pending contact with subject in the matter.

2-27-04 Report of domestic violence on Seventh floor of Morrison Hall. EWU police responded and found situation to be a verbal argument. Incident report taken.

2-28-04 Three males were contacted in the upper parking Lot 13 by Morrison Hall. The individuals were asked to leave the area.

2-28-04 EWU police issued an MIP on Eleventh. They observed a female walking on Eleventh Street that appeared extremely intoxicated.

2-28-04 Report of malicious mischief in Lot 5. Owner of a vehicle witnessed males leaving a party throw a beer bottle in the area of his vehicle. The bottle did not hit vehicle, and there was no damage. Owner just wanted police to know.

Corrections for Feb. 26 edition

A Drew Reidar was incorrectly identified as the Director of Alumni Relations at EWU. Reidar is actually the assistant director of Alumni Relations.

A The men's basketball story on the Front Page of the Easterner had an incorrect byline which identified the story as "By Troy Kirby." It was actually written by Kristen Johnson.

News Briefs

Funds axed for five EWU clubs

By Janica Lockhart
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Five clubs and organizations, and possibly 19 more, could lose their funding from the ASEWU next year. Clubs and organizations representatives have to attend three of the six to eight meetings offered in a year, and if they do not, funding could be cut off.

Currently, five clubs failed to make it to any meetings and will officially lose their funding for next year according to the student constitution, said Christopher Schwartenburger, council position for Student Activities and Diversity.

Nineteen more clubs have only attended one meeting for the year and must attend the next two spring quarters to keep their funding, he said.

"Five have already lost the opportunity" to obtain funding for next year, said Schwartenburger.

Schwartenburger has to call appeal to student Superior Court so the club can make a plea to maintain the position of being a club on campus, he said.

Every single club receives a different amount of funding based on the amount of money that is available to allocate.

This is dependant on enrollment because the money comes out of student's tuition with the service and activity fee, said Katie Moffitt, Finance Vice President on ASEWU.

"Some clubs only request $300, some request much more," she said.

When a club is cut off financially they also lose the ability to reserve a room on campus and hang posters about the club on campus, Schwartenburger said.

The clubs and organizational meetings allow representatives of clubs to learn about leadership and have an open forum on how to make their club better, he said.

Schwartenburger said that ASEWU is currently sending out reminder letters to the 19 clubs that have to attend the next two meetings.

Dietitian provides healthy choices

By Katie Mageau
REPORTER

Crystal Johnson, a registered dietitian, works at the Rockwood Clinic, and often sees patients with questions about nutrition.

So many of these patients ask her how to eat healthy on campus that she decided to schedule appointments with students to teach them how to eat healthfully.

Johnson met with students in small groups and handed them packets that taught them how to read labels, count calories and eat a balanced diet. Contrary to popular belief, people should not consume 2000 calories each day, but rather the number equal to your weight with a zero on the end. Sixty percent of these calories should come from carbohydrates, 10-15 percent from protein and 25 percent from fats.

It is important to eat protein in the morning because it will keep you full for six hours, while carbohydrates only keep you full for two to three hours. This prevents you from getting hungry again only a few hours after breakfast.

Many people eat much more food than they need to because they eat quickly. It takes your brain 20 minutes to receive the message from your stomach that you are full.

Therefore, if you finish eating in five minutes, you will not know that you are full yet, and you will reach for another helping when it is not needed. Drinking a lot of fluids during your meal can slow the message down, too, so you should refrain from liquids with your meal.

One might argue that they like the idea of filling up on liquids instead of food because it is healthier, but they are incorrect.

Solid food is almost always more nutritious. An apple juice, for example, has 220 calories, while one apple only has 60. The apple also has more fiber in it and therefore takes longer to digest and keeps you full longer.

So the next time you're wondering what to choose for lunch, make sure that it includes carbohydrates, proteins and fats, and read the labels first.
Kids hooked by the tales from Seuss’ beloved books

By Danielle Verhulp

As much a part of children’s folklore as the tales of Mother Goose, are the wacky rhyming stories of the beloved Dr. Seuss.

On Saturday, Feb. 28, the much-loved storybook writer, Dr. Seuss, celebrated his 100th birthday. Although the man himself has passed on, adults and children alike remain eager to remember about this rhyming master and his stories.

The Eagle Outpost in Brescather Hall was the site of one such celebration in his honor. As part of a monthly children’s book reading, the EWU Bookstore held a birthday party for Dr. Seuss.

Nearly 30 little ones attended the event, accompanied by moms, dads and grandparents.

The book reading began with the children singing “Happy Birthday” to Dr. Seuss.

After that, Eagle Outpost worker Tanya Jenkins read the Seuss classic “Yertle the Turtle” to highly attentive boys and girls.

