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Local student nearly dies after eating LSD lollipops

Jennifer Harrington
Assistant Editor

"Remember what your mom always told you—Don’t take candy from strangers.

This was the advice of a college student visiting Cheney from Spokane, after suffering a drug overdose induced by an LSD (acid) and Rohypnol (date rape drug) laced lollipop given to her at a party over this Valentine’s Day weekend.

The victim, who wishes to remain anonymous, was given the unwrapped sucker by an unknown girl in the bathroom of a drug and alcohol-free party thrown at the Fisher Building in Cheney. The Fisher Building used to be the old Cheney High School building, and is located across the street from Showalter Hall and the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house.

The victim described the girl who provided her with the sucker as having short, bleached blond hair, wearing red carpet pants and a white tank top. The campus police could not comment specifically on the incident, as it is still under investigation.

Joe Harris, an EWU student, and a friend of the victim, was at the party with her. She was away from us for about 10 minutes. She was in the bathroom and a girl offered her a lollipop. Without knowing any better she put it in her mouth and sucked on it. She didn’t want to get bumped and swallow the whole thing, so she chewed the rest of it up, before returning to the party, said Harris.

The girl does not remember any of the night after eating the sucker. "The only thing she remembers from that night is what we’ve told her," said Harris.

He said she returned to the party and met up with him and they were going to go back out onto the dance floor, when the victim complained of not feeling well. Harris took her to a chair near the dance floor and sat her down, where she passed out. Harris then took her out in the hall.

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Harris picked her up, and they took her back to her dorm room in LA Hall.

"We put her on the bed and she started to really trip out. She was hallucinating and swinging at imaginary things. I think she was seeing the girl who had given her the sucker and was trying to attack her. She kept talking about the girl. That was all we could get out of her.

Harris said he had to hold her down to keep her from hurting herself, and her right hand is broken from her hitting the wall.

After about 15 to 20 minutes, Harris realized they were "fighting a losing battle," and called 911. The campus police and paramedics from the Cheney Fire Department arrived within five minutes.

The victim was taken to Sacred Heart Medical Center after about 10 to 15 minutes more, where she underwent blood tests to find out what was in her system.

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AS presidential candidates pair-off in election

Deb Jones, a non-traditional student, bases her campaign on experience.

Bree Holsing, bases her campaign on energy and student empowerment.

Candidates Bree Holsing and Deb Jones sat down with Easterner Reporter John Lichorobie and answered the following questions...

1. What do you bring to the election that your opponent doesn’t?
   - Follow through
   - Professionalism
   - Creativity
   - Empowerment
   - Energy
   - Proactive history

   When I say I am going to do something, I get it done. Creativity is the key to making things happen. I know the only way that we are going to energize this campus is by empowering you, the students, staff, and faculty.

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LSD and Rohypnol have serious effects

National Institute on Drug Abuse community drug alert

Lsyrergic Acid Diethylamide

- Alias1 – Acid, Boomers, Yellow Sunshines
- Short term side effects
  - Dilated pupils, higher body temperature, increased heart rate and blood pressure, sweating, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, dry mouth, and tremors, dramatic behavioral changes.

- Long term side effects
  - Ruptured blood vessels leading to irreversible brain damage, hallucinations, and potentially dangerous “flashbacks” of hallucinations long after the drug was taken.

Rohypnol

- Alias1 – Roofies, Rophies, Roche, Forget-me pill, date-rape drug
- Side effects
  - Loss of memory while under the influence, decreased blood pressure, drowsiness, visual disturbances, dizziness, confusion, gastrointestinal disturbances, and urinary retention.
"They didn't know for sure what the drug had been because the behavior was so erratic. They didn't think she had taken LSD," said Harris. Tests confirmed that Williams-Carr was the only one who had LSD in her blood, along with Robiphol.

"She found out from her doctor that she hadn't been there keeping her awake, she should have been dead within 10 minutes of the drug taking effect," said Harris.

"From what I know, the sucker was an isolated incident. I don't think anyone else got LSD from a sucker, and I didn't myself see anyone take any drugs [at the dance]," said Harris. Harris said the party was dry, and that alcohol was not allowed into the party.

"If anybody was drinking, they were drunk before they arrieved," said Harris.

