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# The Easterner

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## EWU police investigate backpack thefts Department turns to students for help identifying suspect

Steven J. Barry  
Student Life Editor

Recent thefts outside the EWU bookstore have prompted action by EWU police.

There were five different book bag theft incidents reported, and one book bag was recovered with all the valuables missing. EWU police officer Lorraine Hill said the thefts occurred after 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. classes, when there was a lot of traffic in and out of the bookstore.

Hill said the one book bag recovered was found on the bottom floor of the JFK library in a corner near the reference desk, in an area that would

have very little student traffic.

The department has several videos of the suspect, including every single count of theft.

"It's very possible we'll have information in the next few days," said Hill.

Photographs taken from the videos of the suspect are posted on the Crime Busters section of the EWU Police Department's Website at [www.ewu.edu/AdminGuide/PolSafety/crimebusters3-00.html](http://www.ewu.edu/AdminGuide/PolSafety/crimebusters3-00.html).

Hill said book bag theft is common during book buy back because of the potential for making money off of other students' textbooks.

Police Chief Tom McGill said he advises students not

to carry too many valuables in their book bags because of how easy it is for them to be lost or stolen.

"Take books and schoolwork, but leave valuables locked up at home or in the car, someplace where they won't be so easy to lose," said McGill.

Students can go to the EWU police department Website, at [www.ewu.edu/AdminGuide/PolSafety/crimebusters3-00.html](http://www.ewu.edu/AdminGuide/PolSafety/crimebusters3-00.html), and identify anyone in the photos posted that may look familiar.



## Eastern's BOT offers student opportunities



▲ Melisa Dybbro, Eastern's current student representative on the board of trustees.

Allen Moody  
Editor

Students looking for a unique learning experience may want to consider applying for the student position on next year's board of trustees. Not only will the student trustee have the opportunity to help set EWU policy, how many students can claim to be President Jordan's boss?

Current student trustee Melisa Dybbro will have her term expire

at the end of May, and she encourages everyone to apply.

"I applied at the last minute because I wasn't very positive that I'd be selected," said Dybbro. "It [applying] turned out to be the best two hours I've ever spent. Students shouldn't be scared to apply because they may have some special qualities the governor is looking for."

Although students had been asking for representation on their respective university boards for many years, it wasn't until the 1998-1999 school year that they finally received representation. Aaron Gutierrez was Eastern's first student BOT representative, followed by Dybbro.

"It's been a very positive, wonderful experience," said Dybbro. "I was able to meet many community leaders and the existing board members were very friendly and helped me make the transition to the board a very easy one."

Application packets may be picked up in the ASEWU office (PUB 303) and must be returned no later than April 7, 3:00 p.m. The student representative will be selected by Governor Locke.

## Police put lollypop caper on ice due to lack of evidence

Adrian Workman  
Easterner Reporter

On the night of Feb. 13, Megan Barker was taken to Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. As reported in the Feb. 16 issue of The Easterner, Barker, a Spokane Falls Community College student, attended a party at the Fisher building in Cheney where she said she unknowingly ingested a lollypop laced with Rohipnol and LSD. Barker was apparently told by doctors at the emergency room that had she not been treated, she could have died. Barker said she received the sucker from a girl wearing red carpet pants.

The Cheney Police Department was investigating the case, however they have since removed it from active status. One reason for this is that the girl who Barker believes gave her this unwrapped, drug-loaded sucker lives in Moscow, Idaho, putting her out of their jurisdiction. The other is that for some reason the tests

that would have sufficiently detected LSD in Barker's system were never performed, providing no evidence that she was really exposed to the drug, according to Police Chief Greg Lopes.

One of the DJs working the party has a different account of what happened that night. From now on, he will be referred to as "DJ."

He said that at first, things were going great. He has set up numerous events, and this one was relatively trouble-free. DJ is familiar with the lollypop that Barker had during the party. He and Jason Cooper were helping set up the party when a girl, who had helped them set up brought out a jumbo-sized bag of the same suckers.

"We saw her open the bag," he said. She was wearing huge, red carpet pants. The two boys were invited to help themselves, and they did, grabbing handfuls of suckers that lasted them through the night.

"The only effect I got from the suckers was I got a little hyper," said Cooper, commenting on what usually happens when people eat lots of sugar.

Both Cooper and DJ in-

sisted that it would be nearly impossible to lace a lollypop with LSD and Rohipnol during the three-hour window of time from the opening of the bag of suckers to when they found Barker in LA hall.

Cooper recalls having a cigarette outside the building at about 11:40 p.m. that night. He and Barker had a conversation, and according to him, she seemed out of sorts. He thought she was high on something. She apparently told him that she was hallucinating, saying at one point, "I'm seeing shit that's not there." He said that she did not seem shocked, but she did show obvious signs that she was not enjoying her "trip."

Almost twenty minutes later, Ingrith Tillman, a party goer, came running down to DJ, saying essentially that there was a girl that was going nuts in LA hall. She was apparently sent to find someone who could tell what was wrong with her. Tillman chose the rave scene veteran and propagator.

Raves are huge dance parties with live DJs. It is not un-

See Lollypop, Pg. 2

## ZIMMERMAN RETIRES



◀ Eastern's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Neil Zimmerman receives congratulations from well-wishers at his retirement party Wednesday.

## It looks like Eastern won't be getting its MTV after all

It's official!

Bush and Moby will not be coming to EWU as part of the MTV Campus Invasion Tour. Stephanie Ennis, director of Eagle Entertainment has informed the Easterner that Bush and Moby have decided

not to include EWU as a stop on the tour.

The Campus Invasion Tour is slated to end on April 30, and the bands chose not to extend the tour any further just to include Eastern, said Ennis.

## Lollypop: A DJ working at the party tells it like he sees it, questions victim's story

common for participants to be high on ecstasy (a drug that makes users hyper, happy, touchy-feely, and can stimulate feelings of euphoria, even sexual pleasure). DJ had an "I've seen them all" approach about drug use, and wields an extensive raver vocabulary supportive of this attitude.

When DJ found Barker, he said she was careening from smiling, cuddly states into violent ones. According to his account, she said that she had a headache, a slight bellyache, and claimed to not be seeing any unusual colors or visuals. She acknowledged having very blurred vision.

DJ said that to him Barker seemed mostly to be experiencing a sort of "super drunk" feeling, what he felt to be early signs of Rohypnol ingestion. DJ said that Rohypnol is typically "colorless, odorless, and tasteless," and also usually comes in a powder. Both Cooper and DJ vehemently doubt that the sucker was

laced with Rohypnol.

"I just think she should have been taken straight to the hospital, not a dorm room," said DJ. "They should have just called 911."

During her brief, chaotic stay in LA hall, Barker was reported to have been cursing and yelling about the carpet pants girl.

Both DJ and Cooper know the carpet pants-wearing girl personally, and said she doesn't distribute drugs.