From there, the children enjoyed additional stories, arts and crafts. EWU Bookstore General Book Buyer Lowell Simonsen assisted the kids in decorating walnut shell turtles with paint, markers and glitter.

Then, to complete the atmosphere of the birthday party, bookstore workers passed out cupcakes and punch to the youngsters.

Mother of two, Brenda Cook, gingerly held a freshly decorated walnut shell turtle as she waited for her children.

Cook explained that her children have been attending these book readings for several years now at its prior location in the JFK Library, and it has become something that they look forward to every month. In fact, her Christmas tree is adorned each year with crafts her children have made at these events.

EWU staff member Shauna Harshman also brought her two-year-old daughter to celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday.

Both mother and daughter were thrilled with the activities that took place at the book reading. Harshman said, “It’s wonderful that a branch of the university provides activities for non-traditional students and their families.”

A children’s book reading is held at Brescather Hall on the fourth Saturday of every month. Each month’s reading has a specific storybook-related theme and is always free to the general public.

Bomb Threat: Police looking over clues

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essential personnel. When we sent out the notice that said only essential personnel should report to campus, people didn’t know who they were.

As well, Jordan commented that EWU must be better coordinated with the City of Cheney’s public administrations. “They’re an important part of the response team and we’ve got some issues that we need to deal with with them because they’re right here.”

In both cases, Jordan says that steps are being taken in order to ensure that if a similar situation were to occur again they would not be an issue.

While people have concerns about how the evacuation was executed and the ways in which it was accomplished, “I think that people understand the kind of times we’re living in and applaud our response,” Jordan said.

So far as the overall financial costs of the bomb threat to the university are concerned, no concrete figure has yet to be reported by the Business and Finance Office. One can expect, however, that the figures will be extremely high, making much more of an impact to the university’s pocketbook in comparison to its public standing.

According to Roxana Dempsey, Assistant to the Vice President of the Business and Finance Department, the figures are currently being compiled and crunched.

Mrs. Ruthie Jordan, Dr. Jordan’s spouse, is the one that found the bomb threat, which was sitting at the foot of their front door with a rock holding it in place. Her first reaction was to inform Dr. Jordan, whose immediate reaction, he said, “was to get on the phone and call the police. You want to call the experts, bring the experts in.”

The doorbell to their residence rang at 2 a.m., but because of the position of the note and how the president’s residence from porch is set up, the Jordans didn’t at first notice the piece of paper the bomb threat was written on. The police told them to evacuate the house immediately and were on the scene shortly thereafter, at which time the police department began searching the whole campus.

According to McGill, there were easily over 20 people involved in the search for a device on campus from four different agencies. Among these were nine people from the EWU PD and six sheriff’s deputies. The university does not keep a record of the numbers involved.
Hoops fans make own throwback EWSC jerseys

By Leena Haija

Two EWU students are helping bring one of the year's hottest trends to campus with throwback jerseys which are now all the rage among young movie and music stars.

Seth Dryden and Rick Scott, students at EWU, have incorporated the year's trend with school spirit by creating the EWU basketball throwback jersey.

"Throwbacks are really popular, and no one was selling Eastern throwbacks, so we made our own," said Dryden.

In 1973, students voted to change the Eastern mascot from a Savage to an Eagle. The change was due to political issues and stereotypes that go along with the image of the previous logo.

After much research, Dryden and Scott found that there was no official Eastern Savage logo.

"I went down to the archives in the library, I was looking for an Eastern Savage logo, but they didn’t have an official one. I guess each year they would draw or find a new logo. So I took a picture of the savage found on the bricks near the PHASE. Then I transferred the picture to Photoshop and added the letters EWSC," said Dryden.

"Then I took what I created to a silk screening shop in Spokane and made some jerseys for my friends and I." 

Dryden and Scott never really intended on selling their jerseys, but if students are interested in purchasing a jersey they can go to the website at www.cheneyplayaz.com or email Dryden at azizelsazel@cltech.net.

"The website started as a joke, but now we use it to post what we want," said Dryden.

Students are able to view the jersey and its price on the website.

"Tradition and history are an important part in building a community; the fact that they are digging in the past is kind of a neat deal," said Scott Barnes, EWU Athletic Director.

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JFK Library camera catches suspect fleeing scene

By Seth Swift

An individual who apparently tried to bypass the JFK Library's security, which is intended to keep the books where they belong, was only partially successful on Feb. 18.

The change was due to political issues and stereotypes that go along with the image of the previous logo.

When the alleged thief tried to bypass one set of sensors another set of sensors was automatically activated and proved to be his downfall.

The suspect made it past the book sensors in the rear of JFK Library by slinging his book bag over them. However, in addition to other means by which he was caught, which Lieutenant Christiansen declined to comment upon, he was also caught on a security camera that is located directly outside the entrance, which caught a good profile of the man's face.

