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HEC board proposes sale of Spokane Center

Steven J. Barry
Student Life Editor

The state Higher Education Coordinating Board is looking in to selling the Spokane Center campus and purchasing another building at the Riverpoint campus.

Mary Voves, vice president of business and finance, said the consolidation would make attending classes much easier for Spokane students by eliminating the need to commute between the two campuses.

"It would make things much more convenient for students to consolidate the two campuses," said Voves. "They wouldn't have to go from Riverpoint to Spokane Center in the same day, and students who only attend the Riverpoint campus wouldn't have to drive all the way down to Spokane Center to buy books."

The cost of the move would be roughly $4.35 million, and the current value of the new building is $8.2 million, and the Spokane Center would be sold for about $3.85 million. Voves said the sale of certificates of participation would cover most of the cost. She said the HEC board has spoken with the state legislature about the matter, but has yet to receive approval.

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Ruley cleared in four of five counts

Newly elected ASEWU vice president found "not responsible" for all but one of the alleged campaign violence charges against her.

John Lichiborski
Assistant Reporter

An election board grievance meeting was held last Thursday evening to hear allegations brought forth by ASEWU Safety and Transportation councilman Kyle Hash, against ASEWU Vice President for Business and Finance Heather Ann Ruley.

Hash alleged Ruley made three campaign violations, and two campaign materials violations. Ruley was cleared of all campaign conduct violations, and deemed "responsible" for one campaign materials violation.

Ruley was given a fine of $50, which will be donated to the Cheney food bank, for the violation. Hash has no further recourse against Ruley, as the accused is the only person who can appeal the decision of the board. Ruley has until today to decide whether or not to appeal the decision, but indicated she would donate $50 to the Cheney food bank regardless of the outcome of any future appeal.

The election board grievance committee deliberated for over an hour in a closed-door session to determine the validity of Hash's claims.

"The bylaws regarding this [the rules] are very vague and open to interpretation," said Dingley, election board chair in announcing why the deliberation took so long. "This [bylaw] definitely needs to be reviewed to help clarify the rules in the future."

"I don't think it's going to go my way," said Hash before hearing the ruling. Hash, running for the position of ASEWU vice president, lost the election to Ruley by only 100 votes and was hoping his claims would either disqualify Ruley, or the results would be invalidated causing another election to be held."

"I feel I will be totally vindicated, because I feel I've done nothing wrong," Ruley said prior to the fine being issued. Ruley was close to being prophetic, and most likely would have been had Ruley informed the board that she had "done a stupid thing," adding that he would "make her pay," and "she didn't want to cross him."

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Ruley was already deemed "not responsible" for the actions or activities of others who assist a candidate in a campaign, which Hash had alleged.

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The Eagles make a run for hosting the Big Sky Tournament this weekend. Support them at this Saturday's game—Reese Court 7:00 p.m.

Eastern student facing charges of incest and sexual exploitation

Dave Humphreys
Copy editor

An Eastern student has been arrested and charged with incest, sexual exploitation of a minor and intimidating a witness last Friday.

The Spokane County Prosecutor's Office has charged Eric B. Elison, a 35-year-old student who was enrolled in a program to observe teachers at Skyview Elementary, with having sexual intercourse with his stepson on at least one occasion between 1997 and 1999. The prosecutor alleges that Elison allowed his stepson to engage in sexually explicit conduct on tape and/or Elison encouraged said conduct.

Elison, who will be arraigned on Thursday, March 9, will also be facing charges of intimidating a witness, namely his estranged wife Michelle Elison, who said the information so far indicates that on Feb. 11, a Sheriff's Deputy went out to Mrs. Elison's house and heard a telephone call from a male, which Mrs. Elison alleged was her husband, Eric. The caller told Mrs. Elison that he would take her children from her, saying she had "done a stupid thing," adding that he would "make her pay," and "she didn't want to cross him."

The bail for Elison has originally been set at $250,000, which Hedlund said is "fairly high, even for a sex crime."

Hedlund said that there are two reasons why prosecutors ask for a bail bond. Specifically, they will ask for a bond to be set because the suspect either 1) poses a danger to the public or 2) may pose a flight risk.

"Typically what we see [are] bonds for sex crimes in the $10,000 to $50,000 range. A $250,000 bond is significant."

Hedlund also said that the bail has since been reduced to $200,000, and it may be reduced further. "I would anticipate it will be reduced again at arraignment," said Hedlund.

Elion's arraignment will take place Thursday, March 9 at 10 a.m. in court room 103 at Spokane County Courthouse.
Higher education board looks ahead to 2010

Darren Beal
Olympian File

EWU's board of trustees gave the state Higher Education Coordination (HEC) Board a congratulatory thumbs-up Friday as part of its endorsement of the HEC board's year 2000 master plan for public colleges and universities in Washington state.