DJ described the rave scene as "pretty crazy these days," saying that he moved his operations to Cheney because of more hardcore drug use in Spokane. He said that in more metropolitan areas, people are often mixing several intoxicants, sometimes ecstasy with heroin, sometimes with speed, sometimes with crystal meth, even marijuana.

"They dump all sorts of stuff in there these days."

Both he and Cooper insisted that it is uncharacter-

istic of the rave scene for someone to hand out stuff for free. They say it is even more uncharacteristic for someone to deceive people about what they are receiving.

"There is no way a raver will not tell you what's in something," said Cooper. The people who deal "are there to fuck you up, not fuck you over."

DJ said that there could have been drug use at the party. He said he noticed some people wearing dust masks, and that many people,

after taking ecstasy will smear Vick's Vaporub on the inside of a dust mask, and it will increase the high dramatically. He and Cooper strongly deny some reports that "drugs were being dealt in all four corners of the room," as they said it was reported in the Spokesman Review. They are also critical of people who too closely tie raving with abusing drugs.

Calling most of what they read and heard "a bunch of BS," Cooper insisted that "if someone has

drugs, they definitely aren't free," and that "you're not going to just stumble across them."

DJ said that due to paranoia of being caught by undercover police, it is nearly impossible to buy drugs at a rave unless you personally know the person who is selling them, or unless you know someone who knows someone, etc. He insisted that dealers are extremely cautious people.

"If you're not looking for drugs, you won't find them."

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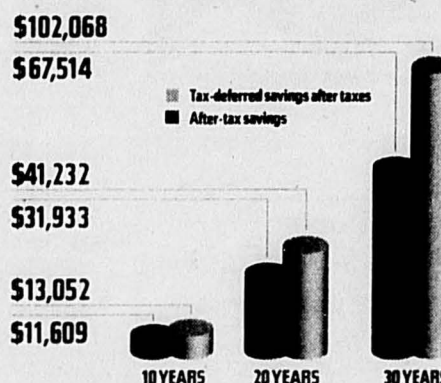
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## The ASEWU promotes change at Eastern

Dave Humphreys  
Copy Editor

Passing legislation was the main activity of the student council in this week's ASEWU council meeting, only surpassed in importance by academic affairs councilperson Deb Jones' announcement that the university senate had voted to eliminate the requirement for all students to take the ITGS (formerly LAEC) 310 Human Identity class.

The council passed nine bills into the third and final reading and eight bills into the first reading. The first set of bills passed regarded AS election procedures, specific AS duties and the recognition of clubs and organizations. The second set of bills preliminarily passed dealt with AS procedures regarding legislation, supplemental budgets, election procedures and the functions of the ASEWU Superior Court.

Dean of Students Matt Chase said that the legislation was necessary for future ASEWU Superior Court actions.

"We haven't had a [ASEWU Superior Court] for a while,"

said Chase, reiterating that in the future, rules would have to be set for the court and council to work together.

Tony Curtis was also elected to the position of Speaker Pro Tem, replacing Deb Jones.

AS President Danny Caldwell announced that he is working toward renovating the PUB Multi-purpose room, with the hopeful addition of a \$40,000 Dolby Surround System. Caldwell also said there have been three candidates selected to contend for the position of dean of the college of arts and letters.

Executive Vice President Josh Ashcroft said that SUBOC, a council dealing with affairs and procedures within the PUB is still looking for artists who would want to paint murals within the PUB. Ashcroft said SUBOC is looking at "Eagles" to be the main theme for the murals.

Legislative Affairs Councilman Shane Hart said that Washington Student Lobby Vice President Kathy Crum had contacted him considering the possibility of changing Eastern's WSL bylaws to be modeled after those of Central Washington University.

## Supreme court makes controversial ruling, universities affected

Dave Humphreys  
Copy Editor

The Supreme Court unanimously ruled that mandatory student activity fees imposed by universities are constitutional.

The controversy began last November when the high court heard arguments regarding the use and distribution of student activity fees on college campuses. The suit was brought forth by a group of former University of Wisconsin students who contended that their freedom of speech was being violated by the university using their S/A fees for groups and organizations on campus which did not represent the students' beliefs and values.

"The first Amendment permits a public university to charge its students an activity fee used to fund a program to facilitate extracurricular student speech if the program is viewpoint neutral," said Justice Kennedy in the court opinion delivered last Wednesday.

The term "viewpoint neutral," may end up being a point of concern for student governments across the country. Eastern's Dean of Students Matt Chase has said that he will be discussing the term with the ASEWU to inform them on what "viewpoint neutral" means and how it could impact the student government at Eastern.

The term "viewpoint neutral" essentially means that student governments may not take orga-

nizations' perspectives or ethics into consideration when determining funding.

Overall, Chase said that he approves of the ruling. "We're going to be able to continue operating and I think that's great," said Chase.

Chase thought that if the court had ruled in favor of the students, "funding decisions would've had to have gone to a vote."

Not everyone agrees with Chase's assessment.

"I think it's a travesty," said Easterner editor Allen Moody. "Coerced speech is just as bad as censorship."

"If somebody doesn't want to support the Women's Center, then I think they shouldn't have to financially provide for their well-being anymore than the members of the Women's Commission should be obligated to pay for my salary."

Moody anticipates that the "viewpoint neutral" ruling will precipitate more legal action against student governments, instead of stabilizing their main source of income.

Moody said the viewpoint neutral clause obligates the AS to give a proportionally equal amount to groups that hold complete opposite viewpoints.

"If the AS gave the African American Education Program \$25,000, then according to the size of the group, they'd be obligated to give a proportionate amount to anyone wanting to start a group such as the Ku Klux Klan, or face possible lawsuits."

## Academic senate eliminates ITGS 310

The following is an e-mail sent from Neil Zimmerman, the vice president for academic affairs and provost to Eastern's faculty and staff on March 15.

The Academic Senate voted Monday, March 13, to discontinue the ITGS 310 graduation requirement. The wording of the motion is as follows:

Eliminate the ITGS 310 graduation requirement effective fall quarter 2000, and exempt students from the ITGS graduation requirement for spring and summer quarters 2000.

The Senate's action means that students will not be required to complete ITGS 310

Human Identity for graduation, effective at the end of winter 2000. We are taking the following actions in order to minimize confusion for students.

Following the recommendation of the registrar, we are cancelling the enrollments in all 310 sections scheduled for spring 2000.

We are phoning each student who was enrolled in a spring 310 section to inform her or him that the graduation requirement has been discontinued and to learn which students may need or want to take ITGS 310 this spring anyway.

We have made tentative plans to re-open three 310 sections this spring and to allow students who

need or want to take the course to re-enroll. We will adjust these plans according to what we learn from our phone calls to all previously enrolled students.