The alleged thief was apprehended Saturday, Feb. 21 by EWU police Sgt. Loraine Hill. The library staff recognized him from the above slide show and called the police, according to Police Chief Tom McGill. He has been charged with theft for possessing property belonging to the JFK Library and, for possession of drug paraphernalia.

For those that have any information on the occurrence or the suspect, please contact Campus Police Officer Todd Saunders at 359-6507. The security video footage, for those who are interested, is located at www.ewu.edu/new/adminservice/CampusSafety.html in the Police Blotter.

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Classified: Employees may have to bargain for free

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If push comes to shove, we may meet on weekends to get things done in a timely manner."

Welch said that campus administration had met with the Local 931 for one day, Feb. 18, to negotiate ground rules for the contract.

"We understand that the administration has costs," Welch said. "But negotiations have always been done on work time."

Throughout the state, the effects of unpaid release time during negotiations have caused WSFE negotiations to change the labor-management relationship, Welch said.

"It has been seen as an attempt by administration to make the members unequal," Welch said. "Their side gets thousands of dollars and would be going against 40 years of tradition."

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News Briefs

Donations are being sought for EWU Friends of the Library Books & Recordings sale, April 23.

The sale itself takes place in the JFK Library, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The sale will include 2,000 books with various titles including education, science and government.

Contact Rose at 509-359-2264 for drop-off donation information.

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Eagle hoops gets on USA Today front cover

By Troy Kirby
News/Sports Editor

Ray Giacoletti has not only changed the on-court success of the EWU men's basketball team, but also its national image.

Giacoletti's Eagles were on the front cover of USA Today's Feb. 27 edition which was showcasing college teams who had never been to the NCAA 64-Tournament, but had a very good chance of making it.

"It is a real credit to the last five years these kids have gone through in the program," Giacoletti said. "We've made small steps going where we've gone and it's been fun to be part of new territory. Last year, we went to our first postseason game ever, and winning the Big Sky Championship outright is part of our chance at a breakthrough."

Jim Strom, EWU's assistant athletic director for Development, issued a quality product, financial support, athletic and field signage and a minimum of 90 on-campus vending machines.

Pepsi also provides back to the school half of the revenue from the vending machines. Pepsi also gives back to the school half of the revenue from the vending machines. The money is then used to finance whatever the students elect to spend it on.

Pepsi also receives advertisement and a substantial vending contract. In regards to the small percentage of space dedicated to competitors, these products are sold based on student suggestion and on sales.

"If a product is not selling what we think it should be, we will introduce another product and see how well that one sells," said McKay.

During 2002-2003, EWU sold over 54,000 packaged Pepsi beverages and over 36,530 dispenser Pepsi beverages.

"We get very few complaints that we don't offer Coke," said McKay.

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Opinion
Divorce court with Ken and Barbie

It was all going so smoothly for so many years. She gave me what little time that she could, what with having so many careers, friends, abodes to live in and cars to drive. She had rooms full of color-coded accessories, and would sometimes fly into a screaming rage when the color-code was broken. Stacey borrowed something without asking. But that’s beside the point.

Sure, it could be lonely at times, but as a trophy husband there was only so much I could do. Shoo, I even changed my last name to hers, instead of the other way around. Besides, I found ways to keep myself busy.

The way in which I amused myself is ultimately the reason why she broke it off with me.

It all started in the mid 70s with our banana boy at the time, Rocky Ropoeco. He kept company in those late nights when she would be out at all the socials and he made me feel like I was needed, unlike her.

It wasn’t until the late 90s, though, that she actually had hard evidence to back up her suspicions. She caught me once with Rocky Ropoeco and I was fired on the spot. She wanted to work things out, as did I, and I tried my best to turn over a new leaf. As everyone knows, in order to turn a new leaf first must come the fall, then a barren winter, then the ultimate rebirth in spring.

I never did turn that leaf though.

Instead, as we went through the new millennium, we also went through a successive number of cabana boys, all who shared the same tastes. As I said, she asked me for the umteenth time, was becoming unbearable for her and could ruin her career. I couldn’t help myself though, I couldn’t stay who I was.

She finally had to break it off with me, because I became public because of this big expose in the National Enquirer’s “Out of the Closet!” special edition.

I am sorry about all the pain that I caused her, but I’m sure that Barbie will move on, maybe with Ashton Kutcher.

Besides, Rocky Ropoeco and I can finally live happily ever after, just as soon as we haul ourselves to San Francisco and get married.

Everything will work out just fine.

Well after what seems like an eternity, 43 years to be exact, I finally had to break it off with Ken. I had devoted my life to supporting him in the most possible lifestyle. I mean I own countess residences, a plane, yacht and a fleet of cars, all of which are always at Ken’s disposal. This did not make him happy however, and neither did I.