The plan, commissioned by Washington state Law to be drawn up every four years, considers demographic changes in the state during the next 10 years and calls for a tiered approach to addressing them.

The master plan redefines the needs of students and reinforces enrollment goals, HEC board Executive Director Marc Gaspard said Friday.

The HEC board plan predicts an enrollment increase of 70,000 students between now and 2010, with public post-secondary schools expected to absorb 52,000. Population increases over that period are expected to account for 36,000 new students alone, Gaspard said.

"This is okay for community colleges because of their easy access and excellent service in this state," he said. Washington state ranks in the top ten nationally, he said. But the additional 16,000 will strain an already struggling four-year public school system, currently ranked 48th out of 50 states in a study cited in the HEC board plan.

And, Gaspard pointed out, the degree most in demand in Washington in the next ten years will be a bachelor of arts or science. As a result, the state is least prepared to accommodate increases in enrollment.

Because of this lag between four-year degree graduates and job demand, he says that employers, especially on the west side, have had to "import" workers from other states to fill tech jobs. Another 16,000 students above that figure will be needed to fill jobs requiring a four-year degree, according to HEC board projections.

"Unfortunately, Washington is now a net importer of well-educated people—people who have the education opportunity for our citizens do not," said Bob Craves, HEC board chairman. "Education [should] prepare our citizens to thrive in this increasingly technological and knowledge-based world."

A focus on student needs, linking grades K-12 with higher education, reaching out to new education "consumers," a new emphasis on "e-learning" and encouraging partnerships between state colleges, universities and businesses form the core of the HEC board's master plan.

To benefit students, the master plan includes provisions to make the state education system more "user-friendly," said Craves, including graduate-degree programs, satellite campuses and a more linked system.

"This linkage will keep tuition affordable and predictable and allow students and families to prepare for the costs of college," said Benson.

Some features of the plan expand current state programs, including College in the High School, Running Start and Advanced Placement programs. It also looks to helping students financially.

The HEC board plans propose to link the Guaranteed Education Tuition program (GET) and the Washington Promise Scholarship, both of which encourage K-12 students to do well in school and families and their employers to invest in children's college funds.

The plan has been approved by both the governor and the state senate, and is expected to be passed by the state house of representatives.

Gaspard, a former Washington state senate majority leader said, "We believe there is no better investment than education—particularly when a college degree has essentially become the ticket to full participation in middle-class life."

The HEC board plan increases in-state tuition and fees for in-state undergraduate students will pay $9,594 in tuition and fees for 2000-2001. Graduate students will pay $2,793 ($931 per quarter) for in-state students and $13,164 in tuition and fees for out-of-state students.

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Eastern has not yet secured a date with MTV but will be requesting April 25, 26 or 27. With ticket sales anticipated to be $53,000, Voves said, the net cost of the event will likely be approximately $22,000.

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Republican front-runner George W. Bush beat out Arizona Senator John McCain in Tuesday's Washington state Republican primary, winning 60 percent of GOP votes, while Vice President Al Gore narrowly defeated challenger Bill Bradley 2-1 to 1 in the Democrat's non-binding race.

But in Spokane County, Bush won by only 51 percent to McCain's 46 percent. While Bush garnered most of the state's delegates to the Republican National Convention this summer, he and McCain nearly tied for the Washington state popular vote when voters declaring themselves independents were counted.

In Washington this election day, John Lichorobiec Eastern Reporter

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Bush - Gore take state primaires

Forty girls, ages nine to 16 participated in the first Annual Eastern Washington University Fastpitch Softball Clinic, last Sunday, in the fieldhouse at Eastern. The clinic, put on by members of the EWU softball club, was expected to generate approximately $900 worth of revenue for the club. The clinic cost each participant $25, which included lunch donated by Rosa's Pizza, as well as a t-shirt.

The clinic focused on the various aspects of fastpitch softball, with different hitting, pitching, fielding and throwing stations. "For this being our first attempt at doing our own clinic, I think it went better than expected," said Kelsey Parish, vice president of the softball club.

"We'd like to bring in outside specialists in various aspects of softball, to help better promote the clinic and the softball club at Eastern," said Cinnamon Anderson, secretary of the softball club.

Among the participants at the clinic was a girls' 12 and under all-star team, from Post Falls, Idaho. "The drills could have been more age specific because of the varying degree of skill levels among the girls at different ages," said Parish when asked how to improve the clinic in the future.

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Killing by 6-year-old--How young is too young to prosecute?