The party, with about 450 people, lasted until about 5 a.m. Williams-Carr was thrown by Jeremiah Williams-Carr and his family, to celebrate his 21st birthday, Valentine's Day, and to "celebrate people who are alcohol and drug free," said Harris. Williams-Carr grew up in Cheney and is a local independent DJ, who uses his business and personal contacts as a way to pay his way through school. He attends classes at Spokane Falls Community College but will be transferring to Eastern next year.

After Harris' 911 call, a campus police officer arrived at the Fisher Building to investigate. "When the police officer stopped by, we let him right in. He didn't find anything." Said Harris.

"It wasn't until he learned that Williams-Carr said that he volunteered to go and talk to police yesterday without their having called him. Said he if he finds out who the girl is who gave the victim the tainted lollypop, he will call the police immediately to turn over her name.

"The victim is my friend, I was angry when I found out it happened," said Williams-Carr. Williams-Carr said that they had over 30 people hired for security and clean up, in addition to 12 adult DJ's, and 10 adults over the age of 25, to insure that the drugs were not being used. His parents were two of the 10 adults present at the party, which lasted from about 11 p.m. to about 5 a.m.

"I think drugs are really messed up and I've never done them and I don't want my par­ties to be associated with drugs. I don't tolerate drugs at my par­ties," said Williams-Carr. He added that they all stayed up late at night as a way to pay his way through school. He attends classes at Spokane Falls Community College but will be transferring to Eastern next year.

Williams-Carr said he and his plain-clothed security people mingled in among the crowd to constantly check for possible drug possession, both down­stairs and upstairs.

Alex Aluf, an EWU student and Dossier Hall resident, was at the party, and said he didn't actually see any drugs being ex­changed, but was offered ecstasy and LSD on several occasions.

"You could find them in a 2 minute period of time if you wanted to." Aluf said the drugs were offered randomly by party-goers, and not Williams-Carr or other workers at the party. He said about half the people at the party were sucking on lollypops, but he didn't know if any of those were laced with drugs.

Brett Kaiser, an LA Hall resi­dent, said he was offered drugs twice. He said he also saw a girl who could have matched the de­scription of the one who gave the victim her sucker, handing lolly­pops out to people around the party. He said he and his friends had some of these suckers, and were not in any way affected by the party.

Aluf and Kaiser both said that drugs were not on their door and that they didn't see anyone checking bags.

"I was not aware that there was ever a time that the doors were not being minded in among the crowd to constantly check for possible drug possession, both down­stairs and upstairs," said Aluf. Aluf said he was not aware that there was ever a time that the doors were not being minded in among the crowd to constantly check for possible drug possession, both down­stairs and upstairs.

"I've done this kind of thing for the past year and I've never been of­fered drugs and my friends have never been offered drugs." He also said he could easily pro­duce 200 witnesses who would say his parties are drug-free.

Holsing: Energy, empowerment

2. What do you feel are the responsibilities of ASEWU President?
  - Serving the students
  - Chief officer and spokesperson for ASEWU council
  - Advocate for students at all BOT and presidential cabinet meetings
  - Represent students voices and concerns at the national, state, university, and personal level
  - Vet power over legislative bills and supplemental budget

Eastern’s #1 fan

3. What is your motivation for running for ASEWU President?
  - I know how to motivate others and make things happen. The only way for that to happen is by giving students a reason to get involved. My enthusiasm for fastem blazes like a wildfire, their personal goals and team goals are being met.
  - Williams-Carr

4. How do you feel a council ran by you would differ from one ran by Danny Caldwell?
  - It would be one built on a foundation of motivation, empowerment, and encouragement. I want to run it along the lines of an “open” business. Allowing council members the freedom to make their own decisions, establishing goals early on, while taking steps daily to make sure that their personal goals and team goals are being met.
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5. What makes you qualified to run for ASEWU President?
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  - Program planning experience for Eagle Entertainment
  - Honesty, definitely
  - Broad range of life experience both on and off campus

Jones: Experience

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Dartmouth faculty votes 81-0 to derecognize Greek houses

Discriminatory practices and alcohol use cited for reason

Omer Ismail
Dartmouth College

(WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. — Monday night the faculty of the Dartmouth College of the Arts and Sciences unanimously approved a resolution, voting 81-0 to urge the administration and Trustees to withdraw College recognition from all Coed Fraternity and Sorority organizations because an additional living space is made available.

Recognizing that many Greek houses are independent, Associate Professor of Religion Susan Ackerman—who moved the resolution—told The Dartmouth that she hoped the houses would financially buckle without College support if the administration accepts the faculty mandate.

