Will you be safe this Y2K season?

Jennifer Harrington
News Editor

Eastern Washington University officials are doing their best to make sure you aren't left out in the cold when you return to school this winter quarter.

Eastern started making Y2K preparations in 1996 (long before most people had even heard of the millennium bug), said Patricia Kelley, dean of libraries and chairperson for the Y2K steering committee.

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Eastern has been running desktop computer checks to determine whether computers will be able to function post Y2K.

Computers were checked all over the university, and were either given a sticker saying they were Y2K compliant, or a sheet of paper saying what needs to be done to bring the system up to compliance, said Kelley.

The embedded or essential systems include power, boilers, generators, elevators, etc., Kelley continued, saying that the heating and cooling of the campus buildings is the most vulnerable to Y2K problems.

"We'll just have to be prepared to put on generator to keep people comfortable," Kelley named Y2K as the reason that winter quarter classes aren't starting until Wednesday, January 5. Dorm residents also will not be moving into the dorms over the holiday weekend.

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The building will be the "backup hall" for any Y2K related problems.

The building will be equipped with generators among other things, in the event that there are any problems, said Toni Taylor of the department of housing and residential life.

Monroe Hall undergoes renewal

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News Editor

In winter quarter 2001, students may be taking classes in the newly remodeled Monroe Hall.

Monroe Hall, originally built in 1916 as a dormitory, is currently under renovation that will more than double the square footage of the building, said Mike Irish, associate vice president for facilities and planning.

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"[Monroe] will have all new electrical, heating and cooling," said Irish. "Most of the buildings on campus are connected with utility tunnels to our utility plant. The tunnels provide steam for heating and chilled water for cooling to the buildings. Monroe Hall was not formerly connected to this system."

"Wherever possible, we run electrical in the tunnel, and telephone and data lines," said Irish.

The programs housed in Monroe Hall have been moved to alternate locations for the duration of construction. Some of the programs, such as women's studies, African American education, Chicano education, and the learning skills center and the McNair scholars, said Irish.

The only programs not returning to Monroe will be continuing education, and archaeological and historical services, Irish continued.

Key

- Old Monroe Hall
- New Monroe Hall
Students seeing red over print fee

Seth Swift

Examiner Reporter

Outraged.

While the word is strong, perhaps too strong in some cases, many students who access the computer labs on the EWU, Eastern Washington University, campus at the Spokane and Riverpoint libraries are a trifle angered.

"One student, who will have to remain nameless due to a lack of class, said, "It's (freakin') bullshit!""

What he is referring to is the new fee that the computer labs are charging for students to print their documents.

"Five cents, which is what it costs to print, doesn't sound like much when a person is counting it out change for a soda, but as any economic major can tell you, five cents will add up fast.

This is also true of printing costs for the computer labs, who are working with a limited budget. In one year alone, the sum of 1997 to the summer of 1998, the computer labs saw an increase of 5,440,000 pages printed. Then, looking at the 50 to 40 percent increase on the charge of money being spent each year in print, the computer lab administration had to do something or face being nothing. This was the biggest change that the labs implemented the print-out fee.

"We had to put student abuses of the printing facilities in check," said Carl Combs, head of University Computer Labs. He went on to say, "It is unfair to all students who use the labs if a few students can use up the lab's entire print budget."

As recently as spring quarter of 1999, some students printed out over 900 pages from the web for just one assignment. Also in '99, the student body in general was going through 200,000 pages of paper a month, 20,000 to 40,000 of which students were just tossing in the recycling bins by the printers.

The computer labs were originally intended for academic purposes, but 80 percent of the printing that students were doing was for personal use, said Combs. Examples of these personal printings are Harley Davidson web pages or NFL homepages.

Justin Kaasimam, a student who is pursuing a masters degree in social work, had to say to reference the fee as a ten cent fee. "If they are going to charge us [to print], there should be an improvement on the programs as they stand. As it is, we're taking three steps back in order to achieve the original product." He went on to say he would like to know when this print fee pays for.