We are taking care to advise students to note how disenrolling them from 310 might affect their financial aid and their progress toward graduation, because they will need to adjust accordingly.

We are notifying departments and programs which include 310 as part of their major requirements or which specify 310 as a prerequisite that they might want to reconsider these in light of the Senate action.

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# PETA asks students: "Got beer?"

The organization known as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) launched an ad campaign called "Got Beer?" to encourage people to cut back on the consumption of milk because of the unfair treatment of dairy cows it entails. The ads were pulled out of respect for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and other anti-alcohol organizations. Here is PETA's argument for beer:

The dairy industry spends more than \$300 million every year to convince people to drink gallons of the white stuff, but PETA's sentiments are with savvy health officials who warn that dairy products have four major drawbacks. Milk and cheese: 1) are loaded with fat and cholesterol; 2) are frequently contaminated with pesticides and drugs; 3) are linked to diabetes, heart disease, and certain cancers; and 4) may

even cause osteoporosis, the very disease that the dairy industry loves to use as a selling point in its ads, because the excess protein in dairy products leaches calcium from the bones. (The Harvard Nurses' Study shows almost twice as many bone breaks among women who drink three glasses of milk a day as compared to women who drink little to no milk.)

A nutritional comparison of beer and milk reveals that: Beer has zero fat; milk is loaded with fat. Beer has zero cholesterol; milk contains 20 mg of cholesterol in every 8-oz. serving. Beer doesn't contain hormones or antibiotics, while milk contains an ever-increasing variety of the pesticides and antibiotics fed to cows, including rBGH, the notorious growth hormone that can give guys breasts. Beer has half a gram of fiber in every cup; milk has no fiber whatsoever. Beer has only 12 mg of sodium per cup. Milk is sky-high in the stuff. Beer has 3 grams of complex carbohydrates in a 12-oz. glass; milk has no complex carbohydrates.

The high animal protein content of milk actually leaches calcium from the bones. In the U.S., Norway,

and Sweden—where people consume the most dairy products—women have the highest rates of osteoporosis in the world.

Regions of the world where dairy products are not part of the culture, such as China and Japan, are virtually osteoporosis-free.

Many studies have shown a strong correlation between animal product consumption (including dairy products) and breast cancer.

Unless you drink the stuff on your way up Mount Everest, beer won't give you a stroke. However, dairy products contribute to almost every disease except carpal tunnel syndrome, including stroke; iron-deficiency; allergies; cancers of the prostate, breast, colon, and ovaries; asthma; heart disease; and even the common cold (milk

helps promote the production of mucus).

PETA's main "beef"

is, of course, about the treatment of the mother cows and their calves on factory farms. Today's dairy cow is treated like nothing more than a milk machine—chained by her neck in a concrete stall for months, her udders genetically modified to produce so much extra milk that they sometimes drag on the feces- and urine-covered cement. She is kept pregnant by artificial insemination to keep milk production high; her male calves are traumatically taken away from her at 1 to 2 days old and chained inside cramped dark crates to be killed for veal. The milk that is meant for them ends up on our supermarket shelves. There are no retirement homes for dairy cows. When their usefulness to dairy farmers is over, they get shoved into a truck and sent off to slaughter.

PETA's College Action Campaign coordinator Morgan Leyh counsels, "Colleges have been busy banning kegs from campus. But we say, 'Ditch the dairy, not the beer!'"

Of course, while all this is true, PETA recommends fresh juices, soy milk, and mineral water—even soda—over milk or beer.

## Chicago band delivers in all areas

Allan Moody  
Editor

The unheralded Chicago music scene checks in with another top-notch effort, this coming in the form of Disturbed, a balls-to-the-wall metal band that has bits and pieces of Staind, Machine Head and Korn, while still maintaining a unique sound all of their own.

Following city dwellers Ministry, Sister Soleil and My Scarlet Valentine into national prominence, Disturbed has the potential to be the biggest of the lot. There are no drawn-out two minute guitar solos for these guys; Disturbed delivers straight in-your-face metal that will

make the most veteran headbanger cringe.

Currently touring with Danzig, Disturbed's debut album on Giant records was probably the most anticipated debut metal album to come out in several years. The band has developed a large following as a result of their non-stop touring schedule and a powerful performance recently on HBO's *Reverb*.

Those impressed with their live shows will not be disappointed at all by the band's sound on CD.

Vocalist David Draiman has a style that will remind listener's of an 80's metal singer, but has a wider range than most, with the possible exception of Ronnie James

Dio. Guitarist Dan Donegan doesn't screw around – he gets to the point and does it with a style seldom heard anymore, while bassist Fuzz and drummer Mike Wengren provide a solid, steady beat.

Trying to pick a favorite song off of this CD is difficult. All of the songs are good, although "Stupify," "Down With The Sickness," and "Voices" stand out a little more than the others.

Disturbed will be one of the acts on Ozzfest 2000 this summer and will certainly be worth catching live. In the meantime, hunt down a copy of "The Sickness." You won't be disappointed.

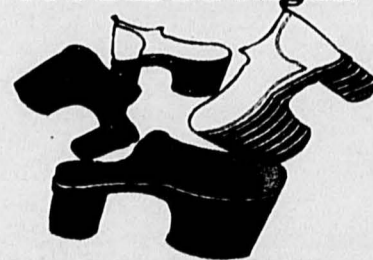


▲ The new band in the Chicago music scene, Disturbed, is stirring up the metal community by quickly gaining national publicity. The band recently released *The Sickness*, a much-anticipated album.

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# Native American Awareness Week to kick off Monday

John Lichorobiec  
Easterner Reporter

The EWU American Indian Studies Department presents its 31<sup>st</sup> annual Native American Awareness Week on campus starting April 3. Among the activities planned for the week will be various contemporary art displays, musical performances by local Native American artists, a traditional Powwow, and many other Native American related activities. All the events are free and open to the public, with everyone en-

couraged to attend.

One of the featured guests during Native American Awareness Week, will be Kimberly Norris Guerrero, star of the first dramatic feature written, produced, directed by and starring Native American women. The film, *Naturally Native*, will be shown on April 6, at 7 pm, in the Showalter Hall auditorium. Guerrero will also be speaking about the making of *Naturally Native*, earlier that day in Patterson Hall, room

103, at 1 pm. Guerrero is a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes of Washington State and is also Salish-Kootenai and Cherokee.

Also performing songs from her new CD *Dissonant World* will be LaRae Wiley. Wiley, an EWU graduate and former Cheney resident, is also a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes of Washington State. Wiley will be performing in the PUB MPR at noon, on April 6, and as a part of a concert at Showalter Auditorium, April 7, at 7 pm.

Performing with Wiley and Annie Alexander as a part

of the April 7 concert will be Randy and Rich Paddock. The Paddock brothers, both graduates of Cheney High



▲ A realistic Native American powwow will be a major item on the agenda toward the end of the week.

