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Eastern bombs WSU!

Jennifer Harrington Smut Editor

EWU President Stephen Jordan declared war on Washington State University last weekend, citing irreconcilable differences as the cause of the conflict. Multiple methods of attack have been implemented.

"The first phase of our attack against the Cougs was a barrage of missiles. The warheads were filled week-old Baldy's food, and were launched into the heart of the enemy territory. I call it, hee hee hee, Operation Eagle Droppings," said Jordan. "Apparently, Phase I of our attack was a great success."

According to reports from WSU, there have been many severe injuries due to the fact that students there have not built up an immunity to the substance emitted by the warheads. However, there have not as yet been any casualties.

'EWU students are exposed to the secret substance in the food over a long period of time, starting with a small, harmless amount. Over the course of the quarter the substance is slowly increased as students form an immunity to it. This is why Baldy's food seems to get more unpleasant over the course of the quarter. If a student were to suddenly be exposed to end-of-quarter levels, the results would be devastating," said an EWU biochemistry major, wishing to remain anonymous.

The possible symptoms of end-of-quarter exposure to Baldy's food could include stomach convulsions and cramping, nausea, headache and disorien-



▲WSU students run for cover in the face of EWU's attack on their central campus area. Eastern has bombarded WSU with Baldy's food warheads, and killer squirrel paratroopers.

tation. In severe cases, hallucinations could be present, said the student. "In a way, this could be considered a form of biological warfare."

According to Jordan, there are still two more phases in the attack-'Killer Squirrel' paratroopers will be launched into WSU's central quad area, and EWU ROTC cadets will be recruited to carryout espionage missions behind enemy lines.

"Ever since last April when we first became aware of our killer squirrel population, we've been wracking our brains trying to figure out what to do with the little buggers. This is the solution we've been looking for," said Jordan. "We've got some very competent men and women in our ROTC program and we intend to exploit, er... I mean, fully implement there skills."

Today's students turn tricks for tuition

In the face of financial adversity, students seek out

alternative methods of raising tuition money.

Steven J. Barry Easterner Reporter & Resident Stalker

For most students at Eastern, paying for the costs of education is done through a few simple methods, including loans, grants, scholarships, and work-study programs. There are, however, quite a few viable alternatives to these traditional methods that can make financing an education much easier.

State Line, Idaho, for example, provides some outstanding employment opportunities, although there have been reports of discrimination in hiring. For example, when I went to fill out a job application at one of the establishments there, they told me they preferred female applicants. Boy, was I mad about that one.

Another method that has grown in popularity a great deal is selling large amounts of plasma to local blood banks.

One EWU student, when asked about selling his plasma, said, "They say you have to wait two weeks between donations, but all they're concerned about is your well being. I don't mind not having an immune system; it's really not that much different from having AIDS. I mean, if that's what it takes to keep me in the thriving metropolis of Cheney, then so be it."

Although Cheney is a huge, thriving metropolis, it doesn't provide the type of atmosphere necessary for one of the other very popular alternatives to financing an education. For this alternative, students must head to the prestigious area surrounding Sprague Avenue in downtown Spokane.

"The beauty of heading down to Sprague is the variety," said one student who, surprisingly, chose to remain anonymous. "The work is almost never the same, and you get to meet all sorts of interesting people."

The student later commented they didn't think they could ever shower enough to feel clean again.

One more drastic possibility, used by only a select few students, is to not drink beer or smoke cigarettes. The Easterner staff, however, does not endorse such extreme measures.

"We've discovered something that a lot of students don't realize," said one non-drinker. "That is that you can save money if you don't buy alcohol or tobacco. Most people think we're crazy, but it really does work."

OK-they may not be drinking or smoking tobacco, but they're obviously on something. Time to lay off the hard stuff, guys. Needless to say, the majority of students are skeptical of this method-they firmly believe it's still much easier to sell themselves on Sprague.

Chihuahua blamed in collapsible chair incident

Richard O'Hair Sleeze Reporter

"We are considering charging the little guy with possession of

A woman lounging in a collapsible chair Monday in the PUB Multipurpose room suffered a severe fall when the chair suddenly collapsed prematurely. At the time of the incident, the woman had her twoyear-old chihuahua puppy tethered to her chair. After the fall, the puppy was missing.

Ima S. O. Phat assumed that the puppy, frightened by the clatter, had run off and followed someone home. The frantic dog owner began searching furiously for her lost pet. She put up fliers, took out an ad in the Focus, and began knocking door to door all around the city of Cheney.

Later that day, the puppy was found, and firefighters and law enforcement officers spent hours attempting to extract the puppy from the crevice into which it had been sucked. Before the puppy could be removed, however, he was suddenly blown out of the crack by a mysterious eruption.

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crack. After the ordeal was over he was very disoriented and loopy, indicating that he was sniffing some sort of substance," said Fire Chief Kavet E. Serch.

"It is also possible that the pup was trying to commit suicide. It's a miracle he survived. At any rate we are going to keep him under tight observation," continued Serch.

"Oh dear. It was such a harrowing ordeal. I just don't know if I'll ever recover emotionally. I just can't believe my little Pooky Wooky would do such a thing. What on earth could he have been doing in there," said Phat.

"Arf. It's not my fault. Arf. I swear," said the puppy. "I was just sitting there, arf, minding my own business, and arf, I just got sucked in. Arf. It was just so depressing. I was just fortunate that my, arf, human hadn't eaten at Taco Bell that day. Ay carumba, yo no quiero Taco Bell! Ever since the ordeal, I have nightmares about that place."

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EWU student Ima S.O. Phat spent all day Monday searching for her precious lost puppy, after a severe fall from a collapsible chair in the PUB multipurpose room.

Tabloid Edition December 2, 1999 **EWU student confesses to having an illicit** love affair with Scooby Doo and Shaggy too



Jennifer Harrington Smut Editor

An EWU student recently agreed to do an exclusive interview with the Easterner. So what? Well, this student happens to have had an ongoing threesome with Scooby Doo and Shaggy for have him figured out, he surprises you.

proached by the Easterner the student tery machine. agreed to the interview under the condition of anonymity. For simplicity's sake, she will be called Puppy Lover.