After speaking to Combs where the money was going was made clear. The print fee is paying for exactly what it says and nothing else. There are no punch outs being pulled and, furthermore, the computer labs do not make a profit from the fees. What they make immediately put back to the students in the form of printing paper and supplies. The motivation for the fee, as stated before, is to check the abuses of students and their printing practices. Combs added, "[it's] to provide an equal share of the print budget to each student using the labs.

The fee also came into practice because not a single cent of the lab or tech fee most students pay goes towards the cost of printing supplies. In the past the way printing was paid for was through limited fund's allocated by the college. As it stands, students who have paid their lab or tech fee begin with a six-dollar credit, or a base of 120 pages to print each quarter.

These pages can be stretched even farther with a couple tricks that computer lab employees are willing and required to show students on request. There is a possibility of up to four pages students can put on one piece of paper. This adds up to a whopping 340 pages students can print to, with their six dollar credit.

After their credited pages have been used up, students must pay money on their cash chip in order to print any more papers. "It's my goal," said Combs, "that students will not have to pay extra for academic related printouts.

"One student, who works in the computer lab explained that many students complain about the fee every day. This student went on to say that "they (the computer lab administration) did too much too quick. They should have given students more time to adjust to such a fee, rather than dumping it on them all at once.

But the computer labs aren't the first to charge a fee for printing documents. The John F. Kennedy library has been doing so since the winter quarter of '98. To this change, however, there was no notable reaction by the student body. The reason Dave Nelson, head of Library Information Services Division, gave was "because students already had to pay five cents for the copy machines to take their library work home, so it wasn't much of a change."

What happened as a result of this implementation was that many students went and printed off the library's online texts in the computer labs where they could print for free, until this quarter. Diann Le, a student in her second year at Eastern, had this to say, "I know of a lot of colleges that charge a fee [to print], but if the computer labs were going to start charging a fee, they should have done so when the library started. The changes should have been uniform."

By comparison, Washington State University, computer labs charge 15 cents a copy and make their students dole out a $60 lab fee for their use each semester. At the University of Washington students pay eight to 15 cents a copy, depending on quality, and pay a mandatory $41 lab fee per quarter.

However, many returning students are angry over the fee (freshmen have known no other way and have only shown surprise that a fee didn't exist last year). If students have any suggestions, comments or complaints about this fee or the computer lab in general, the best way to make them is personally. There is a suggestion box in the computer lab on campus and at the Spokane and Riverpoint computer labs, which is located at the front desk. An alternative way to make these suggestions or comments. Combs would like pointed out, would be to visit the online survey at www.labs.ewu.edu.

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When Betas go BADD

John McCallum

Starting soon, the guys at Beta Theta Pi fraternity will be BADD. BADD as in Beta's Against Drunken Driving, a program designed to help the fraternity deal with alcohol abuse within the house. According to program coordinator Chris Bartl, the BADD campaign is designed for a very specific purpose: to provide a rides home for fraternity members who have had too much to drink.

"It's not a taxi service that's going to ferry people around from party to party, bar to bar," Bartl says. "The drivers are there to pick you up, take you home and put you to bed.

The program works like this: Beta members will carry a card in their wallet with a phone number on it. Calling the number will activate a pager Greek system and dispatch a member, who paged said. He feels that a designated driver is the key to stopping drunk driving.

The committee also recommended the elimination of the Theatre Education and Geography Education programs, reasoning the elimination as a necessity since there is no longer an endorsement for these departments.

The committee also recommended that the Masters in Secondary Education Mathematics will be consolidated as an option in the general Mathematics education. On a brighter note the committee recommended that the Music Department be designated a School of Music by this quarter, and begin immediately creating a two year and five year plans to achieve the status as a University Center of Excellence.

The Education Department will be losing endorsements in five categories, including German Education and Theater Education. Additional endorsements to be eliminated are the Department of Psychology Education, Natural Science Education, and Technology Supported Education.

The committee eliminated those endorsements because they lie, German Education and Theater Education, are no longer state endorsements.