Courtesy of The New York Times News Service

In the morning, the boy pulled out a pistol and killed his 6-year-old classmate, Kayla Rolland.

In the afternoon, police said, he sat in a stable and drew pictures, seemingly unaware that something horrendous had happened.

What does this say about the culpability of the 6-year-old who turned a peaceful Tuesday morning at Buell Elementary School in Mount Morris Township, Mich., into a nightmare?

For the legal system, the question is relatively cut. Because of just such contradictions in behavior, in the United States and in most other industrialized nations, children younger than 7 normally are not held responsible for crimes such as murder.

And Arthur Busch, the Genesee County, Mich., prosecutor, said Tuesday that the boy probably won’t be prosecuted.

But the issues are much murkier for parents, school officials, government leaders and others who try to understand why young children kill and what can be done to stop them.

Dr. James Garbarino, the author of “Lost Boys: Why Some Young Men Become Violent and How We Can Save Them,” said that, in some ways, the age of the boy who shot Kayla was anything but surprising.

Surveys of 8-year-olds, he said, show that one-third said they could get a gun if they wanted one. In several incidents around the country, children 6 and younger have been caught bringing guns to school.

“There is nothing magical or automatic about the age,” said Dr. Garbarino, a professor of human development at Cornell University. “There’s no built-in protection there.

Quite the contrary, there is a built-in vulnerability. A young child is even more open to cultural and family influence than an older kid.”

Dr. Garbarino and others said that whether a 6-year-old understands the significance and permanence of death, however, depends on the individual child, the circumstance of the child’s life and other factors.

Researchers have found in recent years that young children have a more developed moral sense and a greater ability to grasp abstract concepts and to reason rationally than was once believed.

By the age of 6 or even younger, said Dr. Elliot Turkel, a developmental psychologist and chancellor’s professor at the University of California at Berkeley, most children understand that it is wrong to harm another person.

“They can understand that it hurts,” Dr. Turkel said, “and that they don’t want to experience this pain or have other people don’t, either.”

Yet what light—if any—such findings shed on the mind of a 6-year-old who guns down a classmate is uncertain. In the recent years, said Dr. Laurence Steinberg, director of the John and Katherine T. MacArthur Foundation’s Network on Adolescent Development and Juveniles.

The MacArthur network, made up of experts in the social sciences and law, is studying issues relating to crimes committed by children, in an effort to determine at what age it is appropriate to hold someone responsible for a criminal act.

Dr. Steinberg, a professor of psychology at Temple University in Philadelphia, said the research is still being conducted. But he predicted the age at which the age will turn out to be somewhere between 12 and 16.

“It isn’t enough to say, ‘Did the child know right from wrong?’” Dr. Steinberg said. “The issue is whether this individual had the cognitive and emotional capabilities to stop himself from doing something, even if he knew it was wrong.

New Eagle recruits to learn ropes at Valley Mall

Students already admitted to Eastern Washington University for fall 2000 and anyone interested in learning more about the university are invited to an EWU Information Program in the Spokane Valley March 12. (Parents of prospective students are welcome, too)

Get a glimpse of Eastern 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the EWU Valley Mall Community Learning Center on the second floor.

To RSVP for this free event, please contact Stacy Olsen at 359-2450, toll free at (888) 740-1914 or e-mail saxon@email.ewu.edu

EWU President Stephen M. Jordan and other university staff and students will be on hand to answer questions about academic programs, undergraduate advising, residential life, admissions, financial aid, student life and the campus overnight visit.

Refreshments provided by Mall vendors will be served.

Jerry Irwin, general manager of the Spokane Valley Mall and an Eastern alum, will serve as host for the event.

The Theta Chi charter would be recognized nationally as a fraternity.

The members of the former Theta Chi fraternity have had trouble getting along with their now-departed advisor, Bruce Ellis.

Recently Eastern’s Theta Chi fraternity lost recognition from the national chapter.

“We were not a fraternity yet, we were only an interest group, but we only need a few more members to actually receive our charter,” said Ben Gentry, former member of Theta Chi.

To become a fraternity, the members must first form an interest group in order to receive national recognition.

After they have had a certain number of members for so long then they are colonized and after some time, they become a fraternity.

This is not the first time that this fraternity has attempted to gain national recognition. “Bruce Ellis has tried two previous times and failed,” said Geny.

“We were a good group.”

The president and vice president worked very hard, but we weren’t going anywhere.

The Theta Chi members said they wanted to have full enrollment so that they could be recognized nationally as a chapter. They said they attempted to recruit men that they thought would fit into their fraternity and this was difficult because Ellis was their live-in advisor, and his apparent main goal was to get the guys to live in the house. Many of the new recruits had their own place or were uncomfortable with having a live-in advisor that was so much older. The members said they felt Ellis couldn’t relate to them.