Faculty members argued that the system is a discriminatory one that can not be reformed, and called senior College officials to make the construction of new residence halls—which will enable the College to withdraw their support from Greek houses—their highest priority to ensure recognition occurs latest by June 30, 2005.

Two faculty members abstained from voting on the resolution.

Faculty members addressed a number of problems within the current Greek system.

Raising concerns that the CPS system is highly exclusive, professors argued that it does not conform with the academic mission of the College.

The Greek system "stands so antithetical to our academic message of openness," Ackerman said.

Citing figures from the steering committee report which shows affiliated students tend to be mostly white and more affluent than other students, Ackerman called the system one of "power and privilege."

Faculty members also said the Greek system promotes excessive alcohol use which interferes with students' academic work.

Professor of History Mary Kelly said the number of students who have admitted to alcohol interfering with their schoolwork, to have blacked-out and to have taken part in "boot and rally" is disturbingly high.

Faculty members said that the "substantial changes" to the Greek system recommended in the steering committee report will not reform the residential and social life at Dartmouth. They argued the complete withdrawal of College support is necessary.

"The reality is that this is an unfixable institution," religion professor Kevin Reinhart said.

Professors argued that plans to reform the system have been undertaken previously, all of which have failed to improve Dartmouth's social life.

"Isn't it clear by now that reform has not and will not work?" comparative literature department chair Marianne Hirsch said.

Faculty members expressed concern that even if the Greek houses are able to achieve the stringent requirements set by the Initiative recommendations, Dartmouth's social problems will continue to exist.

Reinhart said ensuring that the Greek houses consistently maintain the standards will be a constant fight for the administration.

English professor Tom Luxon had other concerns, arguing that the recommendations are sending the wrong message to the CPS houses.

The administration is saying "that if they behave well enough, they can have the privilege of discrimination," Luxon said.

The faculty of Arts and Sciences unanimously supported the principles behind the first three recommendations of the steering committee report which call for the creation of a greatly enhanced residential cluster, other spaces and programs for general use and improving residential and social life for graduate students.

The faculty agreed the residential cluster should serve educational functions as well as recreational, dining and social purposes. Some said the educational spaces will improve the out-of-classroom experience and encourage student-teacher interaction.

Concern was raised about the costs of implementing the Student Life Initiative. However, College President James Wright assured the faculty that the Board of Trustees's decision on financing these changes "won't be at the expense of academic programs." Before deliberating on the steering committee report, the faculty discussed the question of the Trustee meetings being held over the weekend—most notably the decision to increase the tuition fees by 3.5 percent for the 2000-2001 academic year.

The faculty voted 82-0 in favor of the Initiative last winter term after the document's release.
While facing a professional, uncooperative opposing force (OPFOR), consisting of EWU cadre and members of the Washington Army National Guard, the cadets and the OPFOR use Military Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES) equipment, consisting of a transmitter on each weapon that fires a laser pulse when a blank round is fired and sensors, that beep loudly when activated, worn on the bodies of the cadets and the OPFOR. Rich said this equipment, like paintball, allows the cadets and OPFOR to know when they would have actually become a casualty during operations.

For at least one hour, cadets, cadre and OPFOR discussed the highlights and areas needing improvement prior to the next mission, said Rich. Rich said these discussions become the feedback that cadets use to improve their planning and execution during the next mission.

"Perhaps the most critical aspect of the training conducted during this FTX, that promotes cadet learning and improves success from mission to mission, is the time taken to conduct an after action review at the conclusion of each mission," said Rich.

Lieutenant Colonel Alan Westfield, Battalion Command- er, said this FTX was the best he has seen during his command here. "The cadets displayed a level of leadership development and expertise during this FTX that is unprecedented in my four years of experience here at EWU," said Westfield. "Two weeks prior to this FTX, the cadets received numerous intelligence reports from CPT Jim Steinhagen, Battalion Operations Officer, building the scenario for the invasion of Palomas by their unfriendly Caquetan neighbors to the south."

On Thursday, after the simulated invasion of Palomas, the battalion conducted a strategic movement to the Intermediate Staging Base (ISB) at Fort Lewis where the battalion was formed under the command of the Task Force Lighting Commander. Task Force Lighting consisted of the Fighting Eagle Battalion and elements from the 3/25th Infantry Division (Tropic Lightning), headquartered out of Hawaii.