Professor Scott's Philosophy Department isn't accepting any majors so the committee has assumed the department to be in fact, banked, and will continue to be as such, not accepting majors until a formal letter from the Philosophy Department is sent to the Undergraduate Affairs Council.

Scott is concerned with Eastern's regional status compared with the philosophy department of other universities.

"Every other university that I know about has done well with their philosophy program," said Scott. "While we've been declining, other universities have been at least holding constant, so it's not a general decline in the area of our university." Eastern seems to be an exception in the northwest in terms of its philosophy department.

According to Scott, the University of Idaho, which for years had only three professors in its philosophy department, now has five on track for tenure and four visiting. Western State University has always had a seven-professor department, and for the last three years has been losing one professor a year to retirement, but at the same time they have been hiring to keep their departmental levels steady.
Cruise the mall, shop for a degree

Mark Bogman
Eastside Reporter

EWU has recently teamed up with J.P. Realty, the owners of the Valley Mall, to offer select classes at the mall's new community center. The lead for this effort or one Oct. 7, and EWU classes started Oct. 14, with 35 students, said Alice Di Cicco, EWU's vice provost for the Division of Educational Outreach.

As this new relationship benefits the local community and EWU students as well. "Mall space for university classrooms is relatively new," said Dionne.

In the offering is a BA degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, said John Neace, Director of Interdisciplinary Studies. The focus is on organizational leadership. This fall brings a portfolio assessment class to determine what professional students need and credit for prior experience, he said. Public lecture and management classes are offered this winter and spring, respectively.

Interdisciplinary Studies have been around for 20 years, said Neace. It is open to all stu-
dents at EWU, but usually attracts non-traditional students. Students design their own course of study with guidelines set by the College of Business and Letters of Arts and Social Sciences.

Any controversy about the BA program is probably in the off-campus location, Neace said. The Spokane Valley Mall was third on the consideration list, but excellent class facilities, free parking and good security, and a $44,000 yearly distribution in free rent space from J.P. Reality, make it a natural go-to.

A segment of EWU's College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences faculty has concerns about the partnership now existing between EWU and J.P. Reality, owner of the Spokane Valley Mall. The business and educational relationship may not be in the best of interests for employers and the students, said State Senator and Eastern Professor, Laura L. Phillips.

Phillips feels the commercialization of education within a mall shopping center will bring a negative impact to Eastern, cheapening the experience of quality schooling. Getting a BA, "would be like buying a sand-
dollar," students would miss the "on campus experience in Cheney," she said.

Faculty is left out of the two party government processes, said Phillips. There was no prior knowledge to the approval of the Valley Mall program except through a press release last Sept. Disregarding faculty couldn't raise comments, concerns, or issues in this matter, she said.

This could very well present Eastern with an image too difficult for some potential students and state legislators. EWU may appear to be desperate for classroom space and hard up finding it, Phillips said. There is nothing wrong with off campus satellites, other universities use them and Eastern already has them. If students want off campus classes, they can go downtown where there are support facilities in existence now, she said. Senator Phillips feels that the move to the Valley Mall is pointless and inexpedient. With the recent changes in administration, legislative funding cut backs and Eastern's former reputation as a non-transfer school, at risk, the schools current up swing in student registration.

"EWU has the ability to offer a quality education, the Mall cheapens the quality image of education," Phillips said. Those concerned with off campus education, non-traditional students and Interdisciplinary Studies majors feel that educational facilities within a shopping mall offer an asset to EWU and the region.

Should the Valley Mall Learning Center expand classes, there must be some support facilities, computer labs, books, sales, registration, etc., said Phillips, asking if EWU could afford this through student tuition on a yearly contract.

Funding for the Valley Mall will come from a student tuition, said Dr. Niel Zimmerman, vice president, and provost. EWU will have to pay the Valley Mall on a yearly contract basis. When operating costs become a burden to EWU, it will be time to pull out of the Mall, Zimmerman said.