Many of the former Theta Chi members have withdrawn from the fraternity. There are still some living in the house until their contract is up, but then they have said they intend to leave. Currently there are only two brothers left in the fraternity, who are attempting to reform the group, but the Theta Chi members may harm their efforts.


**Letters to the Editor**

**Easterner use poor judgment**

**Dear Editor,**

The Anti-Defamation League is outraged that The Easterner chose to publish Holocaust denial advertising in the February issue of the paper. This advertisement comes from Bradley Smith, a veteran Holocaust denial propagandist.

Bradley Smith has attempted to publish his ads and insert his new "magazine" in campus newspaper across the country. Most college and university newspapers have rejected his efforts. They understand that the broad rejection of Holocaust denial propagandist is consistent with all recognized standards of academic freedom and the First Amendment. There is no moral or legal obligation to publish hate propaganda. Indeed, morality calls for a vigorous response from all segments of the campus community. The lack of such a response creates an atmosphere in which ethnic, racial, religious, and all other forms of bigotry are likely to flourish.

The response to this advertisement in The Easterner should be no different than the response of the campus community to the distribution of a hypothetical white supremacist document asserting that slavery never existed.

We maintain that an editor of any newspaper be a campus public forum whose broad circulation is required to have journalistic integrity and responsibility in what he/she chooses to offer their readers.

Sincerely,

Brian David Goldberg

The Easterner

**Letters to the Editor**

**An opposing view**

When all else fails, blame a man

As a man reading this, you might be thinking to yourself that you are just a wimp and that men have a right to their position on other matters (either religious, evolutionary, or some other misinterpreted grounds). Perhaps you think that you should just shut up and join the ranks of "real men" and accept my place. You may feel that you are just too scared to come out in public and society in all these "femini-estas" are trying to take over and make me someone that I do not want to be. But if you look carefully at the way women are striking out with uninformed rhetoric because they think they will cease to exist if they don't, then you are afraid to take a hard long look at society and how they are being tricked into buying into the roles given to them. The reality is that the positions of profit, power, control and manipulation against someone else. Everyone has a right to be heard. This is the real thing, feeling person. We then think it is okay to enslave, abuse, harass, hurt, and ignore them. It is the greed-in-action that leads to all of our demise. This is what hurts our world. Is feminism perfect? Of course not, there is no such thing as a perfect ideology. It is a growing and evolving way of life that for many a personal journey. As a woman, I will be joining in on the celebration of International Women's Day. I believe that in all things equal. Let Allen's salary raise again. Let Allen's date raise again. If you answered Allen, you're wrong. Now, who paid for the date? If you answered Allen, you're right.

Allen Moody

**The First Amendment**

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

"What is more important in a library than anything else--than anything else--is the fact that it exists."

Archibald MacLeish, poet, 1972

I hate it when a couple of jerks a year desecrate the flag. But I don't think we should amend the Constitution. The First Amendment is the core rule we should live by.

Paul Wellstone, (D-Minn.), 1990
Webber, Charles Hart, and Richard Stilgoe is now playing at the Spokane Opera House.

"Phantom of the Opera" is much more than what most people think of when they hear the word opera. "Phantom" integrates all the aspects of modern entertainment. Andre and Firmin, the Paris Opera House owners, provide a good laugh on the right occasions, especially Firmin with his preoccupation with the tightly dollar. There is horror in the Phantom's obsession with Christine, his prodigy and a chorus girl at the Paris Opera, and his determination to possess her. As the death toll rises, Raoul, a childhood friend of Christine and new love interest, promises to rescue Christine from the Phantom's spell, which involves drama and involves action as Raoul follows the Phantom to his lair to save Christine. The mystery is all encompassing as we learn that the Phantom is merely a man, but his many talents and "powers" have everyone convinced he is truly a magical spirit.

Brad Little plays the Phantom, who in reviews has been compared to Michael Crawford (the original Phantom in the musical), and he and the entire cast promise a good show. From the moment the chandelier explodes into light and swings out over the audience until the close of the curtain on the Phantom's mysterious disappearance, the whole production mesmerizes the audience with its spell. Unfortunately, Brad Little ended his tour as of March 1, and will be succeeded by Ted Keegan. Keegan will undoubtedly fill the role of the Phantom as well as Little, bringing the same fervor and depth of emotion that is necessary for a role like the Phantom.

