First tie in ASEWU election history

Tom Showalter turns 52 on Friday

President Stephen Jordan sent a copy of this letter to every faculty and staff member via e-mail.

Steven J. Barry
Editor/Editor-in-Chief

Tom Showalter, Cheney native and owner of Showie's bar, will celebrate his 52nd birthday on Friday with 50 cent beers and live appearance from the band Delbert. Showalter, like most members of his family, has spent the majority of his life in Cheney, with a few exceptions.

Showalter spent some time in Korea, serving his country's degree in business economics, with a focus on management finance. After earning his master's degree, Showalter worked as a graduate assistant in item designing on basic financial skills such as training a checklist, paying bills on time and applying proper insurance.

Showalter also served three years in the Army operating Singer missiles, which led him to Ft. Carson, Co. and the Demilitarized Zone on the border of North and South Korea.

After returning to the Spokane area, Showalter helped families set up their budgets as a consumer counselor. He also worked for EWU, managing a program called Spokane Business Incubator, which helped small businesses grow from concepts to reality. Showalter saw many success stories, especially in Tech Group, a company that provides medical staff for hospitals short of workers with qualified medical technicians. Tech Group turned into a multimillion-dollar company.

Showalter also worked as a member of the Cheney City Council from 1972-1974 and recently worked as a member of the University Alcohol Task Force, which implemented newly-imposed university alcohol policies.

Showalter said he believes students should drink to social, not to get drunk. "Some students tend to want to get drunk. The intent seems to be to get all screwed up, not to drink socially," said Showalter. "There has to be a recognition among students that drinking is a social thing."

Showalter hatched his idea to open Showie's while socializing at a bar in 1972. "Like lots of other people, I sat on one side of the bar and thought I could do a better job than the one on the other side," said Showalter. Showalter also said he always hopes to keep on doing better. "Everyone thinks they can do better. If you think you've got something 10 percent right there's something lacking," said Showalter.

Showalter says the continuing popularity of his establishment can be attributed to his love for students. "We lose students. I lose students," said Showalter. "Students are good people. We are very student-friendly. We hire students. We treat them fairly."

Showalter also emphasized the fact that he has little tolerance for minors attempting to get in to the bar after hours. "If you've got it, you've got it. If you're underage, don't come here," said Showalter. "Come here if you're ready to act like an adult."

Showalter is married and has two children, Kevin and Todd. Both are EWU graduates. Showalter said he plans to continue managing Showie's and retire in Cheney.

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ASU Reporter

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Peter A. Dual has accepted the position of provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Eastern Washington University, effective April 1. Dual will also serve as a full professor.

Dual, 54, Executive Associate for Academic Affairs and Leadership Development at California State Polytechnic University-Pomona, was chosen from among three finalists nationally for the position. "I believe he brings the right balance to our university," said President Stephen L. Jordan, in making the announcement. "He is articulate, has significant experience as an academic administrator and has shown great capacity in building programs. We are very pleased he will be joining us."

In his 35-plus years in education, Dual helped guide higher education institutions through some challenging times. These times include major budget cuts, transitions from a college to a university, establishing the first and only graduate school of public health in the California State University system and establishing college-based governance in partnership with student government. Dual has served as a full professor in a newly developed faculty association.

While Dean of the College of Health & Human Services at San Diego State University, he was able to increase research, contract and grant activity from $500,000 in 1983 to $17 million in 1993. He has been responsible for budgets ranging from $1 million to $6 million and has lectured and traveled extensively in Japan, China, Taiwan, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Kenya.

"I have been blessed with national and international experience in higher education, health care and social policy that enabled me to make a difference in the lives of people," Dual said. "President Jordan and the EWU faculty and staff are a committed learning community focused on improving the quality of life and the standard of living for all in the region. I will be dedicated to contributing the best of all of my experience to the leadership team and the Eastern Washington University community — on and off the campus."

Dual’s research interests include the role universities play in the health of communities, quality of life determinants for students and faculty and their families on campus and policy formation, health behavior and the interests of under-served populations.