Easterner: How long has this little affair been going on?

Puppy Lover: Well, tee hee, I got involved with Scooby about a year and a half ago. He's such a sweetie. A few months later, Shaggy walked in on us one time, and Scooby said 'Hey Raggy, come get Riggy with us.' After that, things just, like, took on a life of their own.

Easterner: So, what are Scooby and Shaggy like in bed?

Puppy Lover: Well, a good girl never tells, but I can say this—Scooby is kind of happy-go-lucky and fun. Everything is a game for him. He's a real animal in bed. Shaggy on the other hand, is quiet and sensitive. Just when you think you

quite some time. After being ap- Forget that van, Shaggy is the real mys-

Easterner: How did you first get to know Scooby and Shaggy?

Puppy Lover: Like I said, I met Scooby first. I was at a Scooby Doo Fan Club meeting and when Scooby made his appearance, I was so deliriously excited that I fainted. Scooby, being the stud that he is, caught me before I hit the floor. He's my hero! I had met Shaggy a couple of times before he walked in on Scooby and me, but I didn't really get to know him until then.

Easterner: How are the rest of the Scooby Doo gang members taking all of this?

Puppy Lover: Well, Freddy, Daphney, and Velma are really not too happy about it, but Scooby and Shaggy and sticking by me. The rest of the group doesn't feel that it is right for them to be having an affair with a human.

Easterner: Don't you think it is a little odd to be having an affair with a dog?

Puppy Lover: Oh, It's not that! Velma and Daphney have been crushing on Scooby for years. It's just that cartoons just don't normally get involved with humans. In the cartoon world, it is considered perverse. Humans on the other hand don't have the same bias'. Just look at all the sex appeal loaded into cartoon shows. Betty Boop for example-for most of the century, humans have been drooling all over her.

Easterner: Where do you see your relationship with Scooby and Shaggy going in the future? Do you think the relationship will last?

Puppy Lover: Actually, Scooby and Shaggy just proposed to me the other day. We were hoping to move to Utah, so we could all get married, but we were just informed that polygamy is no longer legal there. We'll think of something though.

Sexually frustrated rodent harrasses students

I. Harbour Illwill Easterner Ne'er-Do-We;

Only months after last spring's deadly squirrel attacks (reported in last years April 1 issue,) which felled former Easterner Editor Carlos Acevedo among others, the pesky little rodents are at it again - only this time they are humping the legs of innocent students striding across campus

"It was just horrible," said freshman Maggie Lemac, of her encounter, which left her favorite bell bottoms permanently stained. "All I could think of while that little thing was banging away on my calf was that stupid Taco Bell Chihuahua leering on the TV screen. And my favorite pants! I can never wear them again!"

The badly-soiled pants were confiscated by campus police, so that DNA evidence can be collected and used against the offending squirrel, if and when he is arrested. The perpetrating squirrel could face serious criminal charges, and could also be called before the school disciplinary board, even if no formal charges are filed, according to EWU police officer Danny Lemac.

replied that the squirrels' use of drugs and alcohol was consistent with the behavior of college students across the country, as is the rodents' obvious problem with authority figures and probable sexual dysfunction.

"It's all pretty typical adolescent behavior," said the Lemac. "You just usually don't see it in the smaller mammals. If we didn't have four eyewitnesses, then I'd tell you that what we're dealing with here is a rogue Chihuahua. Saw a case just like it when I was deputy down in Mayberry."

But there are those who give more credence to the rogue-Chihuahua theory.

Rocky the Squirrel, best known as the childhood star of the 1960s TV series "Rocky and Bullwinkle" recently spoke to the Easterner via his satellite up-link in Canada. Rocky currently serves on the board of directors of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Squirrels.



EWU greeks merge: Everybody gets screwed

"Whohoo! We got nookie!"

Kappa Alpha Theta (KAT) President Kal Estentics said after concluding Greek Senate negotiations whereby Eastern's Fraternities and Sororities voted to end sex segregation and merge into seven coed organizations known as Sofanities. The former fraternity houses are to be sold and the new sexually integrated former-sorority houses will be changed to the Germanic name of Dicksinhoeses

Eta Omicron Epsilon (HOE) President Jales Vermouth said that the two systems were going to complement each other's needs.

"The sorority system has a lot of pneumatic women, but not enough financial support. The

fraternity system has a lot of finances, but the poor bastards are so horny all they do is look at pictures of Sheep in The Easterner. I know we're not as good as sheep, but at least with us, they can get a much cleaner version of gonorrhea.'

The way the new resolution has been written, for each \$40 spent on the welfare of women pledges, each male pledge will be gratified with the sex act of his choice.

"Damn, I thought I was going to be able to graduate a virgin," said one anonymous pledge, who added "I thought that I could get away from Eastern without drinking, smoking, or having sex."

"Obviously I was mistaken."



Lemac commented that the attacks appear to be the work of a gang of abhorrent squirrels, rather than just one deviant individual.

"The patterns we're seeing in these attacks fit the profile of three or more individuals. We think one may follow the victim for a few days, learning her schedule and habits, then another serves as a lookout while the ring leader does the actual assault," said Lemac.

When asked if he had seen this kind of behavior before, Lemac

"This is typical of those Tacominded Americans. Give them a cute little Chihuahua and they go crazy! But you know what that horny little rascal is really staring at in all those ads? Sharon Stone's interrogation scene in 'Basic Intstinct,' that's what! What do you think 'taco' really means in Spanish anyway?"

The SPCS disavowed Rocky's comments, saying that he was speaking as an individual, not as a representative of the SPCS.

On the home front, EWU President Stephen Jordan could not be reached for comment as he was apparently busy washing, ironing and pressing his extensive collection of argyle socks.

> Oh Baby! Give me those Eastern chics!

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Every Sunday, more people stay home dressed in white dress shirts and black and watch football than go to church.