[Rich 1987 and Randy 1989] will also be performing a blend of blues and rock in the PUB MPR at noon on April 5.

The weeklong festivities will be wrapping up Saturday evening, April 8, with a traditional Native American Powwow. The Powwow will be held at Reese Court, starting at 1 pm. There will be a dinner break at 5 pm, with the Powwow starting back up at 7 pm. For more information on any of the festivities to be held during the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Native American Awareness Week, please contact Peter Campbell at (509) 359-2441.



▲ Kimberly Norris Guerrero, a noted actress who has appeared on the shows "Seinfeld" and "Northern Exposure" will be one of the honored guests during Native American Awareness Week at Eastern.

## 'Mephisto' truly an odyssey

Dave Humphries  
Copy Editor

In a convoluted mixture of techno and R&B, Mephisto Odyssey emerges from the San Francisco underground with a rhythmic cacophony of sonic proportions. Scooby Doo would be proud.

Through the use of synthesized instrumental pieces, Mephisto Odyssey manages to get across a piece of good dance music in a method which unfortunately, emphasizes their weakest link...vocals. The vocals frankly are not appropriate to the tune, and do nothing to enhance the otherwise intellectually stimulating vibes and beat put off by the music. In spite of the assistance of Wayne Static of Static-X, Mad Lion, Hafdis Huld of Gus Gus and Paula Frazier of Tarnation, the vocal mix is undeniably lacking throughout most of

the album.

Emphasizing a mixture of bass drums, cymbal-juggling and futuristic key-boarding, the record almost reaches the point of wanting to apologize for the garbage which was substituted for decent singing. The problem with the good old-fashioned wholeness in this album, is that most of it wouldn't be appropriate for anywhere outside a party, or Cheney's newest hotspot, University Tavern.

This assortment of dance mixes recorded in their home studio during '97-'98 parallels the sound track of the first "Mortal Kombat" movie.

Therefore, listeners who were not enthralled by that mixture of punk and techno should definitely avoid "the lift ep," as Mephistopheles was consulted for advice on the vocal mixes.



▲ The San Francisco band Mestipho Odyssey plays a mixture of techno and punk that, despite good bass rhythms, leaves a little bit to be desired.

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# The year's hottest movie: Chili Man

Allen Moody  
Editor

This extremely low-budget film was not scheduled to be released outside of San Luis Obispo County, Cal., but popular demand may soon force theater owners across the country to carry this independent production.

The story centers around a 4-year-old boy, Blake Chaney (brilliantly played by 4-year-old Blake Chaney), as he attempts to thwart the efforts of criminals in his hometown of Santa Maria. Normally a

typical 4-year-old who enjoys beating on people with sticks, Chaney transforms into Chili Man when donning his special pepper cape, and becomes a 4-year-old who enjoys beating on people with sticks.

An excellent supporting cast, featuring the debut of the talented and lovely Carissa Hoover, who stars as herself, easily make this one of the best movies of the year.

Hoover gives an excellent performance as the film's heroine, while Danielle Salas is excellently cast as the evil Danielle, a villain of dastardly proportions.

Brilliant camera work, outstanding production values and an awesome soundtrack, featuring Hoover and Salas, are all the reasons a person would need to find a theater showing this film. If it doesn't play locally, it's certainly worth a trip to California to see this picture.

So far, there are no plans for a sequel, but hopefully Chubs Productions will give way to the demands of the thousands of people who are currently requesting Chili Man II: Return of the Habaneros.



▲ The mild-mannered Blake Chaney turns into the crime-fighting Chili Man.



▲ Carissa Hoover poses with one of her many fans during a break in shooting.



▲ Carissa Hoover reacts to an autograph request.



▲ Carissa Hoover.



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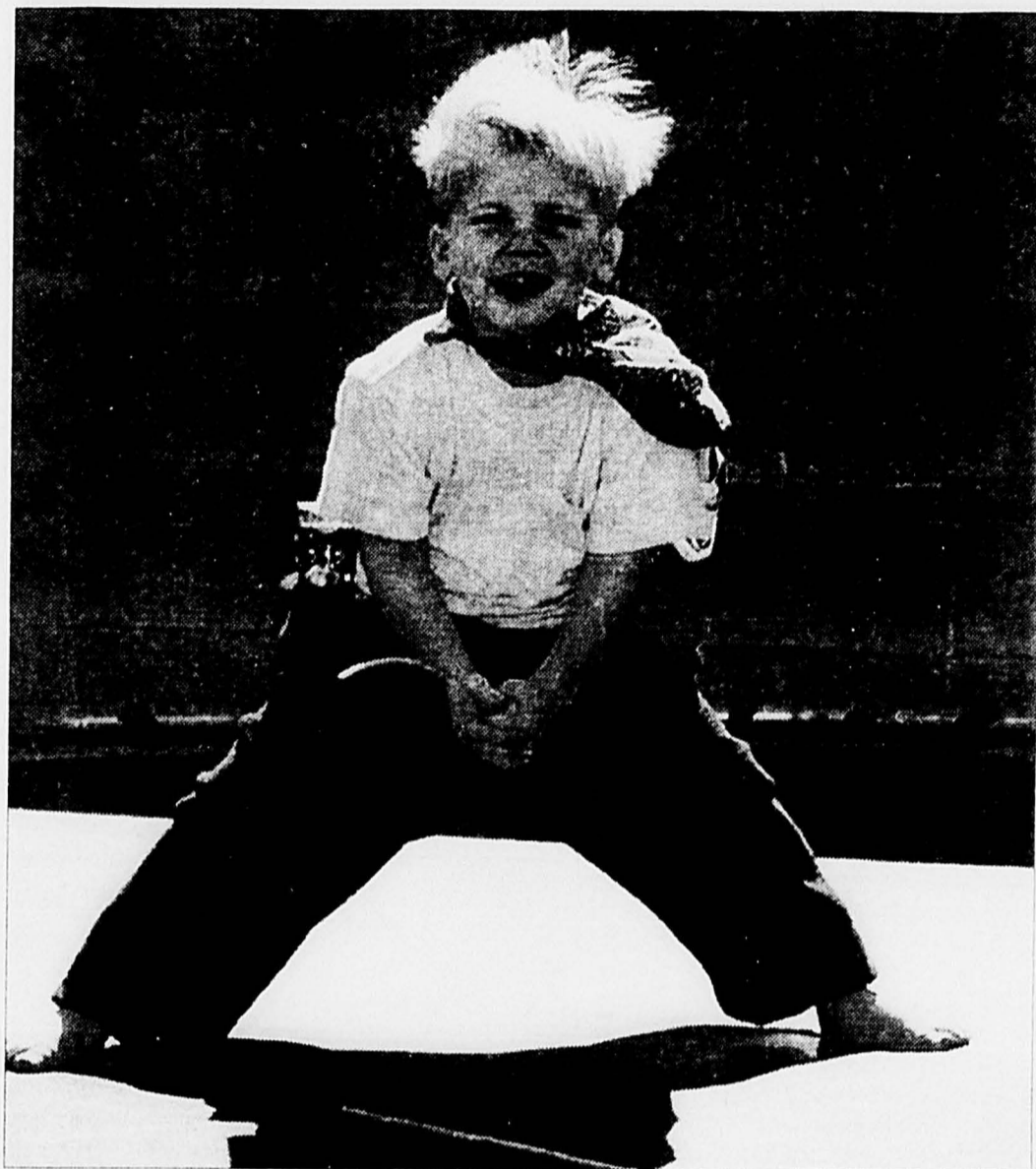