After preparing their equipment and weapons for the FTX, the cadets conducted further strategic onward movement from the ISB at Fort Lewis to the area of operations in the country of Palomas—actually a training area on Fort Lewis.

Once in the training area, the cadets planned and executed five different operations within 36 hours, to include an attack, a defense, an ambush, a reconnaissance mission, and a night attack. After 36 hours of operations, the battalion conducted a redeployment to the ISB to recover and prepare for future operations, and finally re-deployed to EWU on Sunday.

"This was the most successful leadership training exercise conducted to date, as evidenced by the performance of our cadet leaders from freshman through senior level, and by the comments of the cadets themselves," said Rich.
The Easterner's advertising policy to undergo modifications

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As chairman of the Board of Student Publications, I would like to express my regrets to all who read the advertisement printed recently in The Easterner under the heading "Holocaust Studies." This material is inappropriate for publication anywhere, not because it is distasteful or objectionable (which it certainly is), but because the claims made in the ad are false. The documentary evidence kept by Germans, the eyewitness accounts of those persecuted, those who persecuted them and those who liberated the camps is overwhelming and conclusive. In fact, historians have observed that the Nazi Holocaust is the most completely documented collection of atrocities in history. Denying the facts of these events requires a perverse and willful act of self-deception that defies logic.

But the decision to publish or reject even material as objectionable as this is not as simple as it might seem. Freedom of speech and of the press—including freedom to advertise products and ideas—has to be based on the right to publish views that may be repugnant to many or even most. In this case the advertising manager for the newspaper was not aware that she had the option to refuse advertising, and accepted the ad as she would any other, in good faith. If either I or the adviser to the paper had been made aware of ad before it was printed we would have advised a different approach, such as rejecting the ad completely, or at least including accompanying articles challenging the claims it makes.

At its regular meeting this Friday (2/18) the Board will be discussing ways to prevent such an oversight in the future and general policies that could be applied to similar cases. I invite you to come share your views (the meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in Room 250 Patterson Hall).

Again, I offer my sincere apology to anyone who was injured or offended by the inclusion of this material in The Easterner.

Steve Blewett, Chair, Board of Student Publications

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“A Bill of Rights that means only what the majority wants it to mean is no Bill of Rights at all.”

Anthony Scalia, U.S. Supreme Court justice, 1999

By Jacob Ogles
The Oracle (U. South Florida)

TAMPA, Fla. — As the world's most famous beagle sat atop his doghouse, an eerie message was printed beyond the grave.

"Dear Friends, I have been fortunate to draw Charlie Brown and his friends for almost 50 years. It was the fulfillment of my childhood ambition. Unfortunately, I am no longer able to maintain the schedule demanded by a daily comic strip. My family does not wish Peanuts to be continued by anyone else, therefore I am announcing my retirement.

"Charlie Schulz did not plan on retiring this year. In interviews, he said he anticipated drawing Peanuts well into his 80s, maybe longer. But that was not to be.

"On Sunday morning, both children and children at heart anxiously reached for the Sunday comics to read what was to be the last original Peanuts comic strip.

"Sadly, Schulz was not one of those children. Just hours before newspapers hit doorsteps around the world, colon cancer claimed the cartoonist's life.

"It was surreal in many ways, holding a paper published too early to get wind of Schulz's death, though it contained his final work, and watching television reports explaining the great loss to the cartooning world and the world as a whole. But it was appropriate in a way, too.

"As the final ellipses after the phrase "Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus... how can I ever forget them..." drifted Schulz's thoughts into eternity, it seemed almost painful to imagine the 77-year-old Schulz being forced to read classics from 1974 (dailies begun running from that year starting Jan. 4, Sunday classics start running the weekend).

"Instead, Schulz was laid to rest along with all his characters, fading away just as the printing presses' yellow ink heightened Charlie Brown's striped shirt for its last run.

"Of course, Charlie Brown's adventures have all been documented in newspapers, film and Met Life commercials.

"The Christmas special will still be aired this holiday season. Linus will still wait for the Great Pumpkin while the other kids trick or treat and Snoopy will still shoot down planes while he imagines himself as the Red Baron, providing everybody with a security blanket to clutch in a Peanut-less millennium.

"The generation currently in college grew up with Peanuts, said Maggie Miller, a student at the University of Tampa.