He is currently a tenured professor in the health professions and has held appointments in public health, health administration and policy, health behavior and health education. In addition to his administrative position, he is a Professor of Kinesiology and Health Promotion with a joint appointment in the School of Education and Integrative Studies at CSPIU.

He is currently developing a teaching and applied research program on community approaches to eliminate disparities in health concerning ethnicity, race, culture and health.

Dual holds a post-doctoral Master of Public Health from the University of Texas School of Public Health (1975), a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Michigan State University (1973), an M.A. in Teacher Education and Supervision from Western Michigan University (1971) and a B.S. in Sociology from Western Michigan University (1969).

He has received distinguished Alumnus awards from Lake Michigan Community College and the College of Education at Michigan State University.

Dual, who will receive an annual salary of $125,000 at Eastern Washington University, replaces Niel Zimmerman, who is retiring in March. Zimmerman, a professor of government with a specialty in public law, served in various leadership capacities at Eastern Washington since joining the faculty in 1971. Named Provost in 1997, he served as Acting Provost for several months in 1998. In addition to overseeing the academic mission of the university, he chaired Eastern’s 20 year accreditation review.

"Niel Zimmerman provided me good counsel in my first 18 months as Eastern’s President and has made many valuable contributions to the university," said Jordan. "I join with all of my colleagues in congratulating him on his admirable and successful career."

For the past four years Eastern Washington University has recognized the dedicated effort of its faculty by awarding the honor of "faculty of the year." Each year the university selects nominations from students who want to recognize a faculty member who has made a difference in their college life. These nominations are then reviewed, and one highly deserving faculty member is acknowledged as Eastern’s "faculty of the year."

The nominations for faculty of the year are reviewed by the Faculty of the Year Committee (FYC) which is made up of six student members. This committee is responsible for narrowing down the applications to the most qualified faculty members. The applications are then passed on to the Founders Day Committee, who reviews the remaining applications and chooses the winner for "faculty of the year." It is very important to recognize the faculty members that are trying to make a difference so that other faculty and students can see that those who are going out of their way are being recognized, and they too will strive and go the extra mile," said FYC chair, Josh Ashcroft.

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The EWU Baseball Club raised $1000 last week when they held their 4th annual Eagle Baseball Clinic. Approximately 90 boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15 participated in the clinic. Cheating occurs despite knowing they have cheated at least once during their undergraduate careers, according to a recent survey conducted by Ball State University.

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Eastern Reporter

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The clinic raised close to $1000 after expenses for the baseball club and a portion was charged for the clinic.

The money raised from this clinic will come in handy for the baseball club which starts its season March 4, in Lewiston, Idaho. In a tournament hosted by the University of Idaho's baseball club. The only real drawback to the clinic was that "the baseball camp was good for the guys, but not fundamentally organized for the girls," said softball club vice president Kelsy Parish. That will change this Sunday, as the softball club will host their own clinic at the field house for 60 area softball players.

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Delbert drummers dazzle D Zone

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When I saw Delbert perform, they were opening for the Civilized Animals at the D Zone. There was a small venue located in the basement of the Northtown Mall. To their credit, being an opening band is tough. The people you are playing for aren’t there to hear you play. At larger venues, most of the people sit down and smoke pot. Some are booted off the stage. Opening and trying to get people on their feet is about the hardest thing to do, and I have only seen one band do it. That was 17.

Sometimes, audience response is so meager that even if you wanted to dance, you would feel silly doing so. The D Zone is so tiny that if one were to shout “You Suck!” at the band, they would probably have an issue with you outside in the parking lot after the show.

This was not to happen, as it was an all-ages show, and a good chunk of the people in attendance looked as if they just finished watching Goof Troop on the Disney channel. “All ages” was somewhat misleading, as most of the people were between the ages of 10 and 14 (except the two toddlers: the most energetic Delbert dancers of the evening). This was another factor that made the evening difficult to enjoy.