Nick Bunkley
University of Michigan Daily

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- The drug known as "liquid ecstasy" is one of the consequences in the same category as LSD and marijuana, after the House of Representatives voted 423-1 to pass a bill sponsored by two Michigan lawmakers that will designate GHB as a federal controlled substance.


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The Eastern Eagles strengthened their grip on first place following Wednesday's victory over the Weber State Wildcats in Ogden, Utah. The Eagles won the first game by a convincing 15-4 margin, before the Wildcats tied up the match with a 15-6 victory. Eastern won a pair of hard-fought games, 15-14 and 15-12, to escape with the victory.

Lacey Cover led the way with 17 kills and 19 digs, but it was the contribution of other players that had Pam Parks smiling afterwards.

"Stephanie (Dahllstedt) played with great intensity against Montana State," said Parks. "Jolene Heimbigner did a great job defensively and Janelle Ruehn played great all-around for us.

Two days later Eastern swept the University of Montana Grizzlies in three games before a crowd of 1,104 fans.

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Notes: Southeastern defeated Gonzaga 15-1, 15-12, 15-3 at Reese Court. Eastern recorded a .262 hitting percentage for the match while forcing GU to hit a -.029 in the contest.

Notes: Eastern won both encounters with Gonzaga last season, winning 15-9, 15-1, 15-1 in Cheney, and 15-12, 15-9, 15-0 in Spokane. The Eagles will be off for nine days following the match before they travel to Pocatello, Id. to face the Idaho State Bengals.

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**INTRAMURAL SPORTS**

Sunday leagues bring increased participation

With increased participation and the start of new programs, EWU's Intramural (IM) Sports Program's fall quarter is looking very successful so far, according to IM Sports Director, Mike Campitelli.

"We've especially increased enrollment in football and volleyball, and the rest of the sports are about the same," said Campitelli.

Campitelli says that this year's addition of Sunday-only leagues has also increased enrollment a great deal. According to Campitelli, there are currently 10 teams playing in the Sunday leagues, which include seven softball teams, seven volleyball teams, and four basketball teams.

"It's great to see that kind of turnout for weekend events," said Campitelli. "Very cool."

This quarter is also the first time Ultimate Frisbee has been offered as a regular league, said Campitelli. According to Campitelli, there are currently only two teams in the league, but, as is with other IM sports, it's not too late to join until playoffs begin.

"Even if you don't have a team to play on, we have plenty of free agent teams any student could play on," said Campitelli.

Free, one-day special events will also increase IM participation, according to Campitelli. The Gold Scramble, the first special event of the year, drew 36 students and faculty to play on September 29.

"That's a really good turnout for this early in the year," said Campitelli.

The Scramble included an 18-hole course, a long-drive contest, and a closest-to-the-pin contest.

Special Events Week will be held October 25 - 28. Campitelli says the events are free to all students who sign up 30 minutes prior to the event, and can be especially good for students who don't have a schedule that permits regular participation.

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**SOCCER**

Gonzaga Bulldogs at EWU

Monday 2pm

EWU Soccer Field

Eastern returns to the Sports and Recreation Center in Cheney after playing their last seven contests away from Cheney in this replay of their September 29 encounter in Spokane.

One year after falling to the Bulldogs by 10-1 and 5-1 scores, the Eagles defeated Gonzaga 2-0, as Katie Grothkopp firmly entrenched herself as the EWU goalkeeper, while recording Eastern's first victory of the season. Katie Bowers and Kyla Hamilton were the goal scorers for the Eagles.

In their last game the Eagles were shut out by the University of Montana, 4-0. Grothkopp turned in a stellar performance recording 20 saves in the contest, which saw EWU outshot 37-4.

Eastern will return to conference play for their next three matches before closing out the season with a non-conference match against the University of Wyoming.
Eagles fall to Boise State

Eastern fell into a quick hole and could never recover, as they were defeated by the Boise State Broncos 41-7.

Eagle quarterback Chris Samms fumbled on the first play from scrimmage and Boise State scored two plays later as they raced out to a 34-0 halftime lead.