"The Great Pumpkin is a modern parable. These are the things Schulz leaves behind.

"So in a poetic gesture, Schulz has said goodbye to the world via Snoopy's typewriter. The world is left rereading yellowed strips held on their refrigerator door with Peppermint Patty napkins.

"And somewhere in cartoon heaven, Charlie Brown is kicking a small brown football through a pair of goal posts in the sky.

You'll be missed, Charlie Schulz

Charles Schulz, 1922-2000
Strange Days

by Darren Beal

Gosh dammit if you friggin’ sons of guns, you’re all full of bullcrap and you’re goin’ to heck!

Dave Humphreys

Copy Editor

With a loud “bang!” the screen door slammed against my backside. Taking a breath, I lifted up my coat, looking for the lanyard with the keys to my apartment. All I felt was the buttons of my shirt where my keys should have been. Frustration took hold, and I moved my hands up to the collar of my neck, hoping to find the frayed shoestring line. Nothing.

“What the...? Oh dear.”

No keys.

I gazed hopefully up and down the row of doors hoping to see a window ajar, hoping to find somebody at home with an idea of how I could get the landlord back to the complex and let me in. Unfortunately, only one cast a yellow hue upon the street in front. I say unfortunate, because I didn’t really like the inhabitant. His name was Terry, and I’d worked with him for a stint in Dining Services, and we didn’t really get along. But worst of all, he came from the Tri-City.

I came from the Tri-Cites. With a shallow resigned sigh, I slowly ambled over toward his door, each step bringing me closer to the individual humiliation I felt I deserved. As I passed his door, I saw him sitting in his blue recliner, watching TV.

“Hey there neighbor, long time no see!”

He sputtered over to the cupboards, and opens one after the other with a quiet “squeak” until he finds the one which has a taped piece of paper with the landlord’s number.

“Get it! I got it for you, now let’s call these numbers.”

He dialed the phone slowly, careful not to hit the wrong number, paused a minute and then talked into the speaker.

“Hi, this is Apartment 9 over at West Street, and my friend Dave over at Apartment 6 locked himself out, and he was wondering if one of you guys could come over and let him back in. Sorry for callin’ this late, thanks buddy but...”

He declared what I knew already.

“Get the answering machine.”

Still unspoken with his abrupt frienship, I shifted in the seat of his chair. “No thanks, I really can’t have any alcohol.”

He grunted a can anyway, and waves into the pendulum of a clock in front of my hand.

“Come on, you’re over 21, you can have a beer.”

I laughed at his overfriensliness, I force out a negative. “Sorry dude, I can’t drink for another six months, I’m on probation... I better call the landlord.”

He digs in the back of his closet for a few minutes, digging through his closet like a packrat, searching for the right phone number. After a frustrating five minutes, I looked over at the shelves above the kitchen counter.

“Now you know, in my apartment phone numbers are on the inside of one of the cupboards.”

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In these politically correct times, it’s still possible to do one thing with impunity: swear your arse off.

The so-called “F word” pops up in normal conversation at least twice every 30 seconds these days, unless you’re over 50 or under 10. In fact, swearing has become so pervasive in American society that even Reader’s Digest, that stalwart bastion of middle-class morality, re­ printed an editorial defending the use of “that dirty F word.” And people who object to using just don’t want to go there ever again.

God bless, here’s a reason to swear these days. The problem is that some people give swearing a bad name.

Take Quentin Tarantino, for instance. He seems inca­ pable of making a movie that’s more than an explode­ laden diatribe which could have been made more cheaply with a few guns, the sound of thousands of rounds of gunfire, and some cheap pasta (Michelino’s) comes to mind.

Most people have already become deafened to the graphic violence in films such as “Pulp Fiction.” But there still seems to be room for a senseless swearing. When a trivial statement such as “I think he’s sleeping” manages to use three or more expletives, it shocks, but it does not increase emotional un­ derstanding of the message. You see, there’s an art to swear­ ing.

In anthropological terms, swear words are known as “taboo words.” All languages and societies have them, and they serve a mystery, linguistic purposes. I would argue that, when used effectively, they heighten the emotional intensity of a statement. This is why using them all over the place is so irritating, for example, Jack Nicholson, in a scene from “The Shining,” where he has become totally psychotic and is attempting to kill his wife. The few well-chosen expletives in the scene make it so powerful, more believable. Fifty years ago the scene would have been scary without any swearing.