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## Fee ruling cheapens free speech

By Masha Herbst  
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

The U.S. Supreme Court dealt freedom of speech a violent blow Wednesday when it yielded to the liberal politics of student activity fees. The Court ruled in *Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System v. Southworth* that universities can continue to use mandatory student fees to support student groups, regardless of whether some students object to the viewpoints and goals of any of the groups. Although University of Wisconsin officials have touted the decision as a victory for free speech, the ruling does nothing more than water down the First Amendment and give in to the thought-police mantra of toleration that has grown alarmingly common on college campuses.

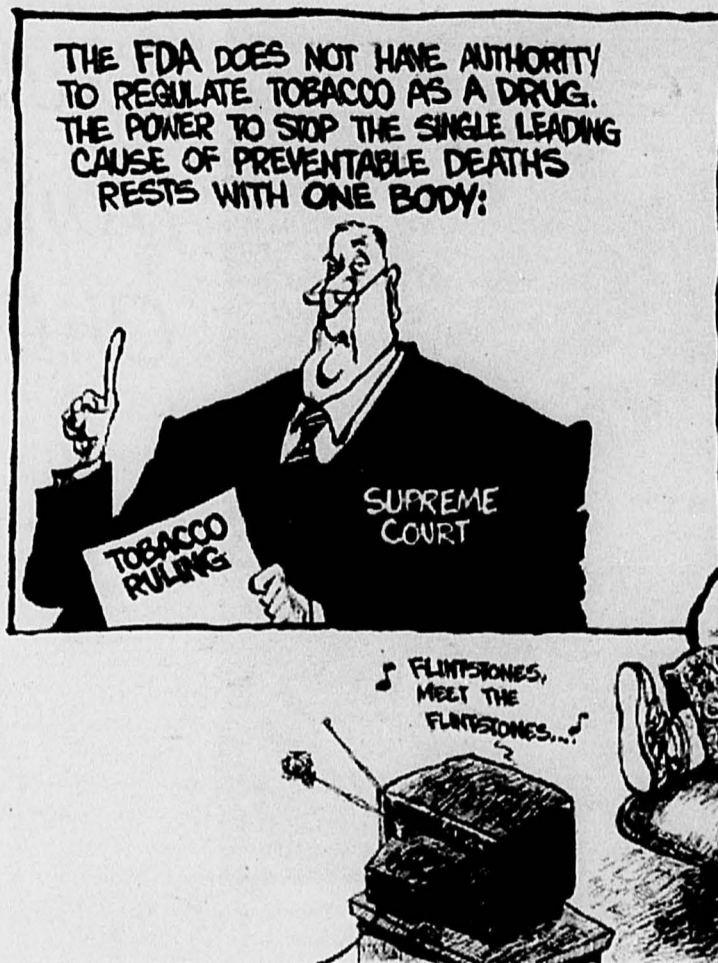
The plaintiffs, a group of self-described conservative Christians, objected to the use of their activity fee money to subsidize liberal organizations such as women's and gay rights clubs. They argued, correctly, that the use of their money to support such groups was coerced speech. The Court's decision stated that a university is an institution charged with encouraging a free flow of ideas, and thus, as long as the organization system is inclusive of all viewpoints, student fees can be used to support the groups.

Faulty logic. A college classroom certainly is a venue for the exchange of ideas, and thus schools can offer courses in subjects from Christianity to the occult. And a college campus is supposed to be an extension of the classroom. But there is a big difference between the money that is used to pay a professor teaching the History of Women's Rights and the money that supports a college chapter of NOW: advocacy. The student fee money that goes to NOW could be used to purchase posters for an abortion rights demonstration.

Freedom of speech means that the group can hold a demonstration.

Freedom of speech also means that students can object to the demonstration. Money talks, and if student activity funds are buying the posters, the students who have to pay the mandatory fee are in effect saying that they support the abortion rights, even if they do not. But refusal to support certain groups is a means by which students can exercise their freedom of speech. By refusing to support a group financially, a student says, "I disagree with you." Forcing a student to pay a fee that in part will support a group with which he disagrees, however, is a severe constitutional violation.

The Court justified its transgression by touting the need for a free flow of ideas on a college campus. It



sounds like a benign goal, even a goal worthy of honor. Something that would do our founding fathers proud. We've heard this line before. We must subject ourselves to opposing viewpoints, and we must tolerate them, even if we feel to the cores of our very beings that they are wrong. Furthermore, the rhetoric goes, we must respect these viewpoints. Our generation is particularly susceptible to falling for this dangerous deception.

Since childhood, we have been conditioned by the media and by liberal academics to look upon the words "tolerance" and "respect" with reverence. To do otherwise, we have been taught, is sacrilege, un-American and immoral. But tolerating and respecting a person's right to express his opinion is not the same as tolerating and respecting the opinion itself. If everyone tolerated and respected everyone else's opinions, an attempt at a truly free exchange of ideas would be stymied before starting.

A free exchange of thought depends upon argument and debate, and argument and debate in turn are founded upon a lack of tolerance for dissenting opinion. To debate is to attempt to convince a person to agree with you. An argument cannot occur without a prior conviction that someone else is wrong. Such conviction implies a lack of respect for another's opinion — if a debater respects his opponent's opinion, the debate is over before it even begins. Respect for an idea implies faith

in its accuracy. If more than one opinion is right, and if all opinions are equal, there's no point in arguing. The free flow of ideas crumbles and to hold an opinion at all becomes pointless.

True freedom of speech requires that all people have the right to hold an opinion, which means the right to refuse to respect opposing opinions. True freedom of speech rejects the notion that a person should be forced to support the promotion of an opinion he believes is wrong. True freedom of speech rejects the notion that a person should be forced to monetarily encourage the spread of an idea with which he disagrees.

And yet, modern liberal rhetoric tries to convince us that in order to uphold free speech, we must tolerate and respect dissenting opinion. This very same rhetoric won the case for the University of Wisconsin. Forcing a student to subsidize an organization he finds objectionable is forcing a student to tolerate that organization's beliefs, when in reality, the Constitution only stipulates that he must tolerate that organization's right to possess its beliefs. As a non-political, non-partisan institution, a public university has a duty to treat all organizations equally — whether that means subsidizing none or subsidizing all. But such responsibility should not fall to the student. To claim otherwise, as the Court has done, is to endorse forced toleration and forced respect — the makings of a police state.