One member of this “all ages” crowd kindly informed me that her friend thought I was cute, and asked me how old I was. Twenty-one earned me a look that suggested my dentures needed cleaning.

The music was alright. It was fast-paced most of the time, with occasional Sublime-ish attempts at slower, more melodic interludes. Kind of a better side of a cross between Huey Lewis and the News, and Red Hot Chili Peppers. Caught a whiff of some Sublime in there, too.

I am not sure if this happens all the time, but I could not hear what the lead singer’s lyrics were, ever. I could hear his voice, and I recall being unimpressed, but I was frustrated at not being able to here what any of his songs were about.

Delbert is the first band I have seen that employs two drummers. During one song, they engaged in a dogfight of soloing, trading off fills like gangsters exchanging fully-automatic gunfire. It was absolutely exhilarating, and worth paying any cover to see.

Delbert will play Friday night at Showies in celebration of Tom Showalter’s birthday.

They had a few homes going on, a guitarist, the bassist was plucking a standup double bass, and the vocalist played guitar for a couple of songs as well.

Delbert will be playing at Showies on Friday night for Tom Showalter’s 52nd birthday celebration. You will not have to worry about tripping over the little ones while stomping around in the pit, and will definitely not be hit on by any 14-year-olds.

Wine Field plays well for slim pickings

Adrian Workman
Eastern Reporter

The Boston-based alternative band Wine Field performed Wednesday in the PUB’s multipurpose room, and appeared a relatively small audience of 22.

The two members of the band who were there played an acoustic set, a cozy set to an understatedly cozy crowd.

They loved interacting with the audience.

They paused between two songs to tell the audience about how they had discovered a female motorist buried in a snow-drift in their hometown of Portland, Maine. One of the Backstreet Boys present believed “She was naked!” He was the only member of the audience they did not interact with.

They have a few songs that are given repeated strings on the television shows Dawson’s Creek and Party of Five. I have not seen either show, but these musicians are too good for TV.

Masters of complex vocals, the duo gracefully navigated through perfect crescendos and diminuendos without one mistake. They had tremendous, professional control over their voices, even when they sang higher notes, thus eliciting an audience perception of repetitive perfection.

The guitar riffs were unique, energetic, and seemed to dance from one side of your head to the other.

The highlight of the evening for me was their cover of Bob Dylan’s “All Along the Watchtower.” It was a little bit of Bob, a little bit of Jimi, and all in the Wine Field. It was superb.

When Wine Field comes to Spokane this April, they will be playing as a full band. Be sure to check them out. Their Web site is www.winefield.com.

Stella’s gone ‘Bare’

Allan Moody
Writer

Fans of Stella Katsoudas and Sister Soleil will do a double-take the first time they hear the yet-to-be-released CD, “Bare.” The album, intended for friends, family and fan club members, is a collection of six songs, “unplugged,” including the previously unreleased, “My Man Joe.”

The acoustic release is something Katsoudas had been contemplating for over a year, and it’s obvious after a listen that she made the correct decision to release it.

Katsoudas has an astounding vocal range that is sometimes easy to overlook when listening to Sister Soleil’s earlier recordings. It’s in this acoustic setting, however, that you realize what an incredible talent she really is.

To hear a sample of “Fed” or for more information on obtaining the CD, surf to Sister Soleil’s new website, www.ssfans.com.

Fans of the more traditional Sister Soleil sound also have something to look forward to, the band’s upcoming CD, tentatively titled, “Yummy.” The CD is scheduled to be released later this year, and early indications are that it will be just as good, if not better, than Sodarium.