Little's Phantom incorporates intense passion and extreme sentiment as the audience feels for his rejection from society. Little shows the audience his desperation for acceptance, which he feels is solely in Christine. Little's Phantom plays Christine with inspiring courage and wisdom; her performance brings sympathy for Christine's predicament, whether to show compassion to a troubled soul or to choose Raoul selfishly. Raoul is played by Jim Weitzer, whose character seems more interested in Christine's success rather than actually in love with her. Despite this, Weitzer convincingly portrayed the dedicated lover/hero. Overall, this show is incredible and while it is playing, I would definitely recommend a trip to the opera.

Club Vegas to kick off family weekend

The fifteenth annual Club Vegas is being held Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. in the Pub Multi Purpose Room.

The event begins at 6:30 with a one hour performance by mentalist Christopher Carter. Stephanie Ennis said that a mentalist is someone who can move things telekinetically. An example of this is when he closes his eyes and runs his hand over a person's driver's license, and can then tell them what their license number is.

After that let the gambling begin. For a three dollar entrance fee, participants get a few thousand dollars in gambling chips (funny money), entertainment for four and a half hours, and free snacks and beverages, and to mention the opportunity to meet new friends and win various prizes. The gambling will last from about 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., during which the point will be to amass as much wealth as possible (again in funny money) so that when the prize table opens at 10:00 p.m. participants can get in line and buy prizes.

This year Eagle Entertainment is giving away some great prizes, ranging from a hotel stay at the Spokane Super 8, lift tickets at Mt. Spokane, and 49 Degrees North to tickets to Silverwood, among many other prizes. The way the prize claiming works is that, there will be a line and the first person in the line chooses their prize and so on, but participants shouldn't despair if they aren't the first in line. If the person at the front of the line gets the prize that you were hoping for there are more than one prize they have to get back in line later and go through the entire line before they can get another prize.

The night comes to an end with a hypnotist who will perform from about 11:30 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. If you decide to come late to the event you can still come but you should buy your tickets in advance because the hypnotist is a very popular event.

He packs the houses," says Ennis. "If you have nothing to do this Saturday put Club Vegas on your calendar. It's going to be a lot of fun. For all those in the community who are wondering, the athletic department will not be putting on a real money gambling event this year at the same time. They stopped doing that three years ago. Hopefully you'll come out any way and play and have a good time.

The event, normally held in May, was moved to March because of the Science Olympiad to be held here in May this year.

Andrea Laggart
Eastern Reporter

The Tigger Movie

Fri & Mon - Thurs 5:30, 8:10
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Story and Photos by
Jennifer Harrington
Assistant Editor

The EWU theatre department is putting on the play "Rosie," based on the famous WWII icon Rosie the Riveter. The production debuted last Friday Feb 25, and played again on Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. "Rosie" is scheduled to play again tonight and tomorrow night.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. at the University Theatre, and tickets go on sale at the theater building an hour before the play begins. Tickets are free for students, and one companion, with an Eagle Card. General admission is $5.

The production featured music performed and directed by EWU students and alumni. All throughout the play, the orchestra could be seen lurking in the shadows behind the set.

Just about everyone has heard of Rosie the Riveter. She has become the American symbol for feminism, emulating arguments relating to "equal pay for equal work," and equal job opportunities. She represents the thousands of American women who went to work in the shipyards and factories during the war to provide equipment for the fighting soldiers.

Drawings of Rosie sporting a rivet gun and standing next to a 1940s war bomber, or battle ship can be found anywhere from military recruiting centers to the pages of various magazines.

Tanna Peters did an excellent job of bringing this icon to life, giving her hopes, dreams, aspirations and an all around believability personality. Peters portrayed Rosie as a passionate young woman who felt trapped in her small, typical American port town. She's yearning to see the world and experience all it had to offer.

Peters' Rosie was unintentionally a feminist in the 1940's, when it was not so popular to be one. Rosie wasn't happy just being a riveter. She questioned many social conventions throughout the play, including why it was that she couldn't join the military, and serve her country. She did her job, hard and physical as it may have been, as well or better than any man could have done it. In other words she was the perfect role model for any independent young girl, or adult woman for that matter.

Rosie's mother, played by Rebecca Oberholtzer, was constantly trying to set her up with eligible young bachelors, as her headstrong independence often seemed to scare potential husbands material away. This also could have been attributed to Rosie's father, played by Joe Gottschall, who always lurked in the shadows glaring at any potential suitors. Rosie however, was not too concerned with the lack of romance in her life, choosing rather to concentrate on her work and figure out a way to get into the Navy.

Rosie was backed up by a host of other entertainingly zany characters. Rebecca Cook brought the surfy, yet loyal Leslie Newton to life, supplying her own style of humor to the production. Tiffany Glass performed as Gertrude Simpson, a ditzy, pretty young woman who thinks of nothing but boys and her appearance. Gertrude seems to think that Rosie and Leslie lack of romance in her life, choosing rather to concentrate on her work and figure out a way to get into the Navy.