Finally, there is a church for those who believe less in God than the two-point-conversion

We are the newly-formed Church of John Elway of the Leather-Day Saints, and we want you to experience the spiritual fulfillment the Greats of the Gridiron grant us every Sunday. Since we are such a new church, we will be sending out missionaries to your area. Though they will be

slacks, instead of proselytizing, they will invite you to watch your televisions with them. The only reading materials they will ask you to read will be aluminum labels usually attached to glass bottles which contain holy water blessed by our chief priests Miller or Anheiser-Busch.

As soon as enough funding can be rounded up, we will be building a church close to campus where we can worship and pray to any one of 33 big screen televisions.

No arrests made in two student riot

Eastern students gathered in the PUB Mall to support their fellow WTO protesters around the globe Tuesday, campus police said.

Neither student was arrested, pending further investigation, but Officer Danny Lemac estimated there were "several dollars worth of damage" to university property caused by the two protesters' "flagrant and violent vandalism."

According to Lemac, taken in as evidence were several trampled leaves of grass, a broken twig and a feces sample which allegedly

came from a German Shepherd belonging to one of the protester's.

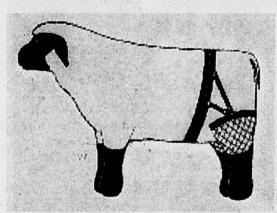
"We're real lucky this thing didn't escalate," said Officer Lemac. "But what with all that hoo-hah in Seattle, we did have pepper spray and automatic weapons available, especially if the suspects had made a move toward downtown Cheney."

The unnamed suspects are both members of the militant campus organization Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Squirrels, according to ASEWU records.

December 2, 1999 Tabloid Edition Ryan Leaf to press: 'I love ewe, man'

Leaf caught in Montana sex scandal

I. Harbour Illwill Sheep Editor



Ryan Leaf's once promising career may be over for good as a result of his relationship with this sheep. As if losing the last game of his college career – the Rose Bowl – wasn't enough, playing a miserable rookie season in which he was benched, and then running afoul of his teammates, coaches and general manager, Ryan Leaf has done it again – Montana style.

At a press conference last week, where Leaf publicly apologized for his outburst at San Diego Chargers General Manager Bobby Beathard, he was asked about another escapade that occurred a few weeks ago in his home state of Montana.

It seems that a simple game of grab-ass football between Leaf and friends somehow escalated into a traditional Montana ritual called "Shaving the Sheep," with Leaf the main perpetrator, according to witnesses.

The ritual in question involved the use of farm animals and was recently outlawed in that state.

When police arrived at the scene of the game gone awry, they allegedly found several of Leaf's high school buddies gathered in a circle sheep."

around Leaf, who was allegedly wearing only a pair of white Hanes briefs stained with "a suspicious substance."

Most suspiciously, a pile of freshly shorn sheep wool was found on the ground and in Leaf's Hanes.

"What they [Leaf and friends] did was shameful, and illegal in most states," said Behhhhhverly Bahhhhhhman, a neighbor of the Leafs in the rural Montana town he grew up in.

"This sort of preversion is something we've worked long and hard to get rid of here in Montana," she added. "If him and his gang of preverts try any preversions again here in God's country, well, let's just say they'll have the United Sheep Association to talk to."

The Chargers organization in San Diego had no official comment, but Chargers linebacker Junior Seau was overheard in the locker room telling teammates, "I never really liked that guy Leaf, but, hey, ya know, that was one fluffy sheep."



"That was one fluffy sheep." Junior Seau San Diego Chargers

Panty-raiding Rat invades Cheney

Dave Humphreys Copy Editor

A gigantic 30-foot-long three-headed rat attacked Cheney yesterday, harming none, but devouring the entire city's sup-

ply of women's underpants.

"That thar' rat, h e uppin' c a m e inta' our town an j u s t started

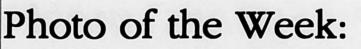


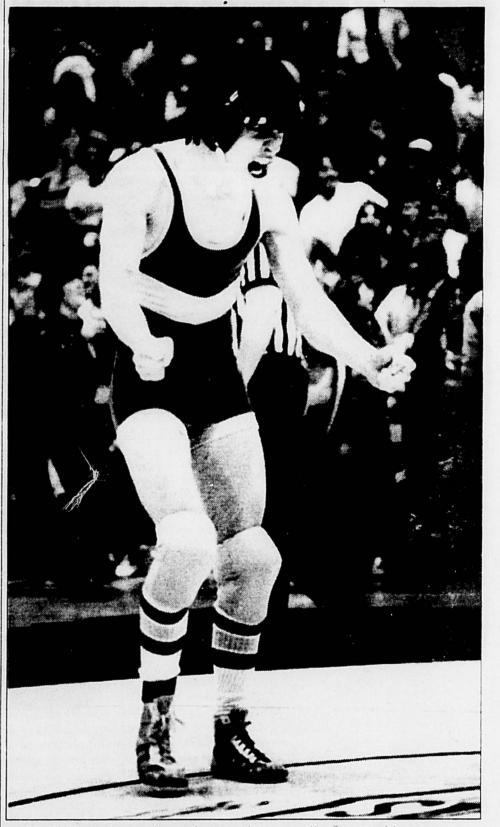
as it strutted into The Easterner offices of editors Darren Beal, Dave Humphreys, and Allen Moody.

"How'd that get there?" said Beal, who quickly added "I mean...of course I've collected my girlfriends underwear. You

> d o n ' t think that size 42 under wear would fit my girlish figure do you?"

Copy Editor Humphreys was of a bit different opin-





jumpin' dem la-

dies' knickers," said Spokane County Sheriff Don Alstott

"I'm just glad I don't live upin' Cheney, but don't quote me on that."

Dormitories, sororities, and fraternities immediately began special evacuation procedures, namely throwing out all the lingerie they could lay their hands on. Unfortunately, the zeal of some of the male students got the best of them as there were at least 17 cases of women being forcibly "detroused."

The pile of underwear was guestimated by some to be at least 23 feet high, with a suspiciously high percentage being embroidered with the Sigma Nu fraternity ensignia.