Long time readers of the Easterner know that Sister Soleil is undoubtedly my favorite band and Katsoudas is certainly my favorite singer. Just give any of their recordings a listen and you’ll know why.
‘Angela’s Ashes’ a gray walk through a dark life

Dellvézy’s stages are shown in McCourt’s Ireland. Yeah, like that’s through this depressing film. It wouldn’t be able to take it all in. His life in five years in increments, mother (Angel’s) home of Limerick in 1930’s America (not many movie. It is about an autobiographical book by Frank Parker has directed other hoo d. “So begins the movie. Hoogerhoogt from the role in “The Full Monty.” Carlyle is seemingly typecast as an underequipped binge drinking ne’er-do-well, a role he puts believable use. In this case, however, he deals with discrimination based on ethnicity, class and religion (McCourt is a Protestant from Belfast). It brings to the forefront the crushing blow that discrimination does to the individual and the family. It would be easy for us to judge this man—a father who can’t hold a job, who drinks up his pay when he does work, and who doesn’t seem to want to take responsibility in his life. It would be easy for us to judge—if we weren’t faced with the same extremes of treatment that face oppressed person. I kept waiting for this character to rob a bank or deal in illegal substances or something like that. This book’s spirit is continually crushed throughout most of the movie, something he never recovers from. Award-winning Emily Watson plays the part of Angela, the mother. Watson has had many roles that included playing opposite Daniel Day-Lewis in “The Boxer.” Watson’s character Lizzie has to deal with horrible living conditions, depression, humiliation and the multiple losses of children to death by way of poverty. It is a surprise to me that she doesn’t commit suicide in the movie. Then again, here is a woman who is a survivor. She does what she has to do for the remaining children have something—anything—to eat. She takes care of her and the children in—”by the kindness of his heart”—after they are evicted from the house they were living in. The three Franks give fine performances. Joseph Brod, new to the screen, plays the youngest one. He shows a maturity not found in many child actors (at least not the Macaulay Culkin types), as does the older Carson Owens, playing the ten-year-old Frank. With all the adversity surrounding this family, I think that it is a miracle that Frank ever made it back to America and to later want to revisit his experiences in a book. The sixteen-year-old Frank, played by Michael Legge, makes the final realization of the importance of an education—something an influential instructor tells him is not to be found in the land of Limerick, but only in America. This is the only time I remember hearing a positive statement about the U.S. So the movie brings us back to where it all started, the Statue of Liberty. Well, maybe liberty for some. With its realistic portrayal of poverty and discrimination, in 30’s and 40’s Ireland, great jazz, folk, and original music, believable character portrayals, and involving storyline, “Angela’s Ashes” is a must see—if not for escapism entertainment value, then for the sociological opportunity it gives the viewer. Don’t expect to feel warm and fuzzy after wards.

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Study abroad programs provide travel opportunity

Derrick Braaten
Easterner Reporter

Dahmar Johnson, the coordinator of most of the study abroad programs at Eastern, can help students select a school or program to attend nearly anywhere in the world. She can be contacted at the Study Abroad office in Huggerow Hall, room 205, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by phone at (509) 359-2442. Many programs are available for students whom can only speak English. The only limitations as to where a student can go are program availability and student safety.

As to how students pay for such trips varies. Cash is always good, but financial aid can also be used for those who qualify. Students can receive credits, provided the courses taken overseas are applicable to their major, by paying a $150.00 fee. This fee maintains a student's EWU status, and allows the credits to transfer more smoothly from one institution to the next. Any program ideas should be discussed with an advisor for applicability and credit totals.

One of the few programs not coordinated by Dahmar is the French Department's eighth annual summer in Paris Cultural Workshop, which runs from June 22 to July 2. Professor Alyx Seifert, head of the French Department, coordinates this self-supporting program at Eastern. For a fee of $995.00 plus airfare, students can participate in a ten-day excursion in Paris. Included in the program cost is the hotel stay at the Hotel Gramond (which serves a daily continental breakfast and is located four blocks from the Opera and six blocks from the Louvre Museum), metro passes and admission to some of the events, such as the museums and to an additional $70.00 for the ten days, and meals other than breakfast. Airfare generally runs between $800.00-$1000.00 roundtrip, depending on the airline and other variables, and is the complete responsibility of the interested student. A deposit of $150.00 is required by April 15, with the balance due by May 15.