On the other hand, I’ve heard attempts at “soft-focus swear­ ing,” such as you hear dubbed onto movies edited for TV, are usually more ludicrous and ineffectual than the extreme represented by Tarantino and his ilk. Homicidal monster doesn’t just look like he’s friggin’ about you, goddamn brains all over the wall” before they kill you. Not unless they’re on a scriptwriting kick, and then not in a hurry. Picture a sort of “kinder, gentler” psychopath such as might have been portrayed by Jimmy Stewart in his heyday.

It’s also interesting to look to other English speaking cultures and see how they swear. While I haven’t been to Britain, I can imagine that the Brits were probably edited for Canadian TV as something like this: “I’m gonna frigging shoot your goddamn brains all over the wall, eh?”

And, of course, Austin Powers has enlightened us all about the British use of the verb to shag. When Elizabeth Hurley’s character asks him to shag her, then? It was a fluffy but hilarious moment in a fluffy but hilarious movie. David Letterman had her completely red faced because of his repeated use of the shag word. In fact, Hurley could barely bring herself to use the word, even though she knew it wasn’t offensive to Americans.

But the British have always had an interesting way of swearing. About the only British expletive which would even half-raise an eyebrow on this side of the Atlantic is the word piss, as in “He’s royally pissed,” which means “He’s very upset about something.”

The same is true of the now trite use of ‘bloody’, which, I suspect, would not even raise the Queen Mother’s royal eyebrow. We Brits don’t offend by our other British swear tactics, either. Some of us might know what a ‘bragger’ is, but probably would be at loss if someone told us the word we use in our version of the British ‘bugger’.

Still somewhat unnerved with his abrupt frienship, I left the apartment, and came to mind, he drinking his beer and I steppeing on the foam of some re­ cently-poured coffee. Though still tense, the time seemed to pass quicker and I found myself al­ most half-raising an eyebrow. It’s the look on his pate, and I called and told him how to get back into my apartment.

After I got back in, I had to go back to Terry’s apartment. Packing up my coat and the books I’d almost forgot­ ten, as I stepped out, he called out after me, “don’t be a stranger now.” I guess he expected me not to talk to him again.

Don’t worry dude, I won’t be,” I called out behind me.

As I got back into my apartment, I searched a few of my best discs and a few root beers.

After knocking on the door, I saw a haggard face. “What’s up, you forget somethin’?”

“Nah,” “I shrugged.” “I was just thinkin’ if I could hang out here for a while.”

Back up with a smile, he mo­ ved the door open.

“Come on in.”

Since then, I’ve seen my friend do similar good works for other people. Shortly after, I locked myself out of my other apartment to a homeless couple, shel­ tering them for a week on his couch. He’s also put up a friend once or twice letting them sleep on his couch or chair until they could get back on their feet. It’s the sort of charity so normal years ago, yet so rare today.

In America, the good Sa­ maritan still lives.

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Curtis Black

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We miss you, Dan Quayle: Not-so-famous quotes from famous people

“What a waste it is to lose one’s mind. Or not to have a mind is being very wasteful. How true that is.”
-Dan Quayle

“Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can’t help but cry. I mean I’d love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff.”
-Dan Quayle

“It isn’t pollution that’s harming the environment. It’s the impurities in our air and water that are doing it.”
-Dan Quayle

“I haven’t committed a crime. What I did was fail to comply with the law.”
-David Dinkins
New York City Mayor

“I’m not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the president.”
-Hillary Clinton

“Smoking kills. If you’re killed, you’ve lost a very important part of your life.”
-Brooke Shields

“Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.”
-Marion Barry
Washington, DC Mayor

Wagner to perform with Edmonds in classical recital

Emily Henderson
Eastern Reporter

Professor Randel Wagner, director of choral activities at Eastern, with pianist accompanist Dr. James Edmonds, will be performing the music of Handel, Hugo Wolf, Henri Duparc and Charles Ives in a solo faculty recital at the Music Building Recital Hall on Feb. 29, at 7:30 p.m. The program, titled Auf einer Wanderung (On a Walk), is a journey through vocal music beginning with the Baroque period and ending with the quasi avant garde music of Charles Ives. The songs will be performed in the original languages in which they were composed, meaning Handel and Ives will be heard in English and French. Wagner has sung in hundreds of performances ranging in style from classical to Broadway, and achieved numerous awards such as regional finalist in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions; National Finalist in the NATS Singer of the Year Competition; and the Nicolai Gedda Award from the Music Academy of the West. He is also a member of the American Guild of Musical Artists.