The Broncos scored the only points of the third quarter on a fumble return for a TD, and the Eagles finally got on the scoreboard with less than a minute remaining when Rich Naccarato scored on a 7-yard reception from backup QB Eli Meldahl.

Boise State outgained the Eagles 473-243 yards and held a 36:20-23:40 time of possession advantage.

The Eagles vaunted rushing attack was held to 44 yards on 24 carries, including leading rusher Jovan Griffith who was held to four yards on six carries.

The lone bright spot for the Eagles was return man Lamont Brightful, who took over the NCAA Division I-AA lead with a 38:1 yard average. For the contest Brightful returned three kickoffs for 104 yards.

Cross Country: Cougar Invitational

Last week Eastern won five of six dual meets at the Cougar Invitational Cross Country Meet in Pullman. The women's team swept Washington State (25-30), Idaho (22-33) and Gonzaga (15-49) while being edged by Washington State's six duels at the Ogilvie Invitational (22-33) and Gonzaga (16-39). The men defeated Idaho (26-29) and Gonzaga (15-49) while being edged by Washington State (26-29).

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Bring back prohibition

Dave Humphreys

In 1918, congress passed the 18th amendment abolishing the manufacture, sale, and purchase of alcohol. Less than 20 years later, the law was repealed. Not to sound stupid, but why?

According to today’s popular opinion, prohibition was ended because it financially failed; the laws were hard to enforce, and alcohol was in greater supply than before. But some historians would argue otherwise. Some like Richard Shenkman would say that prohibition was ended because it was successful.

In Shenkman’s book “I Love Paul Revere Whether He Rode or Not,” before prohibition, Americans consumed 21 gallons of pure alcohol per capita annually. By comparison, in 1934, the year after prohibition ended, Americans consumed less than half that, approximately 9.7 gallons. It did raise a little as America got used to alcohol again, but remained considerably less than pre-prohibition years, with each American consuming 1.56 gallons of pure alcohol in 1940. Not surprisingly, Shenkman says prohibition led to a boom for dairy farmers, as well as the Coca-Cola and Welch Grape Juice Company.

The FBI said it would cost $300 million to enforce prohibition, yet only received $7 million, and was still able to cause the cost of alcohol to skyrocket. The cost of a glass of beer increased 600 percent, gin increased 520 percent, and whiskey increased 310 percent.

So must now wonder: What would happen if we reintroduced prohibition today? Here are 21 reasons why we should ban the bottle:

- DUI’s would decrease.
- The crime rate would increase overall just due to the lag time of enforcement, but alcohol related deaths would significantly decrease.
- Toxos “Wozza Rott.”
- Homelessness would probably decrease.
- College grades would increase.
- There would be fewer “morning after surprises.”
- Alcohol Anonymous membership would decrease.
- Greek Row might actually go dry.
- Mouthwash would be used for purposes other than halitosis.
- Cheney cops would be too busy keg-busting to give traffic tickets.
- Jerry Springer would go off the air.
- Certain members of the Easterner staff would be too busy to make sense.
- Phil River would stop making empty promises about burglars.
- Grass all over Cheney would assume its normal growing pattern.
- People might forget beer tastes good.

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Letters to the Editor

Get Met, It Plays

Dear Editor,

As a follow-up to Jennifer Harrington's article on "Regal Cinemas" I want to let the EWU community know that Art Cinema at the Met in Spokane, corner of Lincoln & Sprague, now shows quality, thought-provoking films at reasonable prices.

The elegant Met Theater shows award winning international films on select Wednesdays (one night only) each month. The Oct. 27th "Buena Vista Social Club" features Ry Cooder & great Latin musicians in contemporary Havana. Tickets are $5. Phone 624-6466 for times and dates of future screenings.

Mary Benham
Honors Coordinator, EWU

Opinion

Give us butt condoms or give us piss

Seth Swift
Examiner Reporter

Please take the time to read this. It can help the curse God put on us all, and most of you being college students, the future leaders of this (great!) nation, are in a position to do something about it.