Activities include a guided bus tour of Paris, a visit to Notre Dame Cathedral, Napoleon's Tomb, the Louvre Museum and other sites in Paris and the surrounding countryside. Students who wish to attend the workshop do not have to speak French, as bilingual guides are provided.

According to Professor Seifert, students who spend some time abroad can greatly expand their understanding of other cultures. Students interested in dealing with other cultures in business or international affairs are somewhat isolated on the West Coast from such interaction.

One can only learn so much about other people in the classroom.

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by Darren Beal

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A night on the town

Dave Hoppens

The smoke yellow light shines dimly down upon the tables with ghostly fumes casting ominous shadows. The rank odor of tobacco surrounds as nicotine filters through the air, mildly waking one of the few figures from a fatigue-induced slumber. He shakes his head twice, trying to clear the cobwebs of the previous three days.

The low threnody of a fellow journalism student up at the karaoke machine singing "Strawberry Fields" makes him recall, requesting the silent stuper to return. With a mild crust of yellow tar on his fingers, he brings his tenth clove cigarette to his lips and inhales, filling his lungs with the percived taste of black pepper and apple pie.

"Nope, Deebee, you can't sing." With a sigh, he turns back to his silent friend seated across the table from him. Already close to his shoulder, he is even closer to the table. He's perceived a slice of black pepper and apple pie.

"I'll be done with you, my zhrink yet." "Don't matter dude, it's time to go." "Leave Emathobhi fresh zhrink off. It's really gnowed." "Finish it off then. Let's go." "But I gotta zhrink shome water otherwise I'll have a hangover." "That's nice, look at you." "But I gotta shing Dafe." "You can do that later. Let's go." "But." "No, buts, you're drunk. Let's go." Finally, he gets his butt out of the bar and into the open air, where he stumbles awkwardly down the street. He reaches his house, where he falls in and out of consciousness every few seconds enough sense to drink three glasses of water.

I leave him at that and consider what I've seen. I've seen a god's eye view of what people look like when we decide to self-destruct. I've seen my friend abandon his senses in order to forget his hopeless and degenerative past. I've seen how an act of reason actually makes us believe to claim he's been so many times before. The Christian group DC Tale wrote a song about a similar situation.

What if I stumble? What if I fall? What if I lose my step and make fools of us all? Will the love continue? When we all becomes a craze?

That's why I was there. Not just to make sure my friend didn't do anything I might regret later. But to let myself know what it's like to see someone else degenerate from man to animal. It doesn't happen just from alcohol either. Money Sex Power Pride. Nicole. Cigarette. Adolescence.

The only way to stop it is to see it.

Letter to the Editor

February 24, 2000

To the editor,

Do you agree with Mike? Hmm... that's a difficult question. If what Mike stands for is the kind of over-reaction that his name is being used for, then I most definitely do not agree with Mike.

The question of agreement with this Mike character seems to be the topic of the day. The table talk is everywhere in the PUR. The chalkboard box of every comment I read today had the question scrawled out on them. No one seems to know who Mike is or what he stands for. The question is so far from the point of agreement. I'm in my infinite curiosity. I read and try to see what club or organization was propagating the table talk. I found what made me angry, Chi Alpha, Rho Chi Student Ministries, Campus Crusade for Christ, and various other Christian groups on campus. I was so putting this question on everyone's桌上, chalkboards, and minds.

I came away with more questions. If this is to raise awareness of Chi Alpha, or any other Christian group, why hide the names on the bottom? If this is to show more of a comment on a relationship with Christ, why not use a more universally known name in your questions? Something like, oh, I don't know Jesus!!!? What's more, what insist on putting the cryptic question in EVERY possible spot student might look. The bright green table tents caught my eye just right, thank you. The chalkboard just distracted me.

Then I began to think about Christianity, and specifically the church I have no problem with people being Christian. I have no problem with people being Buddhist or Hindu or Muslim or Wicca or anything. I don't necessarily agree with evangelism, because it seems to be very, closely minded and egocentric, to insist that someone change their beliefs to yours, when both beliefs have sufficiently equal merit in the eyes of the respective faithful. But I don't have a problem with groups who are able to stand on campus but students who practice their faiths or perhaps find one in their lives that change to reasons for their own.