## Freedom of speech crucial to exchange on campus

By Julie Chen  
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

Attention viewers: please stand by. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution is experiencing technical difficulties. Despite last week's U.S. Supreme Court ruling requiring student-activity fees to remain viewpoint-neutral when distributed, students with controversial opinions continue to face challenges to their constitutional rights.

The recent confiscations of student publications across the nation could hurt students at this university: What happens elsewhere may very well legitimize future censorship of student publications here. Surely the Bill of Rights is more than a distant memory of GOV 310 to University of Texas students.

Three incidents over the last two weeks appended an already mounting inventory of blatant censorship: Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland stopped the presses on 3,000 copies of *The Spokesman* for fear "the newspaper's coverage of the student elections would disrupt the campus political process." That's funny. How are students supposed to stay informed about the candidates? And what happens when the paper covers national elections?

MSU administrators claimed that because student fees support *The Spokesman*, the paper must remain neutral during the election. Not only does that sound like a cover-up excuse for some hidden disagreements, it also sounds like their administrators need a refresher course on constitutional law. The U.S. Supreme Court has twice ruled that prior restraint of the press is unconstitutional.

Driven by their duty to inform, however, *Spokesman* staff photocopied their 18-page publication and posted

copies of it throughout the city. They also taped the pages to a poster board and set it outside of their campus student center. That, fellow Americans, should remain the spirit of constitutional freedom as guaranteed by the Founding Fathers.

However, beware trivialities in the line of duty. Last Wednesday, Villanova University in Pennsylvania impounded 2,000 issues of *The Conservative Column* because the publication allegedly detached itself from a registered student organization and had not yet found a new advisor. The editor of the *Column* disagrees; he thinks the confiscation was prompted by a controversial picture of an aborted fetus in that particular issue. He might be right.

Even if he's wrong, why is an advisor so vital? If 14-year-olds can be tried as adults in criminal courts, do 20-year-olds really need a publications babysitter to protect them from, gasp, an offensive photograph?

Wait, there's more. Two student editors-in-chief of a New Zealand university may lose their positions for publishing an article about how to commit suicide, written by a local student. Editors of *Craccum* contend the article does not represent the magazine's official editorial position but rather was published simply to provoke debate.

The university's Students Association, which finances the publication, alleges "reckless and inappropriate use of editorial powers." Seems no one wants open dialogue, critical analysis or the honest truth just pretty words and pictures to fill the page and leave the human mind unstirred.

The value of free speech and free press is paramount in deciding whether the college campus is still a garden for the cultivation of critical thinking.

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## Strange Days Indeed

by Darren Beal

### Stranger word - age Suffering from suffixes

Sometime in the '80s it became fashionable to add the suffix '-age' to nouns in the English language. The result was that the speaker appeared sophisticated and knowledgeable, even though all he'd actually done was graft on this silly suffix instead of adding -s or -es to form a plural.

I noticed this first when my friend Jim, a graphic artist, was discussing how to paint the signs for a new business. But to him, with his newly acquired college degree, 'signs' wasn't good enough. He was talking about *signage*, apparently a better and far more noble thing.

At any rate, this fad caught on. It must have, because such verbiage even appeared on "Sienfeld." But as I thought it about it more and more, the more and more I realized that this new linguistic trend could lead to some truly twisted meanings for old words. After much research in libraries, bars, restrooms, more bars, the occasional deli, and more and more bars, I discovered very little. But what I found was that certain words took on new meaning. While "luggage" and "tutelage" were fine, "manage" and "cabbage" were more slippery.

So what follows below is a list of those now transformed and slippery little '-age' words. I hope they will complicate your communication skills as much as they have complicated mine.

**Cabbage:** What you hope arrives when you call for a taxi.

**Pourage:** What you get in a pint glass at a tavern.

**Forage:** What uncircumcised men still have.

**Courage:** What John Elway lacked when he did those insipid beer commercials.

**Frontage:** Anything that's not behind you.

**Acreage:** (1) What your significant other feigns she's not 'in the mood.' (2) What males experience after the forage is removed.

**Stoppage:** What women want men to do when they're feigning 'acreage.'

**Suffrage:** What men experience during stoppage.

**Manage:** What women talk about during a 'girls night out.' Be warned: during the GNO, women may discuss manage indefinitely, but they want nothing to do with your manage.

**Coverage:** What you lack when your partner hogs the blanket.

**Package:** All that stuff your girlfriend packs in her purse.

**Steerage:** a bunch of bull.

**Rummage:** Bicardi 151.

**Sewage:** Excessive litigation.

Well, enough of this verbiage. You get the picture. In this new age, there's always room for an old adage. Which is what pays the bills at this publication.



## Dr. Laura's free speech vs. GLAAD

By Frances Mitchell  
The Rebel Yell (U. Nevada-Las Vegas)

The french poet Voltaire wrote, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Unless you spent the past winter in complete hibernation, you probably heard about battle royale between radio host, Dr. Laura Schlessinger and the gay rights group Gays and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) over the former's new TV talk show, scheduled to air this fall.

GLAAD and other groups in the gay community don't want Dr. Laura's show to air. They are going to great lengths to not allow her to express her views in a country where free speech has always been paramount.

The group alleges that Dr. Laura is an advocate of "hate speech" and "intolerance" and therefore, her views and opinions must be stopped at all costs. Paramount Studios, the company who will produce and distribute Dr. Laura's show this fall, is under siege by protestors, including some gay employees of Paramount who have threatened to walk off the job unless the studio backs down. They insist that Dr. Laura is a hate monger and her views must be censored.

The trouble is, GLAAD and others, including some lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union, choose to ignore that the pesky first amendment clause in the Constitution also applied to those with a different opinion than theirs. Worse still, they choose to take various facts and quotes out of context or just lie about Dr. Laura, her show or her stance on family values. A few examples of "tolerance" from the homosexual advocates:

While preparing her annual "50th Birthday Bash" children's charity ball, several gay groups threatened to picket and chant outside the event but also made several threats of violence to those who would attend the party. Dr. Laura decided to cancel the event because, she did not want "to compromise anyone's physical safety or subject anyone to embarrassment or discomfort."

"We're thrilled that she's not bringing her anti-gay rhetoric to Detroit," said Sean Kosofsky of the gay rights group the Triangle Foundation. About 800 tickets at \$76 apiece had been sold. Proceeds were to benefit her charitable foundation and Detroit's Children's Center. Is preventing free speech more important than helping children?