Though at first the ravenous rodent seemed to head for the pile, it instead made a surprise turn and ended up with its head stuck in the office of Dean of Students Matt Chase.

"I have no comment whatsoever!" exclaimed a strangely red-faced Chase.

Other witnesses at the scene said that at the onset of the attack on Chase's workspace, Chase mumbled something to the effect of "Now I'll never be as pretty as Ethel Merman."

After it visit to the Chas's office, the mutant-rat made another surprise move

"This is all the fault of DB, Moody, and that @!%* Lamac!" said Humphreys.

"That rat never would've come here if those three idiots would've learned how to use Ziplock Baggies."

Moody declined the possession of any such feminine undergarments, saying that anything the rat found was the possession of former Easterner Editor Carlos Acevedo.

"I know for a fact that Carlos didn't feel right without some black lace on," said Moody.

After an hour at The Easterner, the rodent then unexpectedly raced out of Cheney altogether, leaving city and university officials with piles of unnaturalysoiled panties.

Student Body President Danny Caldwell then formulated a plan to recycle the linens.

"We can take all this underwear, and make a 300-car garage!" said Caldwell, who when questioned as to how the garage construction would proceed simplistically replied "Don't worry, leave it to me. I've done this before."

FEMA has stepped in to provide Cheney's resident and student population with approximately \$1.2 billion worth of women's undergarments. Mark Humplewunker takes to the wrestling mat without realizing he still has a cucumber stuck in his wrestling trunks.

Thought for the day:

Abandon all hope ye who enter here.

4 Tabloid Edition Britney Spears turns 18!

Thousands masturbate to celebrate the occasion

Arthur Blake Chaney Tabloid Reporter

Hundreds of EWU dorm residents began masturbating furiously to Britney Spears pictures at the stroke of midnight in honor of the sultry singer's eighteenth birthday, according to various Easterner sources located throughout the university.

"It's a well-known fact that at least 80 percent of Eastern's males living in the dorms have masturbated to Britney Spears' picture at least once in the past 30 days," said sex expert and notorious pervert Dr. Ruth Westheimer. "But until she turned 18-years-old, many of them were reluctant to publicly admit it."

Still, many of the female

dorm residents were not too happy with being awakened in the middle of the night for Eastern's massive display of masturbation.

"I was just dozing off and suddenly the whole building began to shake, like we were having an earthquake," said sophomore Marianna Maggini. "I was about to dial the campus police when my roommate said, 'Relax, it's just all the guys jacking-off to Britney.'"

Other people at the university took the incident quite well.

"It is with great pride that I announce that Eastern Washington University males waited until Miss Spears turned 18 before they began spanking their monkeys to her pictures," said one administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity. "That shows our students are much more mature than are the students at WSU and UW, where they have regularly jacked-off to pictures of Miss Spears since she was 16."

As The Easterner went to press early Thursday morning there were only several reports of sprained wrists suffered by students on campus.

Other area universities didn't fare nearly as well.

At WSU, the campus hospital was backed up with patients suffering from various masturbation-induced injuries ranging from sprained shoulders to one student who got his penis stuck in a plastic mustard container.



Britney Spears' most masturbated to pictures



Christina Aguilera suffering from severe depression

Christina Aguilera was reported to be in low spirits following an evening of receiving little masturbation action directed towards her photos, sources close to the singer said this morning.

Every member of Miss Aguilera's entourage was quick to point the finger at Britney Spears, who turned 18-years-old, and thus received virtually all of the masturbation action in the United States late last night.

"That little bitch had to turn 18, didn't she?" asked Tammy Waldersnorf, a close personal friend of Aguilera's. "I'm outraged that the males of America could just turn their palms on Christina like this when she's gotten millions of them through many a lonely night.

"Besides, what's Britney got that Christina doesn't? A couple of silicone boobs, that's all," said Waldersnorf. "But I can tell you for a fact Christina's much better in bed that Britney, but you don't have to print that." for Aguilera have been postponed for the next two weeks in hopes that she will snap out of her depression, something not everybody believes is going to happen.

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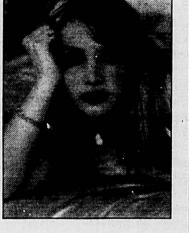
"We've been forced to put Miss Aguilera on suicide watch," said one of the members of her managerial team. "It must be quite a shock to go from being jerked-off to with regularity to receiving only one report of a couple of fat kids in Dallas choking their chicken in your honor."

President of the Christina Aguilera Fan Club, Amy Marichosio, is hard at work organizing a massive display of masturbation in an effort to lift Aguilera's mood.

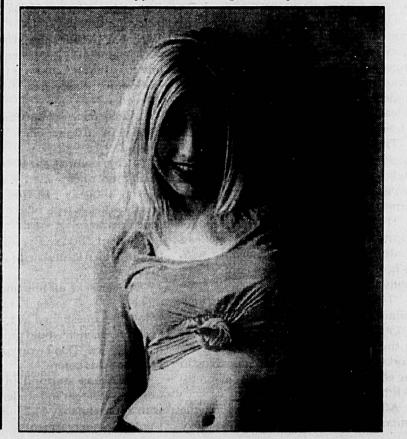
"I think it would be really wonderful if we could gather millions of sex-starved, horny males and have the largest synchronized jerkoff of all-time in her honor," said Marichosio. "I can't think of a better way to let Christina know she's loved than by having one massive orgasmic eruption."



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(The Easterner would like to thank former editor Carlos Acevedo for all of his valuable expertise in this area, not to mention the three photographs.) Scheduled concert appearances



Student Life **December 2, 1999** Murder Mystery Recap

Skip finally left the protective Hobart's existence. wing of his home and flew to Eastern, a place with everything he could ever want and freedom from Bianca. But Skip's fantasy of a wonderful life is dashed when she walks in the door of his first class, and walks over his back again. Bianca was only able to bully Skip once that morning. She held him down for soda money. She left the room, leaving Skip on the floor, and walked down the hall to get a soda. When she reached down to get the soda from the machine, she never got back up. Another student with a faded Yankee's ball cap and green windbreaker killed her with the fire extinguisher.