So the Christian group doesn't have to come to see another religious meeting. It's something that happens. When a freshman, age 18, saying you're quite nice. We played games together..." Can I have some of your letters, a Christian group. When found out, felt I had been lied to. I didn't want to be a part of what is probably a good group of Christian people because I thought I'd been tricked into it.

I don't want that. Often times I see signs advertising activities like music, pizza parties, skittles, etc., when the name of the sponsor, in very small writing, or an insidious line such as read: a group of Christians or a group of Muslims, or a group of whatever. Then new trend is putting letter on the bottom, a Christian group. When found out, felt I had been lied to. I didn't want to be a part of what is probably a good group of Christian people because I thought I'd been tricked into it.

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**Eagles remain best in the Big Sky**

Ian Klev
February 24, 2000

The Eagles’ men’s basketball team found themselves in sole possession of first place in the Big Sky Conference after their fourth and fifth straight victories last weekend at Reese Court, despite unusually poor play.

“Last week we really did not play very well. That’s probably as poorly as we’ve played since Christmas,” said head coach Steve Aggers.

Aggers says the poor game play was because of the team’s mental state, as well as a decline in the energy level during the game. “We got a nice wake-up call, but now we have to get back to our usual energy level,” said Aggers. “Fortunately, we were able to get that wake-up call without losing.”

Eastern was at home Thursday night as they took Big Sky Conference rivals Idaho State 87-64, with five Eagles scoring in double figures, and Will Levy adding 12 rebounds.

Eastern’s Aaron Olson was the game’s leading scorer with 18 points. Karoen Hunter scored 10 and grabbed 11 rebounds. Chris White added 11 points in only 17 minutes of play, while Deon Williams shot 12, and Ryan Hansen added 13.

Chris White also blocked a key shot, that tied him with Austin Layton for the Eastern Washington University career blocked shots record with 59.

Eastern then faced Cal State Sacramento at Reese Court Saturday night. They survived a scare in the second half but were able to pull away with a 74-67 win, their fifth straight.

Ryan Hansen led the Eagles, scoring a game high 20 points on 8 of 15 shooting. Deon Williams was the other Eastern Eagle to score in double figures with 12, and Chris White had a good night on the boards hustling for 11 rebounds.

This weekend the Eagles’ play their last two Conference road games at Cal State Northridge on Thursday and at Northern Arizona University on Saturday.

These are both very tough teams on the road. They’re hard places to play,” said Aggers.

“We’re happy to be where we’re at, we’re fighting for the league championship and the right to host the conference tournament,” said Aggers. “There’s a lot on the line and these are going to be two big weeks for this program.”

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**This week’s games**

**EWU (10-2, 13-9) at Cal Northridge (7-5, 15-8)**

**Thursday, 7:05 p.m. (KEWU-88.5 FM)**

EWU: The Eagles embark on their final roadtrip of the season and it won’t be an easy one. Northern Arizona and Cal Northridge are the only other Big Sky Conference teams to be undefeated at home in league play this season. In their first meeting this season the Eagles out-rebounded the Hornets by 16.

CSN: The Matadors have won all nine of their home games this season, but have struggled as of late against the Eagles, dropping five of the last six meetings between the squads. Northridge is heading into the contest off of a 24-point victory, their largest margin of the season, at Montana State.

**EWU (10-2, 13-9) at Northern Arizona (8-4, 14-9)**

**Saturday, 7:05 p.m. (KEWU - 88.5 FM)**

EWU: Eastern has not historically fared well against the Lumberjacks, dropping eight of their past nine contests. With a sweep this weekend, EWU would clinch at least a tie for first place in the Big Sky Conference.