In defiance towards Paramount, these groups threatened to disrupt tapings of Dr. Laura's TV program by sneaking into the studio audience and making a scene. If Paramount holds its ground on the show, GLAAD has promised to single out advertisers and individual television affiliates? the show is already syndicated to 450 stations nationwide covering 90 percent of the television viewing audience? to drop sponsorship of the program.

Who is being intolerant now? Do I think that opponents of Dr. Laura have the right to protest? Of course they do! But it's the groups who insist on censorship of one's views in the name of tolerance that I find particularly disturbing.

While perusing recent articles and op-ed pages

regarding this subject, I couldn't help but notice how many of them wouldn't even refer to or acknowledge Dr. Laura's title of "Dr." as if it weren't legitimate. Dr. Laura received her PhD. from the physiology department of the Medical School of Columbia University in New York, and her post-doctoral certification in marriage and family therapy from the USC Human Relations Center in Los Angeles so therefore yes, she is a "Dr." Others claim she incited her listeners to kill or harass those who are part of the gay lifestyle. These are lies.

Sometimes I wonder whether any of these critics have actually listened to her show for any prolonged period of time, visited her website ([www.drLaura.com](http://www.drLaura.com)) or bothered to call her representatives for her side of the story or to verify facts! I laugh when I hear her critics call her "judgmental" or acerbic to her listeners. Don't you think that is exactly why twenty million people tune in to her show?

To make moral judgements is part of her show! Callers know they will not get hugs and on-air kisses from the good doctor when they may have done wrong. Others seek firm guidance from a person whose definitions of right and wrong are extraordinarily clear.

If one ever listens for any prolonged period of time to her show, you will hear many different things; there are moments of compassion when some stories you hear are truly sad and Dr. Laura has choked back tears on more than one occasion. Other stories are lighter, with colorful submissions by faithful listeners with mentions of jokes, events or news that is often ignored by other organizations.

Let Dr. Laura have her show, but if you don't like her or her opinions, then don't bother to watch. After all, isn't that the same rhetoric these same groups say to audiences who complain about figures such as Howard Stern or Jerry Springer when they get a TV show? Truly, this could be the ultimate test of tolerance for the gay rights group that profess such a belief.

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## Aggers named Big Sky coach of the year



When Steve Aggers arrived at Eastern Washington University for the 1995-96 season, a ball was displayed in a case in the EWU basketball team room that had the inscription "Big Sky Conference champions 1977." As the new millennium approached, the ball was removed to make way for a new up-to-date inscription.

Now, Aggers can proudly inscribe the ball permanently after the Eagles won their first-ever Big Sky Conference regular season title they share with Montana.

His hard work was rewarded by his selection as the District 13 Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. He joins the likes of Mike Krzyzewski, Bob Huggins, Mike Montgomery, John Chaney, Jim Boeheim and Larry Eustachy on the prestigious list of 14 coaches selected nationally by members of the NABC. Region 13 consists of 21 NCAA Division I schools on the West Coast. In addition, he was selected as the Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year.

"I'm very honored and extremely humbled by this award," Aggers said. "It is very rewarding and special when you are recognized by your peers for the job that you do. I accept the award on behalf of all of our players and a great group of outstanding assistant coaches here at Eastern who all share in this honor."

What Aggers accomplished at Eastern in his fifth year is nothing short of phenomenal.

The 1997-98 Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year, Aggers has won more Big Sky Conference games than any other coach in school history. He has guided Eastern to a 32-46 Big Sky record, and 51-82 overall. In the past three seasons, his teams are 41-40 (50.6 percent) overall and 29-19 (60.4 percent) in the Big Sky Conference, with the only two win-

ning seasons in Eastern's last 10 years of basketball.

In the school's first 10 years as a member of the Big Sky, the Eagles won just 34 of 152 conference games for a winning percentage of .224 and were 78-192 (.289) overall. The Eagles were 5-53 (.086) in conference play and 23-81 overall (.221) in the four seasons prior to a 10-6/16-11 finish in 1997-98. The year before Aggers came to Eastern, the Eagles ranked 298 of 306 schools in the USA Today Sagarin Ratings. Entering the final week of the 2000 regular season, the Eagles were an all-time best 134th.

"We came together five years ago with the daunting task of rebuilding this basketball program," Aggers said. "It has taken many long hours and lots of hard work, and the persistence to overcome some growing pains along the way. However, I think winning a share of the Big Sky Conference title is the culmination of those many years of effort and perseverance."

"We will all work hard to continue to build the dream of winning back-to-back league titles," he added. "We have the program on solid footing and now we need to take the next step. We need to play better in the league tournament to earn a shot at the NCAA Tournament and March Madness."

Aggers is one of 31 NCAA Division I coaches nationally that vote on the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll. He is also the Big Sky Conference representative on the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division I Congress.

"There were several other highly deserving coaches in our district worthy of receiving this award," Aggers said. "Mike Adras of Northern Arizona certainly gets my vote after they dominated our conference tournament."

## Moran earns season's second Big Sky player of the week award

After recording a 2-0 match record against conference foe Montana on March 10, Eastern Washington University sophomore Ryan Moran was selected as the Big Sky Conference men's tennis player of the week.

Moran's award was the second time this year an Eagle player has earned a player of the week honor. Dean Kimoto's player of the week honor on Feb. 24 marked the first time since 1996 that an Eagle tennis player earned a conference player of the week award.

Playing at the No. 3 singles position, Moran captured his

match against Montana's Tomislav Sokolic in three sets, 1-6, 6-1, 6-2. In addition, the 1998 graduate from Spokane's Mead High School recorded a win with Kimoto at the number one doubles spot.

Against Utah State on March 12, Moran fell just short in his single's match losing two sets in tiebreakers en route to a three set loss.

Moran has a winning record in both singles and doubles play this season. He has recorded a 6-3 mark at the No. 3 single's position and is 5-4 teaming with Kimoto as Eastern's No. 1 doubles tandem.



▲ Ryan Moran receives Big Sky tennis player of the week honor.

## Steve Aggers Biography

A new era of enthusiasm in Eastern Washington men's basketball was ushered in on April 25, 1995, when Aggers was hired.

Since he arrived, Aggers has made a positive impact with students, alumni, boosters and media. The campus community and cities of Cheney and Spokane have been buzzing as Eastern Washington Basketball has returned to prominence.

"We looked at this situation as an exciting opportunity," Aggers said. "We are working hard at building toward a bright and dynamic future."

After two rebuilding seasons at Eastern, Aggers coached his 1997-98 team to a 17-10 record and a third-place finish in the Big Sky Conference. For his efforts, he was selected as the Big Sky's Coach of the Year. In 1998-99 he led the Eagles to another trip to the conference tournament, giving Eastern back-to-back appearances for the first time in 12 seasons as a member of the Big Sky.

He has been a successful recruiter at every level of college basketball and has the vision necessary to take the Eagle program to the next step.