It's five minutes before class lets out. You look at your watch every twelve and a half seconds. "I can make it," is the mantra you repeat to yourself. You aren't a particularly religious soul, but now you're ready to implore God to get you through this test with all the busy prayer technique you can summon up for your cause.

There's four minutes left. "God, please, just get me through this. I promise I'll never kick my cat Baldy again." You've already packed your backpack. You are on the edge of your seat as if the second is we probably lose out on at least 20 seconds without one or both legs going into convulsions and cramping. I would be forced onto the toilet seat and my discomfort would be increased twofold with cramped legs and diseased butt sweat slowly spreading throughout my nether regions.

You might point out to me, "Wait. You could put toilet paper on the seat." Or you could wipe the toilet seat off before you sit down. It's simple, really.

I would reply, "Shut up! I'm trying to make a point here!"

The point is, to bring our beloved president into it again, why not just splurge a little Dr. Jordan? Why not make my most private moments here on campus that much less stressful? Lord, Buddha and Allah (just to include the big players in world affairs) all know that I'm stressed enough over papers and deadlines for articles that I shouldn't have to worry about what disease is slowly winding its way through my most private areas. It would be the compassionate thing to do, not to mention the safe thing to do.

Besides, who knows, this could bring the overall grade point average of the whole school up. Someone smarter than me said, "It's the little things that count." And I believe him (or her).
On behalf of the Easterer, this reporter would like to introduce you to Japan.

Okay, not Japan exactly, but the closest we have there on the EWU campus will ever come to meeting Japan and learning about its customs and its culture. Azuma Abe meets America: America, Azuma. He is a foreign exchange student from Tokyo and currently excels as a student here in Cheney, although it's just a small town in the back-woods of Washington. The first thing that will come out of his mouth if one were to ask him what he thinks of Cheney is "So much space." He comes from a city whose population density is astounding, especially considering the fact that much of the chain of islands that Japan is made up of is mountainous and uninhabitable. And this city life is what he will affirm has shaped him the most.

Azuma is from a family of four. His father is a college professor, his mother a high school teacher and his brother a student pursuing his bachelor's degree in economics. Azuma himself, at this point in his education, is studying law and hopes someday to be a teacher. He does affirm that, as with most college students, hopes for the future can change with the wind.

When asked if he loves his family, he explained that Japanese don't necessarily use the word love in a family, but would pretty much use the word "like" in most cases. He explained that Japanese don't care much about how often they see each other. He doesn't miss his brother much, though. "I have friends and people he knows don't see me at all. I had a group of friends from my college, the College of Tokyo, who came here with me, but I haven't seen them in a long time."

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Detective Trent found a small pink key. It was a charm clutched tightly in Bianca's hand and an appointment card from the Writer's Center lying nearby. It was crumpled and had blood spots on it. Trent walked across the path from the science building to the third floor of the P.U.B.

The Writer's Center Appointment book lay open on the front desk. Flipping back to the date scheduled on the card, September 30th at 8 a.m., Trent found out that Alessandro Hobart had that appointment. Chris was the respondent.

Chris, unfortunately, was on a week paid vacation to Maui and was unavailable for questioning. None of the other respondents had ever worked with Hobart and his file could not be found.

Undeterred by this, Trent searched the EWU student and faculty files for Hobart. He was not enrolled or working at any Eastern branch. Hobart did not exist.

Back in the science building, Raymond and Todd were being questioned by Trent's assistant, Officer Keeve.

"I just wanted a soda, Ray," Todd said.

"You're the one who said you'd kill for one," Raymond replied.

Trent pointed at the two of them. "Are you sure the murderer was male?" he asked.

"No, not really," Raymond said.

"Whoever it was had a ball cap on. An old faded one, and he also had a green jacket." "That narrows it down to about three hundred people," Todd replied sarcastically. "The only one I know who wears a green jacket is Dave, but he has no motive." Officer Keeve, convinced the two were not involved any further, let them go.