NAU: The league’s hottest team, the Lumberjacks are on an eight-game winning streak and will no doubt look to pound the ball inside to 7-foot center Dan McClintock. McClintock was named Big Sky Player of the Week for the third time last week, after averaging 20.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game.
Lady Eagles face uphill battle for Big Sky Conference Tournament berth

Tom Fox
Eastern Reporter

Just when it seemed that the Eagles (8-14, 4-8) were on track to clinching a spot for playoffs, they were off track once again last week with two losses which knocked them down to a tie of seventh place in the Big Sky Conference with Cal State Sacramento.

Portland State currently holds onto the final playoff spot with the sixth best record in the conference.

Eastern will try to bounce back from last week’s losses to Idaho State, 72-55, and their four-point loss to the Hornets of Cal State Sacramento, 67-63.

Fortunately for the Eagles they are home for their next two contests. Eastern and Cal State Northridge (14-8, 8-4) square off tonight at Reese Court at 7 p.m.

Saturday the Eagles will take on the visiting Lumberjacks of Northern Arizona (10-14, 6-6) game is at 7:05 p.m. at Reese Ct.

Head coach Joceyl Pfeifer said, "We play much better at home. It's been awhile since we played at home so hopefully we can take advantage of our home court fame and play well."

Eastern plays considerably better at home than on the road, with records of 9-3 and 1-5 respectively.

“Northridge swept last week at home so they are coming in with a lot of confidence and we are going to have to play well,” said Pfeifer, “we are going to have to take care of the basketball because they are going to pressure us for 90 feet.”

The tight coverage of the Matadors won’t be the only pressure that the Eagles will have to deal with this week.

If Eastern drops both of the next two contests they will be staying home when the Big Sky Conference Championship Tournament rolls around on March 9.

In last weeks losses, poor shooting once again by the Eagles factored into a two defects for the team.

Feb 17 the 72-55 loss to Idaho State东方 was their seventh loss in conference play and second this season to Idaho State.

In their earlier meeting on Jan. 7 Idaho State handed Eastern an 83-62 defeat at Reese Ct.

The story was the same in both games as Eastern was unable to score. In their recent meeting Idaho State showed aggression with the 17-0 scoring run that they broke out of the gates with in the opening minutes of the first half.

Eastern played catch up for all but the first two minutes of the game when they led 44-1. The rest of the game the Bengals dominated and the Eagles could not close with in ten points of the controlling Idaho State team.

Chris Urbanski of Idaho State led all scorers with 26 points in the win.

Eastern’s Julien-Moore again posted good numbers with her team high 14 points on 7 of 13 shooting in the loss.

It is tough to rebound after a blowout loss like the Eagles had against Idaho State, but the team lost a closer match up in Sacramento on Feb. 19, 67-63.

The sloppily played game involved 30 turnovers by Eastern and 23 by Cal State Sacramento.

The numerous turnovers led to Eastern once again falling behind by a great margin at half time, 41-31. Pfeifer said, “We struggled offensively in both games. We didn’t take care of the basketball and had too many turnovers.”

Even though they were down by ten, the Eagles did not give into the Hornets and Eastern and Freshman Jannel Ruon dominated the second half.

Ruon scored a season high 17 points on the night with five coming in a run when Eastern took their first lead since early on in the first half.

From that point on the game turned into a seesaw match with Sacramento standout Sephora Scobes leading the way for the Hornets with her 21 points. Scobes led all scorers and in the process connected on some key jump shots down the stretch to give her team the narrow four-point victory.

With the win the Hornets tied Eastern for seventh place in the Big Sky with a record of 4-6 in conference play.

This week’s games

Cal Northridge (8-4, 14-8) at EWU (4-8, 8-14)
Thursday, 7:05 p.m., Reese Court

CSN: The game will mark the beginning of a four-game roadtrip for the Matadors, who are currently one-and-a-half games out of first place. Northridge is 2-8 in games they trail at the half, but an impressive 12-0 when leading at the intermission.

EWU: The first of two pivotal games for Eastern if they wish to qualify for the Big Sky playoffs, the Eagles must attack the boards if they are to pull off the upset.