"If you look at the excellent academic standing of our University, the natural beauty of the Eastern Washington/Inland Northwest area, and the vibrant metropolitan Spokane area, it is not hard to see how we can be successful," Aggers said. "Add to that a committed and passionate administration and outstanding athletic facilities, and we have a quality product to sell here and a bright and exciting future for our basketball program."

Aggers has promised an up-tempo style of play, characterized by intensity and unselfishness through the team approach.

"Our teams will be noted for playing very hard, together and with intelligence," he said.

"Defense and rebounding will be the cornerstones of our system, with an aggressive, fast-paced full court offense that will be fun to play and fun to watch."

An examination of Aggers' experience indicates that the Eagles should be on their way to making inroads in the Big Sky Conference.

In 1994-95, Aggers served as the top assistant and associate head coach at Kansas State University where he and Tom Asbury began the rebuilding process of a major Big 12 Conference team.

Prior to K-State, Aggers and Asbury spent four successful seasons together at Pepperdine University of the West Coast Conference. They had first worked together during the 1978-79 campaign as assistants at the University of Wyoming.

In four years at Pepperdine, the Waves amassed an 88-35 (.731) winning mark overall, and an astounding 46-10 (.821) record in the West Coast Conference. What is even more impressive is the fact that Asbury and Aggers led Pepperdine to three NCAA Tournaments, one NIT Tournament, three WCC regular season titles and three WCC tournament titles in only four seasons.

Such fantastic success has been a trademark of every stop along Aggers' coaching career. As a head coach, his last position was from 1985-90 at Wayne State College in Nebraska. He rebuilt that program while it transitioned from NAIA to NCAA Division II. It didn't take long for Aggers to establish a winning tradition as Wayne State advanced to post-season play in four of his five seasons there.

Over his 20 seasons as head coach, Aggers has won 315 games with an overall record of 315-270 (.538 percentage). He has been named district coach of the year once, conference coach of the year five times, has won nine conference titles and made 12 post-season appearances.

"I am proud of the fact that the total program, as well as the basketball product, has become better at every school I've coached," he said. "I expect nothing less here at Eastern Washington."

The 13th coach in the 92-year history of Eastern Washington basketball, Aggers is in his 29th year coaching at the collegiate level.

Aggers, a native of Laramie, Wyo., graduated in 1971 from Chadron State College in Nebraska. He received his master's of science degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

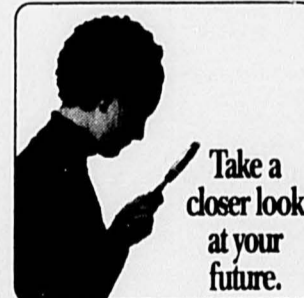
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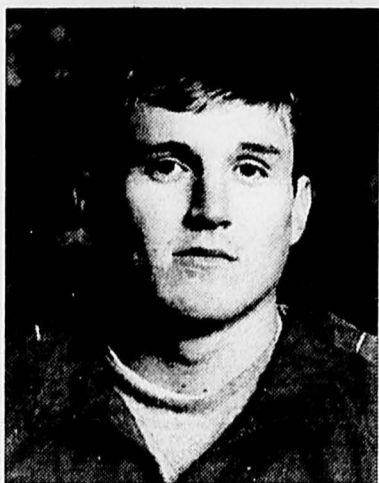
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## Eric Boyd sets Eastern's Decathlon Record



▲ In his first decathlon as an Eagle, Eric Boyd set the school's decathlon record with 6,908 points

Eastern junior Eric Boyd set a school record in the decathlon March 17th despite snow and wind at Woodward Stadium in Cheney, Wash., at the EWU Combined Events Invitational.

Boyd's total of 6,908 points broke the previous school record of 6,599 set by Todd Freitag in 1988. The Big Sky Conference qualifying standard is 6,000 points, the NCAA Championships provisional qualifying standard is 7,100 and the automatic mark is 7,600.

Boyd scored 6,704 points as a freshman at Ohio State when he finished fifth in the 1997 Big Ten Conference Championships. A redshirt at Eastern last year, Boyd's next decathlon will be in the warmth of California in April

at Azusa Pacific University.

The 1996 graduate of Chelan High School scored 3,204 in five events on the 17th after accumulating 3,704 on the 16th's first day. Chris Peterson of Highline Community College was a distant second with 6,091 points.

Laura Widman, formerly of Colfax High School, won the women's title with 2,970 points. Shalene Little of Ricks Community College was second with 2,610 points.

Other Eastern men's finishers included Kurt Gregg in fifth with 5,293 points and Dustin Smart in 15th with 4,512. Eastern's top women's finishers were Zandrea Shattuck in sixth with 3,551 points and Danni O'Bannon in 11th with 3,397.

## Cole, Williams have impressive early season performances

Big Sky Conference champions in their respective events in 1999, Eastern Washington University juniors Ryan Cole and Johnnie Williams both had impressive early-season performances Sunday at the Stanford Invitational Track & Field Meet in Palo Alto, Calif.

Cole, a 1997 graduate Ellensburg, Wash., High School, placed second in the javelin with a throw of 222-1 to finish behind Stanford's Chad Wassink (226-7). Last year, Cole had a career-best throw of 229-5 before winning the Big Sky javelin title and placing 15th at the NCAA Championships.

Cole's mark at Stanford exceeded the NCAA Championships provisional qualifying standard of 220-9. The automatic standard is 236-3.

Williams placed third in his heat and 18th overall in the 100 at Stanford with a time of 10.78. Williams also had a time of 22.24 in the 200 and placed 29th overall after stumbling out of the starting blocks. A total of 55 competitors took part in the 100 and 52 were in the 200.

A 1997 graduate of Nathan Hale High School in Seattle, Williams won the Big Sky title last year with a school-record time of 10.43. He placed third in the conference in the 200 with another school record of 21.03.



▲ Johnnie Williams finished 18th overall at the Stanford Invitational in the 100 meters.



▲ Ryan Cole placed second in the javelin with a throw of 222-1, exceeding the NCAA championship provisional qualifying mark.

## Amber Johnson honored for academic achievements

Eastern Washington University standout cross country runner Amber Johnson has been honored as an Academic All-America selection by the Women's Intercollegiate Cross Country Coaches As-

sociation.

Johnson, a 1996 graduate of North Central High School in Spokane, was one of 51 NCAA Division I runners nationwide that were honored. The senior placed 64th at the NCAA Cross Country Cham-

pionships in Bloomington, Ind., last November, and has a 3.70 grade point average as a dental hygiene major.

As a team, Eastern's women's cross country squad was one of 69 teams that received Academic All-America honors "with distinction." With a collective 3.47 grade point average, the Eagles ranked 14th among 317 institutions that sponsor NCAA Division I women's cross country.

◀ EWU senior Amber Johnson was named Academic All-American.



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