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The greatest comic relief in the production, however, came from minor characters in the form of military police hunting down draft-dodgers. Isaac Grambo, and Paul Villabre make appearances at odd wacky times in the production, nicely breaking things up a bit as a pair of confused MPs.

"Rosie" is a light-hearted comic look at 1940s American life in a time of war-torn turmoil. The relationships between the characters, and ironic plot developments kept the audience entertained and interested despite the play's three-and-a-half hour, time frame—the play ran from 8 p.m. to 11:25 p.m. All in all "Rosie" is an entertaining and enlightening night out on the Eastern campus. And it's free for students!
EWU musicians go for baroque

Derrick Beutner
EWU Reporter

On Thursday, the Eastern Washington University Baroque and Chamber Orchestra with Chorus presented a sampling of classical works by such artists as Mendelssohn, Hummel, Handel, and Bach. The 90-minute musical production, directed by Martin Zyskowski and featuring David Dutton as solo oboist, filled the Showalter Auditorium with the eloquent sounds of Baroque masterpieces.

Zyskowski has been teaching percussion at Eastern for the past thirty-one years, and Dutton teaches the oboe as a part-time instructor and this is his first year returning to teach at Eastern. It was an evening enjoyed by all who attended, with many concert-goers applauding the performance. This was the third concert of the season at Eastern for the past thirty-one years, according to both Dutton and Zyskowski.

The EWU Baroque and Chamber Orchestra is only one of four complete orchestras at Eastern. They range from the smallest, the baroque, which is made up of string instruments, to the symphonic, which contains the largest variety of instruments ranging in size from the piccolo, a small, flute-like instrument, to the harpsichord, the predecessor to the modern piano. The era of music determines the particular orchestra that will be used.

ESL students learn English through conversation

Emily Henderson
EWU Reporter

English as a Second Language (ESL) students have the opportunity to practice English in a conversational environment through the Conversation Group, a weekly meeting where the students talk to each other in English, hosted by the Writing Center.

The Conversation Group deals with many different aspects of the English language, not just writing papers. Services offered cover objectives such as brainstorming, grammar, speaking, and listening skills. The center hopes that with Conversation Group, ESL students will gain a better grasp of these concepts. Improvement of listening, speaking, and informal conversation skills are the areas most emphasized in Conversation Group. Conversation skills seem to be most difficult for non-native students to get a handle on. Take for example the idiom "to get a handle on." What's that supposed to mean? How can somebody put a handle on an intangible noun such as a skill? Because of little exposure to English slang, phrases such as this make no sense to people who are new to the informal American culture.

This is one of the problems that responders in the Writing Center are tackling with their ESL students. To overcome this obstacle, among others, responders use a variety of methods to help their students navigate their way around English. Approaches range from participating in engaging conversations to playing interactive games. Responder Gail Forsgren says, "The group's success is because Conversation Group is a safe environment."

Conversation Group is also easy-going relative to a student's schedule. Even though the allotted time for the group is every Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., students can come and go as they feel a need. It is not a graded class in which credits are received. There is no pressure to come for the entire hour and a half, or even to come every week. It is only hoped that students take advantage of this opportunity as often as they are able to come, and develop a higher proficiency in the complicated English language.
School of Social Work goes statewide

Jamie Hoering
Eastern Reporter

Eastern’s School of Social Work and Human Services has implemented a Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board plan for universities to take graduate programs to different parts of the state.

The community-based part-time Masters in Social Work (MSW) programs are located at Everett Community College and Heritage College in Yakima.

The part-time structure allows students who already have full-time jobs in human services to come back to school and get a master’s in social work through evening classes. “We have a commitment to meet the MSW needs of the state,” Dr. Michael Frumkin, Eastern’s dean of social work and human services, said. “We are offering a variety of delivery models and hope to meet the needs of various students.”

And the needs are there. Frumkin said the U.S. Department of Labor projects social work to be in the highest-demand category for job availability to 2005. There is “definitely a demand for the program,” Susan McIntyre, the director of Eastern’s social work program at Everett, said. “It’s a real terrific option for [the students]...they’ve been out practicing for a number of years...and can work nightly toward a degree.”

“We have a very committed social work staff,” McIntyre said. Eastern hires a full-time faculty member appointed to each location. In the past, the program has had faculty members fly out from Cheney on Monday, teach classes in Everett Monday and Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and leave Wednesday.