Skip and Melvin were studying together in the library when they heard who had been killed in the science building that day. For the last few days, Bianca had actually left them alone. Skip thought she must have been sick or something, and the whole science building had been closed for the investigation.

"Can I believe someone could do that?" Skip said. His homework lay untouched in front of him.

"At least Bianca can't pick on us anymore," Melvin pointed out.

"She's dead. There's a difference between not picking on us and can't pick on us. I just want her to leave me alone, not die. It's not like she asked for someone to break a fire extinguisher over her head."

"You're probably safe then," Raymond replied.

"Yes, I am. I just don't understand why this is happening to us," Skip said. Melvin re-adjusted his glasses on his nose. "I mean, she's the type of person who thrives on people like us. If she stopped picking on you, she'd find someone else to pick on. Trust me, I know it sounds bad, but sometimes it's better off this way."

"Hey, man, you're probably safe," Todd replied sarcastically. "The Body Shop. I need to get some visits in."

"Well, I'll see you later, buddy," Melvin replied.

"Where are you going?" Skip asked.

"To the Body Shop. I need to get some visits in."

"What if the killer saw us?" Todd asked. "It's not like they could come after us next?"

"No. They'll put us in some sort of program and send us to Jersey or somewhere with a new name and everything."

"Oh."

"You saw who killed her?" Skip was astonished.

"No really. We saw what happened and what the guy was--"

"Or girl--"

"Was wearing, Todd finished. "You're probably safe then," Skip told them and he headed for the door.

"Why's that?" Raymond and Todd asked at the same time.

"If you really couldn't see him, that chances are he couldn't really see you, either," With that said, Skip walked out of the room and across the street to the gym.

In the locker room, Skip opened his bag and found a note inside. He was about to read it when suddenly something wrapped around his throat. It was a small blue towel. Skip clawed at it, but he could not loosen it. He could not breathe! He tried to struggle, but he was too weak. His vision grew fuzzy and blurred, darker and darker until he felt his body go limp and the slowing beats in his head finally stopped.

Detective Trent arrived in the Body Shop locker room just as the E.M.T.'s were wheeling Skip to the hospital. The loss of blood to his brain had put him into a coma. Trent knew he was an attempted murder by reading the note he found by Skip's bag. It said... "...The Celestia" a restaurant. "Buy bread, butter, and milk? Redun? You decide. Go to the Body Shop for the second clue."

The OC Supertones have followed up their latest album, "The Supertones Strike Back," with an audience-broadening, Eutrophic, so do not let yourself getGEOM column, well worth the $17. The OC Supertones will be playing the Spokane Convention Center on Nov. 18 and tickets are available at most bible book stores. However, one piece of advice for those who decide to go ballistic at Creation '99. Supertones audiences are one of the most energetic, so do not let yourself get too far forward in the crowd.

With the volume set on low, "Chase the Sun" and "Grounded" march out and grab you by the eardrums and don't let you go until you've been smashed, shredded, and finally surrendered to their beats. "Old Friend" is a light Spanish acoustic ballad with a light yewmwl while "Refuge" ends the album on a brooding note. In between, the album shows off their typified yet perfected ska form which comes up another level in "Halachicka's" and "Banana."

I usually judge albums by the number of singles I would buy, and Chase the Sun has eight, well worth the $17. The OC Supertones are playing the Spokane Convention Center on Nov. 18 and tickets are available at most bible book stores. However, one piece of advice for those who decide to go ballistic at Creation '99. Supertones audiences are one of the most energetic, so do not let yourself get too far forward in the crowd.

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Adding power to the stringed talents of Tony Turcer(bass) and Brian Jones(guitar), play rhythmic back up with drummer Jason Carson in most of the tracks, but front power checks in the beginning of "Fade Away" and "One Voice" demonstrate the pair's ability to let their strings dominate the instrument sound and deep acoustic renditions in "Old Friend" and "Refuge" show a new talent of the band to get across its message.
SNL created a Superstar

Jolin Haley
Student Life Writer

What is the word that comes to mind when you think of Saturday Night Live’s Mary Katherine Gallagher? Superstar! Gallagher was wanted to be a superstar since she was a little girl. She has always known the only way she could ever receive her dream kiss, like those in the movies, would be for her to appear in movies herself. Gallagher, a throwback to the 50's, played brilliantly by creator Molly Shannon, must overcome several obstacles before her dreams can be fulfilled.