EWU is 7-4 in games they’ve rebounded the opposition, but only 1-10 when they are beaten on the boards.

Northern Arizona (6-6, 10-14) at EWU (4-8, 8-14)
Saturday, 7:05 p.m., Reese Court

NAU: The Lumberjacks have struggled on the road this season, going 1-3 in conference games and 2-7 overall. Sophomore Anna Sterling set the school’s single-season blocks record Saturday against Montana. NAU is 7-0 in games in which they have scored 65 or more points.

EWU: The Eagles enter the week trailing Portland State for the sixth and final playoff spot by one game. The two teams both play NAU and CSN this week in contests that will go quite a ways in determining the tournament entrants.

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Northridge to bolt from Big Sky

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California State Northridge University announced Feb. 9 to Big Sky Conference officials in Ogden, Utah that they have accepted an invitation to join the Big West Conference effective July 2001.

The announcement was expected after Cal State Northridge had submitted a letter to the Big Sky Conference officials three months ago informing the conference of the university's intentions.

Big Sky Conference Commissioner Doug Fullerton said, "We have been involved from the beginning in the discussions between Northridge and the Big West."

Fullerton and the rest of the Big Sky officials have been trying to work with Cal State Northridge to come to a compromise that will work for both sides.

Four years ago Cal State Northridge, Cal State Sacramento and Portland State all became members of the Big Sky Conference when the University of Idaho and Boise State left the Big Sky for the Big West Conference.

Cal State Northridge had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Big Sky Conference that by July 1, it would have in place a men's tennis program and at least an acceptable option for an improved football stadium.

Ron Loghry, Big Sky Conference chief of staff, said, "They agreed to add a men's tennis team, and every year that they did not, they were given an extension to do so the next year. If they did not have a team for next year they would be forced into finding another conference to belong to."

In addition to Cal State Northridge neglecting to add a men's tennis team, Big Sky presidents were not satisfied with their current football stadium.

Fullerton said, "As Commissioner, I have a primary responsibility to the Big Sky and its health, but I also have an obligation to help each institution do what is right for its respective programs."

Cal State Northridge's will continue to be part of the Big Sky Conference until July 2001.

From the time a conference member submits a letter for their removal, that member has the obligation to remain in that conference for one full year.

"For us we found that geographically to be in the Big West just made more sense," said Cal State Northridge Athletic Director Richard Dull, "the Big West is predominately a California conference and travel will be much better on our teams."

The Big West will no longer offer football as one of their sports. "We will still have the opportunity to continue to play football independently and we will have more control with who we play with out a conference controlling our schedule," said Dull.

The Big West Conference is leaning towards becoming a California based conference similar to the West Coast Conference, which doesn't compete in football, rather they focus on basketball and baseball.

Loghry said, "The league right now is very satisfied with the eight members that we have and we are not looking for a replacement for Northridge." However, Southern Utah University has contacted the conference with their interest.

The Cal State Northridge's change was well understood. "Although we hate to lose the Matadors as a conference member, I understand completely their decision to join the Big West," Fullerton said. "This movement makes sense for Northridge, the new Big West Conference and college athletics in general, and we wish them the best in their new affiliation."

"We are not unhappy with the Big Sky, but the Big West will work to our advantage," said Dull.

Martin's contract not renewed

The contract for Eastern Washington University women's soccer coach Jennifer Martin will not be renewed for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, EWU athletic director Scott Barnes has announced.

Barnes said Martin will be assigned other duties in the department until the conclusion of her current contract on June 30. He hopes to name Martin's successor as soon as possible.

Martin has been the only soccer coach in the three-year history of Eastern's women's program. Eastern was 5-36-3 overall and 3-11 in the Big Sky Conference with Martin at the helm. Eastern was 5-4-3 her first season, then went 3-15 overall and 3-4 in conference play in 1998 to qualify for the four-team Big Sky Conference Tournament. Last fall the Eagles were 1-17, with the lone victory a 2-0 win over Gonzaga on Sept. 29.
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