Todd and Raymond, two Eastern Varsity Basketball players, saw Bianca's murder, but could give the police no definite description of the killer. Detective Trent and Officer Keefe were assigned to the investigation. Trent found one clue lying near Bianca's body: a pink appointment card from the Writers' Center.

Trent followed the clue to the third floor of the Pub and checked the appointment book located at the front desk of the Writers' Center. The date and time on the card corresponded to the appointment set by Alasandro Hobart for a session with Chris, the responder. Chris was on vacation in Maui and could not answer Trent's questions. Trent then searched all the files at Eastern and could find no record of Alasandro

Skip was studying in the JFK Library with Melvin, another student in Skip's class and a witness to Bianca's bullying on the first day. Melvin told Skip not to worry about Bianca's death, he seemed to make it sound to Skip like Melvin thought everyone was better off with Bianca dead. His comments made Skip feel uneasy, so he decided to go to the Body Shop to work out.

Skip walked to his dorm and passed a blond girl in a green jacket and faded ball cap pulled down so that all Skip could see of her face was her smile. Skip ignored her and continue to his room to find Todd, his roommate, and Raymond talking about the murder. Todd asked if, since they had seen everything, whether or not the killer would come after them next. Raymond suggested the Witness Protection Program. Skip told them that they had nothing to worry about because they couldn't describe the actual killer, just the murder, so they should be safe. They ignored him, so Skip walked to the Body Shop.

In the locker room, Skip found a note in his bag. After reading the note, someone came up behind him and strangled him with a small blue towel. Skip ended up in a coma, but none the worse for wear. Trent looked through Skip's bag and found scented soap and the note which said, "Sorry, Skipper, you

know too much" followed by three Greek letters. Trent had his assistant Keefe check out the letters to see if they corresponded to a sorority or fraternity at Eastern and again came up empty handed. Trent passed a blond girl with a green coat and faded cap at the Phase. He ignored her and concentrated on how Bianca's murder and Skip's attack could be connected.

Trent decided to visit Skip at the hospital. He arrived to find the same blond that he had passed at the Phase sitting beside Skip's bed. Leslie had gone to High School with Skip. She did not mention how well they knew each other, but when Skip woke up and talked with them, she seemed to show that they were or could have been more than friends. She agreed to talk to Trent at a later time. When she left the room, she dropped a page from her notebook.

Raymond had not seen his friend Todd all day. Todd skipped English class and basketball practice. Raymond was climbing the stairs to his dorm when, fumbling for his keys, someone on the stairs ahead of him pushed him down. Raymond looked up and recognized the familiar person before falling backwards four flights to his death.

Now that you're caught up to the story, don't miss the thrilling conclusion coming soon in the Murder Mystery on EWU Campus!



Murder Mystery: The killer revealed?

Wendy Scott

Detective Trent picked up the paper from the floor. On it was a short poem entitled "The Busy Bumble Bee."

Trent skimmed down the page, reading the poem to himself:

"Fast you pass from flower to flower

Busy as you fly in this warm April shower.

Don't stop as you go- so short is your day,

Though I may say, 'Hello', just go on your way.

But I too have been busy, too busy to stop

And answer the call of one shy as a bell-hop.

So you, bee, go your way, and

Leslie had already gone. None of the hospital staff had seen her leave, and Trent cursed himself for not having found out her last name. There was no way to track her down now. He would just have to wait until she came by to visit Skip tomorrow.

In the meantime, there were some things he could do. Trent accepted his mistake with a mental shrug. Then he put Leslie's paper in his pocket and left the hospital.

Skip floated on a plane of consciousness somewhere between sleeping and waking. Occasionally, he was aware of footsteps and shapes moving purposefully in and out of the room. Once he became aware of a nurse standing near him. She was replacing rity fell like a leaden backdrop to those years. Skip heard the echoes of all the deliberate, cruel remarks, the gleeful snickers of the predators who had thrived on people like him.

Above and beyond them all stood one bully, Bianca Bauer, looming like a great shadow over his scrawny, troubled existence.

And then there was Leslie. Skip first met her in his senior year of high school when they were assigned to be lab partners in a science class. Leslie was smart and nice and pretty, but she also seemed to understand Skip's fear of Bianca. She herself often came to class with bruises, although she never talked about them.

Outside of class, Leslie kept to herself a lot, and it was only

She shook her head, and as soon as the coast was clear, the two of them escaped down the darkened street. Leslie stayed on the couch at Skip's home that night, and she often stayed on other nights afterwards-whenever her mother got drunk. The amounts of bruises she came to school with diminished noticeably from that point on.

Leslie collected elephants, and so, for her eighteenth birthday, Skip got her a small, pink elephant charm to put on a necklace. Bianca had taken it the next day, just to spite him. Outside of Leslie's problems, some of the dramas of Skip's own life continued much as before.

Leslietried to help, but Bianca was, as always, the ungoing to be like now.

When Skip woke up he found himself staring at a beam of midday sun that had made its way across to his bed from the nearby hospital window. He felt a little disoriented, and his dreams scattered and floated around his mind like dust particles for a minute before they settled and rearranged themselves into recognizable patterns.

He'd been dreaming about the past. But I certainly didn't escape my past by coming here. he thought. There had been so many coincidences, like finding out that Leslie's brother was going to school here, too, and not only that, they had also been put together as roommates! And then there was Bianca, and then. .

I will go mine,

To try and recover a 'hello' from lost time."

At the bottom of the page was a small handwritten note from Leslie. It said, "To my dear friend Skip-For all the times I passed without a word, and you cared enough to say 'hello' again."

The paper didn't seem very significant. Trent found his eyes wandering back to the top of the page of their own accord, and then a name caught his eye. He literally did a double-take. The poem had been written by one Alasandro Hobart. It was the same name that was on the appointment slip that had been found by Bianca's body. Who was Hobart?

There was no EWU student under that name, and yet, apparently, the man did exist.