The first is her feisty wheelchair-bound grandmother (Glynis Johns) who forbids her to have anything to do with show business due to the unfortunate mishap that killed her two parents while they were performing in a talent show. The second is Gallagher herself. A bit on the homely side, Gallagher is a horn-rimmed glasses, huge white cotton-panty-wearing nerd, who spends time trying to coax her breasts into growing. Yet, it’s these traits which leave the audience pulling for her to achieve her dreams.

After deciding to become a superstar, Gallagher told everybody about her goal of stardom. The school put her in special ed because you’re so special,” said Father Ritter (Mark McKinney). But soon Mary finds friends who actually encourage her to pursue her dreams of superstardom. They convince her to tryout for St. Monica’s “Let’s Fight Venereal Disease Talent Contest.” The winner of the school-based production receives the opportunity to appear as an extra in a film with “standing moral values.” Gallagher performs well enough at auditions to get in the talent show. She also gains the interest of her dream guy, the school bank-Sky Corrigan (played by Will Farrell) and the hatred of his girlfriend, the head cheerleader Evan (Thune Hendris).

This is an extremely entertaining movie, provided you know what you are getting yourself into. People expecting to see a five star movie will probably be disappointed. Those who are expecting to see an hour and a half Saturday Night Live skit should leave completely satisfied. Superstar has plenty of gut-wrenching laughter. Whether Gallagher is falling over chairs, re-creating obscure movie monologues, putting her fingers in her armpits and smelling them when nervous or just french kissing a tree, she will keep you amused.

For people who enjoy Saturday Night Live, this movie is a perfect treat. A little on the short-side (82 minutes), it’s another example of how the SNL studios are doing an excellent job of bringing the humor of the television show to the big screen. To laugh like it’s a Saturday Night, check out Superstar.

Teeter-Totter Time

John McGallum
Editor

Members of Sigma Nu and Alpha Omicron Pi will be riding a teeter-totter for 24 hours this weekend to raise money for charity. The “Teeter-Totter-A-Thon” will begin Friday at 5 p.m. in the Fossell Foods parking lot.

According to Sigma Nu president Jay West, this is the fifth year that the fraternity and sorority have held this event during homecoming to raise money for local charities. Kevin Spive, the event coordinator for Sigma Nu, says that members are out collecting pledges from within the community, and they will also take pledges at the event sites. Money raised will go to the Washington Star Foundation and the Arthritis Research Foundation.

Four Sorority and fraternity members will take turns riding the teeter-totter. Both members and a faculty member will ride on each side, taking turns with other members, said Tara Finch, AOII President. The teeter-totter will be moved to the parking lot behind Woodward Field around 1 p.m. on Saturday and will finish there at 5 p.m.

African Ballet

Shawna Ernst
Editor

For the past 18 years, the Northwest African American Ballet has been presenting and teaching African culture through dance. The company incorporates explosive rhythms, vivid costumes, and the acclaimed utility of the flute. Smith come together to form an enlightening experience. Eastern’s African American Education Program sponsored the ballet on October 16 for an energetic audience.

At one point Smith declared, “I didn’t know Spokane could be this lively!”

The show consisted of three African dances from Gambia, Mali and Senegal, all with three musical pieces on drums and flutes. The night was not only exciting, but humorous as well. At one point, the Fimbiont’s theme song was played on a traditional African drum. The critically acclaimed ballet was well worth the donation of non-perishable food to the Spokane Community College Food Bank that was required for attendance.

After an hour and a quarter of applause, the troupe performed an encore. For those who missed out on this opportunity, the company’s home city is in Portland.

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