I should have suspected that he would never be able to satisfy me when we first got together. I mean he’s never been moldable. I have needs too, and he would not acknowledge them, or satisfy them. It was time to find someone who would treat me like the woman that I am.

There were rumors that Ken had sexual problems, you know that he was remote, or unavailable, but I always believed that love could conquer all. Well, that is not the case and frankly I want a man who knows who he is, and what he wants from life.

I could never get Ken to discuss the issues of the day with me while I was home between jobs. All he wanted to do was hang out poolside. I needed a man of substance. One who was not intimidated by the fact that I make tons more money than he ever will. Not to mention that all the assets are mine, and I will not pay him any form of alimony. He should have to compensate me for the years of neglect.

Ken also had an affliction; he never changed his hair. I have an image to maintain, and I have to constantly reinvent myself to keep pace with the changing fashion trends. Ken would not change his look, not even for me. I have a wardrobe that requires its own storage facility, and then there are the accessories. I mean, I have to look good.

So, now I have found someone to share my life with, a man who satisfies me on every level. He is an Aussie, and boy is he hot, in the best Aussie traditions of Russell Crowe and Hugh Jackman. The accent does not hurt either.

We have the right to be in love. We have the right to be happy. We have the right to be in the closet of this man, and reveal how each human has the choice to embrace it or not. And let us not forget that Jesus was first and foremost a Jewish man.

We hate. It has little to do with our race.

The crowd in the movie was made up of individuals who each made the choice to either love Christ or despise him.

Some chose hate. Others chose love.

To me, that’s what this film was about: not to blame any race for Christ’s death but to show the sacrifice of this man, and reveal how each human has the choice to embrace it or not. And let us not forget that Jesus was first and foremost a Jewish man.

The remaking of the Bill of Rights to exclude those who are different

It’s been a busy past couple of weeks. President Bush came out in support of a Constitutional amendment banning gay marriages while Secretary of State Colin Powell promised his support for the opposition group in Haiti that recently ousted President Aristide.

This is but another example of the hypocrisy of this administration. Bush preaches morality out of one corner of his mouth and supports an opposition force that’s bipartisan out of the other. Remember this is the same president who told us we need to invade Iraq because they’re harboring mass weapons caches.

What I find really irritating about the president’s administration constantly flip-flopping on critical issues is that you can’t nail them down. You tell them about some things you care about, they give it some lip service then do the exact opposite. Bush has shut off the public’s bull shit detector with his oily war and job-less recovery.

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How does a guy like the president go about doing that? Easy, simply amend the Constitution to include a “Bill of Restrictions.”

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Here’s what Bush’s legacy may look like:

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Passion for Christ extends beyond film

I went to see “The Passion of the Christ” this week, keeping in mind the controversy that “The Passion of the Christ” film might be anti-Semitic.

The movie based on the New Testament gospel accounts of Christ’s last 12 hours is accurate to the scriptures which kept it simple. I was a bit worried that my reading speed wouldn’t be up to par for the subtitles, as the movie is done in Aramaic (and, from what I hear, a bit of Latin).

I was surprised and relieved with the simplicity of the script. For the most part, only words specifically found in the scriptures were translated. In several scenes, there were no words. Viewers relied on watching human display raw emotion, enough that anyone could interpret what was being said. The characters in the movie conveyed their emotions well, painting vivid pictures of human feelings of pain, grief, and hatred and love.

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Democrats’ hypocrisy runs rampant

By Curtis Campbell

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Promiscuity helps develop one’s leadership skills

E than Hawke is not the first person one thinks of in terms of great leadership or adult enlightenment. Granted he is not the first celebrity to cheat (we all remember Kobe Bryant), but he is the first to have the courage to admit to that fact that male adul-

ters help their leadership skills. That is just what the arrangement between “Reality TV Bites” star Ethan Hawke recently stated about his infidelity while he was still married to actress Uma Thurman. The couple is now in the midst of a divorce.

The B-list actor, who will soon be climbing down the list, stated, “Martin Luther King, Jr. suffered from infidelity, so did JFK.”

You’re more likely to find great leadership coming from a man who likes to have sex with a lot of women than from one who is monogamous.

Yes, I’m sure that is the reason; he hit the nail on the head. John F. Kennedy was “great” due to his sexual exploits rather than the women including Marilyn Monroe. That is why we almost had World War III during his presidency with the Bay of Pigs fiasco and entered the never ending and devastating Vietnam War (in my opinion).

Not coming to you? Don’t worry it will not come to you because there isn’t one. Maybe I am being too hard, but what a laughable and pathetic at-
tempt to justify one’s behavior.

I’m sure there are cheaper Bryant rips or better defenses in divorce court; he could have used in-

stead of making a fragile excuse that includes the best civil rights leader in history and a former president, although I never cared much for Kennedy. (But that is beside the point.) Perhaps this was yet another common publicity ploy, but hopefully not because it has only suc-

ceded made him look foolish.