Since completing a bachelor of music education degree, Dr. Wagner has worked both as a music educator and professional singer. He has also earned his doctorate of music from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in voice performance and vocal pedagogy (academic subject of teaching voice). Prior to his move from the Washington, D.C. area back to his native Washington state, Wagner was on the voice faculty at Towson University in Baltimore, Md., and was the director of choral activities at Hammond High School in Columbia, Md. His performing experience encompasses work with the San Francisco Opera, Seattle Opera, and Tacoma and Spokane Opera companies.

Stella Katsoudas will be releasing a solo album, "Bare," along with a new album by Sister Soleil, tentatively titled "Yummy," in the very near future. Read all about them in next week’s Easterner.

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CHICAGO — According to a new study by University of Chicago Sociology Professor Linda Waite, non-married, cohabiting couples lack specialization and commitment in their relationships and are thus adverse to long-term marriage. These couples, who are overwhelmingly abundant in today’s society, are also likely to make less money and are more likely to physically abuse one another than married couples. Another study, conducted by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC), a University of Chicago research facility, confirms that as we enter the 21st century, the concept of the stereotypical 1950s American family continues to disappear.

“Cohabitation isn’t marriage, and cohabiting people don’t act the same way as married people,” Waite said. “They don’t have the same characteristics — they don’t get the same benefits and they don’t get to pay the same costs.” According to Smith, the average rate for cohabitation is a little over a year, with cohabited relationships usually ending in break-ups or marriage. Statistics show that almost two-thirds of Americans chose to cohabit before getting married. Also, recent Census Bureau figures show that four million heterosexual couples are currently living in cohabitational relationships — eight times the number cohabitating in 1970. Cohabitation is without lifetime commitment. “One of the things people get out of marriage is insurance,” Waite said. “If you think of the Christian marriage vow — in sickness or in health — it seems that people will stay together even if one gets sick or gets disabled. It’s insurance. And insurance is expensive. Emotionally, it’s important that if you get sick, you’re being with someone who will take care of you.” The short-term aspect of cohabitation also leads to lack of specialization in cohabitational and marital relationships. “In marriage...you can say, I like to cook and you like to clean, and I’ll get to be a terrific cook.” Waite said. “Two people together probably can have a high quality life because they have two specialists whereas people who live alone don’t specialize.” According to Waite, cohabited couples also lack the shared financial resources upon which married couples rely. “It’s a deal — a deal that [the couple] they’ve chosen doesn’t give them,” Waite said. “It’s our man for himself.” Members do not pool their resources and those with separate incomes are forced to pay separate taxes.

Members of cohabitational relationships are also less likely to connect with their mate’s family and to take care of their mate’s children. In her article, “The Negative Effects of Cohabitation,” written for The Responsive Community, an academic journal, Waite writes, “The parenting role of a cohabiting partner toward the child(ren) of the other person is extremely vaguely defined. The non-parent partner — the man in the substantial majority of cases — has no explicit legal, financial, supervisory, or custodial rights or responsibilities regarding the child of his partner.” Also, because many religions disapprove of cohabitation, many cohabiting couples are adverse to religious association.

The study also details the fact that members of cohabitational relationships are more likely to lead separate lives than are those who marry. A cohabiting couple is also less likely than a married couple or a dating couple to have a monogamous sexual relationship. Waite writes in The Responsive Community, “Four percent of married women and a secondary sex partner compared to 20 percent of cohabitating women get pregnant.”

“To preserve their exit option, they’re not really working in a partnership,” Waite said. “They’re being two separate people — it’s trading off freedom and low levels of commitment for fewer benefits that you get from commitment.”

According to Waite’s study, many unmarried mothers remain in cohabitational relationships because they fear the domestic violence of marriage. However, the study states that married women are fifty percent as likely as women in cohabitating relationships to acknowledge physical abuse in their relationships and in “The Negative Effects of Cohabitation,” Waite writes, “It comes to hitting, shoving, and throwing things.” Cohabiting couples are more than three times likely than the married to say things that get far out of hand. People who live together are 1.8 times more likely to report violent arguments than married people.”