Suddenly Trent wanted to speak to Skip's blonde-haired friend very badly indeed. He rushed out into the hallway, but

anterior a second and

the bag of saline solution that hung on a pole next to his bed.

When she noticed Skip looking blearily up at her, she smiled and said that he'd had a very close call, but that the doctor had come in and taken a look at him and concluded that he'd be all right.

Skip swallowed with difficulty. "My neck hurts," he said hoarsely. The nurse smiled again and remarked that that was natural, considering what he'd been through. What he really needed, she told him, was sleep, and presently she injected him with something and left the room. Skip felt his eyelids grow heavy again, and slowly the hospital room faded back into the distance.

He had strange dreams that night. They were strange because they were not really dreams, they were memories. The physical aching of his body seemed to metamorphose into a different kind of ache, one he had known throughout high school. Insecu-

through sheer persistence that Skip came to know her. Eventually they became good friends, however. He learned that she only lived a couple blocks away from him, near the outskirts of town. And then he learned about the bruises.

In his dream, Skip could still see Leslie's face, the night he had come to her house and heard the screaming. She had looked pale when she opened the door, and all she had said was, "Let's get out of here."

It didn't seem real, the two figures hidden in the bushes by Leslie's house as her mother stomped drunkenly around the yard, brandishing a baseball bat and screaming for Leslie to come back this instant.

"Is Todd in there?" Skip had whispered. Todd, Leslie's brother and also a high school senior, lived a very independent kind of life, and made it a point to stay away from home as much as possible.

stoppable force, a dark spot in his life

Skip had had high hopes that high school graduation would change that. Away from Bianca, he'd felt that he could finally have a chance at being happy. He had told Leslie about it, and she had told him about her own graduation plans. She was going to Montana State, a long distance away from her own abused past.

They had celebrated, but inside Skip suddenly hadn't felt like rejoicing. He would be going to Eastern Washington University, and that was also a long distance away from Montana State. He didn't tell Leslie about his feelings, however. Graduation came and went, and they parted directions. The next thing he knew he was driving up the highway in his parent's old station wagon, looking out at the flat expanses of road and blue sky, and wondering what his life was

."Leslie, do you know, I was jusi thinking of you." Skip greeted her as she stepped into the room.

"Hey, Skip," Leslie gave him a brief flash of a smile. She looked tired. "The nurses didn't want us to disturb you while you were still sleeping. We've been hanging around a while."

"'We?'" He looked behind Leslie to where another figure had entered the room. "Hi, Todd. Nice of you to stop by."

"Hey, man." Todd greeted Skip as he greeted everyone, but his voice was a little strained. The expression on his face was unreadable.

Leslie stepped forward, and she had a hard time meeting Skip's eyes. "I have something I need to tell you," she said.

Somewhere inside, Skip reached a point of decision. "I have to tell you something, too."

She shook her head. "No, me first. Listen, Skip. ." she said, haltingly. "I killed Bianca."

December 2, 1999 Student Life This movie is not enough

Dave Humphreys Copy Editor



Bond Movie.

The new James Bond Movie, "The World Is Not Enough," is for the most part a complete waste of time and money, and could very well end the series.

Pierce Brosnan puts in a mediocre performance, saying his lines with such little feeling that I could make out the boredom behind his eyes as if I had the X-ray glasses on. Toineffective, tally Brosnan needs the talents and touches of the well-aged Sophie Marceau and the downright gorgeous

It's another James Denise Richards in order to cover up the boredom Brosnan so obviously displays.

Unfortunately Brosnan is not the main negative factor in the film, Screenwriters Neal Purvis and Robert Wade prove the old Beavis and Butthead Proverb: "You can't paint a turd." Perhaps the reason Brosnan is so disinterested in the film is the absolutely horrid plotline, which is too close of a parallel to the earlier "Goldeneve."

Purvis and Wade, earlier whose screenwriting suc-

cesses include "Puppet Masters" and "An American Werewolf in Paris," give the cast of TWINE an absolute garbage script to work from. The cast, namely Brosnan, recognizes the half-assed effort, despite the attempts of Marceau, Richards, and a stellar improvisational performance by Robbie Coltrane, who recasts his "Goldeneye" Valentin role as Zukovsky.

Wait till this one gets out on video, cuz' Beavis was right. James Bond or no, you just can't paint a turd.



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The End of Insomnia

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This movie makes up in blood what it lacks in seriousness. Though Arnold may try to be a serious actor,

his attempts fall sadly short, reducing what I was expecting to be a good beat-the-living-heck-out-of-evil flick into a bad remake of "The Seventh Seal."

Not-so-stellar performances by Gabriel Byrne(The Man: Satan Incarnate) and Robin Tunney(Satan's presumptive bride) greatly take away from a struggling attempt by Schwarzeneggar and co-stars Kevin Pollak and Rod Steiger.

Schwarzeneggar plays a burned-out depressed se-



curity guard Jericho Cane who in the process of defending an unnamed Wall Street broker (Byrne) unwillingly gets involved in a semi-spiritual battle defending a virgin Christine York (Robin Tunney) from the lustful de-

> sires of "The Man"(Byrne's character after demonic possession).

> Along the way, the two receive the help and hindrance of Cane's cynical partner

(Pollak) and the guidance of a Catholic priest, Father Kovak (Steiger).



The symbolism in this film just overwhelms the audience, who may or may not be familiar with Christian folklore. Mainly based in Catholicism, "End of Days" makes the viewer cringe at the semi-serious direction of

> Peter Hyams, while quickly tiring of being "iconed" to death by writer/ producer Andrew Marlow (good last name for this movie.)

> This movie rates three pieces of Almond Rocca and is recommended for viewers sick of the 'non-stop violence' of "The Brady Bunch."





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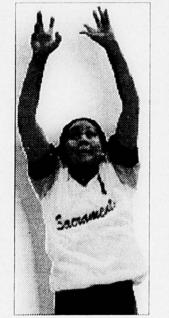
Sports 9 The Easterner's All Big Sky Conference Volleyball Awards Player of the Year: Most Valuable T Maureen Rafferty - Sacramento State Laura Black - Weber State Most Valuable Player:

Maureen Rafferty, a 5-foot-seven-inch setter from Lone Tree, Colo., was the easy choice as the Big Sky Conference Player of the Year.