And please just let the defense attorney do the talking.
Big Sky Conference Tournament

**RAGIN' AT REESE**

By Troy Kirby

**Idaho State (3)**
Saturday, March 6, In Pocatello, Idaho.

**Montana (6)**

**Sac State (4)**
Saturday, March 6, In Sacramento, Calif.

**N. Arizona (2)**
Tuesday, March 9, At Reese Court, 6:05 p.m.

**EWU Eagles (1)**
Tuesday, March 9, At Reese Court, 8:15 p.m.

**Weber State (5)**

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**Finalist**

**Big Sky Champion**
Wednesday, March 10, At Reese Court, 6:05 p.m.

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By Troy Kirby

Easterner
Big Sky Conference Tournament Guide

If there is one thing you can say about the EWU men's basketball team this year, it is that it has been a rollercoaster. The EWU men's basketball team has had its ups and downs, with both high moments and low points. The team has been through a number of challenges, and has had to adapt to changing circumstances throughout the season. 

What makes the Eastern Washington team unique is its ability to adapt to different situations and playstyles. The EWU men's basketball team has been successful in a variety of settings, whether playing on the road or at home. The team's success can be attributed to its hard work and dedication to the sport.

The EWU men's basketball team has faced a number of challenges this season, including a number of injuries and illnesses. Despite these challenges, the team has remained focused and determined, and has continued to work hard to improve.

The EWU men's basketball team is led by head coach Ted Cunniff, who has a wealth of experience in the coaching ranks. Cunniff has a strong record of success in the Big Sky Conference, and has guided the EWU men's basketball team to a number of conference championships.

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Senior Josh Barnard, #23 Guard.
Freshman Paul Butorac, #34 Forward.
I have to wax a little more, if I may. Jem and the Holograms. I do not know how many of you out there remember her, the show, the cassette, the...
Size doesn't matter

The Baby Bar is one of the most unique nightspots in the greater Spokane area that I've ever been to. I like this place so much, in fact, that I have had a great struggle within myself upon the question of whether or not to actually review the Baby Bar because the place is so damned small. According to one of the two bartenders I've ever seen tend bar in the multiple times I've been there, you might be able to fit about 30 people in this little 20 feet by 15 feet rectangular room. That, in my estimation, is an exaggeration. My guess is that you might be able to fit about 20 people comfortably, otherwise if there were any more it would be like a can of sardines.

Aside from the lack of space, I have no problem with everyone in the world knowing about the Baby Bar.

The Baby Bar is so cool that Evel Knievel used to hang out there when he was a resident of Spokane County. Just think, you too could have a few drinks while the man who has probably broken his own bones more times than any other human being in the world used to have his drinks. From what I hear, the Baby Bar is where the elite of Spokane used to rub elbows on a regular basis.

As far as decor is concerned, the Baby Bar has a very stylish appeal. For one thing, it has 3-D boobs on the wall with nipples and all. If that's not enough reason to check the bar out, I don't know what is.

Aside from the boobs, the bar has a very post modern color scheme of blood red and black. In a way, the bar is somewhat of a harlequin novels and cheap B movie posters, such as "The Attack of the 50 Foot Woman," which adorn the walls to good effect.

In terms of the jukebox, the Baby Bar has one of the most unique in taste as well as widest varieties available to choose from. And, best of all, there is no Lynyrd Skynyrd to be found anywhere in that selection. To its detriment, however, the jukebox is missing some of the newer varieties of rock 'n' roll and I don't mean crappy bands like Linkin Park or Puddle of Mudd.

The Baby Bar has a good selection of liquor and beer. Since I don't really like liquor, I will concentrate on some of the more appetizing selections of frothy goodness. First of all, the Baby Bar has Rogue beer on tap. Rogue beer, a microbrew out of Portland, Ore., is one of the greatest beers of all time in my estimation. As well, not only does the Baby Bar have Pabst Blue Ribbon, it also has PBR in the bottle, which is something of a rarity.

The Baby Bar has Spokane's historical, subculture side down pat.

There are no current plans for the expansion of the Baby Bar because, after all, then it wouldn't actually be the Baby Bar. Instead, it would be the Toddler Bar, or the Kindergarten Bar or something of that nature.

My only major gripe with the Baby Bar is that it is a non-smoking bar. However, to be fair, if it were a smoking bar it probably would not be a very breathing friendly place what with the lack of circulation and all.

The Baby Bar is located on First St. in downtown Spokane attached to the rear end of the Slick Rock Burrito. By the way, Slick Rock is an excellent place to eat a burrito. Not only are the burritos excellent eating, the portions are so large that a sumo wrestler might very well be satisfied after just one burrito. No kidding.
“Hate is a disease. Hate is a learned behavior. And anything learned can be unlearned … My brother didn’t choose to be born black, but he died because of it,” said Louvon Byrd Harris, opening a gate of hope and awareness.