The part-time program lasts almost three years and runs through the summer semester, in a group of people who go through the program all together,” McIntyre said. “They grow together and it becomes a learning community.”

The 48 students involved in the master’s program at Everett represent five different Washington state counties. Some students commute from the San Juan Islands. “They are making a sacrifice and have a strong commitment to get their master’s,” McIntyre said. “A very broad region also creates a lot of working opportunities and connections.”

This is the third group McIntyre has directed. “They are a really talented group of students.”

Although tuition costs are higher because of prices to rent a facility and to hire full-time faculty to teach off-campus, the part-time programs “allow students to keep their full-time jobs so they are coming out ahead,” Frumkin said.

For further information, call the School of Social Work and talk to the assistant dean, Dr. Jim Pippard.

Muddy Waters clearly keeps blues alive

Sofi Swift
Eastern Reporter

Get ready for the smooth rockin’ be boppin’ sound of blues great Muddy Waters. In thisChess 50th anniversary collection, the man who helped put blues on the map and paved the way for the explosion of rock and roll creates some of his greatest hits.

Beginning this definitive collection, Waters sings the fast-paced “I Can’t Be Satisfied.” This song, which first catapulted him into fame in 1947, is a wonderfully blended medley of sorrow and humor brought about by the guitars and the pace of the song.

In “Long Distance Call,” Waters does justice to the idea of having “the blues.” His voice, full of yearning and sadness, coupled with the somber sounds of the twanging guitars and falsetto notes of a harmonica in the background, perfectly portrays waiting for that certain girl’s long distance call that never comes. The more well-known song “She Moves Me” has much the same effect on the listener. “Manish Boy” plays an entirely different card. The song is the story of the happy-go-lucky youngster who is becoming a man and enjoying it. Just turning twenty-one, Waters sings to a room full of women about the fun they’re going to have with him. Some personality is added to the song by the women, who scream excitedly whenever Waters says the word “man.”

Other songs that are commonly known by Muddy Waters on this CD are, “I Want You to Love Me,” which is not the Cheap Trick version most people are used to. “I’m Your Hoochie Coochie Man,” still rocks despite it’s age, and “I Just Want to Make Love To You,” is pure blues to the soul.

Not one song on this CD, released in 1997, would make a listener want to stop the music. “His Best, 1947-1955,” certainly does dole out Muddy’s best blues songs and truly rocks. The base of rock and roll and all the outcroppings of music that followed the blues explosion, to the discerning listener, are evident on Muddy Waters’ 50th anniversary album.

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Eagles look to clinch Big Sky title

Jamal Jones and the rest of the Eagles are two victories away from hosting the Big Sky Tournament.

Ian Klei
The Easterner

Two games. That is what stands between the Eastern Washington University men's basketball team and the ultimate prize.

Two "very tough" games, according to Eastern head coach Steve Aggers, but two very important games nonetheless.

Winning both of their next games, which are here at Reese Court, will mean accomplishing something that has never before been done here at EWU: for the men's team -- attaining the outright league championship.

"This may be the biggest weekend in EWU history," said Aggers. "It's really exciting."

Eastern has been a Division I school since 1985 and now one weekend is all that stands between them and their goal of bringing home a championship. The wins would also mean an opportunity to host the Big Sky Conference Tournament, in which the winner advances to the "March Madness" NCAA basketball tournament.

The Eagles completed their final road trip of the 1999-2000 season this past weekend as they took on Cal State Northridge Thursday night and Northern Arizona Saturday night. Fans are encouraged to come out to Reese Court and cheer on their Eagles as they attempt to make EWU history.

Aggers expects Saturday nights' game against Montana to yield two or three busloads of fans from Montana and he asks that Eastern fans come out to challenge their turnout.

This week's games

Montana State (4-10, 12-15) at EWU (11-3, 14-10)
Thursday, 7:05 p.m., Reese Court

MSU: The Bobcats have been anything but ferocious on the road this season, as they are 0-6 in conference play and just 1-7 overall. MSU is still mathematically alive for the Big Sky Conference Tournament, but would need to upset the Eagles to have any hopes of qualifying. The Bobcats began conference play 4-4, but are currently stuck in a six-game losing streak.

EWU: Steve Aggers will have to guard against an emotional letdown for the Eagles as they come off of two big games against Northridge and NAU and have the highly-anticipated rematch with Montana on deck. The Eagles have never finished higher than second place in the Big Sky standings.

Montana (10-4, 15-10) at EWU (11-3, 14-10)
Saturday, 7:05 p.m., Reese Court

UM: The Grizzlies are currently tied with Northern Arizona for second place in the conference, one game behind the Eagles. The conference tie-breakers are stacked against Montana; they would need a pair of victories this weekend, a loss by NAU and a pair of losses by Eastern to host the tournament.