Rafferty, a four-time Big Sky All-Conference selection was phenomenal as she lead Sacramento State to a first place finish in conference regular season play, and an atlarge invitation to the NCAA Tournament.

Rafferty finished fifth in the league with a .310 hitting percentage, second in assists, as she averaged 13.35 per game and just finished out of the top 10 in digs, averaging 3.44 a contest.

Rafferty will lead the Hornets into the NCAA Volleyball Tournament, where they will face off against the Minnesota Golden Golphers in the first round



One year after earning an All-Big Sky Conference Second Team selection, Laura Black came into her own this year as she led Weber St. to a 14-13 record, which left the Wildcats just one game out of the Big Sky Tournament.

Black, a 6-foot-2-inch senior middle blocker from Orem, Utah led the Big Sky Conference with a .365 hitting percentage, which placed her in the top 20 nationally and was ninth in kills, averaging 3.44 per contest.

Black also led the Wildcats in blocks, averaging 1.07 per game (12th in the conference), was sixth on the team in digs, recording 2.09 digs per game and finished in the team's top five in assists and service aces.



All Big Sky Team



Maureen Rafferty Sacramento St.



Angela Lewis Sacramento St.



Kim Maxwell Eastern Washington



Maggie Barrera Northern Arizona



Laura Szymanski Cal - Northridge



Laura Black Weber State

Coach of the Year:

Pamela Parks - EWU

Pam Parks was obvious choice for the Easterner's Coach of the Year category

Retiring from coaching following the NCAA Volleyball Tournament, Parks led EWU to their second consecutive NCAA birth, following a 24-7 record that saw the Eagles finish second in the Big Sky Conference regular season standings

Under Parks' leadership Eastern has quickly gained a reputation as one of the top volleyball universities in the country. This season the Eagles ranked 18 out of all Division 1 programs in



attendance, and finished the season with an undefeated record at home

An outstanding herself, Parks won four volleyball letters and was a three-time regional all-star setter while playing for United States Volleyball Association teams in Spokane in Seattle. She was also drafted by El Paso of the Volleyball Pro League

Parks began her coaching career at Eastern in 1974, where she was an assistant coach for two seasons before taking over the head coaching duties in 1976.

Parks was the Eagles head coach for three years before taking over the same position at Sandpoint, Idaho, High School, and eventually made her way back to Eastern in 1985

Parks, who has recorded a 291-255 record in 18 years at Eastern, will step down to concentrate on her position as Senior Woman Administrator.







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Pamela Parks received a nice going away present Sunday evening.

In her final season at the helm of the Eagle women's volleyball program, her team received a secondstraight at-large berth into the 64team NCAA Volleyball Championship which begins this week.

The Eagles, 24-7 this season, take on sixth-ranked UCLA (25-3) on Saturday night at Pauley Pavilion in Los Angeles, Calif. The Bruins were Pacific 10 conference co-champions and are the No. 3 seed in the Central Region bracket. This is their 18th tourney appearance while Eastern is making its third trip.

The Eastern-UCLA match will take place 45 minutes following another first-round match between Notre Dame (20-8) and Ohio State (16-11) that begins at 5 p.m.

"We'll give it our best shot," said Parks, whose hopes for an at-large berth have been on a roller-coaster ride lately. "I'm so happy for our team that we can play one more week."

Eastern won 22 of its first 26 matches of the season, and appeared to be heading for the Big Sky Conference regular-season title and host status for the conference tournament. However, losses at Montana State and Montana ruined those hopes, then the Eagles fell to Northern Arizona in the semifinals of the Big Sky Tournament in Sacramento, Calif.

This past weekend, the Eagles were impressive in sweeping Boise State and Idaho in the Idaho Chaltime for the Eagles to cross their fingers and hope for the best.

"I did a lot of praying today," said Parks Sunday night. "I'm just elated." For the first time

in conference history. three Big Sky teams were selected to play in the tournament. Two teams have been selected in previous

years, including last year when Sacramento State earned the automatic berth and Eastern was given an atlarge berth.

This year, Northern Arizona (19-9) earned the conference's automatic berth by knocking off Cal State Northridge in the Big Sky's championship match. Sacramento State (22-9) also earned an at-large berth despite joining Eastern as losers in the semifinals of the Big Sky tourney.

Parks said the play of all three teams this past weekend probably helped the Big Sky's cause considerably. Northern Arizona knocked off Arizona State, which also advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Sacramento State defeated Fresno State and Washington State.

"It's thrilling for the conference," Parks said. "It shows how good our teams have become. It was a dogfight all year."

Eastern will be facing a daunting challenge this week against UCLA, the 1984, 1990 and 1991 NCAA Cham-

lenge in Moscow, Idaho. Then it was pions. The lone losses for the Bruins this year came against a trio of teams in the NCAA Tournament - 27-1 Ha-

waii, 26-2 Stanford and 24-3 Pepperdine. UCLA shared the conference title with Stanford as both teams finished 17-1.

Four Bruins were named to the 12member All-Pac-10 team, including junior middle blocker

Elisabeth Bachman, sophomore outside hitter Ashley Bowles, sophomore outside hitter Kristee Porter and sophomore setter Erika Selsor.

"If we're going to play somebody, let's play somebody good," Parks said. "Why not? It's a great opportunity to play at Pauley Pavilion.

This is Eastern's third appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Eagles were defeated by Notre Dame 15-2, 13-15, 15-11, 15-11 last year. In 1989, Eastern won the Big Sky regular season and conference titles, then lost to Hawaii 15-2, 15-9, 15-7.