Students, faculty and the general public all gathered at noon on March 1 in the Showalter Auditorium to hear the powerful words of Harris, sister of James Byrd Jr., the Texas man who was dragged to death behind a pickup truck in 1998.

Byrd was walking in his hometown of Jasper, Texas, when three white men attacked him.

They beat him and then chained him to the back of a pickup truck and drag him through a secret dirt road. Byrd, a husband and father of two, was found dead with a horrific dismembered body.

After the tragic event, the Byrd family wanted to give the nation a message of peace.

Their hopes were that some good would come from the event — it did. A fence in a local cemetery in Jasper that was used to separate the black graves from the white graves was taken down.

There was also a new law in Texas, named after James Byrd Jr., which declares all hate crimes a capital murder.

Of the three sentenced men, one was given the death penalty. It was the first time in Texas and the second time in the United States that a white man was given the death sentence for killing a black man.

James Marsh, a senior at Lewis & Clark High School, Spokane, who missed school to attend the speech, said that she remembered hearing about Byrd’s death. She said, “I was young and I didn’t know too much about racism and just the fact that I remembered that — I was shocked and appalled that humans would do that to another human.”

Marsh added, “As a person of color, this is something I wouldn’t miss seeing.”

Marsh recently was announced as the local winner of the NAACP Martin Luther King Jr. essay scholarship.

Billy Reed, a freshman, said he attended the event after hearing about it through his African-American Studies class. “It was traumatizing hearing about how he [Byrd] died,” but now, “I want to hear her story,” Reed said.

Reed added, “If it can happen in Texas, it can happen anywhere.”

Harris ended her speech by saying, “Don’t let this happen in your community. Have open dialogue, express your feelings and let others have compassion in listening. Be proactive instead of reactive.”

The family set up the James Byrd Jr. Foundation for Racial Healing as a memorial for Byrd and as a way of working toward the end of racism.

“It doesn’t take much to forget racism,” said Photography Professor Bob Lloyd, “racism is alive and well at Eastern. It has been a long time since I have been called the ‘n-word,’ but I find that I am treated like the ‘n-word.’”

Lloyd said that the university can begin the change in our community by hiring black faculty and admitting more black students.

The well-known racial equality speaker, Nate Jackson, also made a strong point during the gathering, there is no longer equal opportunity in Washington, he said.

Jackson’s son, Nate Jackson, a junior, was a key organizer of this Omega Psi Phi, EWU African American Education Program and Women’s Studies event.

Louvon Byrd Harris, sister of hate-crime victim James Byrd Jr., spoke March 1 about preventing further hate related incidences in the community.
Mack: All men are created equal

Continued from Front Page

By Seth Swift

SENIOR REPORTER

This year's Senior Class Gift Committee is currently on pace to break all previous fundraising records set in years past.

"Right now we're already about a pace of last year, so we're hoping to continue the trend and hopefully set benchmarks for years to come," said Allison Grass, the interim assistant director of Annual Giving in the University Development Department.

The committee is still admittely, a lot of work to be done before all is said and done.

This is the seventh year in all of EWU history that the senior class will have donated a lasting memorial to the school. "The first gift was the Herculean Pillars that sit outside Showalter," said Nicholas Peyton, who is a member of the Board of Trustees Office of the President.

Segregation is at the heart of many controversies and issues throughout our country. "Segregation is alive and well in the United States," said Ponder.

There has been a movement in the last three years by college students to bring the separate churches of the Methodist faith together, while keeping their individual identities. The four churches that are currently working together are the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal and the United Methodists.

Catherine Rosman, a member of United Methodist Student Movement at Eastern and who was on the panel of speakers, said that Methodists do not believe in preaching to people.

Also, she said, each Methodist church is different in practicing faith such as using music as a key source of preaching.

Breaking down segregation barriers

By Janica Lockhart

ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

United Pan-Methodist church members and Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Ponder spoke last Friday night in L.A. Hall with a panel discussion about the racial divide in churches.

Ponder said that the greatest hour of segregation is at 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings when races divide and go to separate churches.

"Segregation is alive and well in the United States," he said.

For some it is a comfort and tradition that keeps people separated, Ponder said.

When asked about what can be done to avoid this segregation, Ponder said that people need to look at the past and note that Americans are used to repeating history.

He added that people need to go back over old ground and think if people have done this before.

"There's a lot for us to think about," Ponder said.

On the first census in 2000 that allowed people to choose multiple ethnicities, Ponder said he questioned if it unifies or separates people.

"It does a little bit of both," he said.