EWU: In all likelihood this game will be for the right to host next week's Big Sky Conference Tournament. The Eagles have added incentive for this contest, having dropped an 88-82 decision to Montana earlier in the season.

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**Lady Eagles quest for playoff spot comes down to final weekend**

**Playing where they do best, Eastern Washington's women's basketball team kept their playoff hopes alive last week when they won two crucial games at Reese Court over Cal St. Northridge and Northern Arizona.**

The Eagles' next test will be to win both tonight's and Saturday's games on the road against Montana State and the University of Montana respectively.

Over the course of this up and down season, the Eagles haven't had much success on the road posting a record of 1-5 in Big Sky play, opposed to their 5-3 home record.

If they play like they can rather than how their road record indicates, they will compete with both Montana teams and try to nudge Northern Arizona out and Portland State out of the way for one of the two final post-season spots.

Head coach Jocelyn Pfeifer is very much aware of the team's wantonness on the road. "We definitely have our work cut out for us this weekend on the road," said Pfeifer, "Montana State plays great at home. They shoot the ball really well and they play hard. We are going to Montana on its senior night so we are going to have to play our best basketball."

Montana will be hosting the conference tournament, because they have already wrapped up the Big Sky Championship with their 11-3 mark. In their Jan. 29 meeting at Reese Court, Eastern had their three-game win streak snapped with the 63-42 trouncing by the Grizzlies of Montana.

However Montana State hasn't had the kind of season as have their cross state rivals. They are currently 2-12 in Big Sky games and they will be trying to bring down their two last opponents of the season-- Eastern tonight and Portland State on Saturday.

The Bobcats will try to be spoilers for both teams, as they are striving towards the same goal, the last Big Sky playoff spot.

In the last meeting between Eastern and Montana State on Jan. 27, Eastern won their third game of the year with a 62-57 victory. Eastern scored 500 from the floor, while Montana St. shot a dismal 294 in the contest.

This is the decisive week in the Big Sky to see which teams will be playing in the conference championship, which takes place March 9-11.

Teams that have already clinched are Montana, Idaho State (11-5), Cal State Northridge (9-5), Weber St. (9-5) and two of the other three teams currently tied for fifth.

Eastern has found a way to stay within range of a spot for playoffs all season long. Thanks to two big wins last week they are still in the hunt.

Pfeifer said, "We did what we had to do at home. We won both games and our kids played tremendously. Our defense was really good and we shot the lights out in the second half against Northern Arizona."

Good shooting helped Eastern to defeat Cal State Northridge, 63-39, for the first time in nine attempts on Feb. 24. The defending Big Sky Champion Matadors scored their lowest output in over two seasons when they shot a meager 4-25 (16%) in the first half and 13-46 (216%) in the game. Their shooting was especially off from the three-point range where they shot a wretched 0-8.

Meanwhile, senior Tracy Ford-Pheilps had game high 15 points and senior Julie Moore added 12 points and 10 rebounds to lead the way for the Eagles.

The momentum from the win carried over to the Feb. 26 match up with Northern Arizona, where Eastern gained ground, with a 61-41 win against on one of the teams they are fighting with for a post season spot.

Eastern's Moore continued her dominating play with her second straight double double and third of the year. Moore's 19 points and 11 rebounds were both game highs in Eastern's 63-39 win over Northern Arizona.

The second half of the game proved to be livelier than the first. After a 19-11 Eastern lead at half time, Moore rallied the team in the second half with 13 of the team's 41 points.

Ford-Pheilps again scored in double digits with 12 points and eight rebounds.

Another senior, Stacie Granger, chipped in 10 points and four assists, while Lyndy Burgess contributed eight points in her final game at Reese Court.

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**Eagle Athletes:**

**Steve Carey**

Steve Carey is a senior sprinter, and the men's track and field team captain. Carey holds the school record in the indoor 400-meter sprint at 47.95 seconds, and hopes in his last outdoor season to run a 47 second race that's over before it begins.

Carey comes from Eatonville High School where he ran track and played football. While in high school he won the state championship in 1995 in the 400. He came to Eastern directly from high school after graduating in 1996. His decision to come to Eastern was primarily based on Carey wanting to go to a Division I school without having to go to the University of Washington, or Washington State. Another factor for his decision was the fact that his brother shot .500 from the floor, while Montana State shot .294 in the contest.

When asked what he thinks about when he's running Carey says, "It's a 47 second race that's over before it begins." Carey is a senior at Eastern during Steve's freshman year. Carey was a senior at Eastern during Steve's freshman year.

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**Thought of the week**

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