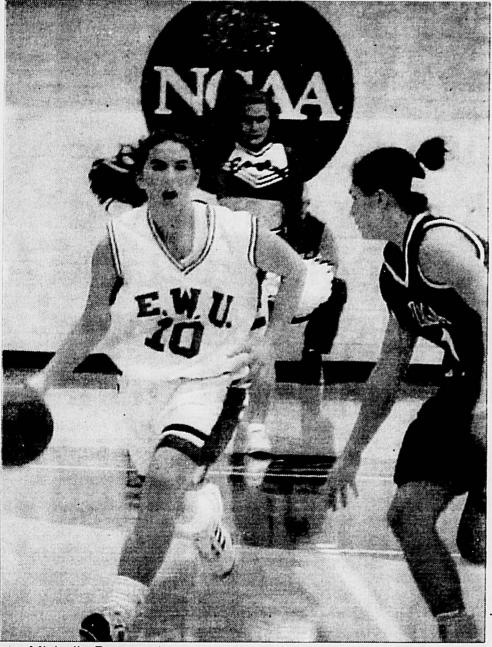


▲ Angie Hall and the Eastern Eagles will face the UCLA Bruins in the first round of the NCAA Volleyball Tournament this weekend.



Good Luck Eagles!







Michelle Demetruk

Sports

Bailey wins first Big Sky Player of Week award



Eastern Washington University's Allie Bailey was named the Big Sky Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week for the week ending Nov. 27.

In two games last week Bailey averaged 13.5 points and 12.5 rebounds. Those numbers were good enough to earn the 6-foot-1 sophomore forward from Mead High School in Spokane, Wash. an All-Tournament Team selection at the Loyola

Marymount Furama Classic in Los Angeles, Calif.

Bailey has hit double digits in rebounds in all three games this season in addition to recording two doubledoubles in points and rebounds. So far this season, Bailey is averaging 14 points and 14.7 rebounds a game. In the season opening win over Northwest College on Nov. 20, Bailey tallied a career high

19 rebounds.

Johnson places 64th at **NCAA** Championships

Eastern Washington University senior Amber Johnson placed 64th in the NCAA Cross Country Championships in Bloomington, Ind.

Johnson covered the 5,000-meter course in 17:47.5 to rank as the fourth-best finisher among runners from the Big Sky Conference.

Johnson, a graduate of North Central High School in Spokane, was one of 250 runners who finished the race.

the only other former Eagle to compete in the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships. She was 69th as a junior in 1991and 33rd the following year.

Wisconsin's Erica Palmer was the individual champion with a time Of 16:39.5. Kendra Versendaal was the top finisher from the Big Sky Conference by placing 21st with a time of 17:14.6. Brigham Young University Eastern's Kari McKay is won the team championship.



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▲ Amber Johnson

Six players receive first team Big Sky honors

Senior first team selections Lance Knaevelsrud, Aaron Best, Dario Romero and Julian Williams head the list of 15 Eastern Washington University players selected to the All-Big Sky Conference football team announced last week.

Knaevelrsud at tackle and Best at center were the cornerstones of an Eastern offensive line that helped the Eagles rush for an average of 196.3 yards per game. Romero was selected to the team at defensive tackle and Williams at safety as Eastern finished the 1999 season 7-4 overall and second in the Big Sky with a 6-2 mark.

Joining that quartet on the first team was junior defensive end Jeff Allen and junior return specialist Lamont Brightful. Second team selections included junior offensive guard Luke Fritz, junior linebacker Greg Belzer and sophomore linebacker Anthony Griffin.

Six players earned honorable mention accolades, including sophomore tailbacks Jesse Chatman and Jovan Griffith who combined for 2,164 rushing yards in 1999. The others were senior offensive tackle Scott Johnson, sophomore tight end Dan Curley, senior cornerback LeVar McClary and junior defensive tackle David Alcala.

Four of Eastern's five starting offensive linemen earned All-Big Sky honors, including a trio who have previously been honored. Knaevelsrud received second team honors in 1997, and Best and Fritz were honorable mention picks in 1998. They helped the Eagles rush for a school-record 25 touchdowns, and in Eastern's eight conference games alone, EWU rushed for an average of 233.9 yards per game and 23 touchdowns.

Despite ranking third in the conference and 14th in NCAA Division I-AA in rushing, Griffith did not earn first or second team honors. He finished with 1,275 rushing yards in 10 games, including 1,170 (167.1 average) versus Big Sky opponents. Chatman also earned honorable mention honors after rushing for 889 yards in nine total games and 689 (114.8 average) in the six conference games he played.

Williams, who was a second team selection in 1999, finished the season with 83 tackles and four passes broken up. He finished his career with 193 tackles that ranks 20th in Eastern history, as well as three interceptions and 13 passes broken up.

Romero closed the season with 55 tackles and 4.5 sacks. In his career, he had 16.5 sacks to rank sixth in school history and a total of 117 tackles.

Allen, an honorable mention All-Big Sky pick in 1998, led the Eagles with 10 sacks in 1999 and finished with 50 total tackles. He'll enter his senior season with 18 career sacks to rank fourth in school history, needing nine to equal the school record of 27. Of the 100 tackles in his career, 34 have been for losses totaling 182 yards.

Brightful led the Big Sky and ranked third in NCAA Division I-AA with an average of 33.9 yards per kickoff return. He returned two for touchdowns, and also caught 24 passes for 460 yards and three more scores.

Belzer, despite missing four games and parts of two others with a knee injury, finished the season as the team's fourth-leading tackler with 74. Also a second team All-Big Sky selection as a sophomore, he averaged a team-high 10.6 tackles in the seven games he played in 1999. He now has 237 tackles in his career to move into fifth in Eastern history. He would need 105 in his senior season in 2000 to break the school record of 341 set by Jason Marsh (1991-93).

Griffin, in his first season on defense after playing as a running back his freshman year, finished as the team's fifth-leading tackler with 55. Alcala, in his first season as a starter, finished with 50 tackles and one sack.

McClary missed three games with injuries, but finished the season with 43 tackles to earn honorable mention honors for the second-straight year. He finished his career with 162 tackles, five interceptions and 17 passes broken up to rank seventh on Eastern's top 10 career leaders list.

Curley finished with 16/ catches for 244 yards and two touchdowns.

[▲] Alex McKie

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