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**Sports**

### Heater, Davis become champs

**By Brandon Hansen**

**Online Editor**

Junior Haley Heater and sophomore Angel Davis both became champions at the Big Sky Indoor Track & Field Championships held in Bozeman, Mont. Heater won the Women's 400 meter dash with a time of 56.39, and Davis won the Women's long jump with a time of 17.07.

The women's team finished in fourth place at the championships, and the men's team came in sixth.

Weber State won both the men and women's competitions.

Junior Carlin Prunty placed third, and freshman Camille Cobb placed fifth in the 800 meter run. Prunty also came in fifth for the Mile Run (5:00.62).

Also in the 400 meter dash, Janie Griffith placed seventh (57.82).

Coming in third for the Pole Vault was Sarah Hegna with a height of 3.62 meters. Wyntia Kramer also came in third for the Long Jump (5.63m).

Kramer finished tenth in the Triple Jump event (11.34m), followed by Teanna Mennhoek who took sixteenth.

Kramer also placed seventh in the 55-meter hurdles (8.65).

Anna Weik finished sixth in the weight throw (16.47m). She also took thirteenth in the Shot Put (12.84m).

In the high jump, Sara Foots took fifth (1.67m).

The women's 3400-meter Distance Medley Relay team finished fifth (12:44:60), and their Open 4x4 Relay team finished fourth (3:52.68).

In the 55-meter dash Josh Artis placed third (6.48).

Alex Moon finished second in the 400-meter dash (48.24).

For the 800-meter Run, Adam Vogt came in sixth (1:58.28), followed by Joshua Arnold in seventh (1:55.22) and Cassey Kellogg in eleventh (2:12.91). Kellogg also placed eleventh (4:22.24) in the one mile run.

Justin Drake scored a third-place spot (7.32m) in the Long Jump, followed by David Sarsoni (7.02m) in fifth and Geoff Penout in ninth (6.90m). Drake also finished thirteenth (22.67) in the 200-meter dash.

In the Weight Throw, David Paul placed tenth (15.90m).

Brandon Fuller finished eighth (8.40) in the 5000-meter run, with Jon Timmerman right behind him in twelfth (9.10.88). Fuller also placed seventh (15.06.39) in the 5000-meter Run, followed again by Timmerman in sixteenth (16:04.36) place.

For the Pole Vault, Mike Edickson took eighth (4.61m) and Justin Shrock took eleventh (4.54m).

Billy Grubbs took second (14.87m) in the Triple Jump, followed by Shawn Gabriel in twelfth (12.86m).

In the Heptathlon, Wes Loyd came in ninth (4205).

The Men's 3400-meter Medley Relay team took seventh (10:33.86), while its 4x400 Relay team took fifth (3:16.94).

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### EWU bit hard by Bengals

**By Brandon Hansen**

**Online Editor**

In front of 874 fans at Reese Bookstore in the PUB.

Students may pick up their tickets showing student ID, at the EWU Bookstore in the PUB.

Student tickets are $15.00, and purchase for the Big Sky Conference Tournament for only $5.00.

The Eagles were initially 20, but AEWU and Dining Services are seeking $15.00 of the refund.

Eagle sophomore Tiffany Schmidt (23) is blocked out by Idaho State senior Annie Anderson Feb. 28.

Anderson scored 13 points, grabbing 12 rebounds in the Bengals' 83-67 win at Reese Court.

The biggest thing was the energy level. We were up and down most of the game. Idaho State had a lot of little surges and we weren't able to do that ourselves," Schuller said.

"Kate has put up big numbers throughout the season," Schuller has stepped up with a senior season the way you're supposed to. Unfortunately, she hasn't had the supporting cast I thought we would."

Looking toward the Big Sky Conference Tournament March 11-12, Schuller said that experience with the Eagles may play a part in their future success.

"They've been there before, most of them, and successful," Schuller said. "Basically your goal is to get as prepared as you can on the floor."
Barnard flies high at EWU

By Brandon Hansen
Online Editor

Josh Barnard arrived in Cheney with a mission.

Having played for the University of Washington Huskies during the 2001-2002 season, he averaged 16.7 minutes and five points per game on the big stage of the Pac 10. He came back east to a relatively quiet little college town to accomplish one goal.

“I came here for a ring,” said Barnard.

With the Eagles cliching the regular season Big Sky Championship, Barnard and the team seem well on their way toward accomplishing that. It can be accredited to hard work and persistence, as the team was able to recover from a slow start.

“We once got that victory at Santa Clara on the road, our confidence went up. We knew we could win on the road as well as home,” said Barnard. “I’m very thankful that I had the opportunity to be a part of this team.”

A man of faith, Barnard said that his inspiration for playing basketball was Jesus Christ. Written on his shoes is Colossians 3:23. “Do everything you do for God and not man.”