The study also states that people who cohabit and then marry are much more likely to divorce than people who marry without living together. “Research has shown the surprising result that people who cohabit before marriage are more likely to divorce,” Smith said. “A trial marriage that would allow people to pick a lifetime partner and thereby lead to a better marriage doesn’t work.”

Waite agrees. “There’s sort of a myth that you can improve your chances of having a successful marriage by living together, to see what it’s like, and there’s no evidence at all that that helps people make a better decision; so it’s not a good reason for living with somebody,” she said. Waite’s study attributes this to the non-committal attitude created during cohabitation.

Waite’s results do not relate to cohabitational couples who are engaged. She feels that because those who are engaged and living together have their lives together, they are able to specialize. “If you’re not planning an easy exit; they’re planning to get married, they just haven’t done it yet,” Waite said.

Waite’s study is a synthesis of her work during the past ten years. The full text of the study will be published by Roman and Littlefield in her new book Strengthening American Marriages: A Communitarian Perspective. An abridged version was printed in the winter issue of the Journal The Responsive Community.

Waite has been doing research in this area for over ten years. According to Waite, social scientists have been exploring cohabitational relationships since they started examining marriage and question “whether it’s just marriage with the paper something else.” “I think we’re pretty convinced that it’s something else,” Waite said.
Eagles maintain Big Sky Conference lead with narrow win at Portland State

Eastern's men continued their winning ways with a 70-66 victory at Portland State in their only game last week.

The teams were tied at 22 with 4:48 remaining in the first half, before the Eagles finished with a 10-5 run to take a 32-27 halftime lead, despite only shooting .375 from the field.

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Aaron Olson was high scorer for Eastern with 17 points, while Kareem Hunter and Ryan Hansen chipped in with 13 and 12 points respectively. Hunter led the team with nine rebounds, while Jamal Jones was the leading assist man with seven.

Aggers and the Eagle squad are looking forward to returning to the friendly confines of Reese Court, where the Eagles are undefeated in conference play.

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**Lady Eagles return to action with a pair of road games**

The EWU women's basketball squad faces a pair of tough tests this week when they return to action after an 11-day layoff with games at Idaho State and Sacramento State.

The Eagles are currently tied for the sixth, and final, Big Sky Conference Tournament berth.

Eastern faces the Bengals of Idaho State, Thursday at 7:05 p.m. The Bengals are currently second in the conference with an 8-4 record, and along with the Montana Lady Griz, are the only two teams to have winning conference records on the road this season. Idaho State defeated EWU earlier this year 83-62.

Saturday, the Eagles travel to face Sacramento, a team that is 0-11 on the road, but carries a respectable 4-4 mark at home. In their previous meeting this season, EWU defeated the Hornet 75-54, behind the play of Tracy Ford-Phipps and Julie Morgan, who each poured in 18 points. The Eagles will return home next week to face Northern Arizona and Cal State Northridge, before ending the regular season slate with games at Montana and Montana State.

With their eight victories so far this season, the Eagles have already matched their win total from last season.
Eagles backcourt is a family affair

Tom Fox

Family is remarkably important to two members of Eastern's women's basketball squad. Sisters Stacie and Jamie Granger of Stanwood, Wash., have been playing basketball on the same team for most of their lives and college has been their goal from the time they were in preschool.

"It's always easier to work with people you are used to," said Jamie Granger.

"This team is kind of a family," said sophomore Jamie, 19, sister of fellow guard Stacie, 23.

Both of the girls found interest in the game at a young age, when their father Dan coached them in basketball.

Dr. Brian Asmussen

Eagles skate past WSU, Walla Walla for first wins

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Until the EWU Hockey Club's first win, a 9-4 victory over Lewis and Clark College on Feb. 5, it had been a long season. Early season losses, the typical signature of a first-year program, mounted up to an 0-7 start. The win over Lewis and Clark was followed by a close rematch on Sunday, Feb. 6, a one-goal game that ended with an open-net goal by Lewis and Clark when EWU pulled goaltender Scott Steele. The ice eagles jumped to an early lead in front of the largest crowd of Eagle supporters this year. Riley Orman slid the first goal of the season past goalie Jared Holder just four-and-a-half minutes into the first period, in setup by Glen Muller and Danial Combs. Byron Woods continued his scoring streak with a goal late in the second period and another in the third, a tip from his brother Eric's shot from the point. Danial Combs and Darin Talotti rounded out the scoring, giving Eastern a 5-0 victory and leaving goaltender Mike Streit with his first shutout of the year.

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