“And after Him, my dad,” said Barnard. “I play for God, that’s the way I live my life.”

It doesn’t take much faith to believe that Barnard has been a huge impact on this team as he is leading the Eagles in three-point percentage, three-point attempts, three-pointers made and free-thow percentage. He is also averaging 9.5 points per game.

“Joe B. doesn’t want information,” said Barnard. “I come as a surprise.”

When Barnard isn’t on the basketball court working on his jumper, he’s at one of the numerous lakes that permeate the landscape of Eastern Washington.

“What I love doing the most is fishing. I go fishing every opportunity I have, no matter what the weather,” said Barnard. “Being out in the wilderness, going to the mountains, the lakes, I just like being outside.”

Despite the peacefulness of being outside, Barnard enjoys the noise of the crowd inside Reese Court.

“It’s great, once we started winning, the fans started coming, they get pumped up at the end of games. They’re really our sixth man,” said Barnard.

Barnard’s play has made him a constant focus of the opposition.

“They can’t leave me anywhere out on the court. My proven track record is that I’m a very good three-point shooter,” said Barnard.

“My favorite place is either the YMCA in Pasaythal, and then [Tukwila Community College], the junior college I went to,” said Barnard. “My favorite part of the game is just when somebody gets to penetrate and block and you’re sitting there and someone’s flying at you and you just get a chance to hit a three. I just love being that person that can step in and change the way the game is.”

In the minds of his opposing guards, Barnard stands tall, even with a bad case of tendinitis in his knees.

“I try to get here as early as possible, and I got to go through a lot of treatment to get my injury under control,” said Barnard. “I go through all my rehab stuff about an hour before the game, at the hot tub for 10, 15 minutes and mentally picture myself doing good things and picture the team doing good things.”

A “Super” fan like no other

By Amanda Burk
Reporter

Terry Stratton has attended every women’s basketball game since 1994, clad in an authentic Eagles uniform complete with EWU socks.

He sits in section B, behind the opposing bench, cheering his home team on. Clipboard in hand, keeping stats and yelling encouraging things such as “Focus ladies!” and “Onion Eggs!” At the very least, he makes the game more interesting.

If you’ve ever been to an EWU women’s basketball game, you have seen “Superfan.” But you may not know who he is.

Stratton, born and raised in Newport, Wash., attended Newport High School. Although it may come as a surprise, Stratton says he wasn’t always as involved with sports as he is today.

“It might sound a little strange, but I was led to do this,” Stratton said, when asked why he never misses a game.

He explained that a series of dreams incorporating the number 53 led him to believe that his place was with the women’s basketball program. Without question, he has remained faithful to the team for almost 10 years.

Currently studying for his master’s in Physical Education at EWU, Stratton remains incredibly involved with the Lady Eagles, attending practices, giving the team velvet roses, making and hanging signs before the games, keeping stats, archiving, writing and reading the team inspirational poetry.

ESU holds youth soccer clinic for coaches

By Kristen Johnson
Reporter

EWU and the Spokane Valley Junior Soccer Association hosted the National Soccer Coaches Association State Diploma Course in the Jim Thorpe Fieldhouse Feb. 28.

The goal of this course, which was geared towards coaches of youth ages 8 to 12, was to educate the coaches and instill the understanding of the game’s methodology.

“It is imperative for coaches to become effective teachers during practice. We hope that this course teaches that,” said George Hageage, the course instructor and Eagles soccer head coach.

This clinic focused on the technical aspects of soccer including foot and ball handling skills. It also highlighted some practical skills such as how to organize a practice and how to deal with parents.

“One of the main challenges facing coaches when coaching youth soccer is getting the kids to love the game,” said Hageage.

“Unlike other sports, the game of soccer is always changing. There are no real set plays and the coach has less control over what happens in the game,” said Hageage.

Emphasis on fundamental skills allows the players to be successful even when playing games is not exactly as it is in practice.

Coaches from Spokane, Idaho and Oregon were in attendance. “This is a real opportunity for us to get our name out there,” said Hageage.

Hageage feels that interaction within the community is a very important aspect to his role at Eastern. “One of my jobs as head coach is to reach out to the community and that is why I got involved with the NSCAA,” said Hageage.

The NSCAA is the largest single sport coaches association in the world. The NSCAA exists to educate, support and recognize coaches in their effort to impact the diverse soccer community.
Virtual Prediction

By Dustin Stipes
Senior Photographer

Though the wonderful technology of the modern XBox, we are able to predict the upcoming Democritic
-election with a single game. Here are this week's results.

We are going to predict the man who is going to take on Ms. G. Dubya. So first off let's narrow this thing down to two.
MSNBC's poll says John Kerry and John Edwards are the front runners so we will go with them. I was going to throw
Shamon in there but I felt things might have gotten messy.

The game I choose today was Halo

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